

## SPOTLIGHT ON ARNSIDE PARISH COUNCIL

Continuing our profile of Arnside's Parish

Councillors, this edition we feature Sue Gibson

Sue Gibson has lived in Arnside since she was twelve years old. Having spent her formative years in the village she felt that she wanted to do something for Arnside in a positive and practical way and so she became a Parish Councillor in October 2004.

Sue is very involved with youth work and is well known as the assistant play leader in the After School Club.

As a mother herself it is hardly surprising to learn that she is very interested in youth facilities within Arnside.

She also works in the office at the Educational Institute as an Administration Assistant and is therefore well qualified to know what it is like to both live and work in the village.

As a Parish Councillor Sue serves as Secretary of the Playing Fields Committee and is co-ordinator of the playground working group. She also sits on the Finance Committee.

She feels that having been brought up in Arnside and living and working here she perhaps brings a different perspective to the Parish Council. Certainly she is keen to see more facilities for younger people. "Arnside is a lovely quiet and safe place in which to live and work and bring up a family and I wouldn't want to change that, but we do have to consider younger people." To that end she hopes that the playground working group will be successful in completing the new installation on the playing fields.

Personally she would like to see the construction of the long-awaited skateboard park as she feels that this would be of great value to local youngsters.



Parish Councillor Sue Gibson

For Sue, the provision of affordable housing in the village is also vital and essential to enabling young families to stay in Arnside.

The prospect of an annual Gala also appeals to Sue. "There is so much going on in Arnside", she says. "An annual Gala would be a brilliant way to bring all the various groups together." Which sounds like a splendid idea and perhaps one that we can all think about. It would certainly involve all age groups and may even become a popular annual event once again.

### NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Bill Rushworth, local co-ordinator for International Aid Trust, has sent his thanks for our article in the last edition. Bill wants to thank you all for your tremendous help and to let you know that your support is helping give pleasure and happiness to so many who have nothing.

If you would like to sponsor a future edition of the Messenger please get in touch with Rachel on 762573. If you have editorial for the next edition please contact Sandy on 762653 or by email to: arnsidemessenger@tiscali.co.uk

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## REFURBISHED CEMETERY CHAPEL OPENS

The new extension and refurbishment of the Cemetery Chapel has given this distinctive 1904 Edwardian building a new lease of life, and the Parish Council is keen that it will become a welcome addition to the wide range of halls and rooms available for hire in Arnside.

Although it has a Victorian Gothic design on the outside, it's extremely innovative inside with novel energy saving lightpipes and a "trench arch" toilet and rain water recovery tank to provide a water supply for tending the cemetery grounds.

Although the building is now up and running to serve the "living" community it is, first and foremost, a Chapel to serve the cemetery and be available for funerals. With this in mind any prospective hirer of the Chapel would need to be sympathetic to this.

Kitchen facilities and disabled toilet make the Chapel a versatile venue and enquiries have already been received to hold yoga classes. Plans are in hand to provide 'black-out' curtains at the windows for slide/ computer presentations, and it is also hoped to install a wireless broadband internet access.

There is still outstanding work to be done, mainly outside, to ensure the safety of people and vehicles during the winter nights and inclement weather. The most important is to 'tarmac' the surface (at a cost of £5,500) of the disabled parking area before autumn leaves turn it into a quagmire. Low-level unobtrusive outside lighting, intruder alarm, and a safety barrier outside the front main doors brings the total amount to approx. £11,000.

Sue Gibson, who currently looks after the



Westmorland & Lonsdale MP Tim Farron opens the refurbished Cemetery Chapel

bookings at the EI, has kindly agreed to take on the bookings for the Chapel but in the meantime if any interested groups/ organisations would like a conducted tour please contact Sue Hewett on 761168.

Don't miss the  
**VILLAGE MARKET**  
organised by  
Business & Tourism Action  
Group  
Arnside Parish Plan Trust  
to be held at the  
W.I.Hall on Saturday  
**2nd September**  
between 10am and 4pm

## GARDEN PARTY RAISES FUNDS FOR MOTOR NEURONE DISEASE

Ros and Eric Judge recently opened their Redhills Road home for a fundraising event in aid of the Motor Neurone Disease Association.



Our picture shows supporters enjoying the hot sun during the event which raised the magnificent sum of £1,200. Family, friends and members of Arnside Ramblers turned out in force to give their support and enjoy an excellent brunch and afternoon tea. MND affects around 5,000 people in the UK at any one time and leaves its sufferers unable to walk, talk or feed, however, their senses usually remain unaffected. Proceeds from the event will help MNDA to continue their work and vital support for sufferers.

## AONB NEWS

Much has been happening in the AONB over the last few months.

Our AONB Discovery Day held in the WI Hall, Arnside in April was attended by over 100 members of the public who were treated to displays and talks by our partners, rural crafts demonstrations and a photographic presentation by Jon Sparks on the Hidden Treasures of the Area.

The sun shone down for our Office Open Day in May. Demonstrations of swill basket making and bee keeping took place and visitors were able to look round the office to find out about the work we do. Following on from the success of last year's Bittern Guide to the AONB, a second edition was published with additional pages for Parish news, orchid flowering times, Bittern kids and a more comprehensive events section. Other leaflets new for 2006 are The Limeburner and the Kiln, Visit Bittern and Gardening for Natural Beauty, all of which are

available free of charge from the office.

Meanwhile a big thank you to the volunteers who continue to turn out in all weathers to carry out various tasks from litter picking, vegetation cutting and footpath maintenance to butterfly counts and visitor surveys.

Look out for us at The Westmorland Show on 14th September.

Dave Askew

**OUTREACH  
VETERINARY CLINICS  
to be held from  
2pm to 3.30pm on:  
Thursday 14th September  
Thursday 30th November**

Please note that poor uptake and cancellations have caused problems with the clinic. If you want to retain this valuable resource then please support it properly otherwise we may lose it.

## FIRE SAFETY IN THE COUNTRYSIDE

Every year, fire destroys thousands of acres of countryside and wildlife habitats. Some fires are started deliberately - most are due to carelessness. We can all help by taking a few basic precautions.

Extinguish cigarettes/other smoking materials properly/never throw cigarette ends out of car windows. Use barbecues in suitable and safe areas and never leave unattended - keep young children and ball games away from barbecues. Ensure that barbecue is fully extinguished and cold before disposing of contents.

Avoid using open fires in the countryside and don't leave bottles/ glass in woodlands. Sunlight shining through glass can start fires. Report fires immediately and don't attempt to tackle fires that cannot be put out with a bucket of water. Leave area as soon as possible.

The Countryside Code has advice, information about rights, responsibilities and liabilities and how we all have a duty to protect the countryside. Visit

[www.countrysideaccess.gov.uk](http://www.countrysideaccess.gov.uk) to find out more about the code.

## PRE-SCHOOL CARE SURVEY

Thank you to all those who completed the questionnaire for this survey undertaken by the Education and Communication Action Group of Arnside Parish Plan Trust. The results have been analysed and the implications discussed with play group and baby and toddler group leaders.

## ARNSIDE PARISH PLAN TRUST - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Have you a few hours to spare each month?

Want to help enhance the quality of life for people in Arnside? Can you help promote opportunities for improvements to the environment we all share? If you are interested in helping put the Arnside Parish Plan into action and contribute your skills, come and join us and help make a difference. For more details contact Brian Walker on 761949.



## OPEN GARDENS WEEKEND A GREAT SUCCESS

The annual Gardens Open Weekend organised by Arnside District NSPCC, in July, raised a magnificent £1,949.40. The previous record was £1662.58 in 2001. This year 14 gardens opened to the public. The brilliant weather brought out the crowds who enjoyed afternoon teas and plant sales at several gardens. Congratulations to Denise Challenor and her team and all the Arnside gardeners who gave us such a magnificent display and really showed off the village at its best.