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written correspondence to the council via the clerk please.

Major changes to the INSIDE from June 2017 edition

Cllr Lynn Milton is taking on the task of producing the quarterly parish council magazine from the June edition.

She is keen to include a regular history feature about the area remembering that the parish does include a short stretch of beach down by Blue Dial. Anybody know any tales of pirates in the area?

Lynn would also like to include a regular gardening feature, and even a baking feature with a recipe on occasions. Therefore, be prepared to have Lynn make contact over the next couple of months as she works her way around the area encouraging contributions and more importantly regular contributors.

The whole point of having a truly local magazine is to endeavour to get a good cross section of the community involved. The Prospect Village Hall which is about to have a heating system refurbishment, internal alterations and some external repair work will be featured, to promote its events. There exists a pensioner's lunch club. Is everyone aware of all those clubs that use the village hall and would probably appreciate some promotion. A very successful indoor bowling club. If you have ideas for articles to feature in the INSIDE magazine, or any events and happenings in the vicinity please contact Lynn on her mobile number 07711039542 or the clerk and he will pass your contacts details on, page 2 for the clerk's contact details.

Anyone wishing to advertise is welcome to take space for a fee.

Other contributions towards residents' enjoyment of the environment and community will be most welcome.

Fly tipping and dog mess in your parish

On the front cover, you will see a picture of some neatly placed fly tipping. Not a posed picture for this INSIDE but an illegal pile of rubbish put in a gateway just below Beech Hill after the Ellen Bridge/Arkleby turn off known as the pit road. Whoever took the time to leave that rubbish there at the beginning of March, this year, was risking a fine of up to £50000, or even a prison sentence in the worst-case scenario.

Over the past six months at the public participation sessions during the parish council meetings, or the emails received by the clerk, the greatest number of complaints and requests for action by the parish council now involves fly tipping and dog mess. One appreciates that both issues are not restricted to this parish, it is a countrywide problem, but if residents see illegal fly tipping, there is no legal rubbish dumping, unless you go to a council site, please report it to Allerdale Borough Council on their 0303 123 1702 phone number and select option 2.

If you can provide them with a vehicle number if you witness the action, then all the better, but if you spot an illegal tip give them the location and they will organise its removal if on public land. The other week your parish council had to arrange for the removal of two large armchairs also dumped along the pit road, plus 3 large commercial vehicle tyres. Elsewhere in this edition of INSIDE you will read about the new Oughterside Foundation School library, a splendid use of YOUR council tax money. It does not take long for these frequent costly trips to remove the rubbish dumped to mount up to the cost of a school library.

There is also a growing number of complaints about dog mess becoming a problem. The parish council is aware that the vast majority of dog owning residents do go out armed with the appropriate plastic bags to clear up after their dogs, but unfortunately as with the fly tippers there is a small number of dog owning individuals who consider it not their problem.

Again, we ask that individuals report these incidents to Allerdale on the number already quoted or contact the parish clerk, with a dog description, the time and location. The dog wardens can set up surveillance in the location and the owners of offending dogs can be issued with on the spot fines or may even find themselves in front of the magistrates' court.

We live in a beautiful part of Britain, please let's keep it that way and discourage the fly tippers and errant dog owners and hopefully hit them in their wallets with a big fine.

PROSPECT A596 SPEED LIMIT

At the parish council meeting held on Tuesday 14th March there was strong representation from residents of Watsons Terrace who are greatly concerned over the authorities' apparent lack of concern about the speed of cars and commercial vehicles which enter the village 40mph speed limit exceeding that speed and in the majority of cases not drastically reducing their speed. Residents are parking their vehicles partly on the pavement, due to the accident fear from these speeding vehicles, which is causing problems for pedestrians with prams. The parish council will now take up the problem on their behalf and you can see what is happening by looking at the new parish Facebook page or the parish council's website's Latest News section.

Allerby Defibrillator

On a recent visit to Harrogate with its various visitor attractions plus Fountain Abbey and Rippon Cathedral I was reminded of the line from Jeff Wayne's War of the Worlds, spoken by Richard Burton, "came the first of the missiles that were to bring such calamity to Earth," but I was not looking at sinister missiles, more the appearance everywhere of yellow defibrillator boxes.



These are potential lifesavers and there is one on the wall at Grow West garden centre in Allerby, but I will let Jacqueline Mounsey take up the tale.

Heart Start have been trying to install cabinets and defibrillators in all telephone boxes. Unfortunately, we could not access one for them as the Parish Council own the phone box in Allerby and Heart Start ran out of funding. So, after much discussion Allerby Playpark Committee decided to install a defibrillator and cabinet outside Grow West Garden Centre at Allerby for village use. The committee had some cash left after installing the two pieces of equipment on the village green.

The defibrillator has been mounted on the wall outside the garden centre at a height suitable for children to access. The defibrillator might need to be used for a child whilst playing on the playpark or for an adult having a cardiac arrest.

All villagers were invited to a presentation given by Aspatria First Responders. We were shown how to use the defib and how to perform CPR then given the opportunity to try them.

We have registered the equipment with the ambulance service. If anyone has a cardiac arrest the first thing to do is ring 999. An ambulance will be immediately sent. If you are able to get to the garden centre to collect the equipment the ambulance service will give you the code to open the cabinet.

The committee would like to thank everyone who supported us while we were raising the money.

One ought to clarify that the parish council, who do own the phone box on the green at Allerby, approached Electricity North West for a quotation to make the connection between the current live supply to the phone box and the proposed defibrillator installation. Their price was more than double the cost of the defibrillator and its box, so a big vote of thanks to the Grow West Garden Centre for allowing its installation on their wall and they will pay for the annual electric supply required to maintain it in its operational state. The parish council had added the defibrillator to its parish insurance policy.

A team effort and if it saves a life then a splendid addition to the community by Allerby Playpark Committee.

Oughterside Foundation School Library.

It took but 107 days to go from an email desire to completion. Sarah Jardine the school head wrote the following to the parish clerk 18th Nov' 2016. *I'm not sure you will be aware, but when I took over the school I also inherited a large deficit budget. This means that we make do, in terms of furniture, classroom decoration etc and put every penny into educating, nurturing and developing our pupils. It's what makes us unique. Our school has grown rapidly and we are now utilising all 4 classrooms, one of which used to be our library! I use the words library in the loosest of terms. Our books are dated and often donated from ex pupils, the book cases are mismatched and there is no cataloguing system in place. This "library" has now been relocated to the central room in school and is the least inspiring library area, I've possible ever seen.*

Sarah explained that the school had received a bequest of £1000 by one of the pupil's grandparent's impressed with the manner the school was motivating the pupils. Sarah thought between £3/5k would be needed. Step forward Cumbria Cllr Alan Clark, who offered a £1k from his members' fund, so in December the parish council who were in the process of looking at community projects to support, offered a sum of £2k, Sarah therefore had £4k to spend.

A trip to IKEA provided all the relevant bookshelves and volunteers ensured they were correctly assembled. Next a trip to the local education book suppliers on 12th Jan' in Workington, with 2 of her year 6 pupils to help select the books. Come the end of February just before the grand opening day for the new library on Friday 3rd March, Sarah sent the following details about the library the pupils would now enjoy.

We purchased around 200 hundred books, which were 80% fiction, 20% non-fiction - we are also leasing 150 non-fiction books from the library service which will be refreshed annually. We now have a dedicated space for the library, not just books on shelves in the classroom. I have attached some photographs. The library is also now organised into fiction and non-fiction and follows the system that most libraries use.

The library was officially on Friday 3rd March, 107 days after that initial email, showing what can be achieved when everyone pulls together. There is a plaque in the school which states "Oughterside Foundation School Library in Memory of Tony Millen" and he would surely be impressed with the library now enjoyed by pupils, thanks to his bequest. Perhaps the best way to show how much it is appreciated, is print some of the pupils' quotes.

" The new library will inspire more people to read!"

"The library will encourage pupils to read books."

" I like our new library because before we got the new books, the books we had were quite dull. It also makes the middle room look brighter"

" I really love our new library and the new books - thank you"

"Having a new library will encourage pupils and adults to read"

The back page of INSIDE has a few pictures but if you go to the parish council website www.oughtersideallerbypc.org.uk in the gallery section you find many more to view. Long may current and future pupils enjoy the library and Sarah and her staff successfully motive the youngsters of the community.

Community Emergency Plan

It is Government policy that all communities should produce a Community Emergency Plan. Oughterside and Allerby Parish Council is hoping to draw up such a plan with the help of residents in order to ensure that all residents and property are protected in the event of a major emergency.

Emergencies happen. Emergency services will always have to prioritise those in greatest need during an emergency, especially where life is in danger. There may be times when we need to rely on our own resources to minimise the impact of an emergency, before the emergency services arrive. The Parish Council hope to put together a team of local people who, using their knowledge, skills and expertise will be able to support and assist residents affected in the event of a major emergency in Allerby, Oughterside or Prospect.

We are asking for a small group – perhaps four or five, local people to help to draw up the Plan. We would like to draw up a list of volunteers who would be willing to help out during an emergency.

Our community could deal with local issues such as:

- clearing snow;
- flood prevention for homes and properties at risk, e.g. sandbags;
- checking on neighbours to ensure their safety and well-being during severe weather;
- providing hot meals, drinks and shelter, e.g. in the village hall.
- There would be no obligation on anyone who volunteers – it will just mean that we may call on them in an emergency to ask if they are free to help.

Do you have any particular skills or equipment that you think may be of use? We would also like to draw up a list of vulnerable people in our community, e.g. disabled, elderly, housebound and parents with young children, as they may be the first to need assistance. If you would like to be involved in any capacity – helping to draw up the plan, be a member of the Response Group, volunteer time, skills or equipment, please contact initially the parish clerk whose contact details are on page 2, who looks forward to your email or call.

St James, Hayton 150th Anniversary and Easter Service.

This year marks the 150th anniversary of the building and consecration of St James Hayton. As part of its celebrations there will be a Flower Festival and Concert (July 21-23), including a visit on Sunday 23rd by the Bishop of Carlisle.

More details about that week-end in the next INSIDE.

April 16th is Easter Sunday and the service for all will be at 11.00am. Easter is a time for remembering Jesus's life and death on the cross, but also for celebrating that he has overcome death and is alive and still for us today. Rev Tim Herbert writes, "May I wish you a very special Easter and hope to see you at our Easter celebration as we mark the possibility that God extends to all of new life in Jesus."

BACK PAGE PHOTOS.

The back page has three pictures of the recent Oughterside Foundation School library refurbishment. On the parish council website, you will find a gallery of more pictures, and the parish council has a Facebook page, Oughterside and Allerby Parish Council, and you can follow what is happening on a daily basis there, make comments and see more school library pictures.

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Oughterside Foundation School dressed up to celebrate World Book Day and the opening of their refurbished school library.



The opening tape was cut by young Keelia Millen, who was assisted by her Gran Anne Millen. It was Anne's late husband Tony who made the initial bequest to the school and the library has a plaque confirming it is named in his memory.