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# Seascale Village

Summer 2003

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# Parish News

The Annual Parish Meeting was fairly well attended and was very informative on the subject of liability and responsibilities of groups who run halls, play areas and sports facilities.

Thank you to the few of you who turned up to help at the annual beach and village clean. It takes a lot of work to organise this event and give up time to be around for two days to see if it's all going well. We are wondering if it's worth trying again next year – feedback from you would be welcomed.

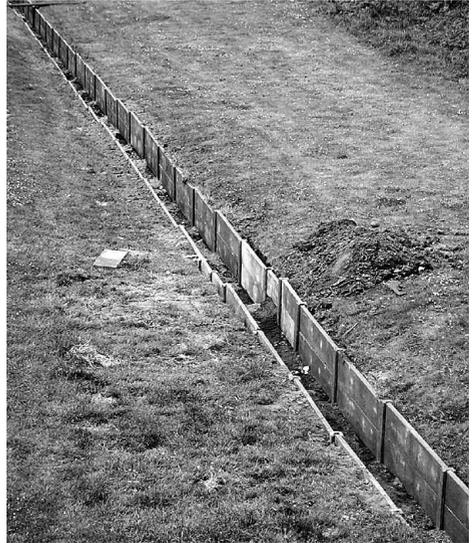
Watch the notice boards for news of United Utilities' Open Day.

We are proud to be flying the yellow flag again for our clean beach.

News in the village has been overshadowed by the worry over what car park charges are doing to the economy and morale of the community. Our thanks to all of you who have supported us – please keep up the pressure by continuing to write to Copeland and register your complaints. Copeland has promised to review the situation.

We are still trying to get the village pavements sorted out and hopefully we will see safe, repaired pavements before winter.

*Eileen Eastwood*  
*Seascale Parish Council*



## The Dell

By the time you read this newsletter the Dell refurbishment should be well on the way. It has taken a long time to raise the money but we hope you will appreciate it when completed.

There will be new bollards with new rails, a wheelchair and pushchair path, four new seats, and the stream is being relined.

*Barbara Ramsden*



# Seascale Horticultural Society

The Seascale Horticultural Society will be holding their annual Flower Show on Saturday 9th August at 2pm in Seascale Primary School. There will be the usual range of classes including flowers, vegetables, flower arranging, cookery, wine and beer, photography and handicrafts. However new novice classes have been introduced which are for people who have never won a prize at the show previously. Hopefully this will encourage a few more people to have a go.

In addition there will be a range of children's classes but this year these have been split into three different age groups with a cup being awarded for each age group. Full details can be found in the Schedule, which will be distributed throughout the village shortly.

In addition to the show we will be having a plant stall and a cake stall at the Village Fun Day at Calder House on 12th July. Please come along and support us in any way you can at these events; your support will be very much appreciated.

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## Coniston Avenue Play Area

On 10th June the Play Area Inspector for Copeland called and condemned both cradle swings on the Coniston Avenue play area. Cradle swings by name are for small children to sit safely inside while being pushed by an adult, They are NOT for teenagers to **stand on**, breaking the top and bending the metal supports in the sides of the swings. Once again **your** precept is being used to replace two cradle swings, costing £250 including post. A mindless few are costing the villagers unnecessary expense.

*Barbara Ramsden*

# Seascale Sports Hall

Copeland is running a Summer Sports School in the Summer Holidays.

It has been a success in the last two years and I hope it will go as well this year.

It will be organised to run between S&TRA Field and the Sports Hall. The dates are as follows:

- Thursday 31 July 10.00 am – 12.00 pm
- Thursday 7 August 10.00 am – 12.00 pm
- Thursday 14 August 10.00 am – 12.00 pm
- Thursday 21 August 10.00 am – 12.00 pm
- Friday 22 August 1.30 pm – 4.30 pm  
(this will probably be a Five-a-Side Football match)
- Thursday 28 August 10.00 am – 12.00 pm

Please watch notice boards for more information nearer the time.

We are still looking for committee members.

*Eileen Eastwood*  
*Seascale Sports Hall Committee*



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# Windscale (Seascale) Lawn Tennis Club Celebrates 50th Anniversary

On Sunday 8th June the Windscale Tennis Club celebrated the 50th anniversary of its foundation. Men's Doubles and Mixed Doubles tournaments were followed by a buffet at Egloff's, the adjacent restaurant. Twenty four members took part in the tournaments and they were joined by many ex-members for the buffet.

Phillip Hindmarch, the one founder member still active within the club, reminisced on its history and cut the celebration cake. Afterwards he presented prizes to the champions; the Men's Doubles winners David Twelvetree and Robert Simpson received wine; the Mixed Doubles winners Phillip Thornley and Christine McGregor received a wallet and solid silver bracelet respectively. The bracelet was made by a senior member of the club, Peter Smith, who also took part in the tournament.



*Phillip Hindmarch cuts the celebration cake.*

*P. G. Barnett (Chairman)*



*Prizes for the Mixed Doubles winners Phillip Thornley and Christine McGregor.*



*Phillip presents prizes to the Men's Doubles winners Robert Simpson and David Twelvetree.*

## *Dressing Rooms* *Soft Furnishings by Liz Poole*

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# Seascale Rural Safety Group

Although there was a very small response to the mailboxes placed in the Chemist and Library, three matters have been concentrated on.

- 1 Vandalism by youths – particularly Coniston Avenue playing field and Gosforth Road bus shelter. This has been the top priority complaint and has resulted in some of the parents of children who have been involved coming forward to seek advice on how to deal with the ongoing problem.

The consequence of this has been very positive with professional organisations being contacted to see if we could set up a support group to assist all people affected by anti-social behaviour.

**An open meeting will be held at the Windscale Club, 7.30 pm on Monday 14th July to allow parents and their children to meet and discuss with members of CADAS (Cumbria Alcohol and Drug Advisory Service) and YOT (Youth Offending Team).**

CADAS is an independent Provider of care and offers a free, confidential and non-judgemental one-to-one counselling service to people who are involved with, or concerned about a partner, family member, friend or an associate who has an alcohol or drug related problem.

CADAS stimulates public interest and awareness about alcohol and drugs and the influence they have on our lives, through a range of community based interventions. They hope to encourage those who drink or use drugs to adopt a sensible attitude to all psychotropic drugs. They also have a special service for young people under 25. They understand how difficult it can be to talk

about problems – especially to a stranger. That is why all their Peer Counsellors are aged between 16 and 30. This means that if a young person seeks help and advice they feel that they are talking to someone who does not feel or look like a parental or authority figure but more of a friend.

YOT's are multi agency bodies consisting of representatives from Social Services, Education, the Probation Service, the Police and the Health Service.

- 2 A letter has been sent to a local ice cream firm requesting that their driver operating in Seascale desist from mounting curbs and driving on the verge prior to stopping to sell ice cream. This was causing damage to both the curb and the grassed area in Gosforth Road.
- 3 Litter. The owner of a takeaway food shop will be notified by SRSRG to see if the problem of discarded food containers can be reduced.

Even though the initial response was low the Rural Safety Group remains enthusiastic about improving the quality of life in the village. Other issues were discussed, i.e. pedestrian safety and the possibility of a vandal-proof mirror at Arch Hill Bridge. We would like to hear your views to determine the scale of these complaints.

## WISH TO ADVERTISE?

Would you like to advertise your wares or services in future Seascale Newsletters?

We now accept advertisements from a small panel to a full page display.

Contact Lois Holman on 019467 28941 for details of rates and formats.

# Seascale Primary School says Goodbye to Headteacher

Mrs Holden is leaving Seascale School at the end of term after four years as Headteacher. All staff and pupils will sadly miss her. We thank her for all her hard work during her time here.

Mrs Holden is moving to Montreal School, Cleator Moor and we wish her well in her new position.

## Improvers' Club at Seascale School

Tuesday mornings, 9am – 12noon

Come along and get help to overcome any lack of knowledge or familiarity with computing. Trained tutors are on hand to help you learn new skills.

- ❖ play on our new satellite broadband interconnection.
- ❖ create a poster for your club or organisation.
- ❖ update your CV.

## SEASCALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Important Information Regarding Nursery Intake

Funding has been made available for a new initiative for Nursery children. From the 1 January 2004, all children will be accepted into Nursery in the term after they reach the age of 3.

Those children born between 1 September and 31 December 2000, can be admitted in January 2004. Those born between 1 January and 31 March 2001, can be admitted in April 2004.

Please let us know as soon as possible if you would like your child to commence Nursery at these times.

## Charity Balloon Race

To raise funds for the Fun Day  
and Hospice at Home. Tickets  
£1.00 from Calder House Hotel.  
Spectacular ride in hot air  
balloon for winning ticket  
holder.

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Following the success of last year's event, the school is holding another one this year. The Mayor and

- ☺ In attendance will be The Mayor
- ☺ Egremont Brass Band will be playing
- ☺ There will be live music in the afternoon
- ☺ Martinys Magic will be on hand with a plethora of skills with a comedy act
- ☺ There will be horse and carriage rides
- ☺ With soft play, a variety of other activities supported charity, West Cumbria

The afternoon finale will be a prize draw for the balloon ticket holder. A prize will be available for the balloon race and a prize draw entry form. This will be available from the school.

Bar B Q refreshments will be available. Strawberries and cream being served.

FREE Parking is available at The school area past the sandstone pillar. This is green and, for this day only, the

There will be a Firework Display at approximately 10.00 pm (weather permitting) on the Friday Evening. Safe viewing from Seascale Car Park and Fort Area.

# Calder House & Seascale Village Fun Day

**Friday 12th July 12 noon until 4.30pm**

This year's Jubilee Fun day, the newly formed Calder House and Seascale Fun Day Group event in and around the grounds of Calder House Hotel on Saturday 12th July. The Mayor and Mayoress of Whitehaven will open the Fun Day as Guests of Honour.

The Ragtime Rascals, last year's popular jazz band.

Will be playing us in at 12.00pm.

Under the marquee.

Will be on hand to amaze and entertain the younger members of the audience with a veritable combination of walkabout magic and a stage show.

There will be kart rides, craft stalls and several local groups attending.

There will be a variety of traditional games, together with stalls, raffles and tombolas provided by our friends at Cumbria Hospice at Home, it promises to be a great day for the village of Seascale.

The event will start at 4.00pm with the release of five hundred balloons entered into the balloon race; the prize holder that travels the furthest is a trip in a hot air balloon. There are still some tickets available, which can be purchased from the hotel or on the day itself. Look out for your lucky number, all will be drawn and the winners announced on the day. Please fill in your ticket and place in the prize draw box in the Hotel reception area.

Refreshments will be available through the day with drinks being served in the hotel overlooking the grounds.

There will be a car park at the Windscale Club car park, the grassed area beyond the Sports Hall and bowling green. The foreshore car park will be available to the village free of charge.

*(Please note that from 4.30pm  
Saturday 12th July until  
9am Monday 14th July,  
Calder House Hotel will be  
closed to the public)*



# SEASCALE VILLAGE CLOCK – fu

The Village Clock was given by the people of Seascale in May 1937 to celebrate the Coronation of George VI & Queen Elizabeth, and to be mounted on St Cuthbert's Church where it can still be seen from the railway station, foreshore, car park and shops.

The clock was manufactured by Potts of Leeds. This firm was called upon for its regular maintenance for many years. At the time when the clock was given a high proportion of the villagers attended St Cuthbert's Church, all of them financially supporting its maintenance through the church.

Over the years there has been a decline in church attendance so the cost of clock maintenance, along with running of the church, has been borne by fewer and fewer people.

When the clock stopped in 1996 and did not respond to the, by then, traditional cure of a spot of WD40, Potts were again called in. Their verdict was that the clock needed

complete refurbishment. I cannot remember the estimated cost but it made the church council gasp! It was eventually agreed that Mr Jackson, an amateur horologist from Beckermest would provide the specialist knowledge, and I would undertake the work thus avoiding any cost. A 'roof' for the clock movement was also fitted to prevent ingress of flaking plaster-work from above. After that major overhaul the clock ran well for several years and we had no further costs for maintenance services as I was able to carry out any work required.

More recently new problems developed. The clock comprises a pendulum controlled 'movement' mounted in the bottom of a tall oak casement that runs from about 8ft to 30ft above the floor where the drive through the wall to the hands is located. The weight that provides the driving energy is suspended from a cable that loops up over a pulley in the top of the casement. The signs were that the top pulley was starting to seize up and it was also time to replace the cables. This

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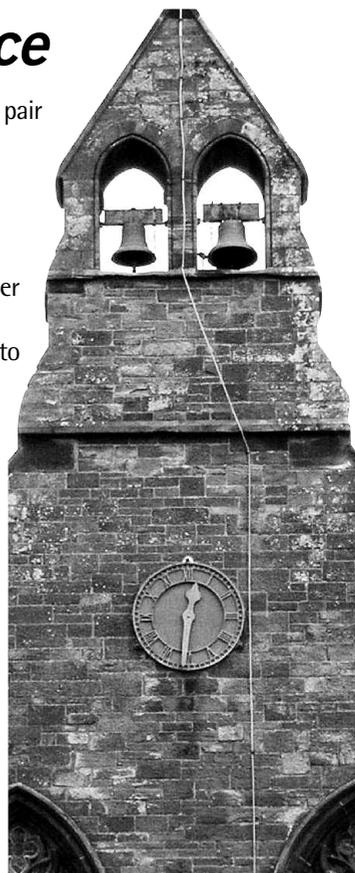
# Hands needed for maintenance

repair required heavy work at the top of a ladder, a second pair of hands, and would be most time-consuming (pardon the pun).

The only relatively local church clock repair firm, Cumbria Clocks of Dacre, gave us an estimate of £500 to clean the clock movement and overhaul its winding gear and a further £500 to overhaul the gearbox and hands drive (this means high level work outside and in). The church council agreed to fund the former and hoped that the latter could be deferred.

This overhaul got the clock going again but also verified that the latter work does need doing as evidenced by the grating and squeaking sounds when the hands were reset and extra weight required to drive the movement.

The Church Council have been granted £250 by the Neighbourhood Forum towards this maintenance cost, but more is still needed. If you value your village clock you can make donations through the Treasurer, Mr Alan Whittaker, Pheasant Lodge, Cross Lanes, Seascale made payable to St Cuthbert's Church PCC where they will be kept in a restricted fund for the purpose of clock maintenance only.



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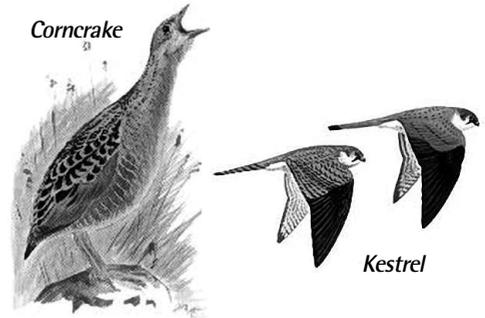
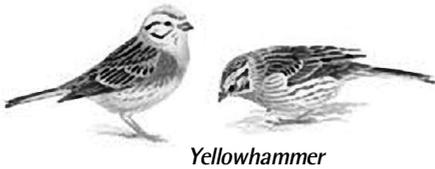
**Monday to Friday 9:00 to 5:30 Saturday 9:00 to 12:30**

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# FARMING CRACK

## Vanishing bird life

Vanishing bird life over the years is causing concern, with the risk of some species becoming extinct if drastic action is not taken. Going back to my school days I remember Skylarks, Yellowhammers, Lapwings and Curlews' nests were plentiful round here. It must be in the teens of years since I last saw a nest of any one of them. Oyster Catchers and Terns used to nest in large numbers on the beach; now they are very scarce. Black Headed Gulls used to nest in their thousands on the Drigg sand dunes; now there are none. Why?



I once heard a strange bird calling in one of our fields. On investigation it turned out to be a Corncrake. It was the only one I have ever seen and now it is the rarest of all British birds, with just a few pairs on the south coast of England and on the west coast of Scotland. Even the Common House Sparrow is in serious decline. On a recent visit to a farm in Ennerdale I saw a Red Kite, two Buzzards and a Kestrel Hawk. The farmer commented that there was a shortage of small birds around there, no wonder. There are quite a few Kestrels in this area, beautiful birds but ruthless killers. One of our neighbours had a nest of Blue Tits hatched in the garden but the hawk got them all. They also seem to have a liking for Song Thrushes, Blackbirds and Sparrows. I wonder how many small birds one of them will kill in a week? Another cause is the increased number of Magpies and Herring Gulls. They are



notorious for stealing not only eggs from nests but also taking their young as well. Herring Gulls have also been known to attack lambs. Then of course there is the biggest killer of all, the cats.

## Lurking Danger

On a visit to the Maritime Festival at Whitehaven, watching the flying display from the outer harbour wall, I saw several large jelly fish swimming in the sea. These would be at least two feet across. Beware when you are down on the beach as they can be very unpleasant. It is also the time of year to keep

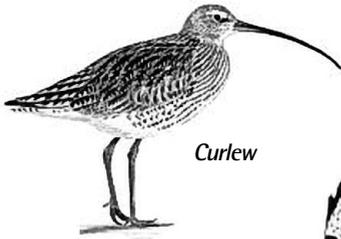
a watch out for adders. There have been several sightings around, including one on the golf course in a sunny spell at the end of February. This must be a record for them coming out of hibernation.

## Bowling

Have you every thought of having a go at bowling? Now is your chance. On Friday 11th and 18th July the bowling club are holding beginners' nights to enable you to go down and give it a try. The sessions will start at 6.00 pm and there will be no charge. All you need are some flat bottomed shoes or trainers. If you do not have either there are overshoes available at the club. Bowling is a very relaxing and enjoyable game so come and give it a try.

## Car Parking

What about the car parking charges that Copeland Borough Council have imposed in Seascale? It has got to be absolutely wrong for Copeland Council to impose these charges when talks are still ongoing with the Parish Council regarding the lease of the car park. I was at the meeting with BNFL, Copeland Council and Seascale Parish Council when BNFL bought the foreshore. BNFL gave Copeland the lease on the car park provided they did not charge for parking. This was agreed on condition that Seascale Parish Council took over the running of the toilet block, as the cost of running these was given as the main reason for charging to park. Unfortunately this agreement cannot yet be found in writing, but I hope in time it will be.



*Curlew*



*Buzzard*



*Male House Sparrow*



*Female House Sparrow*

*Ken Mawson*

## *A Little Bit of History*

*There's a little bit of history, beneath our rowan tree,  
It's been there quite a while now, for anyone to see.*

*Once so proud, this beach hut, standing up in line,  
Sheltered lots of children, others as well as mine.*

*They built castles in the sand, and paddled in the sea,  
Collected sea shells and ate sandwiches for tea.*

*Sadly, one day, vandals broke in just for fun,  
They opened up the inside, to wind and rain and sun.*

*Now, flower pots, old forks and spades, fertilisers and string,  
In retirement the old hut looks after almost anything.*

*A little bit of history? Not of interest you say.  
But that's what happened to one beach hut, the others went away.*

I wrote this poem after reading the article 'As it used to be' on page 11 of the 2003 Spring edition of the village newsletter. In the 1970s we used to pay rates on the beach huts.

*Pam Davis*

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