Greysouthen Gossip

Your window on village news and events

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Editorial

Hope you've all enjoyed our "summer".

It's a year now since the first edition of "Greysouthen Gossip." Any thoughts or suggestions as to future editions would be very welcome. One idea that has been put forward is to have some articles about the history of our community. That would be great, but does anyone know of some one with that sort of knowledge who might be willing to write the occasional article?

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any other suggestions

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Old Folks

Hello everyone in Greysouthen. The annual bus trip and evening meal was once again a resounding success although numbers were a little depleted this year. We thoroughly enjoyed a journey to the city of Durham where we were greeted by fine weather, followed by a magnificent meal at the White Heather in Kirkbride airfield. Many thanks to Ann and Margaret for the hard work in organising it.

The next event is the Christmas dinner and entertainment in the Greysouthen Village Hall on December 17th. Whilst discussing this do, Eric Haughin mentioned that we had advertised for a band in the Times and Star. Looking baffled at this, he went on to explain that it was in an article in that week's edition referring to an advert put in the paper in 1927 for a band to entertain "The Greysouthen Old Folks Reunion" at their Christmas dinner! So now we know that the Greysouthen Old Folks is at least 84 years old and still going strong, which of course is all down to the kind generosity of people in our village for their weekly participation in the village tote. It is very much appreciated and we wish a very Merry Christmas to you all.

Ken Needham

Parish council notes

August is a quiet month for the parish council because we don't have an August meeting but a group of us did spend some time touring the parish, looking at the many attractive troughs and hanging baskets and struggling to decide which was to be awarded the parish council cup. After lengthy deliberations the cup was awarded to John and Val Digby of 10 Fletcher's Croft but we would like to thank all those who keep their gardens and containers looking so colourful – it brings a great deal of pleasure to the whole village.

June was a month of good news. We were extremely pleased to be joined by a new Parish Councillor, Gwyn Lloyd. This means that we now have a full Parish Council. Gwyn has lived on Main Street for 15 years and has wide ranging interests – you may have seen his notices about Healthy Walks – and elsewhere in this publication there's an article from him about Red Squirrels in Greysouthen. We're very happy that Gwyn has decided to bring his skills and expertise to join us and look forward to working with him.

It's also good to announce that the bench to commemorate the life of Lanty Minshaw was put in place in June. Watch out for it as you walk around the Moor Road.

In July the parish council had a presentation from Tracey Martin who is our street scene officer. We found her talk very interesting so have included a short article about her work in this newsletter.

Margaret Wiltshire, Parish Councillor

Village Hall Committee

Following on from the re-decoration of the main hall, the next phase is to renew the kitchen and revamp the area, to the rear of the stage curtain, which can then be used for meetings etc.

Roger James (Chairman)

'Tek Care' – Red Squirrels About

Red squirrels have again been sighted in Greysouthen. Their second breeding season of the year has just taken place, so look out for baby red squirrels ('kittens') which start to explore their territory when they are about 40 days old. Obviously, they will not have heard about the Highway Code, so please 'tek care' whilst driving through the village.

Apart from traffic, the main threat to the survival of our reds is the parapox virus (squirrel pox) which is caught from grey squirrels. Although the virus is harmless to the grey, it is fatal to the red. As the majority of greys carry the virus, the only effective way to stop it spreading to the reds is to keep the two species separate.

Please help save our native reds from extinction by reporting any sightings of greys to Sue Southworth, Allerdale Red Squirrel Group (telephone 822 180).

If you would like to learn more, why not visit the annual Squirrel Fest – a family fun day celebrating the red squirrel - which will be held on Sunday 18th September (11.00am to 4.00pm) at Brockhole Visitor Centre, Windermere. Alternatively, log on to www.allerdaleredsquirrelgroup.co.uk.

Gwyn Lloyd, Parish Councillor

Greysouthen W.I.

In July, we had a delightful day out in the North East, visiting Boundary Mill and Crook Hall and Gardens. Even the weather was kind to us by the afternoon, when we were walking around the gardens. Thanks to Ann for arranging this trip for us.

During August we held a 'Strawberry Tea' in aid of the Breast Cancer Trust. Again, we had a beautiful afternoon. So, plenty of people were able to join us and we raised over £212 for the Cancer Care UK.

August also saw our annual Flower Show (in it's 47th year) which was once again a great success with the number of entries up on last year. The judges praised the high standard of the show entries. The overall show winner was Edith Storey, with Georgia Smith carrying off the overall children's award. Thanks to all community members who supported both these events so well.

Our Autumn meetings start at 7.15pm in the Village Hall on the third Tuesday in the month. Remember, everyone is most welcome to visit our meetings and listen to our guest speakers, (gentlemen too) Admission is £2.50.

The Christmas Fair will be in the Village Hall on Sunday 27th November, from 10am to 2pm.

Lastly, why not get into the festive spirit by joining us for some light-hearted Carol Singing around the Village on Monday 12thDecember. Meet at the corner of Main Street and Chapel Terrace at 6.30pm (We'll provide song sheets).

Barbara Lloyd

A Hidden Gem

In Greysouthen we are lucky to live in a village with such great Green Spaces for the whole Parish to enjoy. The Children's park has been alive with children visiting over the summer months. As well as children from the village it has been lovely to meet some new faces, those staying in holiday cottages in the village and at the Caravan site. ISS Waterers have done a great job of keeping the playing field, park and other areas need and tidy and all the grass nicely trimmed.

But if you fancy a quieter retreat, away from the children, why not visit the hidden gem of the Memorial Garden on Main Street. This is a lovely tranquil location to read a book or sit in the sun. The Memorial Garden is accessed from the rear, via the lane to the left of the garden. One of the attractions of the garden is its wild and rustic charm, however we would be very grateful for any volunteers to tidy, weed, litter pick and maintain this space. Just feel free to pop along and get stuck in any time you like.

Public Footpaths

There are lots of Public Footpaths around our Parish to discover, explore and enjoy. One of these great walks is from Greysouthen to Brigham via the public footpath that starts on Overend Road. On the Parish Council we quite often get requests to maintain, cut-back and prune these pathways to make them more accessible. When we get these requests we always escalate them to the Highways Steward. However in the last 6 months or more as the County and District Councils have been trying to save money this service is one of the areas to face financial cutbacks. Therefore, there has been less work done on the Public Footpaths than we would have liked. Members of the public are welcome to carry out their own work to improve and clear these paths, however, we have been advised that once work has been done by the public then the Council will no longer take responsibility for these paths.

Nonetheless, be reassured Public Footpaths do remain a priority of the Parish Council and we will continue to try to get them maintained in the future.

Claire Raven, Parish Councillor

Your local Allerdale Borough Council street scene officer

and environmental warden. How can they help?

Tracey Martin is your local street scene officer; she regularly patrols the area and responds to residents' requests for replacement domestic bins and can give advice on waste and recycling queries. Allerdale Borough Council can also arrange assisted collections for residents who may have difficulties in placing their bins out. Tracey can help in resolving this and other such problems.

For example she can respond to concerns over litter and general street cleanliness including dog fouling. She will also help to investigate reported incidents of fly tipping and arrange for removal.

Tracey works closely with Denise Dervey, Allerdale Borough Council's environmental warden for the area. Denise can arrange for additional litter bins to be fitted in your area, as well as replacing damaged ones. In addition, she will respond to problem areas of littering and dog fouling and will act upon information provided by residents on offenders.

Denise can also investigate noise complaints such as excessive dog barking.

Both Denise and Tracey are happy to support local communities in any projects and initiatives aimed at improving the environment. They can offer practical help through giving advice on recycling, responsible dog ownership and support for school projects.

Please call:

Tracey Martin, Allerdale Borough Council's street scene officer, on 01900 702962.

Denise Dervey, Allerdale Borough Council's environmental warden, on 01900 702808.

Diary dates

19th September Parish Council meeting 7.15
20th September WI meeting.
Speaker – Nathan Fox "The Osprey Project"
17th October Parish Council meeting 7.15
18th October WI meeting.
Speaker – Ruth Hall " A Christmas cake with a difference"
14th November Parish Council meeting
15th November WI meeting.
Speaker – Gail Ingles " Magistrates in the community"
27th November Christmas Fair in the Village Hall 10am – 2pm
12th December Greysouthen Carol Singing.
Meet at 6.30pm at the corner of Chapel Terrace and Main Street
17th December Old Folks Christmas dinner in the Village Hall

The **Bowls Club** meets in the Village Hall every Wednesday evening 7-9pm. New members are made very welcome.

The **Post Office** is at Greysouthen village Hall every Monday afternoon1.30-4.30