



Beckermets Village Newsletter

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Chairman's Report

Welcome to the July edition of the BVA newsletter. Although some things have improved with regards to the loosening of lockdown restrictions, we are still in an area of uncertainty about what will happen in the weeks ahead.

As I stated in our last newsletter in March the group leading the Community Led Plan are planning to increase and improve the number of activities available in the Reading Rooms for people of all ages to attend. These plans although not officially published had been drawn up for the easing of restrictions on the 21st June to start in early July.

However, as we are all aware this date has been deferred until the 19th July. With this in mind, we have moved all our plans forward to accommodate this change of date. A full list of these activities for all our community is now ready for all to see.

All activities are designed to accommodate all members of our village from our younger members to the young at heart in our community. Some activities will be available free of charge to those attending while others will have a charge to cover the cost of the activity and the hire of the Reading Rooms. This is vital if we wish to have this amenity not only survive but flourish.

Those activities which are free to those attending have been made possible by obtaining a grant of £500 from the Cumbria Community Foundation. With this grant we are able to fund the "Young at Heart" meetings on Tuesday mornings and Thursday afternoons for refreshments and a chance to meet and catch up with friends following months of isolation often within their own homes. Other activities are for the whole family with a Bingo Night and a Quiz Night while others are aimed more for adults with a Band Night and Whist Drive. Yoga classes have also been arranged on one evening a week. For some activities all you will need to do is turn up while others you will need to book in advance as places will be limited.

A great deal of time and effort has gone into trying to arrange all these activities for the benefit of the community and to improve the use of the facility of the Reading Rooms. Over the years our village has lost a number of amenities and it is important that we support what we have before they are lost.

We are also looking to improve the interior of the building over time, and we have started this by obtaining some furniture to have some comfortable seating. We have also been engaging with our village school who are producing some artwork for display within the rooms. This collaboration will not be a one off but something the school have indicated that they would like to develop over time for the benefit of the village community and the children themselves.

As a start to the whole project, we are having an open evening, "Kickstart Presentation" on Friday 30th July from 6-8pm when we would love to see as many of you as possible to come and see what we aim to achieve. As it is an informal gathering you are free to come along and stay for as long as you wish to view and chat with the committee members about the activities proposed. Refreshments will also be available during the evening plus the opportunity to see the school children's artwork. We would love to see as many members of the village as possible attending even if it is only for 10-15 minutes in order not only to see what we hope to achieve but also an opportunity for everyone to give their views and ideas of other things that could be possible in the future.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the Kickstart Presentation and the activities planned. Please also remember as residents of Beckermets you are all members of the BVA and it is important that we get your views on our village.

The next meeting of the BVA will be the AGM on 4th August

John Mackay (BVA Chairman)

Kickstart Presentation Evening- Friday 30th July 6-8pm

On Friday 30th July from 6-8pm we are having an informal open evening when everyone is invited to come along to have the opportunity to chat to the members of the committee to see what is planned during the first month and beyond. Come along even if it is only for ten or fifteen minutes to see the initial changes already made together with potential short-term and long-term aspirations of the group for our community facility. Our local village school children have produced some artwork which will be on display to add to the appearance of the rooms. This collaboration will continue next term and will develop as the project develops over the months ahead. Free refreshments will be available on the evening.

Yoga Classes

The Reading Rooms is quite a small venue, and each person attending classes needs space to stretch and move on their yoga mat. Booking is essential, so please don't just turn up! Keep an eye on the Beckermert Village Facebook Group for updates.

"From Bach to The Beatles"

This is a live music event being held on Saturday 28th August in the Reading Rooms. It is one man (Alan Parry) and his guitar, playing music and singing a range of tunes, as the title suggests. Numbers will be limited, so please book in advance. We're keeping the cost as low as we can, at £3 each or £5 per pair. Start time will be approximately 7pm, but please keep an eye on Facebook for confirmation nearer the date.

Contact wendie67@live.co.uk to book your tickets or with any queries.

Young at Heart -Tuesdays from 9-12 & Thursdays 1-4

These social times are available for all to attend but especially for those who have been unable to get out and meet with their friends during the past fifteen months. It will be a time to have some refreshments and catch up with those members of our community whom we have been unable to see for so long. There will be no charge for attending or for refreshments. Come along and stay as long as you like meeting up with friends whilst also hopefully making new acquaintances from our village.

Family Bingo Evening - Friday 13th Aug 6-8pm

Come along and enjoy a session of bingo with prizes to be won. The evening is open to all ages and it would be lovely to see families taking part in this traditional British game. Whether you are a newcomer to the game or a regular player all can take part. There will be a small charge for your refreshments and the opportunity to purchase your bingo book(s) together with a raffle. As they say in Bingo terms "Unlucky for some, number 13" but for some it will be lucky for them as they return home with a prize or two depending on the luck of the numbers. Come along and have an enjoyable evening.

Family Quiz Night Friday 27th August 6-8pm

The evening will be all about having fun whilst pitting your wits against other teams. Ideally, we would like to have teams of four so if you can get four members in your group then you will have a ready-made team. As it is a "Family Quiz Night" there will be questions set for all ages so be aware that it may be advisable to have a cross section of ages within your team. There will be a small charge for each team to enter and there will be a raffle on the evening. Although at the end of the evening one team will go home victorious the evening will be about having fun and enjoying the night and wanting to return for a rematch.

Saturday Evening events 21st & 28th

These events need to be booked in advance because the Reading Rooms has a maximum capacity. For the August 'Kickstarts' event, you can book your place by contacting Simon Spencer.

Request for games/books etc

If anyone has any games that they would like to donate to the CLP Committee for use during our activities we would be most grateful for items such as cards, dominoes, draughts, chess, jigsaws or board games.

We also we hope to run a book loaning session to members of our community so if you have any books that you would like to donate these would be most welcome. All such items can be collected (contact John on 01946 841429) or delivered to me at 7 Calder View, Beckermert or brought along to our kickstart meeting on Friday 30th July in the Reading Rooms. Thank You.

Calling all the budding Alan Titchmarshes, Mary Berrys and Kirstie Allsopps in our village.

On **Saturday 21 August 2021** we are holding a Village Show with an aim to showcase what talented people we have through friendly competition! So, bring your best onions, shallots, potatoes or carrots, your rose bloom, chrysanthemums, pin cushions, old photos, your fruit scones and, of course, we couldn't forget the Victoria Sponge! Or maybe your skill is like ours, that of "talking and shopping", so please come down for an afternoon tea and a craik and maybe make a 'crafty' purchase from one of our local entrepreneurs? So please **get planting and thinking** and look out for the entry form, which will be coming to your post/inbox in the coming weeks. Whatever your age and whatever your skill, please come and share it with our lovely village and you may win a pound or two along the way.

We all know how being creative can support our mental health – so give it a go! Looking forward to seeing you all soon. **Organisers Claire and Irene.**

Please contact any of the CLP Action Committee if you can help with the Community Kick Start events.

They are:

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Geoff Nugent CLP/BECKS Chair

Beckermet Village Facebook Group

We have had a Facebook page for some time, but it has become much more popular since the first lockdown began. It is used for all sorts of things, including forthcoming events, photos of local wildlife, updates on roadworks, selling/giving away unwanted items, selling locally produced crafts/produce, lost pets, escaped sheep and much more! Please join the Facebook page if you would like to. You don't have to put your own posts on or make any comments if you'd rather not. You could just join to keep up with what other people post, so you know what's happening in the village. If you'd like help joining, please contact one of the Beckermet Village Facebook Group administrators – Julie Nugent, or one of the CLP group and we will help you.

Beckermet WI update July 21

I feel that we might go ahead and make plans to reconvene our WI Meetings in September. The usual place - the Reading Rooms. The usual day and time. The second Wednesday of the month at 7pm. The 2nd Wednesday in September will be the 8th.

I haven't booked a speaker as such, because I feel that this 1st Meeting should be along the lines of a more social gathering. I am sure we will have lots of thoughts to speak of, so the focus of the evening will be for Members to bring along something they have made during the 'lock-down'. Or tell us what you have done – if it is too big to carry. Have you taken any photos? Some before and after shots? This can double up as the monthly competition.

I am arranging to offer a special selection of refreshments for the 8th; so, I need to know how many ladies will be coming. Ideally, can you give me a ring by the previous Wednesday, please?

During this lock-down it has become so clear, how very much we all have missed companionship. Thus, I/we at Beckermet WI, would be honoured if any ladies reading this should feel inclined to stroll along to the Reading Rooms on September the 8th at 7pm. As I have said in the past. "Where strangers are there none, merely friends you have yet to meet". We will also be running a raffle.

Ph:841966. email: llittlelonsdale@btopenworld.com

Angela Walls (President Beckermet WI).

Beckermet Social Committee News

Greetings from the newly renamed Sports committee! We have now re branded as the 'Beckermet Social Committee' which is a modern twist on a long-standing classic. We feel that the new name reflects the all-encompassing objectives of the committee which is to support and serve the village community in a wide range of events and activities. We started our pledge by hosting on the 22nd of May, an afternoon 'Tea in the Courtyard' for those who have been shielding over the past year. It was a roaring success and lovely to see people reuniting over a glass of fizz and a cupcake. We hope to be able to host other such events in the near future. Looking forward, we are hosting the traditional and much loved, Beckermet Rounders match on the 21st July. We do hope to see you all there. In addition to this we will be hosting our Beckermet Duck Race and Fund Raiser on the 4th of September, so please keep that date free! Then our next venture will be our Halloween Family Fun evening on Saturday the 30th of October, so watch the Beckermet Facebook page for more details.

Until we meet again, have a wonderful Summer, be safe, feel the love, share the love.

Susan Brown (Chair)

Beckermet Small Business Link

Andy Pratt Milk & Groceries
019467 24097

Beckermet Nursery Child Preschool
01946 841941

Bread by Sarah Bakers
01946 841158

Busy Bees Buffets Home Cooking
07858 808495

Coney Garth Cottages Holiday Lets
01946 841569

Eskdale Stores Newspapers & Groceries
019467 23229

Hillgreen Designs Personal Gifts
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Revive @ Hopesdale House Holistic Massage
07734050193

Ted's Tatties Organic Potatoes
07768624791

The Royal Oak Public House
01946 451191

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ALL EVENTS
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DATE	TIME	EVE
22nd & 29th July	6.00 & 7.15	Yoga
30th July	6.00 - 8.00	Kicks
3rd Aug	9.00 - 12.00	Youn
5th Aug	1.00 - 4.00	Youn
7th Aug	6.00 - 8.00	Fami
10th Aug	9.00 - 12.00	Youn
12th Aug	1.00 - 4.00	Youn
13th Aug	6.00 - 8.00	Fami
17th Aug	9.00 - 12.00	Youn
19th Aug	1.00 - 4.00	Youn
21st Aug	10.00 - 4.00	Villaq
21st Aug	7.00 - 9.30	Band
24th Aug	9.00 - 12.00	Youn
26th Aug	1.00 - 4.00	Youn
26th Aug	6.00 & 7.15	Yoga
28th Aug	7.30 - 9.00	'Fron
31st Aug	9.00 - 12.00	Youn



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