

NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR



Councillor Janet Bolton



Arnside Parish Council has welcomed a new Parish Councillor. Mrs Janet Bolton has lived in Arnside, with husband Ken, for 12 years, having come to the area on retirement: "I was retiring from my soft furnishing and lighting business in the Ribble Valley," explains Janet. "We already knew Arnside well because we had kept a caravan at Holgates for five years." Janet felt she wanted to become more involved

in village life, and she decided to apply to join the Parish Council: "I am really enjoying learning everything and have just finished a short training programme which has helped me to understand the role of a Parish Councillor." They both really enjoy living in Arnside and are members of Widening Horizons. Janet loves her garden, when the weather is good, and enjoys going away on holidays.

AONB MATTERS

It may have escaped peoples' attention but the AONB Partnership has been working hard to get the review of the AONB Management Plan up and running. The first AONB Management Plan was published in 2004 and the *Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000* calls for the review of the plan within a five-year period. The process started officially in July, with the letters of authority being received from the four local councils which share responsibilities for the AONB; Cumbria, Lancashire, Lancaster City and South Lakeland.

The AONB Executive Committee wrote to Natural England indicating they would undertake the review within the deadline imposed by the legislation and would work towards publishing a revised plan by March 2009. In order to carry out the review several pieces of work have been completed already. A new requirement placed on all Plans and Strategies is that they be assessed

against a specific and local Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA). The SEA has so far been taken to the stage of publishing a "Scoping" Report. This is now open for consultation and can be downloaded from the AONBs website at: www.arnsidesilverdaleaonb.org.uk

The recently held AONB Conference held at Beetham looked at the draft Scoping Report and held several "points of view" sessions looking at the key issues that the report had highlighted. The ideas put forward during the Conference are now being drawn together to inform the decisions about the content of the existing Management Plan and how it can be effectively updated. Further opportunities to help shape the review and the subsequent 2009-2014 AONB Management Plan will be advertised locally and of course on our website. David Askew, AONB Officer



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PUBLIC MEETING CALLS FOR 20MPH SPEED

A call for a reduction in the 30mph speed limit within Arnside Village has been made by concerned residents at a recent public meeting. The meeting, called by Arnside Parish Council to discuss traffic problems in the village, was well attended and highlighted a number of areas of concern.

Chairman of Arnside Parish Council, Dave Willacy, explained to the meeting that the Parish Council was not responsible for highways as this responsibility fell to Cumbria County Council (CCC). However, he assured residents that the purpose of the meeting was to enable open discussion, the outcome of which the Parish Council would convey to the County.

County Councillor Ian Stewart, who has responsibility on CCC for Road Safety, also attended the meeting. Problems which were highlighted included parking, lack of traffic warning signs and road markings in some areas, lack of pavements on some stretches of roadway, problems crossing busy roads and speeding traffic.

By far the greatest concern of the majority of those attending the meeting was the increase in speeding traffic which resulted in the meeting taking a vote on a motion to support pressure on the relevant authorities for a reduction down to a blanket 20mph within the village boundaries.

County Councillor Stewart answered a number of residents queries and concerns and assured the meeting that it was important that Arnside's roads were made

as safe as possible.

One of the problems with reduction of the speed limit stems from the fact that Arnside already has a 30mph limit and any variation of that limit has to go through central government.

Councillor Stewart explained that recent consultation papers issued by Westminster on the reduction of speed limits within rural and village communities by 2011 referred to A and B classified roads but not to C or unclassified roads. In Arnside's case with the exception of the B5282 all roads are C or unclassified.

It was also pointed out that Arnside was the largest village in the South Lakeland District Council area that did not have an SLDC car park. Cllr. Stewart will be organising a survey of every voter in the village to ascertain the level of support for a 20mph speed restriction.



Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

from the Editor and Messenger Team

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Arnside Progressing to Fairtrade Village

A steering group has now been set up to work towards gaining Fairtrade status for Arnside. Volunteers are still needed and if you are interested why not come along to the next meeting to be held on Monday 14th January at 10 a.m. in the Cemetery Chapel.

The group are currently undertaking an audit of the use and knowledge of fair-trade in

Arnside. Events are being planned for Fairtrade Fortnight which is from February 25th to March 9th 2008 and it is also hoped to have a Fairtrade section at the next Arnside Village Market on Easter Saturday. Look out for more information in the Broadsheet and the village section of the Westmorland Gazette.



PARISH PLAN TO BE REVISITED

The Arnside Parish Plan questionnaire was distributed to all households in the village in early 2003. The response was very good and the feedback enabled a very detailed parish plan to be compiled.

The plan was for the period 2003 to 2008 so we now have a duty to revisit the plan. We will therefore be distributing a much shorter questionnaire to all households in early 2008.

The results from this questionnaire will enable us to update the parish plan where required.

The Questionnaire is a chance for you to have a say about what is important to you in the village. The last questionnaire was completed by 51% of permanent households in the village and 53% of the population.

New issues will have emerged since the last survey and these will need to be covered by a new set of aims in the revised plan. Please do make an effort to complete the survey.

DALLAM TRAVEL AND THEATRE CLUB

If you enjoy concerts, plays, shows and musicals you might like more information on the Dallam Travel & Theatre Club.

The Club visits well known venues such as Manchester's Bridgewater Hall and the Lowry at Salford Quays.

Trips have also been arranged to the Theatre by the Lake in Keswick and to Liverpool's Philharmonic Hall.

There are coach pick-up points in Arnside and Sandside and there is always a little extra free time included for shopping and sight-seeing.

If you would like more information about the travel and theatre club contact Sue Hewett on 761168.

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DIRECT PAYMENTS COULD HELP YOU

Direct Payments are cash payments made to individuals, through Cumbria County Council, who have been assessed as needing services, in lieu of directly provided or care managed social care provision. Like all social care services they are subject to the council's financial assessment process and a contribution may be assessed.

People use Direct Payments in various ways, for example they may pay a friend or carer to take them to a Social Club instead of attending a day centre. They may arrange to have lunch provided at a local pub or café instead of having a carer cook for them.

Some purchase care from a local agency, others employ a personal assistant directly or pay a neighbour or friend. It is possible to have both care from the council and a Direct Payment for some of the things you need.

Carers can use them to organise respite care at home or away from home. You can use them for minor adaptations and equipment where the standard issue equipment is not what you want.

You can take your Direct Payment on holiday with you and purchase care at your destination.

If you think Direct Payments might be right for you or someone you know, then contact your local Adult Social Care Office or contact the Direct Payment Advice and Support Service by ringing them on 0845 1249303 or emailing them at cumbriadp@aol.com

YOUTH HOSTEL GEARS UP FOR NEW YEAR

Arnside Youth Hostel is once again preparing for New Year's Eve and getting ready for the influx of visitors who traditionally come to the area for the New Year holiday time.

If you are expecting relatives and are worried that you will have nowhere to put them up, the Youth Hostel could be the answer.

John Gibbs, Hostel Manager, says there are still a few places left on the popular 3 night package from 29th to 31st December.

The Youth Hostel will also be hosting the Family New Year 3-day break once again from 1st to 3rd January. For details contact John by email at arnside@yha.org.uk or telephone 0870 770 5674.

CHRISTMAS MARKET

Despite appalling weather conditions on the day and fierce competition from other events the Arnside Parish Plan Trust Village Market was well attended by local residents and visitors to Arnside. The stallholders were extremely happy with their results with one particular stallholder reporting the "best results ever" It is the intention of the A.P.P.T. to hold four similar markets in conjunction with Made in Cumbria during 2008.



Christmas cheer at APPT market

