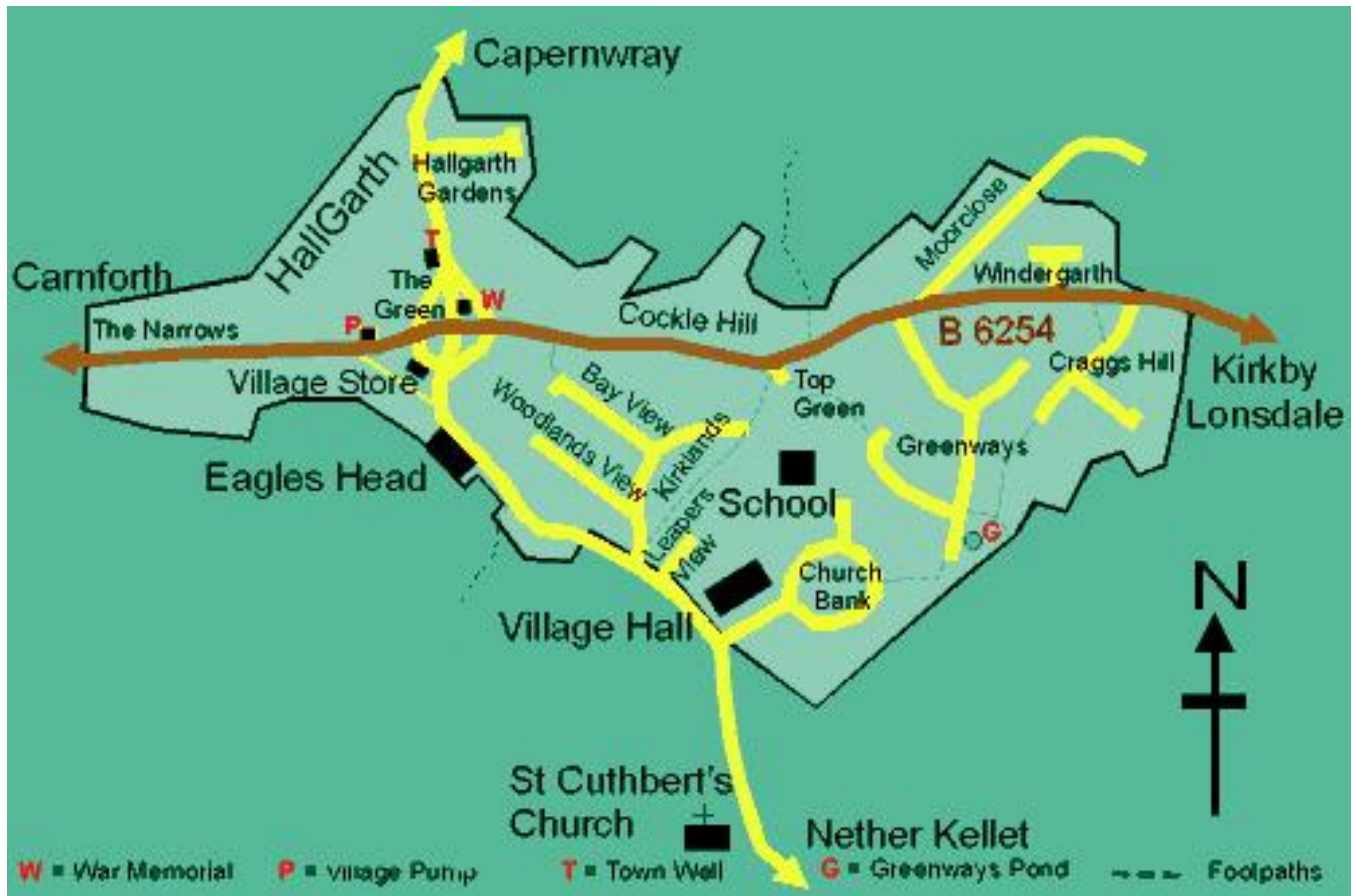


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THE HUNDREDTH VIEW

It is a pleasure to be able to write this editorial for the one hundredth issue of the Over Kellet View. With ten issues each year, this means that we have been publishing, if that isn't too grand a word, for ten years. Much of the credit for our longevity must go to the initiators, including especially the first editor, Nick Ward. We are, of course, very grateful also to those who write regular articles for us and for our long-suffering group of deliverers who make sure residents get the magazine before the start of each month, whatever the weather.

As this issue is a special one for Over Kellet, we have asked our three political representatives for their views on what lies in store for our village and its near neighbours and they have generously given of their holiday time to write for us. Many thanks to Cllrs. Williamson and Mace, and David Morris MP.

In addition, this month we have a four-page section devoted to B4RN in the centre fold; residents can easily pull it out to keep for future reference.

We have not seen very much physical change in the village since 2007. This magazine still goes out to just under 400 households as it has always done. Most people seem quite accepting of the idea that some building in the parish should be welcomed—especially small numbers as infill, built to a style in keeping with existing dwellings. Where residents are less happy is when developers seek planning permission for large numbers of new houses without giving adequate consideration to the sustainability of these and to infrastructure issues such as sewage, pavements and transport. Maintenance of the rural environment is apparently now of concern to central government as well as locally; we hope that our representatives will have high profiles in defending what is important for the character of our village.

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POLITICIANS FORUM

For its 100th issue The Over Kellet View has asked our three political representatives to let us know their views as to what the future may bring for us. As a guidance, we posed the following question: 'Over the next five years what, in your opinion, are the three most significant challenges and priorities for action which villagers in north Lancashire and, if you are able to be specific, Over Kellet, will face, and why?'

Roger Mace has been the Councillor for Kellet Ward on Lancaster City Council since 1999. He is also the Mayor of Lancaster for the year 2017–2018.

Phillippa Williamson was elected in May to Lancashire County Council as the Councillor for Lancaster Rural North, which includes Over Kellet. Phillippa is also the Councillor for Torrisholme Ward on Lancaster City Council.

David Morris has been the Member of Parliament for Morecambe and Lunesdale since 2010.

ROGER MACE

Village communities currently have many problems. It would be comforting to think these problems are imminently to be resolved—but implementation of proposals is tediously slow—even if it is sometimes true that a week is a long time in politics. I shall therefore look at current issues, in the expectation that they will be unresolved within the five-year timescale.



As Mayor of Lancaster 2017–18, I seek to be politically impartial, so I hope my comments will be taken as being factual in nature, rather than political.

Some of our rural villages have been sustained as communities separate from the urban centre of Lancaster for over a thousand years. These villages have, of course, grown and developed over this time and they will continue to do so. However any development must always be sympathetic to the intrinsic character of each village and of a scale that does not destroy the unique identity of these special rural communities. The ongoing challenge in regard to planning for developments within our rural environment—as summarised in a petition presented in 2015—is to persuade the City Council and others to

- safeguard the sense of identity of village communities;
- respect the visual amenity associated with the landscapes surrounding rural settlements;
- conserve the quality and character of village landscapes and the setting of rural villages, and
- recognise that landscape containing green spaces is an irreplaceable community asset.

The second challenge within our changing villages is to ensure the maintenance and continuation of the remaining community buildings and services that are components of the infrastructure of our villages. All these things need expenditure and either paid or volunteer labour to keep them operational and operating. In Over Kellet, the facilities (some being privately owned) include a village hall, a school, a church, a shop, a post office and a pub. 'Use it or lose it' is a phrase that sums up the ongoing requirement that there have to be users of—or customers for—a service if its provision is to continue to be justified. For our villages to continue to be vibrant communities, capable of accommodating new development and new residents, they cannot afford to lose any more of the facilities that have made them sustainable from generation to generation—such as the means of accessing other places for work or leisure by public transport as well as by private vehicle—and the means of communicating with the wider world by post, by telephone and more recently by broadband.

The third challenge concerns the needs of the people in our villages—finding the volunteers to give of their time to community activities, clubs, societies, the WI and even the Parish Council—when the demands of young families, the workplace or elderly dependants take increasing priority in daily life, and providing recreational activities and entertainment for people outside the family—or even participating in such activity—becomes secondary.

PHILLIPPA WILLIAMSON

This is a great question and perfect for the 100th edition of Over Kellet View.

For me, the challenges for all the rural communities across North Lancashire and in the Lune Valley are similar, but I will try and focus on Over Kellet.

We live in a beautiful area and know that our villages are not just smaller versions of urban communities—they have different strengths and challenges. So I believe our responsibility is to preserve the environment whilst developing our villages as places to live, study and for some to work.

Over Kellet is fortunate to have a shop, post office, primary school, pub and regular bus services and as well as the Church and Village Hall. One of our priorities must be to ensure that these thrive. We should also try and make even more use of our community assets—for example, providing links to other services such as Doctors, Citizens Advice Bureau and the City Council. In addition, it is important to celebrate and support the many local activities and services in the village. Many rely on the goodwill of volunteers, who give up their free time to make them happen, but, as a result, they enrich village life.

Key to building sustainable village communities is promoting the rural economy in the area. So I believe we should support existing businesses



and provide better opportunities for work in the local area. We can do this by identifying disused buildings in which to locate new businesses, ensuring reliable IT and telecommunications links and encouraging inward investment.

Housing is probably the most pressing issue. Lancaster City Council is in the process of creating the Local Plan to determine house-building numbers and locations for the next 15 years. Where these houses will be built is a major concern and it goes without saying that villages such as Over Kellet will be regarded by developers as prime marketable opportunities.

It is recognised and quite understandable that people in rural areas would rather not see housing on the fields next to where they live. However, we also know that opportunities should be available to those who want to live in a rural area—especially locally-based first-time buyers.

The Local Plan and subsequent planning applications are issues that will be settled primarily by Lancaster City Council. However, the County Council will have a say in infrastructure matters such as schools, highways and access to medical services. So there will be a need for County, City and Parish Councillors and residents all to work together and ensure that, whatever house-building is proposed, enhances the rural area in its design, use of materials and aspect, and crucially supports the future sustainability of the community.

Finally, one of my own priorities, which may seem a minor issue, is to try and preserve the grass verges and hedgerows in the roads and lanes around our villages. They are the sanctuary of a significant percentage of our natural and indigenous plants and flowers. I am also keen to ensure that these areas do not become overwhelmed with sundry road and other signs and will do my best to ensure that County Highways respect these areas.

DAVID MORRIS



For the 100th edition of the Over Kellet View I have been asked to write about the three things that I think will be the most challenging things for Over Kellet in the next five years. Whilst there are some issues which will solely effect Over Kellet, I think that wider priorities and challenges for the area will also effect the villagers of Over Kellet on a much larger scale. When I was thinking about these priorities, it was clear that they fell into three categories of responsibility—one being the City Council, the second being the County Council and the third being a mixture of County Council, the Local Enterprise Partnership and Parliament.

The first challenge is Housing. We have challenging times ahead of us as the City Council wants to see more houses being built in our district to serve our growing population. We need

to make sure that the council is not approving planning applications which change the makeup of our villages and change their identity. Villages such as Over Kellet need to be working together to create a neighbourhood plan, which chooses the areas of the village where some small housing developments can happen but that blocks other areas for development. It is important that any development that does happen does not change the boundaries of the village and cause Over Kellet to bleed into other villages, thereby losing its identity. I know that there is a strong community in Over Kellet which makes sure that it opposes any large planning applications with the City Council and am confident they will continue to do this in coming years.

Threats to rural services by the Labour-led County Council have been a burden to rural villages for the past four years. Now that we have a Conservative-led County Council again and services such as the libraries are being reinstated, it is important that the community in Over Kellet retain the rural services such as the buses that they have lost with the last administration. It is important to keep your County Councillor in the loop with any services changes that are proposed to make sure she is able to secure the best deal for Over Kellet.

Finally, we must ensure that we are creating good skilled jobs in the area to ensure that our young people want to stay in our communities. I am working on a business park in the Heysham area which will allow our current businesses to expand and create space for the Isle of Man Government to invest. I am also pushing ahead with the plans for the third nuclear power station. There are a number of power station workers who live in the rural villages and we need to secure the build as soon as possible, so as to ensure that our nuclear skilled jobs stay in the area.



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CHURCH NEWS

As we reflect on the outcome of the general election, we are aware that, as Christians, we have a responsibility to be informed and engaged with issues that affect us nationally and internationally.

As C S Lewis concluded the chronicles of Narnia, he wrote in the last chapter of *The Last Battle* *'The term is over: the holidays have begun. The dream has ended: this is the morning.'*... *'All their life in this world and all their adventures in Narnia had only been the cover and the title page: now at last they were beginning Chapter One of the Great Story which no one on earth has read: which goes on forever: in which every chapter is better than the one before.'*

But, as for us, living in the 'shadowlands', the term is beginning and the holidays are over and many have a fresh start to look forward to.

As we look to the future at St Cuthbert's, it is encouraging to report that an advert will be placed this month for a new Vicar to be shared between St Cuthbert's and St Paul's Caton. This proposed appointment has the full support of the Bishops, local Deanery Clergy and both Parochial Church Councils. Our interregnum will soon be over and a new Vicar will lead us with a new vision but faithful to the same Biblical ministry and the Good news of Jesus Christ that has been faithfully proclaimed for centuries in our ancient village church.

There has been a change in the date of our Harvest Festival service which will now be held on Sunday October 8 at 10.30 and not September 10 as previously advertised. Our service will be led by Canon Peter Ballard who has recently been appointed Vicar of Shireshead. Do come and join us at this All-Age Service as we celebrate this important festival. Gifts will support the work of the local food bank. We are also looking forward to welcoming the Diocesan Missioner, Revd Canon David Banbury, back to St Cuthbert's on October 1 for a Holy Communion Service. This will be followed by a Harvest Lunch in the Village Hall to which all are welcome. Further details will be provided in the church newsletter and village noticeboards.

Our St. Cuthbert's Youth Work, The Fish Club, will begin again on the September 3. The Fish Club is for all children of primary school age and will meet in our village school hall on the first Sunday of each month during School term time. We will not meet during school holidays. We begin at 10:15 and finish at 11:30 and will have a great time doing crafts, listening to Bible teaching, playing games and joining in some lively music videos—pre-school children should be accompanied by a parent. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Thomas, youth worker/church warden, at 01524 738031.

Future events

Harvest Lunch in the Village Hall at 12 noon on October 1. All welcome.

Harvest Festival: Sunday October 8 at 10.30 at St Cuthbert's Church, gifts will support the local foodbank and the service will be led by Revd Canon Peter Ballard.

The following Coffee Mornings will be held in the Village Hall between 10.00 and 12.00 supporting local and national charities to which all are warmly invited to attend—October 7, Local Down's Syndrome branch; October 21, Guide dogs for the Blind Association; November 4, Fair Trade Breakfast.

On December 9, a Christmas Afternoon tea will be held from 3pm

CHURCH SERVICES

Sept 3	1030	Holy Communion	Rev Susan Seed, Assistant Curate, Christ Church Lancaster
Sept 10	1030	All-Age Worship	Rev Canon Peter Ballard, former Archdeacon, Lancaster
Sept 17	1030	Holy Communion	Rev Canon Richard Impey
Sept 24	1030	Methodist Service	TBA
Oct 1	1030	Holy Communion	Revd Canon David Banbury, Diocesan Missioner
Oct 8	1030	Harvest All-Age Worship	Rev Canon Peter Ballard, former Archdeacon, Lancaster
Oct 15	1030	Holy Communion	Rev P Cavanagh, former Vicar of the Priory, Lancaster
Oct 22	1030	Methodist Service	TBA
Oct 29	1030	Morning Worship	Mr Alan Hutchings, Lay Reader
Nov 5	1030	Holy Communion	Rev Derek Raitt
Nov 12	1000 1100	Remembrance Service Village Memorial Service	Mr Alan Hutchings, Lay Reader
Nov 19	1030	Holy Communion	Rev Ian Dewar, Hospital Chaplain, Morecambe Bay Hospitals
Nov 26	1030	Methodist Service	TBA

All are welcome to attend these services and the weekly prayer meeting in church between 10.00 and 11.00 on Mondays and the weekly Bible Study in the Village Hall on Wednesdays at 7.30pm.

John Halsey
Linda Thomas



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OVER KELLET NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

I commented a little while ago about how crime-free our village was. I should have been a little less optimistic because we have had five break-ins in the past few months, four being between mid-June and early August. As I write, there have been no arrests but the police are making good progress and hope to catch the miscreants. Rumours that these are gangs of eastern Europeans are very wide of the mark!



The break-ins all seemed to have something in common. The burglars clearly watched the properties and waited until the occupants were on holiday. They chose houses without obvious burglar alarms and broke in through windows at night. A range of items were stolen although money seems to have been the primary objective. But the worst thing about a burglary is the intrusion into your house with drawers and cupboards emptied and the place left in a mess, together with the loss of things of personal value that can never be replaced by insurance.

What can we as individuals do to prevent such attacks on our houses while we are away? It is not easy to hide your absence—bins not put out or left out on the wrong days, kitchen cloths obviously dry, post left in the letter box, grass growing long, etc., all indicate that the owners may be away. So we have to keep the building secure. Obviously windows should be closed and you should take care to install good locks and put the keys somewhere out of sight of any potential intruder. The front door is not the usual point of entry but make sure that it is locked with a substantial modern lock. The back door or French Windows are much more inviting and more good modern locks should be fitted to these. Make sure that your garden shed is locked and that no items like ladders or bricks are left where they might be used to help to gain entry.

Above all, two things seem to deter burglars the most. The first is a burglar alarm. You can buy 'fake' alarms on eBay and fasten this 'box' on your wall. While it may be true that most burglars will see this and go on to another unprotected property, the more skilled can tell a real alarm from any fake. Burglar alarm systems are not cheap and you may baulk at spending so much on what may be, to your mind, a minor risk. If, however, your house is the only one in a row that does not have an alarm, guess which one is most likely to be broken into!

An extra, or alternative, that is becoming more popular these days is a CCTV system. These can be quite elaborate but the simplest fasten on the outside wall, high up, are powered by batteries, only use power when they sense a movement nearby, and send their pictures inside by wireless—so no holes have to be drilled in your walls and installation is relatively simple. Again, however, you get what you pay for. If you have a burglar alarm, you probably don't need a complex CCTV system as well. Both systems are designed primarily to deter; they may not stop a break-in but do help to ensure that the culprits are caught quickly.

The recent spate of burglaries in our village does not indicate a general increase in crime. More it reflects the activity of someone who may be quite local seeing an opportunity while people are on holiday. We are still in one of the safest areas of what is one of the safest countries.

Rural Schools' Swimming Gala 2017

Our team competed at Salt Ayre pool against seven other schools. Halton St Wilfrid's School has held the title for several years. Our team really pulled together, cheering each other on through every event, gaining medals as they progressed. Final scores resulted in the Over Kellet team becoming this year's winners. It is the first time the school has won this event. Some pupils even bettered their personal best times and two pupils attended the event on crutches but still swam really well! Congratulations for a real team effort and success.

The Kellet Cup 2017

The annual football competition between the Kellets took place at Wilson's Endowed School this year. Three teams competed : Older boys, younger boys and girls. Some of the matches were close and everyone was pleased that both schools finished with trophies. We are very grateful to mum, Julie Bell and teaching assistant, Janet Lawson for sharing their football expertise with our girls' team. The final results were:

	Over Kellet	Nether Kellet
Younger Boys	0	2
Older Boys	4	1
Girls	12	0

Global Learning Week

Pupils spent a full week exploring different cultures and global topics. Everything from map work to music and cookery was celebrated. Global Link, based in Lancaster, provided workshops for the children and introduced Ahmed, a refugee from Aleppo.

Superstan saves the day for Over Kellet!

Following a sudden and heavy cloud burst that made access to the village hall rather tricky, the audience cheered as pupils presented the musical comedy 'Superstan'. From minions and evil scientists to grannies running marathons, Superstan won the day, rescuing Megaville's citizens and mayor. The show's writer and composer, Craig Hawes, even sent the cast a personal message:

'You guys look amazing, great costumes! Wishing your heroic cast all the best for a fun filled show—you'll be awesome, groovy and SUPER!'

Jo Williams, Headteacher



PARISH COUNCIL—JULY

Old Hall Farm Proposal—The owners of Old Hall Farm on The Green and their representatives from IDP Partnership presented an outline plan for development of the current farm buildings. Gordon Stephenson, the son of the owners Alan and Jean Stephenson, stressed these were proposals only and that, if they were to go ahead with their plans, the family would consult fully with residents. The current proposal was for two separate developments: the first comprised the conversion of the existing farmhouse and agriculture buildings (including two listed barns) into nine new dwellings; the second proposal was for the development of a ‘series of fields’ to the north west of Old Hall Farm to build 55 homes which would house 160–170 new residents. Mr Stephenson said the original plan had been for 70–80 houses but that the family had felt a smaller development would be ‘more sympathetic to the village’. The Parish Council and an audience of approximately 25 residents were shown drawings which included public open space, a community orchard and a new access from Capernwray Road. Mr Stephenson explained that the next stage would be to submit an outline planning application to Lancaster City Council (LCC) to establish the principal of development.

More Planning—The application to build 15 homes on land adjacent to Greenways / Church Bank was still showing as ‘Awaiting decision’ on LCC’s planning portal. Cllr Martin May had spoken to Mark Potts, the LCC Case Manager, who had explained that the Council was awaiting information from the developers so that planning agreements could be signed. The application would not be formally approved until these had been agreed.

Cllr Graham Agnew reported that LCC had still not replied to the Parish Council’s complaint regarding the conduct of some members of the planning committee when the decision to approve the application had been made.

W A Agriculture Ltd had submitted an appeal against the decision to refuse its application to extend its free-range egg business at Lower Addington Farm.

Quarry—Cllr Nick Ward had contacted the Quarry regarding complaints about the noise of reversing vehicles beeping loudly during the night. As a result, the Manager at Leaper’s Wood confirmed that all vehicles will now be converted to use ‘white noise’ indicators to reduce noise pollution at night.

Highways—The ward’s new County Councillor Phillippa Williamson attended the meeting. Cllr Agnew said there were “genuine issues” with Highways and that the maintenance staff was stretched “beyond belief”, having been reduced from 12 to 4. As a result, a number of road safety and maintenance issues were not being addressed. Cllr Williamson agreed to raise the issue at County Hall.

The July meeting took place on 11 July 2017. There was no meeting in August.

The full minutes of the Parish Council meeting are available at www.overkelliet.org and on display on village notice boards. Next month’s Parish Council meeting will take place on Tuesday 12 September at 7.15pm at Wilson’s Endowed C of E School. All Parish Council meetings are open to the public.

Angela Huck

WEATHER DATA FOR JUNE/JULY 2017

JUNE

This time there are a number of data omissions in my monthly article for June. This is due to my being on holiday in the Loire area, a part of France that proved to be hot and sunny. From the information I have been able to collect, June was wetter and duller than the 10-year average. During the month we had a total of 126mm of rain (5in) well above the average of 68mm (2⁵/₈in). The wettest 24 hours was over the 5th and 6th with 24mm (1in). In the sunshine stakes the village only managed 135.8 sun hours— well below the average of 175.8h.

The hottest day of the month was the 21st when the temperature climbed to 27.4°C (80.6°F) and the sunniest day was the 18th with 15.4 sun hours. A review of the four barograph charts for June shows long periods of instability and it was only a four-day period between the 1st and 4th when the atmosphere became stable.

JULY

This month must have had many villagers confused about the type of weather we were having because of its changeable nature. The main problem seems to be on which side of the jet stream you are located. The British Isles were on the north side whilst most of Europe was to the south side. Whilst we had a mix of sunshine and showers, Southern Europe endured high temperatures which resulted in major forest fires like the horrific Pedrogao Grande in Portugal.

During the month we had 25 rain days with a total rainfall of 142mm (5⁵/₈in), well above the average of 109mm (4¹/₄in). The wettest 24h was the period over the 29th and 30th with 22mm (7⁷/₈in). We had 28 sun days giving a total of 163h—a little below the average of 172.9h. The sunniest day was the 17th with 15.1h and the warmest was the 18th when the temperature reach 24.5°C (76.1°F). The coldest day was the 1st when the temperature reached only 15.1 (59.1) and the warmest night was that of the 7th with a temperature of 14.2°C (57.5°F).

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LOCAL CITIZENS ADVICE NEWS

HELP FOR FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

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[<childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk/>](https://childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk/)

Thirty hours free childcare

Free 'early learning' (including time at a school-attached nursery) is available for all three- or four-year-old children (starting from the term after your child's third birthday). Currently all children get 15 hours per week free childcare; you may be entitled to an extra 15 hours from September 2017 for children born on or before 31st August 2017.

The 30 hours a week are to be spread over at least 3 days a week and 38 weeks a year. This 1140 hours per year can be used in school term time, or over the entire year, meaning you'd get around 21 hours free nursery care each week. Ask your local nursery.

Families with a low income, (mainly means-tested benefits) may also get free classes for two-year-old children.

Free childcare provision for three- and four-year-old children is offered at a range of places including Sure Start, nurseries, pre-schools and childminders, and covers those run by the state and privately. So, if you're paying for childcare, you can swap it for this free provision.

To qualify for the *extra* 15 hours of free nursery, you must earn a minimum of £120 per week (correct as of July 2017), and less than £100,000 a year.

Some nurseries have voiced concern that a lack of Government funding towards the cost of providing the 30-hour childcare could mean it won't be delivered. They say they will be making a loss on any places under the 30-hour free-childcare policy—again check with your nursery.

Tax-free childcare

This scheme started in April 2017; the qualifications for eligibility are the same as for the 30-hour free-childcare scheme.

The government contributes 20% (i.e. the basic rate of income tax) of childcare costs, to a maximum of £2000 per year per child (£4000 if the child is disabled). Parents pay money into an account with a childcare voucher provider; the government then tops it up. For example, if you put £80 into the account, the government will put in £20.

Parents **can use** Tax-Free Childcare alongside the 30-hour free-childcare scheme in England.

Parents **can't use** Tax-Free Childcare at the same time as they receive childcare vouchers, Universal Credit or tax credits. However, 30-hour free childcare can be received alongside these schemes.

HOW TO APPLY

Both services outlined above are considered through the same application. You'll only be asked to decide which support you want if you're on tax credits, using a childcare voucher or salary sacrifice scheme. Unlike the childcare voucher system, it doesn't rely on your employer setting up a scheme, and is available to self-employed people too.

To find out what help you might be entitled to for all these schemes, try the government's childcare calculator, available at www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator

ALREADY ON THE CHILD VOUCHER SCHEME?

You can continue using the childcare voucher system if you are already on it but cannot use both Childcare Vouchers and Tax-Free Childcare. The government proposes to close childcare-voucher schemes to new claimants in April 2018. If you use a workplace nursery and get tax relief on the costs of childcare there, this won't change.

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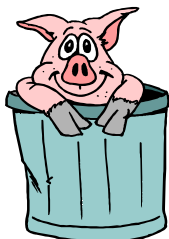
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THE DIARY

Regular Weekly Events

SUNDAYS		
1030	Sep 3, 17; Oct 1, 15	Holy Communion
1030	Oct 29	Morning Worship
1030	Sep 10	All-Age Service
1030	Sep 24; Oct 22	Methodist Service
1030	Oct 8	All-Age Harvest Festival
MONDAYS		
0900	Weekly (not Oct 23, 30)	Playgroup 2–4 Years
1330	Weekly	Indoor Bowls
1700	Weekly	Keep Active
1930	Weekly (from Sep 18 onwards)	Scottish Dancing
TUESDAYS		
0900	Weekly (not Oct 24, 31)	Playgroup 2–4 Years
0900	Weekly (Schooldays only)	Playgroup-Toddlers (School)
1400	Weekly (not July 18)	Short Tennis
1730	Weekly (not Oct 31)	Sugar Craft
WEDNESDAYS		
0900	Weekly (not Oct 25)	Playgroup 2–4 Years
1930	Weekly	Church Bible Study
2000	Weekly	Badminton
THURSDAYS		
0900	Weekly (not Oct 26)	Playgroup 2–4 Years
1930	Sep 14; Oct 12	WI
FRIDAYS		
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ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT B4RN OK—JULY 2017

What is B4RN?

Broadband For the Rural North is a community benefit company, based just a few miles away at Melling, providing a hyperfast broadband network giving you a fibre connection right to your home. This not-for-profit company relies on rural communities, like Over Kellet, using volunteers to lay all the necessary ducting around the village to keep costs to a minimum before their paid employees install the fibre cable, routers and connect the house to the main network. B4RN provide all the professional back-up and respond to any call outs.

Why should I consider having B4RN as my broadband provider?

B4RN is the fastest rural broadband in the world giving download and upload speeds of up to 1000Mbps, compared with BT's average in the village of probably no more than 20Mbps (i.e. B4RN is up to 50 times faster). Even though BT, and many other providers, talk about their 'fibre' broadband, it is only usually fibre up to the green cabinet on the village green with copper wire thereon to your house. The further away you are from the BT green cabinet the slower your broadband will become and you are also likely to experience a noticeable reduction in speed with an increase in the number of people using the service at the same time as you. The far higher speeds provided by the B4RN service will mean that, unlike BT, you will be able to run a good number of internet-connected devices at their full speed, unaffected by other users. Unlike many other providers, as far as possible B4RN will also aim to fix any faults in the service within four hours. Although you may feel you do not need this extra speed and capacity at the moment there is no doubt that the internet will become an increasingly important way of delivering information, television programmes etc., and having B4RN will 'future-proof' you for this. Also, B4RN is a 'not-for-profit' company and so is extremely unlikely to increase its prices at the same rate as other commercial providers. Given the speed and capacity of B4RN compared with any other provider it has been shown that having a B4RN connection makes properties more attractive to potential buyers and consequently increases their sale value.

How does the cost compare with other providers?

The initial, one-off, cost of connecting to B4RN is £150, although this is waived if you chose to invest £1500 or more in the B4RN project (see ***Investing in B4RN*** below). There is then a monthly subscription of £30 for unlimited hyperfast broadband. You may also choose to have your telephone service delivered over the B4RN fibre. Various companies provide this but the most popular seems to be Vonage, which will provide unlimited landline calls to UK numbers for £8.50 per month, although pay-as-you-go schemes are also available (see ***Using B4RN for a landline telephone*** below). This means that you can get rid of your BT copper-wire landline and so the total monthly cost for broadband and unlimited UK landline telephone calls will be £38.50.

How is B4RN being installed in Over Kellet?

Working parties of volunteers have been meeting on a regular basis to lay ducting into and around the village. The main route to the village hall (where the distribution cabinet is situated) from Capernwray was completed at the end of May 2017 which meant the hall, the school, and about 20 properties on this route went 'live' in early June. The network is now spreading out slowly around the rest of the village. The speed at which this happens is governed entirely by the number of volunteers who are willing to join a working party (see ***Helping to install B4RN OK*** below). We aim to give every property in the village the ability to join B4RN, now or in the future, and so we take individual fibre ducting to the boundary of every house; it is a lot easier to do this now while we are building the network rather than trying to add in another property at a later stage (see ***Wayleaves*** below). So, when you see a coil of orange 7mm ducting appear at the boundary of your property you will know that very soon you will have the option of connecting to B4RN. You will then have 3 choices:

1. If you do not wish to be connected to B4RN now, or in the foreseeable future, then simply tell a member of the B4RN OK team (see ***Contact Details*** below) and we will arrange for it to be buried, giving you a note as to where to find it should you, or a future occupier of your house, wish to be connected.

2. If you want to be connected but not immediately, perhaps because you are locked in to a contract with another provider, you should arrange to have a connection made, but not have a router installed. It will be up to you to get the duct from your boundary to the inside of your house (see **Getting Connected** below), when a technician from B4RN will then 'blow' the fibre cable through the ducting ready for a future connection. You will be charged the £150 connection fee at this stage, unless you have purchased shares as described below, but no other charge until you start using the service.
3. If you are ready to use the service then, following on from (2) above, a B4RN technician will install the router and you will sign a direct debit mandate for the £30 per month subscription. Before doing this, do make sure you are out of the contract with your current provider or you may have to pay a cancellation charge. Also, if your current email address is hosted through this provider (e.g. johnsmith@btinternet.com) you will need to set up a new one, for example through gmail.

Getting Connected

If you have opted for either (2) or (3) above it is up to you to get the B4RN ducting into your house from where it has been left at your boundary. The B4RN OK team will offer advice on this and, if you are unable to do this yourself, may well be able to help you with it. We also have a toolkit which is available for you to borrow. As far as possible the 7mm orange ducting should be brought underground to where it will enter your house. How deep it is buried will depend on how likely it is to be disturbed, usually 12"-18" (30-45cm) is sufficient in soil or grass; if it is to cross a solid path then a 4" (10cm) slot cut with an angle grinder will be sufficient. If really necessary, it can be taken above ground, for example fixed to a fence, but black 7mm diameter ducting will be necessary as the orange deteriorates when used above ground.

On the outside of your house a small grey box will be fitted over the 10mm diameter entry hole; this contains a 'gas block' and the ducting changes to white of 5mm diameter. Ideally your router will be fitted on the inside wall directly where the ducting enters and, again ideally, this should be the place where you are likely to get most use of your broadband service as devices connected directly to your router through an ethernet cable will make best use of the available speed (see **Making the most of the broadband speed** below).

Making the most of the broadband speed

B4RN should provide you with upload & download speeds of approximately 1000Mbps at the point of entry to your house but the speed you will receive on any particular device will depend on:

1. Are you connected to the router using an ethernet cable or wirelessly? If wirelessly then you are unlikely to obtain speeds greater than 300Mbps and this will drop off considerably as you move away from the router, particularly if you have thick walls.
2. What is the maximum speed at which the particular device is capable of working? Many PCs, laptops, ipads etc are not capable of working at speeds greater than 100Mbps and many smart phones no faster than 50Mbps.
3. Your particular anti-virus software can reduce speed by up to 20%. Realistically if you are receiving speeds of at least 50Mbps that should be sufficient for most uses—the big advantage of B4RN is its ability to provide a constant speed of delivery to a number of devices in your home at any one time, rather than experiencing a drop off in speed when using copper wire connections. To maximise the advantages of B4RN then as far as possible use an ethernet connecting cable, either directly wired or via 'internet-over-mains' adaptors (e.g. BT's Mini-wifi home hotspot 600 at about £35 seems to work well and we have some available for temporary loan). You can also reconfigure your old router to act as a wireless booster (see www.pcadvisor.co.uk/how-to/network-wifi/how-to-use-router-as-repeater) or B4RN will do it at one of their Friday help sessions (see **Contact details** below). One ethernet cable can connect several devices by using a network 'switch' (e.g. a Netgear 5-port Gigabit switch costs about £25). The B4RN OK team can give advice on this.

Using B4RN for a landline telephone

The B4RN fibre connection for broadband can also be used as a telephone line which means the BT copper connection to the house becomes superfluous and can be dispensed with, thus saving on the line rental charge. There are various providers of this type of telephone connection (known as VoIP) but the most widely used one seems to be Vonage if you want a monthly contract or Sipgate (www.live.sipgate.co.uk) if you simply want a 'Pay-as-you-go' arrangement. There are three call plans with Vonage:

- 'Talk' provides unlimited UK landline calls and currently costs £8.50 per month;
- 'Premium' (£11.50 per month) as above plus cheaper calls to UK mobiles and unlimited free calls to 5 specified countries;
- 'Premium Unlimited' (£15.00 per month) as above but unlimited free calls to UK mobiles.

In addition there is the option on each plan to make unlimited free calls to over 60 countries for an additional £4 per month. Call recognition and diversion to your smartphone (in wifi/3G/4G areas) is provided at no extra cost. An email/text message will be sent if an answerphone message is left. Note that a power supply is required for a VoIP phone so it will not work in power cuts unless you have a back-up supply.

It is quite straightforward transferring from your current provider to Vonage but **if you wish to keep your existing telephone number it is important to follow exactly the following steps**. Also if you enquire and/or order through a link we send to you, you will receive a £50 Amazon voucher and we will also receive one that we can use for B4RN OK. **If you order through the Vonage website or enquire/order by telephone you/we will not receive these vouchers**. Procedure:

1. Email Nick at nkdw01@gmail.com and follow the link he sends to you. Click on 'Home' on the top bar, then 'Plan' and select which of the three plans you want to order.
2. Within 2/3 days you will receive a Vonage box with full instructions on installing—it is very easy; it just plugs in to one of the internet ports on the router.
3. You will be allocated a new Vonage number **but, if you want to retain your existing number, you must not cancel your existing telephone contract at this stage**.
4. Plug a telephone into the Vonage box and make and receive at least one telephone call.
5. Go onto the Vonage website and log in using your new Vonage number. Click on 'Summary' tab at the top of the page and select 'Move your number'. This will then start the process of porting your number from your existing provider to the new Vonage line. This can take at least 10 working days, and maybe longer. Within two or three days Vonage will email you confirming they can port your number (in a very few cases there may be a reason why they cannot do this) and on what date this is likely to be. Your existing supplier will also email you confirming that all service (telephone/broadband) to you will cease on this date. If your email address is related to your supplier (e.g. xxxx@btinternet.com) this will also cease, unless you pay to retain it. You must therefore set up a new email address (e.g. gmail is particularly easy to set up, see www.gmail.com). Your existing telephones will work on the Vonage system, but the main handset needs to be plugged into the Vonage box.

Investing in B4RN

1. **What are the shares for?** They are a loan to B4RN to pay for the installation of the network in the village. Once the network is operating these costs will be recovered by B4RN through the connection charge of £150 (see para.3 below) and £30 per month which subscribers pay.
2. **How much can I invest?** You can invest anything between £100 and £100,000, but the amount you invest will govern the benefits you receive.
3. **What are these benefits?** If you invest at least £500 and are a UK taxpayer you will receive a tax rebate from HMRC at the end of the first tax year in which you invest, equivalent to 30% of your investment (i.e. £300 for each £1000 you invest). At the end of the 4th year, and every year thereafter, B4RN will pay you interest on your investment, currently at the rate of 5%. If you invest at least £1500 you will not be

required to pay the £150 connection charge (see para. 1 above), but in this case you will be liable to pay tax on £50 as a 'benefit in kind'.

4. **Do I have to subscribe to the B4RN broadband to buy shares?** No, you can just do this as an investment. Similarly you do not have to buy shares to be able to use B4RN broadband.
5. **For how long do I have to invest?** As long as you wish, but for a minimum of 3 years. After this time you can apply to sell your shares back to B4RN at the same price you paid for them. Depending on its funding stream it may not prove possible to buy them back immediately but it will try and do so as soon as possible. Note you can only sell your shares back to B4RN and not to a third party.
6. **As a shareholder do I have any say in the operation of the company?** Yes, this is a Community Benefit Company and each shareholder is entitled to one vote at the AGM, however large or small the shareholding.
7. **Will this investment only be used for financing the Over Kellet project?** On applying for shares you must state they are to be designated for the specific build-out of the Over Kellet area but if more investment is raised than is required for Over Kellet to be completed then it will be used elsewhere, but all the other conditions above apply.
8. **How do I invest?** Go to the B4RN website (www.b4rn.org.uk) and download a form which on completion should be sent to their head office (see **Contact Details** below)

Wayleaves

As the B4RN network is installed around the village we will need to take the ducting over other residents' land. If we ask you for permission to do this we hope you will grant it, even if you do not want to subscribe to it yourself. We will of course negotiate with you where it will go and when the work will be done to cause minimum disruption and ensure all the work is properly completed to your satisfaction. We will also ask you to sign a wayleave granting this permission. If permission is not granted then it could mean we would be unable to connect to neighbouring properties and it is B4RN's policy not to provide connections to the network in the future to those properties where permission for a wayleave has been refused.

Helping to install B4RN OK

This is done entirely by volunteers by giving up their time to take part in working parties which are normally held at weekends. The more volunteers we have the quicker the project will be completed. All are welcome—if you can't dig then making refreshments is just as important! See **Contact Details** below.

Contact Details

For general information and investment forms see the main B4RN website www.b4rn.org.uk; Office address: Station Yard, Melling, via Carnforth, Lancs LA6 2QY, telephone 01524 555887, email: info@b4rn.org.uk. 'Help' sessions are hosted there on Fridays, 2.00-4.00, and are open to anyone with questions about anything to do with B4RN. For more information on any of the above relating to Over Kellet from the B4RN OK team, contact Lesley on 01524733240, lesleygee54@gmail.com or Nick on 01524733947, nkdw01@gmail.com. Follow us on Facebook—B4RN OK, request to join this closed group. If you would like to be added to our database to receive regular updates email Lesley.

Nick Ward/B4RN OK/July 2017

THE DIARY Monthly Calendar

SEPTEMBER			
Sunday	3	1330	Village Walk—Asby
Tuesday	12	1915	Parish Council Meeting (School)
Wednesday	13	0900	Walking Group—Kirkby Lonsdale
Thursday	14	1930	WI Meeting—Talk by Sarah Littlefield on 'The Lune River Trust'
Friday	22	1930	Hort. Soc. Talk and possible demonstration by David Morris (North Lancashire Alpine Society) on 'An Introduction to Alpines'
OCTOBER			
Sunday	1	1200	Harvest Lunch
Sunday	1	1330	Village Walk—Ribblehead
Saturday	7	1000	Coffee Morning in aid of the local Down's Syndrome branch
Tuesday	10	1915	Parish Council Meeting (School)
Thursday	11	1930	WI Meeting—Talk by Maurice Steele on 'Wandering in Wales'
Wednesday	18	0900	Walking Group—Semer Water
Saturday	21	1000	Coffee Morning in aid of the Guide dogs for the Blind Association
Friday	27	1930	<u>Hort. Soc. Quiz Night</u> Gardens, flowers and wildlife—Multi-media fun night! Teams to register by 20th October. Contact Phil Hegarty (733549) for further information.

All events take place in the Village Hall unless otherwise stated

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MORECAMBE BAY FOODBANK

Since the inception of the Morecambe Bay Foodbank in 2012, when it started to operate from a cupboard in the GYM Church in Green Street, Morecambe, the Over Kellet community has been supporting it through donation boxes in St Cuthbert's church, the village shop and Wilson's Endowed School. The organisation, which provides 3-days' worth of emergency food to local people in crisis, grew, and after five years had taken over nearly half of the church, so it was time to move. On July 2, with a lot of help from volunteers, everything was transferred to the West End Community Centre on the corner of Regent Road and Westminster Road, Morecambe.

As well as providing non-perishable emergency food, the Morecambe Bay Foodbank provides, when it can, essentials (like washing powder, nappies, toiletries and sanitary products) to families who are struggling, as well as signposting them to other services in the local area. Like many other Trussell Trust foodbanks, the Morecambe Bay Foodbank is partnering with other agencies to provide additional services such as welfare advice, budgeting help and debt support at the foodbank itself, helping people to break out of crisis. For the first time this year they have been able to distribute fresh food donations from Morrisons, Brookes and Marks & Spencer. All fresh food donated is distributed the same week as they don't have freezers and large fridges. From the public they need non-perishable food donations. They are constantly running out of long-life milk, custard, tinned fruit and instant mashed potato (this latter is useful for people who have no cooking facilities other than a kettle). Other typical items needed are corned beef, pasta sauce, tinned potatoes and steamed puddings. There is always a need for tinned fish and tinned meat/vegetables; donations of items for personal hygiene are also welcome.

Many thanks for your help, especially during the recent school holidays when, in the absence of free school meals for their children, some families have been under increased strain.

Susan Johnson

FLU VACCINATION

Ash Trees Surgery advise their patients of this year's flu clinics.

If you can answer YES to any of the following questions you may be eligible* for the vaccine:

- Are you over 65?
- Are you a carer for a family member or friend?
- Do you have an underlying medical condition?
- Are you pregnant?

No appointment is needed for the free drop-in clinics at Carnforth and Bolton-le-Sands Surgeries in **September—Saturday 9th and Saturday 30th** from 9.30am to 12 noon. There is another free clinic in Carnforth on Monday **2nd October** from 4pm to 7pm.

*If you are unsure of your eligibility please ask one of our reception staff at Ash Trees who will be happy to help (tel 01524 720000)





NEXT STEPS FOR B4RN OK

A very successful action day was held on Saturday July 8th with 28 volunteers. Ducting was pulled through a pre-prepared channel between Church Bank and Greenways. Residents are now working to take the ducting through their gardens to the point of entry into their houses to facilitate a connection. A meeting was held at the end of July to discuss and plan the next phase of development for B4RN OK. Volunteers began the preliminary planning for:

- 15–30 Church Bank (Martin Lord)
- 5–15 Kirklands Road (Odd Nos), 2–16 Bay View (Even Nos) and two properties on Kirkby Lonsdale Road (Tony Wells & Sue Johnson)
- 21–47 Greenways (Odd Nos) & two houses in the quarry at the end of Craggs Hill (John & Sue Askew)
- Craggs Hill (Tony Whinfield & Tony Duckett)
- 2–42 Greenways (Even Nos) (Roger Earnshaw)

We are very grateful to all our volunteers and always welcome newcomers. Our events are a great way of meeting fellow villagers and having a great atmosphere. Please come and joining our working groups.

A community action day at the end of August will lay the ducting along the final section of the school field to connect the bungalows on Church Bank (Nos1–6) and in School Lane (Nos 1–3).

A compact leaflet (in the middle of this issue) has basic information to help residents to understand more about B4RN. If you require further information please phone or email me (733240; lesleygee54@gmail.com) or Nick (733947; nkdw01@gmail.com) and/or visit our Facebook page—B4RN OK.

Planning is well under way for the B4RN Dance (Ceilidh) 7pm–11pm, Saturday October 7th in the village hall. Tickets £10 including a pie and pea supper; primary school children £5—see the advert on page 29. Don't delay!

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Wednesday

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Advancing 7—8pm

LOOKING FOR HISTORY IN OVER KELLET—3

WHY IS OVER KELLET WHERE IT IS?

Historians and geographers believe that people were closely connected with the soil from earliest times and, consequently, villages were normally sited to provide easy access to cultivated or pastoral areas. The precise location of a settlement depended on local features; marshy land, as in the valley of the River Keer, would have been avoided.

Access to water would have been another consideration, and a good spring would often determine the choice of site—the word Kellet (according to Ekwall, p186 &187) derives from Old Norse and means 'the slope of the spring'. The Victoria County History states that 'a stream formerly known as Mill Beck runs, now under cover, for some distance by the side of the road to Lancaster [Nether Kellet Road] and, after passing under the village green, sinks into the ground about half a mile to the north-west' (Farrer & Brownbill, p140). Stand near the hedge at the corner of Church Bank and Nether Kellet Road and in wet weather the tumbling stream can be seen and heard. A local resident describes in a book of memories of Over Kellet and Capernwray (Escolme 2002, p31) how in 1939 the stream was visible from Church Bank to opposite the Eagle's Head.

Shelter from the wind would be another factor, but would not be hard to come by; most of England was heavily wooded before man got to work on it, and continued to be so throughout the early centuries of settlement.

Our local historian Bob Escolme speculates that the original site of our village may have been around the church (Escolme 2003, p8), but he observes that the church is set apart from the present village. The supposed original location of the village would have been closer to the origin of the spring. The old road to Nether Kellet and onward to Lancaster passed to the west of the church tower until it was relocated to its present route in the early 19th century. The place where the old and new roads diverge is at the Old School House, where a grassy track heads towards the church between Oaklea and Lamond Cottage. Perhaps the easier contours of the place where our village is now led to the relocation.

Ease of communication would have been an additional factor in the location of our village.

Which were the main places that local people and longer distance travellers would have wished to reach in early times? Lancaster and Kendal were the two largest local administrative and trading centres. The old high road from Lancaster to Kendal passes through the village, with a branch to Capernwray. Another centre of attraction would have been Warton. In 1199 King John granted Gilbert Fitz-Reinfride a charter to hold a market there every Wednesday. The route across the marshy valley of the River Keer via Carnforth therefore may have been in use by the late 12th century. With the exception of Preston, this was the first market to be granted in Lancashire (Morley & Smalley, p5), though it appears not to have been a lasting success.

Of more interest to those looking for history in the present landscape is the route

LOOKING FOR HISTORY IN OVER KELLET—3

from Over Kellet to Kirkby Lonsdale. The route is shown on Yates' Map of Lancashire published in 1786 but merely as an unfenced track crossing open moorland. This may indicate it was then of minor significance. This is not what we see today. Stand beside Kirkby Lonsdale Road at the edge of the village on the final



bend which takes the road downhill towards Kirkby Lonsdale. Look closely at the view which is in stark contrast to the journey through Over Kellet to this point. In the village the road twists and turns with buildings edging close to it. The view to Kirkby Lonsdale is of an 'enclosure landscape', an almost straight road with verges of equal width on both sides. Stone field walls strike off the road at right angles and follow straight lines (see photo). It looks as if a surveyor had laid a ruler on a map and drawn rectangles with the road as a baseline—which is exactly what happened in the early 19th century. These are all visual clues to a landscape created as a result of an Enclosure Act. Like many Enclosure Acts passed in the 18th and 19th centuries, our local one of 1805 brought previously common grazing land (available to the community at large) into individual plots and cultivation.

So, the animal-based farming economy, access to water, avoidance of marshy land, shelter from the wind, and routes to local centres for trade and business have acted together to result in our village being sited where it is.

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Peter Clinch

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

I suggested in the editorial of the first issue of the Over Kellet View that the main purpose of the magazine was to give a view of what is happening within our village and, hopefully, to encourage a greater participation and cohesiveness. Has it, I wonder, achieved this aim and, indeed, is it still an aim worth achieving?

At the same time as we were discussing the setting up of a village magazine, one Jack Dorsey in America had the idea of setting up a communication platform which he called Twitter, the first 'tweet' being sent by him in 2006 with an explosion in its use taking place in the first year of the OK View. It now has over 328 million monthly active users and seemingly is even the chosen way of conducting business for the President of the United States of America. However, even this pales into insignificance with the over 2 billion users of Facebook in June 2017, a number growing at the rate of 20 million a month. One could say that expecting social cohesiveness and some form of community spirit is an outdated concept as we retreat behind our front door to stream videos from Netflix, play video games with unknown opponents across the world, share in the sorrows and joys of people we have never met, or live vicariously the lives of so-called celebrities, perhaps joining the 102 million immersing themselves in every move of Kim Kardashian on Instagram. But is it?

Nearly four hundred years ago John Donne wrote '*No man is an Island, entire of it self; everyman is a piece of the Continent, a part of the main*' and, given the potential isolation and disconnection from society emanating from this staggering growth in social media, and the fact that mobile phone overuse has become officially recognised as a psychological dependence syndrome, isn't it more important than ever to be grounded by contact with real people and situations? And isn't this really why we all chose to live in a village like Over Kellet, and be part of a living community rather than in an anonymous urban suburb with the potential to isolate ourselves from those living around us?

The response of village residents to Storm Desmond and the subsequent setting up of an emergency planning committee, the three hundred or so who attended the Service of Remembrance on the village green in 2014 and, more recently, the installation of the B4RN fibre network around the village are all examples of positive community involvement. Yes, there are occasional disappointments, like the inability of the Horticultural Society to stage a show this year through a shortage of volunteers, and there are challenges it would be good to take on, like the setting up of a volunteer support network as seen in some other villages. But, happily, the indications are that the community spirit in Over Kellet is alive and well.

When we started the Over Kellet View ten years ago, some prophets of doom said it wouldn't last the year. I am delighted they have been proved wrong as I am sure it has played no small part in maintaining and promoting the importance of community living which we value so much. I look forward to reading the 200th issue in 2027.

Nick Ward

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OK VIEW—5 YEARS AGO

The new parish council notice board, excellently made by Mr Tony Wells, was formally unveiled by Mrs Val Griffiths, widow of the late Cllr Roger Griffiths, to whom it had been dedicated by the Parish Council. Before inviting Mrs Griffiths to unveil it, the Chair of the Parish Council, Cllr. Prof. John Crewdson, reminded the gathering of residents of Mr Griffiths' many contributions to the events and affairs of the village—all of which had enhanced the quality of life here and for years to come.

Roger Griffiths was a great supporter of the Over Kellet View. In the first issue in October 2007, he wrote 'Many thanks to the production and editorial team for this, the first issue of a long-awaited and overdue magazine for the residents of the parish of Over Kellet and Capenwray. Funding, with help from the Parish Council, Neighbourhood Watch, St Cuthbert's Church, the Women's Institute and the Village Hall will have secured the first year's production. Thanks are also due to the Carnforth and Area Regeneration Partnership (CARP) and the Lancashire County Council for their financial input. We hope that there will not be too many teething problems but, if there are, please bear with us.'

'When the Jubilee Concert was held in the village hall in May 2002, nearly four hours of entertainment was produced by parish residents so there is a lot of talent out there. Bearing this in mind we look forward to some interesting copy of 'The View'. The wider the communal input to this project the greater will be the success and we look forward to your contributions.'

Exactly the same sentiments as then as today.

There was a report on the recently held English Sheepdog Trials at Swine Cragg Allotment, Kirkby Lonsdale Road—the first time it had been held in Lancashire for over 25 years. With over 100 competitors from all over the UK both handlers and dogs entertained onlookers with their skills over a challenging course. The overall winner and therefore 2012 English National Champion was Ben Smith with Meg from Ashbourne.

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VILLAGE WEBSITE

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The result of the draw for June was:

1 st (£25)	Mrs J Temple (56)
2 nd (£15)	Mr D Wilson (126)
3 rd (£10)	Mrs A Cullinan (115)

The result of the draw for July was:

1 st (£25)	Ms Sophie Hake (81)
2 nd (£15)	Mrs J Robinson (64)
3 rd (£10)	Miss Y Morgan (66)

Congratulations as always to all our winners.

It is always a good idea to have some turnover in the running of any scheme. If you are interested in helping to run The 200 Club or to be involved in giving out the prizes, please let us know. Both activities take up very little time and can be done as and when convenient to you. The former requires some simple computing experience and is entirely home-based, while the latter gives you a bit more exercise within the village. If you think you might be able to help please contact Chris Pogson (01524 732892; chris@overkellet.org.uk).

FINANCIAL WIZARD WANTED

Well, not quite, but we wanted you to read this!

The Over Kellet View is looking for someone to help look after our finances. Briefly, this means paying a few cheques into the bank in Carnforth, paying our printer monthly and the City Council annually. These transactions need to be entered on a spreadsheet and checked with the bank account on-line. Again this is one of those jobs that can largely be done when you have the odd moment. Apart from the limited computing, no great accounting skill is required. If interested, please contact Chris Pogson (01524 732892; chris@overkellet.org.uk).

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CORRESPONDENCE

MERE FELL

Hello!

We would like to introduce ourselves. I'm Debbie, the manager at Mere Fell, the children's home on the Green.

In our five bedrooms we place children (ages from 8 to 18) for assessment periods of up to 28 days. These children come from all areas of the country and can have a range of different needs. While they are at Mere Fell they are supported on a one-to-one basis at all times. We are really keen to become involved within the community—while we appreciate that the children will only be here for 28 days we hope to become more involved in the village so that residents will become more familiar with the staff. If there are any events in the area please let us know as we would like to contribute in any way we can and participate if appropriate.

The home has a defibrillator so that, in the event of anything happening around the Green area, there is always a member of staff at the home who can help out.

Debbie Woollams

CHILDREN'S NEARLY NEW SALE

We are holding our next popular Children's Nearly New Sale on 14th October, from 10am to 12 noon—tables already sold out!

Previous sales have been a good way to buy quality goods, with a wide range of toys, games, books clothes, baby equipment—so put this date in your diary.



Refreshments will be available—it's thirsty work looking round. Donations for the raffle will be very welcome.

The Centre @ Halton, Low Road, Halton <http://www.haltoncentre.org/>

ADVERTISE IN THE OVER KELLET VIEW WITHOUT CHARGE

Most advertisements in the magazine are paid for. We do however have an occasional section called 'To A Good Home'. This is for residents who wish to dispose of items which they no longer want but are of possible use to others. These entries are free (provided, of course, that the transaction is itself without charge).

We also, at the editors' discretion and subject to availability of space, accept without cost advertisements entirely for charitable purposes.

The Invention of Nature by **Andrea Wulf** (John Murray, 2015)

The name of Alexander von Humboldt may not be familiar to most in this country. Andrea Wulf wishes that it were otherwise and her exciting and informative book makes a strong case for her thesis.

Humboldt lived for nearly ninety years (1769–1859) and was active from his early youth until his last few days. He had an insatiable curiosity, coupled with a photographic memory. His scientific interest, and expertise, was encyclopaedic, encompassing all aspects of what was then known as Natural Philosophy (from geology, through physics and chemistry to all aspects of biology, taking in mining and much of what we now call technology on the way). He was curious about everything and had a remarkable ability to communicate his enthusiasm—there were no empty seats at his lectures!

Humboldt's desire to understand the world made him an intrepid traveller. His book, about travels along the Orinoco and across most of the upper half of South America, risking his life almost daily, and taking in climbing Chimborazo, then thought to be the highest mountain in the World, was a best-seller for many years and obligatory reading for anyone going to that continent. Later on he travelled across Russia to the Altai Mountains in the East, collecting and noting everything as he went.

This much made Humboldt the best-known scientist of his age. But, in addition, he was greatly involved in literature and politics. He was a great friend of, and influence on, Goethe and Schiller. Further afield, he knew and was highly respected by Thomas Jefferson, the past-president of the United States, although they never agreed about slavery against which Humboldt campaigned throughout his life. Humboldt's name was widely known and respected across Europe and the Americas, by the common people, whose cause he espoused, as much as by those in political authority.

Humboldt has a claim to be one of the most influential people of his century. He met Simon Bolivar in Europe and persuaded him to return to South America and initiate the ultimately successful secession from Spanish rule. In his books, he suggested that Nature was a unified whole and made observations that led to the idea of evolution and the importance of nature conservation; he was, by far, the first environmentalist. Darwin held Humboldt in the highest regard and embarked on his voyage on *The Beagle* as a result. In the United States, Thoreau's attitude to Nature was stimulated directly by Humboldt's books and John Muir, the founder of the U.S. National Parks, regarded himself as a faithful follower of Humboldt. The only important person who was not won over was Napoleon, who sought to expel Humboldt from Paris—despite the Emperor's pretensions to be a scientific sponsor.

This book won the Costa Biography Award for 2015. I am not surprised. It is an enthralling read from page one. The author followed her subject in climbing Chimborazo and across much of South America; this adds real bite and colour to the text. It is difficult to imagine that this amazing life could be better encompassed in one volume.

Chris Pogson

MARGARET COBB

Margaret died on July 21st in her 86th year. A remembrance of Margaret and her contributions to this village will appear in our next issue. Meanwhile we reproduce below her 'First Poem' which was read as a part of the Service of Thanksgiving on August 7th at Beetham Hall.

We lived in Wales in a cottage old.
We had two young children, who were
sometimes bold.

One evening in the bath together,
They called to Dad, and asked whether
he would sit on the edge and splash them,
please?

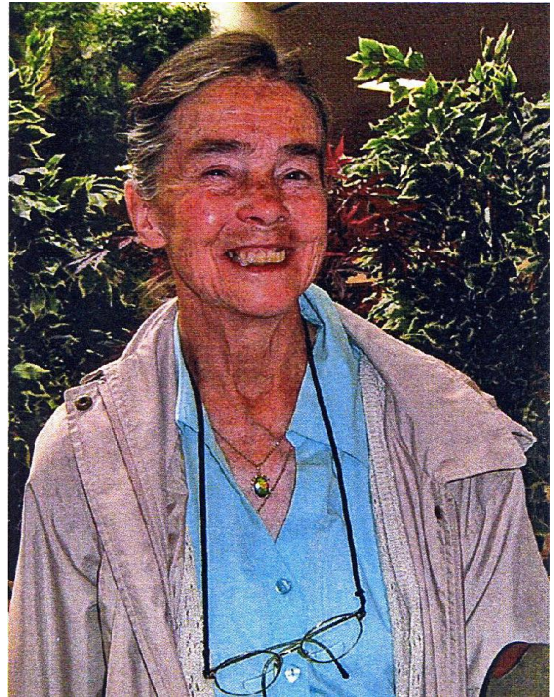
They giggled and wriggled their Daddy to
tease.

Excitement rose, with shrieks galore.
The walls were drenched, as was the floor.

Disaster struck, just one slip.

Daddy fell in; he needed a dip!

What a 'hoot'! Three 'kids' in the bath!
When we tell the story, it still makes us laugh.



COVER PICTURES

We are always looking for photographs to feature on our front cover. Photographs of local scenes, flora or wildlife are especially welcome and all will be credited in the magazine. Send your pictures to okview@overkellet.org

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WHAT'S ON

What's coming up in September?



SATELLITE BROADCASTS:

John Le Carre: an Evening with George Smiley will be broadcast live from London's Festival Hall on Thursday 7th. John will discuss the full breadth of his career and reflect on the continuing story of his most famous creation, the bespectacled spy, George Smiley. At **The Dukes**, starting at 7.45pm—www.dukes-lancaster.org or at the Box Office: 01524 598500.

The **Royal Opera House's** performance of **Mozart's Magic Flute** is at **The Reel** cinema Morecambe at 7.15pm on Wednesday 20th—01524 413935 for info.

Music:

Free Wednesday organ/piano concerts at **Lancaster Town hall** every Wednesday from 12.30 to 13.30pm, until December 13th.

Also a special on Saturday 23rd at 7.30pm with **Malcolm Archer**, Director of Music at Winchester College, and pupils of Ripley St Thomas Academy Music Department.

Contact www.ahorp.org and also www.organrecitals.com

Enjoy a very special evening at **The Grand** on Thursday 21st at 7.30pm with **Russell Watson**, accompanied by his pianist and a guest choir in a programme called **Serenade**—01524 64695 or www.lancastergrand.co.uk for more details.

CELEBRATIONS:

Vintage By The Sea at Morecambe: This event is returning for its 5th season on Saturday and Sunday, 2nd and 3rd, to celebrate the brilliance of 20th century design, fashion, vehicles and entertainment, with a special focus on the British seaside. A free, family-friendly festival with live music, carefully selected street food, traders in eye-catching vintage vehicles—not forgetting the Bradford to Morecambe Historical Vehicle Rally—and much, much more.

For more information see www.vintagefestival.co.uk

On Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th, the **English Civil War Revisited** is happening at **Lancaster Castle**. The Earl of Manchester's Regiment of Foote of the Sealed Knot Re-Enactment Society will be garrisoning the Castle and giving the family the chance to experience what life was like in 1643 as King Charles and Parliament fought for control of the country. Watch as both Musket and Pike demonstrate how they work together on the battlefield, talk to the soldiers, see the troops being put through their training and much, much more—10am to 5pm each day. Contact 01524 64998 for more information

Don't miss the **Westmorland County Show** on Thursday 14th at the **County Showground, Crooklands**. It's a tremendous day out with lots to see and lots to do and you can get reduced tickets, before the day, from the Over Kellet village shop.

LOCAL SERVICES

OVER KELLET

Village Store and Post Office, The Green	733207
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The Eagles Head Public House, Nether Kellet Road	732457
Fishmonger, David Goldspink, Weds 09:00-11:00, Winder Garth	07477 530965
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Library	Lancaster Road	0300 1236703
	<i>(Mon, Wed & Fri 09:30-13:00 & 14:00-18:00; Tues & Sat 09:30-13:00)</i>	

BUS TIMES:

Note that these are a guide only—do check! Sch = School days

OVER KELLET TO/FROM LANCASTER

Route 49 from OK Green via Village Hall & Nether Kellet (journey time 34min)

Depart OK Green: Mon-Sat: 07:56, 09:36 then hourly to 15:36 (*not Sch*)

Depart Lancaster: Mon-Fri: 09:30 hourly to 14:30, 15:30 (*not Sch*)
Sat: As above but with the addition of 17:30

Route 55 from OK Green via Carnforth (journey time approx. 40min)

Depart OK: Mon-Fri: 07:18, 07:33, 16:16 (*Sch*), 17:01, 18:01

OVER KELLET TO/FROM CARNFORTH

Route 49 coming from Lancaster and Nether Kellet (journey time 10min)

Depart OK Green: Mon-Fri: 10:03, then hourly to 15:03, 16:03 (*not Sch*)
Sat: As above but with the addition of 18:03

Route 55—Times as above

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