



## Kirkbride Parish Council Newsletter

### Autumn 2014

#### Parish Council Resignation

Derek Tweddle has resigned from the PC since our last newsletter. Derek worked tirelessly for the PC for many years and always gave freely of his time, skills and advice. His expertise is missed on the Council and we wish him well.

The Parish Councillor vacancy has been advertised and we hope to appoint following the September meeting.

#### **Bus subsidy cuts**

Councillor Barrie Day has attended meetings over the last two months re the cuts to services. The PC is working with Cumbria County Council to try and minimise the cuts.

The latest news is as follows:

**Service 71** from 7-Sep-14 Journeys after 18:00 will no longer operate

**Service 47** : Anthorn – Kirkbride - Newton Arlosh – Wigton (Tuesday only) changes to this service have still to be confirmed

For up to date information see

[www.cumbria.gov.uk/budgetandbuses](http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/budgetandbuses)

or if you send your email address to [integrated.transport@cumbria.gov.uk](mailto:integrated.transport@cumbria.gov.uk), specifying the service you are interested in, they will contact you directly when there are any updates.

Work has started on the McDonald Memorial area in the centre of the village. The site has been cleared; a fence erected and seating is due to be installed soon. This is the first stage of the transformation of the area which we hope will see the area being improved and better utilised.

The PC receives many emails with information; this is one that Duncan Fairburn our County Councillor was keen that the PC share with you.

#### **Cumbria Foster Carers**

What is fostering?

Fostering is a way of providing a family life for children who cannot live with their own parents. Often children will return home once the problems that caused them to come into foster care have been resolved and that it is clear that their parents are able to look after them safely. Others may stay in long-term foster care, some may be adopted, and others will move on to live independently.

Who are the children?

There are around 600 children in foster care, of all ages (0-18 years of age) and from various cultural and social backgrounds, who are placed in foster care for many different reasons. About 20% of children placed last year were under 1 year old, almost 50% were 5 years or younger. Around 16% were aged between 14 and 15 years. They have a variety of unique needs and our carers, are required to provide a safe, healthy and nurturing environment and give these children the opportunity to live their life to the full.

If you feel this is something you could take part in, there are Drop in events scheduled for:  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September 6-8pm Whitehaven  
Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2014 10-2pm Workington

Further details are available on-line at <http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/fostering/> or phone 0303 333 1216

#### **Parish Council meetings**

Meetings are on the second Tuesday, every other month at 7.00pm in the Kirkbride Learning Centre at the school.

**Future meetings:** Tuesdays: 9<sup>th</sup> September, 11<sup>th</sup> November 2014.

## **Parish Updates**

**Pot Holes:** all households should have received information about the resurfacing work scheduled to take place in the first week of September.

**Seats on Footpaths:** a number of seats have been bought to enhance the Parish Paths network; they will be installed in the Autumn.

**New Bridle Bridge:** this is being installed across the Wampool on the signposted bridleway from the Anthorn road, and meeting up with the Whitriglees road.

**Village Website:** Kirkbride Community and Energy Co-operative are in the process of setting up a Kirkbride Village website, it's part of the Energy Hub proposal that was funded by the Big Lottery award. The group would welcome any volunteer support with this initiative. The original group of volunteers who support Jenni Tuck the oil coordinator are also keen for new group members to extend the fuel buying and community based initiatives. They are holding their first AGM on 4.9.14 at 6.30pm in Kirkbride Learning Centre and invite everyone to attend.

**Kirkbride Learning Centre:** as always, Caroline Carey provides a wide range of community, recreation and learning opportunities at the centre and other venues in the community. Contact her on 52284 or email [manager@kirkbride.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:manager@kirkbride.cumbria.sch.uk) for more information.

**Speeding:** this continues to be a concern. At one of his recent drop in events, Duncan Fairburn and Caroline discussed the possibility of a group of Parishioners helping to gather information about speeding. Again, please contact Caroline at the KLC if you would like further details.

**Grass Cutting:** earlier this year there was a problem with cutting grass on the area in front of The Lees and Beech Lee. This land is not owned by the Parish Council and the cutting of this grass is not the responsibility of the PC. It seems that the grass was cut in the past by Home Housing but the ownership of the land is being investigated by them.

**Litter Picking:** several successful litter picks took place from September to May and the village certainly benefitted from the tidy up. This season the group are hoping to pick from November to April, if you would be able to help with the litter picks which usually happen on the first Sunday of the month at 10 am, please contact Ann Kirk on 51614.

**Dog Fouling:** Please will dog owners clean up their dog's mess? Bags are available from the village shop and there are several bins around the village, or take it home and put it in your own bin.

## **Who's who on the council**

Your eight Parish Councillors, who are unpaid volunteers, are:

**Chairman:** Alan Hedworth tel: 51658  
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Robbie Taylor tel: 52133  
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Samantha Willis tel: 52741  
willisatkirkbride@btinternet.com

The only employee is the

**Clerk to the Council:**  
Mike Abbs tel: 51722  
clerk@gomphus.demon.co.uk

## **Other useful phone numbers**

**Dog Warden:** 01900702800  
(contact if you see dogs fouling in any area of the village)

**Highways and Lighting problems** Highways hotline: to report a fault by phone, call the **Highways Hotline on 0845 609 6609** (answer phone service evenings, weekends and public holidays) or email [highways@cumbria.gov.uk](mailto:highways@cumbria.gov.uk)

**As always members of the Parish Council seek to be proactive and to represent the views of all residents. Please let any councilor know of issues of concern, what you would like to see in the newsletters and how we can improve the local area.**