

Scaleby News

**Welcome to the Spring 2016 Edition of the
Newsletter brought to you by Scaleby Parish Council**

CHILDREN'S PLAY DAYS

The Parish Council are delighted to let you know that the children's play days in the summer are once again taking place. They are provisionally booked to be held on:

Tuesday 16th August - Tuesday 23rd August - Tuesday 30th August

Bookings will need to be made directly with the Sports and Physical Activities Alliance Foundation. Spaces will be limited and children will require a packed lunch. Please keep an eye on the website and noticeboards for further information.

SUPERFAST BROADBAND

Great news! The Kirklington Cabinet (Number 4) has now been made live to provide Superfast Broadband in and around Scaleby Hill, Barclose and Scaleby Moss. Great deals are out there so do shop around for the best package. Further information can be found at www.connectingcumbria.org.uk/when-and-where.asp

LITTER PICKING

We are organising a community litter picking event. If you would like to help out, please come along to the village hall on Thursday 26th May at 7pm. It would be helpful if you could give us an idea if you are hoping to join in so we can ensure we have enough equipment. Please let the Clerk know or contact George on 675132.



ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Wednesday 18th May at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Please do come along and tell us about any issues that affect our parish. We welcome everyone and look forward to seeing you there. We will begin our Annual Meeting of the Parish Council directly after it closes.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Although it doesn't feel like a full year has passed since I last wrote my Annual Report, I am very pleased to be able to bring you my Chairman's summary of the Parish Council year.

Scaleby Parish Council is in the enviable position as being a quiet Council. We enjoy working for the benefit of our parish although things don't always go to plan!

Unfortunately we didn't have much success with our litter pick in 2015! We don't know whether we chose a bad evening or whether the event wasn't publicised enough, however we didn't have any volunteers turn up! We are going to try and repeat the exercise this year - details are in this newsletter. Please do come along and join in if you can. We do have litter picking equipment stored in the Hall now in case anyone wants a quick go outside of the normal organised evening. There are strict safety considerations to adhere to so please make sure you read the guidelines before starting. I am happy to advise and ensure you have access to the Hall for you to get the equipment when you need it.

Another area we have struggled with is organising our repeater First Aid training. We had very low numbers of people wishing to take part so had to cancel the event. We can still organise some basic training, including defibrillator training, if you would like us to do so? Give Sarah our Clerk a ring to reserve a slot if you are interested, there is further information later on regarding this also.

I'm also not very happy to report that we are *STILL* trying to register the Village Hall with Land Registry. We are very hopeful this will be completed over the next 12 months!

Onto more positive matters, we haven't forgotten about the broadband initiative. Our Champion, Clive Moth, continues to keep the Clerk informed of all goings on and are very pleased to report the positive news about local cabinets being activated.

We were also very pleased to have repeated the Children's Summer Play Scheme yet again. This year we had 106 children attend over the three days. We hope the 2016 dates (details on the front cover) will be just as successful. Please do ensure you continue to support these events so we can justify putting them on.

The Parish Council is in a strong financial position and as such we opted to keep our precept static again. This is despite us losing a substantial proportion of our income as one of our main funding

streams has been abolished.

We have managed to support the Village Hall, Churchyard as well as the Great North Air Ambulance this year with financial contributions. We were also pleased to help the start-up of the Border Rambler Voluntary Bus Service - hopefully this service will soon be coming to Scaleby. Information on this follows. We are currently finalising our revised 2016/17 budgets and we would welcome any suggestions you have to make as to suitable projects or initiatives that would benefit our parish. Don't also forget that we have a grant scheme in place for parish based groups - contact the Clerk if you would like further information on this or would like to apply for a grant for your community group.

In conclusion, I would like to give thanks to all the Councillors for their invaluable contribution, to the Clerk for all her work and also to City Councillors Bowman and Bainbridge and County Councillor Mallinson for their support over the past twelve months. Linda Thompson, Chairman.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The remaining dates for our Parish Council meetings in 2016 are as follows:

Wednesday 18 May - Wednesday 20 July
Wednesday 21 September - Wednesday 16 November

Please remember that until the official agenda is placed on the noticeboards and website (three clear days in advance) then any meeting date may still be subject to change: Additional meetings are also called when necessary for urgent business, such as planning applications.

Also don't 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 Councillor are present too if you would like to speak to them. Please do come along and join us in the future.

BORDER RAMBLER BUS SERVICE

The Border Rambler is proposing to commence a Thursday service through the following villages from the beginning of September and needs your help and feedback to assess the service viability. The Service will run through Lanercost, Walton, Hethersgill, Smithfield, Scaleby and Houghton Hall to Carlisle. All eligible passengers will be able to use NoW Card concessionary travel.



Anyone who would like to use the bus service please contact us via email info@borderramblerbus.co.uk or leave a voice message on 07510 643 084. Please leave your contact details and let us know if you would plan to use the bus service occasionally or frequently. We will get back to you to discuss our plans.

Border Rambler have been running since September 2015 through the flooding and adverse weather this winter, we have never missed a service day yet and have carried over 1000 passengers.

SCALEBY VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

At the recent AGM on 31st March, new members joined the committee and the election of Officers took place. Andrew Edgar was elected as Chairman, Wenda Bowker as Secretary and Mandy Farrer as Treasurer. Thank you to David Clifford, Linda Thompson and Carole Grant for their long service and hard work as Honorary Officers.

The committee arranged a 'Spring Clean' of the Hall on Sunday 17th, thank you to everyone that came to help.

Our future plans are to raise funds and access grants to improve the facilities at the Hall. The next meeting is 12th May 7:30pm, anyone is welcome to attend with their ideas and ways to help.

Booking Secretary: Wenda Bowker. Tel: 675745.

Email: wendabowker@yahoo.co.uk

FIRST AID TRAINING

Would you be interested in taking part in some first aid training—either as a first timer or as a refresher course? We were hoping to hold some training, including defibrillator awareness earlier in the year but numbers were not sufficient to proceed.

If you are interested though please do give Sarah a call to register your interest and she will organise something over the summer.

DOG FOULING

An increase in the amount of dog fouling in our parish has been noted. As you are all already aware, dog fouling is unsightly, unpleasant and can pose a risk to human health.

While the majority of dog owners behave responsibly and pick up after their dogs, Carlisle City Council remain keen to tackle the problem of dog mess left by a minority of irresponsible dog owners. Please make sure you're not one of the bad guys!

Some Golden Rules to help you are:

- * Take a supply of bags out with you whenever you walk your dog
- * Pick the mess up straight away, seal the bag and place the waste in a bin
- * Do not throw the bag over a fence, hang it in a tree or leave it on the pathway
- * Make a note of public bins on your route so waste can be disposed of properly, and if this is not possible, take it home and put it in your own bin

Put simply, it is an offence for a person in charge of a dog to fail to remove faeces forthwith. 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 the local community. 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.

HIGHWAYS HOTLINE

The number for the Highways hotline has been recently updated. From now on please telephone 0300 303 2992. Alternatively, any highways problems can be logged online at www.cumbria.gov.uk/highwayshotline

The Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations at Scaleby Village Hall.

Saturday 18th June.

12:30pm – 2:30pm Lunch for parishioners. Tickets £5 per person, primary school aged children £2:50 and under 3's free. Welcome drink included.

Evening Celebration for parishioners.

6pm-midnight. Licensed Bar and Disco. Hot food – Chillli/BBQ.

Tickets £5 per person, primary school aged children £2:50 and under 3's free.

Flyers will be sent out soon with more details.

Limited tickets available for both events.

Please contact Margaret Taylor 675595.

PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS SUMMARY

2014/15		2015/16
Income		
£5,000	Precept and CTRS Grant	£5,000
£562	Grants	£1,863
£0	Newsletter Advertising	£20
£365	Play Day Income	£318
£0	VAT reclaimed	£0
£5,927	TOTAL	£7,201
Expenditure		
£658	Administration & Maintenance	£846
£260	Newsletter	£253
£1,540	Projects	£2,309
£1,932	Clerks Salary & Reimbursements	£1,956
£661	Insurance (includes Village Hall)	£647
£8	VAT incurred	£86
£100	Donations/Grants	£1000
£5,158	TOTAL	£7,097
Summary		
£6,552	Balance Brought Forward	£7,321
£5,927	Add receipts	£7,201
£5,158	Less payments	£7,097
£7,321	Balance at 31 March	£7,424
L Thompson	S Kyle	
Chairman	Clerk and Responsible Financial Office	

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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	01228 231124 (9am—5pm Monday to Friday where possible) clerk@scalebyparish.org.uk
Highways Hotline	0300 303 2992
Police	101
Dog Fouling	01228 817559

Marilyn Bowman and James Bainbridge represent Scaleby 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.

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If you would like to advertise here please contact Sarah on 01228 231124 for further information. We post directly to every household in the parish of Scaleby.