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It's not the happiest way to start a newsletter, but by the time this is delivered we will have lost all of our late night buses as the County Council has withdrawn their funding for rural bus services.

The Seascale-Gosforth cycleway seems to be permanently on the backburner. This particular scheme has been in the pipeline for over 10 years – it is a much needed facility for safety and tourism.

We advertised the Annual Parish Meeting in our last newsletter and put posters all over the village. It was an important meeting as we wanted to discuss a questionnaire and Parish Plan for the future. Eight members of the public attended. This is sad as all the surrounding villages have gone a long way down this path already; without the interest of you the public, and your help, this will not go ahead.

In the last newsletter we published the figures for population – they were wrong. My apologies as it was my fault. The electoral role figure is 1,429 and the population is just over 1,700.

So many of you have said how much you appreciate the improvements to the Dell. Our thanks should go to Barbara Ramsden for all her hard work.

We have had all the railings and doors at the public toilets painted and the beach area is looking good.

The Parish Council is carrying on with the front garden competition and winners will be announced at the Horticultural Show.

The fight for the car park is still ongoing.

We are hopeful that some of the problems with the yellow lines will be solved in the near future.

*Eileen Eastwood
Chairwoman, Seascale Parish Council*

Seascale Primary School

An Excellent Extra-Curricular Year!!

Seascale Primary School has excelled this year in its extra-curricular activities.

The Orienteering team has completed several courses over the past year and the Under-11 girls are County Champions!

The school football team has played brilliantly and is unbeaten this year; well done!

The chess club has done particularly well this year. The players have entered all the County Competitions, with Jamie Bentley winning his way through to the National Final (entrants from all over England) in Manchester. Good luck Jamie!

The netball team has been chosen to represent Copeland in the County Youth Games, which will take place later on this month. Good luck to the team.

The School Cricket team won through to the final of our local area festival, well done too.

Our thanks go out to all those who help with extra-curricular activities in school. An awful lot of people give up a lot of their own time and their dedication and hard work is very much appreciated.

Thank You All Very Much!!

Mobex in Seascale

Seascale Parish Council and the local Neighbourhood Watch have been looking at some of the youth problems in the village and, with support from the local Police and Mobex West Cumbria, a scheme is now in place which allows any person between the age of 11 and 18 to take part. These activities are based around The Duke of Edinburgh and John Muir Awards as well as Accredited Certifications. This will involve young people in the challenge of outdoor activities, a local environmental project, as well as arts, drug and alcohol awareness and first aid.

Mobex meets every Friday at the Windscale Club at 5pm for 4 hours with the emphasis on participation and having fun. The sessions are a mix of activities and projects which, although guided by Mobex, depend on the enthusiasm of the youths taking part. Some of the recent projects have been a success, such as learning to play musical instruments under the guidance of a musician, with the target of making a CD performed and written entirely by them.

As well as the indoor sessions there are also a number of outdoor activities including rock climbing, canoeing etc, all under the guidance of trained professionals. All are welcome and already 21 of our local youths have signed up for the first six months. Because of this success we are desperate for parental participation such as drivers.

Mobex training programmes, designed in consultation with young people, build confidence, awareness and teamwork skills. Groups explore personal and social issues, with the long-term aim of enabling the young people to realise their own potential and to become active participants in their own community. Staff identifies aims and targets for their work in consultation with the groups who are to participate in the course. This encourages the full involvement of the young people and increases their potential for success.

We do need adult volunteers (parents or otherwise) to help occasionally with the outdoor activities and would welcome any input you can give to enable the success to continue.

For further information contact Jim Skivington: 07736 564 200 / 01946 816568 or Vicky Borrino: 019467 29023

Mobex meets every Friday at the Windscale Club at 5pm. All are welcome.

Seascale Sports Hall

The Sports Hall has just had new lighting installed and it is now much better for the badminton and other sports.

We have had two small grants for Sports Action and Neighbourhood Forum to purchase two more items of soft play and three trolleys for soft play mats.

Copeland are going to run a Sports Summer School again. Seascale had one of the best attendance records at this event over the last few years and I hope we will again.

Dates are as follows and please watch notice boards for further details

Thursday 22 July 10am-12pm

Thursday 29 July 10am-12pm

Thursday 5 August 10am-12pm

Monday 9 August 10am-3pm

Thursday 12 August 10am-12pm

Friday 13 August 2pm-4pm

Thursday 19 August 10am-12pm

Thursday 26 August 10am-12pm

Don't forget if you are newcomers to the village you can contact a committee member to show you round.

We are very glad to welcome Linda Platt onto the committee.

*Eileen Eastwood
28653*

Seascale Parish Council is happy to accept donations for adverts 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.

Seascale & District Horticultural Society Annual Horticultural Show

The Annual Horticultural Show will be held on Saturday 7 August from 2pm in Seascale School. There are classes for flowers, vegetables, floral arrangements, cookery, beer & wine, photography, art and handicrafts. Something, in fact, for everyone.

There is a variety of classes for children with prizes and trophies. Full details can be found in the schedule which will be distributed to members of the Society and to last year's show exhibitors. Further copies of the schedule will be available in local shops.

The Society has recently been granted affiliation with the Royal Horticultural Society who have made a medal available for presentation at the Show.

Once again there will be a "Best Garden" Competition. Entry forms will be available with the show schedules.

Village Fun Day

The "Fun Day" will be held at the Calder House Hotel on Saturday 10 July. The Society will once again have a plant stall and a cake stall.

Society Hut

Twenty one new members and the existing members of the Society have made very good use of "the hut" – our garage in Santon Way – where garden sundries, fertilisers and compost etc, are sold in the springtime at very competitive prices. Business has increased by a whopping 80% this year.

Have you a story to tell?

The Open Mind (West Lakes U3A) Oral/Living History Group is inviting volunteers to come forward to relate their memories of life and times in the village. We know that there are stories out there which need to be told and recorded for posterity.

You would NOT be talking to an audience of people but to individuals on a one-to-one basis.

If you are interested contact Dennis Woolass on Seascale 28104 for further information.

Natwest Seascale

Natwest Bank in Seascale has been in the village for many years and offers a friendly, helpful, professional service to all customers young and old. As a large percentage of customers are elderly, they prefer to deal with someone face to face and on many occasions staff have gone a great deal further than their job requires to provide an excellent service to the community. It appears from the article on the front cover of the Spring Newsletter that residents in Seascale are unhappy that they do not have a cash machine at the Bank.

As the majority of customers using the Seascale branch come in to cash cheques, should the Bank install a cash machine, the bank would then have very few customers coming to the counter, and they would then be looking at whether to keep the branch open as well as have a cash machine. As with any business, if the branch was not cost effective then they would consider closing the branch and just having the cash machine. Unfortunately cash machines cannot discuss concerns, pay bills or do many of the other requests that customers ask for and therefore as the branch offers more variety of services it would be more appropriate to keep it open. Additionally, many customers do not have transport and therefore would find it difficult to get to the bank elsewhere.

For your information there is a Cash Machine in Gosforth at HSBC, a Natwest Servicetill on site at BNFL in Building B314 and also a Link Machine sited in the Beach Stores in Seascale. Hopefully this response will reassure the community in Seascale that we are trying to do the best for all our customers and not just the few who prefer to do their banking through machines. Continue to use us and we will continue to give you the excellent service you deserve!

Seascale (Windscale) Tennis Club

At the start of the 2004 season the club obtained the services of Robin Stott, an LTA qualified coach from Windermere. Following four free taster sessions, over 24 children are paying for further instruction which takes place on Mondays between 4pm and 7pm. There are places available for any more interested.

For the seniors there have been two Mixed Doubles tournaments. On May 9 Sarah Mounsey and Mark Monroe were champions and on June 6 Margery Willey and Peter Simpson came out on top. The latter tournament was followed by a magnificent buffet at the Cumbrian Lodge Hotel adjacent to the tennis courts. Another mixed tournament is planned for July 11.



Search is on for flag officer

Seascale needs someone who can take charge of its flags.

Tom States, who has raised and lowered the beach-side flags – a Union Jack and St George's Cross – on appropriate occasions for the past five years, can no longer do so.

"The parish council appreciate the five years he has been the flag officer," said parish council chairman, Eileen Eastwood.

Anyone who wishes to volunteer for this can contact a member of the parish council.

Were you a Girl Guide in this area in the 1930s, '40s, '50s, '60s, '70s, '80s or '90s?

If so, come and visit our display of Guiding memorabilia and photographs at the Gosforth Show on Wednesday August 18th.

To complement the above display, we shall also have tasters of today's Guiding. Come and see what the Rangers, Guides, Brownies and Rainbows of Today get up to at their weekly meetings and at residential events!

Gosforth District encompasses the 6 Girlguiding units that operate in Seascale and Gosforth villages.

We have 2 Rainbow Units (girls aged 5-7), 2 Brownie Units (girls aged 7-10), 1 Guide Unit (girls aged 10-14) and a newly formed Ranger Unit (young women aged 14 and above). In total, over a hundred girls looked after by a team of 25 Adult Leaders (aged 18-65) and Young Leaders (young women aged 14-18).

If you would like to know a little more about when and where we meet and the opportunities that we offer, please contact Sue Smith on 28625. I'm sorry, but our child protection guidelines do not allow us to advertise the times and places of our weekly meetings publicly, but we can easily arrange a visit.

*Sue Smith
Calder Division Commissioner*

Seascale & Calder House C

Calder House Hotel once again has great pleasure in playing host to our annual village Fun Day on Saturday 10 July, with all proceeds going to Fun Day Group and Hospice at Home.

This year we have pulled out all the stops to ensure our villagers and visitors have a great day filled with entertainment for all ages.

The Mayor and Mayoress of Copeland, Cllr W. Southward and Mrs S. Southward will be opening the event and will be played in by Milnthorpe steel band (or Din In A Bin! as they are affectionately known!) will officially open the event! A fantastic programme of entertainment throughout the afternoon will follow the official opening.

Hosted by singer Adam Charles, centred in our all-weather marquee, acts will include singers and dancers of all ages.

Outside activities will include BJ, the Children's entertainer with his 'mix and mingle' magic, together with sideshows, craft stalls, local groups and barbecue! This year the bouncy castle is guaranteed through generous funding from the Scarman Trust, which has enabled us to buy our own.

The Seascale fire engine will be on display and once again Horse and Carriage rides will be available.

Our theme for this year is 'Carnival Party'. There will be a Fancy Dress parade, which will be judged by the Mayor and Mayoress, with prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.

A Poster Competition to be entered via Seascale Primary School, again using the Carnival theme, will also be judged on the day. The age groups are Under 5s and 5 to 12 years. Entry forms are available from Miss Johnston at school. Please bring your entry to the Fun Day group stand in the marquee no later than 2.00pm.

Good Luck to all children entering posters and parade!



Charity Village Fun Day 2004

Programme for Marquee Events

12 noon - 12.45pm

Opening by Mayor & Mayoress of Copeland, Cllr & Mrs W. & S. Southward and Din In A Bin steel band (Milnthorpe Steel Band).

12.45pm-1.15pm Adam Charles - Your compere and entertainer!

1.15pm-1.30 pm Seascale Stompers - Let's Salsa!

1.30pm-1.45pm Stephanie Coulter - Current MIL Primary Line Dance Champion!

1.45pm-2.15pm Din In A Bin steel band (Milnthorpe Steel Band)

Fancy dress parade judged on the terrace.

2.15pm-2.30pm Bradley Cavanaugh sings Songs from the Shows

2.30pm-2.45pm Seascale Stompers - Irish Line Dance Medley!

2.45pm-3.00pm Stephanie Coulter - Current MIL Primary Line Dance Champion!

3.00pm-3.15pm Bradley Cavanaugh sings Songs from the Shows

3.15pm-3.45pm Din In A Bin steel band (Milnthorpe Steel Band)

3.45pm-4.15pm Adam Charles - Your compere and entertainer!



Carnival Night at the Copacabana!

Tickets are completely sold out for our spectacular night of entertainment which will conclude this year's village fun day!

This promises to be a fantastic night for all who purchased tickets for this grand event, which includes singing artists, a sumptuous tropical buffet and dancing to Disco, Salsa and all things Latin American! Those who do not have a ticket to the event can come along and view the fabulous firework display commencing at 10.45pm, which will conclude the day's events. These are best viewed from Seascale's foreshore car park or railway car park and fort grounds. The display will last approximately 15 minutes. Please ensure that your pets are safe indoors for the duration of the fireworks.

Our thanks go out to all the sponsors who have given generously and to the volunteers who donate their time to ensure this event continues.

It just remains for me to wish you all a great time and we look forward to seeing you on 10th July.

Steve Ainley, on behalf of Calder House and Seascale Fun Day Group Committee.

Richard had a Little Lamb...

Richard had a little lamb; its fleece was black as sloe,
Through every hole in boundary fence, that lamb was sure to go.

It followed him to pub one day; that was a funny sight!
But landlord says, "No beer for you. You gave me quite a fright".
(It was The Lion and Lamb or The Golden Fleece)

He'll wait until you're sitting down, with slippers on your feet,
Then out he sneaks with woolly friends and marches down the street.

But truth to tell, the neighbours here are getting rather fit,
The biggest problem that we have, is stepping in the grass.

On Friday morn at 6am, I heard a baa-ing sound,
Pulled fleecy blanket over ears and tried to block it out,

But Boonwood plants were being chomped, before they're even planted,
With nightie on, I marched outside; at woolly lambs I ranted.

So Richard, you must take good care of little lambs, because...
I'm sure they'll taste just wonderful, with tatties and mint sauce!

And just in case you're wondering who wrote this little ditty,
You may not find it smart or even very witty.

But please excuse me, as I have, my little bit of fun.
You may not know the writer, but you know this mother's son?!



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Forthcoming Events at Calder House Hotel

Monthly Lunch Club

For the over 55s, the next will be on Wednesday 28 July at 12.30pm

Main Course and Sweet £5.00

For more information and transport availability contact Julia on 01946 816923

To book a place contact Andrew or Steve on 019467 28538

Seascale's first Line Dance Jamboree

To be held in fabulous Starlight Marquee in the hotel grounds on

Sunday 8 August 2004, 6.00pm-10.30pm.

A great night of country and line dance hosted by singer Adam Charles.

A fun-filled evening that everyone young and young at heart can enjoy! Featuring dance groups from the West Cumbria area, here to entertain and to be entertained!

There will be a Barbecue – weather permitting – to ensure ya'll won't go away hungry!

Admission price is just £2.00 for adults and £1.00 for children under 16.

Children must be supervised at all times during this event.

Cumbrian Lodge Hotel

– Fine Dining in the Western Lakes

As a former investment banker working in London, New York and Hong Kong, David Morgan was used to working long hours, but the new proprietor of Cumbrian Lodge Hotel (formerly Victoria Villa Hotel & Egloff's Eating House) had a steep learning curve ahead of him when he left the world of corporate finance to create an up-scale fine dining restaurant with rooms.

As an international banker David spent three nights each week in hotels and began to recognise the features that he valued and likewise those aspects of hotels that were annoying. But will his experiences transfer to Cumbria? He believes that the Western Lakes area would benefit from a top-flight restaurant with a good cellar, and with value for money too.

David was attracted to the area for the beauty of the surrounding countryside but also from his late teens to mid-twenties David would travel to Wasdale each weekend to climb. While still enjoying a pint in the area's excellent pubs, David felt that the area deserved a high quality boutique style hotel, with a relaxed atmosphere, attentive service, good value food and wines.

Local building contractor Atkinson of Calderbridge were chosen to coordinate most of the structural up-grading to the hotel and bespoke joinery was undertaken by another local firm, Ponsonby Joinery. Curtains and upholstery were handmade by Dressing Rooms

of Seascale, while Boonwood attended to landscaping. David chose local firms deliberately and found that the reputation of his various contractors proved utterly reliable and of exemplary quality.

The hotel has six bedrooms, five have double beds and one room is twin bedded. One of the five doubles also has a single bed. Bedrooms contain Siberian goose down duvets dressed in finest quality high thread Egyptian cotton while bathrooms contain luxurious thick ultra soft towels. Fine complimentary bathroom toiletries are from The White Company.

Richard Hickson, Head Chef, has a number of signature dishes loved by locals and visitors alike. Perhaps most requested is the Geschnetzeltes Schweinfleisch. This consists of thinly sliced pork fillets sautéed in butter with onions, mushrooms, a pinch of paprika, a squeeze of lemon juice, a splash of white wine and fresh cream, served with rosti and fresh vegetables.

David has taken care to provide a wine list carefully selected to complement Richard's culinary creations. All represent good value for money, whether you choose an easy drinking house Cabernet Sauvignon, a full-bodied Australian Shiraz or a fine Bordeaux. The twenty-eight seat restaurant uses glassware by Riedel, the famous Austrian glass manufacturer to enable diners to enjoy their chosen wine to the full.

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FARMING CRACK

What a super spell of weather we have had this spring (who says farmers always complain?). First cut silage has been completed; the earliest ever. Most farmers finished during May. At the first signs of the land drying out at the beginning of June along comes the rain and everything starts growing like mad again. I hope it keeps up for the rest of summer.

The first lambing season at Bailey Ground went extremely well, with 100 ewes producing 160 lambs. What pleasure we have had watching them jumping and racing around. Apologies to some of the residents on Coniston Avenue who got pestered by runaway lambs that found holes into some of their gardens. A little black Suffolk lamb, called Sam, seemed to be the ringleader and soon got quite a gang following him. We have three old Herdwicks, or as someone called them, Hardwicks, which class every fence, hedge and wall as a challenge to escape over or through. Obviously they were used to roaming the open fells before they came here. They even got the knack of getting on to the cricket field (they must have heard how well Seascale are doing at the moment and went to watch).

The vet thinks that one sheep that has been very ill, in a field near Fernstock, has been bitten by an adder. Its nose and head swelled up, making it very difficult for it to breathe and eat. This can often result in death. It also applies to dogs. A couple of people have been bitten while out for walks on the sand dunes near Drigg.

I read once that a fly can produce one million offspring between now and autumn. After the plague we had last summer I would like you all to get your fly swatters into action; they make life a misery for the livestock and for me when I am milking – the cows kick like mad when flies are biting them! They are not very nice things to have in your house.

Have you ever seen such a beautiful display of

flowers and blossom in the gardens and hedgerows as there has been this year? The flowering cherries, the gorse and now the hawthorns have been breathtaking. Those cascading down the hedge at Moffat's Corner were amongst the best. Did you see the bluebells in the Dell? It just looked as if the banks had been painted. How about the pile of soil at the old Scawfell site, absolutely covered with red wild poppies. That soil will not have been disturbed since the Scawfell Hotel was built 160 years ago. How long can seeds lie dormant and still grow?

When interviewed recently on TV one of the old soldiers who fought on the Normandy beaches said the thing he remembered most, when he left England, was the hedgerows ablaze with colour. It must have been a year like this. I still find it difficult to believe that the last Headmistress at the school gave the plaque with all the names of ex Seascale school pupils that were killed or fought in the great wars, to the Whitehaven museum, because she did not want anything in the school glorifying war. The plaque was part of the history of Seascale school and was always displayed there. The Parish Council retrieved it and thankfully the present headmistress rededicated it and put it back in its rightful place in the school. Far from glorifying war the knowledge of the past, the horror, the sacrifice and the suffering past generations endured during war time to keep this country free should never ever be allowed to be forgotten. It is difficult to imagine that a lot of those killed fighting in the war were the same age as many of the youngsters you see standing on the Scawfell corner. What a terrible waste war is.

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

by Ken Mawson

WILDLIFE – Disappearing hedgehogs

Several years ago we used to see dozens of them, a lot of them run over by the roadsides. This year I have been looking out for them and have only seen one run over and one alive. It appears the reason is the badger, the hedgehog's main predator. The massive increase in the badger population means that they have found food more difficult to find so hedgehog is now part of their menu. When a hedgehog feels threatened it rolls up into a spiky ball leaving only a small hole where its nose is. The badger gets its powerful front claws into this opening and forces the poor old hedgehog open and kills it with one bite. A gamekeeper we know has witnessed this happening. He said that hedgehogs are now practically extinct in large areas of countryside. It will not be long before it happens here.

Something a little happier to finish on. I read in the paper the other day about a youngster who when told by her mother that they were having steak and kidney pie for dinner burst into tears and said she did not like snake and kitten pie (I do not think I would reckon much of it either!).

Coniston Avenue Football Field

A renewed interest in using the Coniston Avenue pitch properly for football has been shown among the young people in Seascale.

We are keen to help get this project off the ground.

We need support and help from parents or adults in the village to supervise and train the youngsters. We have nets and Copeland are going to line the pitch.

*Seascale Parish Council
Contact Colin Platt 27335*

Bowling

Can you imagine a more relaxing and enjoyable pastime on a nice sunny day than a roll up on the bowling green? Ever thought you would like to have a go but never get the chance? On the first couple of Thursdays in July, the 1st and the 8th, between 6 and 8 pm, the green will be open for beginners. All you need are shoes or trainers with flat soles. Overshoes and bowls will be available, as will someone to give you help and advice. So now is your chance to give it a try. It will cost you nothing. Anyone is welcome to go in the bowling green, have a seat and watch; that could be a first step.



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