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Welcome to the Spring 2023 Edition of the Newsletter for our community brought to you by Hethersgill Parish Council

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Our Annual Parish Meeting will take place in the Parish Hall at 7.00pm on **Tuesday 16th May**. This is not a Parish Council meeting but is your opportunity to raise any matters relevant to the parish in a public forum. Please do come along.

CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT

The Parish Council has had a busy and productive twelve months, primarily in support of some wonderful community projects.

In my last annual report, I invited you to an open meeting, which we held on 12 April 2022. We were delighted with the turnout, with well over 50 people coming along to discuss how to improve our community to foster a greater sense of community spirit. We also handed out our "Householder Pack" and have spare copies still available for any new residents.

Since April 2022, I am pleased to share that the Social Committee have been successful in setting up many events, such as flower and basket weaving classes, yoga, and film nights. We are pleased to be able to support these events and initiatives where we can. Many thanks to Cllr Marti Irving and the Social Committee for their on-going work.

Our "Balsam Bashers" also continue to do sterling work in removing the non-native plant from our parish; thanks to Christine Williams, Tony Gash and Gill Houston as well as their team of volunteers.

We also held two very well attended first aid training courses; more on those later in the newsletter but my sincere thanks to Christina from Appleby First Responders for running the sessions for us.

We have recently had the results of our uncontested parish council election and I'm pleased to share with you later in this newsletter the members who will make up our Council going forward for the next four years. We have said goodbye with the greatest of wishes to Tony Gash and Ann Oswin and we wish them well in their future endeavours. This does mean we have some vacancies on the Council; if you are interested in standing for one of these, please do get in touch. My sincere thanks to our remaining parish councillors who continue to donate their time and efforts for our area.

We have had a change in our ward members since my last report, with the formation of the unitary Cumberland Council. This means that we will be dealing exclusively with Cllr John Mallinson going forward. John has been a long-standing attendee at our meetings and we look forward to continuing our working relationship with him.

As I always repeat in my report, please do remember that you are able to come along to parish council meetings. We are always very pleased to see members of the public in attendance.

Alison Sisson, Chair, Hethersgill Parish Council, April 2023

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Our next Parish Council meeting will take place on: **Tuesday 16th May** (commencing directly after the closure of the Parish Meeting as detailed above).

Following this, our dates for the remainder of 2023/24 are proposed as:

Tuesday 18th July 2023

Tuesday 19th September 2023

Tuesday 21st November 2023

Tuesday 16th January 2024

Tuesday 19th March 2024

All of our meetings take place in Hethersgill Parish Hall and we always confirm the date by publishing the agenda, three working days in advance of the meeting, on both the parish notice board and our website.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

A very generous offer has been made to the Parish, by a resident, to enable the creation of a community garden. The land would be available to members of the community to tend and be a quiet, reflective space open to all. Before we consider whether to pursue the idea, we would welcome some feedback as to whether this is something that you feel would be of benefit to you as residents? Please contact Sarah, Parish Clerk, or drop us a message on the parish Facebook page with your views.

FIRST AID COURSE

We were delighted with the number of residents that came along to the free first aid training in the parish hall in January and February. Following the course, a request has been received to set up a First Responder service in the parish. Is this something you would be interested in taking part in? If so, please drop us a message so we can see if it will be viable to set up the scheme.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Elections for the parish council were recently held and ours was uncontested - that is, we had less people standing than we had vacancies, therefore we do not need a vote in early May. Our Parish Councillors for 2023 for a four year term are:

Simon Barrett

Jonathan Bryant

Marti Irving

Alison Sisson

Linda Summerfield

Christine Williams

If you are interested in standing for one of the remaining vacancies, please do get in touch as soon as possible. Frank Heaton, who has served the Council for many years, has already declared his intention to stand for co-option for one of the vacancies, which means we still have two further places available for anyone who wishes to get involved. If you are interested any of our councillors will be happy to chat with you about it all.

PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS

Please find on the following pages, a summary of our accounts for the previous two years. As yet, our accounts for 2022/23 remain unaudited so are subject to minor change. As you will see, we did build up a large reserve over the pandemic, which we set about reducing last year. We will need to carefully consider our level of precept (the part of the Council tax that comes to us) when we consider our budgets in November. As ever, if you have any queries on any part of these accounts, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Hebersgill's Big Royal Scarecrow Competition!!

**To celebrate the King's coronation
you're invited to make a scarecrow
and you could win a prize!**

To enter:

- ❖ From 1st May display your scarecrow so it can be seen from the road.
- ❖ Send a picture of the scarecrow to the Parish Facebook page
- ❖ Include your location using with the 'what three words location' so we can make a Scarecrow Trail.
- ❖ Entries close Saturday 6th May

**Voting will take place at the Big Parish
Picnic and Play day on Sunday 7th May**

2021/22	Accounts for the Year	2022/23
Income		Income
£7,000.00	Precept	£7,000.00
£1,305.00	Grants (payable onwards)	£0.00
£20.00	Newsletter Advertising	£0.00
£350.00	Balsam Bashers Grants	£357.49
£0.00	VAT reclaimed	£0.00
£8,675.00	TOTAL	£7,357.49
Expenditure		Expenditure
£239.99	Administration	£566.14
£3,501.12	Clerk's Salary	£3,839.94
£165.00	Projects	£422.41
£0	Balsam Bashers	£687.94
£2,505.00	Donations / Grants (payable onwards)	£1700.00
£288.56	The Gill	£261.00
£218.00	Insurance	£362.26
£675.20	Equipment and Maintenance	£560.90
£28.04	VAT Incurred	£31.95
£83.00	Website	£66.00
£7,703.91	TOTAL	£8,498.54
Summary		
£8,981.81	Balance Brought Forward	£9,952.91
£8,675.00	Add receipts	£7,357.49
£7,703.91	Less payments	£8,498.54
£9,952.91	Balance at 31 March	£8,811.86

The Big Parish Picnic and Play!

Sunday 7th May from 12 noon

Bring your own picnic and join in with some old school games.

Come on the day and sign up for:

- Three legged race
- Egg and spoon race
- Sack race
- Relay race

There'll also be an all day football game and an egg throwing game – just for fun!

Also featuring competitions:

- ❖ A prize dog show (all dogs must be on leads)
 - Best dressed,
 - Most like owner
 - Waggiest tail!!
- ❖ Themed Children's fancy dress
 - Red white and blue
 - Anything Royal related
- ❖ Voting for the Hethersgill Scarecrow competition!

Tea, coffee, tray bakes and celebration cake will be available!

All games entered at own risk. Schedule may change if we have really bad weather – please bear with us!

4pm Parish Photo!



Hethersgill celebrates: The Kings Coronation

Sunday 30th April

Bunting packs will be available for people to pick up from the Hall so you can decorate your windows 😊

Monday 1st May

The Hethersgill **Big Royal Scarecrow competition** opens! 😊

Friday 5th May

From 5pm: Join us in the Hall and take a look at our **Royal Exhibition** as well as a nostalgic look back at **Hethersgill from bygone years**

From 8pm: The **Film Club presents: The Kings Speech**. *Tea coffee and biscuits are provided and you're welcome to bring your own refreshments and a comfy chair.*

Saturday 6th May

Coronation Day – send us your **celebration pictures** 😊

Sunday 7th May

From 12 noon: Join us for the **Big Parish Picnic and Play!** Bring your own **picnic** and join in with some old school games.

There'll also be an **all day football game** and an **egg throwing game** – just for fun!

Also featuring competitions: A prize **dog show** , Themed Children's **fancy dress** and **voting** for the Hethersgill **Scarecrow** competition!

4pm Parish Photo 😊

Monday 8th May

Recovery and your last chance to see the exhibition 1-4pm 😊

Parish Councillors, your Clerk & Useful Contacts



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