

The Gill

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The Signpost at Hethersgill crossroads has been restored to its former glory.

Many thanks to Signpost Restoration Ltd for their skilled work and the County and City Councils and Councillors who gave grants towards the work.

Rigghead gets the go ahead. Approval was given in September for a much reduced project - with conditions. Those who attended the public meeting in July will know the equestrian and leisure elements of the scheme had been withdrawn. This left holiday accommodation, a bistro and a pool for residents only. One of the conditions is that passing places must be created at locations to be agreed, before construction work starts.

It is estimated that after the reduction in size and nature of the complex traffic should be at acceptable levels - we wait to see!

Recycling

A second cardboard bin is being provided and we hope to get a plastics container soon

Parish Footpath Network

The East Cumbria Countryside Project (ECCP) is currently working with landowners in the parish to carry out the necessary installations, repairs or maintenance on many of our rights of way.

The Parish Council and the Hethersgill Walking Group are very grateful to local landowners for their help with this.

The Parish Council has set aside funds and has applied for grants from the County Parish Paths Initiative for the ECCP to work on one path which would be very useful to those taking short walks.

Volunteers, who offered their services at the public meeting to discuss the Parish Plan, will be contacted soon to monitor paths and perhaps do some gentle maintenance work or be asked to report damage or maintenance needed.

Ring Harry Kay on 675910 for more information

The Parish Council - from the last meeting

- After much soul searching Dr Sue Rossi has resigned. A new job opportunity with a General Practice in Carlisle will reduce her time to attend meetings - a sad loss but the Council wishes Sue well in her new role. Sue's vacancy is being advertised and will be discussed at the November meeting

- **HGV's to the Peat Moss** - the Council was told that a whopping 12688 vehicle journeys to and from the Sinclair's Peat Works are allowed by the County Council each year. Not all of these occur but the Parish Council remains concerned that access and exit times are strictly enforced to avoid too much disturbance to residents. Recent press reports show the airport being approved for Sinclair's to use as a temporary holding depot - details have not been published to date

Highways

The state of the roads and ditches is the No. 1 issue for most Parish Councils in the County. Despite reports to the Highways hotline money remains in short supply to do anything about some of the problems. This does not stop the Parish Council from lobbying County Council Councillors and Officers. A Parish Council survey led by Cllr Frank Heaton to list all the problems is under way.

Police matters - PC Keith Hughes writes -

"The area has a new Community Police Officer as I retire from the Police Service next week. I have completed my 30 years service, fifteen of which have been in this area.

The new officer is **Constable 1564 Alasdair Wright**.

The contact numbers are the same. I know everyone will give him the help and support I have had. I would like to say a big thank you to the people who have helped make my time out here enjoyable.

But as usual the dark nights are here so I am on my "soapbox" again. Remember lock up and guard your property, report suspicious activity quickly. Remember good security prevents crime".

Village Hall

The next major project for fund raising is an extension to the Supper room, hopefully in 2008

Hethersgill Natural History Group

The newly formed Hethersgill Natural History Group has braved all weathers this summer and enjoyed some well-attended local walks, to places right on our doorstep that some of us never knew existed.

These outdoor meetings have included two separate walks along the Hether burn from Hallfoot Mill, an exploration across part of the Bolton Fell Peat Moss, a gentle ramble through Hethersgill Village and slightly off our usual beaten track, a walk through Milton Rigg Woods, learning interesting facts from the knowledgeable Harry as we ambled along.

The aim of these walks is to enjoy the countryside, taking time to look at wild flowers, trees and any visible wildlife. There are always experts on hand within the group to help identify the flora and fauna, with a little help from the wild flower encyclopaedia to clarify the sightings.

The meetings have taken place monthly, usually on a Tuesday or Wednesday evening, but now the nights are becoming shorter these have been put on hold until next spring.

Learn something new about your area and meet new friends - everyone is welcome to come along. Keep a check on this publication or the 'Benefice News' for details.

Parish Council

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

Cllr A Dalgleish - 675388	Cllr H Kay	675910
Cllr N Elliott - 675336	Cllr P L Nichol	- 675383
Cllr J Falder - 675690	Cllr A Sisson	-675378
Cllr F Heaton -675516	Cllr G Sisson	- 675101

A vacancy is being advertised

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

The final meeting for 2007 is Tuesday 13th November at 7.30pm in Hethersgill Parish Hall - it's in public – why not come along?

Comments

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