

# INSIDE

Oughterside and Allerby Parish Council

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## ***Council tackling persistent frozen leak problem***



While compiling this newsletter, the first serious frost of the winter has arrived and the problem of the frozen leak on the road at the entrance of Meadow Bank has visibly reoccurred, as can be seen in the photo on the left.

Last winter, the Parish Council contacted Highways, United Utilities and the Environment Agency regarding this same issue. Highways advised it was not their problem, as there was no pot hole to be fixed. United Utilities checked the leak for any known chemicals that might have affected the domestic water system but, as they found none, stated that the leak was not their problem. Finally, the Environment Agency reported that no know water courses in the area, and could only say it

was perhaps due to a higher than normal water table level due to the recent heavy rain seeking the line of least resistance to reach the surface, which would be around the repair in the tarmac. The investigation will start again, as it is an obvious health and safety risk, but does any local resident know of historical water courses in the area?

## **December Election**

***Procedure information taken from Allerdale Borough Council Polling Card. Please note you do not need to take your poll card with you in order to vote.***

Prospect Village Hall will be used as the polling station on Thursday December 12<sup>th</sup> for voting for the Election of Member of Parliament for the Workington Constituency. The voting hours are between 7am and 10pm.

***Voting by proxy applications (December 12<sup>th</sup> deadline)***

If after 5pm on Wednesday December 4<sup>th</sup> you are unable to vote in person due to a medical emergency or work reasons, you can apply to vote by proxy. To apply, please call the Allerdale Electoral Services helpline: 01900 702550. This helpline can also be used if you need any other help, and Allerdale can also be contacted by email:

**[electoralservices@allerdale.gov.uk](mailto:electoralservices@allerdale.gov.uk)**

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**Feel free to phone your councillors, but all email and written correspondence to the council via the clerk please.**

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[www.ouughtersideallerbypc.org.uk](http://www.ouughtersideallerbypc.org.uk)

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**New Parish Councillors Appointed**

We would like to welcome Lorna Wisher and Denise Volkaerts to the Parish Council, and wish them all the best in their new roles. The new councillors were approved for co-option at October 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. Oughterside and Allerby now has six councillors, which is very positive for the local community – the more councillors there are, the more the Parish Council will be able to achieve.

**However, your parish is entitled to nine councillors – there are currently three vacancies. A successful community needs input and commitment from its residents. If you would like to discuss joining the council, please contact the clerk.**

*No prior experience needed. Minimal commitment.*

*It is a great way to help your local community.*

*If you are starting out in the real world, being a Parish Councillor will provide a valuable professional experience to help boost your CV.*

**New Benches Ready to Go**

As stated in the last issue of Inside Magazine, the council has worked to have five new bench seats installed at various locations around the village. The installation of these benches has unfortunately been delayed due to the poor weather conditions, but they are ready to be installed as soon as possible.

**Missing Street Light to be replaced**

Allerdale have promised to reinstate the missing light at 32 Greenbank Close, hopefully before Christmas, after they have established the most appropriate location.

**Inside Magazine News Submissions**

This magazine is the voice of your local community. If you would like submit your own local news articles for publication in a future issue or advertise an upcoming event, please contact the Parish Clerk at the email address opposite.

**St James' Church December Services**

- Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> – 11am Holy Communion
- Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> – 11am Carol Service
- Christmas Day (Wednesday) – 10.30am Holy Communion
- Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> – 10am Mission Service @ Abbeytown

## Prospect Lunch Club

The Lunch Club meets on the second Tuesday of the month. Lunch is at 12 noon and consists of two courses with tea or coffee for the current price of £3.50 per person. This is followed by either a speaker or entertainment, or games and a quiz. Anyone over the age of 55 years is welcome to attend. There is no annual membership cost, just the monthly meal charge. Numbers have fluctuated over the years and at the moment we are looking for new members to come and join us. If you are interested in coming along, please ring either Gladys Hunter on 016973 21217 or Irene Gravenor on 016973 22241, so that they can make sure there is plenty of food.

**Upcoming Event: December 10<sup>th</sup> – Carols**

## Parish Council is Online!

*On the website you can find agendas and minutes of past meetings, back issues of Inside Magazine, bus timetables, Allerdale Borough Council website links (where you can find out about their services, such as bin collection days), contact information for your Parish, Allerdale Borough and Cumbria County Councillors, and more!*

[www.oughtersideallerbypc.org.uk](http://www.oughtersideallerbypc.org.uk)

## St James' Maintenance Donation

It was agreed at the November meeting that the Parish Council would contribute £500 to St James' Church, Hayton, in aid of the annual maintenance allowance for the running and conservation of the church's graveyard.

## Village Hall Recent Events

There was a clairvoyance evening on November 23<sup>rd</sup> in aid of raising funds for hall maintenance. Psychic Paul Hennings stepped in after guest speakers Bob Mackenzie and Brian Todd were unable to attend. The hall also hosted a successful Autumn Craft Fair in October.

## Christmas Events

- Newcastle Christmas Market Trip – Saturday December 7<sup>th</sup>. Departing from Miners' Arms Prospect @ 10am, returning from Newcastle @ 6.30pm. All welcome, Parish over-60's free. Adults £12.50, Children £5 – deposits required. Contact the Miners' Arms on 016973 20144
- Christingle @ Oughterside School, Monday December 9<sup>th</sup> 6pm. Christingle is an Advent festival in which children light candles symbolising the 'light of the world'
- Christmas Concert with the Harlequin Choir – Aspatria Methodist Church, Friday December 13<sup>th</sup> 7pm, with Lucky Dip and Home Produce Stall (£5 entry, including seasonal refreshments)
- Prospect Village Hall Christmas Disco, Saturday December 14<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm – Children £3, includes surprise from Santa. Please contact the Miners' Arms to book on 01697320144
- Pensioners' Lunch @ Prospect Village Hall, Saturday December 21<sup>st</sup> 2pm

## Other Local Events

- 'Get into Health, Sport & Social Care: Study and Careers Evening' (for Year 11, 12, 13, or college students). Hosted by the University of Cumbria and North Cumbria NHS Foundation Trust @ Energus, Blackwood Hall, Lillyhall, Workington. Tuesday December 10<sup>th</sup> 4-7pm. To book your place email [enquirycentre@cumbria.ac.uk](mailto:enquirycentre@cumbria.ac.uk) or phone 0845 606 1144.
- Carlisle Contemporary Arts 'Tiny Treasures' exhibition, Old Fire Station, Carlisle, Saturday December 7<sup>th</sup> 1-3pm.
- 'Solstice Shorts: Stories, Poems & Songs to Celebrate the Winter Solstice', organised by Arachne Press. The Settlement, Castle Hill, High Street, Maryport, Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December 10am-4pm. To book an open mic slot on the theme of 'Time & Tide', please contact [barbara.renel@yahoo.com](mailto:barbara.renel@yahoo.com)

## Cumbria Libraries Home Delivery Service

The Library Home Delivery Service is available to people who are unable to visit the library because of mobility problems or ill health and who have no one who can go to the library on their behalf. There is no cost for this service.

**What is available?** Books in both large and ordinary print, talking books on CD and MP3, DVDs, and music on CD. Items are selected according to customer needs and delivered by volunteers monthly. **How to apply:** Application forms are available from Cumbria libraries. [cumbria.gov.uk/libraries](http://cumbria.gov.uk/libraries)

## Potential Village Milk Round

The possibility of starting a milk round in the New Year for Prospect and Oughterside was discussed at the November Council meeting. If you have any comments, suggestions or inquiries regarding this issue, please contact the clerk on the address provided.

## Village Hall Car Parking Query

At the November Council meeting, a member of the public raised the issue of parking at Prospect Village Hall and asked if a proper car park could ever be potentially built. The issue was discussed by the council and ultimately decided to be a matter for the Village Hall Management Team rather than the Parish Council.

## Proposal for Defibrillator

The Parish Council and Village Hall Committee both agreed at the October meeting that installing a defibrillator at Prospect Village Hall was an important issue to look into. Other potential locations were discussed, but due to the public use of the hall and the defibrillator's operating conditions (and need for a constant electricity supply), the village hall was agreed to be the most practical choice.

## Parish Council Meetings

Oughterside and Allerby Parish Council meetings are held at Prospect Village Hall at 7pm on the second Tuesday of each month. The next meeting will be held on **December 10<sup>th</sup> 2019**

*Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*

## Bus Shelter Concerns

The practicality and condition of the bus shelter next to the Miners' Arms was discussed during the public participation section of the October Parish Council meeting. The issues raised concerned the visibility problems – for example, due to the height of the walls, on rainy days it is impossible to actually use the shelter for its intended purpose and still look out for the bus. As a result, commuters have to stand in the rain while waiting for the bus. Many different possibilities were discussed by the councillors, although no practical resolution was agreed upon.

It was also asked whether any volunteers could be found to help clean the bus shelters and keep them in good condition. If you are interested in any **community volunteering opportunities**, please contact the clerk on the address provided.

## NHS Flu Jab Guidelines

*Are you entitled to a FREE flu jab?*

Flu vaccines are free for anyone aged 65 or over, or anyone who is pregnant, or has a long-term health condition such as: severe asthma, emphysema and other respiratory diseases; chronic heart disease or heart failure; kidney disease; liver disease; diabetes; neurological diseases; a weakened immune system; asplenia. *Don't put it off. Ask your GP, pharmacist or midwife about the flu jab now.*

(Taken from the NHS Flu Jab leaflet – for further information please visit [nhs.uk/flu vaccine](http://nhs.uk/flu vaccine))

## Aspatria Medical Group News

"We currently have our over-65's flu vaccines available - please contact the surgery to make an appointment."

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