

The Gill

Welcome to the April 2015 Edition of the Newsletter brought to you by Hethersgill Parish Council.

FIRST AID TRAINING—NEW DEFIBRILLATOR

Many of you will have noticed by now that a defibrillator has been installed on the outside of the Parish Hall. We are extremely grateful to the **Brampton Cottage Hospital League of Friends** for purchasing the defibrillator and cabinet for us.

In the event of a cardiac emergency, when you dial 999, the emergency services operator will provide you with the code for the cabinet so you can access the defibrillator. No training is necessary as the defibrillator comes with both written and clear verbal instructions.

We do know though that many of you would feel more confident having had some experience in using the defibrillator in case you ever need it in a real life emergency and we are therefore very pleased to offer you some **FREE FIRST AID TRAINING.**

We are offering a 2.5 hour first aid Heartstart training course on Monday 1st June at 6.30pm. The course will cover:

- ◆ choking,
- ◆ bleeding,
- ◆ the recovery position,
- ◆ dealing with a suspected heart attack and
- ◆ how to operate the defibrillator.

If you are interested in taking part in the training, which will be provided by fully trained ambulance personnel, please ring Sarah on 01228 231124 or email clerk@hethersgill-pc.org.uk The course will only be able to take place if we reach the minimum number of participants.



ELECTIONS

2015 sees the start of a new term of office for Parish Councillors. Nominations were open during late March and early April and we have successfully elected **seven** councillors in a non-contested election. The first meeting for these will be the Annual Meeting of the PC on 12 May. Cllrs. Mary Kay and James Eaton chose not to re-stand for election and we would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their service to the Council. This means we do still have **two vacancies** - please get in touch with the Clerk if you are interested in being co-opted onto the Council.

GENTS TOILETS

We are delighted to report that the gents toilets in the Parish Hall have now been fully refurbished. This is thanks to funding from the Carlisle Parish Councils Association, Cumbria County Council and Carlisle City Council as well as the Parish Council and Hall Committee themselves. We hope any of you that use the Parish Hall will be pleased with the continued improvements.

PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish meeting will take place at 7.30pm on Tuesday 12th May in the Parish Hall. This is your chance to raise any matters regarding items you feel important to our parish. Please do come along and have your say. This meeting is not a parish council meeting—it is a meeting of electors and we would encourage you to attend.

SAFETY AT THE CROSSROADS

We are very pleased to announce that funding has been successfully agreed to begin implementation of a 30mph limit around the crossroads. We don't have any more details as yet but will keep you fully informed with progress as and when available.

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**

SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS

Although it was a little while ago we are pleased to report that over 80 children attended the Halloween party on 25 October, which was amazing. The children had a great time and the parents seemed to enjoy it too! One of the favourite games was the "mummy" competition as you can see in the photos! The party will be back by popular demand on Saturday 31st October 2015 — admission will be strictly by ticket only, more details will be publicised nearer the time.



The Social Committee Summer Trip is going to Edinburgh on Sunday 19th July - check the parish newsletter nearer the time for more information. The Over 60's Supper and Social will take place on Tuesday 17th November 2015.

CLERKS NEW PHONE NUMBER

Please note the Clerk has a new telephone number — it is **01228 231124**. Sarah is normally in her office Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm and will get back to you as soon as she is able to if you are unable to catch her first time! Councillors can also be contacted in the case of any urgent queries—their contact details are on the back page of this newsletter.

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01228 576073**

or email amanda7parker@yahoo.com

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The dates for our remaining Parish Council meetings in 2015 are as follows:

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 some meetings, when their schedule allows, our City Councillor and County Councillor are present too, if you would like to speak to them.

SAND HOLE

Grass cutting will be carried out in the Sand Hole piece of common land this year. Although we acknowledge that the land is not in the most accessible of locations on quite a bad corner, we hope that by keeping the land tidy and usable it will bring benefits to those who are interested in the area and help with the ecological systems there.

BORDER RAMBLER BUS SERVICE

We're looking for volunteers to join us in running a community bus around the following villages to Brampton and Carlisle.



Passengers on the service will be able to use their bus passes.

Passengers on the

Lanercost-Walton-**Hethersgill**-Scaleby-Newtown-Irthington-Laversdale-Crosby-Brunstock-Linstock

Talkin-Castle Carrock-Cumrew-Hornsby-Cumwhitton-Heads Nook-Faugh-Fenton-Broadwath-Great Corby-Rockcliffe-Cargo

We need up to 30 Drivers, with classification D1, to drive a mini bus, the size of a long wheel base, high roofed Transit . We need

administrators to help with the following , cashing up, keeping accounts, organising driver rotas, writing to organisations for donations, applying for grant aid, sorting routes and timetables . I'm sure a few more things too.

We have the vehicles all we need now are the volunteers.

If you are interested please contact the following for more information:

**Keith Meller at keimel@live.co.uk
or Bob Rose at bobbyjrose@gmail.com**

PARISH COUNCIL TRANSPARENCY

The Parish Council keep up to date with various law changes. One of these is some changes made to the way we are audited and accountable and in the way we support you as local electors in your right to our accounts. Some of these changes include that by 1st July each year we will need to publish on our website:

- All items of expenditure over £100
- End of year accounts, annual governance statement and internal audit report—these will be accompanied by:
 - ◇ A copy of our bank reconciliation
 - ◇ An explanation of significant variances in the accounts between the current year and previous year
- A list of councillor member responsibilities
- Details of public land and building assets owned.

We will also continue to publish draft minutes from all formal meetings—these will be on-line within one month of the meeting and

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meeting agendas and associated meeting papers—these are online not later than three clear days before the meeting. Although we already publish all of our minutes and agendas, we hope this will make our accounts more transparent for you.

WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK

Following on from the above, our website address is:

www.hethersgill-pc.org.uk. On here, in addition to the above, you will find our newsletters, details of the walking programme, any local news that we are given and we also have space for photos of our parish if you want to share some? We are happy to upload anything relevant that you may wish to publicise—both on the website and on our successful Facebook page (like us at "hethersgillparish"). We have now 125 "likers" on the Facebook page and posts that are shared can reach well in excess of 1000 people—so if you do have an event or something to advertise please do let us know about it.

CHAIRS REPORT AND ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

We have pleasure in enclosing for you the Chairman's report and Annual Accounts for 2014/15. If you have any queries on any aspect of the accounts please don't hesitate to contact the Clerk.

BROADBAND .

Unfortunately there is still no progress to report on the superfast broadband scheme -we are still trying though!

NOTICEBOARD

The Parish Council have made some changes to the noticeboard at the crossroads to change the public opening door to be side-opening. We hope you find this change useful and the board easier to use in the future.

PRECEPT SETTING

The Parish Council set the precept in November and opted to keep the amount the same as last year. We hope this is welcome news for you all.

YOUR ADVERT COULD APPEAR HERE!

If you would like to advertise in the Gill please contact Sarah on 01228 231124 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.



Hello, My name is Lynne Batey, I would like to introduce our Mobile Post Office and my colleague Leeanne Cheng who brings this service to your villages of:

- **Hethersgill 10:45-11:00 at the Parish Hall,**
- **Smithfield 11:10-11:30 and**
- **Scaleby Village Hall 11:35-11:55 every Wednesday.**

You can do all your usual Post Office business, stamps, posting parcels, catalogue/online shopping returns, paying utility and council tax bills.

BUT did you know you can do free cash withdrawals from and deposits into your personal bank accounts? We are partners with most high street banks and you can actually do lots of business account transactions too!

We have a lovely selection of greeting cards, postal stationery and sweets too!

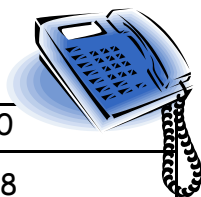
Don't be stuck for a birthday present, we sell the one for all gift cards which are accepted in the vast majority of high street stores.

Pop along and say hello to myself and or Leeanne, we look forward to welcoming you.



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Parish Councillors, your Clerk & Useful Contacts



Chair (TBC)	Cllr H Kay	675910
Vice Chair (TBC)	Cllr A Sisson	675378
	VACANCY	VACANCY
	Cllr N Elliott	675336
	Cllr F Heaton	675516
	Cllr G Houston	675212
	VACANCY	VACANCY
	Cllr A Gash	675562
	Cllr A Oswin	675684
Clerk	Sarah Kyle Hill House, Walton, Brampton, CA8 2DY	01228 231124

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.