



Beckermets Village Newsletter

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NU'GEN



Beckermets Reading Rooms

7.30pm Thursday 3 March 2016

a talk on

Environmental Protection of the Moorside Site

Presented by Paula Madill, Head of Environment, NuGeneration Ltd

All are welcome, but please contact becknews@btinternet.com to reserve your place and ensure that there will be enough room for all those wishing to attend.

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Those without internet access ring 842421, or just turn up early to ensure you get seated.

BVA Chairmans Comments

Welcome to the first 2016 issue of the Beckermets Newsletter.

The January meeting of the Beckermets Village Association(BVA) was used to provide members with an update on the activities associated with the Moorside project and to ensure people were aware of the fact that over the next 9 months or so NuGen (or their contractors) will be carrying out an extensive programme of drilling work on the land around

the village and off shore. Associated with the work has been the construction of a water treatment plant that meant removal of the picnic table/bench on the bend at the end of the cycle track. NuGen notified the Parish Council of the need to remove this and have agreed to replace this at the appropriate time. Whilst NuGen have agreed to contribute to this newsletter on a regular basis it is my intention to ensure BVA members are also kept up to date through the BVA meetings.

I was disappointed that work on improved lighting for the village was delayed after the deluge in early December but as I write this note I am pleased to see that the work now appears to be underway.

Finally, a gentle reminder that everyone who lives in Beckermets is a member of the BVA and is invited to attend the meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for 10 May at 1930hrs in the Reading Rooms so please come along if you have a couple of hours to spare.

John Edwards (BVA Chairman)

BVA meeting dates are:

10th May
12th July (AGM)
11th October
All 7.30pm in the Reading Room

Keep Village Tidy [aka “Gardening”] Dates:

19th March
14th May
2nd July
10th September
22nd October

More Volunteers needed; **your village needs you.** 10.30am start - meet at the bus shelter opposite White Mare – please bring own tools.

The **next edition** of the Beckermets Newsletter will be in early June and contributions should get to becknews@btinternet.com by **24 May** or phone the Editor (Margaret 841421).

Parish Council

NuGEN

The Parish Council has met with NuGEN several times, to keep up to date with progress. We can now say: -

- NuGEN has drilled over 50 boreholes, out of a total of 300; using 15 drilling rigs. These boreholes are due to be finished by early August.
- There have been no surprises to date, so the position of the reactors is more-or-less definite.
- The position of the other buildings (electricity substation, office block, used fuel store, etc.) is still being considered,
- Water is now being discharged from the site, using a new processing building.

You may notice the discharge route where it crosses the cycle way, near where the picnic table used to be. There is also a new building near Tarn Head farm, where the samples from the boreholes are assessed.

- The site will need a lot of excavation to make it level. Some of the soil will be tipped to make a slope along the south side of Old Church Road. However, the vast majority will be tipped over a wide area, centred on Yottenfews car park.
- Because of the soil movements, the main road from the Blackbeck roundabout to the Sellafield main gate will be closed to the public. It will only be used by NuGEN as access to their site. Consequently, a brand new public road will be made from the A595 to Sellafield and the station, although the route is not yet known.
- It may also be necessary to close Nursery Road; at least during construction.
- The next round of consultations will be from May 14 to July 30, with an event in the Reading Room on May 19.
- The date for deciding whether to construct the reactors is still 2018.

Other Parish Council issues

The number 6 bus service has stopped, and local parishes are seeing if they can subsidise a service from Holmrook to Whitehaven on two days per week. Beckermets has agreed to pay its share, but we are waiting for the views of other parishes, and a reply from the bus company. In the meantime, a “rural wheels” service is operating. Places are limited, and you have to reserve a seat by 12 noon on the day before. First come, first served.

The Parish Council has responded to various consultations, including the council budgets and the new NDA strategy for the nuclear industry.

Installation of the new street lights in the northern part of the village is progressing; whilst the southern part should be done during the next financial year.

Representations have been made to Cumbria Highways, following the recent floods. There has been some improvement, but this will be kept under review.

Peter Manning

Rural VillageWheels

A new minibus scheme for residents of Seascale, Gosforth, Ponsonby, Calderbridge and Beckermet providing Wednesday and Saturday transport to and from Egremont effective from 24 February.

Phone Abby or Joanne on 0845 602 3786 to join and get your Smartcard. Then phone 0845 602 3786 by 12 noon the day before you wish to travel to book your seat.

Superfast Broadband in Beckermet

Superfast Broadband has arrived in Beckermet and rolled out to surrounding areas. If you want to find out how to benefit come to the Reading Room on Tuesday 5 April. Register for an interactive session at 7 pm with **infoconnectingcumbria.org.uk** or just turn up on the day. *See insert with this newsletter.*

NSPCC

We had another successful Race Night on November 27th 2015 and raised £1,129

Our Spring Coffee Morning with home made biscuits, Cake Stall, Bri-a-Brac and Raffle will be on Tuesday 12th April 10.15 - 11.45am in the Beckermet Reading Rooms.

This year our Annual Plant Sale and Cake Stall will be on Sunday 1st May at 2pm in Calderbridge Village Hall. Many thanks for your help in the past and we hope you will continue to support us in our fundraising efforts.

Val McKee (Chairman)

Sports Committee update

Thank you to everybody who came along and supported our Christmas events.

Dates are yet to be confirmed for our summer Rounders evening and Family FunDay/Duck Races and BBQ evening.

We will be posting notices around the village to advertise the dates so look out for them and come and join in the fun!

Julia Harrison

Beckermet Nursery

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Art & Craft

We are planning on building an igloo from milk bottles. If anyone has any 2L bottles washed with the lids left on we would be grateful for them. We now have enough bottle tops but could now do with some old newspapers. Thanks in advance

Notice Board

If anyone would like to put an advertisement on the board just press the buzzer at the pedestrian gate and we will oblige.

Nursery Funday

Save the Date for Funday - 25th June 2016, we have even more planned – hope to see you there. We always need volunteers if anyone has any spare time please give us a call. 01946 841941

Spaces

We have one or two limited places left for September 2016. If you know anyone wishing to use nursery please tell them to get in touch asap

Fundraising

18th March 2016 – don't worry if you hear loud music coming from the nursery car park we are holding a 'Danceathon' with the children in aid of Sport Relief. If you feel like joining in please feel free to come along and have a 'boogie'.

Patricia Gallagher (Manager)

Women's Institute

March 9 – Two WI Advisors

March 18 – Hosting Refreshments at Egremont Farmer's Market

April 13 – Keith Singleton, A visit to his Nursery for talk and afternoon tea

April 20 – Hosting Soup Lunch
 May 11 - Linda from Whichcraft, ‘Crochet’
 June 8 - Michael Moon, ‘His Life and Times
 With Books’
 June 15 – Hosting Soup Lunch

Beckermet Reading Room

The Reading Rooms committee have decided to keep the hourly rate at £9 per hour for 2016 but we do need everyone to support us. We need new members on the committee- there is a separate request for a new Treasurer and we could do with help for posters and publicity. We are also hoping to hold several talks-dates are not yet fixed so please look out for publicity and come along. 2016 Membership fees are now due - only £1 per year a bargain!

Reading Rooms Diary

MARCH

1		Rainbows
3	7:30	NUGEN talk on the Moorside Environment Conservation. All welcome. (see Poster page1)
7	10:00	Art Class
8		Rainbows
9	7:00	W.I
14	10:00	Art Class
	7:00	St John's PCC
15		Rainbows
16	12:15	Soup Lunch (St.John's)
	7:00	Beckermet with Thornhill Parish Council
21	10:00	Art Class
22		Rainbows
23	7:15	First Responders

APRIL

5	6:00	A Digital Event held by Connecting Cumbria (see enclosed poster card)
12		NSPCC Coffee Morning
		Rainbows
13	7:00	W.I.
19		Rainbows
20	12:15	Soup Lunch (W.I.)
		26 Rainbows
27	7:15	First Responders

MAY

5	08:00	ADVANCE NOTICE: Elections Police and Crime Commissioners Copeland
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Please contact the bookings secretary 841363 to book the Reading Rooms for an event.

Kathleen

Cook

History Group

We are still in existence and are hoping to have a talk soon on METAL DETECTING FINDS. Please watch out for the date on posters.

Kathleen Cook (Secretary 841363)

Cubs and Beavers

Beckermet Cubs managed to secure a grant for £386.79 under the NuGen Green Grants scheme to purchase litter picking equipment for the group. We plan to do our first litter pick in the summer along Nethertown beach, and recycle as much of the waste as we can. We're looking forward to getting out in the open air and doing a service project.

The equipment will also be available for other local groups to use, and we hope to work alongside some of NuGen's partners to understand more about dealing with waste and improving our environment.

The group now meets at Beckermet School on Thursday evenings, and consists of Beavers, (age 6-8), and Cubs (age 8-10). We are also hoping to start a Scout unit soon. We'd love to grow our leadership team and so if you think you might be able to support the group either as a leader or as a group treasurer or secretary, then please get in touch with

Dan Kin, (Cub Leader 841158).

Beckermet School

Thank you to everyone who donated to North Air Ambulance collection we managed to raise £104.40

Thank you to everyone who donated a shoe box for the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child.

We have had a set of keys handed into the school office that were found just outside the school gate on the main road just before Christmas. Please call into the school office if you think they may be yours.

Lenore Thomson (Administrator)