

The Gill

Welcome to the October 2014 Edition of the Newsletter brought to you by Hethersgill Parish Council.

SAFETY AT THE CROSSROADS

Earlier in the year we received a number of complaints about speeding and traffic safety in general at the crossroads in Hethersgill. It was deemed sufficiently serious for us to ask the Traffic Department from Cumbria Highways to come out and investigate the matter.



A number of different solutions were proposed, including moving some of the **give-way markings**; installing additional **signage**—and most significantly, investigating the possibility of implementing a **30mph speed limit**. Although the Parish Council had looked a number of years ago at having a 30 limit in Hethersgill, the criteria at that time were not met.

We are however on this occasion able to report that due to a change in regulations, the area surrounding the crossroads now does appear to qualify to become a 30mph area. A desktop study of the necessary criteria (number of houses nearby etc.) and the results from some traffic measurements taken recently have both proven that a 30mph limit could possibly be introduced.

Funding to progress the implementation has been applied for although at the earliest it would be 2015/16 when this could be secured but may take longer. If funding is secured a lengthy process of consultation with residents, the Parish Council, our local County Councillor as well as various statutory consultees would need to begin which would then need reported back to the County Council Committee for a final decision on whether to go ahead or not. The process to install a new reduced speed limit will therefore not be a quick one and there is still work to be done but we hope this will be **welcome news** to the majority of our parishioners?

BUS SERVICE PROVISIONS

Unfortunately we have received the news that Cumbria County Council are withdrawing their subsidies to the bus service companies. This will more than likely lead to the inevitable **loss** of the service bus we receive during the Autumn.



The Parish Council are playing an active role in trying to secure **alternative services** and are working closely with neighbouring parishes of Scaleby, Irthington and Stanwix Rural for a potential community solution, such as a regular mini bus with volunteer drivers. We would expect the subsidies to be withdrawn during October but as it is highly unlikely we will have found a practical alternative by then, we would recommend that you take advantage of the **Rural Wheels Service** until a solution can be considered.

Although we published an article about this service in our last newsletter, we would like to remind you that Rural Wheels provides door-to-door transport for people who do not have, or are unable to access scheduled transport. The service can be used for a variety of purposes including:

- Making connections with buses or trains
- Doctor, Dentist or Optician appointments
- Visiting friends or family (including in hospital)
- Shopping

It does not duplicate other County Council transport provision and therefore cannot be used for transport to day care, school, nursery or college and cannot be used for hospital appointments/treatment if Patient Transport is available. If you need transport to get you to your hospital appointment please check your eligibility for Patient Transport by contacting the Patient Transport Service run by North West Ambulance on 0800 032 3240.

Rural Wheels uses a 'Smartcard' to pay for travel and a central booking system to plan journeys. Passengers need to apply for the Smartcard before they are able to travel. The value of the Smartcard can be topped up with the transport provider or alternatively at local post offices (including Brampton Post Office), libraries and mobile libraries. It can be topped up by £5, £10 or £20 per time. Transport requests must be

booked by telephone before noon the day before travelling and passengers may be asked to be flexible about their travel time and also to share transport which will be at a reduced fare.

Further information on the service can be obtained by telephoning 0845 602 3786 or by emailing integrated.transport@cumbria.gov.uk. If you would like to become involved in talks to discuss community solutions please contact the Clerk or Councillor Ann Oswin (details on the back page).

PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish meeting was held in May. Two parishioners were in attendance to discuss the previously mentioned speeding concerns at the crossroads. Also discussed was dog fouling in the Parish Hall car park - please see below:

DOG FOULING

Dog fouling is unsightly, unpleasant and can pose a risk to human health. While the majority behave responsibly and pick up after their dogs Carlisle City Council are keen to tackle the problem of dog mess left by a minority of irresponsible dog owners. It is an offence for a person in charge of a dog to fail to remove faeces immediately. Being unaware that your dogs has fouled is no defence and it carries a Fixed Penalty of £80 which if unpaid leads to prosecution in a magistrate's court. There, the maximum fine for failing to pick up after a dog is £1,000. However, without information from residents it is extremely difficult to deal with those responsible for the problem that affects everyone in our parish. Please contact the Clean Neighbourhood Team on 01228 817559 or email them on lovewhereyoulive@carlisle.gov.uk with any information you may have, and help them to help us keep our parish clean and safe.



Judy Prest represents our Parish at Carlisle City Council. If you have a City Council related issue which you wish to raise she can be contacted at: **016977 41319** or JudyP@carlisle.gov.uk

John Mallinson is your local County Councillor. If you have a County Council related issue which you wish to raise he can be contacted at:

01228 533746 or john.mallinson@cumbria.gov.uk

FACEBOOK

We are very pleased to announce that the Parish now has its own Facebook page. You can find it by searching for "**Hethersgill Parish**" - please come and find us and "like" the page where we will be able to keep you up-to-date with all the latest news and happenings in the Parish. Although our



website remains very popular and will be the main route of internet communication for us, we are very aware that in today's busy society we often don't have the time to go and visit a website daily. Most of us on social media do however log into that regularly and so we will use our Facebook page to help keep you right up to date with news more quickly. Also, if you are a **business or group in the parish and are holding an event then please feel free to use the page to share your information.**

BROADBAND

At this time we do not unfortunately have any update on the broadband situation. Gill Houston, our Councillor and Broadband Champion, is continuing to press both Connecting Cumbria and BT on our behalf and we will hopefully have some proper news to give you in our next edition.

GENTS TOILETS

Work is due to begin imminently on some refurbishment works in the gents toilets in the Parish Hall. This is thanks to generous funding from your City Councillor Judy Prest, Cumbria Parish Councils Association; Cumbria County Council and Carlisle City Council.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The dates for our remaining Parish Council meetings in 2014 and advance notice of those in 2015 are as follows:

Tuesday 11 November 2014

Tuesday 13 January 2015

Tuesday 10 March 2015

Tuesday 12 May 2015 (and Annual Parish Meeting)

Tuesday 14 July 2015

Tuesday 8 September 2015

Tuesday 10 November 2015

We sometimes need to change the date due to unforeseen circumstances but we always post the official notice of the meeting date on the noticeboard three clear working days in advance. Additional meetings are

also called when necessary for urgent business, such as planning applications.

Please don't also forget that we have a **Public Participation** section on each and every agenda. This item allows you to bring any items that are of relevance in the Parish to the attention of your Parish Councillors. At most meetings our City Councillor and County Councillor are present too if you would like to speak to them.

NOTICEBOARD

We have received some complaints that the noticeboard at the crossroads is difficult to manage due to it being top-opening. We are therefore investigating whether it would be sensible to turn it into a side-opening door. Watch this space!

SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS

The Social Committee will be hosting their very successful Kids Fancy Dress **Halloween Party** again this year. It will take place on Saturday 25th October from 2pm—4pm in the Parish Hall. There will be prizes for best fancy dress, Halloween picture and pumpkin. Tickets are just £2.50 per child.



The **Over 60's party** will also be taking place on Tuesday 4th November from 7pm. More details about both events are available from Catherine on 01228 675228 or Gillian on 01228 675682.

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PRECEPT SETTING

At our November meeting the Parish Council is responsible for setting the precept. Please do feel free to come along and listen to the reasons behind our decisions on the amount of tax we set for the year ahead.

SAND HOLE

Two of your Parish Councillors recently spent a few hours strimming the wild growth at the Sand Hole Common Land. The Parish Council would very much like this area to be more accessible for public use in the future. We also want to ensure the fly-tipping problems we have experienced in the past are kept away. To this end we hope to be able to have the area **regularly tidied over 2015**. We are in the process of getting quotations from local grounds maintenance teams and we will report back in our next newsletter.

LANERCOST CRAFT FAIR

There will be a Christmas craft fair in the Dacre hall 28th–30th November 10am–5.30pm. Admission is only 60p and accompanied children are free. Asides from all the lovely Christmas Crafts with over 40 stalls there will be delicious home made refreshments available. For more information please contact Elizabeth on 016977 2538.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Although it may only be October this will be our last newsletter of 2014 so we would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our parishioners a very happy and safe festive season. Our next newsletter will be published in the Spring—please contact the Clerk if you have any requests for articles that you would like to see included.

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WALKING GROUP

The Walking Group have a varied calendar of events. For more information and forthcoming walks please contact Harry (phone number on the back page). Forthcoming walks include:



- * Ashgill Force and Flinty Fell on 25 October (8 miles moderate—meet at the Sands, Brampton 9am)
- * Castle Crag and High Doat on 22 November (6 miles moderate/strenuous. Meet at Auction Car Park, Rosehill, 9am)
- * Winder and Crook on 13 December (5 miles moderate, meet at Auction Car Park, Rosehill, 9am).

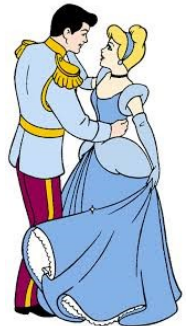
Walks may be altered due to weather conditions so if you hope to attend please do ring Harry first to assist communications.

UPPERTOWN SIGNS

We are very pleased to report that some name signs for Uppertown have been ordered by the Highways Department and will be installed in due course. It has taken a good few years to get them but hopefully it won't take too long before we see them put in place.

BRAMPTON PLAYERS PANTOMIME—CINDERALLA

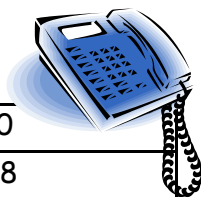
Brampton Players are continuing their tradition of holding their festive pantomime and for the 8th year running they will be holding their show at Brampton Community Centre. Performances of *Cinderella* will be on Tuesday 30th December at 5pm, Friday 2nd January at 7.30pm and Saturday 3rd January at 2pm and 7.30pm.. Tickets are £7.50 for adults and £5 for children (under 3's are free). They can be bought from Bramp-Tan Tanning Studio or Mblem-Wear (both in Brampton) or email cinderellatickets@hotmail.com for more information.



YOUR ADVERT COULD APPEAR HERE!

If you would like to advertise in the Gill please contact Sarah on 016977 2769 for further information. We post directly to every household in the parish of Hethersgill so could make the perfect advertising medium to promote your business or event.

Parish Councillors, your Clerk & Useful Contacts



Chair	Cllr H Kay	675910
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	Cllr J Eaton	675136
	Cllr N Elliott	675336
	Cllr F Heaton	675516
	Cllr G Houston	675212
	Cllr M Kay	675910
	Cllr A Gash	675562
	Cllr A Oswin	675684
Clerk	Sarah Kyle Hill House, Walton, Brampton, CA8 2DY	016977 2769

REALLY USEFUL INFORMATION

Mobile Post Office

The van visits Hethersgill every Wednesday 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**. You can also report faults using an on-line form at www.cumbria.gov.uk

Recycling

If the bins are full ring **01228 817200**.



Comments about the Gill

We welcome comments about the newsletter or any topic - please contact:- Sarah at clerk@hethersgill-pc.org.uk.