Greysouthen Gossip

Your window on parish news and events

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Parish Council

First of all, I would like to thank the unknown gentleman who was spotted picking litter along the roadside between the village and Nepgill. It's voluntary actions by individuals that make the parish the special place that it is.

In the previous issue we mentioned that a by-election was being held in March to choose a new councillor for Allerdale's Dalton Ward, which includes this parish. The successful candidate was Marion Fitzgerald and she sits as an 'Independent' on Allerdale Council. The parish Council looks forward to working with Marian over the coming months.

We also mentioned the withdrawal of the Greysouthen to Cockermouth bus service by Ellenvale Coaches. Parishioners affected by the loss of the service may be interested to learn about Cumbria County Council's Voluntary Social Car Scheme. The scheme provides transport to folk of any age who cannot make their journey by public or private transport. Under 16s must be accompanied by an adult. Examples of journeys include: going to the shops, doctors and dental appointments, getting a connection to public transport or just visiting friends. Passengers pay a contribution towards the cost of transport and if two or more people travel together the fare is shared between them. If you would like to know more about this service or would like to become a volunteer driver, please telephone Margaret McKean on 07523 134 825.

Have a good summer and don't forget the annual Flower Show In August. [details elsewhere in this newsletter]

Gwyn Lloyd



Old Folks

THE COMMITTEE OF THE GREYSOUTHEN OLD FOLKS WOULD LIKE TO INVITE ALL PEOPLE OVER 55 PLUS WHO RESIDE IN GREYSOUTHEN VILLAGE TO THE ANNUAL FREE BUS TRIP AND AS USUAL THERE WILL BE A FREE MEAL ON THE RETURN JOURNEY.

THIS YEAR THE DESTINATION IS TO BE BARNARD CASTLE. THE DATE FOR YOUR DIARY IS SATURDAY JUNE 18TH AND WE DEPART AT 10 AM.

PLEASE LET YOUR TOTE COLLECTOR OR ANY MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO COME SO THAT WE CAN LET THE CATERERS KNOW THE NUMBER OF DINERS TO EXPECT AND THE BUS COMPANY WHAT SIZE BUS TO PROVIDE!

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE ON THIS LOVELY COMMUNAL EVENT

Once again many thanks and good luck to all participants in the weekly village tote who make these trips and the Christmas dinner for the senior citizens possible, which without your generosity none of them would be possible.

Ken Needham



GREYSOUTHEN ANNUAL SHOW

Please make a note in your diaries that the WI are holding their annual show on **Monday 15th August** in the village hall. Entries are invited from WI members, and anyone living in Greysouthen. There are five sections, Vegetables, Flowers, Produce, Handicrafts and a special section for children. Each entry costs 20p but children's entries are free. The show is open to the public from 7.00pm, admission £1.00 for adults, children are free, and includes tea and biscuits.

Leaflets about the classes in each section, are being distributed around the village, if you haven't received one yet, you should do shortly. So come on all you gardeners, flowers arrangers, sewers, knitters, bakers, and all you children, get yourselves organised and ready to take part.

We have had a great deal of very welcome support from villagers in past years, and we would like to make this an even better and special show this year, as we wish to announce that this will be the **last show** organised by the WI. We hope, in fact we are sure, that there is someone, or some organisation, out there in the village willing to take on organising future shows!

New Allerdale Councillor

I am very glad to have this opportunity to introduce myself to the residents of the parish of Greysouthen. My name is Marion Fitzgerald and I am the newly elected Independent member of Allerdale Borough Council representing Dalton Ward, which includes the parishes of Greysouthen and Dean.

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone who voted for me in the by election which was held on 24th March. I know that I will have met many of you when I was canvassing the area in the weeks leading up to the election day.

Whether you voted for me or not, I guarantee that I will do my utmost to look after the interests of residents within this Ward.

I have been a member of Allerdale Borough Council before, having represented Boltons Ward for two years leading up to last year's local election which was held at the same time as the general election. I have therefore already had some experience of working on such issues as footway lighting, rural transport, affordable housing and other planning matters.

At the time of writing, my business email address has not yet been set up by the Council. In the meantime, however, if you have any particular concerns that you would like to discuss with me, please give me a call on 016973 43888 or contact me via my home email marion.fitzgerald@ymail.com

If you are unsure whether the particular issue you have in mind is a matter for the Local Authority, I would still urge you to get in touch and I will do whatever I can to help.

It is my intention to attend as many meetings of the Parish Council as possible where I hope to meet many of you in the months and years to come.

Marion Fitzgerald



GREYSOUTHEN W.I.

March is the month we hold our AGM, and this year we had a 100% turnout of members. No one will be surprised to hear that the old committee were re-elected en-masse. As usual it was followed by supper provided by the outgoing committee. The results of our monthly competitions held throughout the year saw 1st place going to Sue Phillips, 2nd to Barbara Mansergh, and 3rd to Shirley Douglas. Well done to those three and to all the members.

Our April meeting saw us entertained by Lynn Bamber and her "Lusciously Loopy Yarns". Lynn had to give up full-time work through ill health, and after a number of years recuperating, decided to have a go at working from home with an on-line business selling all sorts of wools. She is gradually building up her business and her visit to us was the first time she has given a talk to anyone about it. She is very enthusiastic about her subject, and we all enjoyed looking at samples of her wools, and her crochet work.

In May we had a talk by Sophie Weir, a fundraiser for the Great North Air Ambulance service, which covers Cumbria, the North East and North Yorkshire, with our local "Pride of Cumbria Air Ambulance" being based at Langwathby. Each helicopter carries a pilot, a doctor and a paramedic, and is equipped to the level of an A & E ward. Started in 1991, the service has grown to the current three aircraft, and now costs £4.5million a year to keep going. There were 869 missions in Cumbria in 2015, each costing £2500. Funding is all from donations, there are no public funds of any sort or lottery funds received, so fundraising is an important role. Sophie also showed us films of interviews with the people involved in this vital service, which gave a fascinating insight into a very successful operation.

You can see that we have had a very interesting and enjoyable few months, and there are more good speakers on the horizon, so we welcome any new members to come and join us on the third Tuesday of each month in the village hall.

Elizabeth Bell



News from Paddle Academy

The good weather has brought us lots of exciting activities, particularly during our Y5, Y4 and Y3 residentials. The Year 5 class were excellent ambassadors for Paddle Academy, as we engaged in a long hike around Ennerdale with the Mountain Rescue team. It was hard to believe that we had been exploring Viking settlements in the blazing sunshine, when the next day brought freezing snow! It didn't dampen spirits as we still managed to take part in an orienteering activity, a river study, canoeing, archery and a 'Wild Ennerdale' expedition. To defrost, we snuggled with a hot chocolate and biscuit around a roaring fire before we set about our next activity. Meanwhile, Y3 and Y4 have been emerged in the beauty of St. John's in the Vale. There they explored the religious history, architecture and patterns found in the church. They star gazed on the iPads, went pond dipping to investigate habitats in the local stream, and created environmental artwork with natural materials. Back in school the creative writing the children have developed has been truly inspirational…

Year 4 Pupil:

The rocky mountains were frozen, standing in the cold air, dying in the chilling wind.
The lonely black sheep, suffering the frosty air,
Trucks full of crystals, rumbled to the quarry.

The residential experiences from Year 2- Year 6, give our children extraordinary opportunities to engage in learning outside school. The work back in school has been outstanding as a result of the first hand opportunities provided by our hard working staff and supportive parents.

All the children, staff and Governors will look forward to working with the wider community and we would like to thank the wider community for all the support they give to our school. Please check our website for lots of up and coming PCA events where you can join in the fun, particularly this year's Summer Fair which will be held on **Sunday 3rd July from 1- 3pm.**

Mrs. Dawn F. V. Watson, Head Teacher







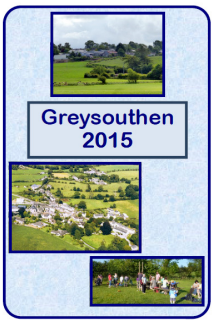
Citizens Advice Allerdale aims to provide the advice people need for the problems they face. Our advice is free, independent, confidential and impartial. People come to us with all kinds of issues, they may have including money, benefit, housing or employment problems, they may be facing a crisis, or just considering their options. We provide advice on their rights and responsibilities.

We hold weekly drop in sessions from our Workington office on Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 9.30am to 12.30pm and Tuesday from 4.30pm to 6.pm and from our Keswick office on Monday 10am until 3pm. Appointments can also be made for our outreach sessions in Maryport, Wigton or Cockermouth.

We are also part of the Pension Wise guidance service and offer appointments throughout Cumbria. To book a telephone or face-to-face appointment for the Pension Wise Service call 01900 68981.

If you would like someone to guide you through checking your energy tariffs, we have dedicated Energy Champions who can do this for you with a face to face appointment, also looking at any discounts or grants you may be eligible for. This is a free information service and if you need help to make the changeover we can help you with this too.

We rely on volunteer support to assist with the running of our advice sessions, volunteers give us over 150 hours of their time each week. If you need any further information on our sessions or would like to know more about our volunteering opportunities telephone us on 01900 604735, our main office is located in Town Hall, Oxford Street, Workington, CA14 2RS.



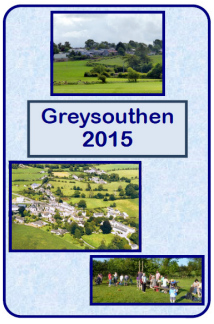
Greysouthen 2015 Booklet

This is currently at the printer and we hope to get your copies to you with this issue of the Gossip.

A free copy of the booklet will drop through your door soon. Don't let the dog or cat get at it first.

A limited number of extra copies will be available and may be purchased at a cost of £1 from myself (The Spinney, Barnyard Court), Ken Needham (12, Main Street) or Penny Lees (2, Silecroft).

Stuart Wiltshire



Editor's Snippets

Well done to **Beatrice Muncaster** of Greysouthen village who has won her way to the national finals of the BBC 500 words writing competition.

By the time you get this Beatrice will already have been to the finals in London. Hope you had a great day, Beatrice! We're very proud to have such a talented youngster living in our village.

Plant container competition

After a break last year the Parish Council has been asked to restart the competition to judge the most attractive planter or container in the Parish. Judging will take place early in August with the cup being presented at the **WI Flower Show on August 15th** so you've plenty of time to start planning and planting. I know lots of you will be at the flower show to see the presentation but the result will be in the September Gossip for the benefit of those unable to attend the show.

Greysouthen village playground

Those of you with young children or grandchildren will probably already have noticed that the Parish Council has repaired the play equipment in the playfield. The cost of these repairs was over £1000! so please make sure the equipment is looked after and used properly.

Silecroft Corner

In the Parish Council article our chairman refers to the litter fairy – we have other good fairies in the village who cut the grass and keep the corner of Silecroft where it abuts the Main Street looking neat and tidy. Thank you to those who do this - it makes the village look attractive for all, both residents and those passing through.

Next issue of the Gossip

The next issue of the Gossip is due out in early September.

In this edition we've a couple of articles from folk who haven't contributed to the gossip before, which is great. The Gossip is for all residents of the parish and we're always pleased to have contributions so if you have anything to say, share or ask please send it to Margaret Wiltshire (m.wiltshire08@btinternet.com) or drop a paper copy into my letter box at The Spinney, Barnyard, Main Street, Greysouthen.

The closing date for the Sept. edition is Friday Sept 2nd.

Margaret Wiltshire