

# Aspatria Town Council Newsletter

Dec 2011



## WELCOME

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that attended the remembrance service this year; once again we had a good turnout from the Town. I would also like to thank all the residents and businesses for their continued support and contributions that allow us to maintain the Christmas lights and Christmas Draw, without your generous support we wouldn't be able to do this.

On the 4th December the Christmas lights were switched on, once again thank you to all those that attended. On behalf of Aspatria Town Council, I would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Alan Reay - Mayor

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## Aspatria Town Council News

### September

The council received a presentation on using old prints of the town in the windows of empty/derelict buildings to improve their appearance. Cllr Finlay informed the Council of the work of Neighbourhood Watch in the town and the fact that there were now 69 members. A grant was made to Aspatria Juniors Football Club for basic equipment. The audited accounts for 2010/11 were accepted. PCSO C Miles was appraised of the Council's concerns regarding speeding in the Town particularly Lawson Street, Outgang Road and West Street.

### October

Mr D Stevenson and Mr C Ainsworth brought the Council up to date with events regarding the Swimming Pool and the Council later agreed to support the Committee with a Grant of £6,000 during 2012. After a long discussion on the future of the School Crossing Patrol for Richmond Hill School it was agreed that the Council would be prepared to make a one off grant of £8,000 towards a zebra crossing at that location in Queen Street. The Council is considering replacing the Best kept garden awards with other awards and any suggestions from residents would be welcomed.

### November

The Precept for 2012/13 has been set at £71,000 the same as this year. Objections were raised regarding the proposed site for 33 new houses on Station Road. There was no progress to report on the Town Council acquiring Queen Street Car Park from Allerdale Borough Council. The Aspatria Rural Partnership Community Plan will be launched on 19<sup>th</sup> November at Allhallows Centre. A copy of the Executive Summary will be supplied to each household in the partnership area. The council agreed to support the 'Save Park Lodge' campaign.

## Poppy Appeal

Over £1800 was raised in this years Poppy Appeal in Aspatria, Down £110 on last year. Thank you all for buying your Remembrance poppy's, lets hope we can do better next year.

Lest we forget.

## Dates for your Diary

### St Kentigern's

**20th December at 6pm  
Coffee, Carols & Mince Pies.**

**24th December  
2.30pm Crib Service**

**11.30pm Midnight  
Communion & Carols**

## Aspatria and District First Responders

We are desperately in need of more volunteers to join our group.

If anyone feels they would like to come to our practice meetings and find out more about us, or If you need more information or just a chat about what First Responders do please ring Marie on 016973 21230

This is a worthwhile cause and if you can give up your time to help please come along to one of the above meetings.

Merry  
Christmas  
& Happy  
New Year!



## ASPATRIA COMMUNITY CENTRE



ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A VENUE FOR A CHILDRENS PARTYSOME WHERE TO HAVE A COFFEE MORNING OR JUST A QUICK MEETING. WHY NOT TRY ASPATRIA COMMUNITY CENTRE OPEN ALL YEAR ROUND

We now have a Lawn and Patio area at the rear of the centre ideal for all events.

Reasonable Rates & lots of Available Dates.

For Enquiries –  
Ring Brenda Gear on 21935



Aspatria Town Council wishes you all a Very Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year!

## Best Kept Garden Winners 2011



Cumbria Constabulary has launched its annual campaign to help you keep your property safe and reduce burglary and theft in the lead up to Christmas. "Don't let thieves steal your Christmas" campaign will give you information and advice to help you protect your property

and possessions. Cumbria Constabulary and partner agencies will continue to help protect residents from becoming victims of a crime and step up their efforts to deter offenders and raise awareness of the steps that residents should take to protect their homes and Christmas presents over the festive period. Thieves can target houses with Christmas presents on view so we would urge you to be vigilant – don't let thieves steal your Christmas. Police offer the following top tips to keep your house safe: - Don't leave gifts on show - Keep gifts, cash & valuables safe & well hidden so they can't be seen or reached by thieves - Lock doors & windows before you go out, removing keys from locks & keep them out of reach. - Leave a light on in a room & draw curtains when you go out at night - Always park in well lit areas or secure car parks if possible when out shopping. For more information or advice on home security, team on 0845 33 00 247. If you witness a crime in action, always dial 999

## Hornets up and running



Aspatia Hornets received a visit from town Mayor, Alan Reay, to help them celebrate their first home league game in over fourteen years. The recently reformed Hornets welcomed Lowca to Saint Mungo's park for a top of the table clash on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

The match was the culmination of ten months work following the meeting to reform the team back in November 2010. The Hornets have made an extremely successful start to their league campaign and have won all of their league matches to date and are top of Group C in the Cumberland Rugby League. Led by Kevin Clark, the team has played some exciting rugby and there is some real interest in rugby circles in the new team on the block.

*Mayor Alan Reay is introduced to the Hornets team by Captain, Kevin Clark*

The players and staff have been very pleased with the level of support that they have received, not only from sponsors and local businesses but with the number of spectators that have been attending home games. This was best illustrated by the recent cup game against Kells held at Aspatia RUFC where over 400 spectators attended.

Aspatia Hornets are still recruiting and any player (or anyone interested in volunteering to help with off-field matters) interested in playing rugby league should either come to training or contact club secretary Peter Thorndike on [peter.bod@talktalk.net](mailto:peter.bod@talktalk.net). Training is held Monday and Wednesday from 6.30pm at Beacon Hill School astro-turf (cost £1 per session). Alternatively, join our Facebook group at *Aspatia Hornets Rugby League FC*.

Contact:

Craig Hamilton, E-mail: [craig\\_hamilton66@hotmail.com](mailto:craig_hamilton66@hotmail.com), Telephone: 0776 525 4269

## Big Garden Birdwatch weekend 28-29 January

One of the biggest events of the year is set to take place over the weekend of 28-29 January, but it's nothing to do with MPs, celebrities or sport. This event involves our feathered friends, over half a million people and plenty of cups of tea! Yes, it's almost time for the RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch. This is the charity's most important event of the year when people across the UK look out of their window and spend an hour of their weekend recording how many birds they see. Last year, over 600,000 people counted more than 10 million garden birds.

The information from this survey helps the RSPB form a comprehensive picture of how well – or not so well - each species is doing. Taking part in Big Garden Birdwatch not only helps the RSPB track the ups and down of garden birds, but gives you the perfect excuse to sit down with a cup of tea and enjoy the wildlife in your garden

If you would like to step up for nature and take part, you can request a free Big Garden Birdwatch pack over the phone by calling 0300 456 8330.

Alternatively, you can visit the RSPB website [www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch](http://www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch) for more information and to submit your results online.

## NEWS & VIEWS FROM ST KENTIGERN'S CHURCH

Vicar: *The Revd Clive Shaw, The Vicarage, King Street, tel 20398* email: [clivershaw@btinternet.com](mailto:clivershaw@btinternet.com)

Reader: *Mrs Brenda Gear, Brandraw Mount, Market Sq, tel 21935*

Associate Priest: *The Revd Canon David King 27 King Street., tel 23580*

### WELCOME TO CHRISTMAS WORSHIP...

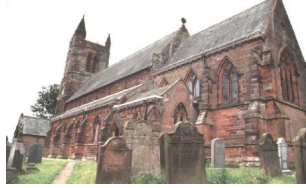
Christmas Greetings from the parish church of Aspatria! We look forward to welcoming everyone to our great annual celebration of the birth of Christ – God's light and hope for the world.

Christmas Worship begins on **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm** with a shared **Carol Service at Aspatria Methodist Church**. More informally

'Coffee, Carols and Mince Pies', will be in St Kentigern's on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> at 6pm**. On

**Christmas Eve** there is a **Crib Service at 2.30pm** for all ages, followed by **Midnight Communion and Carols at 11.30pm**. On **Christmas Day at 9am** there will be a said service of **Holy Communion**. And on **Sunday January 1<sup>st</sup> at 10.45am** at Aspatria Methodist Church there will be a single

united act of worship – '*Start the Year Together*'. All of our services are open to everyone – you don't have to be a 'member'. Just come and see!



*St Kentigern's  
Picture courtesy of  
Steve Bulman*

### DOING MORE TOGETHER IN 2012

The first **TOGETHER@10'** service of 2012 will be a **Christingle on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January** and there will be special events to mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in mid-January. At our

October **TOGETHER@10'** Lee Brown, the Methodist Church's Children & Families Worker based in Wigton, introduced himself. Lee has already helped the Aspatria churches run two holiday clubs for children, and we hope to have more of those, as well as a new weekly after school club in 2012. Watch out for details, or contact the Vicar, or speak to Lee directly on 07902025925.

### THANK YOU.

Thank you to everyone who made donations or supported fund-raising to help repair the tower. This major restoration work was successfully completed during the summer, and the remaining work to create level access, and install a tea preparation and WC should be completed by Christmas. And thank you to everyone who has supported the ongoing work of the church in the community by regular giving or through fundraising events.

### BE IN THE 'LINK'

Find out more about what's on through our monthly magazine, the 'Link', which costs 40p and can be delivered to your home by contacting the secretary, Mrs Judy Wood, on 21998.

WE WISH YOU A JOYFUL CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY & PEACEFUL NEW YEAR.



### Believe in children



**Barnardo's**  
North West

### Barnardo's Aspatria Children's Centre

Back after popular demand is the Aspatria Stay & Play Sessions in Aspatria Community Centre beginning on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2012 at the same time of 10.00am – 11.30am. This session was cancelled due to low numbers earlier this year but a renewed interest from parents/ carers has resulted in the service starting again on a trial basis. For more information contact the Children's Centre on 016973 49555.

Strengthening Families Programme - This is a course for families with young people aged 10-14 years that may be experiencing difficulties. This evidence based programme is intended to improve communication between parent/carer and young people, reduce behavioural problems in adolescence, strengthen the parent/carer relationship and reduce alcohol and drug use.

**This 7 week course begins on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2012 at West St Health Centre Aspatria 10.00am – 12.30pm lunch will be provided.** For more information or to book a place contact Gina Hacker on 01900 819190.

**Please Note:** the Aspatria Children's Centre has new opening times:  
Monday 9.15 to 17.00 and Thursday 11.00 to 17.00

### Thank you

On Friday the 18th Pupils from Beacon Hill School along with PC Chris Blain and PCSO Chrissy Maloney attended The Letters inn. This was part of the Alcohol Awareness Week.

This was a great success giving pupils an insight into the behaviour expected of all persons when visiting licensed premises. The pupils received information relating to the Pub watch scheme, legislation concerning alcohol sales in licensed and off licensed premises and information on how alcohol can affect a person's perception and behaviour. The Police Officers involved wish to thank the landlord Mr Kevin Thurlow for allowing his public house to be used in this education initiative and for explaining the obligations and functions of the modern licensee.

### Brayton Domain Memorial

On the 27th November the Airfields of Britain Conservation Trust (ABCT) unveiled a new Memorial at Brayton Domain to commemorate it's past history as an airfield. This event was attended by Councillors D. Turner and W. Campbell along with members of the Solway Aviation Museum. Details of this event can be found on the following website:

<http://www.abct.org.uk/news/cumbria-abct-memorials-weekend>

# Aspatria Town Councillors 2011

## Town Clerk

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### Councillors

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Janice Barker	23 Harriston, Aspatria. CA7 2ED	016973 23570
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Trevor Gear	Brandraw Mount, Market Sq, Aspatria, CA7 3HG	016973 21935
Stan Hillary	Thornville 18 King St, Aspatria, CA7 3ES	016973 20049
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There is still a Vacancy on Aspatria Town Council, to apply please send a letter of application to the Town Clerk.

### **Beacon Hill Community Learning Centre**

Courses starting in and around Aspatria

Italian ♦ French ♦ Beginners IT

♦Basic Food Hygiene Certificate

♦ Watercolour Painting ♦ Silverwork

♦ Yoga Alexandra Technique ♦ Guitar

♦ Manicure & Nail Art

♦Paediatric First Aid

Call 016973 20509

[beaconhillcommunity@hotmail.com](mailto:beaconhillcommunity@hotmail.com)

### **Anyone can be a Sport Hero**

We are launching a new Olympic legacy programme called Sport Makers. It is a national funded programme from Lottery and is being delivered by Active Cumbria and Sport England here in Cumbria. Its aim is to get local people encouraging other local people to get active and give sport a go. Whether it is encouraging friends and family to start running or simply taking some of your colleagues to a locally run dance class.

We have a number of Inspirational conventions and workshops happening across Cumbria during November at which our potential Sport makers can meet an Olympic Ambassador, get FREE Official London 2012 Addidas goodies and after sportmaking for 10 logged hours can be entered in a draw to win Olympic tickets.

### **Cumbria Local Involvement Network (LINK)**

LINK is an independent organisation set up to represent the views of local people on health and care services.

Cumbria LINK has statutory powers which mean that the people responsible for health and care services in our area have to respond to recommendations we make.

We know that currently there are issues that matter to you around the consultation on proposals for care in your area and concerns about choice of GP practice. We want to hear what you have to say on these and any other concerns you have.

You can contact us by phone on 01228 512513, by email [link@cumbriacvs.org.uk](mailto:link@cumbriacvs.org.uk), by letter to Cumbria LINK. 27 Spencer Street, Carlisle, CA1 1BE.

### **INSPIRATIONAL CONVENTIONS**

14 November 2011: 6.00pm - 9.00pm

Richard Rose Central Academy,  
Carlisle

16 November 2011: 6.00pm - 9.00pm

The Beacon, Whitehaven

### **INSPIRATIONAL WORKSHOPS**

7 November 2011: 6.00pm - 9.00pm

Furness College, Barrow

17 November 2011: 6.00pm - 9.00pm

The Wave Centre, Maryport

21 November 2011: 6.00pm - 9.00pm

Penrith Leisure Centre

23 November 2011: 6.00pm - 9.00pm

Kendal College

Have a say in local issues visit

[www.aspatrias-voice.co.uk](http://www.aspatrias-voice.co.uk)

Giving Aspatria its voice back.

### **Allerdale Crutch Service**

Saturday 14th January 2012

Saturday 11th February

Saturday 10th March

11.30am – 2pm

Queen St Car park, Aspatria.

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