Greysouthen Gossip

Your window on village news and events

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Editorial

Elsewhere in this edition you'll find an article from our WI president asking for new members. Greysouthen WI is a key part of our community and perhaps something that we all take for granted. We all enjoy the events they organise - the jubilee tea party, the flower show, the pudding night are just three of the most recent - so maybe it's time to show them some support. The WI has organised carol singing around Greysouthen village on Dec 17 and I know would welcome anyone joining them to sing. (No need to be a member, just in good voice.) I look forward to seeing you there! Details of where to meet are given later.

Margaret Wiltshire

Parish Council

We are almost at the end of another year. Lots of things have been going on throughout 2012; the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, Olympics and Paralympics, etc.

Your Parish Council has completed much work that needed doing also. During the year we have lost our Clerk and a councillor, both have been replaced. It was a pity about the weather which, at times has been appalling, but we must thank all those people who have cleared drains and ditches, and all the other little jobs that needed doing round and about. We will be discussing the Parish Precept during the next few weeks for the new financial year.

On behalf of the Parish Council may I wish you a peaceful Christmas and a very happy New Year.

Ann Woodcock, Chairman.



Cumbria community messaging

Cumbria community messaging is managed by Cumbria Neighbourhood Watch Association and offers you and other members of communities across Cumbria the means to receive crime information from Cumbria Police. You can select which information you wish to receive by managing your own settings and it is completely FREE. Farm watch, church watch and caravan and camping watch are a small examples of the schemes that you can register for. You can join as an individual or as a group.

As well as Cumbria constabulary other partners providing information are Cumbria County Council, Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service and Cumbria Neighbourhood Watch Association.

If you would like to join Cumbria community messaging then please contact us or visit www.cumbriacommunitymessaging.co.uk

Beck Clearing

A big THANK YOU to all who helped with clearing Riggin Ghyll beck – putting up publicity, baking cakes, getting wet and muddy. It all helped to make a very successful community event. If you haven't already seen do go and have a look – the planks of wood have been left across one arch deliberately so that water will flow down the left hand arch to clear out the silt that has built up there over the last decade or so, which is how long it was since that last arch was visible. Just shows what we can achieve when we work together!

Sarah Barnes

Greysouthen's Virtual Pub is going Global.

Do you ever wonder where she lives as she runs past your door each morning? Or that bloke who walks his dog? Will you ever say more than two words to the couple across the street? Well now is your chance to answer your prayers, find the pot at the end of the Greysouthen Rainbow.

We are now meeting on every last Friday of the month at the Village Hall – next is Jan 25th. We now admit blokes and birds, and small raiding parties from neighbouring villages. Just bring your own drink, and something to snack on if you wish. Kick off 8.30ish – finish around midnight.

Robin Lovegrove

Village Park and Playing Field News

Despite 2012 being a year of wet weather, it hasn't stopped our children enjoying the village park. However, the main activity that the children have enjoyed this autumn has been "jumping in muddy puddles" a bit like Peppa and George pigs! The maintenance work we told you about in a previous Newsletter has all been completed in the park, and this has been very well done, and has maintained this great facility for the younger children in the village.

For the older children in the village one of our inspired young parishioners has drawn a plan for a skate park. Although the Parish Council were unable to find any suitable land in the village for such a project, the skate park proposal has been submitted to Cockermouth Town Council for consideration. We wait with baited breath.

Claire Raven, Parish Councillor

Village Hall Committee

The new kitchen has now been fitted and the new flooring laid, just a little touch up decorating still to complete.

The new windows have been delivered to the hall, glass has been ordered so the windows should be fitted within the next couple of weeks.

The Village Hall AGM will be held in the hall on Thursday 4th April 2013. In line with the constitution all members shall retire from office together at the AGM but they may be re-elected or re-appointed. If anybody would like to be considered for the committee please pass your name to any committee member.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas.

Roger James, Chairman

Mobile Library

Here are the dates for the Mobile Library visits for 1st six months of 2013 :
Jan 18th; Feb 22nd; nothing in March; April 12th; nothing in May; June 7th. Apologies for the long gaps between the stops due to a vast area to cover and no relief driver.

Mark Singleton

Old Folks

We look forward to seeing you on 15th December for the ever popular Christmas Dinner for the senior citizens of Greysouthen which will be held in the Village Hall.

Merry Christmas from the Greysouthen Old Folks Committee.

Ken Needham

W I Update

Greysouthen WI is urgently in need of new members if we are to survive as an association. The WI gives a warm welcome to new ladies and those wishing to renew their membership We have an exciting programme planned for 2013. The WI plays an active part in your community, giving an opportunity to make new friends, raise funds for charities, visit places of interest, share interests and have fun. We arrange regular theatre parties throughout the year.

Our programme is varied, with interesting speakers and demonstrations and visits to other local associations.

Being a member gives women a voice in local and national issues. We need you to give us a try. Bring a friend.

YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU.

We meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 7.15 pm.

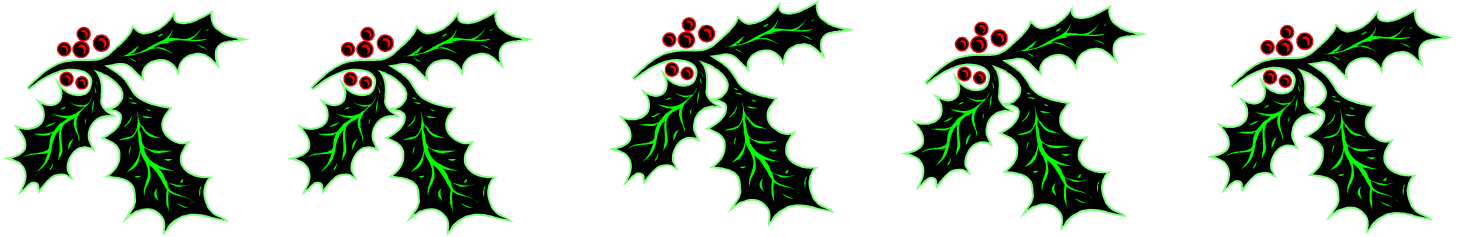
Next meetings

December 11th Christmas Party including supper and entertainment.
December 17th Carol Singing around the village. Meet at 6.30 pm Chapel Terrace / Main Street.
January 15th Gilda Wells DEWODE Update.
February 19th W I 62nd Birthday Party. Buffet Supper.

Margaret Ringquist
4, Fletcher's Croft.
01900 823466

Patch work class

There's a new class starting for anyone interested in patchwork so if you fancy learning a new skill to while away the winter evenings, go along to the village hall on Thursday afternoon 2.00 pm—4.00 pm. You'd be very welcome.



Richard Gildert

Born in Preston in 1954, I am a nurse and Health Service Manager by profession and hold membership of the Institute of Health Service Management, an MSc in Management and a Diploma in Human Resource Leadership.

My wife Ruth (who is originally from Carlisle) and I met in Liverpool, married in 1983 and lived and worked in various locations, including London, Essex and Yorkshire, before returning to live in Lancashire where our two sons were born in 1992 and 1995.

My last job in the NHS was as an Interim Chief Executive, however I found the role extremely stressful and unfortunately it took a severe toll on my health. As a result I took up a post with the Health Care Commission for three years, after which I set up my own business as an Independent Healthcare Consultant although I continued to suffer from health issues.

As a family we relocated to Greysouthen in March 2012 following my retirement from full-time employment and my health is now improving.

I am an ardent football supporter, a keen "quizzer" and golfer and have recently joined Cockermouth Golf Club.

I believe Greysouthen, in common with many rural areas, is facing difficult times and whilst we should encourage, embrace and manage change if it is to the benefit of the village and its residents, we should also cherish individual and local heritage whist keeping pace with modern times.

My aim as a Parish Councillor is to help ensure Greysouthen remains a peaceful and safe place to live and to do as much as I can to bring resources to the village and enhance its reputation within Cumbria.

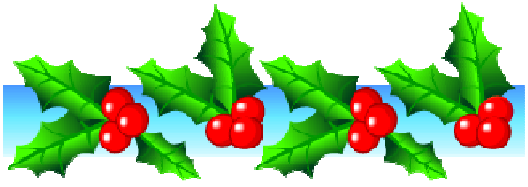
If anyone wishes to speak to me or needs my help, I can be contacted on 01900 826838/mobile 07899080536 or email richardgildert123@btinternet.com

Richard Gildert.

Cockermouth Post

Thanks to all who responded to the plea for help with delivering the Cockermouth Post.

Everyone in our community should now be having the Cockermouth Post delivered to their door. If you're not getting a copy, contact Helen 01900 824655 or info@thecockermouthpost.co.uk



Paddle Post - Gossip Edition

As the new School Administrator at Eaglesfield Paddle CE Primary Academy, or Paddle School as it is affectionately know, I thought I might keep the Parish up to do with things that are going on at the school. Many of you will have children at Paddle and will know lots of what is happening. But other parishioners may have children who have moved onto Cockermouth or Keswick Schools and lost touch with Paddle, or indeed be past pupils themselves. So what follows is a flavour of what's happening at Paddle:

Our new Headteacher, Mrs Dawn Watson, started in Paddle at Easter after Mr Rod Coy retired from the school. Mrs Watson had big shoes to fill but has proved to be a worthy successor, and settled quickly into the Paddle Family. Mrs Watson had previously been Headteacher at a school in Oldham, but has now moved to the area with her husband and two children.

There is lots going on at the school and we have had a busy first term; we welcomed visitors from Ghana for two weeks, we have had trips to Ennerdale, Trotters, The Beacon and Boarbank, Pudsey Bear visited the school for 'Children in Need', and we are now planning our school nativity plays, and Christmas concerts and assemblies.

We had a Religious Education Inspection from the SIAS and achieved an 'Outstanding' rating. There is a Christmas Service at the Fell Church at 3pm on Sunday 16th December to which all are welcome. We are also having a Christmas lunch at 12.00 on 12th December and would welcome any parents or grandparents of pupils to attend, just give the school a call to book a place.

A very Merry Christmas from Paddle!

Claire Raven, School Administrator

