Greysouthen Gossip

Your window on village news and events

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Parish Council report

We are now busy arranging our winter schedule. Meetings will be held on Mondays - Sept 17th, Oct 15th , Nov 19th,and Dec17th. All meetings are held in Greysouthen Village Hall and start at 7.15. Members of the public are always welcome to attend. If you have any ideas for the Parish Council to consider please contact the clerk at lamb13@hotmail.co.uk.or any of the councillors.

As chairman of the parish council I have attended the executive meeting. Main items for discussion were gritting, broadband and MWRS.

We have seen a very successful Olympics and even those who are not interested in sport cannot help being proud of our Olympians. Well done to them all!

Anne Woodcock

Greysouthen W.I.

Our Summer outing this year was in June – beautiful you might think – oh no!! We had rain at the start, rain when we stopped for lunch, still raining when we visited the Tulchan Shop for some retail therapy and an absolute deluge when we stopped in Kirby Lonsdale for afternoon tea! It rained all the way home too!! We still had a 'Grand Day Out'. Thanks to Ann for organising this for us.

Meetings are held in the Village Hall at 7.15pm. Admission: £3.00

Sept 18th: Pam Jago
A talk on 'Denman College'

Oct 16th: Eric Cass
A talk with slides on 'History of Cockermouth'

Nov 20th: Philip Cracknell
A talk with slides on 'Archaeology - Dated buildings in Greysouthen & Cockermouth'

Dec 11th: W.I. Christmas Party

Dec 17th: Carol Singing around the Village. Meet at 6.30pm at junction of Main Street / Chapel Terrace. Please come and join us.

Wind Turbines at Springfield Farm, Greysouthen

We have received various enquiries about this proposal. This article is to answer the questions raised.

A Screening Application (a pre-cursor to a full planning application) was received by Allerdale Council in respect of two wind turbines at Springfield Farm. The proposed turbines will be 325ft high (some 12ft higher than the tower of Big Ben). Greysouthen Parish Council was an objector and, with others, called for an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) on the project. Allerdale advised the applicant that an EIA must be carried out prior to submission of a full planning application. No application has been received by Allerdale, to date.

Details of the proposal can be found on the notice board, next to the village hall. Copies of all documents can also be found at www.allerdale.gov.uk/planning (reference no SCR/2012/0029).

We should like to take this opportunity to confirm that Parish Councillor James Trafford is not the planning applicant, or the developer. The applicant/developer is Volkswind UK, a subsidiary of the German company Volkswind, a major constructor and operator of wind farms across the Europe.

The site of the proposed wind turbines will be on Cllr Trafford's land and, in accordance with Parish Council rules, he has declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the project. If any issue relating to the project arises at a Parish Council Meeting, Cllr Trafford will leave the room and not take part in any discussion or decision making.

If a full planning application is submitted to Allerdale Council, we will let you know by way of a mini newsletter.

Highways hotline

From time to time a problem arises on the roads around the village that needs attention. A recent example was a street light becoming overgrown with high climbing ivy so that it stayed on all day. If there is a problem near you the number to contact is the **Highways Hotline – 0845 609 6609**

Old Folks

At 11o'clock on Sunday August 12th a Reay's coach arrived and collected 26 people to take them on a bus trip to Morecambe. The weather was kind to us and after a steady drive down the M6 the coach dropped us off in the centre. It was good to see the town busy with holiday makers and there was plenty to see and do in the 3 and half hours we were there.

The Midland Hotel was resplendent in its refurbishment and the magnificent Victorian Theatre was open for visitors to inspect the crumbling interior and to raise funds for its restoration. Lots of shops were open and yours truly even made a £4 profit on the slots! Unfortunately the tide was well out so no one was able to partake of a dip in the bay. However there were some excellent alternative watering holes. We got back to the coach at 4.30 and departed for an evening meal at the Embleton Spa (formerly the Derwent Lodge Hotel) where the owner Ray Blackburn welcomed us and served us up some lovely food. We arrived back in the village around 9.15 in time to see the Olympics closing ceremony.

Once again another great trip which would not have happened without the marvellous organisational efforts of Ann Donaldson and Margaret Roberts and of course without the generous participation of the villagers in the weekly tote and not forgetting the sterling efforts of the collectors who are out in all weathers. We thank you all.

The next event to look forward to is of course the Christmas dinner which is to be held in the village hall on December 15th. We look forward to seeing all the over 55s from Greysouthen but meanwhile, enjoy what's left of this wonderful summer (well-one can dream).

Ken Needham



This is a bumper edition for the start of the new school year. Remember we are always pleased to hear from members of the community and would particularly welcome ideas for future editions.

Library Bus

In the June issue of the 'Gossip', we asked whether you would like the Library Bus to visit the village. Your response was a big 'Yes'!

I decided to climb aboard the bus when it visited on Friday 6th July. I wasn't the only one; seven other borrowers squeezed onto the bus with me. For such a small space, it carries a wide range of books: fiction, non- fiction, hardback, paperback, large print and even audio books.

Don't worry if you don't have a library card; you can join on board. If you've borrowed books from Cockermouth library, and don't fancy the trip into town, you can return them via the bus. Ordering books can be done on board or you can order online: Workington.library@cumbriacc.gov.uk and your book will be waiting for you on the bus's next visit.

The bus will visit between 2.00pm and 2.30pm on the following Fridays: 17th August, 28th September, (no visit October) 2nd November and 7th December. Now we've got it, let's not lose it.

Gwynn Lloyd

Cockermouth Post Delivery

THE COCKERMOUTH POST

The Parish Council has noticed that although the Cockermouth Post is delivered to all households in Eaglesfield, Brigham and Dean it is not delivered to Greysouthen. I've spoken with the editor of the Post who is very willing to deliver a batch to Greysouthen as long as a delivery person can be found.

The job of delivering is waged at £15-20 per month, and would entail delivering to every household every month within 2 days of receiving the papers. Is there anyone in the parish who would be willing to do this? Current deliverers range from a 14 year old student to a 70 year old pensioner. So surely we've someone who could use a little extra pocket money

If you are interested get in touch with me (01900 827809 or m.wiltshire08@btinternet.com) and I will pass it on to Helen & Mike at the Post for their consideration.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Margaret Wiltshire

Village Hall

Following on from the grant received from the Cumbria Community Foundation for the window replacement, we have also received a grant from the Cockermouth Neighbourhood Forum for the new kitchen and up-date of the rear hall area. The hall won't be closed during work as we've arranged that the contactors will fit around bookings.

We will be holding the AGM in late October.

Remember if you want to book the hall please contact

Roger James - The Village Hall Committee

WI Flower Show Results

Following from the Flower Show on Monday 20th August the results are as follows:

Winner of Vegetable class - Mike Ringquist.

Winner of Flowers - Kate Rawling.

Winner of Produce - Barbara Mansergh.

Winner of Crafts - Doris Scott.

The Fruit Loaf Award went to Ann Donaldson.

The children's class winners were:

Under 5 - Nathan Storey.

8 - 2 class - Georgia Smith.

The show's overall winner was Barbara Mansergh.

2nd place went to Kate Rawling.

3rd place went to Edith Storey.

The number of entries was down this year, but the show was well attended by villagers.

Prizes were presented by the WI County representative Mrs. Morag Parkin who was thanked and given a fine orchid.

Margaret Ringquist





Playing Field and Park Update

A wet summer is not going to stop the children of the village enjoying our park. It is lovely to see so many children enjoying this great amenity for football, cricket and cycling.

Some of you may have noticed that our park is looking a little the worse for wear. Good news! We have just completed an audit of all works required to bring the park back up to a high standard. ISS Waterers are going to complete this work for us during August and September. The work we are having done includes painting all the play equipment with wood preservative, painting all the benches, repairing the slide platforms, replacing the large swing seats and chains, painting the goal posts, and filling the bark in the play area. Also other general repairs and maintenance. We are also in the process of purchasing some nets for the goals.

Just a warning to parents that due to the very heavy rain in July the playing field is saturated and sodden in places, please be aware that this might create a slippery surface.

Finally a request for help. The weeding and litter collection in the park (and indeed throughout the rest of the village) relies on volunteers. If you have time to tidy or collect rubbish while you are in the park it would be greatly appreciated. Also we urge the children and youths of the village to please place all their litter in the bins provided. Thank you.

Claire Raven, Parish Councillor

The Catherine Shepherd Memorial cup

Every year the Parish Council presents a cup to the parishioner judged to have the best floral display in containers at the front of their house. The WI kindly allow us to present the cup at their flower show.

This year the cup was won by Ian Milner of 18, Went Meadows. Highly commended certificates were awarded to the residents of 14, Went Meadows; 23, Nepgill; and Drws Nessa, Fletcher's Croft.

The Parish Council would like to thank all who take the time and trouble to provide colourful displays at the front of their houses – they look very attractive and give much pleasure to the rest of us.

Awards were presented by Ann Woodcock Chairman of the Parish Council.



Connecting Cumbria with Superfast Broadband.
You may or may not be aware that CCC rejected the bid from BT (the only remaining bidder) to supply the Superfast Broadband network as bid did not address all the requirements. They are however still working with BT to try to resolve the issues and hope to be able to announce they have reached agreement around September/October.
It appears that there has been some research work done to establish the number of businesses that are run from home and who could benefit from better broadband access. I believe that there are a lot of 'one man band' businesses that will not be included in their results and that there are a lot of workers, not self employed, who sometimes do work at home or would like to if it was possible. If you fall into either of these categories would you please email me to let me know your situation and to give me some ammunition to my argument. Everyone is welcome to email with any other points, what broadband they would like, what broadband problems they have, what they use broadband for, what they would like to do but cannot because the service is not good enough etc. My email address is david@blaylock.me.uk

URGENT HELP NEEDED

Please help clear the beck (Riggin Gill) at the Dean end of Greysouthen before the October rains.

We need a group of volunteers with spades, buckets, picks, forks, shovels, bare hands and determination. If we work together one weekend, weekday, we could clear a small section of the bank/weeds near the road bridge which would allow water to flow through both arches of the bridge.

I hate frogs so need someone there to calm me down if I see any, but I am not afraid of hard work. So please stick up your hands, grab a fork and some wellies and come and help me dig ourselves out of this annual predicament. None of the authorities will admit responsibility, so if we want something done we'll have to do it ourselves.

I'm not expecting the whole stream to be cleared, but just one section that is blocking one arch. There will be homemade cookies and hot drinks to all those who lend a hand in whatever capacity they feel able.

Sarah Barnes
01900 821375, or Tattie House
enquiries@nicheworks.biz

Editor's note
The beck does not appear to come within the jurisdiction of Allerdale or the Parish Council, so it's down to local talent. Any assistance would be good especially with removing debris from the site with a tractor, digger or such.