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Welcome to the December 2019 Edition of the Newsletter for our community brought to you by Hethersgill Parish Council

WELCOME TO OUR NEW COUNCILLORS

The Parish Council were delighted to be able to co-opt Marti Irving and Alistair Smith at our September meeting. They have already made a valuable contribution and we look forward to working with them over the next Council term and beyond.

VE DAY 8th MAY 2020

The Social Committee and Parish Council are excited to be working on a joint project to commemorate the above. We have made plans for everyone to join us from 2.30pm on Friday 8th May 2020 when we will have some very special events, culminating in a fantastic afternoon tea in the Hall. Please save the date and look out on Facebook for more information and how to obtain your tickets!

Your Councillors & Clerk
would like to wish you a
very Merry Christmas
and Happy and Healthy
New Year!



PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

We do still have one vacancy for a Councillor - please contact Sarah on 01228 231124 if you would like to join us in 2020!

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The dates for our remaining Parish Council meetings in 2020 are:

Tuesday 21 January

Tuesday 17 March

All meetings take place at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall and a copy of the agenda is displayed on our website and on the notice boards. We will be setting our dates for May 2020 onwards later in the year and will publicise these in our next newsletter.

HALLBURN WIND FARM GRANTS

Please don't forget that many community groups are eligible for submitting an application to the above. The next closing date is 20th January - a link to the form is on our website.

HOUSEHOLDER PACK

One of the many projects that we are currently involved in is the production of a pack that we propose hand delivering to new residents in the area when they move in - to welcome them and hopefully provide them with some useful contacts. Do you have any local tradespeople you think should be included? If you have recommendations for local businesses that you personally endorse then please get in touch so we can see about including them.

NORMAN ELLIOTT

The Parish Council held a minute's silence at their July meeting in memory of Councillor Norman Elliott who died suddenly on 21st June. Norman had been a member of the Parish Council for many years and was a former chairman. He was also chairman of Hethersgill parish hall committee and one of the founding members of the Hethersgill vintage society. Members of Hethersgill Parish Council extend their sincere condolences to Norman's widow Elsie, son Clive and grandson James.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE UPDATE

The social committee would like to say thank you to all those who supported our events this year.

We took a bus full (well nearly full) of people for a trip to Edinburgh in July, we had a lovely time looking round museums, shops and the Royal Yacht Britannia.

Then in October we held our Halloween party for the youngsters of the parish - more than 50 children enjoyed party games, dancing and food (as well as plenty of sweeties).

Finally we held our social afternoon on the 24th November where nearly 80 people from around the parish enjoyed a 3 course meal, raffle and entertainment from the Roe Valley Band. This event is free for those in the village so we would really like to hear your ideas for next year.

This year all of these events were subsidised by the Hallburn Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund and that is how; the bus trip was only £10 for adults, we got new decorations for the Halloween party and there was wine for the community event! Many thanks to the funding team for accepting our bid.

As always the committee would really welcome your views and input about these events or any others you would be interested in. Please contact martiirving1@gmail.com



This report looks back over the past 8 months at what we have been doing and how things are developing for the coming year. We have seen a change in the makeup of the group, in that many of our older ones are now significantly involved in Arden Explorers so play a less active part in the main Scout group. We still have 5 who are young leaders and continue to make progress with their leadership etc.

What have we been up to? Rebecca Dodd is back from the World Jamboree in West Virginia America where she was one of 45,000 young people from 152 countries that participated. Here is one for the farmers the size of the Campsite reserve they stayed at was 84,000 acres approximately 1/3rd of the City of Carlisle district. She received many great experiences from the trip, new friends and memories that will last a life time.

Whilst she was there those left behind visited North Wales along with some Scouts from Brampton. We zip wired across quarries, roller coasted through woods, bounced along an assault course, rafted down the rapids and connected with our countries heritage at Conwy Castle. We also visited the local beaches and ate some of the largest ice creams we had ever seen. There was one upsetting incident when a member of the party was assaulted for his ham roll by a seagull subsequently named Severus.

The Cubs took part along with 100 others in the district Camelot Cub Camp including its medieval banquet and the attack on the castles with giant catapults. We also did archery and Merlin's potion making. The Cubs and Beavers also took part in the county fun day at Newton Rigg Campus. Over 650 children attend accessing the 120 different activities from caving to learning about emergency services.

We have been helping the community across the local area including a tidy up of the grounds at Roadhead Hall and clearing a car park for Lees Hill School. Some of the Cubs have been doing a sponsored car wash to raise money for charity.

We have had 2 formal activities in this past 8 months. We renewed our promise in the great hall at Naworth Castle on St George's Day with thanks to Phillip Howard. We participated in the annual Remembrance Day Service at Bewcastle Church.

Over the coming year it is our intention to get out more if possible in order to give the children a varied programme. However this is determined by the support we have so if these activities interest you I am asking as before, we are struggling for leaders/helpers. Everybody has something to offer and we have many types of help needed please ring me to have a discussion in order that our young people can continue to develop.

That's all from me for now good scouting until next time.

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CHAIR

Following the retirement of Harry Kay from his long-standing position as Chair, Councillor Sisson took over the helm. Councillor Williams took over as Vice-Chair in May also.

PRECEPT

You will hopefully be pleased to hear that the Council chose to maintain the level of precept (tax) we set for the forthcoming year.

WHAT'S GAN ON - DOON AT' MILL? A MILLER'S TALE



'tis Christmas of course! When once, a long time ago, there were spiders dancing the cobweb around a Christmas tree inside Warwick Bridge Corn Mill, this year it's mince pies and mulled wine on offer! How so yule wonder? On Sunday 15 December there is an open afternoon from 12 until 3pm with carols and clog dancing, so come visit.

After years of dilapidation the Warwick Bridge Corn Mill Ltd is back in business as a Community Benefit Society. A business plan has been drawn up together with a share offer document to encourage those interested in the future. And the future is in Co-operation. "To create a sustainable future for this Community Corn Mill at Warwick Bridge which will preserve it as an historic local asset for generations to come and enhance a sense of community in Warwick Bridge and the surrounding locality". The next step is to raise finance for the development of a community bakery at the Mill.

The future is looking good. A Miller has been employed, Karen Mason, and Breadshare, an experienced marketing organisation will administer the grain buying, flour and bread sales along with bread making courses. This will come on stream in Spring time 2020.

Meantime: Visit www.warwickbridgecornmill.co.uk for the business plan and share offer document.

Hethersgill Walking Group Programme Spring 2020

Walks may be altered due to weather, so please ring Harry (01228 675910) if you are going to attend a walk to assist communications.

As we walk in many areas abundant in farm livestock and wildlife, any dogs must be kept on a short lead.

Walks may be altered or cancelled if conditions dictate.

Date	Leader	Meeting place	Time	Proposed walk	Rating	Comments
11/01/20	Harry	Old Road, Rosehill	9.00 a.m.	Dalston, River Caldw and Rose Castle	6.5m Easy	420ft ascent in the lower Caldw Valley
18/01/20	Harry	Old Road, Rosehill	9.00 a.m.	Lowther Loop	7.5m Easy	A new loop for the Ullswater way. 900ft ascent
01/02/20	Harry	Old Road, Rosehill	9.00 a.m.	Bowscale and Mosedale	6.5m Easy/Mod	1100ft ascent. In search of immortal fish in the upper Caldw valley.
22/02/20	Harry	Old Road, Rosehill	9.00 a.m.	High Pike from Fellside	6.5m Moderate	1450ft ascent but following paths of reasonable gradient
14/03/20	Harry	Old Road, Rosehill	9.00 a.m.	A circuit from Calebreck	6.5m Moderate	750ft ascent. Exploring the middle Caldw Valley – is there a theme here?
28/03/20	Harry	Sands, Brampton	9.00 a.m.	Bolam Lake and Shaftoe Crags	6.5m Easy	A new one for us, nowhere near the Caldw Valley! 520ft ascent
04/04/20	Harry	Old Road, Rosehill	9.00 a.m.	Great Orton	5.5m Easy	A flat walk from the source of what many people think is the finest Cumberland Sausage – let's try some
18/04/20	Harry	Old Road, Rosehill	9.00 a.m.	Roundthwaite Common and River Lune	7.5m Moderate	1225ft ascent. Last time we saw the Flying Scotsman. Returning via the Chocolate Factory!
02/05/20	Harry	Memorial Hall, Longtown	9.00 a.m.	The Three Brethren	9m Moderate	We had to cancel in Autumn. An old favourite. 1650ft ascent. May be a Selkirk Bannock to go with your sausage and chocolate!
16/05/20	Harry	Old Road, Rosehill	9.00 a.m.	Bluebells at Dufton	5.5m Easy	It's that time of year again. 520ft ascent
06/06/20	Harry	Sands, Brampton	9.00 a.m.	Windy Gyle via the Street	7.5m Moderate	1530ft ascent with a slightly shorter circuit and a new way down for us.
20/06/20	Harry	Memorial Hall, Longtown	9.00 a.m.	Calfield Rigg and the Mid Hill – Langholm walk 9	7m Moderate	1150ft ascent. This walk is not suitable for dogs due to cows and calves.