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SEASCALE

SUMMER 2005

Village

SATURDAY 9 JULY:

SEASCALE AND CALDER HOUSE CHARITY FUNDAY

THEME:

60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF WORLD WAR II



A typical wartime scene of evacuated children and teacher taking lessons in a field.

Parish News

We've no sooner got tidied up after January and now the village faces another crisis over the grassed areas. The owner has sold them on to another firm who have neglected to cut and keep tidy. We can only ask you to write to the present owners and ask for them to be cut and brought up to standard. We have written and also given a statement to the Whitehaven News.

I reported in our last issue that we had a Village Policeman back on the beat, but he has been on long term sick leave and there's no sign of him returning.

We have had our yellow beach flag stolen from our flag pole. This announces to our visitors the standard we have reached to receive this; alas we don't know when we will get a replacement.

We had an excellent presentation at our Annual Parish Meeting in April by Richard Mrowicki – it was well advertised but turnout wasn't very good.

We must congratulate the Mother & Toddler Group who have raised a substantial amount of money for the swings on the beach.

Reverend Peter Grime will have left the village by the time you receive this newsletter. We hope he has a long and peaceful retirement.

The Parish Council will be giving certificates out for the front gardens again this year.

Please remember that Parish Council meetings are the first Wednesday every month except for August.

We hope the weather picks up and you can enjoy all the outdoor facilities we have in our village – we are very lucky to have so many.

*Eileen Eastwood
Parish Council Chairwoman*

A new beginning – or is this the end?

Three years ago a small group of people got together and decided to reform what is now known as the Seascale and Calder House charity Village FunDay.

It requires a great deal of time and effort throughout the year organising different events to achieve funding for the FunDay and we have had many successes in the past.

It has been a great pleasure to head our group as chairperson, but my term must come to a close in September.

Our group has diminished over the past twelve months and, despite posters and appeals for volunteers to join us, we have had no response.

What a pity if your FunDay should once again come to a close.

Many thousands of pounds have been raised for our chosen charity – West Cumbria Hospice at Home – and our hope is that it will continue for years to come.

We are now appealing to you for support by joining and forming a new group, to let our FunDay continue.

Applicants will need to contact me personally, on tel: 019467 28538.

Finally I would like to say a huge thank you to all our group members, past and present, for your dedication and support.

*Steve Ainley
Chairperson*

Trafalgar Weekend

To celebrate Trafalgar Weekend 21-23 October people around the country are lighting beacons. Does the village want to do anything to mark this event?

SEASCALE TOURISM INFORMATION BROCHURE

If we are to sell ourselves as a Tourist Destination we need to update our Village Brochure. This needs to be village-led to include Parish and businesses. A committee needs to be set up to discuss the best way forward and to look for outside funding.

The Parish Council will hold the inaugural meeting provided we have enough volunteers to make up a Committee of interested parties.

Please contact any of the following to give your name and telephone number:

Clerk Barbara Simcock – 27970; Councillor Eileen Eastwood – 28653; Sue Allen – 28433; Vicky Borrino – 29023; Bernard Dickinson – 27288; Bill Harvey – 28915; Ken Mawson – 28278; David Moore – 27674; Colin Platt; Barbara Ramsden – 28126; Andrew Woollass – 28218

Neighbourhood Forum

The next Seascale-Bootle Forum is at Drigg Village Hall on 21 July. The subject is Local Policing and information on the new Police Radios that are better for rural areas.

This is your chance to meet your County Councillor and your District Councillors.

Eileen Eastwood, District Councillor

Mother and Toddler Group – Swings on the Beach Play Area

Cumbria Waste Management Landfill Tax Grants Scheme have agreed to give £2000 towards buying swings for the beach. We have also received £200 from the Whitehaven News and £50 from Women's Outlook. We are well on the way to our target.

Thanks to everyone who has given support by helping with fund raising events or giving donations.

Sports Hall

Copeland Council will be running a Summer Sports School again this year, every Thursday morning during the school holidays. Watch notice boards for further information.

Sports Hall Committee

Christmas Lights

Sadly Tony Holman does not feel he can carry on and we thank him for the last 14 years. John Garner has said he is willing to supervise in future so we will be working within the new laws. We need to know if all the people who have helped in the past are willing to come along ad help when we install the lights.

Please contact: Eileen Eastwood – 28653; Ken Mawson – 28278; David Moore – 27674; Barbara Ramsden – 28126; Bill Harvey – 28915; Bernard Dickinson – 27288

We don't want to lose our Christmas celebrations so please support us.

Arch Hill

At long last Seascale Parish Council now has the tenancy of that scruffy piece of land on Arch Hill. We will be renting it on a yearly basis from Network Rail. All we need now is for Copeland Borough Council to find time in the middle of 'Britain in Bloom' to start to landscape the area. We hope to raise funds for 3-4 seats to give us all a place to rest – two will face the sea and one or two will face up Gosforth Road.

Barbara Ramsden

Auction of Promises

The Friends of Seascale School would like to thank everybody who helped to support our Auction of Promises. We had great support on the night and the evening went better than we could ever have thought. We raised around £2,300 which will all go to the school. Thank you

*Joan Sim, Chairperson,
Friends of Seascale School*

2nd Seascale Methodist Brownies Pack Holiday

We have just returned from our annual pack holiday, which this year was held in Thwaites, near Millom. What a fantastic time we all had. The weather was lovely, the accommodation almost luxurious, the food, courtesy of Maggie Huddleston, was delicious but best of all the whole experience of spending a full weekend together rather than a hurried few hours each week was reward in itself.

Pack holiday is the highlight of the Brownie year. Our whole programme of activities is geared towards pack holiday. It's a time when the adult leaders really get to know the Brownies. For many of the girls it was the very first time that they had been away from home without their parents.

The theme of the weekend was Peter Pan and from Friday evening 'til Sunday afternoon we enjoyed various crafts and activities based around the story of a boy who never grew up.

Christine Bentley helped the girls transform themselves from Brownies into pirates or mermaids or Indians. Joan Sim, equipped with a variety of musical instruments, formed a band of wandering minstrels, and took them on an importune tour of the unsuspecting tranquil village of Thwaites. Lynn and Bill Pattison led a 'Softies' walk down to the estuary, where we enjoyed our picnic. Then in the afternoon Martin and Jamie Bentley instructed us in compass work and laid a compass trail.

We tried new experiences, such as tree hugging and shelter building in the woods nearby. Then for the grand finale Linda Biggins and Sarah Huddleston helped the Brownies to organise and perform 'The Peter Pan Extravaganza' – an evening of, as yet, undiscovered talent.

Although the Brownies had various 'chores' to do, such as laying tables, washing up and making their own packed lunches, the worst job was left to Peter Sim, who drew the short straw and spent Saturday evening scrubbing pans and writing out certificates while the rest of the grown ups enjoyed themselves at The Extravaganza.

All too soon the weekend drew to a close and whilst we all went out on our final activity, a

treasure hunt, Joan and Bill were left behind to clean up the hall and pack away the equipment.

The Seascale Et Bootle Neighbourhood Forum, who generously gave us £100, helped us to fund the holiday, enabling every Brownie, regardless of financial circumstances, to take part in this fun weekend.

For information about the Brownies, please ring 019467 25413 and ask for Lynn.

Seascale Cricket Club

The cricket club has had a successful start to the 2005 season.

The Saturday side, newly promoted to the Cumbria Cricket League's 1st Division, have won 3 games, lost 3 and drawn the remaining 2 to date; currently lying 6th (out of 12) in the division. A great improvement on our last venture into the 1st Division when we failed to win a single game! The early season batting has been led by Mark Farries and Lee Fleet; the latter returning after several years absence, backed up by the 'grandfather' of the team, Phil Knott, who has found a new lease of life as a wicket keeper. The bowling attack has been led by a three-pronged seam attack of Paul Knot and Daniel and Clayton Lee, very ably backed up by our skipper, Steve Brown. The blend of youth and experience has worked well and it has been good to see the products of our junior policy playing a significant role.

The Midweek side has started its first season in the WACCA (West Allerdale and Copeland Cricket Association) and has fared reasonably well, whilst providing the players with a means of practice.

The Under 13 team has made a good start to the season and are riding high in their league. Leading batsman is Matty McEwan who has yet to lose his wicket this season; the bowling is led by Jack Stubbings and Greg Bedford.

The Under 11 team has only played a couple of matches so far but it is good to see so many youngsters involved in the practice sessions.

SEASCALE SCOUTS

It's hot sunshine, as I write this. Let's hope this is the start of summer – very welcome after the storms and hurricanes of recent months. In a week's time we will be setting up the group camp at Branthwaite, so by the time you read this, you'll know how we enjoyed it. I don't doubt that we'll be exhausted afterwards, but we'll have had a great time. It looks like we'll have over 20 Cubs and Scouts camping and be joined by 10 or 12 Beavers for the Saturday. What will also be new for us is that the scouts will be looking after themselves – organising their own fires, cooking, cleaning – and even washing – who knows?! We are expecting a bridge to be built to allow us to cross the river without getting wet. Mind you, I'd be surprised if it gets built without someone getting wet.

Sue and Nick are getting used to our ways, and we have recently been joined by Annabel and Lesley, who have been extremely useful helping with Beavers and Cubs.

Our camp is being helped by a recent grant of £200 from the Neighbourhood Forum, which is enabling us to buy cooking and camping equipment as well as a flag for the Beavers and more neckerchiefs. The equipment is starting to arrive, and hopefully will be here in time for camp. We will still have to borrow some equipment from other groups, but we are getting there. On a personal note, I have to say that I was proud to be associated with the three scouts who made the presentation to the Forum – they were a credit to the village, as well as to the group. We have also carried out quite a bit of fund raising towards the equipment – the village litter-pick and sponsored walk on St George's Day being amongst the recent events. The sponsored ice skate in January raised a total of nearly £280 for the Tsunami appeal.

As part of the group environmental award, we have also undertaken to look after The Dell – we may keep the beck clear, but I have doubts about how environmentally friendly the Cubs and Scouts and their sweaters are after going there! Sliding down the bank may be great fun; all one can say is that the green sweaters seem

to hide the grass stains.

The Beavers recently had a training session at Alstec learning how to operate manipulators – you really do need eyes in the back of your head now, when they can do things remotely! The Cubs entered the District 5-a-side football challenge and did very well (we thought that we'd better let someone else win the trophy this year). The Scouts have just (during half term), completed the Eskdale Trail. After several hot days, we chose the first wet one – and it was wet. We were all soaking by the time we had cycled to Ravenglass for the train to Dalegarth. Thanks to the Ratty for getting us all on to one train, and then a very satisfying cycle back – getting wheel spin and doing wheelies going up chapel hill, and then a very long downhill to Ravenglass (I can recommend it for any visitors to the area – it is good on foot as well, but do book any bikes in first because the Ratty may not be able to take anyone who turns up on spec).

One of the highlights of the term had to be the St George's parade on 23 April. Not to a church, but along the Cleator Moor to Mirehouse cycle track, in warm sun, to renew our promises. With over 200 Beavers, Cubs and Scouts from the District present, it was a good day, followed by more hot dogs than some of our scouts could manage.

There's plenty going on, and there's always room for more adults who want to help, as well as youngsters who want to join – just give me a ring.

Graham Worsnop, Group Scout Leader

WANTED

Our Yellow Flag

Seascale flies this flag with pride.
Visitors to the beach look for a flag to reassure themselves the sea is safe to bathe in.

SOMEONE HAS STOLEN IT

Seascale and Calder House CHARITY FUNDAY 2005

Saturday 9 July

This year sees many celebrations taking place to mark the

60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF WORLD WAR II

*Based on this theme we have a great line up of
entertainment for all the family*

Opening at 11.30am 'til 4pm

**The Mayor of Whitehaven will officially open the event
at 12 noon played in by Egremont Town Band**

The focal point for the day will be our
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Artists appearing include

'40s Swing with a Zing

Whitehaven Theatre of Youth

perform song and dance

"Jazz Sounds" Band

others to be announced

Other attractions include:

children's magician "Cheeky Charlie"

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**So sorry – as we went to press the last tickets had just been sold*

Seascale & District Horticultural Society

Dates For Your Diary

● Saturday 9 July

The Horticultural society will have a Plant and Cake Stall at the Calder House Fun Day on Saturday 9 July. We welcome your support and would like to take this opportunity of wishing the organisers every success for the day – with plenty of sunshine!

● Saturday 13 August 2005

The Annual Flower Show will be held on Saturday 13 August in Seascale School. The usual classes are included for Fruit & Veg, Produce, Handicrafts and Flower Arranging and we are particularly keen to encourage more children to enter the Children's classes this year.

Please do have a go at entering or just come along on the day and support us.

Show schedules will be available from Seascale Post Office, Seascale Library, Seascale Pharmacy, Beach Stores and F. Sloan, Lonnings, Cross Lanes, Seascale Tel. 019467 21847.

Seascale Rainbows HELP WANTED

The rainbow unit in Seascale has been running for many years. Owing to new work commitments, neither of us can give the time every week. If you could help us or know someone who is interested please contact us. Full training and support will be given. Without help this unit will close.

*Julie Bradley 25493
Kirstin Halliday 01229 717471*

The Bowling Club

Maureen Eccles is the Ladies Cumbria County President this year. We've had two very successful County Games already and there is more to come. The Committee was successful with grants for the green from the Neighbourhood Forums at Gosforth and Seascale, and Cumberland Newspapers donated £200. The Club welcomes new members – come along and try. We have plenty of bowls and we are open from 2pm every day.

Bowling Club Committee

Contact for contributions to the next Seascale Newsletter is the Editor, Lois Holman, tel: 019467 28941.
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FARMING CRACK

Here we are in the middle of summer and I am still waiting for spring. This year we seem to have missed it out somehow, or were they those fine 10 days at the beginning of March?

Lambing has proved to be an extremely difficult time with a number of losses of both sheep and lambs. The cold wet weather came at a bad time. Cows that had been let outside for the summer had to be brought back in at nights because the ground was so wet they paddled the grass in. Hopefully things are starting to improve now (end of May), but there are still some very strong cold winds about.

You will have seen in the papers that we have several developments planned for Bailey Ground. As the first stage we have purchased a milk bottling business at Gosforth; this has a wholesale round between Whitehaven and Gosforth. At the moment we are applying for planning permission and grants to move it back here so that we can process our own milk. This should give us a fairer share of what it is worth. We are also renewing our milking parlour. This will enable us to complete the milking in just over an hour instead of the three hours it now takes. We also have future plans for a farm shop and a pet park.

Crops of grass this year have been reasonably good, but the crops on some of the grassed areas round the village, especially down Santon Way, have been much better. What an eyesore they are going to be if nothing is done with them now, when the grass dies off. It will be very difficult to get it back to lawn again.

Good-bye to our vicar, Peter Grime of St Cuthberts. He has been with us for almost 30 years. He always understood the problems of farming, which he often voiced. Also his strong singing voice will be very much missed at future services. We wish him well in his

retirement and hope he will be happy in his new home.

Wildlife

Since the last newsletter reports have been received of various types of wildlife seen in gardens around the village. A deer was seen in a garden in Santon Way, a fox in the Hallsenna Lane area, a red squirrel in Lingmell Crescent and a badger in a garden near the clinic. Did anyone hear the fox shouting the other night? It was an eerie barking screeching noise. Anyone, especially children, who did not know what it was would find it very frightening. It went on for at least an hour at the top end of the village. This is very unusual at this time of the year as they normally only bark in the mating season at the beginning of the year.

The swallows arrived early this year after completing their 2500-mile journey. The first ones arrived on 10 April, right in the middle of a really cold frosty spell. What a shock they must have got. Fortunately the main bunch were a week or so later. Sadly we found one lying exhausted in the middle of the road – attempts to save it failed. It had travelled all that way back to Seascale just to die. There are a record number of nests this year. The first batches of young ones are almost ready to fly. I have always thought that swallows are the most graceful birds, but after watching the larger black swifts, swooping and circling around the cricket field area, I am not so sure. The speed they travel is truly amazing. Did you know that a swift cannot land on the ground because if it did it would not be able to take off again. To start flying it has to drop down from something above ground level. This must make it extremely difficult collecting nesting material.

Ken Mawson

A small child was eating his salad lunch with his grandfather. When he tried to speak his grandfather stopped him, saying it was bad manners to speak while he was eating. The child tried to speak again and his grandfather told him to wait until he had finished. When they had finished eating he asked him what he wanted to say – the child replied that it didn't really matter now, but he had seen a caterpillar on his grandfather's lettuce!

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The Revd. Peter Grime – A Valediction

On Sunday 12 June Peter Grime presided at the Eucharist in St Cuthbert's Church for the last time, and preached his farewell sermon. Peter is retiring after almost twenty-eight years with us here in Seascale. Lancastrian by birth and Lancastrian by nature Peter grew up in Penwortham, Preston, went to Kirkham Grammar School and from there won a scholarship to St John's College, Oxford to read History. After his degree he did the post graduate certificate in education but went into industry instead of teaching. He worked in his native Lancashire, in London and in Nigeria. During this time there came a call to offer for ordination in the Church of England. I recall Peter's father remarking that with an industrial salary Peter could have served the Lord very well without doing anything so radical. But underneath the gentle charm we all recognised in Peter there is an iron will, and so it was off back to this beloved Oxford to train for the priesthood and to study for a second degree in Theology. His curacy was served at St James in Blackburn and then it was to St Martin's College in Lancaster where he both lectured and was College Chaplain. Throughout those early years in the ministry Peter was known and addressed as "Father Peter"!

In 1977 the Bishop of Carlisle, David Halsey, tempted Peter to Seascale with stories of double graduate marriages and highflying academic children. But although the organ stool was served in those early years by two distinguished Cambridge organ scholars who both, having practised on our magnificent Hill organ, won awards in the FRCO examinations, the social composition of Seascale was changing and now, as Peter leaves us, the people in the parish are by no means all academic experts. We have a much broader and, some would say, healthier mix. Inside our Church too Peter has presided over significant changes. He was instrumental in arranging a memorial area with a memorial book, a facility used by the whole community, not just Anglicans, which helps to provide a focal point for the bereaved – especially valuable as we have no burial ground. In a sense this is an expression of Peter's deep devotion in service to the elderly and grieving. Many will never forget the example he set before us as he cared single handedly for his own elderly parents, and many who have had

personal experience of his standard of pastoral care in times of suffering will understand exactly what I am saying.

In our Church too his devotion to the sacrament of Holy Communion led to the installation of a facility for receiving the sacrament in an Aumbry on the South wall of the Lady Chapel. This enabled Peter to respond quickly if those ill at home were being excluded from sacramental grace. Little did we realise that there would come a time when this would help us to continue a sacramental ministry when priests were in short supply.

During the last twenty-eight years the three churches of the village have been encouraged by Peter to do things together when possible. The joint evening worship with the Methodists has continued and in particular we rejoice that we have come to enjoy a clearer relationship with our Roman Catholic friends. It is to be hoped that the new appointment, when it comes, will build on these foundations.

In the wider community Peter was for many years the Chairman of the Abbeyfield Society and watched over the building of a spanking new extra-care Abbeyfield house in Gosforth and the total refurbishment of the Abbeyfield house in Seascale. The elderly in this area now enjoy this enviable provision. We all know how Peter spent himself tirelessly at these projects, even for a time allowing his study to be used as an Abbeyfield office.

Despite of deep personal discipline, a hidden life of prayer and a determination to remain celibate, in all his living, Peter, while radiating loving care for all who came his way, preached the message of Genesis – that God saw all that he had made and it was very good. He in fact taught us to "enjoy". It seemed entirely fitting that on his last Saturday night as our parish priest, the Abbey Singers were in concert in the Church and sang as their encore "May the Lord Bless You and Keep You. May the Lord make his face to shine upon you".

We all wish Peter a long, healthy and happy retirement, and we look forward to seeing him whenever he chooses to visit us.

Dorothy Chatterley – 17 June 2005