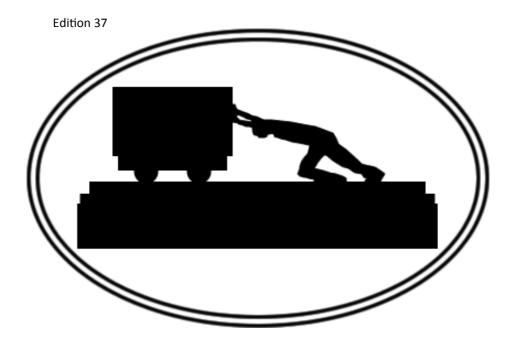
Silverdale
Village News



December 13—February 2014

Your News...Your Views

Chair's Report

November 2013

Dear Residents

It is with regret that I have to inform you all that the Parish Council has needed to acquire the services of a new person to fill the post of Clerk to the Parish Council. Ms B Williams (Berni) has served as Clerk of our Council since taking the position in May 2011. She resigned from her role and finished her employment with the Council on the 31st October 2013 but following my personal request she kindly obliged to assist with the process of candidate selection throughout the month of November, for which I and the Council are very grateful.

I wish her the very best of luck for the future and hope that she remains to keep very much in touch with the Council.

Following a series of interviews held a successor to the position has been appointed.

His name is Mr Simon Knobbs and I welcome him into the role as Clerk to the Parish Council

There is no change to the process of electronic communication with the Council by means of e-mail and through its web-site.

E mail: silverdaleparish@hotmail.com

Website: <u>www.silverdaleparish.org.uk</u>

You may have heard recently a variety of differing communications about the two allotments sites within the village namely The Acre and Park Road. At the request of Newcastle Borough Council discussions are taking place with the Parish Council about its requirement to "take on" the management of the two allotment sites. The PC has been informed by the Newcastle Borough Council that there is "duty" for PC's to manage allotment sites that fall within the boundary of a Parish Council. This duty is backed by statute legislation. NBC have given notice to the PC that they intend to implement this statute requirement.

A small group of Councillors have been holding discussions with the NBC officers over the last few weeks in order to understand, review, to decide and to affect this transition process. No decisions have yet been made as a large number of issues are surrounding both of the allotments sites and they have to be fully considered but primarily it is established that PC control of allotments is a statute requirement within law.

It is hoped that the recently formed allotment associations of the two sites will, at some appropriate stage take part in the decision/transition processes.

Although not yet fully agreed, a general view of the PC is for the allotment associations to be "self-managed" and for them to be assigned with controlled empowerment from the PC. This would allow and enable them to make and take its own decisions on how the allotment sites are assigned, who they are assigned to (rules will apply), appropriate rent levels, tenancy agreements, self-financial control and site management fund raising opportunities etc'...

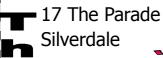
I am also of the opinion that this should be seen as an "opportunity" for local self-governance by the allotment holders within the community.

For this to work successfully it will require the understanding, compromise and agreement to issues that may currently be considered as "problematic".

May I wish the very best to everyone for the forthcoming festive season and hope that you all have a very happy and prosperous New Year.

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News From Silverdale Library

The Winter Reads are back again—and we are encouraging you to read something new, something different, something you've never tried before. Look out for mysteriously wrapped books—as you'll only find out what they are when you get them home!

In January we are lucky enough to have another visiting Poet coming to do a session in the Library. She will be coming on Thursday January 9th . There will be a charge of £5 to join in the workshop and refreshments will be provided. Come along and get in touch with your creative side! Look out for posters in the library to find out more.

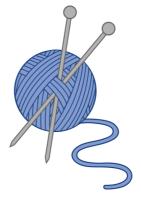
We are looking for new members for our book group. It will start up again in the New Year on the first Monday of each month. If you fancy coming along to chat about the books you read or if you'd like to help organise the group— please get in touch! Either come into the library or give me a call on 01782 2797444

Sadly Tracy has now left Silverdale Library. She recently passed her HGV Licence and has obtained her dream job of driving the Mobile Libraries round the lanes of rural Staffordshire. We will miss her dreadfully but wish her all the best in her new role. You may see her now and again in Keele behind the wheel of one of those massive vehicles.

Hopefully she'll pop into Silverdale Library now and again. She has been a fantastic colleague and friend over the last six years or so. Good Luck Tracy!!

Her absence means that we could do with someone who knows how to knit or crochet to keep her "Knit & Natter, Crochet & Chatter" Group going. If you have any expertise in either please come along—you will be very welcome. They meet on Friday afternoons from 2pm onwards.

Berni Williams
Library Supervisor



Silverdale History Group

Spring Schedule 2014 7.45pm at Silverdale Workingmen's Club

21 January: Apedale: the rise and fall of an industrial empire.

Speaker: Brian Nixon

11 February: Cheddleton: its hospital and its railway.

Speaker: Brian Morris

25 February: The Great Exhibition 1851: and North

Staffordshire's contribution to it.

Speaker: Brian Nixon

11 March: More Photographs of Silverdale: help to identify photographs from the archive

25 March: What the Papers Said: crime and punishment in Victorian Silverdale. **Speaker:** Brian Nixon

8 April: Betley: two films about Betley and its two big houses - Betley Hall and Betley Court.

Cornerstone Community Centre

Jobs Club

Every Wednesday from 1pm-3pm at Cornerstone pop in to receive help looking on-line for work, filling in application forms, interview techniques and more. A friendly group offering support and advice; everyone welcome.

Art and Craft Sessions

We have started a new Art/Craft group. If you are interested in card making, woodwork, vintage, painting, and all types of crafts please call Michelle on (01782) 633821 to find our more information and book a place. This project will run thanks to the generous funding from lbstocks.

'Tunesdays'

Tuesdays from 4-6pm- - a free musical instrument, graphics and DJ-ing session. Come and join in the fun! To book a place or to find out more please call Daf on 07970 770990

Underground

Youth Group every Friday night from 7:30pm - 9pm at Cornerstone. Join us for sports, crafts, Playstation3 and Xbox and more.

Michelle Fahey

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Silverdale Community Facility

The Silverdale Community Facility is progressing well and is expected to complete prior to Christmas. Silverdale Athletic Football Club (SAFC) will be managing the facility on behalf of Newcastle Borough Council. The official opening of the facility will be arranged to take place early in the New Year. As planned, the facility will be available for wider community use, which will be arranged through SAFC - booking details will be available early in the New Year.

Please contact Brian Eardley 07702 632 267 for further information regarding this



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Silverdale PPG

We are well into our annual Flu Campaign and this is still ONGOING!!! If you are eligible due to being 65 years or over, or in an at risk group due to underlying health problems, it is important that you take the opportunity to have your "flu jab". Make an appointment at reception in the surgery.

The practice has around 4000 patients to vaccinate each year against flu and find that the best way to complete this amount is via flu clinics. The practice however is continually reviewing how our flu clinics are organised. We recognise that there have been a few issues this year with queuing and timings of the appointments and the practice will be reviewing these issues with the PPG to look at how this can be better organised for next year.

During December 2013 and January 2014 we will again be promoting our Winter Warmth Campaign. Posters and information will be on show at the surgeries. P.P.G. Members will be on hand distributing thermometer cards. These cards contain useful telephone numbers along with other valuable guidance and information.

A representative from **Beat the Cold** will be visiting the Silverdale surgery, 9 30-12.00, on December 10th and also at Ryecroft surgery 9.30-12.00, on December 11th. She will be able to offer specialised advice and help regarding keeping warm and fuel tariffs. North Staffordshire Carers Association has also offered to visit both surgeries to give advice, help and information to anyone who is a carer. A carer is "a person who is doing something for someone who cannot do that particular thing for themselves". The association will be at Silverdale on December 17th and Ryecroft on December 18th both mornings at 9.30-12.00.

The D.A.S.H. (Development for Adolescent Sexual Health) team will be revisiting the Parade on 17th January, 2014, (between 3.00 and 9.00 p.m.), with the mobile unit. They requested a further visit as the one in August was a great success. This visit links in with our Sexual Health and Contraception topic during January and February 2014. See the notice boards at Silverdale and Ryecroft for more information.

If you are interested in joining your P.P.G. please contact Wendy Moreton or Helen Austin on 0300 123 1466

Alan, Liz and Elaine -- P.P.G.

The Ballad of Neville Bloor by Mary Williams

The last edition of the Silverdale Newsletter contained a poem, written by one of the Keele Poets at Silverdale about Neville Bloor and the story of his accident in the mine at Silverdale. We have been delighted to learn that Mr Bloor did NOT die of his injuries but is still alive and well and living in the area. We (and Mary Williams) would like to apologise for any distress or upset caused by this. The object of the poem was to highlight the dangerous nature of the work and we are very happy to know that Mr Bloor did survive that terrible accident.

For Neville Bloore and his friends and family:

Keele Poets, which meet at Silverdale Library, did a project before Easter where we enjoyed learning about the history of area. One of our members wrote a poem in honour of Mr Bloore after finding The Sentinel's articles about the rock fall at the colliery in 1998. However, we would like to apologise for reading the entries below and assuming that Mr Bloore had not survived the accident in the Silverdale Mine.

Evening Sentinel 25th Sep 1998 Page 1 North: A miner is fighting for his life after being crushed by a tonne of coal at Silverdale. He has severe crush injuries and is very poorly, his name is Neville Bloore age 37.

Evening Sentinel 26th Sep 1998 Page 1 Extra: Dr Hussain spoke today how he battled to inflate the lungs of Neville Bloore who was crushed at Silverdale colliery yesterday, 5 miles underground.

Evening Sentinel 11th Dec 1998 Page 14 Cheshire Dr. Lativ Hussain and Staffordshire ambulance staff received bravery awards for their work in rescuing Neville Bloor age 37 after he was crushed in a fall

We were surprised and delighted to hear recently from the library staff that not only had Mr Bloore survived a near fatal accident, but that he is still very much alive! We are more than happy to change the poem and would all like to wish Mr Bloore and his family a very Happy Christmas. Our apologies again.

Best wishes,

Keele Poets at Silverdale Library



Dance Sessions

Bill Whitby has asked me to remind everyone that he and his wife are still hosting dances at Silverdale Working Men's Club on Wednesdays from 8.00 – 10.00pm.

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Further information contact Bill on 622732

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Once you've filled it in, return it to the Parish Council via the clerk and it will be considered at the next meeting. The Parish Council is keen to help local groups—so apply now!

St. Luke's CE Primary School News

Exciting times

Planning permission was granted on the 29th November for an extension to the school building. This will include:

- two new classrooms;
- extension on two of the classrooms;
- a library;
- new toilets;
- relocated and improved playground;
- extra car parking spaces; and

extension to the staff room.

We are all very excited about the build and proud of how our school is moving forward. Many thanks to all of our parents, children and the community in supporting our school on its journey. We will be holding an open day when it is completed so will keep everyone updated through the Parish News.

Music



Drumming

Our drumming group (Kasanti) has had its first performance. It was in Newcastle Town Centre at the switch on of the lights. The children performed very well and had quite an audience. Well done Kasanti!

Choir

We have 30 children in our school choir and they have been rehearsing weekly to get ready for their many appearances around Silverdale over the next few weeks. The choir will be taking part in the Young Voices massed choir at the MEN Arena in February.

Our links with Keele University

The children in Year 5/6 have had two sessions at school organised by Keele University about renewable energies. The children had a fantastic time and learnt lots. The next phase will be the children visiting the University to find out about University life.

Safety

All of our children took part in a super workshop based around keeping safe around large vehicles. This has been part of a push on safety on the roads. All children received a fluorescent jacket so that they could be worn to and from school. 24 of our children also took part in a two-day course on bikeability.

Poetry

Our children in the juniors have been having poetry writing lessons by a teacher called Mrs Shan Jones. The children each week focus on writing poems and all of them will be collated and created into a book for parents.

Exciting Christmas

Bright beautiful Christmas presents

Wrapping paper everywhere

Mouth-watering hot delicious turkey

Cooking in the oven

The bang of the Christmas crackers

And the sound of laughing

Feeling my soft blanket

Hearing my baby brother shouting

Mv Mum savs:

"Happy Christmas!!"

Georgina Prescott

A Merry Christmas to the community of Silverdale and Parksite from everyone at St. Luke's and best wishes for 2014.

Silverdale Community Primary School

_As we approach 2014, pupils and staff at Silverdale Community Primary School are looking forward to the new year with much enthusiasm and excitement. From 1 January, the school will become an academy and will join United Learning – a group of academies and independent schools which seek to bring out the 'best in everyone'.

The decision to become an academy was made by the school's Governors who felt that the move to academy status would give the school more freedom to introduce initiatives aimed at driving improvement.

In deciding to become an academy, the Governors have unanimously chosen to join United Learning. The Group will work alongside the school and give it the support it needs to accelerate the progress already underway. Over the past few months, United Learning has been working closely with the school; Miss Michelle Green, Head Teacher of United Learning's Corngreaves Academy in Sandwell, has taken on the role of Executive Head Teacher of Silverdale. Corngreaves Academy holds Teaching School status and has been judged by Ofsted to be 'Outstanding'.

During the school's most recent Ofsted visit, inspectors reported that the school's relationship with United Learning is already having a positive impact. In their report, the inspectors said that in partnership with the school's Acting Head Teacher Mrs Lindi Nejrup, Miss Green is 'driving forward improvements with urgency and a clarity of purpose, focused on raising standards by creating the right conditions for learning and securing effective teaching'.

A public consultation has been held in which staff, parents and members of the local community were asked to give their views on the proposed move to academy status. Staff, parents and Staffordshire County Council widely welcomed the pro-

posal, recognising the benefits of becoming a United Learning academy. In particular, they felt confident that by joining United Learning and becoming an academy, the school will be able to preserve everything that is cherished at Silverdale, whilst raising pupil attainment significantly.

To signal the school's new start, from January the school will be called 'Silverdale Primary Academy'. The focus will be on raising standards and providing all pupils with an excellent education.

As part of United Learning, the school will have access to a wide range of resources that will help them to drive educational standards forward. Staff will benefit from extensive professional development opportunities and will have the opportunity to share ideas with teachers working in United Learning schools across the country.

As the Ofsted inspectors have said, there are 'encouraging signs' of improvement being made in a number areas at Silverdale. The move to academy status will accelerate this improvement and we look forward to updating you on the school's progress in the new year.

The school will operate the same admissions policy as it does now. Admissions for entry into the school's Reception close on 15 January 2014. If you would like any further information about applying for a place, please call the school on 01782 297 470.



Hi, everyone. Hope you have been able to enjoy a visit or two to Silverdale Country Park over the long summer we've had. Since our fantastic Family Fun Day we have been busy on the country park improving signage, paths and wildlife habitats for visitors and wildlife to enjoy.

Recent surveys show our wildlife on the park doing very well. You can often see the stunning Great Crested Grebes birds on the Southern Pool which bred for the first time this year with 3 young Grebes still doing very well.

We are also pleased to say that in November, we received over a 1000 trees donated from the Woodland Trust to plant as hedgerow and shelter belts around the park. Children from St Lukes Primary school were helping us plant hedgerow in November along with the Newcastle Lions and other volunteers which is greatly appreciated.

If you would like to try volunteering please don't hesitate to contact the ranger. We meet every Thursday from 10am til 1pm and will be starting a Tuesday group too from December, we also advertise weekend work parties once a month so come along and give it a try.

Lastly, Many thanks for the reports visitors ring me with regarding the occasional antisocial behaviour on the park. As a result of your calls this year, a fly tipper has been prosecuted, someone stealing fallen trees for log fires was prosecuted and the police now regularly check the park. We are now currently looking for someone with an air rifle who has been shooting birds on the park so if you have any information please let the Ranger or the Police know. Many thanks Regards

Andrew Hunt (Ranger) 07769 259404 or andrew.hunt@groundwork.org.uk

Upcoming Events:

Sun 17th November — Be a Volunteer for a Morning Plant some Hedgerow with the Ranger, learning about wildlife corridors and practical skills. All tools, gloves and equipment provided. All ages and abilities welcome. Come along and give it a try! Meet: 10am in the 'Void' at the Southern Pool platform by the notice board. Finish 1pm. Please bring boots.

Tue 19th November — Community Meeting (6:30pm-8pm) An opportunity to hear what we have been doing on the park and chat about forming a new 'Friends of Group' to secure the park for the long term future. Meet: 6:30pm Function Room 'The Bush' pub, Silverdale.

Sat 7th December — Be a Volunteer for a Morning Try some Woodland Management or Hedgerow planting (tbc) with the Ranger. Learning practical skills and how to help wildlife. All tools, gloves and equipment provided.

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