

Cummersdale Parish Council Newsletter

OCTOBER 2006

The Parish Council met on 11th September and 16th October.



I have written to the Police and asked for some speed checks to be done in the Garden Village area to attempt to slow the traffic down as it approaches the city around 7am.

There are still people speeding through Cummersdale Village well in excess of the 20mph limit. We have also been looking at asking for some speed checks to be done on this road.

The Carlisle sign as you turn right at the end of Cummersdale Road obscures the view of the traffic coming out of town, I have asked to City Council to re-site the sign.

The Parish Council is looking at ways of helping everyone recycle more. To this end we have decided to ask the City Council if they will site a cardboard recycling skip and a plastic skip on the cobbles outside the Embassy Ballroom. We thought these were the best options as Cummersdale is not part of the recycling programme for these things. If anyone has any views on this, either positive or negative let me know.

The roadside grass verges in Garden Village are in a terrible state from cars and lorries parking on them. The thin piece of verge on the west side of the road is all churned away, so I am looking for quotes to get it tarmaced. If we get the larger areas tarmaced it could make the parking situation worse in that more vehicles will think they can pull off the road there. Do any of the residents have any ideas for tidying up these areas?.

On 16th October, Mr. David Lowe was welcomed as the new Parish Councillor.

The Council received a presentation run by the City Solicitor on the Standards Board Code of Conduct. It was good to know that we have been running our meetings correctly and complying with current legislation.

The Parish Council has written in support of Dalston Medical Group in their campaign to keep their dispensary at their surgery. We think it is important to keep this facility running as it is of great benefit to many people in our Parish.

We are looking to improve the website and would like to include links to other organisations within the Parish. If anyone can provide these details please get in touch with me. Parish Council minutes and agendas (and newsletters) are available to view on our website www.cummersdale.org.uk there is still advertising space available on the site, prices start at £25.

Once again we must remind everyone that ball games are not allowed in the Village Square. It is dangerous and some of the cars are being damaged. The police have been informed of this.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on 27th November.

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ST. JAMES CHURCH, CUMMERSDALE.



CHURCH SERVICES.

SUNDAY EVENING 6pm.
CHRISTMAS MORNING 9AM.
EASTER SUNDAY 9am.

The teachers and pupils of Cummersdale School celebrated their Harvest Festival in St. James Church Cummersdale, on Friday 6th October. During the morning they decorated the altar with fruits and vegetables and their arrangement looked beautiful. Their service started at 1pm when their families and friends arrived. The Curate, Ian Hardcastle welcomed everyone and went on to lead the service. The children were outstanding in all events. The singing was very good and the youngest children deserve a mention for being able to remember the words to all the songs. Singing a song in French was another plus for the children.

The first reading was from Genesis Chpt. 26, verses 13 – 33 and was read by Susanna Libby and James Campbell. The second reading was from Exodus Chpt. 2, verses 15 – 21 and was read by Leah Fox Carter and Sophie Harris.

Ian gave a talk on “The Water of Life” which was interspersed with film shots of poor villages abroad where women had to walk miles and miles to fetch water to their villages. During the singing of the last hymn, a collection was taken and the proceeds are to go to help these villagers get water into their villages.

On the 7th October, Church members decorated the Church for our Harvest Festival which was held on the 8th October. Baskets of fruit were placed on the window sills and they were donated by Stead McAlpin. The flowers on the Altar were donated by Mrs. D. Hetherington in memory of Mrs. J. Edgar who used to attend the Church.

The Vicar, John Libby took the service, and his talk was on “Sharing” and “Love One Another”. His talk also incorporated “The Water of Life”.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillips provided the music.

On Thursday 12th October, Stead McAlpin’s pensioners held their “Tea and Chat” meeting. They would like to see more people attend the meetings, so if you would like to join them, the next meeting is on November 9th at 1.30pm.

Joyce Trewick.



Cummersdale WI

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In August the speaker was Mr. Edwin Bu Bois, a Bespoke Tailor, who gave us an insight of his business in Junction Street. He brought patterns of materials and a ladies suit made from top class tweed from Linton Tweeds. In September we had our flower and crafts show which was well supported with over a hundred and fifty entries. The overall winner was D. Craddock whom the judges presented with the silver Rose Bowl, C. McManus was second and P. Watson was third.

In October our speaker was unable to come so Linda Beaty gave us a report of the Autumn Council meeting she had attended at the Greenhill.

A letter of thanks from the Hospice was read for the collection in the village and Linda thanked all who had helped at the Bingo evening, when the grand total of £386.60 was raised for the Stroke Unit at the Cumberland Infirmary.

A. Pape.

Embassy Club - Cummersdale

DANCING ON THURSDAY EVENINGS 8PM – 10.30PM Modern and Sequence
SATURDAY EVENINGS 8PM – 11.30PM Modern and Sequence.
SUNDAY EVENINGS 8PM – 10.30PM Sequence only.

Carpet bowls are played in the Embassy on Tuesdays and Fridays from 7pm – 9pm.
If you fancy a game, you would be made welcome.

Regrettably we still have a problem with youths. Two windows have been broken recently.
The trustees had a meeting on Tuesday 10th October to discuss the report received on the structural state of the Hall. A lot of work is required and somehow they will have to devise some means of raising money.
Ron Burrell.



Cummersdale Primary School

Hello from Cummersdale School:

Number on Roll:

	BOYS	GIRLS	CLASS TOTAL
TOTAL ON ROLL	32	34	66

There were 5 new starters this year.
We still have a long waiting list of children wanting to go into the years that are full.
13 Children went to secondary school – 3 to Morton, 3 to Trinity and 7 to Caldw.

PREMISES:

The infant library was repainted in June and has new furniture. Miss Parker painted a picture of the Gruffalo on the wall. The junior library has just been painted also by the Friends of Cummersdale and we are purchasing lots of new books for each library.

Harvest

We had our harvest festival in St. James Church, Cummersdale on 6th October. The children performed very well.

Football

At the Sands Centre we were England in the Schools World Cup Competition. We got to the semi-finals. As a result we had an England Day in school and all the children wore red and white and the Denton Holme Fryer supplied us with free chips.

In September we took 50 children to watch Carlisle United play against Brighton.

Gymnastics

In May the under 9 mixed team represented Cumbria at the North of England final in Guisborough and won gold. Two pupils won gold individual medals and one won bronze. A fantastic achievement.

The Cummersdale gymnastic display team performed at St. James Church fu7n day in Denton Holme in July.

Trips

Last term the 3/4 class went to Manchester museum as part of their Egyptians topic.

We had a great week at Barcaple with the year 5/6 children in June.

The infants went to Eden Ostrich World.

In September the year 5/6 class went to see Shakespeare for kids A Midsummer Nights Dream at the Sands Centre.

In October the whole school went to see Curious George at the cinema as part of National Film Week.

Tennis

We won the small schools tennis competition in Bitts Park in June.

We have a tennis coach coming into school each week to work with all three classes.

Chess

Three pupils qualified to play in the chess mega final at Manchester in July.

Rounders

Last term the rounders team played in the small schools competition at Inglewood and won.

Staffing

Mr. Halfpenny is still absent.

Miss Natalie Parker left Cummersdale for a full time post teaching in London. She is greatly missed by the staff and children

Miss Claire Blackman has settled into her new job well and the children enjoy her lessons.

Miss Sarah Mason.

Acting Head Teacher.