

Scaleby News

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



HIGH SPEED BROADBAND—FIBRE OPTIC CABLE BEING INSTALLED!

The long wait for High Speed Broadband looks to be nearly over. Open Reach and their Contractors have installed a new cabinet adjacent to “Box 4” sited at the junction of Bar Lonning and Burnhill and are in the process of laying high speed fibre optic cable from the cabinet up to the Smithfield exchange. They are then going on to the Longtown exchange.

The contractors are not actually digging up the kerb, rather they are feeding the cable down existing pipes between the telephone posts – a messy job as some of the access pits haven’t been opened for 25 years! The original timescale for delivering the new service to us was April 2015. Who knows— it could be earlier now!

BUS SERVICES

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. The Parish Council are playing an active role in trying to secure alternative services and

are working closely with neighbouring parishes of Hethersgill, Scaleby, Irthington and Stanwix Rural for a potential community solution. We would expect the subsidies to be withdrawn during October and as it is highly unlikely we will have found a practical alternative by then we would recommend that you take advantage of the Rural Wheels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

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

Wednesday 19 November 2014

Wednesday 21 January 2015

Wednesday 18 March 2015

Wednesday 20 May 2015 (and Annual Parish Meeting)

Wednesday 8 July 2015

Wednesday 9 September 2015

Wednesday 18 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 Councillors and County Councilor are present too if you would like to speak to them.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

There will be a Christmas Fair in Walton Village Hall on Sunday 16th November from 1pm—3pm. There will be lots of lovely stalls including gifts, Christmas decoration, a tombola and much more. Admission includes home made refreshments and is £3 for adults and accompanied children are just £1 . For more information please contact Sarah on 016977 2769.

CHILDRENS PLAY DAYS

The Parish Council were delighted to host three activity days, ran by the Cumbrian Sports and Physical Activities Alliance Federation over the summer holidays. These days were extremely well attended. If you have any feedback about the days we would love to hear from you.

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.

SCALEBY PARISH WAR MEMORIAL

You will need no reminding that we are remembering 100 years since the start of World War 1, otherwise known as the Great War. As part of this remembrance, and before memories are too faded, the Parish Council would like to gather as much information as possible about the men remembered on the memorial outside the Parish Hall. The memorial is unusual in that unlike many others it commemorates the names of all the men of the Parish who served as well as the two men who died (RW Armstrong and T Bendle).

The ultimate aim is to produce a booklet on the men whose names appear on the memorial which will then be given to all the children of the Parish. Whilst some information can be gleaned from the Internet, more relevant and personal information could be provided by families of the men or other interested parties. It is with this in mind that we would ask that if you do have anything that might be helpful then it would be gratefully received by George McGarr who has volunteered to compile the booklet. His telephone number is 01228 675132. The names, as they appear on the memorial are:

R.W. ARMSTRONG
T. BENDLE

J.J. ARMSTRONG
J.D. ARMSTRONG
J.W. BAILEY
J. BAILEY
E. BALFOUR
C. BARKER
J.D. BELL
G.E.M. BELL
R. CREIGHTON
I. CREIGHTON
B. CREIGHTON
W. DALTON
H. DALTON
G.J. DALTON
J. GRAHAM
W.E. HALL
J. HAYDEN
J.G. HAYDEN
D. IRVING

J.C. LAING
T.E. LAING
J. REAY
G.R. REAY
G. ROBINSON
I. SCOTT
W. TELFORD
W.H. WEBERLING
D. WILSON

TO THE MEN OF THIS PARISH
WHO SERVED IN THE WAR
1914 - 1918

FLY-TIPPING

There have been increased reports of fly-tipping in and around Scaleby. You can report problems with fly tipping using an online form on the Carlisle City Council website (www.carlisle.gov.uk). Give as much information as possible to enable the City Council to find the fly tipping easily. Fly tipping should be investigated within 5 working days of it being reported. You can also report fly tipping by contacting the Customer Contact Centre on 01228 817200 with the exact details of where it occurred, what you saw and the vehicle registration (if appropriate). Your details will **remain confidential**. Where appropriate, the City Council will investigate fly tipping offences to take enforcement action against those responsible. A successful prosecution can result in a fine at a Magistrates Court of up to £50,000 and/or six months imprisonment.

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 to be published.



TELEPHONE SAFETY

An increasing number of scams are being conducted over the telephone. Some useful advice includes:

- Never reply to unsolicited text messages, even to try and stop them. Just delete them

- Never agree to anything over the phone. Don't be shy of just hanging up on telephone cold callers.
- Never give any personal information over the phone unless you made the call and are certain of who you are speaking to
- Use a password, passcode or pattern code to lock your phone
- Don't store password reminders on your phone
- Don't open suspicious or unsolicited messages
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Sign up to the Telephone Preference Service (www.tpsonline.org.uk or 0845 070 0707) and the Mail Preference Service (www.mpsonline.org.uk) to minimise unsolicited calls and mail. You can register your mobile with: www.immobilise.com using your IMEI number (a 15 to 17 digit code usually behind the battery or key in *#06#)

If you have a smartphone:

- Install anti-virus software specifically designed for mobile phones. Ask for advice at the store where you bought your phone
- Avoid opening links or downloading games and apps unless you are certain of their source
- Clear your browser history - especially if using online banking

Remember, if you have a smartphone take the same precautions as you would when accessing the internet over any other device

Be careful with your location settings.

If you use your phone to update social media or to upload photos, location data could be uploaded to the internet without you realising it. Burglars could use this information to find out where you live and even when you are likely to be out of the house. If you are unsure, ask a member of staff at the store where you bought your phone to show you the location settings.

Get Safe Online is a not-for-profit organisation that provides advice and support on protecting yourself online. They have an easy-to-navigate and really useful website at www.getsafeonline.org.

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.

CARLISLE FIRESHOW

The Fireshow will be staged in Bitts Park and will be held on Saturday, 1 November. It is hoped that the event will also coincide with the new free city-wide Wi-Fi, due to be operational from November. A fairground will be open from 5.30pm on Devonshire Walk car park. The Fireshow pre-entertainment will start at 6.30pm and the bonfire lit at 7pm. Admission is free. A charity collection will be held with all donations going towards the Rotary Club of Carlisle South, and the Mayor's Charity Fund, whose main beneficiaries this year are: Carlisle Mencap and Carlisle United voluntary youth work. Volunteers will be holding charity buckets on the entrance to the event and organisers are asking the Fireshow's adult spectators to consider giving £1 each.



SOCIAL EVENTS

Scaleby Welfare Committee work hard to bring to you various events. Forthcoming ones include:

- 80's night at Skitby on 18th October. Fancy Dress Optional. Tickets are £12.50 and are available from Margaret on 675595.
- Shopping Trip to Newcastle on 10th November. Tickets £8 available from Heather on 675655. Leaves Scaleby 9am Pick up also available in Brampton. The bus returning home will leave Newcastle 5.30pm.

WALKING YOUR DOG ON FARMLAND

The farming community in Cumbria have highlighted their concern regarding a disease called Neosporosis. The disease is caused by the parasite *Neospora caninum* and is thought to be responsible for the highest percentage of all cattle abortions reported in the UK. Research suggest that *Neospora* eggs are produced by infected dogs and excreted in their faeces. Cattle will become infected if they eat food or drink water contaminated with *Neospora* eggs. If you walk dogs in the countryside, please be aware of this and remove dog faeces as you would in Towns and Villages.



Parish Councillors, your Clerk & Useful Contacts



Linda Thompson (Chairman)	01228 675266
Jackie Clifford (Vice-Chair)	01228 675220
Willie Bendle	01228 675270
Michael Grant	01228 675384
Ronnie Grieves	01228 675115
George McGarr	01228 675132
Raymond Marston	01228 675572
James Bell	01228 675637
Sarah Kyle (Clerk) Hill House, Walton, Brampton CA8 2DY	016977 2769 (9am—3pm Monday to Friday where possible) clerk@scalebyparish.org.uk
Highways Hotline	0845 609 6609
Police	101
Dog Fouling	01228 817559

Marilyn Bowman and James Bainbridge represent Stanwix Rural on Carlisle City Council. If you have a City Council related issue which you wish to raise, we can be contacted at:

Marilyn Bowman - Tel. **01228 561185**.

Email **MarilynB@carlisle.gov.uk**

James Bainbridge - Tel. **07896300997**.

Email **Jamesba@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:

john.mallinson@cumbria.gov.uk or on 01228 533 746.