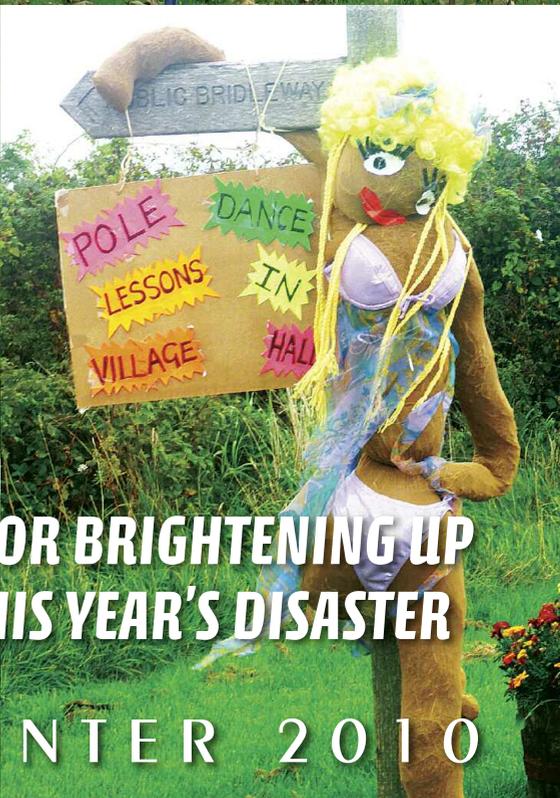


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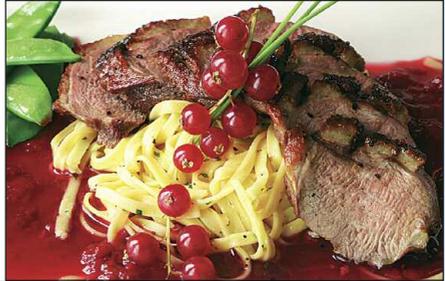
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PARISH NEWS

By the time you read this we will be well into autumn and the darker nights.

One of the BMX experts who helped launch the site will be on the site on Friday 29 October, from 2-5pm. A team of one of the UK's largest race teams will be there for the youth of seascale to enjoy watching and riding with them. See page 4 for more details.

Christmas celebrations will be on 12 December. We will keep it simple this year with music and carols. Father Christmas will be there. Fireworks will be followed by the lights switch-on, plus refreshments in the pavilion. The start will be 3pm.

The Parish Council congratulates the Seascale Cricketers on a fantastic season, and the three lady bowlers who are county triples champions.

In the New Year we are taking part in a week that involves county highways, fire and rescue service, police force, libraries, Copeland enforcement unit, waste management, recycling, disability forum, age concern, and activities for youth of the village. It is run by neighbourhood development officers. We will be able to identify road problems, lack of facilities, etc. Here are the details:

Seascale 14-18 March 2011 inclusive

A Together We Can project provides an opportunity for many different organisations, which provide services in the community, to work together and make a real difference.

The aim of the 'Together We Can' project is to deliver local, focused partnership-based outreach activity building on the work of

existing local teams focused around listening and responding to community concerns. It is a short-term intervention which is additional to a community, all working together WITH that community, to make a visible difference in the space of a week. It also delivers longer-term benefits by building links and communication between services and the community in which it takes place.

Please watch for information and if you have any ideas on what we need to talk about to all the officers and service providers contact a Parish Councillor. There will be a drop-in centre in the week for you to talk to everyone.

Despite comments made against the Parish Council in the local press, I can assure you all that we are a hard-working, conscientious group of volunteers. We are not paid for what we do and even though we travel around the county to represent Seascale we never claim expenses.

Our meetings are on the first Wednesday in the month and start at 7.30pm. They are open to the public. Our minutes when they have been approved are available in the library.

It is proposed to install traffic lights on Arch Hill (this could be in three or four years' time as we've had a taste of this already). How do members of our community feel about it?

Eileen Eastwood, Chair of the Parish Council

If you have dates for events in spring and early summer please email to news@epic-gb.com for publication in the next Seascale Magazine.



FiveTwo Race Team Demo

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SEASCALE PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

Seascale Pre-school Playgroup is a small charity, led by a voluntary committee, comprising mainly parents and carers. We aim to provide a safe, fun and caring environment for the development, socialisation and education of local pre-school age children. Situated in the community wing of Seascale School, we also share our facilities with other local groups.

As a small charity, we rely on our continual fundraising and the generosity of local people and businesses to supplement our revenue from children's fees. These fees only just cover the basic requirements of running the sessions and paying staff.

In order to raise much needed funds, on 18 September we had a tabletop sale, cake stall and raffle, with entertainment provided on stage by local children.

There was a good turnout of both table holders and visitors and we would like to thank everyone who supported us, especially several local businesses who provided generous prizes for the raffle. There were three ecstatic winners – of a birthday party at Billy Bear's Play Centre, a family day ticket to Eden Ostrich World and a family day ticket to Muncaster Castle!

We were overwhelmed by the donations from local businesses and have been able to keep some prizes for our next fundraiser – so watch out for the date if you want a chance to win a family day ticket for the Ravenglass and Eskdale Railway, five one-hour play sessions at Rascals and a £10 Tesco gift card!

We would also like to thank everyone who helped us with our cake stall at Gosforth show, especially Mawsons and Kate's Food To Go for their delicious donations!

Last but not least we would like to thank Mrs Hartley at Seascale School for her ongoing support.

With everyone's help we were able to raise over £350 from the events.

If you have a pre-school child, why not come along

to the toddler group on Thursday mornings from 9am? If your child is over 2, he/she can stay and have fun without you at playgroup on a Tuesday or Wednesday morning. They can even stay for lunch!

For more details, prices or to sign up for playgroup, call Fiona on 019467 29383 or 07929 123974 or email seascaleplaygroup@googlemail.com

Lisa Oliver, Secretary

Seascale Parish Council is happy to accept donations for advertisements placed in the Seascale Newsletter.

The expected rate is £10 for a black & white quarter-page, £20 for half page and £40 for a full page.

A colour full page is £60, and £30 for half-page

Contact:

**Eileen Eastwood on 28653
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2ND SEASCALE METHODIST BROWNIES

It doesn't seem that long since our last update, and within this time the leaders have been planning a fun and filled schedule for the winter term. We currently have 24 girls with a pack leader, four qualified leaders, a young leader and a nearly qualified leader. At the end of the summer term before we broke up we held a barbeque that had to be inside due to the British weather, cutting us off at the last moment.

The girls are going to be making history on the 20 October 2010. The whole country is planning to remake the guiding promise on this date at 20:10pm. This is because girl guiding are celebrating being 100 this year and as a mark for this birthday we plan to create something that can be remembered for years to come. We also are planning to have a sleepover, so Joan, one of our leaders, can do her sleepover licence, this enables her to take brownies away for one night as guider in charge. This will take our total number of leaders with this qualification to 3. Talking about licences I am nearly finished on my leader qualification and I am hoping to renew my adult promise on the 20 October celebrating 100 years.

We have also planned to feature and celebrate in the harvest festival again this year which is an annual enjoyment to watch the brownies do a sketch in front of an audience. Hopefully by the time this reaches you, we will have held our closing event as a unit to finish off the celebrations for this year. We have planned as a unit to have a sponsored walk/run to raise money to help pack holiday and unit funds. This will consist of each brownie walking or running one mile each, all gaining a medal at the end of it. For this event we need 100 people to enter to total to each doing a mile. This is why we have asked each brownie to ask family members and friends to also do the walk/run. We also are planning our yearly carol singing at Inzivar to wish all the residents and staff a very merry Christmas. As winter approaches and the dark nights draw in we just want to say take care and be safe. I would

like to take this opportunity to thank all the leaders Lynn, Jennifer, Joan, Maggie, Jane and Sarah S who dedicate and give up their time to make brownies happen – without you the brownie unit wouldn't run as smoothly as it does. So thank you very much ladies.

Sarah Huddleston

ARTISAN-FOOD.COM

Artisan-food.com in Grasmere produces Cumbria's on-line foodie magazine – a magazine that promotes and showcases all the local small producers in Cumbria.

Alongside coverage of these artisan producers we also promote events, fex. such as Apple Day at Acorn bank, Damson day, the County Show etc, in addition to local chefs and other matters of interest to foodies both inside the county and outside.

Our magazine contains video alongside high quality images and supporting articles. Below is a link to this month's edition, and more specifically in this instance to an article about Hartley Trotter and his life and death experiences of picking Damsons in the Lyth Valley. I am sure Cumbrians will find it both interesting and amusing.

<http://bit.ly/cYZStn>

(To turn the page, just click on a corner)

We publish monthly or bi-monthly, and the new link is sent to subscribers, free of charge. The link to the front page of the magazine is

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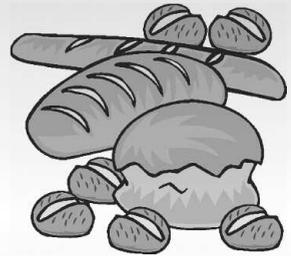
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SEASCALE SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING

Scottish Dancers continue to meet in the Main Hall of the Windscale Club every Wednesday evening at 8.00pm.

We wish more people would come, whether complete beginners or those with some experience of Scottish dancing. Anyone prepared to have a go would be greatly welcomed and every effort would be made to enable you to join in the dancing and have an enjoyable evening.

This year the Club is holding its 50th Christmas Party Dance. The minutes of the meeting from 50 years ago state that the number be limited to 100 and the cost be 2/6p. (Does that mean about 12p in today's currency?) I doubt if they did limit the numbers. Word got round that the supper was good and very affordable so some came just for the food.

Many former members will have happy memories of the Christmas dances. The ladies were expected to turn up in the daytime to prepare the food, the hall was packed out, the bar was busy and to round off the evening the men would serve soup to sustain the visitors on their journey home.

Sadly those days are long gone. Though we continue to invite dancers from other Cumbrian Clubs, the numbers are greatly reduced. However it means there is more space and is better for dancing.

So in this 50th year we can't help looking back at the old days. There have been changes over the years, many new dances to learn, but always the same friendliness between the members.

It will be a challenge to keep the Club going in the future unless the numbers increase. It will be a shame if the Club has to close -yet another loss of a Seascale activity. So in these days when we are being encouraged to take more exercise, and if you are free on a Wednesday, please come along and see if this is an activity that you would enjoy. You will be very welcome.

ALL THAT JAZZ

Calder House Hotel hosts a Jazz Jam Session, led by local stars Val and Colin, every third Friday of the month, commencing at 8.30pm. It's an informal night of music with local musicians.

All are welcome to come and listen (or play!). Admission free.

DON'T LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE X

Every year, each household receives a Voter Registration Form from Copeland Borough Council, where you are asked to check the details held of individuals eligible to vote and make any changes as necessary.

The 2010 Voter Registration Forms were sent out at the beginning of September and if you haven't sent yours back yet, it's not too late.

This year there has been a change to the system used and in addition to sending the normal paper form back in the Post, you are able to provide this information via the Internet, by phone and by text (SMS). Full details on how to use these methods are shown on the Voter Registration Form.

Please check your form carefully, especially if you do not wish to appear on the 'Edited Register'. Placing a tick in the appropriate box could save you from receiving a mountain of junk mail.

If you have young people in your household who will be 18 years of age on or before 30 November 2011, make sure you include them to ensure they can vote as soon as they 'come of age'

Remember, you are required by Law to give the information asked for on the Voter Registration Form. Even if you do not want to vote at an election, you should still register.

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WEST LAKES ADVENTURE

STEVE ASHALL TELLS OF THE CREATION OF HIS ENTERPRISE

It all started on 25 March 1993 when I found myself stepping off a train at Ravenglass station, instinctively travelling to Irton Road Station on the Ratty, and walking through the front gates of The Outward Bound Mountain School in Eskdale Green with a rucksack, a stereo and my trusty ironing board.

I had no interview scheduled; in fact I wasn't even expected but they were desperate, and a quick conversation with the Head of Centre ensued. He was a no-nonsense Scotsman to whom I am truly indebted for giving me an opportunity that shaped my next 17 years.

"You can start tomorrow, washing pots!" This wasn't exactly what I wanted to hear, but the following five months provided endless opportunities for a lad from Wigan to experience all that the outdoors had to offer and, more importantly, develop a passion for the outdoors that is just as strong today.

I left OB Eskdale on 11 August 1993 (under a rather large and grey cloud!). And then what a surprise when in early 1994, after a winter spent as a government sponsored climber, I received a visit from the police – it turned out that Outward Bound couldn't cope without me and following several failed attempts to contact me, had contacted the local police force (phew!). So, back to Eskdale – this time with a promotion (and a pay cut!) to stores assistant, but only for two months as this time as I had other plans...

By March 1995 it was I who was pining for Eskdale, and so for the third time I returned with the intention of spending just one more season there, saving some money and travelling around the world. And then it happened, I met Caroline, the now Mrs Ashall, love of my life and the next 15 years vanished in the blink of an eye.

My career with Outward Bound grew and developed as did my skills and list of qualifications. I moved through roles as the store's manager, technician, development trainer, events manager and ultimately the safety, technical and resource co-ordinator responsible for delivery of all corporate challenge events, the management





of all things technical and outdoors and responsibility for ensuring Outward Bound Professional was compliant with organisational and national safety standards.

Outward Bound was in my blood. It had become much more than just a job. I was happy with my role, had developed a good work/life balance, but in the Autumn of 2009 the chief executive visited and informed us (by Powerpoint!) that change was coming! The proposed changes would render the role that I valued immensely completely redundant and the alternative would very certainly result in 17 years of passion being turned into bitterness. Two weeks in Switzerland over Christmas and New Year allowed me to reflect on what was important to me and so on the 6 January 2010, with a lump in my throat, I stated my intention to take voluntary redundancy.

I spent a lot of time wallowing in my own self-pity and wondering what someone with skills and experience linked exclusively to the outdoor development training industry could do in an area of the Lake District with no outdoor providers other than my previous employer. Then the answer presented itself – “no other providers in the Western Lakes!” ... “So set up your own business you muppet!”

During the following months West Lakes Adventure was formed, and in the quest for a venue we looked at several bed & breakfasts and guest houses, but in the middle of a recession borrowing money was a problem. The decision had to be made (reluctantly) to run the business from home in Seascale.

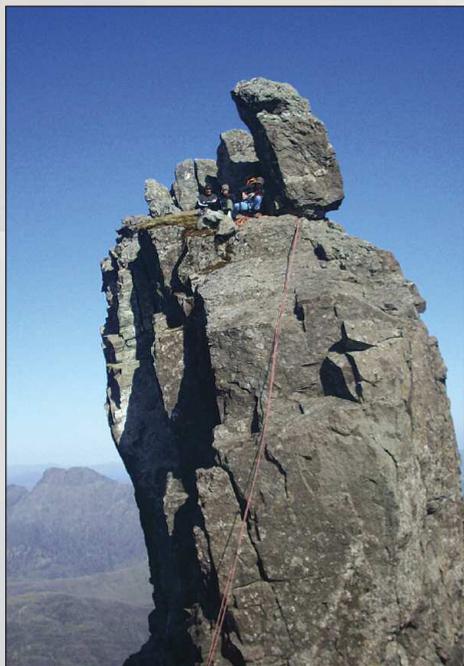
But then another opportunity presented itself in the form of a pub. The Screes in Nether Wasdale. Now to put this into context Caroline had been involved in the pub trade from the age of 11 to 28. When she left it four years ago to run The Hobby Shop in Gosforth she vowed never to get involved again. But this would be different – it would be our place, with no-one to tell us how to run it (well almost!). And so on 17 May 2010 Steve, Caroline, Joe, Scooby (our dog), Sandy, Andy and Mandy (Joe’s Fish) moved into the Screes Inn in Nether Wasdale – a pub with the right feel, and the history and heritage befitting West Lakes Adventure, located in what has to be the most dramatic valley in the Lake District with the finest natural resources needed for adventure – lake, crags, mountains, rivers, ghylls.

And if all that wasn’t enough – the project aligned itself with an existing drive to develop tourism in the Western Lakes and Coastal areas. People



believed in our vision enough to provide generous funding which has allowed us to purchase an enviable array of the highest quality equipment for any imaginable outdoor activity.

Our aim is to provide a professional service and easy access to a comprehensive range of outdoor activities to individuals, families, groups and organisations. We are running a range of programmes on a range of different levels with something for every ability, from absolute



beginner to expert looking to improve specific skills. In terms of activities we are providing hill walking, mountaineering, scrambling, navigation and mountain safety training, expeditions and bivvies, ghyll scrambling, canyoning, mountain biking, open canoeing on lakes and rivers, canoe expeditions and skills. We aim to provide this service locally but will also be offering organised adventure holidays to other parts of the UK and abroad.

For us this is a lifestyle choice and not a money-making scheme, and as such we hope to work closely with local people, schools, scout troops and youth groups to make West Lakes Adventure an integral part of our community.

We could not have achieved as much as we have over the past seven months without the support and belief of our friends and family and I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you.

So... how did I end up here, on my own, 40 feet up a cliff face on an exposed hillside strapped to a cragfast sheep?



Well... not only have my experiences of the past 17 years provided me with many transferable skills, they have also provided me with a sense of community that I didn't have before – so when a local farmer asks for help I am happy to oblige.

Steve Ashall

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EVENTS CALENDAR in and around Seascale

24-31 October – Sunday to Sunday. Halloween Week at Muncaster Castle. Ghost tours and Darkest Muncaster illuminations with a themed sound and light show at night. Daily children's activities.

26 October – Tuesday. Rosehill Players play reading evening. And every 2 weeks thereafter. 7.30pm. Info from Marian on 07886 345989.

29-30 October – Friday/Saturday. Ghoulish plans on the Ratty for Halloween! Trains leave Ravenglass at 5.30 and 6.30. Fancy dress welcomed, but booking essential: 01229 717171.

3 November – Wednesday. Acoustic Open Mic Night. Strands, Nether Wasdale. 8.30pm. Info from Richard: 07801 849635

8 November – Monday. Christmas Flower Arranging Demonstration by Hilary from Perfectly Planted (Gosforth). Bailey Ground Hotel, Seascale.

12 November – Friday. Concert: Prince Bishop Brass Quintet. Westlakes Academy. 8pm.

17 November – Wednesday. Talk on the Watchtree Nature Reserve. Gosforth Methodist Room. 7.30pm.

21 November + December + additional dates 27-29 December – Sundays. Christmas at Muncaster Castle: elegantly decorated. Darkest Muncaster illuminations and sound and light show.

27-28 November – weekend. Ulverston Dickensian Christmas Festival.

December – Sundays (except 26th) plus 27-29 December. Muncaster Castle Victorian tours, guided by servants in period costume. Pre-booking essential.

1 December – Wednesday. Acoustic Open Mic Night. Strands, Nether Wasdale. 8.30pm. Info from Richard: 07801 849635

4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 December. Ratty Santa Specials running throughout December. Prices held from last year! 01229 717171.

12 December – Sunday. Christmas Lights Switch-on in Seascale.

HOLMROOK READING ROOM CHRISTMAS PARTY

I know, Christmas seems like its an age away, but it's on our doorstep already!!! We are planning the next epic Mince Pie and Wine event and would love you to be there. Tickets are on sale already and have been maintained at £5 per head. A buffet with wine is included and we will all have a great time together I know. The date is Friday 10 December at 7pm and we would really appreciate your support. Please buy your tickets early so that we can make our plans, from: David on 019467 2424632 or John on 019467 2424317. You can also buy them from Tynedale or the Lutwidge. Looking forward to it already! PS John is making some of his world famous Pizza for it! there will be a scrum ... *Val*

5 January – Wednesday. Acoustic Open Mic Night. Strands, Nether Wasdale. 8.30pm. Info from Richard: 07801 849635

2 February – Wednesday. Acoustic Open Mic Night. Strands, Nether Wasdale. 8.30pm. Info from Richard: 07801 849635

ROSEHILL PLAYERS

Rosehill Players are now meeting once every two weeks on Tuesday for play reading evenings. Come and join us in exploring a range of plays in a relaxed atmosphere without the pressure of performing. Ideal for those with an interest in drama, either beginners or experienced performers. We are also keen for anyone with interests in working on the production side, backstage, lighting, costumes, publicity, set building and design. Next Meeting is 26 October at the Theatre, 7.30pm.

Membership is £10 pa. Please come along and join us or for more information call Marian on 07886 345989.

HOLMROOK READING ROOM

Music Club: We meet every Thursday from 7:30. You need to have your own instrument and a desire to be better at Jazz improvisation. Please contact Peter Smith if you wish to join or need more details. peter.gpsmith@btinternet.com or by phoning him on 01946 822489.

Gardening Club: We want to share our wonderful garden with you and would love you to join us and participate in our 'garden days' during 2010. Perhaps our 'plant swap or plant sale' days would interest you? Please call contact John Dutton for more details. johnwrdutton@talktalk.net or 019467 24317.

Fishing Club: If you want to join this club, or simply want some more information, please contact Kneale Thompson on 019467 24265.

Play Club: We now have the most wonderful play park and cordially invite you to come and let your children use it. New members of this club are

always welcome of course, so that you can be part of this wonderful amenity. Please contact Caroline Marsden on 24632 for more information.

Bookings: The Reading Room has a fully equipped kitchen, facilities for people with disability, in fact everything you would need for a great party. Why not call Daisy on 019467 24771 and see if it is available for your next event?

Wild Flower Meadow: We are hoping to be planting and setting up nest boxes very soon. Please call me on 019467 24105 if you would like to help or be involved. Little ones are welcome to be involved, with supervision.

Membership: Memberships can be renewed/started at any time. If you are an existing member or want to join us, please contact John on johnwrdutton@talktalk.net or 019467 24317.

Meetings: If you have any questions, issues, concerns or you just want to join or be involved in our meetings, please contact me, the secretary, Val de Gasperi on valg@esend-it.com or by calling 019467 24105.

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SEASCALE CRICKET CLUB – UNBEATEN!

Seascale CC First XI had an outstanding season in the North Lancashire and Cumbria Cricket League Division 2 this year completing a League and Cup Double and going through the entire season unbeaten. They had a season long tussle with Furness Reserves at the top of the table and were only confirmed as Champions on the final Saturday of the season.

The most exciting game of the season was away at Whitehaven Reserves where the home team took advantage of perfect batting conditions and an excellent wicket to post a massive 283/7 from their 50 overs. In reply the Seascale batsmen were undaunted by the big score as opener Lee Fleet (72) and number 3 Matty McEwan (52) got them off to a great start before brothers Steve Brown Jnr (52no) and Adam Brown (77no) knocked off the runs on 284/4 with a full 5 overs to spare.

The crunch game of the season was the home game against Furness Reserves. Despite fielding several first teamers Furness were dismissed for 177 with Daniel Lee (3/41), Steve Brown Jnr (3/61) and Steve Brown Snr (3/51) combining well for Seascale. Adam Brown (66), Matty McEwan (30) and Dave Stubbings (22) then helped Seascale to 181/7 and a vital 3 wicket win. With a recent change in the League Rules, the League title means promotion to Division 1 next season, something that the Club is very much looking forward to.

To go with the League success, the First XI also lifted the Vigodny Cup for the first time in their history. Easy early round wins against Windscale and Dalton led to a semi-final at Whitehaven which turned out to be another high scoring game. Seascale batted first this time and thanks



Seascale CC team photo - NL+CCL Division 2 Champions 2010

Back Row (l to r): Steve Brown Jnr, Robin Sparshott, Adam Brown, Daniel Lee, Andy Lee, Dave Stubbings. Front Row (l to r): Greg Bedford, Jack Graham, Steve Brown Snr, Jack Stubbings, Ollie Burn.

to Adam Brown (50), Michael Fidler (50) and Steve Brown Jnr (62) posted 256/8 from their 45 overs. In reply Whitehaven got close but were bowled out for 245, Pete Rooney (3/31) being the pick of the Seascale bowlers. The Final was at Millom against a strong Haverigg XI in front of a partisan crowd. Seascale were put into bat first, Adam Brown (53), Michael Fidler (47), Steve Brown Jnr (42no) and Jack Graham (26) helping Seascale overcome the difficult early conditions to post an impressive 226/5 from 45 overs. Seascale skipper Steve Brown Snr (3/19) and Pete Rooney (3/13) then combined to help bowl Haverigg out for 145. Adam Brown was nominated as Man of the Match for his hard-hitting innings and the Cup was presented by the Mayor and Mayoress of Copeland. The cup success was made all the more sweet as over the past 20 years or so, Seascale First XI had lost all their previous five Cup Finals.

The success at the Club this season has not been limited to the First XI either as their first midweek team playing as the Windscale Club in the local league won their cup competition following

eight straight wins and finished runners-up in the top Division of the league. Unbelievably they were also unbeaten all season but lost out on the league title due to having more rained off games than their rivals. The 2nd midweek team at the Club played in Division 2 of the Midweek League with the purpose of bringing on the younger players at the Club. They finished a very creditable mid-table and youngsters Billy Grant, Joe Graham and Harry Whitfield all played significant parts in the season. The Club entered an under 11 team in the local Junior League again this season finishing a creditable mid-table and hope to re-enter an under 13 team as well next season.

The Club is now looking forward to its annual Xmas function being held at the Windscale Club on Saturday 4 December. Entertainment will be well-known band Weathered Rock and a disco. Tickets are £8 and are available behind the bar or from committee members:

Steve Brown (28352), Andy Lee (28292), Lee Fleet (27864) and Dave Stubbings (841641).



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SEASCALE SCOUTING

Doesn't time fly? It seems a long time ago that the group held its annual camp, this year at Branthwaite. The weather was brilliant, wall-to-wall sunshine – and some of us ended up very well tanned! An excellent time was had by all and a number of new campers joined the old hands at the Group Camp. We had approximately 65 Beavers (6-8), Cubs (8-10½) and Scouts (10½-14½) with several of the District's Explorers (14½-18) and about a dozen leaders. The sections worked very well together and carried out a variety of challenges, from rescuing stranded animals from trees, cooking some very tasty meals over open fires to building dams, flying flags 30feet off the ground and ringing a bell high up in a tree – without throwing stones at it. One highlight was seeing all the teams successfully drop an egg (a raw one) to the ground from shoulder height without breaking it, followed by racing round the site in sedan chairs which they had made themselves.

The scouts honed their knife and axe skills in order to keep the many cooking fires alight. They were introduced to new ways of lighting fires, using fire-sticks, Vaseline and cotton wool. All the cooking was done on open fires and not a bit was burned, or under-cooked. The cubs and scouts worked together in teams to complete various challenges that tested their skill and ingenuity.

Groups of Beavers were lead by the Explorers and completed many challenges. The Challenges encouraged the Beavers to work in teams and it was great to see Beavers Scouts building dams in the stream, making boats out of natural materials and seeing the delight in their faces when they actually floated. The Explorers were wonderful at motivating the Beavers to complete/stay on task and then move on to the next one. All the Beavers who attended achieved their Outdoor Challenge badge. Our thanks go to the Explorers and all the parent helpers that attended camp – you all had a part of making camp a wonderful experience and we all look forward to the next one.

The cubs have had a busy time since the last news letter. Summer seems far away with all the rain we had (until the brief second summer in early

October!) but they had a great time on camp, many achieving most requirements for their camper's badge. One more night camping out should see the cubs achieving all the requirements for the badge. This year the cubs were cooking all their meals on an open fire – and a very good job they made of it too.

A new term brings with it change to the Beaver Colony. We welcome new starters and say goodbye to those leaving us to go to Cubs, but this term we have also had to say goodbye to one of our Leaders – Otter (Sophie Dowber) – who will be missed within the group but especially within the Beavers Section. So a Big Thank You goes to her for the fun she has brought to Beaver Scouts. A sad farewell.

This term Cubs and Beavers have restarted the new term with the challenge of being outside more than in. We have been looking at habitats and have been out a few times exploring The Desert – well Drigg Dunes do have plenty of

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sand! Future habitats we will be visiting are The rainforest: Irton Wood and Holmrook Reading Room's Meadow. We will be conducting surveys of the different types of insects and plants that grow and live in each area. This will complete the requirements for the Beaver Explore Activity Badge and by the end of the term the cubs will hopefully have completed their Global Conservation badge.

The Group is working towards the 'Environment Partnership Award' and have made a link with the Biodiversity Project at Holmrook, looking forward to helping them with their important work for wildlife.

The Beavers and Cubs are planning to once again go carol singing this year, we will be raising funds for the Scout Group and for the Biodiversity Project at the Holmrook Reading Room. Remember to look out for us around the village on 9 December.

This term scouts will be perfecting their tent-pitching and light-weight cooking skills. This is in preparation for their first 'expedition', planned for next summer. This will test their talent and their ability to work together in teams in order to navigate a course, undertaking challenges along the way. They have also been out and about, planning and then following a route, in order to answer as many questions as possible relating to various landmarks around the village.

Exams over and the summer at an end, the local Explorers' section (called the Mavericks) has started its new season by taking part in the District 'Manhunt' day. They joined with the other local Explorer section in the area (Phoenix) and had two teams of catchers chasing 260 scouts across the Cumbrian Hills above Windermere on a glorious sunny Saturday where the weather and the views were spectacular.

The programme for this term includes helping three local Scout and Cub groups with outside activities where they can have fun as well. Orienteering, camps and an International evening should hold some surprises. We aim to provide more challenges to this senior scout section in the coming months as they try their hand at jousting and mediaeval combat, along with acquiring more serious skills for recognising and dealing with people who have had a serious accident, stroke or

heart attack, and helping them survive until paramedics can arrive. Many of the Explorers are also working towards their Duke of Edinburgh awards.

Many of the explorers have learnt their scouting skills in their previous scout troop and are now old enough (13 to 18) to have the confidence to tackle greater challenges and be independent enough to organise themselves into a unit that can have great fun and take part in adventure and activities in their wider community. We are always ready to welcome new members and are always looking for new ideas.

You may know that the group collects Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers. Being so far from a Sainsbury's store, we don't get a lot, but this year have been successful in being awarded a Tree Pack. 30 trees will be delivered during November, and we are talking to the Parish Council to see where we can plant them.

Sadly, we have lost both Sophie and Sarah. We will miss both of them, and are having to try to arrange for both Beavers and Cubs to make joint outings, to share leaders.

As you can see, we always need more adult support, not just to run the sections but to help organise the group. We do need support for both the Scout and the Cub sections, so if working with 8 to 10½ year-olds and getting wet and muddy interests you, then do let us know, but we also need people just to help organise things and generally help out. More hands make light work.

Graham Worsnop, Group Scout Leader

THE SEASCALE CROSS

A simple cross, made of two pieces of driftwood, became an important symbol and focus for the community in the days after 2 June. It was eventually taken down for safe keeping until it was decided what should be done with it.

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GLIDE...

In Cumbria we tend to think of fell-walking and mountaineering as our adventurous pursuits.

But have you thought of going higher and taking to the sky? Your magazine designer, via a sequence of coincidences, recently took a half-hour flight in a glider from this spectacular area just north-east of Penrith. Even though he quivers with vertigo on scaffolding, the experience of soaring high, with no engine and very little noise, was a surreal – well – awesome experience.

He flew with Edensoaring. And proposes to try lessons with them next year. Fancy it? Details at end of this feature.



Gliding is a sport-come-hobby practised all over the world. Founders of aviation started by gliding, with some early records showing that gliding was taking place on the Pennines way back in the 1920s. In those days guys would carry heavy wooden contraptions up the fells and throw them over the edge!

Edensoaring is the brainchild of a few adventurous glider pilots who had been flying nomadically around the Lake District for many years. The vision for Edensoaring was to be the mountain soaring site for England – a place for

visiting pilots to come and fly – and a place for introducing gliding to, and training, a wider audience in the Cumbrian landscape. The hunt for a suitable site had always been in the back of founder member Pete Whitehead's mind. The wave – a strong lift created by mountains and hills – seems peculiar to a particular area in the Eden valley, and so fields were found as close to that spot as possible and within easy access to a 50km long ridge – the Pennines.

Skelling Farm, north-east of Penrith, has two large flattish fields with a stone wall divide. The farmer

...SOAR



was willing to give gliding a chance with a promise of another income from his land. After planning issues were sorted out a wall between the two fields was breached and 50 metres of it removed so that launching and landing could happen comfortably between them. A Skylaunch winch, a 2-seat trainer and a single-seat glider were purchased by enthusiastic founder members and loaned to the club. Then they were ready to fly people for the first time over the Eden Valley.

Edensoaring was open for business and many gliding clubs were invited to use the site.

Today we still use a winch to get into the air. We fly towards the hills or thermals depending on the wind direction. If the wind is in the west the Pennines create lift and gliders can stay in the up-draft for as long as the wind blows that way. Thermals are trickier to contact and require some trial and error. Searching underneath a cloud for the exact spot where the lift is can keep a pilot coming back for more, as every day is a challenge and no two days are the same.

Learning to fly is as simple as learning to drive. Most people can learn, if they have a will and



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Soaring over the club

determination to turn up enough times to get in the number of flights they need to build their skills.

One of our local pilots is over 60 and started to fly last year, and this spring he went solo. Age is no limit – just desire and a willingness to learn. You should be healthy and not overly large in height or girth. Gliders are made to fit a general size of person and so sometimes, when buying one's own glider, one has to find a good fit!

Once solo you have the world to explore, because gliding is an international sport. Cumbria is a fantastic base from which to learn, with all four types of lift available in the sky above us. Solo flying, like driving, is just the start of learning. You have a lot more to discover as you fly on many more days and try out your wings. New pilots have to take their time to explore and the British Gliding Association provides a structure for instruction and post-solo tasks and badges to aim for, which build skills and gain each pilot experience.

Most jobs on site are on a 'do it yourself' basis. We need plenty of helpers to get pilots into the air, so a day at the club is full of interesting jobs as well as flying. Facilities at Edensoaring consist of a cabin for briefing, tea and coffee, that has been specially made accessible for wheelchairs. There's a port-a-loo too.

Soaring with the buzzards is a great joy; these birds love to soar. They always find the best lift so we follow them. Often when soaring with a bird of prey they will tumble and show us their claws warning us off! We believe these birds have no fear as we glide in 20 metres of wingspan and weigh almost half a tonne, and yet still they try to scare us out of the thermal.

In Spain vultures soar with the gliders and are rather more dangerous as they attack by folding their wings and bombing the glider. It has been known for a vulture to do this and force the pilot to jump out. So don't fly in Spain! Each area has its problems and its good points and local knowledge is worth a lot. In Cumbria weather knowledge is the key to a good day's flying. Edensoaring is located in a special place which creates its own weather most of the time, so you always need to call our mobile before setting off.

We will be resuming lessons at the beginning of May next year. You may purchase vouchers via our website for trial lessons – these can be gifts, or for yourself, to be taken next season.

If you wish to find out more about our gliding visit www.edensoaring.co.uk.

www.gliding.co.uk is the place to find clubs and more general information about the sport.

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The Station Master kept an eye on the crowds and encouraged the children to form a chain with buckets to give Thomas a drink of water when he was thirsty.

In the Imagination Station there were Thomas activities all day; including Thomas and Friends

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Not surprisingly though, the biggest crowds gathered around Thomas himself on the platform. Sir Topham Hatt, to give the Fat Controller his correct title, encouraged everyone to join the party and sing to Thomas while he was presented with his own very special Coal Cake to mark his 65th anniversary.

We all had a great Day Out with Thomas! If you missed the fun, or would like to know what else is planned, including our Ghostly Goings on at Halloween and Santa Express, keep an eye on the website www.ravenglass-railway.co.uk. See you soon.

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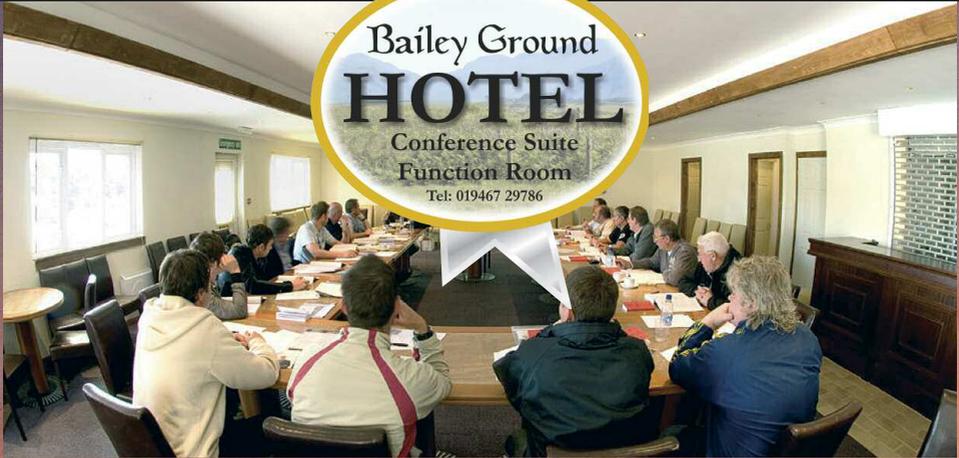
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Insurers in the UK are large companies and UK drivers increasingly are dealing with them directly without resort to a broker. The reality is your claim is likely to be dealt with at a relatively lowly level by a claims handler who will adopt "insurance industry shorthand" for liability when dealing with your case.

Liability as to who was responsible for your road traffic accident may be very important both ethically and financially to you but except in the most serious cases your insurer will just want to deal with it as quickly as possible so may admit liability (or partial liability) when you do not think you were at fault.

This is particularly the case when your insurer and the other driver's insurer are the same company – or a rebadged version of the same company. If this is the case then it is merely a matter of them shifting money from one pocket to another. "Chinese Walls" are supposed to exist in these cases whereby each different team acts in the interests of their respective customer but the reality is that the corporate interest is likely to take precedence and your claim will be dealt with accordingly.

Even if the other driver is with another insurance company and your insurer is forced to pay out they will recover their loss in the form of higher premiums from you. If liability goes against you – or is split – then the main person losing out is you. It is very rare for an insurer to "fight" any marginal claim. In many cases they will concede all or partial liability and your policy excess and your no claims bonus (or at least one of your "lives") will be lost.

If there is any doubt in your mind as to who was liable or if your insurer is pressing you to accept split or shared liability, your claim will be treated as "your fault".

Split or shared liability: 50/50, knock for knock and other settlements explained

If one or more parties involved in an accident are deemed to be partially responsible for its occurrence, liability can be split between the parties.

Split liability means that both (or all) the parties are at fault and their claim will be treated as a fault claim. If the split is equal – commonly known as a 50/50 – each will pay (or their insurer will pay) half the other's damage. Thus if the damage to Car A is £1000 and the damage to the Car B is £500 then Driver A (or their insurer) pays Driver B £250 and Driver B pays Driver A £500. Liability can be split in other proportions such as 75/25 mostly which have been established by the courts. In each case if they make a claim against their insurance policy the drivers would lose their no claims bonus (or forfeit a "life" if it is protected) and would have to pay their policy excess.

Knock-for-knock claims are usually private agreements between motorists when they agree liability is shared and the damage is minor. In this case each agrees to pay for his/her own damage. Usually there is no insurance claim but the circumstances of the accident may be similar to one an insurer would settle 50/50 – just that the damage is sufficiently small for them not to wish to lose their no claims or policy excess.

Over time insurers have come to routinely but informally settle accidents on a 50:50 basis. Examples include:

- the accident takes place on a roundabout
- two cars reverse into each other – usually in a car park
- two cars collide while both are changing lanes
- two cars collide head-on on a narrow lane

This is usually so that disputed claims can be resolved quickly rather than fight each particular case. If you have been involved in any of the above scenarios and believe you were not at fault contact our expert road traffic accident investigation team who undertake a free liability check on the particular circumstances of your

case and work on a no-win-no-fee basis if they believe they can improve your position.

LIABILITY IN COMMON ACCIDENT SCENARIOS

Roundabout accidents

These are routinely dealt with on a 50:50 basis by all insurers unless there are witnesses. Each case is different.

Lane discipline

“Changing lane” accidents are dealt with on a 50:50 basis when both vehicles are changing lanes. If Car A collides with Car B who is already in that lane then the liability is likely to be 100% with Car A unless Car A is passing on the inside (or undertaking) and not in laned traffic. Again you will benefit greatly if there is an independent witness. Each case is different.

Car park accidents

The normal “rules of the road” should apply in car parks so if Car A pulls out of a space and collides with Car B then Car A should be ruled 100% at fault. If both cars reverse into each other then the liability will be 50:50. As with roundabouts however insurers tend to settle car park accident claims on a 50:50 basis unless the circumstances are particularly clear cut. Each case is different.

Rear end shunts

A rear end shunt with no frontal damage to the car in front is almost always deemed the entire responsibility of the car behind. It does not matter if the car in front braked suddenly or did not proceed when the road was clear at a roundabout or junction the case is likely to be 100% settled in favour of the front car driver. Exceptions might occur if the car in front is changing lanes and has not allowed sufficient space to do so or if the car in front rolls back into the car behind. If there is damage to the front of the front car it is more complex as is the case when more than two cars are involved in the collision. Never assume that you are not injured if you are involved in a rear end shunt no matter how low the speed. Whiplash often becomes apparent the day after so always get the other driver’s details. Each case is different.

Multiple vehicle accidents

Apportioning blame in a multiple vehicle accident is always difficult. The circumstances are

different from case to case. Never accept liability at the scene.

Accidents at junctions

In most circumstances the vehicle on the main carriageway has right of way but if the vehicle is clearly exceeding the speed limit by some margin there may be a question as to 100% liability. Witnesses are essential and photographs useful as is a sketch plan. You will require the services of an accident investigator.

Sideswipes by lorries

Many lorries, particularly foreign lorries which are left-hand drive have blind-spots and side-swipe accidents where they change lanes and strike a car or whilst pulling on from a slip road are relatively common. In most circumstances the lorry driver is 100% responsible and a successful claim can be made against his/her insurer. Liability may be disputed if the lorry driver claims that the other driver was changing lanes. Each case is different.

Motorcycle overtaking

Many accidents result from driver moving out to pass parked cars and striking a motorcyclist who may be passing them. In most cases it will be the fault of the driver who pulls out but the circumstances always warrant further investigation.

Passing on the inside or “undertaking”

This is a dangerous manoeuvre and the driver passing on the inside will always be deemed at least partially liable (and may face dangerous driving charges) whether the other driver pulled into their lane or not. Independent witnesses will assist greatly and the precise circumstances of the accident will need to be examined in detail.

Head-on collisions on narrow lanes

These often occur at relatively low speed because drivers are travelling too fast for the road conditions and are unable to stop. On country lanes the surface can occasionally be a factor. Generally speaking if one vehicle has managed to stop and the other driver is unable to stop and crashes into it then the liability lies 100% with the driver of the moving vehicle. However by the nature of where they occur these accidents are

often not witnessed independently and there is often a dispute as to the facts. You will need photographs and a sketch map and you should measure any skid marks for either vehicle. If there is mud on the road there may be a liability for the farmer (see below) if their negligence was a contributory factor. You will need the services of an accident investigator.

Accidents involving snow and ice

These are notoriously difficult to resolve as often the circumstances are in dispute. Furthermore there may well be no skid marks. Always seek the details of any independent witness, take photographs and make a sketch of the final positions of all the vehicles involved. In the case of a single vehicle collision the majority of ice and snow related accidents happen on public roads or pavements, and generally fall under the responsibility of the local council's highway authority. There is considerable debate about how far a council's duty of care extends as far as gritting and salting is concerned. In practice, it is extremely difficult to succeed in such claims, as the council will probably defend all the way to a trial, and the courts are increasingly reluctant to find against public authorities except in the very worst cases of neglect. If other vehicles are involved then careful consideration needs to be made in assessing liability. Some cases – where one vehicle is travelling with extreme caution and another is not – may be relatively clear cut but in most cases the circumstances are disputed and cases are often settled 50:50.

Mud on the road

If you were not properly warned of the hazard of mud on the road and an accident results from you slipping on it you may have a case against the party causing the hazard. Many claims succeed against farmers in these circumstances in particular each year.

Diesel spills – overcharging of tanks

If you slip on diesel which has spilled on the road and incur an injury it is possible you can make a claim under the untraced drivers scheme or against the operating centre concerned. These cases usually involve motorcyclists and there has to be evidence of the spillage and that it caused the accident.

Accidents involving excess speed

Just because a vehicle was speeding does not necessarily assist your case. See *Barna vs. Hudes Merchandising Corp* below.

CASE LAW INVOLVING SPLIT LIABILITY

Giving a misleading signal. Case Law: Wadsworth vs. Gillespie

Vehicle A approached a Give Way sign. The driver saw that Vehicle B approaching from the right was displaying a left-turn signal. Vehicle A pulled out and was struck by Vehicle B, which travelled on without turning. Who's at fault? Liability (fault) is split 2/3s to 1/3. It was ruled that Vehicle A was two-thirds at fault for not waiting to see what the other car did, and Vehicle B was one-third to blame for displaying a misleading signal.

Wadsworth vs. Gillespie is often quoted in these circumstances. However, there are other cases that had different results in court, such as *Winter vs. Cotton*. In this case the driver that gave the misleading signal is held to be 100% to blame.

Jumping the queue. Case Law: Powell vs. Moody

Vehicle A pulled out of a side road and was hit by Vehicle B, a motorcycle that was overtaking two lines of stationary vehicles on the wrong side of the road. Who's at fault? Liability is split 20%/80%. Vehicle A had a duty to ensure it was safe to pull out of a side road, so it had to accept part of the blame. However, jumping a queue and overtaking on the wrong side of the road is a manoeuvre that should be undertaken with a great deal of care, so the biker shouldered 80% of the liability.

Speeding. Case Law: Barna vs. Hudes Merchandising Corp.

Vehicle A pulled out of a side road intending to turn right. The driver's view was obstructed by parked cars. Vehicle B, approaching from the right, hit Vehicle A on the side. Vehicle B was estimated to be breaching the speed limit. Who's at fault? Vehicle A is 100% liable. The judge considered that exceeding the speed limit, while illegal, is not in itself negligence. Vehicle A should have ensured the major road was safe.

At a junction. Case Law: Williams vs. Fullerton

Vehicle A was on a major road and approached a

crossroads with a minor road. The driver looked right and left, started to cross, and then was hit in the side by Vehicle B, which was travelling along the minor road. Who's at fault? Liability is split 25%/75%. It was ruled that, even though Vehicle B should have given way, the driver of Vehicle A should have followed the Highway Code: look right again! Vehicle B took most of the blame with 75% liability.

Overtaking while a vehicle in front turns right. Case Law: Challoner vs. Williams and Crony

The driver of Vehicle A saw that the two vehicles behind it were not conducting any manoeuvres, so he/she signalled to turn right and attempted to do so. Vehicle B overtook the two vehicles behind Vehicle A and hit Vehicle A in the offside (right-hand side). Who's at fault? Vehicle B is 100% liable. On appeal, Vehicle A was found to have done nothing wrong as he had checked the position of the two vehicles behind. (For this reason, if the driver directly behind had started to overtake then it would have been settled 50/50.) Vehicle B

should have ensured it was safe to overtake.

Two vehicles overtaking simultaneously. Case Law: Davison vs. Leggett

These two vehicles collided head-on whilst overtaking. Who's at fault? Liability is split 50/50. There was no evidence to indicate who began overtaking first. It's possible neither party was negligent.

Overtaking. Case Law: Holdack vs. Bullock Bros.

Vehicle A was a scooter and Vehicle B, a van. Whilst Vehicle A was overtaking, Vehicle B swerved right and hit Vehicle A. Who's at fault? Liability is split 1/3 to 2/3s. Vehicle B shouldn't have changed course without warning, so takes two-thirds of the blame. The rider of Vehicle A was originally held negligent because he/she didn't toot the horn prior to overtaking. On appeal it was felt that there was no need to toot, but still the result of the case was not changed.

Brian Goulding Dip API

B. Goulding Associates, Accident Investigator

Bookings now being taken for Christmas and New Year

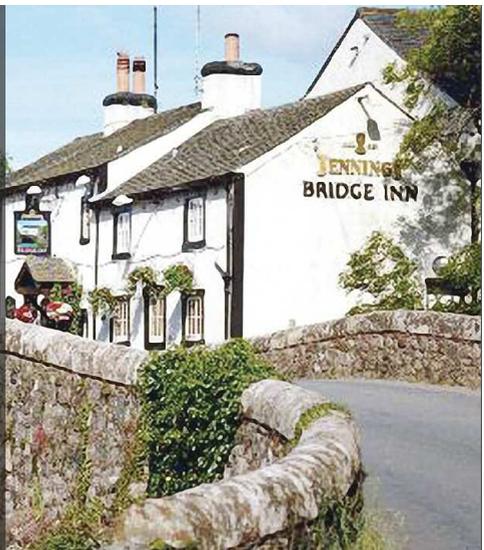
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LIZ'S ICES

There have been many times during the past 18 months when the variety of Seascale's weather has left me wondering if I've made a terrible mistake. We have had days when the winds are so strong you can't open the cafe door and driving rain so heavy you can't tell where the sea ended and the spray started. These were not busy days! However, despite the absence of our great British summer the custom has continued, with dedicated ice cream aficionados coming from near and far. I've enjoyed (almost) every minute and I'm left with a real pride in what has already been achieved and also a sense of anticipation for many more "seasons" to come.

The Bailey Ground ice cream parlour idea originated in 2005 when we began bottling our own milk. We quickly realised that with the majority of customers buying semi-skimmed we were left with large quantities of surplus cream. With no local market for this we were forced to sell the waste cream to a fat recovery firm where it was taken to the north-east to be made into cosmetics. As well as the financial aspect of turning the cream into a profitable enterprise it was ultimately our goal to turn all produce of the farm into products we can be proud of, and so the ice cream idea was born! Further investigation into the market led us to finding the product we wanted to make – no skimmed milk powder and hydrogenated fats for us – we wanted to make a quality dairy ice cream utilising and showcasing our produce and combining it with other quality ingredients. The decision was then made to buy Italian style "batch" freezers; this enables us to add all sorts of ripples and pieces to the ice cream by hand, giving it a quality texture and handmade appearance, like the Italian style gelato.

To date we have produced over 70 different flavours using anything I can get my hands on: damson from Seascale, rhubarb from Gosforth, plums from our orchard on the farm and gooseberries from Bootle – all begged, borrowed or swapped for ice cream! As well as local and seasonal fruits we've been known to use jaffa cakes, meringues, marmalade, chilli – anyone who has visited the ice cream parlour will know the list is endless! We also run seasonal specials



The variety of ice creams that Liz at Mawson's Ice Cream Parlour produces is vast.

for Christmas (mince pie, sherry trifle, and Christmas pud); Easter (hot X bun, creme egg) and most recently, at the time of writing this, a Halloween variety gruesomely entitled "Blood & Bones", which is a white chocolate and strawberry variety. You may commission a flavour you have designed yourself for a special occasion; we recently produced a beer flavour ice cream for the Horse & Groom with ale from their own micro brewery.

The ice cream parlour remains open all year round, also serving as a coffee shop and cafe serving freshly ground coffees, homemade cakes and scones, hot and cold snacks, sandwiches and homemade soup. We are also expanding the menu in the winter months to include more hot dishes. I want to take this opportunity to say a massive thank you to all our customers for all their support and encouragement in our latest venue.

All this leaves me to say is that whenever you see Scoop the Cow out we are open, with ice creams on the menu whatever the weather!

Liz Porter

FARMING BY KEN MAWSON

Warnings are being given regarding the world wide grain shortage. This shortage will certainly result in price rises in all types of food and drink.

The causes of this shortfall are as follows:

Russia, one of the world's largest grain producers, have stopped all exports after 30% of their crops were destroyed in the huge fires that they suffered this summer, which devastated large areas of farmland and forestry.

Exceptionally wet conditions last autumn and spring time prevented 25% of the grain crops being sown in America and Canada, resulting in shortages there.

In England and the rest of Europe drought conditions this summer have resulted in small, poor quality harvests.

Pakistan is desperate to import any types of grain and food after their disastrous floods.

In some countries, including Britain, grain and other crops are now being grown to be used to produce energy and fuel.

The shortfall of grain has also resulted in massive price rises in livestock feed, which is extremely worrying for farmers. This is believed to have resulted in the thefts of hay and straw that have recently taken place in this county. A farmer near Penrith went to collect 80 big round bales of hay from an outlying field only to find they had been stolen. Another found that a large number of straw bales had disappeared. These bales normally sell for about £5 each, but this year they are making up to £20.

Chinese Lanterns

These are wire-framed hot air balloons, normally about 2 feet high, using a small candle for power; they are often released into the air at weddings or special occasions. People have been known to report them as UFOs having seen them glowing in the sky. They can travel up to 15 miles before falling back to earth, sometimes still burning or smouldering. Recently a farmer spotted some falling into a grain field, starting several fires;

others fell into a neighbour's field of grass, due to be cut for silage and where the fine wire frames would be cut to pieces and could prove fatal to the cattle that ate it. In Germany and Australia these lanterns have already been banned and British farmers are pressing for the same here.

Most of this year's agricultural shows have been very fortunate with the weather. After three wet years some of them were on the verge of extinction. Being involved with the Gosforth Show, I would like to hear of any suggestions about how to improve it and make it more interesting for the general public. Moving it from a Wednesday to a Saturday seems to have helped.

On the beach

The otter seen playing near the jetty (reported in the last newsletter) has been spotted several more times in the rock pools below the Neb.

One evening a display of flowers was spotted on one of the large rocks in the same pool. I would be interested to know if anyone knows the reason for this. On another occasion gannets, large sea birds, were seen dive-bombing into the sea, each time coming out with a fish. They must have pretty good eyesight as this was near dusk and they were diving from quite a height. On a couple of days in summer, hundreds of sea birds gathered along the water's edge. The reason for this was that a large shoal of whitebait was coming in with the tide. One day a crowd of people on the Neb witnessed a display of paragliding, using the thermals to spin at very





high speed along the cliff edge. It looked quite dangerous but one of the two gliders assured people that they were in full control at all times. Kite surfing is also a sport gaining popularity on the sea. They need a windy day and a rough sea. The speed they travel and the height they go up into the air was quite spectacular to watch. Another sport increasing in popularity is coast-to-coast bike riding. This goes from St Bees or Whitehaven to Robin Hood's Bay on the east coast. Some must start at Ravenglass, as they can be seen passing through Seascale on most days. One morning there were more than 40 in a single group. At the end of October a man is attempting to do this route for charity, riding a penny farthing. Watch out for him and give him a cheer if you see him.

The usual skinny dippers have been seen jumping off the end of the jetty on a couple of occasions.

The luxury liner, 'The World', owned by a group of millionaires, visited Whitehaven in August. It passed by Seascale on the Saturday morning on its way there and again on its return on the Sunday evening – quite a sight to witness. Several large barges have passed by carrying drillings rigs or windmills to the development at sea near Haverigg. Travelling down the Wycham Valley

road or over Corney Fell it is surprising to see how quickly these have sprung up.

The Parish Council arranged for tons of sand, which had been deposited on the promenade after last winter's gales, to be moved so that pushchairs and wheelchairs could once again use this route.



Ken Mawson receives a gold medal and presentation pack for giving 50 pints of blood.

STEAM EXCURSION

CARLISLE – MANCHESTER – CARLISLE: 23 JULY 2011

In our summer Seascale magazine we announced plans by HF Railtours to run a steam excursion from Carlisle to Manchester down our west coast line, and then return via Settle to Carlisle. The reason? We see many steam excursions most years, but we are always spectators because the starting point is far too remote. So after discussions plans were mooted for an excursion which could appeal to us in West and North Cumbria and probably Dumfries too.

Alas the project has been beset by two problems. Firstly, locomotive Tornado had to be taken out of service in late summer, and the alternative loco, the Duke of Gloucester, stood in for Tornado's planned runs. This meant that our autumn 2010 schedule had to be abandoned. It was then revised for spring 2011, as soon as the clocks had gone back to BST in order to gain more daylight for the return run from Settle to Carlisle.

But then we learned about serious maintenance work on the Arnside viaduct, thus ceasing direct rail services between Lancaster and Barrow-in-Furness for 12 weeks between March and July 2011.

However, assuming the viaduct renovation work is completed on schedule, a date has been fixed. On Saturday 23 July 2011, THE CUMBRIAN COAST EXPLORER will happen. It will be a luxury steam-hauled excursion from Carlisle, around the Cumbrian Coast to Manchester, and returning via the Settle to Carlisle line. There will be about three hours to spend, in cosmopolitan Manchester, while the locomotive is serviced. It will depart from Carlisle in the morning, stopping to pick up passengers at Dalston, Wigton, Aspatria, Maryport, Workington and Whitehaven. And if we have enough local support, an additional stop could be made at Seascale, but to take breakfast you would need to join the train at Whitehaven.

The train will consist of the "Great Briton" set of Pullman-style carriages and will be hauled throughout by a lovingly restored mainline steam locomotive. We won't know until closer to the time which it will be. Almost certainly we will be

able to announce its identity in the spring magazine.

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Tables for two can be reserved in Pullman and First Class plus for a supplement of £20 per person.

Return travel by coach from Carlisle to your departure station will be available at extra cost and must be booked in advance.

Bookings will open later this year at www.hf-railtours.co.uk





TOP 10 JOBS IN THE GARDEN

November

- 1 Clear up fallen leaves – especially from lawns, ponds and beds.
- 2 Raise containers on to 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 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.
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West Coast Support Group

Autumn Indoor Meetings 2010

Wednesday 17 November 7.30 pm at Gosforth Methodist Room

“The Watchtree Nature Reserve”

An illustrated talk by Reserves Manager, Tim Lawrence on the creation of this Reserve following the foot and mouth outbreak

SPRING INDOOR MEETINGS 2011

9 February. 7.30 pm at Seascale Methodist Church Hall

“**Natterjack Toads in Cumbria**”

Following his successful walk last summer Bill Shaw will return to give us an illustrated talk.

9 March. 7.30 pm at Gosforth Methodist Room

“**The Plight of the Bumble Bee**”

An illustrated talk by Nigel Gilligan on our concern for this vital species.

6 April. Seascale 7.30 pm at Methodist Church Hall

The Group’s AGM will be held. Speaker yet to be announced

SUMMER 2011 WALKS – the dates to be finalised

May St Bees Head, **June** ‘High Leys’ Meadow, Kirkland

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SEASCALE'S ARCHAEOLOGY

There's good news for history buffs in the area. The Drigg History Group is now well established and includes Seascale to Waberthwaite in its environs. Well done to Dek Palmer and team for their efforts. Please get out and support them; you will find a notice about events at Seascale Pharmacy and there is a website if you need further information.

I wish to take this quarterly opportunity to mention metal detecting.

Archaeologists do use metal detectors but only under specific conditions; we also encourage detectorists to share their finds with a wider audience for recording purposes and there are many responsible users that really do make a positive difference to our understanding of the past. Archaeologists are not anti metal detectors but they have severe reservations about their use.

I will not dwell on the need for the landowner's permission and the legal obligations to report finds to the authorities; I will instead concentrate on the aspects of the hobby that fall outside the respectable. Nobody in Seascale is going to break the rules are they?

Let us not beat about the bush – these are increasingly hard times. Gold is a very worthy commodity and the land is covered in the stuff. It is just a case of finding it. Humans have always liked sparkly shiny things but equally have been very adept at losing them; as oft as not by accident – sometimes by design; with unexpected death being a major cause of deliberate secreting of precious goods in hoards never being recovered.

The problem lies with the fact that gold is valuable, but the archaeologist looks at a different type of value than that of commercial worth. The archaeologist looks at design, at age, composition, distribution of the finds, specific tooling and most importantly context. Wrench the past into the present day and the context – the linkage to the past – is lost; the commercial desire for gain strips the past of its meaning.

Thousands of archaeological sites in the United Kingdom have been targeted; even

archaeological digs have been raided. The Roman fort at Ravenglass has been robbed over a number of years and it is only through the efforts of the local community that this has been brought under control. A recent university training dig in Northumberland was targeted over five nights and other sites have had paid security to protect them.

The lure of precious metal is destroying our past at an alarming rate. The callousness involved in this illegal activity is emphasised by the fact that any material excavated of no worth to the finder is often just thrown away, so it is not the single artefact that is lost but the whole assembly.

What can we do about it?

We can be alert to the situation. We can look out for the signs of deliberate ground disturbance – small holes recently dug at odd locations. If this activity is near a recorded archaeological site please inform the police and the county archaeologist. If this is within the National Park inform the LDNP archaeologist as well. Make sure you know exactly where you are and give very clear details of the location. I say small holes, but in recent times these 'excavations' have taken on larger proportions, sometimes over a metre across, where a scattering of metal objects have obviously lain.

Useful Contact Details

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It maybe too late for that particular site, but by informing the authorities they can identify trends and take action accordingly.

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BLACK COMBE COUNTRY FAIR

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The sun shone, the band played and a ‘reet good time’ was had by all at the annual Black Combe Country Fair.

Graham Dicker, the Black Combe Country Fair chairman, was extremely impressed by the turnout.

“Through year-long planning and all the best efforts by a small dedicated bunch of volunteers it all comes down to the weather. If it shines people will come through the gate; this was our best year yet – the first time the sun decided to put a day-long appearance in and it made all the difference”

The event started as a dog fair and has now become a country fair; this year seeing the first appearance of vintage vehicles and Cumberland Wrestling; both proved to be highly popular with the public, and with Morris Men and a Ceilidh band there was no shortage of sound entertainment.

A record number of stallholders took advantage of the free trade stand policy. Graham Dicker explained the reasoning.

“We have always believed in promoting local effort and offering free trade stand space has provided the public with a wide variety of

produce and goods – from cheese to jewellery. We had the lot this year. A good few local businesses really needed the opportunity of a free space to help them along; all we did was charge a deposit, which was returnable at the end of the day. All stallholders seemed very happy with the arrangement and it is a tribute to them that they all told us to keep the deposit; they’d had a very good day.

What next?

I hope we can attract even more support; it’s a country fair to be involved with. It’s good for West Cumbria and as our volunteers come from a wide area – Gosforth, Seascale and Beckermert – we are in touch with a broad local base. Of course, we wouldn’t have been able to cope without the Young Farmers – they played a significant role in the organisation.

So if you wish to bring a stand to the Fair in 2011, a vintage vehicle or organise a fell run get in touch with Graham at cumbrianhunter@aol.com for an entry form. The 2011 Blackcombe Country Fair planning starts now!



WINDSCALE CLUB FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- Saturday 20 Nov Tribute to Freddie Mercury
Saturday 4 Dec Cricket Club Christmas Party
Thursday 16 Dec Seascale School Christmas Disco/Family Night
6:30 – 8:30pm
Saturday 18 Dec Greengarth Rugby Club Christmas Party
New Year's Eve Family night 7:30pm 'til late
Mondays Line Dancing 7:30pm
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MESSY CHURCH

In March this year a joint venture began between St Cuthbert's and Seascale Methodist Church, called "Mussy Church".

But what is "Mussy Church"? In a nutshell, it's a time of fun, craft, singing and listening for any child of primary age and under – but most of all enjoying a meal together (the bit we like the best!).

It is held in St Cuthbert's Church Hall once a month from 11am to 12.30pm and is open to any child aged between birth and 11 years. The only thing we ask is that an adult (ie parent, grandparent, aunty, uncle etc) bring the child along and stay with him/her. (Actually the adults enjoy it more than the children at times!) We have enjoyed good numbers with up to 40

children plus accompanying adults. But there's plenty of room for more.

During this year we take a theme for each event and some of these have been memorable – these have included finding out what is "pigswill" (ugh!), apple bobbing, leather work, parachute games and much much more.

All of this is free, but if adults wish to leave a small donation at the end then this is entirely used to resource future Mussy Churches. So if you are reading this and have children of Mussy Church age and have not yet tried out this why no drop in? The next Mussy Church is 20 November.

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AUTUMN AND WINTER AT ST. CUTHBERT'S CHURCH

Here are some of the special services and events coming up in the next few weeks:

31 October at 6.30pm – a service to remember and give thanks for our loved ones who have died.

14 November – Remembrance Sunday.

There will be an Act of Remembrance at the village War Memorial outside St. Cuthbert's Church at 10.30 (after the 9.30 service). There will be hot drinks in church afterwards.

The Royal British Legion District service this year will be at Gosforth at 3pm that afternoon.

The Church Christmas Fair will be on Saturday 4 December.

Please see posters and Church Newsletter for details nearer the time.

The United Village Carol Service this year will be at Seascale Methodist Church on Sunday 19 December at 6.30pm.

Christmas at St. Cuthbert's begins with the annual Crib Service on Christmas Eve at 4.30pm. The 'Midnight' Holy Communion starts at 11.30pm

Please look out for the greeting from all the churches which will come out just before Christmas with the service times for St. Cuthbert's, St. Joseph's and Seascale Methodist Church. You will be welcome at any of the services in any of the churches.

RECYCLING MILK BOTTLE TOPS

Many thanks to all those who bring their plastic bottle tops to the recycling bin at the Methodist Church. We have already recycled more than a quarter of a ton (102,000 approximately)! A great total.

Please could you make sure that the tops have the recycle triangle because not all plastic tops are recyclable. It also helps if you could leave them in a bag rather than throwing them in loose.

Thank you, Judy Hall

CALDER GIRLS SCHOOL

A History by H.B. Stout of Seascale and written in 1977 – edited for this magazine by Nev. Ramsden

Mary Jane Wilson 1855-1942
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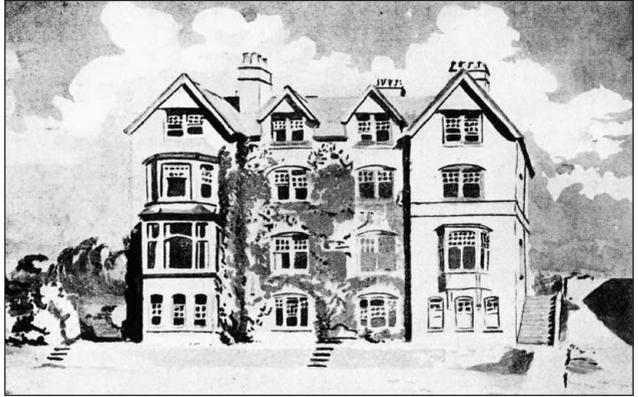
As the last visible evidence of this once successful school is obliterated by its conversion to other uses, it is perhaps a suitable time to look at the story of its foundation by the four sisters, the Misses Wilson.

The Wilsons are an old local family. Christopher farmed at St Bees and one of his sons, John, married Jane Hilton, granddaughter of Thomas & Jane Hilton of Scalegill Hall, and lived at Lonsdale Terrace, St Bees. He was at one time a general grocer & corn dealer and had a family of seven sons and four daughters – Mary Jane (1855-1942); Elizabeth (1859-1910); Annie Louisa (1863-1941) and Florence Ada (1861-1952).

The impression given of these four women is one of single-minded determination to succeed in founding and carrying on a first-class boarding school for girls. They appear to have spared no effort in their quest for self-improvement, at an age when most people are inclined to sit back and take it easy. They were undoubtedly outstanding women of their time and of this district.

In 1882 Mary and Elizabeth decided to open a private day school for girls at Park Nook, Gosforth, rented from the owner of the property Dr Parker. At the same time they rented No. 3 The Crescent, Seascale, for use as a weekly boarding school for about a dozen girls. Precisely how the two schools were run concurrently is not now known, especially bearing in mind their ages, as Florence Wilson was only 15 years old.

Park Nook continued until 1884, when they all moved to Seascale. In 1885 Joseph Hilton of



Whitehaven, their uncle, bought a large 2-year-old house on the Banks, built in 1882 by a Mr Milburn of Barrow, and he made this over to six trustees, four of whom were the Miss Wilsons. This was to become Calder House School for Girls and was so called until 1909. It was run by Mary Jane as General Factotum and Elizabeth as Headmistress.

We do not know what Elizabeth Wilson did before the school in Gosforth. However once she became established at Calder House she set about doing something to obtain qualifications for herself. She must have felt that she could hardly employ qualified staff without having any of her own.

It is thought that about 1887 Annie Louisa Wilson went to Canada to further her education and later to Germany to study German. In 1890, in company with her younger sister Florence, she opened a Junior School, at No. 14 Foxhouses Road, Whitehaven, which continued until 1895, when the two sisters moved to Workington, opening a private Girls School at No. 16 Portland Place, which eventually became Workington High School for Girls. They stayed there until 1905.

In 1906 Annie, at the age of 43, entered Newnham College, Cambridge for a year's study, and returned to Calder House at the end of 1907, where she became joint Headmistress. The elder sister Elizabeth was Headmistress, but beginning to fail in health, she resigned in the summer of

1909 and died in February 1910. She was succeeded by Annie Louise, who, on her return from Cambridge, had assumed the name of Hilton and henceforth became known as Miss Hilton Wilson.

The original Calder House was enlarged and doubled in size in 1901, to become the house it is today, and in 1906/7 Calderlyde and Calderend were built, along with the gymnasium. In 1901 there were about 30 pupils, a dozen of whom were boys. In 1909 the school became known as Calder Girls School, with 50 girls and a staff of six qualified teachers. Playing fields were bought for Lacrosse & Tennis. Board and school fees, under 12s £18.00, over 12s £23.00. Piano lessons with mistress £1.11.6, with master £2.2.0, – [prices per term ?]

By 1912 Miss Florence Wilson became Head of the Preparatory School, the staff had increased to 12, pupils to 70. In 1914 Waterhead House was taken as a Domestic Science Dept, the staff increased to 14 and the fees to £30.00. Linsdale House was bought for the use of senior girls and a sports pavilion was presented by the old boys in 1913.

The school continued to prosper under Miss Hilton Wilson and after the war Strathairlie House was added. In 1919 the large Assembly Hall with classrooms under was built. A year later Waterhead House was disposed of and Newlands House bought in its place. The following year Calderthwaite was bought and in 1926, Caldergarth. Jacksonville, later called Calder How, was bought in 1930 to replace Newlands House. There were now 100 girls and a staff of 18.

In 1939 the number of pupils increased considerably, because of the safe area in which the school was situated. However Miss Hilton died in 1941, aged 78, leaving the school to be run by Miss Florence and Miss Mary Wilson under the guidance of the senior mistress Miss Rance. Miss Mary died in 1942 and Miss Florence gradually withdrew, leaving the running of the school to Miss Rance and others.

In 1930 Miss W.M. Gardner had been appointed Music Mistress and in 1933 Miss K.M. Bellamy as Maths Teacher. These two ladies became good friends and eventually conceived the idea of taking over the school, with Miss Gardner as

Headmistress and Miss Bellamy as Joint Head and in charge of Finance.

There were 110 pupils at the school but things appeared to be at a standstill owing to lack of proper leadership. It was at this time, in 1946, that the new partners took over control.

Under new management the school took on a new lease of life and by 1951 the numbers had risen to 220 pupils. Calder Rigg was taken in 1950 and tennis courts and a hockey pitch were added. In 1951 the Hall was extended to provide cloak rooms, two class rooms and a servery.

Burnthwaite was taken over in 1952. Since 1946 it had been occupied by Miss Florence in semi-retirement. She moved to Whitehaven where she died in 1952. The house was renamed Calder Wilson in honour of the family. In 1953 further extensions were made to the Hall to provide a Staff Dining Room and Class Rooms over. Calder How was sold in 1956.

Then came the Windscale Incident. This event, aggravated by the exaggeration of newspapers and radio, had a devastating effect on the school and its pupils. Some were withdrawn immediately – others at the end of term. Applications for places dropped dramatically, but the school managed to struggle on. A further blow came with the death of Miss Gardner in 1961. By 1967 the number had dropped to 100. It was at this time that Miss Bellamy decided to close the school.

Three of the houses were sold as dwellings, Calder House became the Calder House Hotel, the other buildings being converted into houses, flats and maisonettes.



Junior House Form Room.

Recently we played our socks off, on a boat, on Ullswater for a wedding party. It was the most exhilarating experience for us and the wedding group said they felt the same way! The sound raced across the water bouncing back to us in a wild, resonating echo. There is nothing quite like the smooth sound of a saxophone in a silent open space, and to sing in that environment, well I can't describe it. To be able to do what we love in one of the most beautiful places on the planet, what an honour. Ours was the only boat with live music on it and the other wedding parties afloat on the lake could not resist following us around, it was great. Our style has been described as cool, relaxing and even theraputic and that is how it feels to us too.

I looked all over the web recently, for a musical style to describe what we do, without any success at all. I guess we are a cross-over band playing a new style of jazz that encompasses modern styles like that of Kenny G, timeless wonders like Lady in Red, standards like Wonderful World, with echoes of Karen Carpenter and Eva Cassidy rolled in.

Colin my husband and I moved to Cumbria about 6 years ago at a time when our duet was only about 2 years old. We were still feeling our way musically while we had already completed many professional performances by that time. We were



both influenced by many sources including the music played on the K-High music radio station (in Denver, Colorado <http://kkhi1019.com>) and also by fabulous saxophone players like Jonny Hooper who we met very early in our career and who gave us a slot at his restaurant in

Portugal (www.johnnyhooper.com).

We have played on the beaches and the mountains around Cumbria, developing our style in the silent spaces that only West Cumbria offers. I have even enhanced my individual sound, by singing in the Amethyst Choir based in Irton. As a group we have played in Irton Church several times and that is a life changing experience – it brings a whole new definition to the term ambience!!!

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CALDER HOUSE HOTEL'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY



Well ... after the event ... the write up! On Saturday 10 July, Calder House Hotel celebrated its Tenth Anniversary with great style, panache and a heap of entertainment! With music and acts picked from the previous decades' events (!) we were serenaded, plied with food and a wonderful night was had by all! From the beautiful Black and White theme to the starlit canopy, it was a chance for friends and neighbours to catch up and reminisce whilst enjoying the wonderful Cabaret style floor show. The dance floor was put through its paces throughout the night with the traditional finish in the Chapters bar 'til the wee small hours! A massive thank you must go to the staff of Calder House who did a sterling job manning the bars, kitchen and tables – you are stars!

It was a pleasure to be there to see Steve and Andy's venture supported by friends & staff alike. The evening was eloquently presented by Charles ... heckling at its best! And with a flourish as only he can, he presented the glamorous Karen Starkey Dancers, the fabulous Victory V's, the superb Audrey Peterson, the suave vocals of Charlie McGregor and to top it all off ... the supreme Mr Mike Halligan aka The King! Elvis is indeed alive, kicking, flirting and dancing on tables in Seascale. As well as a wonderful evening for Seascale's "elite", the event was also a fund-raiser for West Cumbria's Hospice at Home and raised a sterling £1,225. Here's hoping the boys decide to celebrate the first anniversary of the tenth! If so ... see you next year!

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