

SEASCALE

Village Newsletter

*Got it right
this time!*

AUTUMN/WINTER 2007

PARISH NEWS

In the last newsletter we asked for your views on Coniston Avenue playing field play area. We have had no response so it looks like we will remove the play equipment. If some is worth saving we may put it behind the bowling/cricket pavilion.

We also mentioned a Parish Plan. Disappointingly we have had no input from the village. All the other villages in surrounding areas are well on the way to forming a Parish Plan and applying for funding.

Repairs are going to start on the The Villagate pavements before you receive this newsletter (we hope).

We have still had no more information on the grassed areas and we are really worried about the deterioration of some parts of the village.

We hope you will be entering into the spirit of Christmas and decorating your properties as usual.

Did you realise that it was an aerial view of Seascale in the middle of the sunflower on the cover of the Summer Newsletter?

It has been brought to our attention that confusing information has been given out over waste collections for household items so we are printing a list of what is collected free and what items you will be charged for. The number to contact is 0845 0548600.

*Eileen Eastwood
Chairperson
Seascale Parish Council*

SUCCESS

We congratulate the cricketers on such a successful season, and the Horticultural Society on one of their most successful shows. Don't forget we have our meetings on the first Wednesday of every month. The Council presented certificates for the best front gardens. Thank you to Les Moore for judging. The list of winners follows:

Best PORCH

First	61 Santon Way
Second	36 Santon Way
Third	21 Santon Way

Best BUSINESS

First	BB Services
Second	Health Centre
Third	Post Office
Commended	Calder House

Best FRONT GARDEN (Colour)

First	30 Wasdale Park
Second	6 Links Crescent
Third	10 Fairways
Commended	7 Hallsenna Road
Commended	61 Wasdale Park

Best SPECIAL FEATURE (Hanging displays)

First	17 Wastwater Rise
Second	3 Whole House Road
Third	32 Scawfell Crescent
Commended	11 Wastwater Rise

Best COMMUNITY GARDEN

First	40-46 Gosforth Road
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MIXED GARDEN - SPECIALS

First	Vyner House
Second	Swang Farm
Third	1 Highfield Close

OVERALL WINNER

	30 Wasdale Park
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CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

The Christmas switch-on will be on 16 December starting at 3.00pm.

We have a change of music this year and the Lady Mayoress of Copeland will be switching on the lights. Weather permitting, we will have fireworks before the switch-on.

We're looking forward to seeing you all there and enjoying the afternoon. As usual we will be finishing off with mince pies and a glass of sherry.

Eileen Eastwood

On behalf of the Parish Council and helpers

SEASCALE SPORTS HALL

Now the nights are drawing in, don't forget your local Sports Hall and all it offers. Over the summer months we have had a team of commercial cleaners in the hall; all the soft play was washed with anti-bacterial cleaner, the floor and furniture scrubbed and coffee bar and stairs resealed with floor sealer. Over the next few months the toilets and showers will have a facelift.

Contacts are:

Eileen Eastwood (28653), Jen McClemons (28201),
Bernard Dickinson (21288), Pat Kirkham (28929),
Linda Platt (27335)

New Committee Members would be welcome.

VILLAGE & BEACH Tidy-up DAY

Many thanks to all who helped on the churches-organised clean-up day on 7 July. There was a good turn-out with ages ranging from under 5s to mid 80s. A vast amount of waste was collected including a sofa! The photograph shows only about half the total. Especial thanks go to the school for the posters, Mark Neate for the loan of a trailer, David Taylorson for his work in the final collection from the beach and the men from Copeland who loaded their lorries with the waste on the Saturday afternoon.

Judy Hall

Eileen Eastwood Chairman of the Parish Council says, "It was so well organised that it would be nice if it could be a yearly project. With different groups taking responsibility each year it would take the pressure off the same people every time."



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BROWNIE NEWS

After the long summer holidays we are back. The leaders, fired up with enthusiasm and new ideas, have planned a fun packed time right through to Christmas.

We start off the new term by welcoming two new members to Brownies, Juliet and Kyra.

Our first few meetings focused on food and this tied in nicely with the Harvest Festival at the Methodist Church, when the Brownies were able to share their thoughts with the congregation and examined Fair-trade issues.

We have a fancy-dress Halloween party planned where there will be prizes for the best fancy dress as well as the best 'Lantern'.

On Tuesday 4 December we are having a sponsored carol sing. There will be refreshments available along with a cake stall full of yummy creations, so please come along and support us. You can join in the singing if you wish, or just sit and enjoy the sound of 'angelic voices'! Half the

money raised will go to 'The Cheeky Monkey' appeal which helps fund research into childhood cancer, the other half to Brownies. We will be singing from 6.00 to 7.30pm in the hall of the Methodist Church. See you there!

Instead of a Christmas Party we are going Ten Pin Bowling in Workington followed by a delicious meal at McDonalds!

To round off the year we are planning a visit to Inzievar where, if we still have any voices left, we will sing a few carols with the residents and distribute gifts and good cheer.

Lynn Pattison and 2nd Seascale Methodist Brownies

THANK YOU

The Friends of Seascale School and P.A.L.S.S. committee wish to thank everyone who contributed to the Auction of Promises held on Friday 12 October. Also a big thank you to everyone who attended the event, helping to raise money for the School and Playgroup.

Fiona Pringle

Although the grass is sometimes long,
We do not think it wise,
To let your doggie do its do,
And leave it where it lies.

PLEASE PICK IT UP!

Children play along this street,
And people walk its ways,
So stop and look and read this note,
And please do what it says;

PICK IT UP!



Children play along the beach,
And on the grass besides,
So please pick up your doggie's do,
Don't leave it for the tides!

PLEASE PICK IT UP!

People walk along these paths,
Enjoying sun and breeze,
So pick up what your doggie's done,
With a bag and bin it please!



MUSIC

ALL THAT JAZZ

Calder House Hotel hosts a Jazz Jam Session every third Friday of the month, commencing at 8.30pm. It's an informal night of music with amateur and professional musicians from the county and beyond.

Admission is free

LAZY SUNDAY

Gosforth Hall Hotel has a live music afternoon on the last Sunday every month (except in December). Sunday 28 October will feature Judith Jones, blues singer. All you may wish to know is at www.judithjonesband.co.uk

Admission is free

The posters above have been designed by a lady in the village. She is a dog owner and is disgusted with every one of you who lets your dog foul our lovely village and beach.

It has been brought to our notice that the area that has been earmarked by the youngsters for their BMX track is regularly used by some of you as your dog's toilet. It has to stop before the enforcement team are asked to come and catch the offenders.

Seascale Parish Council

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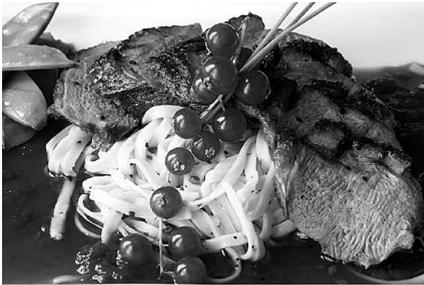
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NURSERY COMES TO SEASCALE

PJ's nursery was opened in Seascale on 17 September adding another amenity to the village, the name PJ's coming from the initials of the owners Paul and Julie Dickinson who live in the village with their two young children.

The idea for the nursery came about as Julie and her mother in law Elaine Dickinson worked together as child-minders in the village and demand for child care was high and parents wanted flexibility. The nursery allowed more children places and therefore flexibility and gave Julie her home back!

PJ's is situated close to the school on Gosforth Road. There's parking and a turning area, four playrooms including a messy play room and a large outdoor play area with a play house, sand pit, veg and herb garden and outdoor toys. They collect and drop off at Seascale school, covering nursery and school hours, and can also cover Gosforth School – please ring for details. They aim to be flexible and have part-time and full-time places available. Open 7.15am to 5.15 pm Monday to Friday. Hours outside these can be discussed individually.

Please contact Julie on 28077 or 21072 for details.

VOLUNTARY CAR SCHEME

Imagine battling against the wind, never mind the rain, when feeling poorly and trying to be on time for an appointment with no means of transport!

A co-ordinator and drivers are desperately needed to man a voluntary car scheme in Seascale.

At present this essential service operates in nearby parishes, run by volunteers and supported by Cumbria County Council. The nearest parish scheme has over 60 customers and just sufficient drivers. With the best will in the world it CANNOT accommodate more!

If you feel that you could help please contact Caroline Watson, Passenger Transport Officer — Community Transport on 01228 606725.

SEASCALE CRICKET Club 2007 REPORT

Seascale Cricket Club enjoyed its most successful season ever in 2007. The First XI won the North Lancashire and Cumbria Cricket League Division 2 title in only their second season in the League. They led the division for most of the summer but still had to win their last match of the season away at Vickerstown. This was going to be tricky as Seascale's only loss of the season was at home to Vickerstown. They needn't have worried though, as a good all round performance saw them home by 4 wickets. The jubilant team were presented with the league trophy and their individual medals by the League Chairman immediately following the game.

Two members of the team won individual awards from the League. Sixteen-year-old Daniel Lee won the coveted "Division 2 Player's player of the year" and also won the League bowling averages taking 46 wickets at 7.0 runs each. Skipper Steve Brown won the award for most wickets in Division 2 taking 51 wickets at 9.3 runs each. Also qualifying for the League averages were Clayton Lee (bowling) and Robin Sparshott, Daniel Lee, Dave Stubbings, Lee Fleet and Paul Knott (all batting).

The club also had outstanding success in the local midweek league. The team they entered into the league were called the Windscale Club as part of the sponsorship deal with the Club and they did the league and cup double remaining unbeaten in the league all season. They also won the end of season sevens league run by the midweek league and also the annual Three's Company competition, this year held at Gosforth.

The club is now looking forward to the fundraising event they have arranged for Saturday 8 December where local band Weathered Rock are playing at the Windscale Club. Tickets priced at £6 are available from committee members Steve Brown (28352), Andy Lee (28292), Lee Fleet (27864) and Mark Farries (27069)

SPRING NEWSLETTER

...to be published in March 2008. Please submit articles and items of general interest to news@epic.gb.com during February

THE SCAWFELL HOTEL

The late and lamented Scawfell Hotel had been a major focus for the village's various social activities since its opening, particularly – in later years – for those villagers with no connections to Sellafield. It was the first licensed establishment in Seascale providing a public bar as well as a separate saloon bar for the residents. There is no record of Nebb House having a licence despite the fact that one of its occupiers, Charles Cannon, was recorded as an Ale House Keeper in 1851. The hotel provided the first meeting and function rooms prior to the building of the Public Hall, Pretoria Pavilion and the Church Halls.

The hotel was built for John Tyson (1794-1876) a grocer & draper from Gosforth on land obtained from the railway. In July 1852 John Tyson was advertising the position of Innkeeper for the hotel in the local paper. It is possible that it was open when the Railway arrived in Seascale on 19 July 1849, but it certainly was in use in April 1851, with Innkeeper John Gunson, at the time of that year's census survey. The official opening was recorded in the local paper. The Cumberland Packet reported in June 1851:

“On the evening of Tuesday the 28th May, Mr John Gunson of the Scawfell Hotel, had his cellar opening and assembly, and the evening being fine a numerous and respectable company favoured him with their presence, no less than 160 persons partaking of supper and other good things. After supper the ballroom became the scene of attraction for the youth and beauty of the district, who maintained their enjoyment until dawn the next day. Mr & Mrs Gunson with their daughters rendered a gathering of unalloyed pleasure to all present.”

The Tyson family must have stood out in the village of Gosforth. Father John ran a grocer's shop in Gosforth as well as having the vision to build the Scawfell Hotel. He retired to Steelfield Hall in Gosforth. Local tradition in Gosforth says that Steelfield Hall had been re-named after Henry's West Indian estate and that he married a coloured woman from the West Indies and brought her to Gosforth.

On 17 April 1856 the Whitehaven & Furness Junction Railway conveyed the land upon which the Scawfell Hotel already stood to John Tyson of Gosforth, draper. A report on this sale said that: “...the land was superfluous to their needs and not required by them for the permanent purposes of the railway, agreed to the absolute sale to John Tyson of a piece of land of area 3 roods 18 sq. perches for the sum of £25-17-6, where the said John Tyson hath at his own cost erected a dwelling house, which has been licensed as an Inn & victualling house and stable, coach house and other buildings upon the said plot near to the present offices, warehouse and station at Seascale. The hotel is now or late in the occupation of Thomas Massicks.”

The opening of the hotel, along with the amenities that went with it, helped to put Seascale on the social map of West Cumberland. Today it is routine for an organisation to hire a motor coach to take its members to a local hostelry to celebrate an important event. In Victorian times this was achieved by hiring a railway train to carry the guests to the Scawfell for their event, with the train standing in a local siding awaiting the end of the festivities. This was often as dawn was breaking and just before the scheduled services were due to start running on the local line. The Victorians certainly knew how to party!

John Tyson left the hotel to his son Daniel in his will dated 1876 with the provision that £30 be paid each year to the support of his mother Ruth Tyson. The hotel stayed in this family, with his son and grandson, until 1914 when a family squabble ended in the High Court in London which ordered the sale in May 1916. This dispute, which followed a similar event in 1903, concerned a claim that the executors of John Tyson (1849-1903) had not ensured that the money (value £1,500) left to Jane Ruth Braithwaite, the sister of John Tyson, in the will of her father Daniel Tyson (1820-1880), had not been paid. So she sued the executors, John Henry Carter of Rottington Hall, in the High Court in London for the money owed.

As a result of the trial, the judge ordered the sale

1849 TO 1995



In 1907



In 1948



In 1991



...and the end, in 1997

of the Tyson estates and the Scawfell Hotel was put up for sale on the 4 May 1916. The Scawfell Hotel estate was in debt to the Bank of Whitehaven for £7,134 at this time. At this sale, held by Messrs Mitchells of Cockermouth, there were five valuable properties offered in this sale.

1. The Scawfell Hotel received one bid of £1,000 and was withdrawn from the sale.
2. A building plot on Seascale Banks was bid up to £65 and withdrawn.
3. The land called Acrelands was sold to Mr J.T. Braithwaite for £750. Acreland fields consisted of 21 Acres 11 perches along with a stone barn, byre & implement house.
4. Rose Cottage Gosforth was sold to Mr M.Mossop of Seascale on behalf of a client.
5. The field adjoining Rose Cottage was sold to Mr P.S. Corlett, the agent for Mr J. Musgrave.

In September 1916 the hotel was bought for £4,250 by the Boys family who originated in Bradford but who came to Seascale via Baildon, Settle and the White Lion Inn at Ambleside. John Henry Hanson Boys and his wife Elizabeth Ann ran the hotel until 1923 when they passed on the management to their son George Clark Boys and his wife Doris May. Prior to this time George C. had been running a similar establishment in Coniston and they, in fact, exchanged properties.

During World War II the hotel was largely taken over by the operations at ROF Sellafield. Part of the Scawfell Hotel was used as a management centre and as a hostel for its scientific staff.

In 1947 John Henry (Harry) Boys sold the Scawfell to Joshua Tetley, the brewery Company, before he emigrated to Rhodesia to live with his daughter. The Boys family continued to live in the house at the back which they had converted out of the shop and warehouse complex. Tetley's in turn became part of Allied Breweries. Bernard Gannon brought the Scawfell back into private ownership sometime in the 1960s.

The hotel went through several stages of expan-

sion in its lifetime. In 1851 the hotel consisted of the rectangular block, with ten bedrooms, which comprised the front of the hotel in later years. At an early stage in its development a separate building was added consisting of a stable block on the ground floor with a large function room above. By the time of the Sale in 1898 the hotel had reached the size it was to remain for the rest of its lifetime. There would be many internal changes over the succeeding years in an attempt to keep the facilities up to the standards of the day. But there is little doubt that the environmental impact of the activities of BNFL as well as the changes in lifestyle of the British holiday-maker doomed a hotel of its size.

The closure of the boys and girls boarding schools must have had a major impact on the takings of the hotel as the parents of the scholars provided a regular income for the hotel. The demise of these private schools, in the opinion of the then owners, was entirely due to the 1957 reactor fire along with the subsequent problems associated with discharges to the sea.

The Scawfell never adapted to the changes in demand made by the numerous business visitors attracted to the area by the massive expansion programmes carried through by BNFL at Sellafield. This type of customer demands a high standard of comfort and service for which they were willing to pay a high price. It is unfortunate for the village that the owners of the hotel were not prepared to make the necessary investment in the 1970s, for if they had, the hotel may still be

here today. At the end the hotel had been operated under the control of its debtor banks for many months, after which it was closed for business in November 1995.

Familiar past scenes at the Scawfell Hotel.



Mr Lingard of Irton Hall, formerly of Manchester, is said to have paid £90,000 for the hotel early in 1996. The story in the village was that he would knock it down, use the sandstone for extensions to Irton Hall, and replace it with a modern hotel complex including a fitness centre and swimming pool! The reality was that the roof was stripped of its slates, which were then taken to Irton Hall.

The sale of fixture and fittings took place on 13 July 1996 but the interior was already virtually destroyed by running water caused by burst pipes from the heavy frosts of the previous winter.

Demolition started October 1996 and site clearance was not completed until July 1997.

A fire on the night of 31 August 1997, in part of the unoccupied Scawfell outbuildings (the old stables), resulted in their demolition the next day on safety grounds. In 1998 there was a rumour that the person who then owned the land released by the demolition of the hotel had applied for planning permission to build over 20 houses on this site.

Nev. Ramsden



WASTE COLLECTIONS FOR LARGE ITEMS

The Bulky Waste Collection Service collects certain items free of charge. These are generally items that would be taken if a resident moves home. However, a charge will be levied for those items that would not normally be taken if a resident moves home; this also includes those items that are classed as 'whites', i.e. fridges.

The listings on this page are not exhaustive; if you have an item that is not included, please contact us for advice.

You can also take bulky items yourself to the Civic Amenity Sites within the Borough. The Civic Amenity Sites are the responsibility of Cumbria County Council as they are the Waste Disposal Authority – Copeland is the Collection Authority.

FREE COLLECTION ITEMS

Beds/Mattresses	Microwave ovens
Bicycles/Children's ride-on toys	Mirrors and pictures
Bookcases	Mobile heaters
Chairs/stools	Patio sets
Clothing and linen	Prams
Computers	Stereo systems
Desks	Tables
Display cabinets	Televisions
Dressing tables	Three-piece suites
Lamps and shades	Vacuum cleaners
Lawn mowers	Wardrobes, free-standing

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Age Concern, North West Cumbria, offers a simple nail cutting service for older people who cannot cut their own nails. We currently have nail cutting surgery throughout Allerdale and Copeland and are looking to set up a surgery in your area where our friendly nail cutting assistant would be able to assist you in taking care of your nails as well as offering basic advice on foot care. If you would be interested in attending a clinic and would like more information or to make an appointment simply give one of our nail assistants a call on 01946 816921.

CHARGEABLE ITEMS

The basic collection charge is £20.00 per collection, but a quotation would need to be given for things such as sheds and garages. To book a collection, please contact Copeland Direct – telephone: 0845 054 8600

Bathroom suites	Kitchen units
Blinds	Oil tanks
Car parts (no tyres)	Ovens and hobs
Carpets and underlay	Pipes and guttering
Central heating boilers	Radiators
Cookers	Rubble, glass, tiles
Dishwashers	Sheds/garages
Domestic water tanks	Shower trays and panels
Doors (internal or external)	Storage heaters
Fencing	Tiles (in containers)
Fires, surrounds, etc.	Tumble driers
Fitted wardrobes	Washers
Fridge freezers	Windows
Garage doors	Wood
Gates	Worktops, sinks

CIVIC AMENITY SITES

There are two sites in the Copeland area:

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Also open on Thursday from 1 April until 1 October

REDHILLS QUARRY, MILLOM

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If you need to make an enquiry regarding Civic Amenity Sites, please contact:

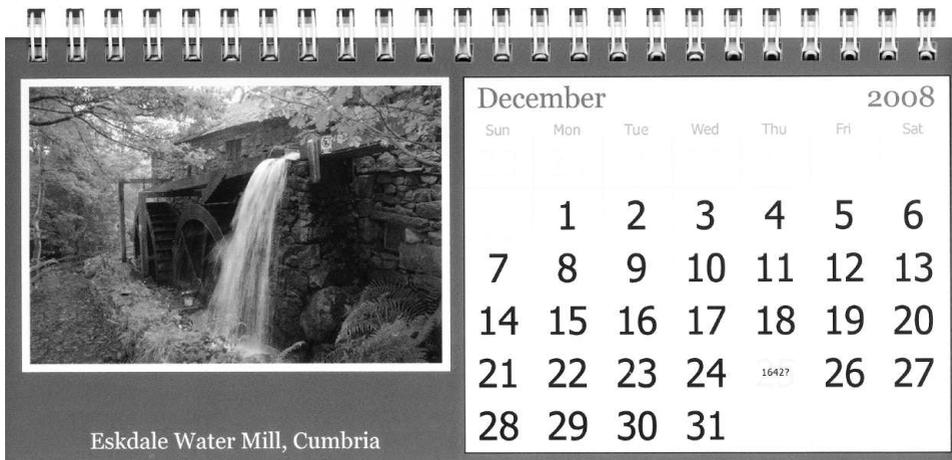
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BUY A CHARITY CALENDAR... AND A CHANCE TO WIN JAMES BOND REPLICAS CARS



Eskdale Water Mill, Cumbria

The Weston Spirit charity, co-founded by Simon Weston, veteran of the Falklands conflict, supports vulnerable, young people, often in desperate situations and gives them practical help and a way forward. To raise money for this valuable cause, I have produced a calendar that includes a variety of local views. The calendars are on sale at £5.00 and purchasers have the chance to solve a puzzle and enter a competition to win a limited edition set of James Bond cars

The cars are produced in great detail and are housed in an aluminium presentation case.

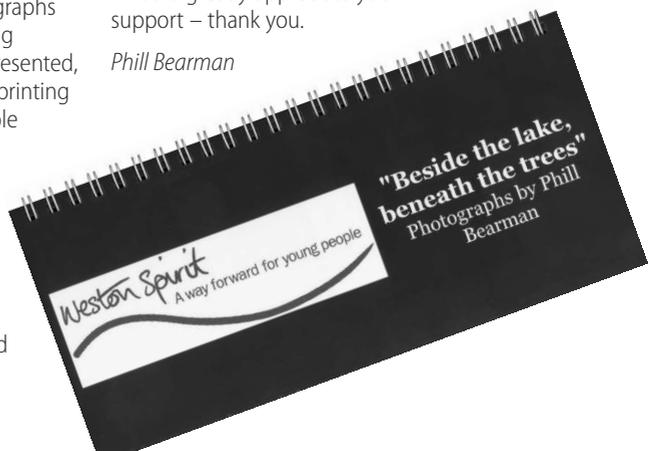
Many of the local views on the calendar will be instantly recognisable – including places that you may have visited with your families. I live in Seascale and have taken all of the photographs myself, often in the company of our young daughter. The calendars are beautifully presented, having been produced by a professional printing company and would make very acceptable Christmas gifts. If you are interested in supporting a very good cause and having the chance to win this unique set of model cars, please contact me or Vicky on 019467 21103 or 07759 205891. I can deliver if required, or you can buy them at Seascale Post Office; Andrew and Ellen have very kindly agreed



to keep a sample calendar for you to view and copies available for purchase, which include competition slips.

I would greatly appreciate your support – thank you.

Phill Bearman



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SCOUTING

This is the year of the centenary of scouting and lots of activities have been taking place:

On 1 August six Beavers, their families and Leaders climbed Irton Pike to make their Sunrise Promise on the dawn of the new century of Scouting. At 8am, with the Sun hidden behind the clouds, the flags flapping in the wind and looking to the east at Wastwater and Scafell, the Beavers remembered how 100 years ago Lord Baden Powell blew a Kudo Horn at the first-ever scout camp. The Beavers not only remembered the history of scouting but also thought about their future within scouting. As they made their promise their Leader was very proud about how each of them (and their younger sisters) had got up so early to climb Irton Pike to make this important promise. She hopes they all will remember where they were and who they were with when they look back and remember their first sunrise promise.

Following that, one of our Beavers visited the International Jamboree in Essex:

MY FIRST WORLD JAMBOREE BY REECE (A BEAVER AGED 7)

"To get to the Jamboree, we got on a bus with lots of Scouts, and we were all happy even though we were all strangers. We met a man from America and he let us choose some Camp Blanket Badges. When we arrived we saw lots of flags from different countries and lots of tents. As we walked around we heard people talking in different languages and had different uniforms on. They all had the Scout Membership badge and they wore neckers. Everybody was friendly and they were all having lots of fun. A scout printed our names in Islamic and we sat and coloured it in, with other scouts. The Scouts from Turkey did a dance with swords and shields while they sang. The Scouts from Sweden built a Ferris wheel and swinging boat out of wood and rope. We got on the boat and a Scout pulled a rope and the boat moved backwards and forwards. It was a bit scary. When we got off the boat I said 'Thank you' in Swedish which is 'Tack', and then I said 'Hej Da' which means goodbye.

I hope I go to the next World Jamboree in Sweden in 2011."

The Beavers would like to thank 'Seascale Stompers' for kindly donating a parachute; they took this with them to Irton Pike and had lots of fun playing games with it – a perfect way to celebrate scouting.

The Cubs have been very busy recently both inside and out. All have completed the Athlete or Athlete Plus badges, Road Safety & Home Safety badges, and we are currently working on the Communicator badge. Special congratulations go to Matthew who has completed his Silver Chief Scout's Award.

Everyone who attended the Centenary Sleepover in the Sport's Hall at Seascale had a fantastic time. We took a number of Beavers, Cubs and Scouts to the PGL camp at Boreaton park where we had a great week of outdoor activities.

The District Swimming Gala was a great success and we are looking forward to a Back-to-Basics day at Branthwaite, where we will spend the day building and cooking on camp fires, pioneering and orienteering.

In the evening of 1 August several of us joined the rest of the District to jointly renew our promises – again, with the celebrations being opened by the District Commissioner sounding a symbolic horn. It was very gratifying to see a number of more elderly scouts present – even King's Scouts who had shaken BP's hand. We hope that the memorabilia on show there should be on display in the Beacon during the autumn so that they can be seen by all.

On a more salutary note, while we were celebrating, one ex-Seascale scout was stranded on a reef off Australia waiting for a helicopter rescue, having found that the reef wasn't quite (by 8 miles!) where the charts said it was. A sad end to a journey from London, but one which came about by the inspiration which came from his time in scouting. Steve subsequently visited the group, and talked to both the Cubs and Scouts about the journey and his experiences.

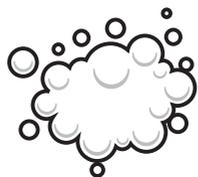
Andrew, our Scout Leader, not only visited the International Jamboree, but another jamboree in Sweden, so hopefully he will be able to give Reece some introductions.

We do rely entirely on volunteers giving up their time to run and help run sections. It can be very rewarding, and there is always room for more to help – both as leaders or assistant leaders in all sections, or as occasional helpers. We need a rota of parents to ensure that there are always at least two adults present, and we are very grateful to the parents who have helped us out here – the more who can help, the easier it is for all. This is especially important as Andrew, our fourth Scout Leader in four years, is expecting to move away to pastures new at Christmas, so once again the troop will be without a leader.

If you get the chance to visit the Tate Modern

towards the end of October, have a look for our Cubs and Beavers Left Hands, which are part of the 'Great Big Left Handshake' or look at www.scouts.org.uk/art/gblh/images.html and see if you can spot them.

*Graham Worsnop, Group Scout Leader
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GIRLGUIDING.....GUIDES AND RANGERS

The summer term concluded with a flurry of outdoor activities, including preparation for camp and a beach BBQ, with a number of girls taking part in activities organised at County and Region levels.

Sarah and Alice spent a weekend sailing on, or perhaps I should say in, Bassenthwaite – it was very windy! Clare and Georgina have just returned from a weekend of 'Football Fever' near Lancaster, where apart from playing football they visited Preston North End Football stadium. Emily and Sarah travelled to Watermillock on Ullswater to participate in a weekend of 'International Opportunities'.

Our annual camp took place at Branthwaite Scout Activity centre where we enjoyed four days of very mixed weather. The girls really had an excellent opportunity to explore the outdoors and everyone was able to gain Campers, Traditions of Guiding, Agility and Personal Safety badges.

The following week three of our older members – Sarah, Zoe and Jenny – joined a contingent of Rangers and Young Leaders who travelled to the Netherlands to take part in a Scout Jamboree: the Haarlem Jamborette. We travelled by train to Newcastle and then by overnight ferry to Amsterdam, before being collected by coach to be 'delivered' to the campsite. Here we joined around 3,000 other participants from all over Europe to build a city of tents. We were out of the UK for two weeks and enjoyed a whole range of new trips and activities; a brilliant experience and one I am sure one that we shall be repeating.

Many of the girls took part in the Gosforth Fun Run – the Guides as 'normal' people and the Rangers this year as a ship (last year they participated as a dragon). Unfortunately the ship wasn't too seaworthy... but the girls did eventually reach the finishing line! Their main aim was to raise money for their chosen charity tho' so 'mission completed'. The Fun Run was a warm up for the Rangers who then took part in the Tesco Race for Life at Carlisle – a good excuse to spend the rest of the day shopping!

During the summer holidays we were asked to provide three helpers for the Age Concern

Strawberry Tea which took place at the bowls club. This was a popular event and the same three Guides, Katie, Lauren and Georgina have been asked to help with a similar event which is to take place in Gosforth at half term.

Both our Guide and Ranger units have welcomed a number of new members this term – I think we have 37 Guides and 18 Rangers. Our older members of course move on. Ruth who was presented with her Bronze D of E Award in the summer has started college in Carlisle, and has already become an active member of a Senior Section Guide unit there. Hannah, who has also gained her Bronze D of E Award, will become 18 in a few weeks time and can then operate as a fully fledged leader in the Ranger Unit. This Unit is now almost self governing – the outcome that we have been working towards for the last few years.

We have a number of trips and visits planned for the coming year. This weekend 26 girls are off to the BIG GIG pop concert in Manchester. This takes place at the MEN Arena – two performances – very noisy! McFly will be performing, along with a number of other famous artists. Then in February we will have a group travelling to Liverpool to take part in World Thinking Day. Next summer two of our Rangers, Ruth and Sarah, will be joining a group of 12 Senior Section girls on a trip to Eastern Siberia in Russia. Again, there will be more news of this event later.

So, it's all go. We continue to hold weekly meetings during term-time and again I should like to take the opportunity thank the adults – Chris, Linda, Margaret, Sam and Sue W who give their time voluntarily to give the girls such wonderful opportunities.

Sue Smith (28625)

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FARMING CRACK

What a disheartening time for farming. The reappearance of the dreaded foot and mouth disease with all the restrictions involved has meant that most of the agricultural shows and country events including our planned open day had to be cancelled. A great deal of planning went into our open day. We were not only opening the farm and milk bottling plant but there were also going to be lots of displays and demonstrations including sheep dog trials, sheep clipping, cooking, weaving, woodworking demonstrations and lots more. The restrictions meant that we had to close the farm and were unable to move any livestock, leaving us with no alternative but to cancel. Hopefully it can be arranged next year. A short time afterwards all restrictions were lifted, only to be re-imposed after another case of foot and mouth was discovered, again in Surrey. Ironically the source of these outbreaks appeared to be from the Ministry's own research establishment at Purbright. Someone must have been extremely careless there.

The second outbreak couldn't have come at a worse time – the end of September and October when all the hill farmers hold their annual sheep and suckler calf sales. Not only does their income depend on these sales but they do not have sufficient grass or food to feed the extra stock; that is, the ones that they should have sold. Thousands upon thousands of animals are sold every year from the upland farms to be fattened or used for breeding on the lowland farms. A welfare problem will certainly arise with the fell farmers having nothing left to feed the older breeding stock kept for the coming year. Scotland and Wales have just announced a scheme whereby stranded small lambs unable to go for export can be sent to abattoirs to be killed and incinerated. The idea is that they don't run out of feed and suffer, and farmers will receive a small compensation – less than half the normal price. What a terrible waste when a percentage of the world is starving. This country has yet to decide what to

do. At the time of writing, in the middle of October, sales have been allowed to start again but with such a backlog prices have collapsed. I have heard of some farmers giving away some of their older sheep.

Now the latest crisis to hit farming is this new disease called blue tongue. It originated in Africa and in just over a year it has spread rapidly across Europe. In Belgium, Germany, Holland and France there have been thousands of cases, and now it has arrived in the south of England, spread by bloodsucking midges; there is no cure as yet. The Government has introduced more stringent restrictions to stop movement out of that area. Up to seventy per cent of sheep that catch it will die in agony. The symptoms are similar to those of foot and mouth; lameness and inability to eat owing to sore mouths.

Our only hope of stopping the spread in this country is for a cold, frosty winter to kill off the midges. Vets are working flat out to produce a vaccine before springtime (so we'll keep our fingers crossed). The consequences, if it were to spread to the fell flocks, would be horrendous. How could a watch be kept on them when they're spread out on the fells?

The food shortage forecast in the last newsletter appears to be happening. Milk production has dropped so much that some of the large dairy companies are finding it impossible to fulfil their orders. Large dairies and supermarkets are getting first choice and some of the small bottling plants are being forced to close as they are unable to buy any milk. We would probably be in that position if we did not have our own herd. One company who sourced a lot of their milk in Cumbria are having it processed into milk powder in Cheshire and exporting it to China. The world demand is so great that even the Irish have been trying to buy English milk to keep their cheese companies operating. In Italy there have been riots because pasta price has doubled owing to the shortage of wheat. The government

have been paying farmers to grow sunflowers for bio-fuel. One good thing is that Europe has finally decided to do away with set aside, returning the land back into production. China has banned the use of land for anything but food production. They have stopped growing bio-fuels.

Wildlife

This last summer has been one of the wettest that I remember; it has had a disastrous effect on the wildlife in the area. Partridges have almost disappeared, pheasants have produced only two or three chicks instead of their usual dozen or so, all of the ground-nesting birds have suffered the same fate and most of their chicks have died of starvation. Owl numbers have also dwindled – they don't have waterproof feathers so they can't hunt for food when it's raining.

Ending on a high note, one evening this summer I counted 26 swifts zooming around the bowling green – a brilliant sight. Last year only 14 were spotted, and the year before only nine, so they are increasing in numbers.

Note for the milk lady

Sorry about yesterday's note – I didn't mean one egg and a dozen pints but the other way round!

Please leave an extra pint of paralysed milk.

Top 10 Jobs in the Garden

November

1. Clear up fallen leaves – especially from lawns, ponds and beds.
2. Raise containers onto pot feet to prevent waterlogging.
3. Plant tulip bulbs for a spring display next year.
4. Prune roses to prevent wind-rock.
5. Plant out winter bedding.
6. Cover brassicas with netting if pigeons are a problem.
7. Insulate the greenhouse from frost – bubblewrap works well.
8. Stop winter moth damage to fruit trees using grease bands around the trunks.
9. Put out bird food to encourage winter birds into the garden.
10. Use a seasonal bonfire – where this is allowed – to dispose of excess debris unfit for composting.

December

1. Check your winter protection structures are still securely in place.
2. Check that greenhouse heaters are working OK.
3. Prevent ponds and stand pipes from freezing.
4. Prune open-grown apples and pears (but not those trained against walls).
5. Prune acers, birches and vines before Christmas to avoid bleeding.
6. Harvest leeks, parsnips, winter cabbage, sprouts and remaining root crops.
7. Deciduous trees and shrubs can still be planted and transplanted.
8. Take hardwood cuttings.
9. Keep mice away from stored produce.
10. Reduce watering of houseplants.

January

1. Recycle your Christmas tree by shredding it for mulch.
2. Ventilate the greenhouse on sunny days.
3. Dig over any vacant plots that have not been dug already.
4. Repair and re-shape lawn edges.
5. Inspect stored tubers of Dahlia, Begonia and Canna for rot or drying out.
6. Prune apple and pear trees.
7. Start forcing rhubarb.
8. Plan your vegetable crop rotations for the coming season.
9. Keep putting out food and water for hungry birds.
10. Prepare a polythene shelter for outdoor peaches and nectarines, to protect them from peach leaf curl.

February

1. Prepare vegetable seed beds, and sow some vegetables under cover.
2. Chit potato tubers.
3. Protect blossom on apricots, nectarines and peaches.
4. Net fruit and vegetable crops to keep the birds off.
5. Prune winter-flowering shrubs that have finished flowering.
6. Divide bulbs such as snowdrops, and plant those that need planting 'in the green'.
7. Prune Wisteria.
8. Prune hardy evergreen hedges and renovate overgrown deciduous hedges.
9. Prune conservatory climbers.
10. Cut back deciduous grasses left uncut over the winter.



Britain's Favourite View – by Gareth Harrison