

Seascale Village

Spring 2004

WELCOME TO SEASCALE, CUMBRIA...

***...a small village of approximately 1300 residents
on the west coast, complete with sea and mountain views.***

We are fortunate. We have many facilities!

A post office. A sports and social club. A doctor's surgery complete with nurses, physiotherapists, pharmacy, midwife, health visitor, visiting audiology clinic, asthma nurse and clinic, cardiovascular nurse, chiropodist and diabetes support. A library with internet access. A fire station. A pharmacy and greengrocer's store (including full rescue support for unexpected children's birthday invitations!). A Chinese takeaway. A Pizza takeaway. A hardware shop. A bank (without a cash machine! Hint! Hint!). Three churches. A golf club. Three hotels (one with civil licence for marriage). Bed and breakfast facilities. A hairdresser. A baker. A butcher. A beauticians. A newsagent and general store. A dentist. A local milkman. A good neighbourhood watch scheme. An excellent school with nursery. A playgroup. A breakfast club, after school clubs and groups. Residential homes.

A sports hall. A bowling green. Cricket and football pitches. Three play areas for children. Own First Responders team. An IT and conferencing centre which is host to groups and classes. Mobile hairdressers, meals on wheels, mobile butchers. A castle. Numerous halls and rooms to hire. Numerous clubs and groups to join. A yellow flagged beach. A parish council.

An annual Village Fun Day. The school has a Summer Fair each year.

Should you want to get away we have a railway. A bus service. A local taxi company.

We are reasonably well funded (well, someone paid for the yellow lines!).

On the whole we are lucky and like where we live!

As with any village, town or city we also have our element of residents who like to kick the traces and break the law. Those who destroy and damage parts of our village that we all pay for via the village precept - they say youth is wasted on the young! But that is a small part of Seascale!

On a fine summer's day, walking down the village with the sea sparkling, the sun shining, stopping to pass the time of day with friends and neighbours, seeing holiday makers heading for the beach - glad you are here?

Parish News

Sadly, we lost one of our most senior citizens on Christmas Eve; Audrey Jackson was a Parish Councillor for well over 25 years and contributed very often to the Newsletter.

January and February meetings were attended by the Sealine Recovery Team and the Calder Hall Decommissioning Team respectively; both meetings were well advertised but only five members of the public attended both.

BT informed the Parish Council that they were going to remove two of the remaining four telephone boxes, leaving us just the ones in the car park and at the top of Gosforth Road. We have persuaded them to leave the one on Hallsenna Road but this would only be for 12 months, to monitor it to see if it is used enough for outgoing calls. The one on Santon Way will be removed.

The Christmas Lights switch-on is always well attended but this year it was exceptional – the turn out was great, best ever. My thanks to the Mayor and Mayoress of Copeland for switching on the lights, and to all of you who worked so hard on the day to make it a success.

We are delighted that we've been awarded the Yellow Flag again for the beach this year.

There is still no news on the car park or the yellow lines, but we are hoping to hear about reviews in April.

Eileen Eastwood
Chairwoman, Seascale Parish Council

Annual Parish Meeting

The meeting will be held on 21 April; we have Voluntary Action Cumbria coming to outline the way forward for us to put together a Parish Plan and a new, simple questionnaire.

If no-one comes to the meeting to show an interest in the future of our village, we will be lagging behind our neighbourhood parishes who were all ready, with the help of their parishioners, when this process started.

The Parish Council cannot do this on its own – so, if you want a say in the future of Seascale, please attend.

Seascale Parish Council

Arch Hill

We have still not received any permission from NetWork Rail to prepare or plant their land adjacent to Arch hill – project on-going.

Wanted

The Amenity Society is appealing for 20 of 2ft by 2ft along with 10 of 3ft by 2ft paving slabs for use in the Dell. Surely in all the back-gardens in Seascale we can find 20 looking for a good home?

Please contact Barbara on 28126

The Dell

By the time you read this Newsletter the new steps leading down from the Banks should be completed. They will be built to meet all current EU regulations. That will then leave the two paths requiring improvement which depend on the supply of paving slabs, the help of Drigg Young Farmers and school holidays. In this day and age it's nice to find young adults willing to help our community and not vandalise it.

Barbara Ramsden

Inzievar, Seascale's Abbeyfield House

It has been discovered that Inzievar was built and opened as a Boarding House in 1904, which means that this is its Centenary Year. The residents, staff and volunteers are planning to mark this with a special event later in the year and are appealing for memories, photographs and other items to form the basis of a display showing something of the history of the house both as a Boarding House in the days when Seascale was a popular holiday resort and during its time as a successful Abbeyfield House.

All items loaned will be returned to their owners after the event has taken place, so please search your attics and photograph albums and help make this event a successful one for Inzievar.

Please contact the Manager, Rosemary Miller, tel. no. 25061 or Jean Taylor, House Chairman, tel: 28713 for more details or to offer materials on loan.

Sports Hall

The Sports Hall Committee appealed in the last newsletter for new committee members – we are still waiting to hear from you!

We are sad that we have lost Audrey Jackson as one of our trustees; she will be missed.

If you are new to the village and would like to see what facilities are available please ring a committee member and we will show you around.

Eileen Eastwood, Chairwoman

Cumbria Wildlife Trust Forthcoming Talks

31 March: "Water Voles" by Ruth Dalton
(Project Officer for the Trust)
7.30pm at Gosforth Methodist Church Hall

8 May: Coffee morning and plant sale
10.00am – 12 noon at Seascale Methodist
Church Hall

NEW YOGA CLASS

Seascale Primary School

5.30 – 6.45pm

The overall aim of this class is to use Yoga as a tool/strategy for coping with stress.

Practising Yoga postures, relaxation and breathing techniques for enhancing health and quality of lifestyle.

Mats Provided

Handouts Provided

Just turn up!

Kay McMahon – BWY Teacher

For more info and a chat please telephone
Kay on 019467 24226.

Horticultural Society Links

Seascale School has recently forged links with the Horticultural Society. A 'working party' from the Society has visited the school on Sunday mornings and has made a significant improvement to our grounds by tying up the willow trees and general tidying of all the borders etc.

I understand the wildlife area is next in line for a tidy! Thank you to all who have helped over the past few weeks.

Members will also be coming into school to grow sunflowers with some of the younger children. The older children grow fuchsias with the Fuchsia Society.

Chess Club

Seascale Primary School Chess Club has been playing very well in competitions recently.

Congratulations to those children who took part in the County Chess Championships – most children won either bronze or silver medals.

A competition was held with St Begh's School in Whitehaven last term with Seascale winning all the matches. Well done to all players.

Phone call from a Visitor

I live in Wakefield but am a frequent visitor to Seascale. I very much enjoy my visits to your village and consider it to be a 'Jewel in the Crown' of the Cumbrian coast and am most impressed with the way areas such as the Dell and the beach front have been improved in recent years. Seascale is a real community where things obviously are done by volunteers. However, there is a sting in the tail and sadly you probably know what I am going to say next. All this good work is spoilt by the fact that the place is littered with dog dirt. I have read your newsletter and realise that you have tried very hard to get the message across, but the first impression an outsider gets is a bad one due to certain dog owners of the village who are obviously not listening, and it spoils the overall image of the village. The worst area is from under the bridge near the Dell, past the boat house and then between the station and Station House. I'm not against dogs – I own a dog myself – but I clear up after it!

I hope that you have better luck in the future with your attempts to stop people from allowing their dogs to foul the streets – perhaps contacting the dog warden and enlisting his help would improve things?

Seascale Recreational Association (SRA)

The AGM was held on Monday 23 February 2004 and the committee was re-elected.

The Committee thanks all those Seascale Residents (over 18 years) who have paid their one pound annual Membership Subscription for 2004, and to those who have made donations in addition.

We all get pleasure from the SRA (Cricket) Field in one way or another and these subscriptions are an essential part of the Association's income to help pay for Council Tax, Insurance, Maintenance etc.

So if you can spare one pound please pay your subscription to a member of the Committee...

Steve Brown, John Collier, Mike Fleming, Bruce Hallington, Mary Hufton, Derek LeVoi, Jenny McClemens, Laurie Todhunter

Jenny McClemens (Hon Secretary)

Seascale Bowling Club – Ladies' Section

As the current President and Secretary of the Ladies' Section, I am happy to report that we are looking forward to a lively year on the bowling scene.

We start playing in April and, within two to three weeks, we have in Seascale a Ladies' Triples Day, when local groups from our county compete for a substantial prize. Following this, we play games and competitions against neighbouring clubs and also travel to all ends of the county.

Some of our ladies have been very successful in winning through to represent Cumbria in the National events at Leamington, but most of all we enjoy our friendly get-togethers within the club and the social events, such as cheese and wine parties, pie and pea supper with quiz and games, annual dinner and luncheons.

We have in our midst one lady – Maureen Eccles – who plays for the county "A" team. We are proud that, this year, Maureen is the Lady Vice-President of the county, becoming President next year and we shall be holding, on Sunday, June 13th, the Vice-President's Day at our premises, where we shall have games, side-stalls, refreshments etc. We hope for a good fun day and we will be delighted for anyone and everyone to come along and join us.

Do think about becoming a member of Seascale Bowling Club – you will soon learn how to "Bowl the Jack" and you will meet lots of people and make new friends as I did.

Doreen Whalley

Church Events in Seascale & District

EASTER 2004

Tuesday 30 March

7.30pm at St Joseph's: Seder, A Passover Meal

Friday 2 April

7.30pm at The Methodist Church: Breaking Bread – a modern musical setting of Holy Communion, with The Celebration Singers

Sunday 4 April (Palm Sunday)

8.00am at St Cuthbert's: Holy Communion

9.00am at St Joseph's: Mass with Distribution of Palms

9.30am at St Cuthbert's: Procession of Palms and Parish Communion

10.00am at The Methodist Church: Family Worship led by Reverend Philip Peacock

6.30pm at St Cuthbert's: United Service from Palm Sunday to Easter with the Amethyst Green Choir

Monday 5 to Thursday 8 April

10.00am to 12 noon each day at The Methodist Church: Holiday Club

Wednesday 7 April

7.30pm at St Joseph's: United Stations of the Cross

Thursday 8 April (Maundy Thursday)

7.00pm at St Cuthbert's: Holy Communion and Stripping of the Altars

7.00pm at Gosforth Methodist Church: Holy Communion

7.30pm at St Joseph's: Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday 9 April

10.00am at St Cuthbert's: United Service for Good Friday

2.00 to 3.00pm at St Cuthbert's: The Last Hour at the Foot of the Cross

3.00pm at St Joseph's: Service of the Passion & Death of Christ

6.30pm: United Walk of Witness from St Peter's, Drigg to St Paul's, Irton

7.30pm at St Paul's, Irton: From Palm Sunday to Easter with the Amethyst Green Choir

Holy Saturday 10 April

7.30pm at St Cuthbert's: Service of Lights and Easter Vigil

8.30pm at St Joseph's: Easter Vigil Service

Easter Day 11 April

8.00am at St Cuthbert's: Holy Communion

9.00am at St Joseph's: Easter Day Mass

9.30am at St Cuthbert's: Parish Easter Communion

10.00am at the Methodist Church: Family Worship

6.30pm at St Cuthbert's: United Festal Evensong and Sermon

Churches Call Lines

Do you know of anybody in Seascale in any kind of need? It may be someone living close by, or even yourself! It may be just to talk, to help with a problem, or assist in tackling an emergency. Whatever it is, perhaps the churches in Seascale may be able to help, or put you in touch with someone who can help. Whether you belong to any of the three churches or none, feel free to ring any of the following telephone numbers on behalf of yourself or someone you know in complete confidence:

Church of England: **28217**

Methodist: **28542**

Roman Catholic: **28425**

Seascale Cricket Club

Seascale Cricket Club runs three senior teams, one of the weekend Cumbria Cricket League and two mid-week teams. The club also runs two junior teams at Under 11 and Under 13 age groups which play in the Cumbria Junior Cricket League. New members are always welcome and anyone interested in joining the club should contact Steve Brown on 28352 or Andy Lee on 28292.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The article alongside was written by Sergeant Allen from Egremont Division of West Cumbria Constabulary. It is of particular interest at this time because Seascale has once again been the victim of pointless, moronic and expensive vandalism in the Dell as well as other places in the village.

I am sure you are all aware that damage to our amenities costs the Parish Council a lot of *your* money and if it continues we all have to take some of the responsibility for letting it happen. Some of this damage has been occurring during the daylight hours and yet none of it has been reported at the time. Neighbourhood Watch has always urged people to report to the Police any crime or vandalism in the village, but unfortunately many people simply do not want to get involved.

By doing this the perpetrators think they will get away with it. Seascale is a lovely village, one that we are proud of and it would be such a pity for so few to ruin it for so many. Remember, if you report anything to the Police you do not have to give your name although it does help if you are prepared to do so. All calls are given an incident number and without this the Police can do very little. Anyone who feels uneasy about talking to the Police are more than welcome to have a chat to your Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator or contact the Area Co-ordinator (Dot Jackson 28845).

South Cumbria Rural Youth Strategy – “It’s Your Choice”

This project is to tackle the historic problem of youth disorder in our communities. The project is a multi-agency programme that will tackle all the problems associated with youth disorder.

WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?

Anti-social behaviour destroys lives and shatters communities. Youth disorder is of great concern to the public of the communities within the area.

The project is aimed at the youths that roam the estates causing mayhem that has a degenerating effect on the neighbourhood.

Not all youths fall into this category. There are the persistent offenders and their followers who may commit offences. There are the groups who are generally well-behaved but occasionally overstep the mark and finally there are the youths who just gather in an area, do nothing wrong but still intimidate people just by their appearance.

WHAT DO WE INTEND TO DO?

- Identify the problem
- Educate offenders and young people by school programme, Junior Citizen Scheme and Youth Inclusion Programme
- Target hot-spot areas using environmental design, police patrols, outreach workers and publicity
- Warn offenders – police officers giving verbal warnings; letters sent to home address; home visit by police officers; parents and persistent offenders brought to the Police Station; utilise the Acceptable Behaviour Contract
- Diversionary projects
- Publicise the project
- Prosecute serious or persistent offenders

STEPS TO BE TAKEN

Verbal warning

Subsequent disorder attended by police – *instigate a letter being sent to the parent(s) of the youth*

If the youth comes to the attention of police officers attending disorder for the third time – *visit to the child's home address* by police

Their behaviour will be discussed and a diversionary interest will be offered as a way of taking them away from loitering on street corners and engaging in anti-social activities.

It is hoped that this process will be carried out with the full co-operation and support of the parents, as it is an attempt to steer their children away from the criminal justice system and deal with their behaviour at an early stage.

AND IF THIS DOESN'T WORK?

The youth will be invited into the police station, and will attend an interview with the Police and the Youth Offending team. This will culminate in an Acceptable Behaviour Contract (ABC) and will have a list of clauses which the youth will adhere to.

IF THE ABC DOES NOT WORK

If after all these efforts the youth is still behaving anti-socially, the police and local authority will gather evidence against the youth, with a view to applying for an Anti-Social Behaviour Order (ASBO). All the information gathered against the youth as part of this scheme will be included as part of the package when applying for an ASBO.

Seascale Charity Fun Day 2004 A Community Together Day!

It seems hard to believe that almost twelve months have passed since that wonderful sunny day in July 2003 when we played host to our annual fun day.

This year's event will be held on Saturday 10 July commencing at 12 noon until 4.30pm.

Months of planning have gone into ensuring an event even more successful than the last! The theme for this year is going to be 'Carnival Party!'

To this end we are hoping to attract a steel band to join us for the day and other attractions will include dancing – some with a Salsa theme – by Seascale Stompers and an exhibition set by 8 year-old Stephanie Coulter from Whitehaven, winner of last August's World Dance Masters and CWDC European Champion.

There will be a walk-around magician to amuse the youngsters and children's disco sessions during the afternoon. Thanks to generous funding from the Scarman Trust we have our own bouncy castle for the under twelve's alongside many other sideshow amusements.

A variety of craft stalls will offer a wide array of gifts for all occasions.

Our friends from West Cumbria Hospice at Home, the fun day's supported charity, will be on hand with their varied stalls and tombolas.

Having entertained the younger members of the community for the afternoon, this year there will be a ticketed evening event for the over-18's. A spectacular evening of entertainment will be held in the marquee, again carrying on the daytime theme of Carnival Party, with the emphasis being on party! Based around Carnival night in Rio, this will be a chance to dress to impress! Fancy dress is optional with prizes for the most sensational – sequins and sparkle to excess if you please!

It promises to be a great evening of glitz and glamour with a fabulous cabaret line up including singers Vivien Lee, John Boyer and Gary French. The compere for the evening will be the suave and sophisticated entertainer Adam Charles.

Tickets will be available from Calder House Hotel from Saturday 1 May 2004 and include a sumptuous exotic buffet and prize draw entry. The evening will cumulate in a dazzling firework display.

Early ticket booking is recommended as demand is expected to be high. A pay-by-instalments arrangement is in place. Please enquire when booking your tickets. Contact reservations on 01947 28538.

This is very much a 'Community Together Day' – We look forward to seeing you on 10 July and wish you all a fun-filled day and fabulous evening.

Steve Ainley & Andrew Gainford

A Remarkable Seascale Lady

Audrey Jackson: 1907 to 2003

taken from *Contact* 26, September 1977

After two or three attempts we finally managed to find Miss Jackson "at home". She is the person who, when she had finished teaching, was asked what it was like to be a lady of leisure and what was she doing with all her free time. The answer is that although she has retired Miss Jackson is in reality still as active as ever.

She carries on her interest in teaching by being a tutor for the Adult Literacy cause.

She also belongs to a long list of organisations, such as being Vice-president of the Whitehaven YWCA, President of the Evergreens, a Parish Councillor from which she is on the Further Education Committee, and Chairman of the Seascale branch of the Abbeyfield Society – taking over the last-mentioned post from Alan Postlethwaite (former Vicar of Seascale), who initiated it.

Fortunately, the Abbeyfield Home "Inzievar" is opposite Miss Jackson's house for she visits the residents twice daily and has been known to help out in the kitchen if needs be. Abbeyfield is an association which provides accommodation for elderly people who have relatives in the district.

The Women's Institute has also taken up a lot of Miss Jackson's time; she has been a member for most of her life at Seascale (1927) and for fourteen of these years she was president. She still takes a great interest by being on the County Committee for "Education and Public Questions" and is also on the Editorial Board for the area news sheet "Home and Hobbies".

Last but not least, Audrey Jackson is the County Commonwealth and International Adviser for the Girl Guides.

This movement has played a major part in her life; from being a member of the first Guide Company in Barrow she went on to be a cadet at college. Since she has been at Seascale she

has progressed from Lieutenant to Captain to District Secretary, to District Commissioner, to Division Commissioner, and, finally to her present post. During this time Lady Baden Powell visited West Cumbria twice and stayed at Whingarth with Audrey. Due to all these commitments she travels widely, attending conferences all over the country; for instance, she recently attended the first Abbeyfield Society Conference where she met Princess Alexandra.

Although not a Cumbrian herself Audrey Jackson's family originated in the Whicham Valley; her father moved to Barrow to become a Colliery Accountant at the Steelworks and it was in Barrow that Miss Jackson was born. She was an only child although she longed to have brothers and sisters. However, her best friend was one of a family of eight and, consequently, she spent a great deal of her time at their home and, on her own admission, she was not the best-behaved of children. She disliked especially her uniform and tells of mishaps that "accidentally" happened to her black gym stockings and floppy hats.

She was a delicate child, and was bedridden for two years, but grew up to be a "strapping lass"; this enabled her, at the age of seventeen, to go away to College at Bedford where she remained for three years. She studied Froebel teaching, specialising in Geography, and other interests were singing and Greek Dancing. She was Secretary of the Student Christian Movement and has fond memories of rowing and punting on the river. While at College she firmly decided that she wanted to teach at a boys' school: she received offers of posts at Seaford and Berkhamsted but finally decided to come to the Preparatory School at Seascale as this was near to her parents and her family knew the Burnetts who ran the school.

She arrived in Seascale on a typically rainy day

but this did not deter her as that will be fifty years ago this month. She lived at the school for three years during which time she became friendly with the Waugh family – and, on the death of Mrs Waugh, she moved to Dunure to live with her daughter, Gwen. A few years later they moved across the road to Whin Garth where Miss Jackson still resides.

At the Prep. School she taught all ages and subjects, including cricket and football. In addition to teaching Miss Jackson enjoyed writing and producing plays for the school's Christmas parties; her productions had to include the whole class in the cast and so took such forms as a "Miss World" competition, "The Good Old Days", and a "Circus". When the school was at its height there were 70 boys on the roll.

When the war came the masters had to go into the Services and consequently there was much more onus on the female staff; for instance, Miss Jackson took over the Scouts in addition to the Cubs. Because of this work – and especially with the Cubs who she took throughout her career, Miss Jackson was awarded the Medal of Merit in 1950 by the Chief Scout. The schoolrooms were re-arranged so that the dormitories were on the ground floor to avoid the boys having to be moved if there was an air raid. Some bombs did fall around Seascale, including one at the end of the golf course, and the boys found it exciting to walk to the bomb crater and pick up bits of shell.

During this period Miss Jackson, in addition to her increased responsibilities at the school, did volunteer work for the A.R.P. and the Mobile

Ambulance Service. In the A.R.P. they watched from the Water Tower and if there was a raid they rang the two schools and the vicarage. The war years also saw the first influx of people to Seascale as many evacuees were sent here, mainly from Tyneside and South Shields. Some of them found it very quiet but they soon fitted into the school routine, including the Sunday School which was run by Miss Jackson and Miss Waugh.

Miss Jackson saw the growth of Windscale simply as another influx of people and thinks that the W.I. played a large part in helping them to integrate into the village Community.

Miss Jackson retired when the Preparatory School closed five years ago. She decided to stay in Seascale as, although not village-bred, she could not go back to live in a town as she finds life busy and full enough here.

Mary Lawton and Elaine Robertson

February 2004

Miss Jackson gave immense help and support to all new Parish Councillors, and was always willing to attend meetings in place of those councillors who had full-time occupations.

She also had a love of the theatre – be it ballet at Durham or a play at Rose Hill near Moresby or even writing her own plays for the WI or the Evergreens.

During recent years Audrey resigned some of her committees, but remained President of the Evergreens, an Honorary Commissioner for the Guides and remained a member of the WI and Mothers Union until Christmas 2003.

Barbara Ramsden

Dressing Rooms *Soft Furnishings by Liz Poole*

CURTAINS, BLINDS, SWAGS & TAILS, LOOSE COVERS,
BEDSPREADS, HEAD-BOARDS, TABLE LINEN, UPHOLSTERY

FARMING CRACK

The biggest shake-up in farming since the Second World War is taking place at the moment. The far-reaching effects cannot be imagined. Basically all price support, subsidies and grants given by the government are to be scrapped and replaced by a single payment, based on the amount of land that you own or farm as opposed to being related to production. This encouraged farmers to keep more stock, whereas the new method will see a dramatic reduction in stock numbers being kept. With the experts forecasting a world shortage of food this might not be a good idea.

It appears that the ones that are going to be the worst off are the smaller intensive dairy and beef farms, many of which are family run farms, as most are in Cumbria. Those with most to gain are the large farms and estates with large acreages.

It was sickening to see the Bill being debated in Parliament, after it was announced; there was only a very small number of MPs who thought it was important enough to attend.

On the brighter side spring is just around the corner. Young lambs and primroses are the best indication that spring is here. This year must be the first time in living memory that lambs will be born at Bailey Ground. Our sons have branched out into the sheep business. The idea is to fatten the lambs on grass and sell them direct to the customer. There are about 100 due to have lambs in the next 6 weeks, along with about 25 cows to calve in the same period. This will certainly mean some sleepless nights.

Now is probably a good time to remind dog owners to keep their pets on leads at all times when near livestock. It takes very little to make them abort if they are chased or spooked.

With the Right to Roam Act shortly to be introduced, opening up large areas of fell and rough ground to the public, some farmers are extremely concerned for the safety of anyone that walks near their herds of suckler cows

which graze on this type of ground. This type of cattle, when their calves are being born, can be very dangerous. They will not think twice about charging you even if you do not have a dog with you. Several people have been attacked and killed in recent years, so if you come across cows with calves give them a wide berth or be prepared to run like hell if they come after you.

Trails in the sky

Several frosty mornings recently (end of February) there have been fantastic displays of vapour trails in the sky. On Thursday morning, 26 February, between 6.30 and 7.30am, which appears to be the rush hour, there were 15 different planes in view at the same time. They were so clear you could see the colours on some of them. The main corridor for south travelling planes is directly over Seascale, while the ones travelling north go over Scafell, and some travel up just out to sea. Odd ones go crossways but they are a lot higher. It would be interesting to know where they are all going to or from. Several hundred must go over here every day. It makes you wonder how much fuel they will be using.

A sad note

Did anyone see the deer that had been run over, lying dead on the roadside between Seascale and Gosforth the other week? Its mate stood for over two days, over the hedge nearby, waiting for it. Very sad, especially considering how scarce they are in this area.

Seascale on-line

Seascale's telephone exchange will be enabled for broadband on 26 May. Sign up and get ready to throw away those old modems!

Contact for contributions to the next Seascale Newsletter is the Editor, Lois Holman, tel: 019467 28941. e-mails to: loisholman15@aol.com

2ND SEASCALE SCOUT GROUP

The group is still very much alive and well; we are seeing a gradual increase in our numbers. However, without more adult helpers or leaders future progress will be limited. Paul States is running the Cubs, currently with the help of Ann Wedgwood. However, business pressure means that Ann won't be able to give as much time in the future, so we are setting up a parents' rota to support Paul. However, we will still welcome any support which people can give us. Stuart Mellor, who is fairly new to the village, has become the new Scout Leader, assisted by Helen Rycraft.

We have some possible Beaver Scouts, a volunteer to be Beaver Scout Leader and two assistant Beaver Scout Leaders so we hope to start the beaver colony (6 to 8 year-olds) very shortly. If you have youngsters who would like to come to Beavers (or any section), do give me a ring.

Cubs are open to all boys AND girls aged 8-10. Future events include "Activity Day" at Penrith, Scientist Badge work at Yottenfews, visit to local Fire Station, visit to see the lights at Muncaster Castle as well as all the usual activities you would associate with Scouting. Cubs meet between 6.00 pm and 7.30 pm and new recruits are most welcome.

Are you aged between 10½ and 13?
Do you have lots of energy to use up?
Do you like the outdoors?
Do you enjoy meeting new people?

The answer "yes" to any of these questions suggests you should come down to Scouts on a Thursday night between 7.30 and 9.00pm and see what you think. The activities planned are varied, with anything from indoor cooking to wide games around the county.

If you would be interested in helping at all – we still need adult support – or if you have youngsters who would be interested in joining us, do give me a ring on 28296.

Graham Worsnop, Group Scout Leader

NSPCC

Thank you again from all the Committee for the continuous support we get from so many people. Our total raised last year was £1,560.

Joyce Roberts (Chairman)

Annual Rummage Sale

Seascale Fire Brigade will be running the annual rummage sale on Saturday 17 April. Watch the notice board for details.



Seascale Post Office: Personal Banking Facilities. Deposits and Withdrawals without charges for LloydsTSB, Barclays, Smile, Cahoot, Coop Alliance and Leicester, National Savings.

Seascale Post Office: One stop travel shop. 0% commission on all foreign currency. Passport checking. Competitive Holiday Insurance. E111 forms.

Seascale Post Office: Open at Lunch Time

Monday to Friday 9:00 to 5:30 Saturday 9:00 to 12:30

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Audrey Jackson

a tribute to a loyal villager

Audrey had a gift for writing verse for any occasion, so here is one in her memory.

Audrey was a lady of the old school,
In her lifetime several monarchs over her did rule,
A royalist for sure, she could not resist,
The Queen Mother was on her birthday card list.

To have reached a hundred and received a letter from the Queen,
Was Audrey's lifetime ambition to have lived and seen,
But at the age of ninety six she ran out of steam,
So unfortunately the Queen's letter was only a dream.

She taught at the prep school until she retired,
Then joined the Parish Council, her batteries re-fired,
She campaigned for a roundabout at the top of Arch Hill,
But alas a favourable decision we're waiting for still.

In the W.I. concerts she used to star,
In the Girl Guide movement she travelled afar,
She served on committees too numerous to mention,
To help them all was always her intention.

Her knowledge and humour will be missed greatly,
She remembered when Seascale was home to the stately,
Whingarth held garden parties, there were sports in the Dell,
Silent movies in the Church Hall, the stories she did tell.

The shops were all full then and so was the beach
So were the four schools where she used to teach,
There were no vandals, no drugs, no crime,
Everyone enjoyed themselves, they always found time.

About death, I heard a saying once, I remember still,
As an epitaph to Audrey I think just fits the bill,
I will remember you not for the pain and sadness of your dying
But for the joy and happiness of your living.

Audrey Jackson 25 February 1907 – 24 December 2003

by Ken Mawson – a friend

Car Boot Sales at Gosforth Hall

Gosforth Hall is running two car boot sales in May to help fund this year's Gosforth Firework Display. They will be held on Sundays 2 and 30 May, 9am until 1pm. To book a plot (£5) call Rod or Barbara on 019467 25322.

Upcoming events at Calder House Hotel

On Saturday 3 April there will be an Easter Craft Fair with a fantastic array of stalls showcasing gifts and crafts from a range of Cumbrian exhibitors. There will be a Kiddies Korner where the children will be able to make Easter gifts and cards for mum, dad, grandparents etc. Admission is just 50p for adults with free entry for children. The event will run from 11am until 3.00pm. Tea, coffee and light lunches will be served.

On Wednesday 5 May we will be hosting a Spring Wedding Fair. Calder House Hotel is now licensed to hold Civil Marriage Ceremonies. It will be a chance for you to see our newly extended and refurbished Tivoli Gardens Function Room and to have an informal chat about your requirements and what we can offer. The Wedding Fair will be held in a fabulous 'starlit' marquee in the hotel grounds from 7pm until 10pm. There will be two spectacular fashion shows with a variety of stands covering wedding essentials such as Formal Hire, Flowers, Photography, Hair and Beauty. There will be an entry charge of £1.00. Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door.

Both of the above events are being held in support of West Cumbria Hospice at Home.