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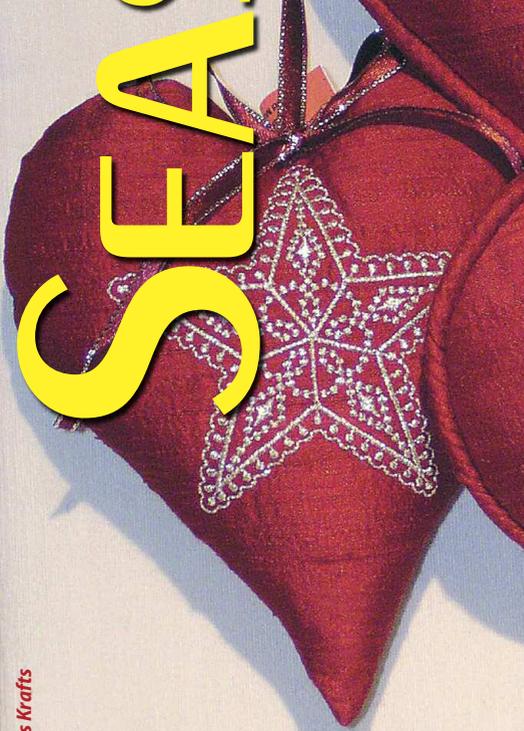
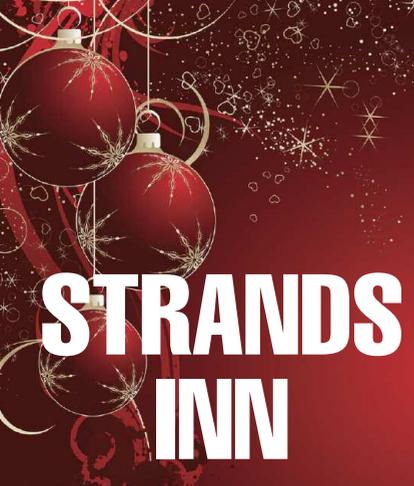


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# STRANDS INN

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# Christmas Fayre Menu

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1<sup>st</sup> December to 23<sup>rd</sup> December

## Three Courses £19.50

### Starters

#### **Soup (V)**

Chef's Cream of Mushroom flavoured with Tarragon  
served with Crusty Bread & Butter.

#### **Marinated Melon with Cassis Sorbet (V)**

A Crown of Melon Marinated in Creme De Cassis  
& topped with Cassis Sorbet

#### **Ham Hock Terrine**

A Terrine of Ham flavoured with Sun Blushed Tomatoes  
Olives & Spring Onions served on a bed of leaves  
and Beetroot, Orange & Onion Chutney

#### **Smoked Salmon Rose**

Smoked Salmon served on a bed of leaves  
with a Lemon & Dill Oil Dressing

### Main Meals

#### **Traditional Roast Turkey & Seasoning**

Served with Seasonal Vegetables,  
Potatoes, Cranberry Sauce & Gravy

#### **Cod Steak**

An Oven-baked Cod Steak Topped with Onion, Tomatoes & Cheese  
served with a Garden Salad, Basil Oil & New Potatoes

#### **Wild Mushroom & Asparagus Risotto (V)**

A Wild Mushroom & Asparagus Cake Topped with Mediterranean  
style Roasted Vegetables Drizzled in a Balsamic Reduction  
& served with a  
Red Onion & Sun Blushed Tomato Salad

#### **Roast Loin of Pork**

Roast Loin of Pork served with our homemade  
Forcemeat Stuffing and a Redcurrant & Rosemary Sauce,  
Seasonal Vegetables and Potatoes

### Desserts

#### **Traditional Christmas Pudding**

served with a Cointreau & Orange Sauce

#### **Chocolate Mint Cheesecake**

Our homemade Chocolate Mint Cheesecake  
served with Cream & a bitter Chocolate Sauce

#### **Strands Sherry Trifle**

With Walnuts and Served with Cream

#### **Coffee & Walnut Gateau**

served with Cream & Caramelised Oranges



# PARISH NEWS

I am sure you all enjoyed our Indian Summer while it lasted – it was good to see so many people on the beach and play areas. It was sad that the good weather didn't last for the KiteFest – it was still good to watch but very cold.

*We are so proud of our firemen who were recognised for their bravery on 2 June 2010. Along with Egremont firemen, they were given the Operational Excellence Award at a ceremony held in Abbey House in Barrow.*

**The ladies from Seascale Bowling Club had a very successful year. Maureen Eccles won the Ladies Single Championship at Seascale then went on to win the Champion of Champions and became Single Champion of Cumbria. Maureen, Jenny Walker, Myrtle Harvey and Christine Southward became the Champions of Cumbria and went to Leamington to represent the county. Maureen and Jenny won Over 55s County Competition and also represented the county at Leamington.**

*Seascale cricketers also had a good year, staying in the top half of the league.*

**Christmas celebrations will be on 11 December starting at 3pm – please watch the notice boards and website for further information. We will have carols and songs in the sports hall and have the promise of fireworks again.**

*We are hoping to have brackets outside the shops in the village for small trees and thereafter for flags during the Diamond Jubilee celebrations in June.*

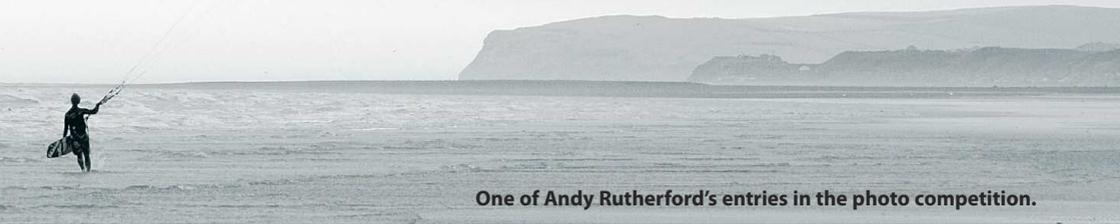
**We are hoping the beach improvements will be getting underway in the next few months.**

*Our village treasure David Morgan is not very well at present and we wish him well and a return to good health.*

**The newsletter team would like some feedback from our readers. Letters would be welcome whether it is to criticise, give us new stories or hints for the future. We would like to print some of them.**

*The team wishes you all the best for Christmas and a prosperous and healthy New Year.*

*Eileen Eastwood, Seascale Parish Council*



One of Andy Rutherford's entries in the photo competition.



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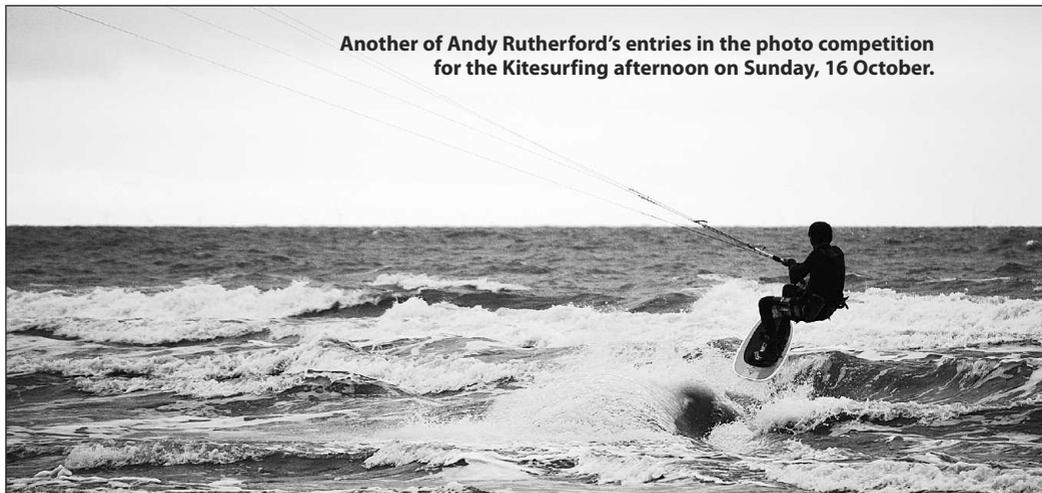
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Wednesday	9 - 2.30pm
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UNISEX HAIR SALON

Another of Andy Rutherford's entries in the photo competition for the Kitesurfing afternoon on Sunday, 16 October.



## CHESTER CHRISTMAS SHOPPER

**Saturday 10 December**

A diesel-hauled excursion with Standard class, 1st class and Pullman stock will be making a round trip from Carlisle to Chester and back, stopping at major towns, and Seascale, on our west coast line.

It calls at Wigton, Maryport, Workington, Whitehaven, St Bees, Seascale, Millom, Barrow-in-Furness, Ulverston, Grange over Sands, Lancaster, Preston and then non-stop to Chester.

**It will be picking up at Seascale at 08:37, and dropping off at 20:10.**

### Fares

Adult: Standard £65, 1st Class Plus £109,  
Pullman Dining £199  
Child: Standard £50, 1st Class Plus £89,  
Pullman Dining £199

**Standard:** Licensed buffet car available.

**1st Class Plus:** Morning coffee, danish pastries. Return traditional afternoon tea.

**Pullman:** Champagne full English breakfast, light luncheon. Return: Champagne welcome on board, 4-course Christmas dinner, ½-bottle wine per person plus a port or brandy.

**Promoted by HF Railtours:**

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**Booking agent:** Pathfinder Tours

Tel: 01453 835414 or 01453 834477

**Fuller details on Seascale Parish Council website: <http://www.seascale.org.uk>**

### PARISH COUNCILLORS

Eileen Eastwood	28653	Andrew Woollass	28218
Elaine Dickinson	27288	<b>Clerk</b>	
Rodney Kimber	28723	Judith Kirkham	28449
Ken Mawson	29786	<b>Copeland District Councillors</b>	
John McElroy	28443	Eileen Eastwood	28653
David Moore	27674	David Moore	27674
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Malcolm Southward	01946 66047	<b>Other Useful Numbers</b>	
Phil Taylor	28020	Cumbria Highways Hotline	0845 609 6609
Clive Willoughby	07741 007495	Copeland Direct	0845 054 8600

# NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER IN ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH, SEASCALE

## Remembrance Sunday 13 November

There will be an Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial outside St Cuthbert's Church at 10.30am (after the 9.30am morning service). There will be hot drinks in the Church afterwards. The Royal British Legion Remembrance service this year will be at 3pm in St Bridget's, Calderbridge.

## Christmas Fair Saturday 3 December

The annual Christmas Fair this year is on Saturday 3 December starting at 11am. The Raffle will be drawn at 1pm. Please see posters and the Church newsletter nearer the time.

## Christmas Services

The Village Carol Service this year will be in St Joseph's Church on Sunday 18 December at 6.30pm – everyone is welcome.

There will be a Crib service for all the family at St Cuthbert's on Christmas Eve at 4.30pm and a 'Midnight' Holy Communion at 11.30pm. The Christmas morning services are 8am at St Cuthbert's and 10am at St Peter's in Drigg.

## Messy Church

Messy Church is a joint venture by St Cuthbert's and Seascale Methodist Church on a Saturday once a month at 11am in St Cuthbert's Church Hall. It offers crafts, worship and fun for children of all ages and ends with a simple meal together. All we ask is that all the children are accompanied by a parent, grandparent or carer. Coming dates: Saturdays 12 November and 10 December.

## MARCH SEASCALE MAGAZINE

Closing date for contributions – editorial and advertising – for the March edition to be published on the first weekend, is 14 February.  
news@epic-gb.com

## 2ND SEASCALE METHODIST BROWNIES

I would like to welcome Zoe Scrugham and Genevieve Evans to our Brownie pack who joined us in September, and by the time this magazine is published should be well on their way to making their promise and becoming fully-fledged brownies. We are going to be very busy brownies and leaders in the next few months as we are currently planning a wintery sleepover where I aim to achieve my sleepover licence. This enables me to take away the girls for one night as leader in charge.

Hopefully next year sometime I will also be planning to gain my Pack holiday licence, which allows me to take the brownies away for more than one night, but as you may be aware that there is a LOT of planning that needs to be done in preparation.

We are currently working on selection of badges that aim to increase self-esteem, self-image, and confidence. We propose to do this because the media is having a huge effect on the girls and how they think of themselves and each other. By doing clauses and challenges towards the badges hopefully we can turn these negative images into positive ones.

As a unit we are trying to establish the internet, as everything these days is on the net. It's harder than we first thought but we have managed to set up the internet banking system for subs, which is becoming more and more popular.

This year we have decided that as an organisation we would like to raise money for Children In Need and our own brownie funds by holding a Pudsey Bear Party. This will be held on Friday 18 November and it will be open to children between the ages of 5 and 10. It will be at the Windscale Club in Seascale so please come along and support Children In Need.

Look out for the posters around the village for more information.

I also want to say a big thank you to the leaders – Lynn, Jennifer, Joan, Maggie and Sarah S for all their support and dedication to brownies because without their planning and Tuesday nights brownies wouldn't happen.

*Sarah Huddleston*

# ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH FLOWER FESTIVAL 2012

Next summer will be a Summer of Celebrations, with the Diamond Jubilee and the London Olympics, and to start it all off, St Cuthbert's Church Flower Festival on 4-7 May 2012.

We want to use the occasion to showcase the Church and celebrate what is good about Seascale. The theme chosen is the 350th Anniversary of the publication of The Book of Common Prayer in 1662. That might not sound very exciting, but the services in the Prayer Book touch on every stage and experience of life – morning and evening, happy times and sad times, the richness of its language and poetry, and its place at the heart of English history. As a recently closed newspaper boasted, "All human life is here".

We hope that as many people in the community as possible will get involved and make this an event for the village as well as the church.

The church will be open from 10am to 4pm on Friday, Saturday and May Bank Holiday Monday, and 2-5pm on the Sunday.

As well as the displays there will be evening events including one with West Cumberland Choral Society and Choral Evensong on the Sunday.

We would appreciate sponsorship from the community and also volunteers to help in any way. More details from the Vicar, Rev. John Woolcock, on Seascale 28217, or Church members.

## SEASCALE SOUTH SIGNAL BOX

Many older village residents will remember the extensive goods yard where the bowling club now sits. This, of course, included the goods shed – now the Sport's Hall – and the water tower. You might also remember that there was a lie-by siding extending southwards towards Whitrigg's Bridge, where Sellafield trains used to lie over until called on to work the Millom school train. Opposite the yard entrance, on the coast side of the line, directly in line with the current blue United Utilities sign to the sewage works entrance, there used to be a signal box. I would assume that this went when the goods yard closed, very late '60s or early '70s. However, there was a second box – called Seascale South – some 705 yards along the track towards Drigg, which controlled the Drigg sidings. This would place it on the Drigg side of the Whitrigg's Bridge, actually in sight of the original Seascale Box.

I suspect it opened when the Royal Ordnance Factory opened at Drigg, so just before or during the war, but we have no records as to when it opened, when it was closed, how the sidings within the ROF site were arranged or how trains accessed the ROF site. There must have been some connection from the southbound line into the site, but we do not know where. We know that this changed as the site became used for nuclear waste, and Drigg signal box took over the control of the sidings which were accessed from just north of Drigg station, with a crossover

just north of that to allow trains from Sellafield to enter the site.

If you have any memories of this set up, could help answer any of these queries, or even have any photographs which we might be able to copy– or even better, add to the Cumbrian Railways Association archives, please do let me know.

*Graham Worsnop. 019467 28296 or  
fieldtrips@cumbrianrailwaysassociation.org.uk*



**On 23 October some Parish Councillors cleaned the stream and tidied up in the Dell. The difference this made is very clear.**

# EVENTS CALENDAR in and around Seascale

Find updates at: [www.seascale.org.uk](http://www.seascale.org.uk)

- 4 November** – Friday. West Coast Salvage (Emma and Paul) live at the Royal Oak, Beckermets. 8pm. See page 24.
- 9 November** – Wednesday. West Cumbria Guild of Model Engineers meeting. Harrington Fishing and Sailing Club, 7.30pm. Visitors welcome. Details: 019467 28938.
- 10 November** – Thursday. Open Mind Art Appreciation Group meeting "Some Victorian Artists" 10.45am St Joseph's Church Hall, Seascale.
- 12 November** – Saturday. Messy Church. St Cuthbert's Church Hall, 11am. Children (of all ages) must be accompanied by an adult.
- 12 November** – Saturday. A night of acoustic and folk music with West Lakeland Rotary. Red Admiral, Gosforth. Hot buffet included in £10 ticket per person. Proceeds go to local charity. Details: Roger Lomas 019467 25552.
- 12-13 November** – Saturday & Sunday. Winter Gift Fair by Ravensglass Railway. Dalegarth Station, Boot in Eskdale. Saturday 11am-8pm. Sunday 11am-4pm. Gifts, visiting artisans, craftsmen. Car park £1 all day. See page 57.
- 13 November** – Sunday. Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial outside St Cuthbert's Church, 10.30am (after the 9.30am morning service).
- 13 November** – Sunday. Royal British Legion service in St Bridget, Calderbridge, 3pm.
- 16 November** – Wednesday. Cumbria Wildlife Trust West Coast Support Group "Turks and Caicos Wildlife – keeping the jungle at bay". An illustrated talk by Dr Duncan Hutt From Northumberland Wildlife Trust after his sabbatical working in the islands. 7.30pm, Gosforth Methodist Room. Admission £1.50 includes refreshments. See page 52.
- 17 November** – Thursday. Open Mind West Lakes U3A AGM, 10.15am, followed at 11am by talk "Northern Greenland and its National Parks" by Dr Rob David. Drigg Village Hall.
- 18 November** – Friday. Disco/Pudsey Party for 2nd Seascale Methodist Brownies. Windscale Club, between 6.30pm and 9pm. Face painting and snack stalls. In aid of raising money for Children in Need and brownie funds. There will be an entrance fee.
- 22 November** – Tuesday. NSPCC Event. West Lakes Academy Wind Band. St Cuthbert's Church Hall, 7pm for 7.30pm. £4.
- 23 November** – Wednesday. Open Mind Discovery Group meeting "The Rise and Fall of Marchon" by Gordon Atkinson and John Kennedy. 10.15am St Mary's Church Room, Gosforth.
- 26 November** – Saturday. Seascale Arts and Crafts Christmas Fair 10am-4pm, Windscale Club. Details from Clive Willoughby: 01946721026. See page 43.
- 3 December** – Saturday. Christmas Fair, St Cuthbert's Church Hall, starting 11am. Raffle to be drawn at 1pm.
- 4, 11, 18 December – Sundays + 21, 22 and 27 to 29 December** – Christmas at Muncaster Castle. See website for continual updates: <http://www.muncaster.co.uk/christmas-castle-0>
- 7 December** – Wednesday. Open Mind History Group Christmas Lunch and Carols. Calder House Hotel, Seascale.
- 8 December** – Thursday. Open Mind Art Appreciation Group meeting "Review of the year and pre-Christmas get-together". 10.45am St Joseph's Church Hall, Seascale. Contact Jean Taylor, Organiser: 019467 28713.
- 9 December** – Friday. Holmrook Reading Room mince pies and wine. Tickets and info from Val de Gasperi: 019467 24105.
- 10 December** – Saturday. Chester Christmas Shopper. Diesel-hauled train excursion to Chester from Carlisle, picking up at Seascale 8.37am, and returning at 20.10. Standard, First class and Pullman. [www.hf-railtours.co.uk](http://www.hf-railtours.co.uk). Bookings 01453 835414. See page 6.
- 10 December** – Saturday. Messy Church. St Cuthbert's Church Hall, 11am. Children (of all ages) must be accompanied by an adult.
- 11 December** – Sunday. Christmas lights switch-on. 3pm, carols in Sports Hall followed by fireworks and the official lights switch-on.
- 11 December** – Sunday. West Cumbria Guild of Model Engineers Santa Special running on Curwen Hall Park track. Noon to 3pm (laid on for Workington Nursery School but rides open to other visitors).
- 14 December** – Wednesday. West Cumbria Guild of

**If you know of events after 3 March that would interest residents of Seascale please email to [news@epic-gb.com](mailto:news@epic-gb.com) for publication in our next magazine.**

Model Engineers meeting. Christmas nibbles and display of items of engineering interest. Harrington Fishing and Sailing Club, 7.30pm. Visitors welcome. Details: 019467 28938.

**15 December** – Thursday. Open Mind West Lakes U3A "The Musical Menagerie and Mince Pies" with Gavin, Jo and Xandra. 10.15am, Drigg Village Hall.

**18 December** – Sunday. Morning Service. St Joseph's Church, 8am. St Peter's, Drigg, 10am.

**18 December** – Sunday. Crib Service. St Joseph's Church, 4.30pm.

**18 December** – Sunday. Village Carol Service. St Joseph's Church, 6.30pm. All are welcome.

**18 December** – Sunday. Midnight Service. St Joseph's Church, 11.30pm.

**11 January 2012** – Wednesday. West Cumbria Guild of Model Engineers meeting. Harrington Fishing and Sailing Club, 7.30pm. Visitors welcome. Details: 019467 28938.

**8 February 2012** – Wednesday. Cumbria Wildlife Trust West Coast Support Group. Illustrated talk by

Bill Shaw about his 6 months on St Kilda island. Seascale Methodist Church Hall, 7.30pm. £1.50 includes refreshments

**7 March 2012** – Wednesday. Cumbria Wildlife Trust West Coast Support Group. Illustrated talk by Mike Douglas on the Uplands Juniper Project. Gosforth Methodist Room, 7.30pm. £1.50 includes refreshments. See page 52.

**18 April 2012** – Wednesday. Cumbria Wildlife Trust West Coast Support Group. Illustrated talk on Golden Eagles by Neil Harnott, Senior Conservation Officer, CWT. Seascale Methodist Church Hall, 7.30pm. £1.50 includes refreshments. See page 52.

**4-7 May 2012** – Friday to Monday. St Cuthbert's Church Flower Festival. St Cuthbert's Church. 10am-4pm Friday, Saturday and bank holiday Monday. 2pm-5pm Sunday. Details from Rev. John Woolcock, 28217.

**1-3 June 2012** – Friday-Sunday. Whitehaven Festival.

**27 August 2012** – Bank holiday Monday. Black Combe Country Fair, behind Millstone's, Bootle. 11.30am start.

## REGULAR EVENTS

**Guides.** Every Tuesday during school term time. 7.15-8.45pm, usually at Gosforth Public Hall. Contact: Sue Smith.

**Open Mic Night** – Strands, Nether Wasdale. First Wednesday every month. 9pm start. Live music by various singers and groups, including regular appearances by Emma and Paul Winstanley. See page 24.

**Open Mind West Lakes U3A.** Third Thursday every month. Gosforth Public Hall. Coffee 10.15am. Speaker starts 11am. Members £1.50. Visitors £2.50. Contact: Mrs Jo Froggatt 019467 28759.

**Open Mind West Lakes U3A Discovery Group.** Fourth Wednesday every month. St Mary's Rooms, Gosforth. Coffee 10.15am. Speaker starts 11am. Members £1.50. Visitors £2.50. Contact: Mrs Jo Froggatt 019467 28759.

**Open Mind West Lakes U3A History Group.** First Wednesday every month. Drigg Village Hall. Coffee 10.15am. Speaker starts 11am. Members £1.50. Visitors £2.50. Contact: Mrs Jo Froggatt 019467 28759.

**Open Mind West Lakes U3A Art Appreciation Group.** Second Thursday every month. St Joseph's Church Hall, Seascale. 10.30am for 10.45am. Speaker starts 11am. Members £1.50. Visitors £2.50. Contact: Mrs Jo Froggatt 019467 28759.

**Over '60s Lunches. Strands, Nether Wasdale.**

Monday to Thursday, noon to 2.30pm. One course £5, 2 courses £7, 3 courses £9. 019467 (See page 14)

**Pensioners' Lunches** – Calder House Hotel, Seascale. Every Friday, 12 noon - 2pm. Any main course £3.99. Desserts £2.00 extra. Booking not required. See page 33.

**Rangers.** Every Tuesday during school term time. 7.15-8.45pm, usually in supper room at Gosforth Public Hall. Contact: Sue Smith.

**Scottish Country Dancing** – Windscale Club, Seascale. Every Wednesday from September to April at 7.30pm. Beginners very welcome.

**Scouts.** 2nd Seascale Scout Group. Every Thursday night in school term time. St Cuthberts Hall. Beavers (6-8 years), 5-6pm. Cubs (8-10 years), 6-7.30pm. Scouts (10-14½ years), 7.30-9pm. Contact: 28296 or info@seascalescouts.org.uk

**Seascale Parish Council Meetings.** First Wednesday of each month. 7.30pm in the Methodist Schoolroom. No meeting in August unless there is urgent business.

**West Cumbria Guild of Model Engineers meetings.** Second Wednesday every month. Harrington Fishing and Sailing Club, 7.30pm. Visitors welcome. Details: 019467 28938.

**West Cumbria Guild of Model Engineers train running on Curwen Hall Park track.** Sundays 2-3pm in fine weather.

# EILEEN EASTWOOD

**Eileen Eastwood has retired from her post as Chair to Seascale Parish Council. Throughout her time in office she enthusiastically pursued, led or supported many village projects. Here are just a few.**

## **Turning the Tide in 1996**

This was meant to work in conjunction with the project to replace the Scawfell Hotel with a conference centre, fitness centre and spa. The Parish Council worked with co-operation and funding from Voluntary Action Cumbria and North East Regeneration to provide about 15-20 pieces of play equipment on the foreshore, helped by a lot of hard work from David Moore, Ken Mawson, Tony Holman and Barbara Ramsden.

A Questionnaire was put together to gauge the needs and aspirations of the villagers. A copy was sent to every home and a 35% response was received.

There were many aspirations arising from the questionnaire that came to nothing, but they brought a smile to the collators and included an airport and a F1 racing circuit! One project that the Council did look into was a swimming pool, but the building and running costs were prohibitive, so we will have to use nature's pond – the Irish Sea!

Sheltered Housing, after 12 years, three surveys, meetings with several interested parties such as North West Housing, many phone calls, but to date nothing has happened. The Parish Council is still trying.

## **The 1997 Calendar**

1997 saw the Parish Council celebrate its 100-year birthday. To mark the occasion a black and white Calendar was produced from the reproduction of old postcards with a witty narrative for each month written by Miss Audrey Jackson.

## **The Seascale Information Notice Board**

As part of the ongoing improvements to help our visitors it was decided that instead of a normal notice board the Parish Council would install something more pleasing to the eye. Parish Councillor Bernard Dickinson did the design and built a model of the intended design. Sue Allan was responsible for the design of the

map of the flora and fauna along with the local footpaths. It was made possible by a grant from the Parish Paths Partnership granted in the Winter 1997.

## **The 1997 Rural Challenge**

This saw the extension of the sports hall renewal of the surface and fences on the Coniston Avenue play area, more picnic tables, soft landscaping around the water tower and sports hall.

## **The Cannon**

Eileen wrote to Lt Colonel David Brown at the Eskmeals Gun range and asked if Seascale could have one of the cannons from outside the main gate. I would have loved to have seen the Colonel's face as he read Eileen's letter. This was to replace the cannon Seascale once had on the foreshore and which was sold in 1940 to support the war effort. After many letters and visits David Brown managed to acquire a 1690's Rose & Crown pattern barrelled cannon from HMS Nelson, the Navy's shore-based storage unit. The gun's carriage was made by the apprentices at Eskmeals and was installed in July 1998.

## **The Millennium Celebration**

Parish Council chairman Eileen Eastwood said that re-installing the pier or landing stage which once stood near South Parade has so far been the most popular suggestion. It would fit in well with the other work being carried out, such as the Victorian lighting along the seafront, the castle to house the cannon and the sun clock. The Parish Council also part contributed to the new flagpole to replace the one that once stood outside the Scawell Hotel.

## **Roads & Pavements**

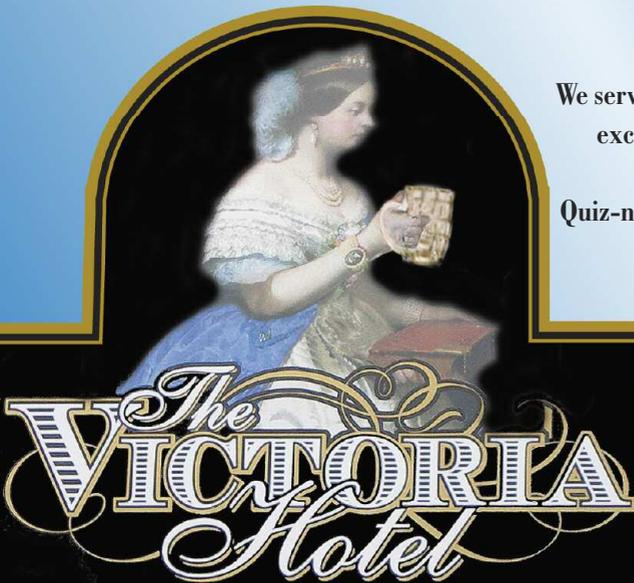
After the installation of the new waste water treatment works the quality of the re-instatement work could best be described as appalling. Eileen and I walked the roads & pavements and took pictures of all of the problem areas. Eileen wrote many letters and managed to persuade the Water Board to properly re-instate the worst areas and replace all of the flowering bulbs in the Dell and at the entrance to the village.

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## BNFL's Pavements

A decision by the factory management resulted in the estate's pavements being handed over to the property company Villagate along with the houses, garages & grassed areas still in their possession. This was on the condition that they re-instated the pavements to an adoptable standard to satisfy the requirements of the County Council. It took 10 years of

continuous negotiation between Villagate, Dixon Webb and the Parish Council before the work was finally completed.

## The Seascale to Gosforth Cycle Way

Eileen started to try and achieve what many thought was impossible – an inter village cycle way – when she was appointed the Vice Chair of the Council over 20 years ago; it has been on-going ever since. Today things are looking up and hopefully this project will start to move forward during 2012.

## Christmas Celebrations

The Parish Council introduced the Christmas lights competition in 1997 to help brighten the village in midwinter. A major part of our Christmas celebrations has been the Concert in the sports hall which included the Egremont



town band and carol singing, followed by the switch-on of the lights and then refreshments in the Pavilion. Over the last few years Eileen has raised funds to replace the original Christmas lights with those that comply with the current safety regulations. Since 2005 the celebrations have concluded with a superb fireworks display.

## Sports Hall

While Eileen was chair of the Sports Hall committee the annual water rate payment suddenly increased from £250 to £1000 in one year. It was impossible for Sports Hall users to pay that amount and would have led to its closure. It took over 12 months to resolve this problem – with, you guessed it, letters, phone calls and visits. After all this the current payment is only £350 each year.



Eileen has achieved so much on behalf of our village since 1996, and I am sure I will have missed out many of her achievements. Sorry, Eileen!

*Barbara Ramsden*



# Haven Beauty

## *Christmas Magic*

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**Look no further than Haven Beauty  
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**Bomb Cosmetics Bath Bombs,**  
**Soaps, Rosey Bath Confetti,**  
**Cath Kidston Hand Creams**  
to **Beautiful Handbags and Jewellery.**

**Not forgetting  
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**All you need for Christmas.**



Fantasy Island



Chocolate Heaven



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Bedazzled



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# GUIDES

At the time of writing the article for the last Seascale Newsletter we were just about to go on our annual holiday. We took up residence in The Green just outside Millom and used Thwaites Village Hall and the surrounding playing field to enjoy a combination of activities and chill time.

On one of the days we caught the train to Barrow, went swimming and then hit the shops! The Patrol Leaders made a fantastic job of planning the menu and the programme for the duration of the holiday, and also looked after our younger members and the leaders! I don't think the Leaders have ever come home from a Guide residential feeling so relaxed and rested – very well done girls.

September saw an influx of new members who have all settled really well. We currently have 38 girls in the unit, split into six Patrols or working groups each led by one of our older members. We devoted the first few meetings of term getting to know each other and team building activities. Here's what some of our new members thought about their first few weeks at Guides:

**It wasn't scary at all.**

*It was scary, but it's OK now.*

Everyone was welcoming.

Everyone was friendly.

**I was a bit shy when I started Guides.**

*It's fun.*

**At first it was scary but I know more people now.**

While I was asking questions, I thought it might be a good idea to find out the thoughts of some of the Patrol Leaders (who are all aged 13) what they felt about their role...

It's amazing and gives you a lot of life skills. You get to make a lot of decisions and it's great.

**Being a Patrol Leader is fun and it gives you more responsibility. It's great meeting new people.**

You feel good about yourself because you are helping younger people to have fun and you like to see them smile.

**IT'S A BIG RESPONSIBILITY.**

I didn't want to leave anyone out, so below are some of the reasons the girls enjoy coming to Guides...

*Meeting people. Fun, Residential and going places, Doing new things, Doing things you can't do at home, Making new friends, Catching up with*

**friends, GFIs** (or Go For Its - these are the themed activities that the patrols use to self programme part of each meeting).

Well, our latest residential was a weekend in London. The main reason for going was to join thousands of other Guides at a pop concert (the BIG GIG) at Wembley Arena. Some of our members have written about our trip:

*There were three performances over the weekend – all sell outs! We joined the train at Carlisle. There were already Guides from Glasgow on board and as we travelled south several more groups got onto the train. It wasn't until we reached Euston that we bumped into St Bees Guides who had sneaked on board at Penrith. Then we caught the underground to our hostel in Earls Court. It was in a huge Victorian House. We settled into our dormitories and then back onto the underground to investigate Oxford Circus, followed by supper at McDonalds. We've never seen so many people, it was amazing. We understand the word multicultural a bit more now as well.*

*More underground – we were beginning to understand how it worked now – and we arrived at Wembley. As we went it we could hear the noise and feel the whole building vibrating. There were thousands and thousands of Guides. The acts were brill: Ed Sheeran, Olly Murs, Pixie Lott, The Wanted, Eliza Doolittle and loads more.*

*On Sunday we walked around some of the London sights. We heard BIG BEN strike 10 and saw the Houses of Parliament. Then we walked by the River Thames, up to Trafalgar Square and along the Mall before catching the underground back to Euston for our return journey. There were groups of Guides from all over the place. Just amazing. We asked some of our other Guides what they thought.*

**Amazing, I <3 'The Wanted' and 'Olly Murs'. It was the best experience ever seeing Olly Murs.**

**I <3 Olly Murs forever.**

**Pixie Lott can sing!!!!!!**

**The BIG GIG is the best thing that ever happened and I <3 Ed Sheeran, he is amazing.**

We are now thinking ahead to Christmas – craft evening, party, Christmas Fair, Christingle and preparing for our next charity fundraiser in the New Year. No doubt there will be a sleepover soon too.

Sue Smith

# SCOUTS AND CUBS

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## **Imaginative Beavers**

Beavers (6 to 8 years) continued working towards their Imagination Badge this term (their fabulous Buzzy Bug Hotel being their creation made from various materials). They used their imagination to act out short well-known stories with surprising endings. The Gingerbread Man had a disco with the fox, old lady and Man, The enormous Turnip stayed in the ground and the couple went to the shop and brought a turnip for their soup and the Giant in Jack and the Beanstalk got the Magic Hen back and Jack's apologies for taking things that did not belong to him! The Beavers will achieve their Imagination Badge once they have thought about life in the future.

## **Explosives found!**

Beavers had an exciting visit to the Sellafield Police Dog Centre, where they learned about how the dogs (and their handlers) are trained in obedience, tracking, and searching for property and explosives. Beavers were surprised when the dog in search of explosive took an interest in Derika's (Beaver Scout Leader Eve) bag. She was very insistent that her bag only contained tennis balls and not explosives!

## **Cubs take off**

Before the summer holidays the cubs (8 to 10 years) were practising their tent pitching skills and are now looking forward to putting them into practice, but we'll wait until the weather is a bit warmer. The cubs have been completing the national survey about cubs and it was clear that their favourite part of scouting was going on camp. We have just been on a district trip to The Solway Aviation Museum at Carlisle. Thirty-three cubs had a fantastic day out and were not deterred by the rain! Their favourite part of the day was getting to go inside the Vulcan (this was also the best part of the day for the dads who had come on the trip) followed by the game they created using the other aircraft we were able to go inside. The cubs who went on this trip have all earned their Air Activities badge.

## **Cubs Challenge**

We made use of the surprise warm weather we had recently by completing some sections towards their Fitness Challenge badge and cubs

are completing other sections of this challenge badge at home. We have several cubs who are nearing completing all the requirements for the Silver Chief Scouts Award – the highest badge available to cubs.

## **Police**

Scouts (10-14½) have learned about Anti-Social Behaviour during an excellent evening led by a parent Police Officer and our local Police Community Support Officer, Peter Bradley. We are also looking forward to a trip to Whitehaven Police Station, although not as a result of anti-social behaviour!

## **Knives**

Today's society is very risk averse. The Scout Association recognises the importance of a good attitude to risk. Knives are an essential part of the Scout tool-kit and the safe use of this tool is very important. The Scouts honed their skills by whittling tent pegs. They branded their names on their peg so that they can see their peg in use in years to come.

## **Emergency**

It seemed sensible to teach Emergency Aid at the same time as knives, just in case. But the Scouts learned how to deal with an unconscious casualty as well as patching up a cut hand.

## **Dragons**

In our own version of Dragons' Den, the Scouts worked in patrols in this entrepreneurial challenge. Decisions had to be made on which raw materials to buy from 'the shop' and which tools to hire in order to make various products that had to be sold at 'the market'. The products ranged from decorated cakes to wired plugs (the fact that all new electrical goods must now come with a plug fitted was clearly evident).

## **Planes**

We also had an informative trip to the Solway Aviation Museum. We learned the difference between a turbo-prop and a turbo-shaft engine, but the highlight was sitting in the cockpit of a Vulcan bomber, which had been involved in the Falklands conflict of 1982.

## **Mud**

Scouts are also looking forward to doing what all young people like doing best; getting very, very

dirty. One of our favourite routes from Drigg round Hallsenna Moor will be guaranteed to provide the mud we need. Parents: a change of clothes, a bin bag and a hose down in the garden will be required.

### **Volunteers**

We are very grateful to the parent helpers who have helped out with all the sections. We have only one leader in each of the cub and scout sections, so we cannot run without outside help. On top of this, one leader will retire this coming summer, and another will have to change their commitment due to relocation away from site. We are looking at how we can accommodate these changes, but it is looking very likely that we will have to close one section if new leaders do not come forward. If you would be at all interested in working with any of our age groups, or doing 'back room' helping with equipment, admin etc., please do contact me, we really do need you.

The Scout Movement is the largest volunteer youth movement in the world. In the UK there are 400,000 members, consisting boys and girls from age 6 to 25 and adult leaders and supporters. Seascale Scout Group meets on Thursday and caters for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, and has links with the local Explorer Scout unit. To find out more, please contact: [Info@SeascaleScouts.org.uk](mailto:Info@SeascaleScouts.org.uk) or phone Seascale 28296. *Graham Worsnop, Group Scout Leader*

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## A MEMORY OF 1 SOUTH PARADE

Robert Pettigrew Barnes was born in 1855 in Ravenstonedale, which was in the county of Westmorland at the time of his birth. He married Julia nee Lees and they moved initially to the Frizington – Arlecdon area where he became a grocer for the Co-op. He later started his own grocery business in Gosforth and traded under the name R.P. Barnes and son in the shop premises next to the Globe Hotel.

Robert and Julia had eight children, four of whom were sons but one son and daughter died in childhood. Of the remaining sons Thomas Fothergill (born 1887) was the eldest son who followed his Father into the business. Jack emigrated to Australia after the First World War and Robert (Bob) became an international tea merchant.

Tom married Lillie Ann (nee Cook) in 1909 and they had three children, Winnie, Edward Fothergill (Ted) and Margaret (Madge). Ted worked for his father in the Gosforth shop.

In 1936 Tom branched out and bought the

grocery business in Seascale from the Estate of the late E. Mayson; a business which had, previous to Mr Mason's ownership, belonged to T. Johnston who traded in the premises as a general store. Tom Barnes named his newly acquired business T.F. Barnes & Son and put his Son Edward (Ted) in as manager. The premises is 1 South Parade and is the first one to the beach side of the railway bridge, and which currently is 'Shackles Off' – the youth drop in centre.

It also included the premises next door – 2 South Parade, which was initially leased to F.N. Fiddler, as a haberdashery but was later incorporated into the main shop for display and storage.

Ted Barnes married Margaret (nee Dickson) in 1940 and when he was called up to join the RAF, Margaret managed the shop in his absence during the war years. Their only child Jennifer was born towards the end of 1944.

In 1950 Ted and Margaret bought the business from Ted's Father and simultaneously they entered into a business partnership agreement



## T.F. BARNES & SON, GROCERS 1936-1979

Top Left: 1908 – Postcard of shop as Johnston's with children.

Top Right: 1979 – 1 & 2 South Parade shopfront.



1921 – Postcard of the shop as Johnstons with Mr Johnston standing in front.



1950's – T.F. Barnes & Son shop with Fiddler's next door.



**1958: Top Shop during conversion.**

with one another. By this time the business was flourishing with the building of additional housing in Seascale to accommodate the influx of staff to the 'Sellafield' nuclear site. New residents liked to try new things and the shop quickly built a reputation as a delicatessen. A large variety of cheeses cut to order and a range of coffee beans ground to order gave the shop an enticing aroma and people came from miles around to shop there for various, then exotic,

**1958: Top Shop on completion.**



foods. Many local people worked in the shop during its years of trading and it reached a pinnacle when it appeared in the Susan Campbell guide to Good Food Shops in early 1979 on the recommendation of its customers both local and visiting.

In 1958 the Barnes's opened one of the early self service shops in the premises now opposite 'Pellymounters' (now the Chinese Takeaway 'Sunrise'). This was always known locally as the 'Top Shop'.

In 1979, the Barnes's decided to retire and sold the shop, to trade under the same title, to Kilpatrick's but the business did not survive as a grocers for much longer in the Seascale premises. Sadly Ted Barnes died on

New Year's Eve 1980 and the many letters of sympathy to his family expressed the great affection in which he was held by the many people of the village who knew him through the shop.

Since then 1 South Parade has been a Building Society, a Fashion Shop and for long periods unoccupied until 'Shackles Off' leased it.

*Tom Jones (husband of Jennifer nee Barnes)*



1958 – Top Shop with Janet Cook and Jack Tyson.

1979 – Jennifer Jones (nee Barnes) ad her dad in the shop.



1979 – Ted & Margaret Barnes at the cheese counter with their daughter Jennifer.

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West Coast Salvage are Emma Winstanley (vocals and percussion) and Paul Winstanley (guitars and vocals). Emma and Paul first played together at their wedding in August 2010, which is perhaps strange as they'd been a couple for about two years and were both 'unattached' musicians throughout that time. Emma comes from a relatively classical background, having completed a music degree and trained as an opera singer, specialising in German lieder. She performed frequently as a soloist while studying music, most notably a solo concert of Mahler's 'Kindertoten-lieder' at Trinity College Chapel, Cambridge. Paul's history is a little more 'lo-fi', being a self-taught guitarist, initially playing rock, indie and punk-pop, and more recently moving to folk and minimalist rock. In the early '90s he

recorded a Peel session with his then band, Jules Verne, a Liverpool-based punk-pop 5-piece.

Throughout late 2010 and early 2011 they played together as 'Emma & Paul', mainly at local parties and open mics but also at the Mawbray Festival (August 2011), covering artists as diverse as Led Zeppelin, the Velvet Underground and Fairport Convention, through to Mazzy Star, Jeff Buckley and Frankie Goes to Hollywood. More recently, Paul's passion for song-writing has been re-awoken and they are currently adding original songs to their set list.

Their influences range from the folk and rock of the Fairports, Velvets, Bert Jansch and Nick Drake, via shoegaze (such as My Bloody Valentine, Ride and Slowdive) through to the lo-fi, minimalist and almost gospel bluesiness of Mazzy Star, Galaxie 500 and perhaps especially Spiritualized and Low. As well as all of these bands and genres, they're very much influenced by what might be called the 'deep blues' or 'deep gospel' of early delta blues and the spirituals that went before.

For West Coast Salvage music is about deep and raw emotion – an almost spiritual, gospel

experience, albeit, perhaps, in an empty and absurd cosmos – the notes need to be given the time and space to breath; only when the space has been created, the dynamics of more upbeat, heavy music can kick in.

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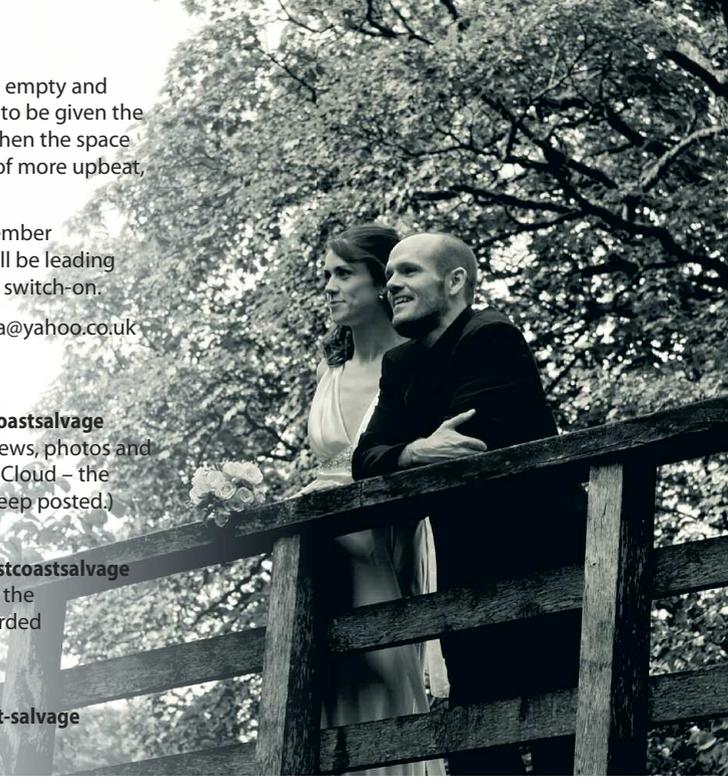
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We are still enjoying being a self-led group even though we sometimes have differences of opinion and don't always communicate very efficiently about times and venues! And we don't always remember the key to get into the hall! But we are getting better.

Martha, our oldest member, is now 18. Most of us went to her birthday party last weekend and had a great time. Now she is 18, she can become an official leader in Guiding so will be working on the training programme.

At the beginning of term we asked the older Guides to join us for a sweet making session. We hope that most of them will move to Rangers next year. Most of us joined the Guides for a trip to the BIG GIG pop concert in London. There were some really good acts and Helen Skelton, from Blue Peter (and Penrith) was the presenter. For some of us this was our third trip to London with Guides so we're pretty confident at finding our way around now.

We are very proud that one of our members, Alice, has been selected as part of a North West

England Girlguiding trip to Morocco. She will be taking part in a service project in one of the more remote areas of the country. Her next job is to start fundraising, so watch this space.

*The Rangers*

## CRACK OR CRAIC?

Being a foreigner (from Devon) there were and are many Cumbrian words that I still do not understand. Some even totally confused me when used in conversation and this was one of them.

In the end I had to look it up but now I am even more confused as both seem to be the right spelling? The definition that I found was:

*"What's the crack?" or "How's the crack?"; meaning "how are you?", "how have you been?", or "have you any news?" The context involving 'news' and 'gossip' originated in Northern England and Scotland. Now, 'craic' is interpreted as specifically and quintessentially an Irish form of fun.*

What does it mean to you and how should we spell it here in Cumbria? Tell me and I will share your input: [Val de Gasperi](mailto:Val de Gasperi) [valg@esend-it.com](mailto:valg@esend-it.com)

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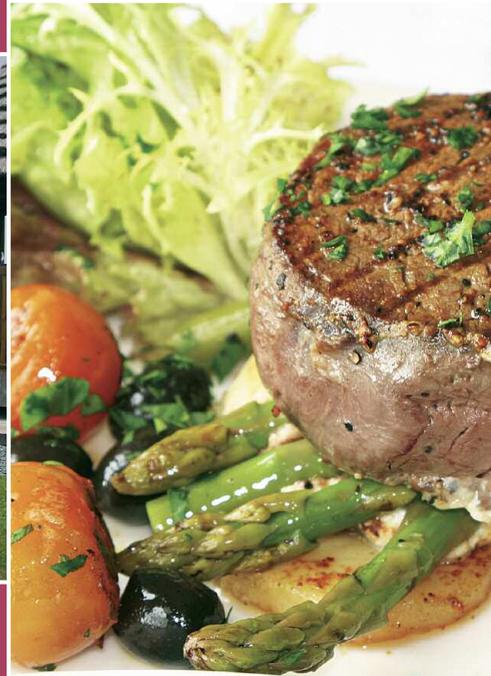
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# THE BEAUTIFUL GAME



The National Football Museum has commissioned a film, *The Beautiful Game*, which aims to show the numerous and varied ways the game is played throughout Britain in as many different and unusual locations as possible.

In late July we were approached by Centrescreen, the company chosen to make the film, to ask if we could find a location and teams to play a match with the Sellafield site as a background. John McElroy and I discussed possible locations. We ruled out the Coniston Avenue football field, Sellafield not being visible from there, but looked at the school playing field and the beach. We photographed both and Centrescreen chose the beach as being the more unusual.

They visited the location in mid August and were delighted with it.

The area of the beach they preferred turned out to be just over the parish boundary so Ponsonby Parish Council were asked for their agreement, which they kindly gave. Howard Rooms at

Sellafield was involved from the start and dealt with the security concerns.

John asked Gosforth AFC if they could provide players which they agreed to do and Centrescreen chose Friday 9 September at 5pm to fit in with their filming schedule and, of course, the tide.

Organising two teams proved more difficult and nearly upset the project completely, but Gosforth persuaded two Bootle players to leap in at the eleventh hour. The players were:

Team 1: Tom Crowther, Andrew Knowles (Bootle) Steven Brown, Adam Brown, Gary Clucas and Gary Summerson (Gosforth). Team 2: Greg Benbow, Mitchell Brewer, Stuart Dickinson, James Jackson, Danny Smith and Steven Rainford (Gosforth).

The weather was not kind that afternoon; it was overcast and quite windy, but the teams cheerfully set up their goal posts, the film crew set up their cameras, and after a friendly six-a-side match of 20 minutes each half the final score was 6 – 5 to Team 1.

Centrescreen then took the teams for a drink at the Lion and Lamb.

Centrescreen naturally provided a great deal of help and support throughout; there were some hitches here on the ground, so thank you to everyone who helped clear the way for this unique event to take place.

*Helen Pateman*



## A VIEW FROM THE CHAIR

### Democracy in Action!

In the August issue we asked for views about the Coniston Avenue play area and how well it is being used. There was an instant response from the School. As part of their Citizenship project Year 4 set up a survey of all the play areas in the village using the School website to issue a questionnaire. It asks what people like and don't like about the different play areas, which pieces of equipment they prefer, and how much they use the areas.

They invited me to come and look at the preliminary results and to listen to what they themselves had to say. The work they have done in devising the questionnaire and analysing the results is very impressive and it has all been carried out in a very professional manner. I was particularly struck by how natural they find the concept of making their own contribution to local decision taking. I assured them that the Parish Council will give their views proper consideration. I expect to be called to account if we don't.

Year 4 intend to finish the survey by questioning parents as well. This will give the Parish Council a genuine insight into what is required from the play areas by those who use them. We expect to be able to publish the results of the survey in the next issue of the Magazine and to put forward some ideas about what we, collectively, should do next.  
*Helen Pateman*



Over the three days 250 people visited.

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The third annual exhibition of the Art in Irton group of artists was held over three days from 22 to 24 October at the Santon Bridge Village Hall.

Over 70 works by sixteen artists were shown including a gallery of self portraits.

There was a fascinating variety of work ranging from representational to abstract to conceptual. Media for pictures included oil, watercolour, acrylic, gouache, pastel, ink and photography. There were wood and bark carvings, paint on wood, light installations, collages and ceramics.

One unique piece was the "Longest Landscape" – a work on what seemed to be an infinitely long roll of paper with contributions from visitors to the exhibition. I went early on the first day and at that stage there were lakes and mountains, boats, a house full of cats, a hay harvest, a swarm of ladybirds... I wonder what appeared over the next two and a half days!

I spent an exciting and stimulating hour and will look forward to hearing more of this group and visiting their next exhibition.  
*Helen Pateman*



# Christmas

## **CLASSIC MULLED WINE**

Pour 300ml (½ pint) water into a large pan with 115g/4oz caster sugar 4 cloves, 1 cinnamon stick and 2 sliced lemons. Heat, stirring occasionally, until sugar has dissolved. Remove from heat and leave for 10-15mins. Add 1 bottle red wine and warm thorough, taking care not to let mixture boil. Pour into a jug or punch bowl and serve warm in heatproof glasses.

## **CRAB, SAMPHIRE & ASPARAGUS SALAD**

Samphire, blanched in fresh water, tossed in good olive oil with a squeeze of lemon juice and served warm, is sensational. It makes a warm salad with some cooked but still crunchy asparagus and nice chunks of white crab meat. Serves 4 as a starter.

**1 x 1.25-1.5kg (2¾-3 lb) cooked brown crab**

**350g (12 oz) thin asparagus**

**225g (8oz) samphire, picked over and washed**

**¼ garlic clove, finely chopped**

**2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil, plus extra for serving**

**Juice of ¼ lemon (about 2 teaspoons)**

**1 tablespoon chopped flat-leaf parsley**

**Sea salt flakes**

**A few parmesan shavings, to garnish**

Snap off any woody ends from the asparagus where they break naturally and discard them. Cut the asparagus stalks in half. Break off and discard any woody ends of the samphire and break the rest into 2.5 cm (1 inch) pieces. Boil the samphire and asparagus for a 1 minute [we think 3 - 4mins is better]. Drain and refresh under cold water. Drain well once more and tip into a bowl. Add the garlic, olive oil and lemon juice, toss together lightly and season to taste if necessary. Sprinkle with the chopped parsley, drizzle over a little more olive oil and season with a few sea salt flakes. Scatter over the Parmesan shavings and serve with the crab. (Recipe courtesy Rick Stein). We're told that Samphire can be found locally in season (July-August) at Ravenglass, and available from Donnans, Whitehaven. All year-round it's available fresh mail-order from [www.herbtable.com](http://www.herbtable.com)

## **HONEY MUSTARD CHICKEN**

**1¾lb boneless, skinless chicken thighs**

**3 tablespoons honey**

**3 tablespoons stone ground mustard (with seeds)**

**1 teaspoon apple cider vinegar**

**½ cup sour cream**

**1 cup Panko Crispy Bread crumbs (Italian Style)**

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. In a medium-sized bowl, stir together honey, mustard, vinegar and sour cream. In a second large shallow bowl, add Panko bread crumbs. Swirl your chicken breasts on both sides in the honey mustard mixture. Leave sit in the mixture for a couple of seconds. Dip in the breading mixture coating both sides well. Spray a cookie sheet with non-stick spray and lay chicken pieces evenly on the sheet. Bake for 30-35 minutes. Garnish with parsley.

# Cuisine

*Some ideas for the  
Christmas week...*

## **RED-SKINNED MASHED POTATOES WITH GARLIC**

- 8-9 medium red potatoes (cut in half with skins on)**
- 3-4 cloves garlic, peeled**
- 2 tablespoons butter**
- ½ cup milk**
- ½ teaspoon salt**
- ¼ teaspoon pepper**

Place potatoes and garlic in a large saucepan. Cover potatoes with water and bring to a boil. Simmer for 20-25 minutes or until the potatoes are tender. Drain potatoes well. Add milk, butter, salt and pepper. Mash with a potato masher or with an electric mixer. It goes well with the Honey Mustard Chicken!

## **PERFECT STUFFING**

Serves 4-6

- 2 medium onions**
- 50g/2oz pork dripping**
- 100g/4oz of white breadcrumbs**
- 1 egg**
- 1 tbsp chopped fresh sage**
- Salt and pepper**
- 25g/1oz butter**

Finely chop the onions. Slowly fry onions in pork dripping, do not colour. Take off heat and add sage. Add to breadcrumbs and beaten eggs. Butter a small ovenproof dish. Season the mixture and pour into the dish. Bake in the oven at 200°C / Fan 180°C / Gas 6 for 20-30 minutes until well coloured.

## **MERRY BERRY CHRISTMAS PUDDING**

- 4 pears or eating apples, cored and sliced**
- 75g/3oz fresh or frozen cranberries**
- 2 tbsp orange juice**
- 1 banana, thickly sliced**
- 3-4 tbsp mincemeat**
- 50g/2oz of butter, cut into pieces**
- 100g/4oz plain flour**
- 25g/1oz sugar**
- Custard to serve**

Preheat oven to 190°C/375°F/gas 5. Place the pear or apple slices, cranberries and orange juice in a pan, cover and cook over a low heat for 7-8 minutes until the fruit is beginning to soften. Remove from the heat and stir in the banana and mincemeat, then transfer the mixture to a pie dish. Rub the butter into the flour until it resembles fine breadcrumbs, then stir in the sugar. Spoon over the fruit and bake for 20-25 minutes until the topping is golden. Serve immediately with warm custard.

## **SIMPLE BRANDY BUTTER**

- 300g/10oz unsalted butter, softened**
- 400g/14oz icing sugar and 1 tbsp warm water**
- 125ml/4fl oz brandy or rum**

Beat the unsalted butter with the icing sugar, warm water and brandy/rum until the mix is white and creamy. Refrigerate until ready to use.

# ALL'S WELL AT ALWEL...

**Alwel Glass and Glazing has been a loyal advertiser in our Seascale Magazine for a long time. The company is going through a management transition, and so this seems an appropriate point to reveal a few snippets of its history.**

**A**lwel Glass & Glazing has been in existence in a few guises for 27 years. The name is a combination of Anthony and Allan Alexander Wells, the founding members, hence the rather unusual name. Initially Tony was an electrician in the mining industry and left that to join forces with an existing business in the town – Ellwood electricians and plumbing. Tony introduced glass into the business, but ultimately went his own way. Alwel glass was formed.

Since then Alwel Glass & Glazing has been the dominant name on the Whitehaven glass scene, producing anything connected with glass and mirrors.

When Tony decided to retire, Allan Mossop bought the business in 2001 and formed a limited company, so when Allan Mossop decided he wanted to retire in 2011, Joanne Bickley, who has worked for Allan at Alwel Glass for the past four years, decided that she would take the plunge and buy the business.

Alwel Glass and Glazing supply and subcontract to numerous building firms in the area, and is the preferred glazier to many schools in West Cumbria, to which they give a priority service.

Alwel Glass & Glazing have the only straight-line glass edger in the area and therefore can undertake jobs, at very short notice, such as shelves, counter/table tops and display cases,

bespoke mirrors, shower doors, glass balustrades and glass splash backs. By having that machine they were able to take on the job of replacing all of the mirrors in the Trout Hotel refurbishment after the recent floods in Cockermouth. The edger was a huge investment, having to come all the way from China, but has dramatically increased the work capability of the company.

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# BLACK COMBE COUNTRY FAIR



## A FANTASTIC DAY OUT!

Radio Cumbria's Richard Nankivell opened the Blackcombe Country Fair on August bank holiday Monday and what a day it turned out to be. The number of visitors had grown yet again; the show field (again) proved its worth by staying mud-free even after a good shower. But even a tad of liquid Cumbrian sunshine couldn't put people off. Mr Nankivell thoroughly enjoyed the day, taking a very good aim at the clay pigeon shooting and judging the Best in Show.

The dog show saw an increase in lurcher entries, but the terrier classes were much thinner than usual; surprising, considering how many terriers were seen on the field. Whippet racing was a new introduction and the dog racing, as ever, proved a fantastic success.

Over forty trade stands attended and trading was brisk with some local traders selling all their stock – so, obviously good news there!

The vintage vehicle section was extremely impressive and the Triumph Owners Club paraded some of their vehicles around the main ring and it is hoped that such a parade becomes a regular feature.

Cumberland Wrestling proved popular and certainly kept locals and visitors enthralled. Children's sports was better attended and there was some fierce competition.

The sun made an appearance, the band played and the throng had a jolly good time – a truly traditional Cumbrian Bank Holiday.

The Blackcombe Country Fair committee is already planning for 2012 and trusts that all will make a date in their diaries for 27 August, especially if they have a vintage vehicle, a trade stand or fancy a wrestle. Contact the Show Chairman, Graham Dicker 019467 25041.

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# A NEW FIVE-STOREY HOTEL IN HOLMROOK

## AND IT'S FREE TO STAY THERE...!

Wow, where is it? How can it be free? Where was the planning permission sign?

I will give you a clue regarding why you have not seen it – it only forms a 6ft cube and is surrounded in long grass and stinging nettles! Need another clue? It's called the 'Buzzy Bug Hotel' and all rooms are really, really tiny. Yes you guessed it, it's the crowning glory of the Holmrook Reading Room Biodiversity Meadow and it's for insects only...

It's a thing of great beauty (especially if you are a bug or even a small animal) and was made and installed with love and care by the 2nd Seascale Beaver Scouts as a gift. As it turned out, that was not the only gift Holmrook Reading Room received. I'll tell you the story.

Since the Holmrook Reading Room (HRR) Biodiversity project started, the Seascale Beaver Scouts have been following the project and helping out whenever possible. HRR is very keen to keep in touch with all its local youngsters as it is hoped that the youngsters of today will be the caretakers of tomorrow, but that's another story. In late April 2011 the 2nd Seascale Beaver Scouts set off on a sponsored 'Find District Camp' Walk at Ennerdale Lake. They



had a wonderful walk and thankfully arrived at District Camp in time for their tasty dinner and lots of fun activities. They raised an incredible £259 and decided that the Holmrook Reading Room Project was to be the beneficiary. On 7 July they arranged to present the cheque to Val de Gasperi at the HRR Meadow, which she accepted with much gratitude. Val said:



"You will never realise how much an amount like this means to us. It's hard work raising money as a little charity and to receive monies, raised by a hard-working group of youngsters, was a real joy. It will be used with great care in order to further improve the biodiversity meadow for the benefit of the animals and insects that are quickly moving in now. Thank you to all concerned, including the patient parents who facilitated this wonderful project."

This was a wonderful day for HRR and was enough of a surprise, but there was more...

Since their adventures at District Camp they have been busy planning and designing the many



different rooms for the 'Buzzy Bug Hotel'. This was built from a blueprint from the Wildlife Trusts but really had many improvements, so making it unique! All Beavers are looking forward to coming back to see who has checked into their hotel and they will be welcome at any time to do so. Be aware, however, that the plan is that the undergrowth will cover it up quickly as has happened to the nest boxes sited there previously (see Summer 2010 issue of *Seascale's Village Magazine*).

For those of you following this project, the meadow (with its accommodation of all kinds) is proving to be very popular with the local wildlife and we have been seeing increased numbers of insects, butterflies, moles, voles, hedgehogs, ducks, geese and birds of all kinds, each moving in their own way. Over the last few weeks we have even had a barn owl hunting in the grounds – what a success story. Come and have a look sometime but please be very quiet in the zone reserved for the wild animals.

To sum up, HRR and the Beaver Scouts had a wonderful evening together and great fun was had by everyone, and a few more children



learned the old trick of curing nettle stings with dock leaves!

We are all looking forward to seeing each other again on the next project day. Perhaps you could drop in too, or maybe your little one would like to be a Beaver Scout? If you want more details contact Val at [valg@esend-it.com](mailto:valg@esend-it.com) or Eve on [info@seascalescouts.org.uk](mailto:info@seascalescouts.org.uk).

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# ELLIE AIMS TO SWIM FOR OLYMPICS

As well as having a superb reputation, our wonderful Primary School here in Seascale also has the commendable motto of 'Aim High', something we should all encourage our children to do, and during the school summer holidays this year, one of the School's pupils exercised this very motto and is now busily reaping the benefits of having such a positive attitude.

Ten year old Ellinor Southward has been a pupil at Seascale School since Reception and would have been entering year six at the school this September. However, her activities over the summer break have resulted in her taking up a sports scholarship to attend Ellesmere College in Shropshire and join the elite Ellesmere College Titans swim programme.



**Ellie outside Ellesmere College.**

Ellie has been a squad swimmer with local club Copeland ASC for three years and, as previously reported in this magazine, has had a very successful first competitive season as a nine year-old in 2010/11, giving her impressive national age group rankings and a bright future in the sport.

Ellie's move to her new school in Shropshire came about because she literally did 'Aim High'. She decided to set herself a goal to swim at the Olympics and wrote a letter to Ellesmere Titans' head coach Jon Pardoe to ask if he could help her achieve her goal. Jon, a very well respected ASA level 3 coach and a practitioner of the 'Aim high' philosophy himself, was so impressed with her attitude and her letter that he immediately called her on the phone to invite her to swim with the Titans squad and take a look around the school. Needless to say, Ellie jumped at the chance.

On the day, Ellie was coached not only by Jon Pardoe but also by Titans senior Jessica Dickons who won Bronze medals in the 200m Butterfly at both the 2006 European Short course championships and the 2009 World short course championships. Jessica has also recently won the Gold medal in the 200m Butterfly at the 2011

World University Games. At the end of the session, Jon was happy to offer Ellie a sports scholarship so she could join the Titans swim programme, which itself has some pretty stretching goals for achieving both club and personal swimmer excellence and producing swimmers to County, Regional, National and International standard.

Ellie's first competitive outing as a Titan got off to a promising start in Blackpool in the first round of the National Arena Premier League on 8 October where she improved on her personal best in the 50m Butterfly, coming an impressive fourth in the 11 yr and under age group. Her next outing will be 4 & 5 November at a level 1 long course meet at Sunderland Aquatics Centre, swimming in the 11 yr & under age group. She then goes on to another L1 Long Course Meet at the end of the month at Cardiff International Pool.

*Mark Southward*

**We've elected to roll the Seascale Magazine to back to publication three times a year.**

**The next will now appear on the first weekend in March, followed by first weekends in July and November 2012.**

# Seascale Arts & Craft **CHRISTMAS FAIR**

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# A HISTORY OF THE

Looking back fifty years can itself seem like a study of history but that is the length of time an author spent assembling a historical account of the railway that first linked Furness and the Cumberland coast to the rest of England. Later this year it is hoped to see published a "History of the Furness Railway" by Dr Michael Andrews. Dr Andrews began his researches when he enrolled on a part-time course at London University in 1954 and continued his study over the following 50 years while pursuing a professional career as the Chief Medical Officer at British Railways. Sadly Dr Andrews died suddenly last year before his book could be published. Now a group of his friends in Barrow have teamed up with Trevor Preece (compiler of this magazine) to help his family members fulfil their ambition to give his work a permanent form. The story is a complex one and tells how a short and isolated railway built to carry Kirkby slate and Lindal haematite to a simple pier for shipping away, eventually became one of the most profitable of Victorian enterprises. Not only did the Furness Railway spawn the iron smelting and shipbuilding industries of Barrow but it also paved the way for Lake District tourism and had ambitions to develop Seascale as a select residential and holiday destination. Along the way we encounter many of the 'greats' of the railway era – George Stephenson, John and Alexander Brogden, James Brunlees – and are shown how the dynastic aspirations of the rival Lowther and Cavendish families influenced the industrial evolution of Furness and West Cumberland.

Many Seascale residents will know one member of the team leading the publication of this book – Alan Postlethwaite – former vicar of St Cuthbert's. Working with him is Ken Norman who published his own pictorial book of the Furness Railway, from which we abstracted his pages describing the Seascale and Drigg section of the line for publication in the Autumn/Winter 2009 Seascale Magazine. Other key personnel assisting with the compilation of Dr Andrews book are Geoff Holme, custodian of pictures, and Alan Johnstone, creator of the maps.

The goal is to have the book completed by this December. Watch the Seascale website and the March edition of this magazine for more news.

Some snippets from the manuscript, with some illustrations for possible inclusion in Chapter 12, which covers our section of the line, are here:

## The Whitehaven Line

The early part of the period under discussion saw the gradual extension of the double line from Ireleth to Sellafield, the junction between the Furness Railway and the Cleator and Furness line.

Devonshire wrote, on 14th March 1874:

*'Freddy and I made an expedition up to Whitehaven today. A good deal has been done on the line since I was last over this part of it. It is now double line from the Abbey to Sellafield except for a short distance near Bootle and that will be completed very soon. A new station at Whitehaven is making progress and several new stations have been built at other places. The original ones were very poor.'*

In his Report on the first half of 1874, the Engineer, F.C. Stileman, stated that the double line had been completed between Carnforth and Sellafield Junction.

W.B. Kendall, in his manuscript history of the Furness Railway and Barrow Harbour, gives the following dates for the opening of the sections of double line:

Seascale – Bootle	April 1872
Ireleth – Foxfield	December 1872
Foxfield – Millom	March 1873
Millom – Bootle	December 1873
Seascale – Sellafield	July 1874

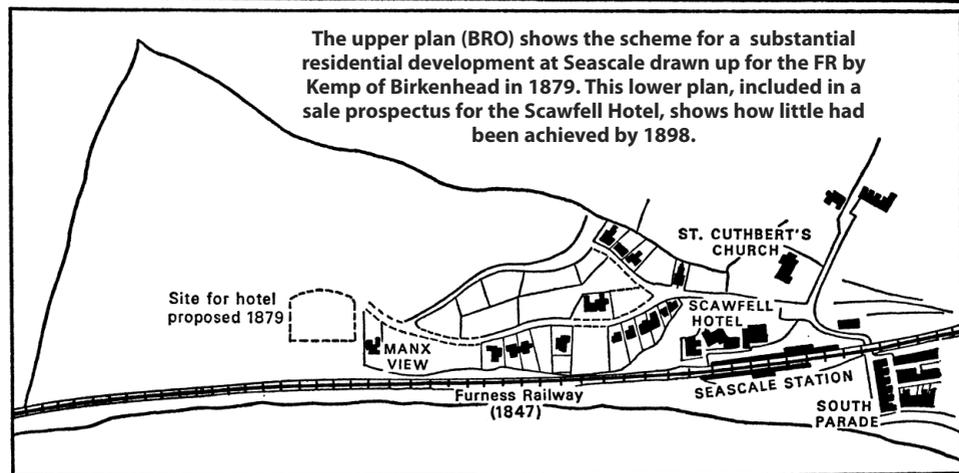
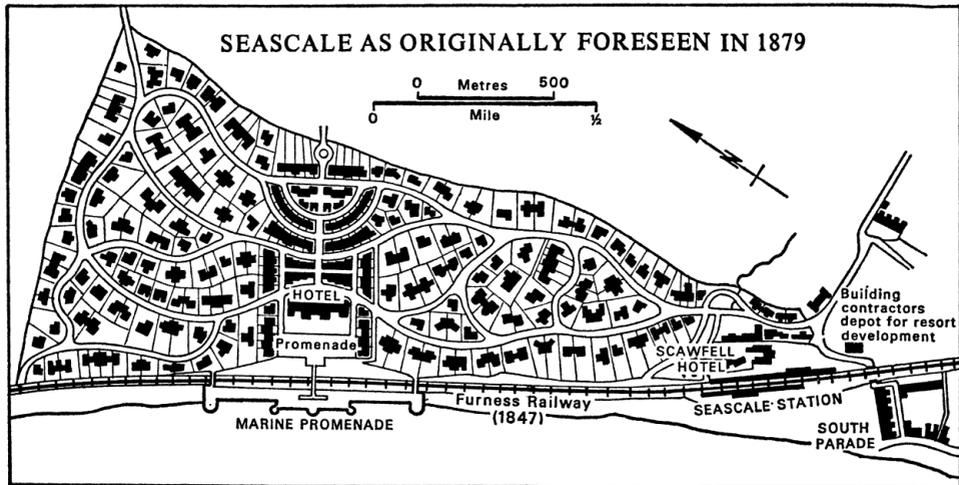
## Seascale

One further plan from this period should be recorded. This was for a new seaside resort at Seascale.

On 10th August 1870, the day after they had discussed a shipbuilding company at Barrow, the FR Directors went to Seascale for a meeting with some directors of the Whitehaven, Cleator & Egremont Railway:

*'After luncheon we walked over some of the adjoining land which had been secured with a view to some building on a small scale. There is good bathing and a fine open sea and I think it*

# FURNESS RAILWAY



*not unlikely a moderate number of lodging houses may answer. Probably also some Leeds people and others may be induced to build there.'*

After a FR directors' meeting at Barrow on 12th February 1878 Devonshire reported:

*'After our business was over we went up to Seascale where we have at last got possession of some land on which we have long proposed to encourage building operations. We have reason to believe that several persons are desirous to build there and there seems a fair*

*probability that the thing will answer. It does not seem to me to be a very attractive place but it is probably the best on this part of the coast.'*

The Furness Railway purchased the Seascale Estate, in 1878, for £4,000. A plan, dated 20th December 1878, shows the proposed residential development, the building of a hotel, a marine promenade and a pier. This proposal was slow to develop and, it was not until 1914 that a refreshment room was added to the down side building at Seascale station. Hopes that Seascale would develop, as had the Cavendish investment at Eastbourne, were never fulfilled.

**HERE ARE SOME IMAGES WHICH ARE CANDIDATES FOR PUBLICATION IN THE BOOK**



◀ The down platform at Seascale opened directly on to the foreshore making this a popular destination for family outings and Sunday School trips by train. This Sankey image from LMS days shows the compact shopping facilities on the seaward side of the railway which supported the later residential developments promoted by the Furness Railway Co. inland of the station.



◀ On the right is the Scawfell Hotel. The signal is one of the Furness Railway lower quadrant type. The short siding on the up side would be for the loading and unloading of parcel vans.

The Seascale signalbox and cross-over track that gave access to the goods yard on the east side of the main line. The suspended curved bracket on the right was to ensure that wagons leaving the goods yard were within the permitted loading gauge. ▼



▲ Several members of the station staff stand outside the booking office and waiting rooms on the up platform as a goods train heads north on the down line in the early 1900s.



Some of the facilities for handling goods traffic. Vans could be propelling into the goods shed for loading and unloading to a raised platform on the right. While the goods shed and water tower survive, the Scawfell Hotel, station buildings, original Vicarage and the cricket pavilion are now all memories. ▼



▲ Seascale Station Master Atkinson.



# BOONWOOD CELEBRATES 25 YEARS

Boonwood's garden centre in Gosforth has doubled as an Aladdin's Cave of Christmas – a Winter Wonderland and Santa's Grotto rolled into one.

The garden centre is a kaleidoscope of Christmas magic and colour, even more aptly so this year because this thriving business celebrates its Silver Anniversary. Boonwood has blossomed for Gary and Kay Mossop.

Says Kay: "Funnily enough I actually met my future husband here. "I was working for Trading Standards in weights and measures at the time, it was 1986 and we went round to check on a weighing machine. It was really only a potato scales, but we let Gary off with a caution – and that's how we met."

Now whatever the age group there's something for everybody from the perfect Christmas tree to festive puddings and a wide array of hardy plants.

"We are proud of having what's probably one of the biggest Christmas displays in West Cumbria. We are different every year and it's all displayed to show what it will look like in your own home. Putting it on a shelf just doesn't give you the magic of Christmas," Kay enthused.

Boonwood's first green shoots started to show 25 years ago but Kay says: "To sustain the business over all this time you need a good following of loyal customers; you must keep prices and trends in line with what folks want in order to move with the times.

"What customers want in our area makes a big difference as well, it's important to cater for West Cumbrian customers especially. Also what will grow here in terms of plants and general horticulture."

A Cumbrian girl from Aspatria, Kay went on: "Gary, who comes from Thornhill, actually set up the business with his father. They bought the land here in 1986 setting off with just one small greenhouse and a net tunnel and over the years it evolved.

"My thing, though is Christmas, Gary's is plants.



"I try to do different themes every year but still stick to the traditional because everybody loves an old fashioned Christmas. Victoriana is back and so is the olde worlde Santa Claus.

"Everyone still likes red, gold, silver and white. Ten years ago nobody wanted glass baubles but they've also come back full circle.

"On the fine selection of Christmas foodstuffs," Kay points out: "We try to stick to Cumbrian produce as much as we can – you can choose your treats and also the basket to make up a gift hamper, a brilliant present."

Christmas started with us on the official opening on 15 and 15 October. In terms of footfall I reckon we're talking about thousands of people coming through the centre, hopefully amazed and delighted by what they see and find.

"There's something for everyone: this year's themes are named after much-loved Christmas films such as Christmas Carol, The Snowman and Miracle on 34th Street. Kids will just love looking at what moves and what sparkles."

Will this be Boonwood's biggest and best Christmas?

"Definitely. Everybody still wants Christmas to be Christmas despite the recession," said Kay.

*Adapted from Alan Irving's Whitehaven News feature.*

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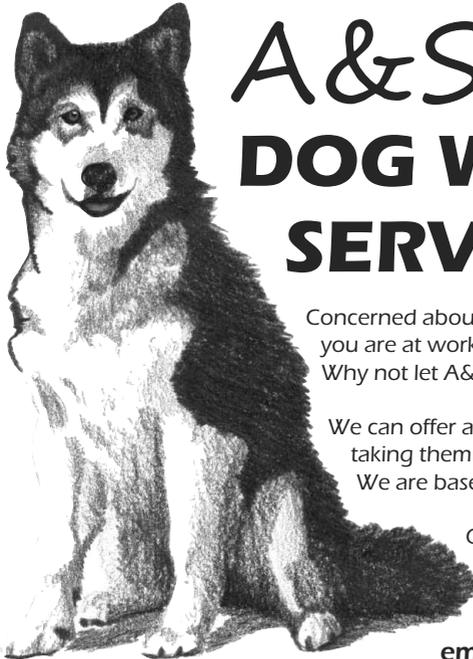
On August Bank Holiday the Society staged an exhibition to see artists' work from all over Cumbria. Here are three paintings from Gosforth School's Life of Christ project.



The Miracles – Ray Nixon.



The Birth of Christ – Judy Rhodes.



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# SEASCALE CRICKET CLUB 2011 SEASON REPORT

The 2011 season for the First XI was always going to be a different proposition from the previous year when they'd finished unbeaten, completing a league and cup double in Division 2 of the North Lancashire and Cumbria Cricket League. Under new League rules they'd been promoted to Division 1 and whilst avoiding relegation must have been the target at the beginning of the season, they did in fact finish a very creditable 6th out of 12. There were victories over Dalton (twice), Millom Reserves (twice), Hawcoat Park and Ulverston and very creditable winning draws over Kirkby who were eventually promoted to the Premier Division. The season was marred to a great extent by the weather with five games washed out totally (disappointingly including the last three) and five others also affected by the rain. The cup game against Lanercost was also washed out (twice) and had to be decided by a bowl-out which was lost in sudden death. Needless to say

the annual Three's Company competition was also washed out without a ball being bowled.

There were some outstanding individual performances throughout the season. Following his return from Haverigg CC, Daniel Lee once again proved how much of an asset to the team he is. In addition to the two half centuries he hit, he took 51 wickets at 11.0 runs each, winning the award for most wickets in the League and coming close to winning the League bowling averages. His best bowling figures of the season were 6/12 away at Dalton and 7/40 away at Hawcoat Park. Steve Brown Jnr taking 36 wickets at 15.4 runs each, also made the League bowling averages (minimum qualification 35 wickets).

On the batting front, once again Adam Brown was the First XI top run scorer, his 414 runs giving him an average of 29.6 and qualification to the League averages (minimum 400 runs). He hit one century (106 not out away at Kirkby) and



The Windscale Club midweek team that retained the Downtown Deli Cup. Back row (left to right) Michael Fidler, Lee Fleet, Daniel Lee, Steve Brown Jnr, Harvey Browning, Matty McEwan. Front row (left to right) Andrew Marshall, Adam Brown, Steve Brown Snr, Paul Knott, Alan Birkett. Front row (on the grass) Lady – the Club Mascot.

three half centuries during the season. His brother Steve Brown Jnr also made the League batting averages, his 400 runs giving him an average of 28.6. He hit three half centuries during the season, with his 74 away at Kirkby being his top score. Opener Lee Fleet had the top individual score of the season hitting 108 in the home game against Lanercost.

Not to be outdone by the younger members of the team, veteran wicket keeper Phil Knott won the League award for most dismissals in the League, remarkably taking 13 stumpings as well as 13 catches during the season.

The most exciting game of the season was at home to Millom Reserves. Millom Firsts had been rained off earlier in the day and so both their first team opening bowlers played for the Reserves. They batted first and were dismissed for 124, Steve Brown Jnr taking 5/44. In reply Seascale were in trouble early on at 24/5, not surprising given Millom's bowling attack, but some patient batting by Lee Fleet (39), Phil Knott(31) and Jack Stubbings (23) saw them needing two runs to win off the last over with two wickets left. With no runs scored off the first five balls which

included a disastrous run out, the home team still needed two to win, now off the last ball and with the last pair at the wicket. With all four results possible, Seascale's number eleven, 13 year-old Harry Whitfield hit the last ball for two over mid-wicket's head. Needless to say Harry was carried off the pitch by the rest of his teammates.

The Club continues to run two teams in the local midweek league known as WACCA (West Allerdale and Copeland Cricket Association). Seascale Juniors play in WACCA's 2nd Division with the intent to bring on the Junior members of the club and the first midweek team play as the Windscale Club in WACCA's 1st Division. Both teams finished mid-table in their respective divisions and the Windscale Club team retained the cup competition they'd first won the previous year. After winning all their group games, they beat Sandwith Roofing in the semi-final to set up a final against Braithwaite.

Batting first they hit 188/3 off just 22 overs. Michael Fidler (35 retired), Adam Brown (33 retired), Daniel Lee (29no), Lee Fleet (24), Steve Brown Jnr (20) and Matty McEwan (17no) all scored freely. In reply Braithwaite were restricted to 143/8 with Daniel Lee (2/26) and skipper Steve Brown Snr (3/10) the pick of the Windscale Club bowlers.

The Club also ran an under-11 team in the local Junior league finishing mid-table again. Most of the under-11s will be over age next season so the Club will be running an under 13 team, playing on Sunday mornings, hopefully as well as the under-11s.

The Club would like to take the chance to thank its sponsors it's had over the last 12 months. These include Solarwood Ltd, the LLW Repository, the Windscale Club, Canberra UK Ltd and the Cumbrian Lodge Hotel.

With the season over for another year, the Club is now looking forward to its annual Christmas party held in the Windscale Club's function room. This year it's on Saturday 3rd December with entertainment provided by the ever-popular rock guitarist/singer Graham Brown. Tickets cost just £5 each and are available behind the bar at the Windscale Club or from committee members Steve Brown (28352), Andy Lee (28292), Lee Fleet (27864) and Dave Stubbings (841641).

*Steve Brown*



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## *Cumbria Wildlife Trust West Coast Support Group*

### **WINTER-SPRING 2011/12**

Wednesday 16 November, 7.30pm in Gosforth Methodist Room

#### **“Turks and Caicos Wildlife – keeping the jungle at bay”**

An illustrated talk by Dr Duncan Hutt from Northumberland Wildlife Trust after his three months sabbatical working in the Islands.

Wednesday 8 February, 7.30pm in Seascale Methodist Church Hall

#### **“St Kilda”**

Bill Shaw will give an illustrated talk about his six months on the remote island archipelago of St Kilda in 2008 where he was employed as the seasonal Ranger with the National Trust for Scotland.

Wednesday 7 March, 7.30pm in Gosforth Methodist Room

#### **“The Juniper Project”**

An illustrated talk by Mike Douglas, the Uplands Juniper Project Officer for Cumbria Wildlife Trust on the progress of this project.

Wednesday 18 April, 7.30pm in Seascale Methodist Church Hall

The West Coast Support Group AGM will be held followed by

#### **“Golden Eagles”**

Neil Harnott, Senior Conservation Officer, Cumbria Wildlife Trust will give an illustrated talk on these spectacular birds.

ALL WELCOME

Admission to evening meetings £1.50 includes refreshments

***Fiona Galloway, Hon. Secretary, West Coast Support Group 01946 841313***

Further information about the work of Cumbria Wildlife Trust, including volunteering may be obtained from Cumbria Wildlife Trust, Head Office: Plumgarths, Crook Road, Kendal, Cumbria LA8 8LX  
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# FLASHBACK TO THE THIRD SEASCALE NEWSLETTER 20 YEARS AGO

## Seascale Newsletter



Issue no 3

December 1991

### PARISH NEWS

*NIREX/BNFL.* A public meeting was held on 8 October at Seascale School. Harold Beale from Nirex and Les Johnson of BNFL gave a very informative presentation about the proposed waste repository in the area. Most points including the type, siting, access, transport and spoil were covered. This was followed by some very searching and relevant questions and comments which were straightforwardly answered by Mr Beale. Hopefully this may have given the planners something to think about. The attendance of 68 out of about 1450 ratepayers in the village was, to say the least, very disappointing.

Gas supplies are expected to be connected to some parts of the village in the middle of December.

The "What's On" diary is proving very successful. It is published monthly in "Focus On", displayed on the village noticeboards and hopefully will shortly be on Radio Cumbria. Book your dates for 1992, ring Barbara on Seascale 28126. All entries no later please than the 15th of the preceding month.

The Copeland village plan for the next 15 years was exhibited at the church hall on 21 and 22 November followed by a public meeting on the Friday night. Despite being advertised round the village and in the Whitehaven News, very few attended the display and a grand total of nine, which included two from Drigg, attended what was a very interesting meeting.

Tim Pinder of The Two Castles Housing Association and Peter Mullholland of Copeland Borough Council attended the December Parish Council meeting and gave a presentation on providing small housing units for the elderly and starter homes for young couples in Seascale. They provide units to buy, rent or even for shared ownerships and providing there is a proven need and land was available, there is every possibility that some could be built in Seascale. The Parish Council will shortly be circulating a questionnaire round the village regarding the need for this type of housing. Would you be interested or have you any friends or know anyone who would like to return to the village? If so, please fill it in and make sure it's returned.

Drigg Young Farmers Club, as part of a national Plant a Tree Day on Saturday 30 November, provided out of their own funds and planted out 30 wind resistant trees in the village.

Christmas lighting will once again be provided by the Parish Council to brighten up the village over the festive season. They will be installed around the Amenities Area. A small group of parish councillors give up a lot of their free time to erect these decorations. Although Copeland Council spend £18,000 a year on Christmas lights they give Seascale no help whatsoever. The lights will be switched on at 3pm on Sunday 15 December by Miss Audrey Jackson. Finally, the members of the Parish Council and the Newsletter team would like to wish you a Merry Christmas.

Ken Mawson

### SEASCALE DAY CENTRE

When I first came to Seascale in 1958, it was an expanding village full of young families and more than 300 children in the newly-built Primary school. Twenty-five years later, times had changed, families were smaller and one wing of the school had become redundant. This was soon put to good use for other purposes, one of these being a Day Centre for elderly, housebound and/or disabled people, run by the Seascale Group of the Red Cross.

A very willing band of volunteers spend every Monday in term-time helping to care for and entertain their guests, who are brought in by voluntary drivers from their homes in Seascale, Drigg, Holmrook, Gosforth, Eskdale and Calderbridge in time for coffee at 10am. Lunch comes from the school kitchen and everyone is taken home after a cup of tea and cakes at 3.30pm.

We try to offer a variety of activities to suit all tastes and abilities, and the mornings pass quickly to the click of knitting needles, crochet hooks, rug prodding, etc, and accompanied by a buzz of wagging tongues! After lunch there are games of whist, dominoes and Scrabble, or perhaps small groups just having a chat.

We are self-supporting and cover our expenses by having an Open Day twice a year, when we receive tremendous support from our friends and neighbours who come to buy the foods we have made or been given.

Anyone is welcome to call in and see us at any time, and if you know of any elderly person who would like to join us as a guest, please let me know. Disability is no bar, we have walking aids and wheelchairs in the Centre. We are limited to 15 guests at any one time, and we do have a vacancy at the moment.

Dorothy James

### SPORTS HALL

The Sports Hall has now been operating in the village for several years. It is fairly well used and, by those who use it, considered an asset to the village community. We are supported by a small team of volunteers, the nucleus of whom have been with us from the start, but we are sure there are some among you who could help us with fresh ideas on organisation and maintenance. We only meet about every two months. If there is anyone useful as a handyman (getting up ladders to retrieve shuttlecocks, etc) or as a sports-user with ideas, please offer your name to us. Age is no barrier, and those who feel no desire to partake in activities can still have ideas!

WE HAVE BEEN REQUESTED TO ADD A NOTE TO CONFIRM THAT NONE OF THIS INFORMATION IS CURRENT, AS WE

While mentioning the Sports Hall, many of you will be changing to "Gas" and thereby have some storage heaters. The Hall exists on two older ones which were kindly donated. Can you offer us any, cheap or free?

Please think about helping us.

Chris Worsnop

#### SEASCALE GOOD NEIGHBOURS/RURAL TRANSPORT SCHEME

The Good Neighbours Scheme organised by Age Concern is now operational in Seascale and all elderly persons can, on application to Age Concern Copeland (0946 66669) or by calling Seascale Clinic, obtain a card giving the two telephone contact numbers of volunteers living nearby who can help with virtually any problem.

The local co-ordinator for the Voluntary Social Service is Mr Ron Leach (Seascale 28357). He can be contacted directly, or through Age Concern Copeland, in connection with transport problems.

The message to all elderly people in Seascale is that the scheme organised on your behalf is there for your use. It needs to be used, or it may be lost.

Mrs Ann Eaden (Director)

#### SEASCALE AMENITIES SOCIETY

After nine years we've thrown in the towel at last. Our final lottery draw will be on 7 January in the Bowling Pavilion at 7.30pm. Mrs Janet Hardy, the first winner of £100, will draw our last £100 winner. There will also be some extra small prizes. In February, the Parish Council will be presented with a cheque representing the money left and which will be used to continue further development on the Amenities site.

Winners since the last newsletter were:

September no. 076 Mrs Massey

November no. 197 Mrs Worsnop

October no. 190 Mrs Ryan

December no. 230 Mr Barron

Finally, to all those who helped in our fundraising events, "Thank you".

Eileen Eastwood (Chairman)

#### SEASCALE MEMORIAL CHAPEL

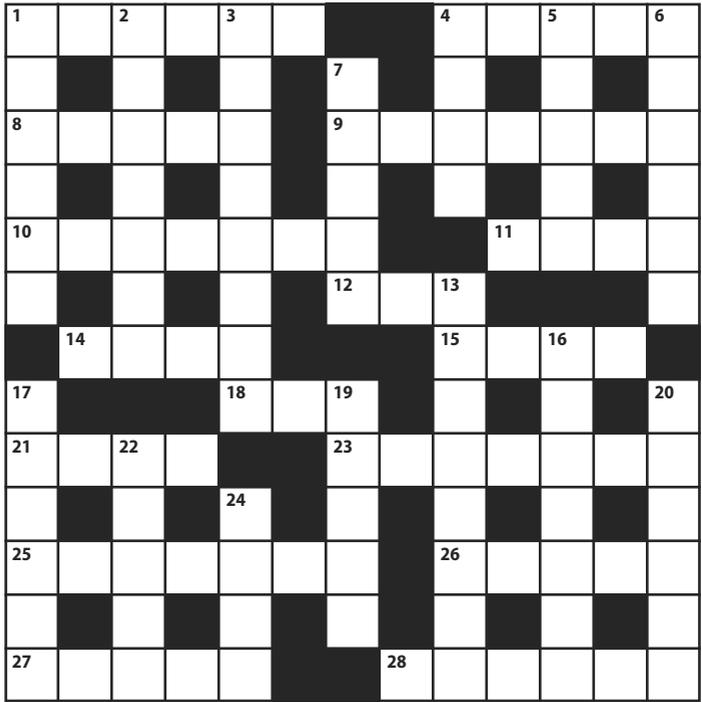
At a well attended service on Sunday 27 October the Archdeacon of West Cumbria, the Ven. John Packer, dedicated a Memorial Chapel at St Cuthbert's Church. The Memorial Stand has been given by the Urwin family, the Memorial Book by Vicky Barton in memory of Alan Barton and the blue carpeting by Betty Brannan. The Stand was made by Peter Moffat.

As we have no churchyard in Seascale, no special place where we can raise a memorial to our loved ones who have died, we are hoping that the Memorial Chapel will be a place where all those who have died can be remembered and prayed for. Anyone who has lived in Seascale may, if their family so wish, have their name entered in the Memorial Book. For further information please contact the Church Wardens, Allan Bell (28761) or myself, Jean Urwin (28666).

# SEASCALE CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

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*John Gray*

## ACROSS

- 1 A short father and an informal but emphatic negative create this local place name (6).
- 4 A blue one can help with parking (5).
- 8 This could put you off (5).
- 9 A female's ringing sound is related to The Neb (7).
- 10 Lessons can come from this (7).
- 11 Roughly speaking; a drink can denote opposition (4).
- 12 This territory in the West of India sounds very enterprising (3).
- 14 Prepare for publication. (A Cockney footballer could do it) (4).
- 15 & 20 down Go for clues like this. Links will be found. (4,6)
- 18 Sounds poorly, but it is spelt this way (3).
- 21 South and frequently, it is not hard (4).
- 23 Ten toil; disentangle to provide admission (3,4).
- 25 Precautionary needlework from our Health Centre (1;3;3).
- 26 Wrote to get someone to do some pulling (5).
- 27 A person eating creates a noise close to the Queen (5).
- 28 We hear that we can get over this fashion (1,5).

## DOWN

- 1 A senior cleric, within the bounds of decency, gives us a means of aquatic propulsion (6).
- 2 This is unfrozen but it is observed (7).
- 3 We hear that premonitions arise from inferior camping equipment (8).
- 4 From the sound of it the poet is obstructed (4).
- 5 A medical practitioner and a single horse identify a local village (5).
- 6 This shed became our sports hall (6).
- 7 This object can be transformed into a time of darkness (5).
- 13 An American soldier, close to art galleries, creates disturbance (8).
- 16 To Tipperary ? (4,3)
- 17 No man is an - - - - - (6).
- 19 Associations are made by a hundred and fifty on top of disordered public transport (5).
- 20 See 15 across.
- 22 This criminal tumbled forward by the sound of it (5).
- 24 Could be a container, and partially open (4).

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A hardy band of supporters enjoyed a good day out despite the weather at Wasdale Head Show recently. Prize-winning Herdwick sheep are seen here after judging, whilst these two little terriers are clearly looking forward to the start of their first race! Wet conditions persisted for the fell runners too – fortunately they are a hardy breed as well, with over 60 competitors running in the senior class this year in what was a championship counter event. The organisers were also delighted with the number of entries to the vintage vehicle classes, and thanks must go to the landowners for the use of their fields under trying conditions. *Gareth Harrison. (Photos: Jane Roper)*

## SEASCALE SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE CLUB

Scottish Country Dancing is now in full swing after the summer holiday. We will continue to dance weekly until the end of April with just a short break at Christmas.

Many members are away taking autumn holidays just now, so the numbers are somewhat depleted. However we will soon be back to full strength and looking forward to the Christmas Dance to be held at the Windscale Club on 9 December 2011. At this event, other local Clubs are invited to join us and it is good to meet up with old friends and acquaintances once more.

Again we invite anyone reading this article to come and join us if they wish. We find that newcomers settle in easily and whilst the dances might be a complete mystery to them for a while, with the help of the more experienced dancers, new people are able to join in right from the start. When a new person comes, they often say that they have known that Scottish Country dancing takes place during the winter months, have often thought of coming, but for some reason, whether inhibition or maybe apathy, have never made the move until now. This is regrettable as we need new members all the time and why put off something that you might enjoy?

So if you are tempted, please don't hesitate any longer. Come any Wednesday to the Main Hall of the Windscale Club at 7.30pm. It is a village activity, on the doorstep, and inexpensive – first night free. It doesn't take long to get to know the other members and make new friends and you will be sure of a warm welcome. *Jimmy Young*

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