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Scaleby News

Welcome to the September 2013 Edition of the *Scaleby News* sponsored by Scaleby Parish Council!



Milestones

Milestones originated as we know in Cumbria from Roman times and were used extensively in the Roman Empire. Cumbria has some surviving milestones, 5 of which are in the Tullie House Museum, Carlisle.

During the reign of George III in the 18th century Turnpike Trusts were set up through Local Acts of Parliament, and were given powers to acquire land and local building materials to build roads. Monies to build and maintain these roads came, in part, from the travellers using them and levied by the many Toll houses along the route. This was a contentious issue and in areas of the UK led to riots.

Apart from reassuring travellers they were on the proper route, milestones were useful for the increasing number of mail coach companies who advertised strict timetables. They helped their drivers to maintain accurate schedules by indicating how hard they needed to work their horses. Milestones and mileposts (cast iron alternative) were also the basis to calculate charges for those alighting or leaving at interim places between terminations stops. Likewise mail and parcel services. Contracts for the repair and



maintenance of Turnpike Roads were often based on sections of road determined by milestones and mileposts. Some Trusts employed their own "Mile-men" to maintain their roads; others contracted the work out through a system of tendering.

At the height of the Turnpike era milestones were found along 20,000 miles of roads as well as canals. But from the 1840's, competition from the railways reduced traffic levels on both roads and canals. Consequently Trusts were gradually wound up and in 1888 the new County Councils were formed. As faster motorised transport developed so the need for milestones waned.

The most interesting features of milestones is that they are distinctively 'local', reflecting available materials and vernacular designs. Since my involvement in restoring what are now Grade II listed structures most are made from local sandstone. Some have cast iron plates and others have incised numbering. The A6071 Longtown to Brampton road has 5 surviving milestones, with one in the Scaleby Parish, at Halfway House (Toll House) which dates from around 1810.

Restoration requires the authority from the Parish Councils and Highways Agencies, for issues of safety and heritage value, for they are the true custodians. The Scaleby milestone was almost buried in the verge and badly damaged, but after careful digging I removed it, which allowed me to restore the numbers 5 and 6. Guidelines on restoration assist me to make good to a common standard any stonework or metal plate repairs so they can be enjoyed for generations to come. Masonry white paint for the stone and Hammerite smooth paints for any plates.

A big thank you is made to John Forster of Stoneknowe for assisting with the removal and replacement of the milestones on the A6071, using his lifting gear.

Parish Councils have been very supportive, and recently restoration has spread onto other parishes where several milestones are being restored along the A69, A689 and A7, in what is a triangle around Scaleby. For that I thank them and trust we can recruit others to follow in my footsteps. If anyone is interested in milestone restoration or annual maintenance then please contact me or view the Milestone Society website below.

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Litter Pick

Many thanks to the eleven volunteers who helped pick litter in August. Also thanks to City Councillors Bowman and Bainbridge for arranging the equipment and refreshments.



YOUR ADVERT COULD APPEAR HERE!

If you would like to advertise in the Scaleby News please contact Sarah on 016977 2769 for further information. We print our newsletter four times per year and we post directly to every household in Scaleby so could make the perfect advertising medium to promote your business or event.

Children's Summer Play Schemes

The first three Thursday's in August saw the Village Hall host Activity Days for 5–12 year olds. We were delighted

that the days proved so popular with a massive 89 out of a potential 90 places being filled over the three days. Many thanks to County Councillor Mallinson for helping to support this. If you have any feedback about the scheme—especially whether you would be keen to see it return in future years—it would be great if you contact either the Clerk on 016977 2769 or by email to clerk@scalebyparish.org.uk



Telephone Problems

The Clerk would like to apologise to anyone who was trying to contact her by telephone during August. A technical hitch meant she was without a phone for the majority of the month. Normal service has been resumed and she can be contacted during the office hours of Monday to Friday 9am to 3pm. Calls outside of these hours may be picked up by the answerphone but please leave a message and she will return your call at the next available opportunity.

Lanercost Christmas Craft Fair

The Christmas Craft Fair will take place at the Dacre Hall between 22–24 November. For information contact Elizabeth on 016977 2538.

Hall Floor

We are pleased to say the Village Hall floor will be having a makeover soon. Many thanks to City Councillor Marilyn Bowman and Carlisle City Council for helping fund this project.

Your Newsletter

If you are happy to receive an electronic copy please send your email and home address to us at clerk@scalebyparish.org.uk.

RURAL INFORMATION DAY

Cumbria County Council are very pleased to announce they have organised a Rural Information Day. This will take place on:



**Monday 14th October
between 3.30pm and 7.30pm
at Scaleby Village Hall.**

This is a "drop in session" for the local community with the aim of raising awareness about local events, activities and services they are able to access and also District wide events, activities and services that are on offer. The event will be attended by local County and City Councillors and the following organisations have also confirmed attendance:

County Council - Highways Officers, Trading Standards Officers, Area Support Team, Community Transport Team,

City Council - Planning Officers, Enforcement & Education Officers (fly tipping, dog fouling, litter etc.) Mrs Carlisle (Health Related Project), Energy Advice

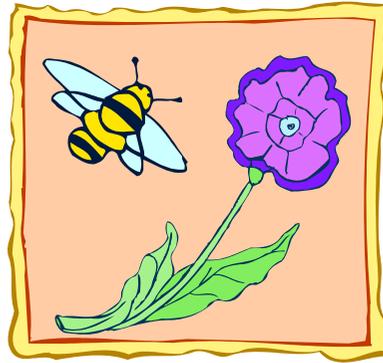
Parish Council's - Representatives of local Parishes will be on-hand as a group to offer advice, guidance, information and possibly even recruit you as a volunteer!

AGE UK - Carlisle & Eden Team, *Cumbria Fire & Rescue Service*, *Cumbria Police* - Officers from the Rural Community Policing Team and *Barnardo's Rural Sure Start Children's Centre*.

This will be a great opportunity for you to call in and meet your service providers and have any questions you have answered face-to-face. *Refreshments* will be provided free of charge.

Giving Nature a Home

The RSPB needs your help to give nature a home. Earlier this year a group of 25 conservation and research organisations published The State of Nature report, which painted a picture of how well our wildlife was doing. Sadly, the news was not good with six out of 10 plants and animals in the UK having declined over the past five decades. These include hedgehogs, garden butterflies, bees, sparrows and starlings.



But while the UK's wildlife is not in the best of shape, the good news is we can all do our bit to help it thrive once again. As part of its Giving Nature a Home campaign, The RSPB has come up with a list of loads of different things you can do in your garden to help wildlife.

If you are feeling lazy, then why not give your mower a rest and leave an area of your lawn to grow wild. This will provide homes for lots of bugs and mini-beasts, which in turn are great food for birds. Making logs piles and growing flowering plants are also easy ways to attract insects like bees, while the more adventurous of you might want to dig a pond or build a home for swifts, house martins or bats.

To find out more about how you can give nature a home visit www.rspb.org.uk/homes or call 01484-868405 to request a free guide.



Electric Blankets

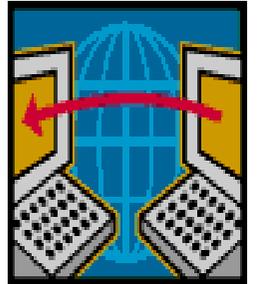
Cumbria Trading Standards are carrying out free electric blanket safety checks. If the blanket fails the check they will give one free replacement per household. Checks are strictly by appointment only. To find out the nearest place to take yours and make an appointment please phone 01539 713594. The service is only available between until 4th October.

Parish Council Meetings

The dates for our next Parish Council meeting in 2013 is **Wednesday 20th November**. All meetings take place at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. We sometimes do need to change the date so please check the noticeboards and website regularly in case of any changes.

Broadband

We are delighted to let you know that we have a new Broadband Champion working to getting the best possible broadband coverage in Scaleby parish. Clive Moth is working very hard to ensure the maximum service available is provided and we will keep you posted on developments in the next newsletter.



Your Neighbours Need You!

Trading Standards are recruiting volunteers for the 'Nominated Neighbour Scheme' which helps householders to feel safe when dealing with unwanted or unexpected callers at home.

Many people already keep an eye out for older or more vulnerable neighbours but this scheme provides a formal mechanism to protect against rogue traders. The scheme works by the vulnerable person being given a card that they hold up to a window or door which advises any unidentified or unexpected caller to go to the address of a 'Nominated Neighbour'. The neighbour will check the caller's identity and if they are genuine return with them and supervise the visit to make sure that nothing untoward takes place and will remain there until the caller has left. In many cases the presence of the scheme's door cards acts as a visible deterrent. If you would like to volunteer please contact Trading Standards on 01539 713594 or email trading.standards@cumbria.gov.uk