

Aspatria Town Council Newsletter

September 2011

WELCOME

Welcome to the September edition of Aspatria Town Councils Newsletter. September seems to have come around very quickly this year. Through the last few months we have been very active with the Gala Day which was another successful day despite the poor weather this year. I held the Mayors Civic Service on the Sunday 17th July and would like to express my thanks to all that attended the Service at St Kentigern's Church. The Senior Citizens Trip this year was to Chester 110 Senior Citizens, 2 coach loads and a 16 seater, a good day was had by all. We have also had the activities for children in Memorial Park, a Thank you evening for the 15th Anniversary of the Charity Shop and the Swimming Pool has re-opened. Hoping you all had a lovely summer. Keep safe and well as the nights draw in.

Alan Reay
Mayor

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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 just a chat about what First Responders do please ring Marie on 016973 21230

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June

The Mayor welcomed two new Councillors, Mr D King and Mr B Turnbull to the meeting which has left only one vacancy to be filled. Mike Smith from Cumbria County Council gave an update on the Swimming Pool and the Youth Wing. The Council agreed to a £150 grant to the ongoing costs of the Aspatria First Responders.

It was agreed that the Town Council will mark the Charity Shops 15th Anniversary by a Celebration Evening bringing groups who had received grants together to say thank you to the dedicated volunteers who man the shop.

July

Cllr Finlay and Cllr Smith brought to attention of the Council the fact that Dr Deans had left his practice and that West Street Practice would be the only surgery in the town which left residents with no choice. It was agreed that this was not something the Town Council should get involved in and that it was for individual councillors to make their feelings known to the local Primary Care Trust.

The Senior Citizens Christmas Treat will be held on 13th December in the Masonic Hall. Arrangements for the Best Kept Garden Competition and

the Opening of Victoria Park were discussed. Members were also concerned about the number of derelict buildings and sites in the town which it was agreed to bring to the attention of Allerdale Borough Council. Cllr A Tinnion and Cllr D Turner asked for a letter of thanks be sent to James Blackwell, Headteacher of Richmond Hill school who is leaving, on his achievement and improvement to school results. An acting head has been appointed for September to December whilst a permanent head is appointed.

Dates for your Diary

St Kentigern's Autumn Fair
22nd October

Remembrance Sunday
13th November
Leaves Brandraw Car park
2.30pm, Wreaths laid
at park gates. Service at St
Kentigern's 3pm

Christmas light switch on
4th December

Senior Citizens Christmas
Treat. **13th December**

Beacon Hill Community Learning Centre

Courses starting in September:

Yoga • IT • Watercolours • Quilting • Silverwork • Sugarcraft •
Internet Family History • Indian Cookery • Food Hygiene • Bridge •
Stained Glass • Sketching • GCSE Maths • French • Spanish • Italian

Call Judith on 07948 620 309 for details
e mail: beaconhillcommunity@hotmail.com

Info session Wednesday 14 September 5pm - 9pm at Beacon Hill

ASPATRIA COMMUNITY CENTRE



ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A VENUE
FOR A CHILDRENS PARTY SOME
WHERE TO HAVE A COFFEE MORN-
ING OR JUST A QUICK MEETING.
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We now have a Lawn and Patio area at
the rear of the centre ideal for all events.
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Dates. For Enquiries –
Ring Brenda Gear on 21935





OPEN



Victoria Park was officially reopened by the Mayor Mr Alan Reay and Aspatria Town Councillors on Thursday 21st July. Teachers brought pupils along from Richmond Hill School to attend the official opening. Pupils were given the opportunity to try out the new play equipment in the park.



The Mayor Mr Alan Reay stated "It was lovely to see all the children at the official opening." He thanked the Teachers from Richmond Hill for bringing the children along to the opening.

Memorial Park

Has recently had three picnic benches bought by funding received from Cumbria Housing Partners £750 and the Charity Shop £730. Councillor Dee Turner kindly made the application and as part of the funding agreement we have to have a teddy bears picnic in the Memorial Park. Any spare money is to be used for rubbish bins for the park.

The Solway Wetlands Landscape Partnership Scheme

An exciting project is being developed on the Solway Plain which could bring £2.7 million to the area from April 2012-2015. The 3 year project, predominantly funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, is focused on understanding and conserving the landscape of the area, in particular on the mosses, and as such runs from Allonby to Wigton to Kirkbampton and up to the coast. It is a partnership project with input from the Solway Coast Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) based in Silloth, the Cumbria Wildlife Trust, the Environment Agency, Natural England, RSPB and West Cumbria Tourism.

It has several aims:

- To conserve and restore the natural and built heritage by restoring a wet meadow complete with a viewing area at an RSPB site as well as the potential renovation of a barn for education and visitor facilities;
- To provide opportunities for more community participation such as through the establishment of a community trust to ensure that there is a legacy after the project and to enable local people to have their say. Also there will be an education and an events programme focusing not only on the wetlands but also on birds, heritage, photography, walks, painting, cycling...
- To provide better physical access using board walk on the mosses, better interpretation, and maybe a few apps. It also aims to increase learning opportunities such as through a schools' wetland field to complement the renovated barn at Bowness and through a community designed look out tower over one of the mosses; and finally
To provide skills training through apprenticeships in Environment and Conservation, heritage skills training for contractors and the general public and archaeological field surveying and excavation based on the monastic period.

There will be plenty of opportunities for people from inside and outside the area to become involved whether that's through the schools, as a conservation volunteer, as a building contractor, as part of the archaeological surveying or by building a clay dabbin. The events programme will be spread all over the area and there will be something for everyone so there's no excuse to not be involved!

At the moment we are very interested to hear from people who have snippets of local history in their lives and who would like to share them. This may be old photos, farming or peat cutting implements, proggy mats or period clothing. We would like to create a portfolio of heritage artefacts in the area which may form part of a larger exhibition during the project's lifetime.

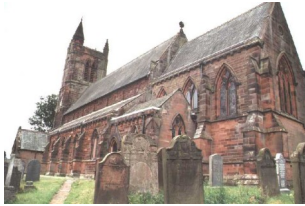
If you would like more information, have a good idea or if you have got anything of local interest please contact the Project Officer on 016973 33055, email Alex at Alexandra.sijpesteijn@allderdale.gov.uk, or search for 'Solway Wetlands' on Facebook and become a friend. The development year runs until this December so there isn't long left to put your ideas forward!

NEWS & VIEWS FROM ST KENTIGERN'S CHURCH

Vicar: The Revd Clive Shaw, The Vicarage, King Street, tel 20398 email: clivershaw@btinternet.com
Reader: Mrs Brenda Gear, Brandraw Mount, Market Sq, tel 21935
Associate Priest: The Revd Canon David King

THANK YOU...

The repair work on the tower was completed by the end of July and over 100 climbed to the top to enjoy the view on 30th and 31st as part of a special fund-raising weekend. We are very grateful to a number of national charities and trusts but would especially like to thank all our local donors for support. Work on the WC, tea-preparation area and level access should be completed soon, and a final fund-raising push will be needed in the coming few months.



*St Kentigern's
Picture courtesy of
Steve Bulman*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP...

St Kentigern's is normally open each day for private prayer, with main Sunday Worship at 9.30am, either a Sung Eucharist or Morning Prayer, with All-Age Worship on the 2nd Sunday of each month. This is a good opportunity to bring children, grand-children and god-children, especially for **Harvest Thanksgiving**

which will be on **Sunday 9th October**. On **Sunday 30th October**, **Together@10** will be at St James' Hayton. Please contact the Vicar regarding Baptisms.

REMEMBERING...

On 17th July at the annual Civic Service a memorial plaque was dedicated to honour Sgt David Monkhouse on the first anniversary of his death in Afghanistan. Following a request from a member of the community, a plaque has been placed in the churchyard to commemorate the still-born and premature babies who in earlier times were buried in that area in unmarked graves. We are grateful to Clive & Yvonne Hasley of Whitehaven for making and fixing the plaque without charge. There will be a service of dedication and remembrance for this later in the autumn. The annual service of **Commemoration of the Faithful Departed** for those who wish to remember loved ones in prayer

will be on **Sunday 30th October at 6pm**. And on **Sunday 13th November at 3pm** the annual **Service of Remembrance** for our war dead will take place.

Thank you to all who regularly visit the churchyard to maintain graves and memorials. Please remember that the Churchyard Regulations for the Diocese of Carlisle do not permit artificial flowers except for Remembrance poppies and Christmas wreaths. A copy of the full regulations may now be viewed in church, with summarised information leaflets to take away. **DIARY DATES...**

If you are reading this in time, join us for a **Ceilidh** with caller and live music from the Allerdale Fiddlers at the Masonic Hall from 7pm on Friday 16th September. The **Autumn Fair** will be on 22nd October, and once again the church will be spectacularly transformed by schools, businesses and community groups for another **Christmas Tree Festival** in early December. **BE IN 'THE LINK'** Further details of all church activities are in our monthly magazine 'The Link', which costs 40p and can be delivered to your home by contacting the secretary, Mrs Judy Wood, on 21998.



"DREAMSCHEME FAMILY FUN DAY -

Aspatria Dreamscheme would like to thank everyone who joined us in Aspatria Memorial Park and helped to make it a fantastic day. Special thanks go to Julie, Andrea & Manda (who helped us supervise the bouncy castles - you know who you are), Aspatria Fire Service who helped us put UP our very large tent at 9am in the morning

loaned to us by the Police + the lads who stayed behind to help us take it DOWN in the dark Mike the park keeper, Abstract Entertainments, our very own 'Dancing Girls, Alex Reay of Fylde guitars for making the fantastic guitars for us, the very brave 'Air Guitarists/Artists' + 'THE PULSE', 'RETRIBUTION', 'THE CONSPIRACY' & 'THE ALLEYS' a massive thanks to Cumbria Pro-sound for supplying and running an awesome rig !!! Last but not least Aspatria and District Charity Shop & Pudsey Bear who helped us with funding. 'see you next year'. :o)" Linda Hunter (Project Manager)

Best Kept Garden Winners

Best Kept Garden viewed from road First – Mrs H Scott, Westlands, Market Place.

Second – Mr & Mrs J McGough, Acerville, Brayton Rd,

Third – Mr & Mrs T Gear, Brandraw Mount, Market Square.



Most Attractive Hanging Basket, Tub or Window Box Viewed From Road

First – Mr & Mrs Relph, Ferndene, Outgang Rd.

Second – Mr R Ritchie, Hill Crest, Brayton Rd, Aspatria

Third – Mr & Mrs H Creighton, 1 St Mungo's Park.

Most Attractive Frontage of Shop, Commercial Premises or Public House

First – Mrs J Pearson, Red Lion, West St.

Second - Miss L Buckley, The Post Office, King St.

Best Allotment (Parks & Allotments Committee Decision) Lawson St

Allotments First – Mr T Gibson, 27 Park Road.



Mrs Dorothy Rogers reaches 100

Mrs Dorothy Rogers reached the Grand old age of 100 on the 22nd August 2011. Mr Alan Reay the Mayor of Aspatria took this opportunity to present Dorothy with a Card and a Bouquet on behalf of Aspatria Town Council and the Residents of Aspatria.

Aspatria Safer Stronger Community Meeting

Will take place at 4.00pm on,
Tuesday 1st November 2011 at
Aspatria Library, Aspatria



British Summer Time Ends

The clocks will go back by one hour
at 2.00 am on Sunday 30 October.
the clocks will go back to 1.00 am
as British Summer Time ends for
another year.

HALLOWEEN DISCO

Saturday 29th October, 7-10pm
The Rugby Club. £1 each
bring Mums and Dads come dressed
to SCARE!!!



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As the nights are getting darker earlier, don't forget to keep safe when you are out on the dark nights; wear something reflective so you can be seen by oncoming traffic.

Give a thought to your elderly neighbours and ensure they are warm and well.

Don't forget to properly secure your homes and all out buildings, if you use Diesel or Heating oil tanks, consider using a lock on your tank if it is possible. Report any suspicious activity relating to movements of any person or vehicle.

Halloween don't let young children go out trick or treating on their own, make sure there is a responsible adult going around with them.

On bonfire night, remember to follow the firework code, keep all fireworks in a tin and never go back to one that didn't light. Stay safe and have a good bonfire night.



Barnardo's Children's Centre Aspatria

It was a lovely day in Aspatria's St Mungos Park on 28th June, where these two young ladies were leading this year's Big Toddle; This is Barnardo's big fundraising event of the year, when we ask our families to get sponsors and then 'toddle' around the park. We started from the Community Centre and this year we raised £319 – many thanks to all who took part and collected those valuable sponsors.

Other news from the Centre: We have another Baby Massage course scheduled for 19th September for 5 weeks at 1.30 till 2.30pm These courses are rotated around the North Allerdale Centres – Aspatria, Silloth and Wigton - and depend upon the numbers of new mums and babies, we are also rotating one day Weaning Parties and the next one

will be in Aspatria on Friday 11th November 10 till 11.30 am Parents carers and babies welcome. A New Course is scheduled for Monday afternoons from 7th November – a Cookery Club for 5 weeks with limited crèche places available. Parents would be eligible to attend with children from 0 to 19 years as our Services provision criterion has expanded to help older children too. **Please Phone 016973 22777 or 016973 49555 to book a place on any of the courses or for the crèche.**

For a trial period Stay and Play sessions will not continue in the Community Centre on a Tuesday morning - instead they are available on Wednesdays (10-11.30) from 14 September in Wigton Market Hall. A £1.00 contribution for snacks is requested. The Toy Library catalogue, however, is still available in the Children's Centre; Membership fee £1.00.

There are changes too with the Dad's Group. The next two will be held in Wigton Children's Centre, on a monthly basis. It is still 10 till 11:30am, on a Saturday morning; the next one being 24th September, then 29th October and the November session is booked for Silloth on the 26th tbc. So Dads, if you'd like to spend quality time with your children, Contact Dougie on 016973 49555 Please call into our Centre if you have any queries, and we will endeavour to keep you informed; with current posters displayed in our window. Kind Regards Jenny Lunney Team secretary, Aspatria

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Allerdale Crunch Service

Saturday 17th Sept
Saturday 15th Oct
Saturday 12th Nov
Saturday 10th Dec
11.30am – 2pm
Queen St Car park, Aspatria.

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