

# Cummersdale Parish Council Newsletter

JUNE 2005

The Parish Council met on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2005



The continuing nuisance of motorbikes on the Holmes was discussed. It had been hoped that a Policeman would attend the meeting but unfortunately no one came. The Clerk will write to the police again and ask for an officer to attend the next meeting.

The Parish Council were delighted to learn that it is proposed by the County Council to turn the whole of the village that is currently 30mph into a 20mph zone. A traffic calming measure will need to be installed in Gilbert Road, probably speed cushions. The Parish Council felt that a single bump across the whole road would be better and I have asked Capita for this.

Newby West residents should by now have received their garden waste green wheelie bins. I am checking with the recycling people to see why Garden Village have not got theirs yet. Hopefully they will arrive soon.

It has been brought to our notice that some residents are parking their cars without thinking about others. Care should be taken when parking so as not to obstruct driveways and entrances, so making it difficult to drive in or out.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July.

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## CUMMERSDALE PARISH WEBSITE



The Parish Council have sponsored the building of a Cummersdale Community Website. It is hoped that this will contain lots of useful and interesting local information and news about the parish of Cummersdale. The parish council have nominated Keith McIntosh as our link person to work with the developer on design and in gathering relevant information for the site. We would hope to be ready to launch the new Website soon and will provide details in the next parish newsletter. If you have any items you would like to see on the site then please contact Keith on 535148 or email [keithmcint@aol.com](mailto:keithmcint@aol.com)

**ST. JAMES CHURCH, CUMMERSDALE.**



ST. JAMES CHURCH SERVICES.  
SUNDAY EVENINGS 6pm.



**VE / VJ**



**TEA PARTY**

**TO CELEBRATE  
THE 60<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF  
WORLD WAR 2**

**ORGANISED BY STEAD McALPIN  
RETIRMENT COMMITTEE**

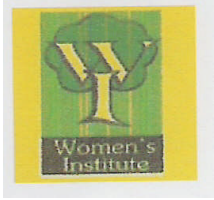
**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July, 1:30pm**

**St James Church  
Cummersdale**

The Committee hopes to have a display of VE / VJ Day  
photographs on display.

If you have any photographs that would be suitable please contact  
Jackie Graves or Ann Harkness on 01228 525224.

Joyce Trewick.



## Cummersdale WI

### May WI News

The Caldew Group Meeting was held in the Embassy Ballroom on \_Wednesday\_April 27<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. It was attended by members from Crofton, Thursby, Aikton, Dalston and Cummersdale who joined together to celebrate the groups 30th birthday.

After we all sang 'Jerusalem', Jean Rawstron read the financial statement and minutes from the meeting held 30 years ago - how times change! A Jacobs Join style supper was then served followed by an evening of musical entertainment and dancing provided by the Roe Valley Dance Band.

The competition for a handmade card was won by Janette Ivison (Cummersdale) and 2nd was Kate English (Cummersdale). These cards are currently on display in WI House.

The competition for a bought card was won by Mary Thornton (Dalston) and 2nd was Anna Graham (Cummersdale).

A good time was had by all and votes of thanks were given by the visiting groups.

Our monthly meeting was held on May 11<sup>th</sup>. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The speaker for the evening was Olive Stubbs who gave a very enthused talk on Joyce Grenfell culminating in two of her very amusing monologues.

A summer outing to the Green Room Theatre was planned.

The competition for a bookmark was won by Kate English and Flower of the Month by Joanne Batey.

Kate English

### Cummersdale WI News

By Kate English

The Cummersdale branch of the Women's Institute meet in the Embassy Ballroom on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, with committee meetings held on the 1st Monday of the month, usually in the home of a committee member.

At present we have 18 members you don't have to be resident of the village to become a member of our WI, we have members from across the city.

So far this year we have had guest speakers talking to us on the subjects of stroke awareness and diabetes.

Our AGM was held on March 9th and business was followed by a very enjoyable Pie & Peas Supper.

Members and their guests were joined by members from Wreay, Waverton, Caldbeck and Great Orton WI's to celebrate our birthday in April where we were treated to a wonderful floral demonstration by Mary Watson of Thursby and yet another delicious supper.

The Caldew Group Meeting was also held in April. Crofton, Thursby, Aikton and Dalston members joined us for the evening. Once business was over and competitions judged we were treated to an evening of musical entertainment by the Roe Valley Dance Band.

We have also visited other local WI's and enjoyed Food Demonstrations and a Darts Tournament when unfortunately we snatched defeat from the jaws of victory!

Future speakers for this year include Olive Stubbs on "The Life of Joyce Grenfell" Diane Stewart "Pub Signs and Tales of Inns", Ivor Gray "Reiver Slides" and Olwyn Hill "Chocolate". The

summer outing is planned for June 8th and Christmas Party in December.

The highlight of the year is the Annual Flower Show in September, giving members a chance to show off a range of talents. Everyone is encouraged to join in and make a good show - after all it is the "taking part" rather than "the winning" that is important.

New members of all ages are most welcome. Membership costs £21 per year but you can 'try before you buy'. Please feel free to join us on the 2nd Wednesday in the month at 7.30pm or contact one of the committee members below for more details:

President: Sheena Metcalfe tel 01228 526271

Secretary: Peggy Watson tel 01228 545817

Treasurer: Janette Ivison tel 01228 548946

Vice President: Joyce Corrieri 01228 532788

### **Pirelli Wind Turbine**

The Parish Council's submission to the City Council Planning Department, reflected the concerns of those who attended the presentation by Pirelli in early April, at Cummersdale school. The company emphasised the importance of this project to the viability of the site and their ability to compete against low cost countries such as Romania and China where they are building similar factories. At the end of the evening, 8 of the 50 who attended were in favour of the turbine. (Dalston Parish Council support this application) The majority of the remainder had concerns or were opposed. Three Parish Councillors and a resident subsequently visited a site at Consett where there are two turbines only slightly smaller than the one proposed.

#### Summary of issues.

##### 1) Consultation

Despite Planning guidance on Consultation process, many residents first learnt of this proposal from reports in the News and Star. (Their poll suggests 74% are in favour of the turbine) It was clear from the presentation that the company had been having dialogue with the Planning Department.

##### 2) Visual Impact.

Single turbine almost 400ft high, much higher than Dixon's Chimney in an elevated position. This and the warehouse, appears to be at odds with their 1968 statements that the factory will blend unobtrusively into the landscape. Our site visit seems to suggest that the photo montages understate the actual visual impact.

##### 3) Strobe Effect/Flicker.

DTI website – "turbines are not normally sited within 10 rotor diameters of residential property" Some areas of Cummersdale are much closer than this, including the school grounds, but are South and not aligned with the sun. Houses to the West, on Cummersdale Road, and those on the frontage of Morton could be affected by flicker, especially in winter when the sun is low. Shadow Flicker on nearby hedgerows was clearly evident on the site visit.

##### 4) Noise.

A significant concern amongst a number of residents. Issue of low frequency noise was raised. Despite assurances, some remained unconvinced about this aspect. Noise did not seem to be intrusive on the site visit.

##### 5) Safety Issues.

Questions asked on safety such as "ice throw" in winter and shedding blades which would affect the school and other properties.

##### 6) Alternative Locations.

The main driver for this project is the premium paid to Pirelli for electricity generated from this renewable source and penalties for failure to meet agreed targets for energy reduction in the plant. Some confusion as to whether Pirelli are putting into the grid or using the electricity directly in the factory. We are assured it is the latter and that there is a significant advantage in having the turbine on the production site.

##### 7) Council Strategy.

Planning guidelines issued by the Government, are now heavily weighted in favour of the developers. Concern that if the Council allow this development in an urban area, it will set a precedent across the Carlisle City area. eg Nestles, Kingmoor Park etc

8) Environmental Impact assessment.(EIA)  
Pirelli consider not necessary for a single turbine.

9) Screening.  
No proposals for screening and in fact it would be difficult to screen a 400ft high structure.

10) Alternative Renewable Energy Sources  
Pirelli have won awards for their energy efficiency programme but apparently there is little scope for further savings. They assured us that they had explored alternative less intrusive energy sources such as solar power or voltaic cells.

11) Impact on Property Prices.  
A number of resident raised concerns over the impact that an industrial structure such as this in such close proximity, would have on the value of their property. The response was that a decrease in property value is not proven and is not a material planning consideration.

For those interested, a copy of the Parish Council's submission can be made available. Please ask Hannah Atkinson. The case officer in the Planning Department informed me because of the nature of this application, ie the precedent of a large turbine in an urban environment, they have commissioned a consultant to advise them on this application. The Development and Control Committee (of elected Councillors) will also have the benefit of a site visit before making their decision.

Trevor Allison,  
PC Chairman

### Summary of Cummersdale Parish Council AGM

Thanks to colleagues for their support during the year, including Lewis Bell who resigned from the Parish Council. Keith McKintosh is our new Councillor.

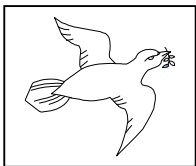
We have of course carried out the normal Parish business. There have also been a number of initiatives during the year including;

- Creation of **Cummersdale Cops** in conjunction with Cummersdale Conservation Trust and community involvement. A special mention to Pauline Nicholson who secured the grant funding for this project.
- The new ten year **Local Plan** is under review. Following a well attended Parish meeting, we gave a robust response to the suggestion of large scale housing development in the village and other development proposals on Peter Lane. These proposals did not appear in the revised version of the Plan which will be coming out for second consultation in July/August. We will be making our representations on the proposed **Morton Development** at the appropriate time.
- The **Parish Plan** is an opportunity for us to influence the shape and character of the village and the wider parish. We had a good response to the questionnaire which has been analysed and compiled (with recommendations) by Hannah Atkinson and Keith McKintosh. These will be presented to the Parishioners and we will then decide on the way forward.
- **Quality Parish** project. A Government initiative which may well be a precursor for changes in the way local government is organised with more power and responsibility devolved to local level. This involves the Parish Council Clerk training for specialised qualifications as part of this project.
- **Carlisle Northern Development Route, (CNDR)** came before the PC for renewal of the planning application. Largely a formality. We made some sensible observations based on residents' comments.
- **Pirelli Wind Turbine.** 50 parishioners attended a meeting in the school to hear the presentation by Pirelli. We made a submission to the City Council Planning department, reflecting the views and concerns expressed at the meeting. (See separate report)

- **Cummersdale Parish Council Web Site/Newsletters.** We secured a grant from the Neighbourhood Forum to set up our web site. This will supplement the traditional Newsletters and feature articles and open it to a wider audience. Thanks to Alan James and to Hannah Atkinson for the effort they put in to the Newsletters.
- **Motor Bikes on the Holmes.** Despite our best endeavours, and the police, this remains an ongoing issue.
- **Footpath Survey and Childrens' Play Area.** – are still to complete. We will deal with these as soon as possible.

Trevor Allison.  
Chairman,  
Cummersdale Parish Council

## Cummersdale Conservation Trust



### CUMMERSDALE COPSE.

It is good to see a lot of people using the field as an alternative to the pavement. Most of the plants have taken well although the large oaks have been a long time coming into leaf.

The space allocated for wild flowers has been sprayed to remove perennial weeds and we hope to plant a grass/flower mixture in September. This area will be a bit experimental because the soil may be too rich for wild flowers, but we'll try it and see what happens.

Some grass areas have purposely been left uncut to provide a habitat for small mammals and insects. Although the trees and shrubs may look swamped by long grass, each one has a weed/grass-free circle to encourage their growth.

Pauline Nicholson tel. 541296.