

The Gill

Sponsored by Hethersgill Parish Council for everyone in and around Hethersgill.
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Parish Hall - new supper room completed

Completion of the new Parish Hall supper room at a cost of £30,000 ends another tremendous fundraising project by the Parish Hall Committee to upgrade and extend the Hall.



The new supper room is 7m x 7m with its own direct access. Under floor heating, conference lighting and a bright appearance make for a great place to have



meetings, conferences and celebrations. The Hall Committee has raised over £9000 towards the cost and continues to fund raise for new chairs and tables. The chance has also been taken to paint the outside of the hall and tidy up the grounds.

The last 8 years has seen over £75,000 raised to fund re-roofing, improvements to toilet facilities, fire and safety, a new kitchen and the supper room. The Parish Council together with the City and County Councils, the Hadfield Trust and Cumbria Waste Management have made significant contributions to add to the Hall Committee's own considerable fundraising efforts. City Cllr Jonathan Devlin and County Cllr John Mallinson have also given grants from their local funds.

A very big "Thankyou" is due to everyone involved.

Stop Crime, call - Crime Stoppers 0800 555 111

POLICING - PC Alasdair Wright reports -

Those 'summer' months are with us again and with that comes lighter nights and traditionally an increase in criminality - particularly acquisitive crime - for example, thefts and burglaries. As an area we have more than our fair share of burglaries in recent weeks, both commercial and domestic, so this is as good a time as any to once more stress the importance of checking your own security measures and secondly, reporting anything you deem suspicious immediately so that we can check it out. And keep an eye out for your neighbours' property too, especially if they are elderly or away - peak holiday times are almost upon us.

If you want advice on security, then give us a call - we are more than happy to pop along and have a chat to discuss what options you may have, plus we have a community safety team to fall back on too.

Finally, once more we have changes within the policing team here, with Terry HALL leaving to go to Caldew area patrol cover and being replaced with PC Mike STUART. Sgt Peter NICHOLSON is leaving for Carlisle shortly and in his place we now have Sgt Susan JAMIESON. Pete AISTON and I still cover your area on a community basis and you'll see us out and about in the area so feel free to stop and chat, as we are keen to hear your views and concerns. Alternatively, get in touch by any of the means below.

999 - Emergencies only 045 33 00 247 - 24hour non-emergency number

www.cumbria.police.uk

email - BramptonNPT@cumbria.police.uk

Longtown Police Station, Graham Street, Longtown, CA6 5NR

Also -on Twitter, Bebo, Facebook and You Tube

Hethersgill Walking Group is going strong!

The programme is circulated twice a year in the Gill and walks also appear in the Benefice News. Most months we have two long walks and one short walk.

The short walks start at 1 p.m., are fairly local and up to about 5 miles in length over gentle terrain.

The long walks normally start at 9 a.m. and we get back about 5 p.m. The long walkers share cars to travel for up to about 1 hour away, which can take us into the Lake district, the Howgills, the Borders or the Pennines. The walks vary in length but demand some walking fitness. The grade appears on the programme and where marked strenuous, normally involves steep hill climbs or tussocky moorland. We even get tussocky moorland going uphill sometimes which delights some of our members. But we do stop for coffee and lunch, as well as frequent other stops "to admire the view" (this is walk leader speak for "getting your breath back").

The group has members (that is a bit posh because there is no fee; we are just a group friends walking at their own risk) from a wide area. Folks come from Dumfries, Annan, Longtown, Carlisle, Burgh-by-Sands, Laversdale, Brampton and of course Kirkclinton and Hethersgill; so the fame of our village is spread across a wide area.

In March, the long walkers were to be found around Appleby and on the Caldbeck fells over High Pike and Carrock Fell, whilst in April we went from Croglin over to the New water of Gelt and back by Blotting Raise in gorgeous sunshine. The short walkers enjoyed a superb day around Lanercost again in the sunshine. I must point out that I cannot guarantee the weather, and on odd occasions we get wet and the Paramo trousers come in very handy.

If anyone would like to join us on a walk just



follow the instructions for timing and venue on the programme; the leader's telephone number is also there for more information. Failing that ring Harry Kay on 675910 if you have any queries.

Harry Kay

Old People New Tricks

Sea Change Learning and Development, a new social enterprise, has been awarded funding from Awards for All to take learning out to the village communities around Brampton. New Tricks is an exciting new opportunity for isolated rural people to meet on their doorstep and learn new skills, encouraging learning activity in an informal, relaxed environment. Local people will get the chance to experience a wide range of activities based around digital inclusion, healthy living and arts and crafts.

FREE Taster days at 5 village halls, Hallbankgate, Hethersgill, Heads Nook, Castle Carrock, Crosby on Eden and at the Hut, Brampton Community Centre will take place from May onwards.

Activities will include making a community film, finding your way around your PC, using your digital camera, guided walks, compass and map reading, Tai Chi, batik, and mosaics. **All activities will have expert tutor support and are entirely free.**

Each session lasts about 2 hours and is designed to be an easy introduction to the subject. All materials will be provided and refreshments will be available. Please feel free to call us for more details on any of the events. Booking is not essential, just turn up on the day. Everyone welcome.

For more information contact Katie or Eamonn on 01228 564 403 or email seachangelearning@googlemail.com

The Hethersgill Village Hall dates are:

Thursday 10th June 1.00 to 3.00	Afternoon IT
Monday 5th ^h July 2.00 to 4.00	Film & TV
Tuesday 15th June 1.00 to 3.00	Mosaics

Monday 24th May 1.00 to 3.00
Thursday 17th June 1.00 to 3.00
Thursday 10th June 10.00 to 12.00

Batik
Tai Chi, Music & dance
Map & Compass Reading

The Moving On Support Scheme is looking for **volunteers** who can spare time on a regular basis to be part of a new befriending service for carers in Carlisle. Befriending is a time-limited, goal-oriented service that helps to reduce social isolation by increasing people's confidence and self-esteem, especially after a change in life circumstances. This service will be supporting carers who may find that their caring responsibilities mean that they have less time for themselves and their social groups and activities. If you are interested in rewarding volunteer work, please contact Lana Walker, Project Worker, Moving On Support Scheme on 0780 555 4381, 01768 214336 or лана@edenmind.org.uk. More information about this scheme can also be found at www.mossbefriending.org.uk

Highways

It's a bit like waiting for a bus - nothing happens for ages and then it all happens at once!!



The next few months will see the following works takings place-

U1082 Hetherbank near Hallfoot Mill - 17th May - drainage improvement lasting two weeks. The road will be closed and diversions will be in place.

Dacre Rd, Hethersgill adjacent to 1 The Mount - 21st- 23rd June - repairs to inspection chambers in the road. Road closure is proposed and talks are taking place about access for emergency services.

C1005 near Prior House - road resurfacing - dates to be announced but road closure will be necessary

Netherfield pavement restoration between the Old Chapel and the Old School. Date to be announced but to be complete before October half term.

It's important to ring the Highways Hotline 0845 6096 609 or Cllr Heaton 01228 675328 if you see things that need attention

The Parish Council - reports from recent meetings

Topics covered at recent meetings -

- Wind Farms - delay in submission of proposals submitted by Banks Developments due to challenge by the M.O.D about vibration.
- Shankhill Primary School- consultation in regard to possible nursery provision - supported by the Parish Council
- Planning applications in respect of Rigg Head - change of use of outbuildings, Henry's Hill - Extension of Free Range unit and Castanea Kirklington - Extension of workshop.

Local Businesses - do you want to advertise in the Gill?

The Parish Council has recently agreed that the Gill should accept advertising from local businesses primarily from within the Parish but also from neighbouring Parishes.

Advert size in each issue will be from 1/6th page to full page (A5)
The cost will be modest as no profit can be made.

The Gill is published 4 times per year Christmas, Spring, Summer and Autumn

Please call Clive Moth on 01228 675328 or email him at hethersgillpc@carlisle-city.gov.uk

Parish Council meetings 2010

The remaining schedule of meetings for 2010 is:-

Tuesday 13th July

Tuesday 7th September

Tuesday 9th November

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 13th July 2010 and will be held in the Parish Hall, Hethersgill at 7.30pm- why not come along - the agenda allows for the public to talk about items on the agenda.

Draft minutes of meetings are published on noticeboards.

The role of the Councillors is to represent your views and concerns to the Parish Council and to other public bodies.

Your Councillors are:-

Cllr A Dalgleish - 675388

Cllr N Elliott - 675336

Cllr F Heaton -675516

Cllr H Kay- 675910 (Chair)

Cllr M Kay - 675910

Cllr P L Nichol - 675383

Cllr A Sisson -675378

Cllr G Sisson - 675101

The Parish is also served by
City Cllr Jonathan Devlin and
County Cllr John Mallinson

Cllr J Falder has ceased to be a member of the Council and a vacancy will be declared shortly

Comments about the Gill We welcome comments about the newsletter or any topic - please contact:- Clive Moth, Clerk to the Council 01228 675328

REALLY USEFULL INFORMATION



Mobile Post Office

The van visits Hethersgill every Weds morning between 10.45am and 11.00 am.



Highways hotline

Report holes in the road, floods, fallen trees, broken signs, faulty street lights etc to the hotline 0845 6096 609



HGV's

If there is an incident involving a vehicle you suspect is travelling to or from the peat moss, report the HGV Registration No.'s, Haulier name plus date and time of the incident to the Sinclair site on 01228 675433 - they will pass on the name of the haulage company to help residents make direct complaints to them or the police.



Recycling

For information ring 01228 817200



Fire Safety in your home - ring 0800 3584777 for a FREE safety assessment, advice and a free smoke alarm.