



# Beckermets Village Newsletter

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## **BVA Chairman's Report**

Welcome to the November edition of the *Beckermets Newsletter*. At our latest BVA meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> October a number of matters were discussed which concern residents. The position of the potential changes to the traffic management through the village has been put on hold until you have had the opportunity to be properly consulted on the matter. In due course you will have the chance to express your opinion and it is important that you do so. Please therefore make your voice known and if you have a view against something always give a good reason and if possible an alternative which they will have to consider.

Those attending expressed concerns about the speed of traffic in the village and the parking problems especially around Mill Lane and the school. Please be considerate to all fellow road users. Recycling at the school is also an issue in that some residents are not recycling correctly, often just dumping items outside the containers and not squashing cardboard boxes and plastic containers so that they take up less space. Please remember these containers are within the school grounds and therefore need to be used in the way they were intended. Please therefore make every effort if you use this facility that you leave it clean and tidy or it may be removed.

The age old problem of dog fouling was also a concern brought up by residents who feel that it is on the increase again. This is not the fault of the animals concerned but of their owners who have little thought for the other residents of the village.

Not only is it unpleasant but it is also a health hazard. Thank you to all those of you who do your duty in picking up your dog's mess but can those

who do not at present, follow their lead. Over the summer a number of residents sold quiz sheets to raise funds to pay for the continued production of this newsletter. I would personally like to thank all who sold them and also to all those who bought them and took part in the quiz. From the responses I have received it seems that most enjoyed the activity which no doubt will be repeated next summer to raise the funds required to continue with the production of the village newsletter.

Hopefully you have all had a good summer break wherever that may have been so that your batteries

have been somewhat recharged for the shorter days and longer nights ahead. Please remember every single resident of Beckermets is automatically a member of the BVA & therefore entitled and encouraged to come along to these meetings which are held in the Reading Room. It is important that as many residents as possible take up this opportunity to find out what is going on in their community. The next meeting will be in January the date of which is yet to be decided.

If you would like to be added to the emailing list for notification of meetings (4 per year) please get in touch with BVA secretary Sarah at: moores@live.co.uk

I look forward to seeing all our regular attendees plus hopefully a few new faces in the New Year. In the meantime can I take this opportunity to wish you



all the very best for the festive season which is fast approaching and all the very best for 2018.

**John Mackay (BVA Chairman)**

### **Beckermet Village Association Summer Quiz**

#### **Results**

1st Prize : -£25 - Margaret Rogers, Thornhill.

2nd Prize: - Box of Chocolates - Margaret Gilliland, Thornhill.

3rd Prize: - Bottle of Wine - Alice Rea, Beckermet.

Free Draw Prize: - Bottle of Wine - Margaret Pritt Drigg, Holmrook.

Many thanks for all who took part helping to raise funds to enable the production of our newsletter.

**John Mackay**

### **Beckermet Community First Responders**

Firstly, can I thank those people who gave donations to our appeal earlier this year which raised £320.

Currently we have only six responders and would very much welcome new volunteers. Community First Responders are volunteers whose primary role is in responding to potentially life threatening conditions e.g. heart attacks, cardiac arrests, strokes and also to give support to patients relatives at what can be a very worrying time. The team covers the areas of Beckermet, Braystones and Thornhill . Full training is given by field trainers and paramedics of the Northwest Ambulance Service followed by a final assessment. For further information and to apply go to NWAS web site,

www.nwas-responders.info or please contact me on 01946841367. **Al**

**an Kiel (Beckermet CFR Team Leader)**

### **Parish Council**

#### **Beckermet Roads**

The Copeland Local Committee of Cumbria County Council met on 3<sup>rd</sup> October and one of the items discussed was the proposal to restrict access on the Beckermet Roads. Cumbria County Council presented a proposal to start a consultation for implementation of an Experimental Traffic Order to stop traffic entering roads to the North and South of the village. After some discussion the Local Committee approved the proposal to carry out a full consultation as long as all residents are given the opportunity to contribute and other solutions suggested would be considered.

It is expected that the consultation will last for six weeks and begin in late October/early November and that all residents will be asked to give their views. The results will be considered in the New Year at the Local Committee. Cumbria County Council will run the consultation and the Parish Council supports this approach to resolve the matter. It is clear however that the outcome is unlikely to suit everyone in the village and we therefore

encourage residents to respond to the consultation and make it clear whether or not they support the CCC proposal and to put forward reasonable alternatives that cannot be rejected by CCC solely on the grounds of cost.

### **NuGEN**

The Parish Council has continued to maintain close links with NuGEN and recently attended a short meeting of the Moorside Technical Group and the NuGEN Parishes meeting. As reported in the media, Toshiba are trying to find a new owner(s) for NuGEN and until this issue is resolved the Moorside project remains suspended.

NuGEN published an “Interim Consultation Report” on their website\*\* on 21<sup>st</sup> October. The report provides the status of the NuGEN response when the project was put on hold. The report identifies the four key issues identified by the Parish Council, notably the location of the sub station, the future of Nursery Road, the location of mounds/ screening and the need for a property value support scheme as issues that must be worked on by any new owner.

The Parish Council has recently written to Trudy Harrison (MP for Copeland) requesting her support on resolving issues associated with Moorside. The Council has pointed out that because the site was originally selected by the UK Government as being suitable for locating a new nuclear power station the Government should take some responsibility and ownership of a property support scheme together with the associated **Planning Blight** issues that are concerning people in the Parish as the delays and consequential uncertain future of the project grows.

National Grid has suspended their work on the North West Coast Connections project until the position regarding NuGEN and the reactor design is clear.

\*\*It is difficult to find! **editor** Go to : <https://nugenconsultation.com/consultations/interim-consultation-report-2017/>

### **Other Matters**

The Parish Council has responded to the consultation on the **Copeland Local Plan** for the period 2017 to 2035. Residents are encouraged to make their own submission before the closing date for the consultation in mid November. The plan is available on the Copeland web site.

The 2016/17 accounts for the Parish Council have been approved by the Parish Councils auditors. The seating areas in both the Beckermet and Thornhill play areas have been upgraded using

funding from the Parish Council reserve. Villagers are encouraged to come forward with ideas to improve Beckermets and the surrounding environment. Please contact the Parish Council Clerk or come to one of the Parish Council meetings to put forward your ideas for consideration.

A consultation on the number of Copeland Councillors and on Ward boundaries is being organised by the Local Government Boundary Commission. Any changes will be implemented by the UK Government in time for 2019 elections. The consultation is due to take place shortly.

**John Edwards (Chairman, 841637)**

### **RAM Update.**

With rising concerns over the lack of any updates from NuGen during the summer months, RAM's committee agreed that we should seek the government's perspective by requesting a meeting with Trudi Harrison MP. This meeting was held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October and a summary of our discussions and agreed actions are listed below.

However we discovered early this month that NuGen have published an interim report on their website. From their home page click on Consultation. The main content relevant is in the appendices 13a and 13b.

We will continue to update the Beckermets residents with any further Moorside progress when anything new is learnt.

Trudi Harrison's office will draft a letter that could be sent by Nugen to blighted members of the community. After RAM's approval they will be asked to circulate the letter.

Trudi Harrison's office will also arrange with NuGen a date, hopefully in early November, when the Parish Council, RAM, Trudy, and any other relevant parties can meet with NuGen to put to them a range of questions that need answering. For example ask them to bring some clarity not just to what is happening, but also who is responsible for the absence of any information on progress updates.

**Geoff Nugent (841569)**

### **Reading Room**

Please support the above rooms either by coming to the Christmas party on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec, as on the poster on the front page, or by buying from any committee member raffle tickets which will be drawn at the Party. This is one of our main fundraiser events in order to keep the rooms in good order and to maintain the fabric of the building. There are many activities and societies using the rooms; Rainbows, First Responders, W.I. Soup Lunches, Oddfellows, Art Class, Parish Council and the Village Association. The rooms can be hired for

a very reasonable hourly rent of £9.

The Village Childrens' Party will take place on 10<sup>th</sup> Dec and the Young At Heart Party on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

**Kathleen Cook (Booking Secretary, 841363)**

### **Beckermets Nursery**

[www.beckermetsnursery.co.uk](http://www.beckermetsnursery.co.uk) or Email: [beckermetsnursery@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:beckermetsnursery@hotmail.co.uk)

### ***Updates and Fundraising***

We are delighted to say the race night at The Royal Oak raised a whopping £1009.40. We raised wonderful sum and a huge thank you to all who came on the night. Equally, we are pleased to let you know that following the Tesco Bags of Help vote in our local Tesco store, our project came third and has been chosen by Tesco Customers to receive an award of £1,000.00. Without you 'popping in your token' this would not have happened. We are fundraising for a new gate and path between ourselves and school. This will avoid the children and staff having to walk to school on the road and as we all know, the road can be very precarious at times. This has always been a safety concern of ours therefore it is excellent that work will be starting in half term.

### ***Operation Christmas Child***

Do you want to bring smiles to the faces of Kenya's neediest children this Christmas?

Then please support the Christmas Shoebox Appeal operation by filling a shoebox with a selection of fun toys, hygiene items and school supplies, these will be distributed to needy children overseas. If possible, include one or two special items you know a child will love such as a doll, cuddly toy or deflated football with pump. A suggested donation of £5 is essential to cover project costs, including shipping. Leaflets can be collected from nursery and dropped back off once your shoe box is complete. Please 'dig deep' as it is such a worthwhile cause and remember to drop boxes off by November 6<sup>th</sup>.

### ***Notice Board***

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

### ***Art & Craft***

If anyone has any blank CD's they don't want we would be grateful as we are planning an activity that needs quite a few. We also need old copies of either The Telegraph, The Times or any other broad sheet - thanks

**Vacancies** We have places available at the moment therefore if you know anyone wishing to use our nursery please tell them to get in touch.

**Finally** and we realise it is very early - may we take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year

**Tricia Gallagher and staff** Tel: 01946 841941

**Beckermet Sports Committee - Christmas dates for your Diary!**

With Christmas fast approaching please put these dates in your diary and join us for these village festivities.

**Church service and Christmas lights**

**Friday 1 December at 6pm**

Join us for Christmas carols in the Church followed by the switching on of Beckermet's Christmas lights, then enjoy a mince pie and mulled wine in the Church.

**Children's Christmas Party – Sunday 10**

**December 2017, 1-3pm in the Reading Room**

Come and enjoy a fun filled afternoon with party games, a disco, refreshments and ssshhhhh – you know who will be visiting...!!

**Young at Hearts Christmas Party – Sunday 7**

**January 2018, 12noon – 3pm in the Reading Room**

Home cooked food and a relaxing afternoon of entertainment. If you would like to join us please contact Jean Slater on 841254.

**Inbetweens Party - 27 January 2018 - watch this space for more details!**

Please come along and enjoy these village events - we look forward to seeing you!

Thank you to everybody who attended the Village Rounders evening back in June – with money raised from that event and a further donation from the Sports Committee we gave £200 to the Grenfell Tower Fund.

**Julia Harrison**

**Beckermet Sports Committee**

**NSPCC**

We had a Coffee Morning at Gosforth Village Hall in June and raised £351.81

Unfortunately we have had to postpone our Christmas Party/Race Night. This will now take place in the New Year. Details will be available soon.

**Val McKee (841485)**

**Crab Fair Book**

A new book has been written by me, Les Coan, a village resident. The book is called '**The History of Egremont Crab Fair, Then and Now**'. It outlines the history of the Fair and its more modern workings.

Have you any memories that you could add? I would really love to hear them.

To order a copy phone Les on (01946) 841330

The book is also available in Michael Moon's, the Ratty Stations, the Heritage Shop in Egremont and other local outlets. . The book costs **£5.00**.

**Les Coan**

**Beckermet School**

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Air Ambulance collection in June, with your help we raised £68.40 towards school funds. We will be having another Air Ambulance collection on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 10.00, all donations are much appreciated. Bags are available from the school office or you can use black bin bags.

Once again this year the school is taking part in the Operation Christmas Child Appeal. If you would like to donate a shoe box, leaflets are available from the school office. Please can we ask that shoe boxes be returned to school the week beginning the 6th November.

From Friday 24th November until Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November we will be having a Scholastics Book Fair in school, everyone is welcome to come along between 8.30-9.00 am and 3.00 - 3.30pm to purchase those last minute stocking fillers.

We would like to invite the residents of Beckermet Village and the surrounding area to various events happening in school during December, these are as follows:

Dec 1 - Dress Rehearsal of Christmas Plays starting at 1.00pm

Dec 8 - Christingle Service in St John's Church starting at 1.30pm

Dec 12 - Beckermet School Christmas Fayre starting at 1.00pm

**Lenore Thomson (Administrator)**

**NuGen**

In September, NuGen held meetings with councillors, parish councillors and representatives from the local authorities to bring them up to date with the development of the project. This included an update from NuGen's CEO Tom Samson on the sale of NuGen, which Toshiba aims to conclude by early 2018. A report on NuGen's work on 'sustainable legacy' in West Cumbria and the publication of an interim feedback report covering NuGen's consultation process so far, is available online at [nugenconsultation.com](http://nugenconsultation.com) [see Parish Council section page 2 above for details] .

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