

# SEASCALE

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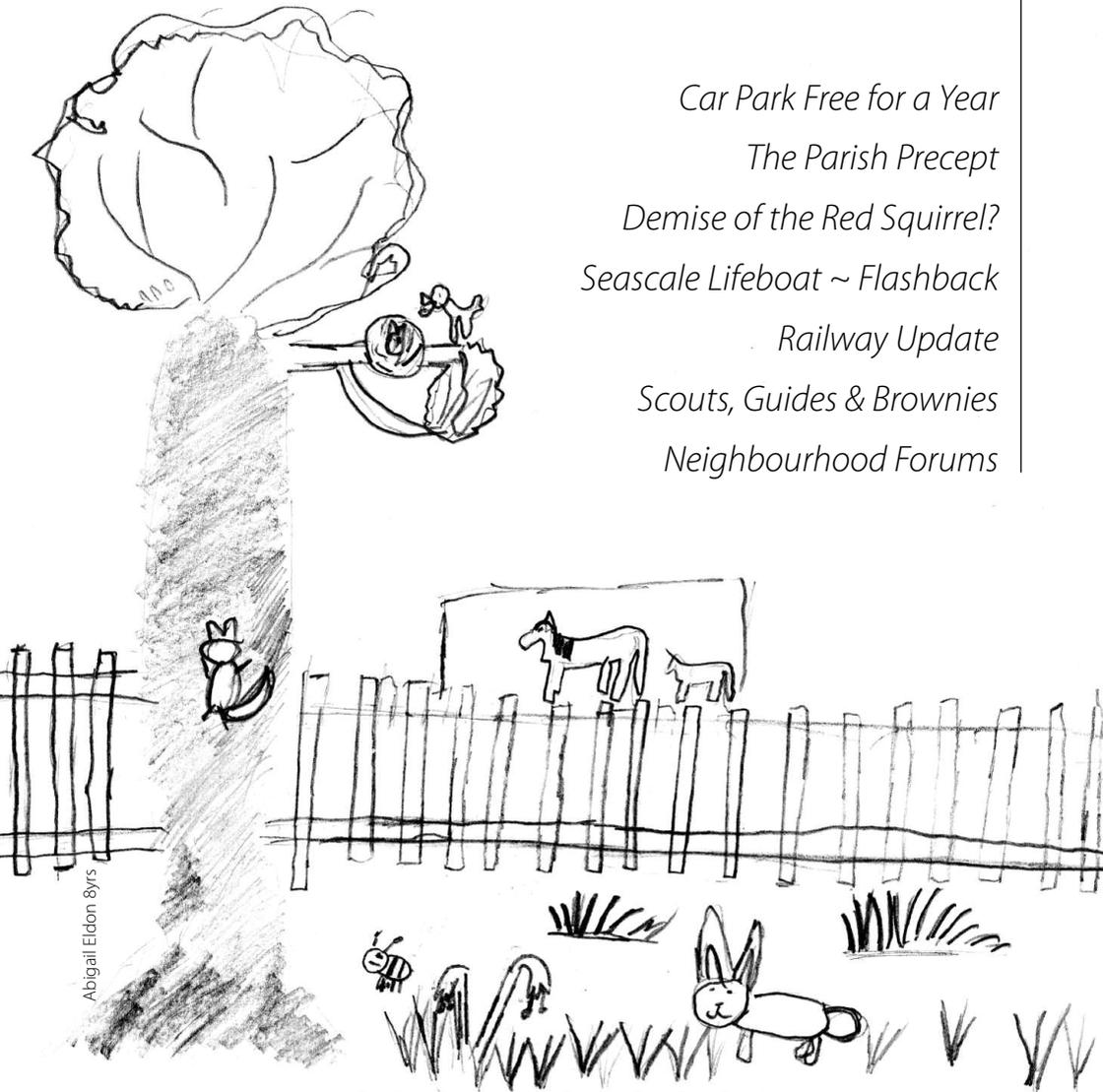
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Abigail Eldon Byrs

SPRING 2006

# PARISH NEWS

**The Parish Council has managed to rent the Car Park for 12 months' trial starting from 1 April. We hope that this will improve the trade for the businesses in the village and we will see more people enjoying the facilities provided on our beach front. See page 10.**

The Christmas celebrations were a great success. It was the largest turnout we've ever had. Our thanks to John Garner and Tony Biggins for the lights and Chris Burgess for the fireworks – both were excellent. Thanks to everyone else who helped and to the Mayor and Mayoress for attending and switching on the lights.

**The Parish Council is trying to sort out the mess in the village caused by grassed areas not being cut by the new owners.**

We are still waiting for a start date for the upgrading of the Villagate pavements.

**It's been brought to our attention that bottles that are too big for the holes provided in the bottle bank have been left on the top (not the most sensible thing to do). I have been informed by Waste Management that if they can trace the owners who leave bags of bottles, paper or cans they will be charged with fly tipping.**

In 2004 a plate was awarded to someone at the horticultural show but was not returned last year. Could the person who received it please return it to a member of the Parish Council so it can be awarded again this year!

**When you receive this newsletter, Spring should be here and we should be enjoying the spring bulbs planted around the village and hopefully walking our footpaths. So that everyone can enjoy this please clean up after your dogs and don't drop litter.**

## David Moore

David and his father before him have delivered milk in Seascale since the 1940s. As most of you will know David has now given up this delivery. He is not retiring – he will still be our District and Parish Councillor and be in charge of Seascale Fire Service.

We would like to thank David and his family for the service he has given to the village. When we had the snow in 1996 his customers still had their milk delivered – he got his tractor and trailer out and everyone got their milk despite the weather conditions.

We wish him well in the future.

*from Seascale Residents*

## Gala Charity Event in aid of the Mayor's Charities

Calder House Hotel will play host to a very special Gala Dinner Dance on Friday 5 May. The event will be a fundraiser for the Mayor and Mayoress of Copeland's chosen charities – West Cumbria Young Carers and West Cumberland Stroke Unit.

Guests will enjoy a four-course dinner followed by entertainment from accomplished pianist and singer Simon Brown.

Simon returned to England in October 2004 after having worked as a freelance professional musician based in Spain since 1987. In 2004 he was the piano entertainer of choice at the SAS Radisson Hotel in Lillehammer for the official 10th Anniversary celebrations of the 1994 Winter Olympics in Norway before performing in Dubai during the Dubai World Cup and returning to Spain. He is now establishing a solid reputation as a reliable, talented professional in the UK.

*Limited tickets are available – please telephone 019467 28538 for further details.*

## Seascale Sports Hall

I fully intended to say we have been open 20 years this March, but looking back on our opening week's programmes we couldn't open in 1986 because of problems with the floor, so we had to postpone until 1987.

We feel at the moment the Hall is under-used. This is sad as it is a marvellous facility. If you are new to the village please contact a committee member who will be pleased to show you around.

We are also looking for new committee members; our contact numbers are:

*Jenny McClemens Tel 28201*

*Eileen Eastwood Tel 28653*

*Myrtle Harvey Tel 28915*

## Use it or lose it

As from 1 April you will be able to travel anywhere in Cumbria with your free bus passes provided you start your journey in Copeland.

As a result of consultation the No. 6 Bus Service will operate via Tesco. The 14.45 bus that used to terminate at Calderbridge will start at 14.30 (Mon-Fri) and come as far as Gosforth and Seascale. Please watch timetables and notice boards for further information.

*Eileen Eastwood*

## 1st Seascale Rainbows

We now have five new Rainbows – Beth, Amber, Zara, Keiyah and Kyra – whom we welcome to our unit. This year we have done various activities; we have made collages, decorated cakes, been to the pantomime and played lots of games.

If you would like your daughter to be added to the waiting list please contact:

*Joan (019467 21164) or*

*Jenny (01946 825887)*

## FUNDAY 2006

This year the Seascale and Calder House Funday will be held on Saturday 8 July. Commencing at 11.30am, it will have a fun-filled mixture of song, dance and magic featuring many local artistes.

A wide variety of stalls and games should ensure that everyone is entertained.

As always the event is held to support and raise money for local charities.

Community organisations and charity groups are invited to take part and interested parties can contact Steve Ainley on 019467 28538 to secure a place on the day.

The family funday concludes at 4.00pm to give way to a spectacular evening cabaret night in the Starlight Marquee.

This year's themed evening party night...

## VIVA LAS VEGAS

will feature a star-spangled host of acts and will include a superb buffet supper and disco.

Tickets will go on sale on 1 May priced at £20 per person.

Demand as always will be high so to secure your place contact Calder House Hotel on 019467 28538.

### St. Michael and All Angels Parish Church Nether Wasdale

#### QUARTETS IN WASDALE

played by the  
Stonebridge String Quartet

Mozart: Quartet in D, K.575  
Shostakovich: Quartet No. 7, Op. 108  
Schubert: Quartet in G, D.887

Saturday 29 April 2006 at 7.30pm

Tickets £7. Free Admission for accompanied children  
and students

For further information and tickets phone  
**019467 26258**

# Neighbourhood Forums

Bootle and Seascale Forums are on...

<b>27 April 2006</b>	<b>Seascale Methodist Hall</b>
<b>20 July 2006</b>	<b>venue to be arranged</b>
<b>26 October 2006</b>	<b>venue to be arranged</b>
<b>8 February 2007</b>	<b>venue to be arranged</b>

NDA will talk at the first one on what they intend to do for the Community. A future meeting will be on Rural Proofing. These meetings are for you all and groups can bid for funding for schemes that will benefit their areas. I'm including a list of last year's grants to give you an idea.

## Grants Awarded by the Bootle and Seascale Neighbourhood Forum in 2005/06

Millom District Guides Association	Towards transport costs for holiday in July	£158.00
Seascale Brownies	Towards the cost of residential weekend pack holiday	£100.00
Seascale Bowling club	Towards the cost of installing dimpled rubber in the ditches	£50.00
Holmrook Reading Rooms	To replace old unsafe electric cooker	£280.00
Millom and District Credit Union	To purchase a metal security gate	£56.00
Friends of the Jubilee Centre	Towards the cost of recliner chair for the elderly	£200.00
2nd Seascale Scout Group	Towards the cost of extra camping & cooking equipment	£200.00
Bootle & District Community First Responders Trust	Towards the cost of purchasing basic life saving equipment	£600.00
Bootle Village Hall	Towards the cost of repairing kitchen & shower floors	£250.00
Wyndham Music Centre Windband	Towards the cost of concert tour	£150.00
Whitehaven Sea Cadets	Towards the cost of purchasing new instruments & camp craft materials	£100.00
West Lakeland Dog Training Club	To adapt a trailer for carrying equipment	£100.00
Gosforth Greengarth RUFC	To purchase training lights	£350.00
Waberthwaite & Corney District Village Hall	Towards the cost of replacing the village hall roof	£225.00
Seascale Parish Council	Towards the cost of landscaping a new piece of land	£200.00
Muncaster County Charity Fair and Sheepdog Trials	Towards cost of marquee and toilet facilities hire	£125.00
Copeland Learning Together	Towards the cost of new story sacks to encourage reading	£200.00
Mobex Cumbria Ltd	Towards the cost of delivering long term youth provision	£250.00
Bootle & District Social and Sports Association	Towards the cost of firework display and supper	£100.00
Copeland Rungwe Community Link	Towards the cost of sending 24 volunteers to Rungwe	£200.00
Hill Millom Road Safety Committee	Towards the costs of purchasing equipment to slow the traffic through village	£200.00
Seascale Parish Council	Towards the cost of purchasing new cabling for the Xmas lights	£150.00
Gosforth Nursery	Towards the cost of purchasing new IT equipment	£150.00
The Eskdale Mill & Heritage Trust	Towards cost of updating disabled and impaired sight access	£200.00
Waberthwaite, Corney & District Village Hall	Towards the cost of replacing the electrical fittings	£350.00
Bootle & Waberthwaite Wrestling Academy	Towards the cost of replacing worn out mats	£320.00
<b>Total amount awarded in 2005/06</b>		<b>£5,463.00</b>

# Railway Update

## Northern Rail Special Offer Tickets

The Cumbria Coast Day Ranger is valid on any train on the route between Barrow, Millom, Whitehaven and Carlisle. Price £13.50 Adult, £6.75 Child. The Cumbria Round Robin Ticket is a day ticket covering the circular route Barrow – Carlisle - Penrith – Lancaster. Price £23.00 adult, £11.50 child. Valid on any train from 08.45 Monday to Friday. and any train Saturday, Sunday and Bank holidays. Valid for any train Monday to Friday between Barrow – Whitehaven – Carlisle.

## Leven Viaduct Engineering Blockade

Between Sunday 26 March and Sunday 16 July the Leven Viaduct on the Furness line between Ulverston and Grange-over-Sands will be closed for reconstruction. Bus links will operate. Check with the train operators before travelling!

## Tyne Valley Day Rover Ticket

Covers the line from Whitehaven and Carlisle across to Newcastle and Sunderland, price £13.00 adult, £6.55 child (railcard holders have a third discount and flat £2.00 fare for children on a family railcard). Not affected by Leven Viaduct Blockade!

*Information correct at time of writing. Check before travelling.*

## Local Train Operating Companies

Northern Rail: [www.northernrail.org](http://www.northernrail.org)  
Virgin Trains: [www.virgintrains.co.uk](http://www.virgintrains.co.uk)  
TransPennine Express: [www.tpexpress.co.uk](http://www.tpexpress.co.uk)  
Ravenglass and Eskdale:  
[www.ravenglass-railway.co.uk](http://www.ravenglass-railway.co.uk)

## Copeland Rail Users Group

Tony Potts, 5 Highfield Court, Hillcrest,  
Whitehaven CA28 6TR

**Furness Line Action Group** e-mail:  
[furnessline.actiongroup@btopenworld.com](mailto:furnessline.actiongroup@btopenworld.com)

## Keep Crime Off The Line

Report it don't ignore it.  
Call the hot line free on: 0800 40 50 40  
[www.crimeofftheline.org](http://www.crimeofftheline.org)

# Seascale School

A notable success has been won by a Seascale School football team.

On Saturday 21 January 2006, at a 5-a-side indoor inter-school tournament at the Carlisle Sands Centre, Seascale won through to the Grand Final of the All Schools Group (40 schools).

In a close fought final they ended runners-up to Maryport.

Having left Seascale at 7.45 am, they arrived back at 9.00 pm with their final medals, tired but not despondent.

The Small Schools and the Girls Schools tournaments took place on successive Saturdays.

On Thursday, 9 February, the Senior Referee of the tournaments came to the School and with all the pupils gathered in the Assembly Hall, he presented the team with the cup for the "Best Sporting Team" in a Tournament of 1,000 pupils from 120 schools.

Prior to Christmas, Whitehaven Amateur Football Club organised a 5-a-side inter-school competition involving 20 local schools on their new outdoor Astro-turf ground. Seascale won through to the quarter finals and are now awaiting a date for the play-offs.

A local schools 9-a-side league has been formed. To date four matches have been played and four wins recorded.

Thanks are due to the School Staff for their support in all sporting events and to the Parents, Guardians, Grandparents etc who provide transport and/or come to support the teams.

*J. Watson*

## Dog Mess

Would the thoughtful, intelligent person who regularly exercises a dog on Gosforth Road and into Lingmell Crescent please explain why he or she bothers to bag the dog muck, and then simply throw it against people's fences?!

# SCAMWATCH

## Britannia Home Improvements

Information from Trading Standards points toward Britannia Home Improvements using the latest trading name to perpetrate the same con as used by European Property Services, Countrywide Home Improvements, Protex Improvements, Empire, etc, etc – names you are probably familiar with from the past. Protex Improvements Ltd was wound up by the DTI in September 2004.

The information Trading Standards have suggests that the same person is running Britannia as was running all the other ones – Nigel Hudson of the Stafford area but currently resident in Portugal.

The aim is to sell unnecessary damp proof treatment at an inflated price to elderly or vulnerable people. The work done will be minimal, sufficient only to make it look as if they have done something.

A cold telephone call to the householder will take place offering a free damp survey. It is not clear whether those targeted are by natural selection or whether the trader works off a list of contacts or exclusively older householders.

If the householder expresses an interest, details are taken and a second call from someone else will be used to arrange a surveyor's appointment as soon as possible – this will more than likely be the same day. The surveyor will turn up as agreed and will almost inevitably find a damp problem. He/she will use a meter of some kind that will flash and/or beep. They will then "sell" treatment.

Three jobs in Warrington had a starting price of approximately £1400 but discounted to around £1100. Payment on completion of works is agreed. Work is likely to be started on the same day and be completed in a few hours. Payment has been by cash or building society cheques.

The same trader has targeted the Dudley and Solihull areas at the end of last year. They both confirm that the work done had been unnecessary and of no value even if it was needed!

Given the nature of the scam and based on past experience this trader is likely to cease activity in Warrington and move on to another area.

Let us make sure it is not Seascale.

*Vicky Borrino*

**If you have any information on crime/incidents in the village, please contact P.C.R. McKee on 0845 3300247**

## POLICE NOTICE

Cumbria Police are reminding local farmers of the need for vigilance following a number of incidents of thefts from farm premises during recent weeks and months. Items stolen during these thefts have included quad bikes, power tools and equipment.

As part of their commitment to the reduction of quad bike thefts, Cumbria Police are installing security systems to quad bikes in the Copeland area as part of an on-going campaign. To date, in excess of forty security systems have been installed to quad bikes at individual farm premises across Copeland, by local community police officers.

The benefit to local farmers and police is that quad bikes fitted with this system are traceable and therefore it reduces their desirability to thieves. Rachel McKee, a local Community Police Officer, said "The further benefit for local farmers is that the security system is available at no personal cost, because they were funded 100% by the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership." Local farmers interested in this scheme should contact PC1750 Rachel McKee on 01946 692616 extension 3500 for more information.

Police are appealing for any information regarding suspicious vehicles and suspicious incidents occurring on or close to farm premises and anyone with information should contact local police on 0845 33 00 247 or alternatively call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

## Gosforth Guides

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*(for girls aged 10-14)*

This term has seen major changes in the unit. Our older Guides have all moved up to Rangers and we have welcomed nine new members (five from Seascale Brownies) who have settled in so quickly that it feels as if they have been with us for ages.

The Guides have elected six new Patrol Leaders and those chosen enjoyed an overnight trip to Wastwater Youth Hostel, where, along with the adult leaders, they worked on team building activities including a session of night orienteering, and skills for Patrol Leaders.

We started the term with a trip to the Gosforth Pantomime where we joined with Rainbows, Brownies, Rangers, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts from the local area to watch a lively performance in which some of our unit members were participating. During the last few weeks we have been working mainly in Patrols on various aspects of the Guide programme and also enjoyed a themed Valentine's evening.

At present we have nine Guides working on their Baden Powell Challenge which is the highest award a Guide can gain. We should like to congratulate Kate and Zoe who have recently completed their challenge and celebrated with other Guides from around the county with a weekend trip to Edinburgh where, amongst other things, they visited the Royal Yacht Britannia and enjoyed an Italian meal.

This coming summer, most members of the unit are joining Guides from all over the county for an activities camp named 'Go Wild', near Keswick. Plans for this camp are now well under way and it sounds as if it is going to be great fun – a lake cruise, adventurous activities, It's a Knock-out, line dancing, a disco, a talent contest and even shopping are all on the proposed list of pursuits. These large scale camps within the county usually take place once every four years, giving each member the opportunity to participate at least once during their time in Guides. The next one will hopefully take place in 2010 when Girlguiding will celebrate its 100th birthday.

*Sue Smith: 019467 28625*

## Gosforth Rangers

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*(for girls aged 14+)*

The Ranger Unit has grown in size since Christmas as 13 of the older Guides have moved up to join us. We also have two new adult leaders, both experienced Guiders and both young, well youngish!

We have spent quite a few of our meetings sorting out various aspects of our Duke of Edinburgh's Award, and are now looking forward to the warmer weather when we can practice our expedition work. We have also enjoyed a craft evening when our County Arts Adviser came along to give us expert help and of course most of us went to the pantomime at the beginning of term.

Six of the Rangers are also working as Young Leaders in the Brownie and Guide Units locally and some of them are looking forward to joining the adult leaders at their annual county Training Weekend at Keswick in April.

*Sue Smith: 019467 28625*

## Seascale Cricket Club

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The club will run senior sides playing in both weekend and midweek leagues. The weekend side have the exciting prospect of playing in the North Lancashire and Cumbria League for the first time.

The juniors will enter sides in both under-11 and under-13 leagues as in previous years; a newly-formed under-15 team will play on Friday nights at Gosforth C.C.

Outdoor practise starts in April; seniors will practise on Thursday nights and juniors will practise on Tuesday nights. New players and old are welcome at both junior and senior level. For further information contact:

*Steve Brown (019467 28352), Andy Lee (019467 28292) or Pete Holburt (019467 21584)*

**Seascale Parish Council is happy to accept donations for advertisements placed in the Seascale Newsletter. The expected rate is £10 for a quarter-page, and pro-rata for larger advertisements. Contact: Eileen Eastwood on 28653.**

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## 2nd Seascale Scout Group

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Sadly, as we expected, we have had to say goodbye to Paul, who has had to give up regular work with the group – it's hard to run a section when you find yourself still at Chapel Cross or Risley at 6 o'clock on the meeting night! We will miss Paul – I still don't know where he found all the programme and games ideas that he came up with.

That makes the need for more leaders even more important – we have got about 24 Beavers, 15 Cubs and 17 Scouts, and no full-time leaders for Cubs or Scouts. We are managing to keep going with both Ruth and Sara supporting Cubs as well as running Beavers, and I am supporting Scouts – but this cannot continue for very much longer. The youngsters all enjoy scouting, and it would be a great shame if we couldn't continue to provide this for them. I am very grateful to the parents who have offered to come along to assist us. As I am sure they will agree, it can be great fun and very rewarding running Beavers, Cubs or Scouts, but unless we can find more adults who are willing to lead the sections, then some hard decisions will have to be taken. Would you be willing to help?

As well as the cubs studying for their Emergency Aid badge and two Beavers obtaining their Chief Scouts Bronze award, and the Scouts building karts and recovering from Christmas with a cycle around Ponsonby Tarn and Hurlbarrow, the group made its present well felt at the Gosforth Panto, and 30 youngsters have just enjoyed skating at On Ice at Carlisle (I can recommend this venue to anyone who wants to try skating – apart from being nearer than Dumfries or Lockerby, the size is less daunting, it is less crowded, and being artificial ice it is much easier to learn to skate and not so cold, wet or hard if you fall). We have a trip to the St Bees lighthouse organised, the Cubs are going to the District Camp in Shropshire in May, the Scouts are preparing to enter two teams in the County Karting championship in April (which will mean camping near Lancaster), and we have the group camp booked for June as well as planning to have a stall at the Fun Day in July. There's always plenty going on – do you want to be part of it?

We would also like to thank the British Nuclear Group Community Fund for the donation which they have made towards the group, and for the help in trying to find us some storage cupboards to replace the very battered ones we have at present – which are well past their sell-by date!

*Graham Worsnop, Group Scout Leader  
Tel 019467 28296*

## The Dell

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On Tuesday, 21 February, Eileen and I walked past the Dell and noticed a very kind hearted gentleman clearing the soil from the steps and the upper part of the path. The soil was caused by the moles making their mountains. Copeland Borough Council has now addressed the problem caused by these moles.

To him and our other 'unsung heroes' who clean up litter and broken glass from around the wishing well, under the village seats and around the castle on the foreshore – and also to whoever helps to keep the Dell stream flowing by removing the build-up of rubbish – we would like to say a big 'thank you'. It is much appreciated. Perhaps our community spirit is not yet dead.

*Barbara Ramsden and Eileen Eastwood*

## Swings on the Beach

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The community of Seascale owes the Mother and Baby Group a big vote of thanks for raising money for this facility. It is a welcome addition to our play area on the beach. Thanks also to the men who worked so hard to put in place the safety surfaces.

*Seascale Parish Council*

## Croquet at Calder House

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...on dry Tuesday evenings from 18 April at 6.00pm.

Just turn up if you are interested. You are welcome to join in the fun, whether you've never played before, or are an expert!

# The Parish Precept

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In the leaflet that Copeland Borough Council sends out with the notification of your Council Tax bill for the year is a list of the Parish Tax that is added to your Council Tax, depending on which parish you live in. The Parish Tax or Precept is the amount that your Parish Council has asked for to run the parish. Last year, the Parish Tax for Seascale, for a Band 'D' property, was an additional £21.23; for 2006/07 it will be £25.88 (an increase of £4.65).

What do you get for your Parish Tax? It pays for a clerk to look after the correspondence, phone calls and bills for the Parish; keeps the grass verges and The Dell cut and tidy; maintains and cleans the toilets; pays for repairs (due to wear and tear or vandalism) to village seats, play equipment etc; pays for the newsletter so we can tell you what's happening in the village; pays insurance on the Sports Hall, Bowling Pavilion, play equipment etc.

In addition to what the Parish Tax pays for, you get the voluntary work done by the 10 Parish Councillors – organising or doing repair work, checking play areas are safe and clean, organising events, keeping the Parish Council accounts and preparing the statutory returns for the Audit Commission. There is also time spent by someone in the village who acts as our internal auditor, checking the accounts are properly kept, and village residents who pick up litter – their contributions to the welfare of the village – to them we are extremely grateful.

If you didn't have a Parish Council, running the village would fall to CBC – do you think the village would benefit from their care?

For 2006/07, we have added enough to the Parish Tax to pay rent for the car-park – so that parking can be free again. We have tried, totally without success, to persuade CBC that the car-park should be free of charge, and that the charges are victimising rural residents and damaging rural businesses. Asking all village residents to pay for the car-park via their Council Tax we hope will save our village businesses by bringing people back to the foreshore area to buy bread, sandwiches and papers, to use the beach

and shops – before the businesses are forced to give up trying to stay open. The rent is initially for next year only, to see if the free car-park (and asking for voluntary payments from users), reverses the effect that the car-park charges have had on the use of the car-park.

OK, so YOU never use the village shops, you always go to Whitehaven – why should you pay for the car-park? There are a lot of elderly residents in the village (some with no transport, some only able to drive to the local shops), who rely on the village shops – they need local businesses to keep going. For those who can drive, 30p a day added to their groceries and papers, may be too much for a small budget – and this charge is due to increase on 1 April 06. You, or your parents, may be in that situation one day. And can you honestly say that you have NEVER dived down to the shops for a paper or some extra milk, NEVER taken the kids, grandchildren and visitors down to the beach in the car?

The charge for the car-park via the Council Tax is less than 10p per week – not a lot to pay for everyone to be able to use the car-park as much as they like. Asking everyone to pay for the car-park, will we hope, help our elderly residents and help the village stay alive – would you really like to see the foreshore area lined with boarded-up dead shops?

*Sue Allen, Responsible Financial Officer*

PS: There are two vacant seats on the Parish Council if anyone cares enough about the village and its well-being to come and join us. Contact the Chairman or Clerk.

## NEW IMAGE

5 South Parade  
Seascale  
Cumbria  
CA20 1PZ

Telephone 01946 728496

**NHF**  
NEW HAVEN FISH



# Welcome to the kids page !

( Go on take a look.. )  
Hello

## Did you know!

### This issue, Insects!!

A Termite Queen can lay up to 30,000 eggs in one day!

Ants don't sleep!!

Flies can taste with their feet!!

A flea can jump 130 times its own height!!

(Next issue 'People' )



## Fun Recipes

### Easy Slime Recipe

2 Cups Water

$\frac{1}{2}$  Cup Cornstarch

Food Colouring



Bring water to a boil in a medium saucepan. Add cornstarch, then food colouring while stirring constantly. Remove from heat and cool to room temperature. This makes a messy slime that goes from liquid to solid, and is great fun to play with.

Note: Please get an adult to help you with this, and tell them that it may stain if it comes into contact with fabric.

## Try this Puzzle

### Sudoku for Kids!

Fill in the grid so that each row, column and box contains the digits 1 through 4

		1	3
		2	
	2		
3	1		

Answers on page 19

## Joke Corner



**What is black and white and red all over?**

A Penguin with sunburn!

**What did the sea say to the sand?**

Nothing it just waved!

**What do you get if you cross two banana peels?**

A pair of slippers!



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# U3A – OPEN MIND

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## U3A GENERAL MEETINGS

held in Gosforth Village Hall

10.15 for 10.45am. Admission is £1.00 for members and £2.00 for non-members

Date	Topic	Speaker
Thursday 20 April	The Archive Service, CRO, Whitehaven	
Thursday 18 May	Rheda, History of a large estate	Maureen Fisher
Thursday 15 June	Past present future Lancaster Canal	Richard Dennis
Thursday 20 July	The Via de la Plata	Robert Steel
Thursday 17 August	OUR SUMMER LUNCHEON	
Thursday 21 September	Carlisle Spedding: Forgotten hero	Ralph Leuthwaite
Thursday 19 October	The craft of working willow	Phil Bradley
Thursday 16 November 10.15	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING	
Thursday 16 November 10.45	Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania: WONDERFUL WORLDS	Anthony Payne
Thursday 14 December	South Walney Nature Reserve	Mike Douglas

*For further information please contact John Hall on 019467 28542*

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## U3A OPEN MIND HISTORY GROUP

Normal venue is St Joseph's Church, Seascale

Wednesday 5 April	The Quaker Movement in NW England	Dr Angus Winchester
Wednesday 3 May	A very local history – Dr Parker's history of Gosforth	Ruth Schofield
Wednesday 7 June	AWAY DAY around Carnforth, Leighton Hall and Herom Corn Mill	
Wednesday 5 July	Henry Bowring, Chairman of Historic Houses (Cumbria)	
Wednesday 2 August	Guided Walk around historic Whitehaven	
Wednesday 6 September	My Life and Medicine	Miss Dorothy James
Wednesday 4 October	A Romanian Project	Peter Lister
Wednesday 1 November	Reminiscing 1939 to 1946 A members' discussion	
Wednesday 6 December	Christmas Lunch	

*For further information please contact Graham Brassington on 019467 25794*

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# Seascale Lifeboat Station

June 5, 1875, was a great day for Seascale. South Parade and the Railway Station were gay with bunting but the centre of the decorations was a smart new building on what is now the car park. After years of agitation, the new Seascale Lifeboat Station was to be opened. The R.N.L.I. had given the go-ahead just a year before. The site had been made available by A.B. Steward, Esq., of Newton Manor, and the whole cost of the station, amounting to some £800, was met by the Misses Tomlinson, of Kirkby Lonsdale. Work had started on 1 March 1875, and now everything was ready.

A special crew and officials travelled from Whitehaven by waggonette and hundreds of sightseers arrived by train. The naming ceremony was performed by Miss Tomlinson and the vessel was launched, thought not without some difficulty. The "William Tomlinson" built by Forrest & Sons, of Limehouse, was equipped with a mast and sails as well as ten oars. On this auspicious occasion no fewer than nine of these oars were manned by master mariners. Out at sea the sails were set and the vessel showed her paces to the admiring crowd. The "crew", practical seamen from the local coasting schooners, pronounced themselves well satisfied with her performance and departed to the inevitable celebratory lunch and speechmaking. All that was now required was a chance for the boat to prove itself in service.

There was not long to wait. In the early hours of 26 October 1875, the small schooner "Isabella", of

Carlisle, bound from Port Dinorwic to Maryport with some 85 tons of slates and enamelled chimney pieces, ran ashore on Barnscar in a strong gale. It was approaching low water and the crew, not knowing their position and unable to launch their lifeboat in the heavy seas, had taken to the rigging. With the dawn their plight was noted and the machinery of rescue set in action. A telegraphed message to Whitehaven, the firing of the usual two guns, and the Volunteer Brigade assembled. The Rocket Brigade hauled their equipment to Preston Street Station and loaded it on to the special train provided. For some reason, only five lifeboatmen joined the party. At 9.30am, 1½ hours after receiving the message, the train pulled into Seascale Station. It was now near high water and the vessel too far out for the Rocket Brigade to use their equipment. Some of the men volunteered to fill the empty places in the boat and, with the help of the train's crew and some of the crowd who had gathered, the lifeboat was launched. The crowd watched anxiously as the boat battled through the rough sea until she was seaward of the wreck and backed carefully towards the masts where the crew of three were still clinging. A cheer was raised as they were taken on board and soon many hands were helping them ashore. Mr Grieves, the Collector of Customs, took charge of the men and revived them with cups of tea. After more than nine hours in the rigging these must have been very welcome. Great praise was shown on the gallant crew and a visiting artist,

Henry Moore, presented them with a sovereign to provide themselves with refreshment. The rescue had been performed with skill and bravery



*Seascale lifeboat, circa 1880. Picture courtesy of Peter Lincoln: Multilincs@aol.com (the original photo is for sale)*

and those who had fought to establish the station must have been well pleased.

Alas, that was the only service the station was to complete. The position was that wrecks, though not uncommon, were rarely such that the boat could be used. There were insufficient local men able to form a crew and so it was necessary to bring men from Whitehaven by special train when needed. The station was always officially "Whitehaven No. 2". By the time the lifeboat crew was assembled the crews to be rescued had often been able to walk ashore, the tide having receded. There was no slipway and the boat had to be launched from its heavy wheeled carriage and, in really violent weather, this could prove impossible. The experienced Rocket Brigade proved a more suitable means of rescue. The "William Tomlinson" was launched only twice more on unsuccessful rescue attempts and this led to ill-informed allegations of incompetence and cowardice.

Lifeboat baiting became a popular pastime of anonymous writers in the press, and even practice launches were publicly criticised. This inevitably affected the morale of the crew and differences arose between the local crew members and those from Whitehaven. Lord Muncaster, as chairman of the committee, worked hard to restore morale but it was obvious that the station was not having the anticipated success.

In 1887 the boat was replaced by one of lighter build, donated by Miss Phipson, of Edgbaston, and named "Rescue" – inappropriately as it turned out for she was launched for service only once, and rescued no-one.

As steam ousted sail from the coastal vessels wrecks became less frequent and, early in 1895, the station was closed. The record of four launches and three lives saved was not impressive – but those three men, at least, must have considered it all worth while.

*Trevor Morgan*

This article first appeared in the "Contact" Magazine in 1975.

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## 2nd Seascale Methodist Brownies

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What a busy and fun time we have all had since the start of the year. We have three new Brownies – Laura, Chloe and Louise – who are settling in nicely and will be ready to make their promise quite soon.

We start the year as we mean to go on with a fun event, Gosforth Pantomime. 'Oh yes we did!' The Brownies thoroughly enjoyed the evening, as did the leader who accompanied them.

We then got active, and all the Brownies managed to achieve the required standard to be awarded their Agility Badge. Well done everyone.

Then we had our Australia Day celebrations; as Danielle (one of our Brownies) will be emigrating to Australia very soon the event was of particular interest to us all.

Next came probably the most important day of the Guiding year, Thinking Day, when Brownies and Guides everywhere take time out to think of their 'sister' in the Guiding world.

This brought us to half term. But we have a very busy programme planned for the next few months including Pancake Day, a sleep over (actually very little sleeping is done!) followed by a coffee morning on the 1 April.

Please support us by coming along to the Methodist School Room between 10.00am and 12.00noon on Saturday 1 April. We are planning a raffle, an exhibition of the Brownies' artwork, which they produced for their Artist Badge.

Our annual Pack Holiday is planned for May.

Anyone who has a Brownie-aged child who would like to join us can contact myself (Lynn Pattison on 019467 25413). If you are an adult and have a particular talent you would like to share with us please make yourself known to one of the many leaders at our coffee morning.

See you there.

*Lynn Pattison, Brownie Leader*

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# FARMING CRACK

*The only response I received about the article in the last newsletter regarding Tracy, the sheep who prefers the company of cows to sheep, was "if she eats cow food would she taste more like beef than lamb?" and "would they need mint sauce or horseradish sauce when it was cooked?" I ask you, it was our pet lamb they were talking about!*

At the time of writing this article at the end of February, it has just been announced that the first case of bird flu in domestic fowl has been reported in France, yet this country is still importing large quantities of poultry products from there. When we got our first case of BSE France immediately banned everything from this country. How come they can get away with operating two sets of rules? Why does our government not do the same? There are reports of people ringing up DEFRA to report finding dead birds and not being able to get through. When they do, DEFRA do not want to know. It sounds just like the start of foot and mouth, doesn't it?

To get away from farming now and then there is nothing I like better than a trip down to the bowling green, either for a quiet bowl up and a crack or playing in friendlies with other clubs or joining in the West Cumbria Tuesday night triples league. This year I am honoured to have been elected president of the club. There is nothing I would like better than to see more people coming down to take part. I am sure you would enjoy yourselves. We are planning a starters' night sometime near the beginning of the season. Watch out for details, but you are welcome to call in anytime when the green is open, to watch or join in. It only costs £5 to join plus £25 a year afterwards to be a member or, if you only want to give it a try, £3 a session. This includes the use of a set of bowls and everything else you need except a pair of flat shoes or trainers. We would especially like to see some of the younger generation bowling. Other clubs have teenage members and one young lad from Cleator Moor has been picked to play for England, which is quite an achievement.

## Wildlife

Several red squirrels have been found dead recently in the Santon district. It is almost certain that their deaths have been caused by the virus carried by the grey ones. The government in a belated attempt to save the remaining red squirrels in this country have announced that a cull of the greys will take place shortly. It would have been better if this had been done several years ago. A friend who lives in an old farmhouse on the Wasdale road said that for several years three reds have visited his farmyard regularly. One of them even went in the house if the windows were open. No sign has been seen of them for the last couple of months. He thinks they must be either dead or driven away by the incoming greys. Nearer home, one or more of them have taken up residence in Lingmell and the reds that had been living there for years also seem to have disappeared.

The story about the blind salmon caught by a fisherman using a spinner, when the river was in full flood and extremely dirty, brought an interesting reply from another keen fisherman, who claimed he had caught two salmon in similar conditions using a fly cast near the river bank where he reckoned the fish lie when the river is in flood. If the first one could sense the spinner travelling in the water how on earth could these other two spot a fly whizzing past? The first tale made me think it was possible my leg was being pulled, the second one convinced me it was the truth – any comments?

*Fisherman's prayer*

**Lord give me the grace to catch a fish  
so large that even I,  
When talking of it afterwards  
may never need to lie.**

There is an old saying that man's best friend is his dog. In a lot of instances in this village this could well be true. Are you aware of the proposed stringent new government regulations regarding dogs, about to be implemented by Copeland? At

the moment they are out for consultation, so it is up to you to make your views known. Seascale Parish Council is trying to get Copeland's enforcement officer to come and explain the proposed new laws at a public meeting in Seascale. Watch the notice board for details.

Springtime, the best time of the year by far, is just round the corner. Already, now, at the end of February, there are quite a lot of flowers in bloom. The hedgerows are beginning to bud, the fields are getting green, lambs are being born, the rooks have started nesting, primroses – the true sign of spring – will soon be in flower again, what a marvellous time of year it is. Make the most of it. Spring is like life, it passes by so quickly.

*A young boy who had recently started school was telling his mother that he had been painting and writing that day. She asked him what he liked doing best at school. Without hesitating, "the fighting at playtimes" he replied.*

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Answers to the kids' Sudoku puzzle on page 11



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1	3	2	4
4	2	3	1
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