

SPOTLIGHT ON ARNSIDE PARISH COUNCIL

Continuing our profile of Arnside's Parish Councillors - this edition we feature Councillor Sandy Felton.

Sandy Felton is one of Arnside's new Parish Councillors having served on the council since September 2006. She has lived in Arnside nearly ten years but first discovered the village as a teenager when she visited the area on her first ramble with a Liverpool rambling club.

A journalist by profession, Sandy was Head of the School of Journalism at Liverpool Community College until ill health forced early retirement several years ago. She is delighted to see many of her former trainees on national television and keenly follows the careers of those who have gone onto newspapers throughout the UK.

"I really like the hustle and bustle of Arnside", says Sandy. "There is so much going on here and we are very lucky that we have a village where there is so much talent. Arnside is the perfect setting for a writer being one of those places that can really inspire you."

She lives in the village with husband Tony who enjoys walking in the area. They have two children, Richard and Emma, who are both in Liverpool.

Her duties on the Parish Council include the role of Cemetery Custodian, probably not quite what she expected to be doing when she volunteered to serve, but she considers it a privilege to be able to care for such a lovely peaceful part of Arnside. She is also keen to see the Cemetery Chapel used by all sections of the village: "The Cemetery Chapel restoration has been tastefully completed and this is now a fantastic asset for the village," she commented. "The events which have been held there so far have all been really successful and hopefully there will be many more to come."

Retirement brought the chance to research her family tree, and she has



Councillor Sandy Felton

recently run two workshops at the Cemetery Chapel for other aspiring family historians. She also enjoys gardening and still finds time to do some freelance journalism as well as acting as Editor of the Arnside Messenger and producing the Broadsheet Directory every year.

Computer Club

Are you interested in computers?
Want to swap ideas/pick up tips?
Want to help form a local Computer Club?

Come along to the E.I. open day on 6th October and find out more
Inaugural meeting of the new club
Saturday
20th October 10.00am at the E.I.

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTE

The E.I. will be holding an
Open Day
from
10.00 am to 1.00 pm on
Saturday 6th October 2007
A special day to introduce all the activities at the Educational Institute

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NEW CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND FOR ARNSIDE

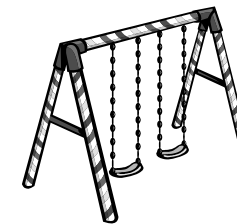
The existing equipment on the Children's Play area has been in place for well over 15 years. Natural wear and tear as well as some vandalism means that it is no longer in a fit state to do its job.

Arnside Parish Council, who are being supported by Arnside Parish Plan Trust, have agreed to work towards replacing the equipment. APC have obtained three quotes, and one, Playdale – a local firm and the company that manufactured the current equipment – was accepted.

If you have visited the Children's Play Area recently, you will be aware of the need for the equipment to be updated and improved. Every August the Parish Council has a RoSPA report done on the play area, and while it would never leave dangerous equipment standing, over the last couple of years it has noted the decay of some equipment and the need for urgent replacement.

In the meantime, while funds are being raised for the new Play Area, it is possible that equipment may need to be removed if it becomes dangerous. Recently, a survey

was carried out as to use of the Play Area which confirms its popularity and high usage both by local children and visitors.



Replacement of the existing equipment will cost in the region of £55,000. If you feel that you can help with fundraising in any way, leave your details with Sue Gibson on 01524 762822 or email svg75@tiscali.co.uk

MESSENGER CONTACTS

If you would like an item putting in the next Messenger please contact the Editor, Sandy Felton, by email: Arnsidemessenger@btinternet.com or Rachel Duttfield on 01524 762573

Information about Arnside Parish Plan Trust can be found on

www.arnside.co.uk

click on Key Arnside Sites to find APPT link.

OUR SUPER HERO



Sandra Gardner is known to all of us as a caring and conscientious postmistress but she is also our very own Super Hero.

When challenged by 'raiders' at her post office recently, she gave them short shrift and refused to hand over any money. Now she has been commended for her bravery and given a reward, which she hopes to use towards possible CCTV cameras on the seafront.

ARNSIDE HELPWAYS

Arnside Helpways are a group of local volunteers who provide transport for medical and paramedical visits. When it started in 1980, the group gave assistance to the sick and elderly in the village which included transport for emergency purposes, visiting the sick and doing simple D.I.Y. jobs or help with form filling.

Over the past twenty years the emphasis of the service has gradually changed and today Helpways concentrates solely on providing medical transport.

Living in a rural area makes this a vital voluntary service and the village is fortunate to have such a group. It is a service which has seen a steady increase in demand. In 1982 only 43 journeys were arranged whereas for 2006/7 the figure is 445, a tenfold increase.

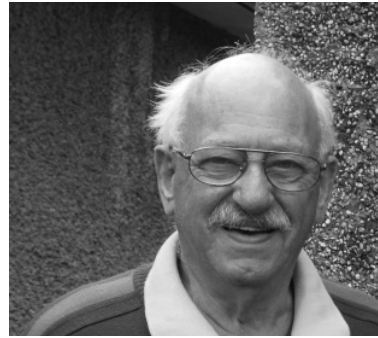
Since its foundation Helpways has been fortunate in having excellent co-ordinators. Bob Berry, the present co-ordinator, who has been doing the job tirelessly and conscientiously for the past 13 years, has the task of making sure everything goes smoothly. Another long serving volunteer is Mrs E Mayho, a member of the original founding committee and still serving as treasurer some 27 years later.

Over the years the group have held coffee mornings and other fund-raising events in order to raise funds for the service, essential for day-to-day running costs.

They have also raised funds to support local good causes including St John's Hospice, Kendal Shopmobility and the refurbishment of the WI and Village Hall.

The Helpways group purchased the telephone opposite the station which was installed with the help of Len Levesley and Gilbert Lowcock. During the early 90s the team also planted daffodil bulbs at the entrances to the village and along Redhills Road.

Organisations such as Helpways are only



Mr Bob Berry

successful as long as they have volunteers and now more volunteer drivers are needed. This is a worthwhile and enjoyable way in which to contribute to the life of the village and is greatly appreciated by all the passengers who receive help.

Drivers are reimbursed, based on mileage, and the time involved is on average 2 or 3 hours per month. If you can help by becoming a driver, or by making a contribution to Helpways running costs, please contact the Hon. Secretary, Margaret Bradbury, on 761934.

NEW CHAIR FOR ARNSIDE PARISH PLAN TRUST

Mr Pete McSweeney (pictured below) has taken over as Chair of Arnside Parish Plan Trust from Mr Brian Walker.

Pete thanked Brian, at a recent meeting, for all the hard work he had put into the formation of Arnside Parish Plan Trust and its registration as a charity. Brian's tireless work has certainly been a credit to the village.

Pete is an I.T. Consultant and a former Parish Councillor.

He has lived in Arnside for the past eight years.



CEMETERY CHAPEL EVENTS

'Introduction to Patchwork'

at the Cemetery Chapel on 30th August, 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm – cost £8.00. This includes all materials and afternoon tea. Please ring Rachel 762573 or Sue 761168 for details. Tickets, as usual, available at the Little Shop on the Promenade.

'The Arnside Archive'

presented by Mr Dennis Bradbury
Open Viewing Saturday
29th September 10am to 4pm
Sunday 30th - 12noon to 4pm.



Participants enjoying the recent Art Workshop

FAIR TRADE VILLAGE

Arnside could soon become a Fairtrade village following a decision by Arnside Parish Council to agree to the status. The next step in the process will be to get a steering group together and an inaugural meeting has been planned for Monday 3rd September at the Cemetery Chapel at 7.30pm.

To become a Fairtrade town or village the steering group has to work towards a range of Fairtrade products being served by a number of local places. Arnside already has organisations who are using/serving Fairtrade and Fairtrade products are used for events at the Cemetery Chapel.



The purpose of a Fairtrade village or town is to contribute to the Fairtrade Foundation's aim of tackling poverty by enabling disadvantaged producers from poor countries to receive a better deal, through encouraging support of the FAIRTRADE MARK (left).

Village Market Saturday 1st September 2007

10.00 am to 4.00 pm
Arnside W.I.

Organised by
Arnside Parish Plan Trust

Don't forget
Christmas Market
24th November

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES

There are currently two vacancies for co-option on to the parish council (conditions apply). By serving as a parish councillor you have an opportunity to help the community at a grass-roots level and it can be very rewarding. If you are interested contact:

Peter Challenor by email:
clerk@arnside.gov.uk or telephone
01524 761824.