

# Cummersdale Parish Council Newsletter

MAY 2008



The Parish Council met on 12<sup>th</sup> May for the AGM. Mr. Keith McIntosh was re-elected as Chairman and Mr Brian Child as vice Chairman.

We have written to the Highways department and expressed dissatisfaction at the state of the repairs carried out on Cummersdale Road. We were told that the road would be resurfaced not badly patched. Hopefully we will receive an explanation soon.

The next PC meeting will be on 9<sup>th</sup> June.

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## **Cummersdale Parish Community Plan**

The Community Plan group have been active in seeking views from some of you, and gathering information about issues that may impact on the parish from a number of outside agencies.

To ensure the plan is meaningful, it is important for us to meet with people who live in the parish to further seek views and opinions as to what Cummersdale means to you, and to prioritise some of the issues and ideas we have already received. To do this we have arranged a "Drop in Day, and Exhibition on the History of Cummersdale"

Come and join us on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June any time between 10am and 4pm in the Embassy Ballroom. Everyone is welcome to come along and contribute to this important process, meet members of the steering group, and have your say on what matters to you. Free refreshments will be available all day.

## **Childrens New Play Area**

We are proud of the new Children's Play Area in the village, which is very much enjoyed by the children. Some finishing touches are being made to the landscaping of the area including the installation of picnic tables, seats and litter bin.

An official opening will take place on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2008 at 2.30pm in the play area. The opening will be performed by Mr. Shaun Halfpenny. Those who have contributed to the design, construction and funding of the area will be invited to attend. The children from the school will be brought over to watch the ceremony. We hope to have a selection of TV and Press there to record the event. Refreshments will be available.

Keith McIntosh  
Chairman Parish Council.

## **Removal of BT payphone**

BT have put out a consultation letter concerning the proposed removal of payphones in the area due to low usage. Some of the phones have recently been changed from cash to card to make them more secure and less costly to support. However, BT now propose to remove them altogether.

The payphone in The Square at Cummersdale is on the list. I would appreciate it if you would let me know if you have any strong views, particularly if you can also provide some justification for its retention, please let me know directly or contact the Clerk to the Parish Council.

### **Flytipping and dog fouling**

Both of these have become a serious problem. As far as flytipping is concerned, there is a current example of it on the bridleway behind the common. The parish Council have already made enquires about its removal, but under recent legislation it is necessary to establish ownership of the land since the owner is held responsible (unfairly in my view) for clearing it. Consequently it may take a little while to deal with this.

Dog fouling is also as problem with potentially serious health risks for children. *Canine Toxicaris* can lead to blindness. It was particularly off putting when a resident in The Crescent had to clean dog excrement from the new play equipment, even from the handrails.

If anyone has any information on either of these. I would be happy to follow it up in confidence on their behalf.

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### **St James Church, Cummersdale.**

<b>MORNING SERVICE</b>	<b>10.40AM</b>
<b>EASTER MORNING</b>	<b>9.00AM</b>
<b>CHRISTMAS MORNING</b>	<b>9.00AM</b>

On Sunday morning we said farewell to our Curate Mr. Ian Hardcastle, his wife Helen and son Jonathan. Before the service we presented Ian with a token of our love and friendship and gave to Helen a potted begonia in a bronze coloured flower pot.

They have been at St. James Church for four years and we shall miss them very much when they move on to pastures new. While they were with us Helen made two new bookmarks for our Lectern Bible and embroidered them with the shepherd's crook. We shall treasure them for many years to come.

Now that our services have changed from 6pm Sunday evening to 10.40am Sunday morning, we have seen a huge increase in our congregation.

Billy Fulton who has attended St. James Church, Cummersdale since boyhood is seriously ill. We all miss you Billy and our prayers are with you at all times. God bless you.

Joyce Trewick.

### **Cummersdale WI**



Cummersdale WI celebrated their birthday party in the Embassy Ballroom on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April members' guests and guests from other WI's were invited. We were entertained by a troupe of Glittering Belly Dancers and were invited on the floor to learn some of the moves, set to exotic music.

Tables for 80 were set for supper, looking very festive with fresh flower arrangements, coloured candle holders and delightful handcrafted party favours made by Christine McManus. All members contributed to a splendid supper followed by a Raffle with many donated prizes and votes of thanks to the entertainers and from the visiting WI's.

Members met in the Embassy Ballroom on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May.

We welcomed two guests, Avril and Hazel. WI business was discussed. Secretary Peggy could not attend due to her recent operation, but is recovering and we wish her well.

Notice was given of a village Consultation and Exhibition to be held in the Embassy Ballroom on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June – 10am until 4pm – “Planning our future in Cummersdale”.

Members were asked to volunteer to help with the teas.

Arrangements were made for a visit to Houghton WI and the June outing to the Flower Arranging Evening at John Dalton's home at Scaleby.

President Joanne welcomed our speaker, Margaret Pattinson, who showed us her exquisite and intricate beaded items of necklaces, bracelets and Heirloom Christmas Ornaments. She told us it all began with a Beading Course at WI's Denman College and subsequently winning a 1<sup>st</sup> Prize at The Cumberland Show. Her beautiful work was passed around for closer examination and admiration.

Joy voiced our vote of thanks.

The competition for a necklace was won by Pauline Nicholson and flower of the month by Pam Blaylock.

After a tasty supper Pauline organised a Quiz.

Our next meeting in the Ballroom is on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July – A talk by Cranstons. All visitors will be welcome.

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### **The Embassy Ballroom**

A meeting of the Village Hall trustees recently accepted the resignation of John Sinclair. The remaining trustees – David Osborne, Joyce Corrieri and Ron Burrell wish to thank John for his services.

It was agreed to keep the same form as previous – namely two ladies and two men and hence Jean Nesworthy was appointed as a trustee.

The Declaration of Trust set up on 11<sup>th</sup> November 1924 states “The number of Trustees shall never be less than two nor more than five”

Ron Burrell  
Gilbert Road.