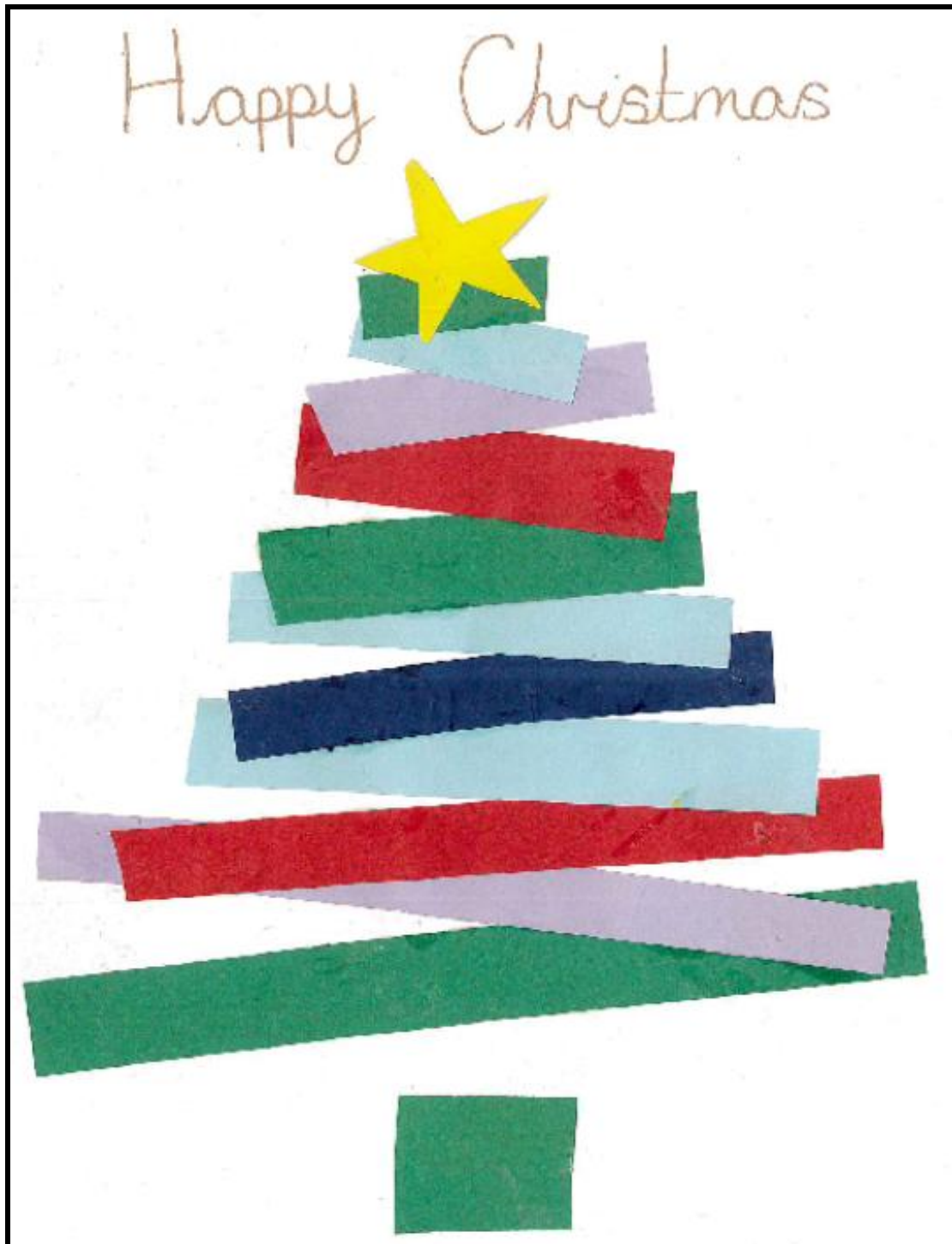


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THE DECEMBER VIEW

We hold our editorial meetings early in the month before the date of issue. This enables planning and rough calculation of the number of pages but the calendar challenges your editors—consideration of Christmas, New Year and February comes at the start of November. We are well into the winter already!

I have been an editor for a few years and have found the experience interesting and enjoyable, albeit challenging on occasion. But other pressures call and this is my last issue. Several people have been involved with the Over Kellet View during these years. To Angela Huck, Rosie Kakkar and Liz Brewster, colleagues as editors, and to Jane Meaden, who continues to look after our valuable advertising, I give my warmest thanks and congratulations for all their successful work, often against hard dead-lines. Gordon Galloway, our village webmaster, has looked after the magazine on the village website—where the full-colour issues go back to issue 60. We are all indebted to him for his unfailing competence and advice—none more than I. Our magazine would not come to your letterboxes without the work of our printer, Roger Cleet of Bay Typesetters, who has performed miracles converting our copy into the finished magazine, often within two days—on behalf of all of us involved in the magazine, a big thank you, Roger. Many more play an indispensable role each month—those who deliver to your doors and others who help to run the 200 Club which has provided much-appreciated financial support—thanks to all. Lastly, thanks again to our indefatigable regular contributors and those who have sent articles, long and short, over the months and years.

In 2018, Peter Clinch and Paul Budd will be taking over the role of editors. I am sure that the magazine will continue to develop and prosper under their guidance.

Back to Christmas. Rosie wrote at this time last year of the uncertainties to come in 2017. Well, we have survived, are still free of inappropriate development and continue to look forward optimistically, not least to our new Broadband with B4RN which will connect most houses in the village by this time in 2018. And long may it continue!

And so, to end, my editorial colleagues at the Over Kellet View join me in wishing you, our readers, a very happy Christmas and fruitful New Year.

Chris Pogson

A NOTE OF THANKS

Vera Assiak thanks all the friends in the village who have been kind enough to visit her after her accident in the village hall and whilst she has been confined to her home. Many thanks also for the gifts of flowers and fruits and offers of help. She is much improved and hopes to be out and about very soon.



Audrey Cochrane wishes friends and neighbours all the best for Christmas and the New Year. She is not sending cards anymore and has made a donation to charity instead.

CHURCH NEWS

During this season of Advent, as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, there are many distractions with much noise and frantic activity and little time to be still and reflect on what the celebrations are about.

One of the best-known carols we will be singing during advent was written by Charles Wesley in 1739 and adapted 100 years later by William Cummings to a cantata by Frederick Mendelssohn, '*Hark, the Herald Angels sing, Glory to the new born King.*' Many carols are packed with theological truths and this is a good example. '*Hark*' is a challenge for us all as we are invited to pay close attention to the good news of peace on earth and reconciliation with God. '*Joy*', in its deepest sense, is available as we celebrate the coming in humility and simplicity of Jesus Christ, God's own Son, who reveals God's nature of love to us and is Emmanuel—God with us. '*Life*' in its fullness is His offer to us as He brings light in darkness and healing as we trust Him. '*Hope*' for those in despair is His offer and the assurance that death has been overcome by His resurrection and that we can receive a second birth.

All this has been achieved as '*He lays his glory by*', or, as the Apostle Paul reflected, '*though He was rich, yet for our sakes became poor so that through his poverty we may become spiritually rich*'.

So, as we sing well-known carols, we can reflect on the true meaning of Christmas for we are reminded that Christ is the everlasting Lord.

We extend a very warm welcome to all to come and join us as we sing Carols at the lighting of the Christmas Tree on the Village Green on December 2nd at 4pm; to our Carols by Candlelight service on December 17th at 6.30pm and the Midnight Holy Communion service on Christmas Eve.

During Advent the church will be having another Christmas window-dressing event to raise money for local and national charities.

On December 9th a Christmas Afternoon tea will be held from 3pm in the Village Hall—all are welcome.

We are grateful to all those who supported the very successful coffee morning for Guide Dogs for the Blind and the Fairtrade breakfast in November.

A generous legacy has enabled us to install a new church kitchen and the damaged church windows will be repaired in the New Year.

It is our expectation that we will be able to provide an update on the appointment of our new Vicar to be shared with Caton, in the next issue of the Over Kellat View.

All are welcome to attend our services (listed on page 5), the weekly prayer meeting in church between 10-11am on Mondays and the weekly Bible Study in the Village Hall on Wednesdays at 7.30pm. There will be no prayer meeting on Christmas Day or New Year's Day and no Bible study on December 27th.

John Halsey, Churchwarden

CHURCH SERVICES

Dec 3	10.30	Holy Communion	Rev Michael Everitt, Archdeacon of Lancaster
Dec 10	10.30	All Age Worship	Rev Canon Peter Ballard
Dec 17	10.30 18.30	Holy Communion Carols and Lessons Service	Rev Derek Raitt Mr Alan Hutchings, Lay Reader
Dec 24	10.30 23.30	Methodist Service Holy Communion	Rev Kara Cooper, Chaplain, University of Lancaster Rev Herrick Daniel
Dec 25	10.30	Christmas Day Service	Mr Alan Hutchings, Lay Reader
Dec 31	10.30	Morning Worship	Mr Alan Hutchings, Lay Reader
Jan 7	10.30	Holy Communion	Rev Derek Raitt
Jan 14	10.30	All Age Worship	Rev Canon Peter Ballard
Jan 21	10.30	Holy Communion	Rev Peter Cavanagh
Jan 28	10.30	Methodist Service	TBA

CARNFORTH ROTARY SANTA'S SLEIGH DECEMBER 2017

We are pleased to announce that Santa will be brought to the Kellets in his Sleigh by the Rotary Club of Carnforth on the evening of Monday, 11th December. The visit will start from Over Kellet village hall at 17.20p.m. collecting in Over Kellet then moving on to Nether Kellet. If you miss our visit we will be going to Carnforth Council Estates on the following evening, Tuesday, 12th December.

All proceeds of collections go directly to worthy causes, such as local Cancer Care, and, in response to requests from the villages visited, to help specific community-related activities.

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A NEW PARISH CLERK FOR OVER KELLET

Following the retirement on December 31st after twelve years' service of Mr. Michael Watson as Clerk to the Over Kellet Parish Council, we are pleased to announce that his successor will be Mr. Bob Bailey, who is also to take on Michael's role at Nether Kellet.

Bob has been employed with Lancaster City Council for all his working life and is now in his 39th year there. He is currently Organisational Development Manager for the City Council and is also Parish Clerk to both Heaton-with-Oxcliffe and Thurnham Parish Councils.

We look forward to welcoming him to Over Kellet in January and to making use of his wealth of experience in local government administration.

Nick Ward
Chairman, Over Kellet Parish Council

CHANGE OF EMAIL ADDRESS

The email address of the Over Kellet View is changing. The new address is overkelletview@gmail.com

The old address will still work but will be gradually phased out. If it is in your address book, please remove it.

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<p align="center">carol@camforthchiropodist.co.uk www.camforthchiropodist.co.uk</p>	

Lest We Forget—Remembrance in School

Across the school, pupils made poppies, wrote poems and learned about the importance of Remembrance. A special community worship was well attended by parents, grandparents and friends. The school choir helped us reflect as they sang 'A Candle for Peace'. Barry Haddon from the Salvation Army shared with us why he wore his poppy, remembering both his time as a soldier and growing up in WWII in Birmingham. John Halsey shared the poem 'In Flanders Field' with the children and we observed a two-minute silence. On the Sunday, families joined the local community in the village's Act of Remembrance. The children led the procession down to the green carrying a large wooden poppy.



Confirmation at Trinity Church, Bolton le Sands

Four of our Year 6 pupils were given a very warm welcome by Rev^d Nancy at Bolton le Sands in preparing for confirmation. The Bishop of Blackburn confirmed Jessica, Alessia, Lauren and Madison in the happy family event. We were all made to feel most welcome by everyone at Trinity Church.



Children in Need

The school was awash with Pudsey themed activities throughout the day. Children and staff dressed in a variety of bear themed clothing and accessories to keep in the spirit of this fun packed day. Cake sales and collecting redundant pound coins were successful fundraising activities alongside the annual challenge of covering a giant Pudsey in copper coins.

Visit from David Morris, MP

Mr Morris visited the school following our visit to Parliament. His visit coincided with both UK Parliament Week and Children-in-Need Day. Mr Morris spent time answering questions from our older pupils on democracy and the day-to-day events in parliament. Mr Morris then shared in some of the Children-in-Need activities with younger children.

Jo Williams, Headteacher



PARISH COUNCIL—NOVEMBER

Just eight members of the public attended the November Parish Council Meeting expecting some news on the two outline planning applications for housing, one south-east of Church Bank and the other north of Old Hall Farm: both applications are still awaiting decisions by Lancaster City Council - the earliest they could be considered is in December.

Kellet Lane Canal Bridge warning signs—The recent closure of the M6 because of an accident resulted in a large number of vehicles trying to use Kellet Lane and negotiate the canal bridge. A large articulated vehicle was unable to cross the bridge and had to reverse a long distance as a result. The Parish Council (PC), endorsed the concerns of local residents and will ask Lancashire County Council Highways Department to erect warning signs at both ends of Kellet Lane and at the Manor Farm, Borwick cross roads, warning of the unsuitability of the bridge for heavy or long vehicles.

Old Hall Farm proposal—The detailed plans for housing in the area close to the farm buildings have been withdrawn by the applicant but a new application is likely to be submitted incorporating comments made by Lancaster City Council Planning Department.

Car Showroom proposal—The PC has submitted an objection to a planning application to erect a car showroom between the M6 and the slip road, on the grounds that the site is designated as open countryside and that brown field sites, of which there are a number in the area, should be used in preference.

Quarry matters—No complaints were raised with the PC since its last meeting but the phone numbers for members of the public to contact the quarries directly will be publicised more widely.

Lengthsman—Slabs have been laid in front of the notice board on Top Green and weed spraying has been carried out on Church Bank.

Traffic damage to walls—No progress had been made in persuading owners of walls at The Narrows, alongside the Eagle's Head and adjacent to 1 Longton Cottages to make repairs. The PC decided to report the walls as dangerous to Lancashire CC Highways Department.

Wheel tracks on The Green—This problem has been considered before. Various solutions were aired: plastic or metal posts, like those erected recently at Nether Kellet or boulders. The potential detrimental impact of both solutions on the character of The Green led to the matter remaining unresolved.

Emergency Plan—A request for volunteers to be ready to assist in an emergency needs to be made. But the wording of the request and legal issues surrounding volunteering must be carefully considered first.

B4RN—One conduit has reached beyond the allotments and will be taken to the boundary with Nether Kellet by Christmas. Progress is being made on a second conduit between The Helks and the Eagles Head area. Church Bank and Greenways will have cabling blown through by Christmas.

Neighbourhood Plan—Whether the village goes ahead depends on the numbers and enthusiasm of villagers attending the meeting at the Village Hall on 21st November.

Vacancy for Position of Parish Clerk—Three applicants have been interviewed and an appointment is likely to be made soon, to start 1st January 2018.

Christmas Tree—To be put up 2nd December from 9.30am onwards. Lights to be switched on at 4pm, followed by carol singing.

The full minutes of the PC are available at www.overkellet.org and displayed on village noticeboards. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 12th December at 7.15pm at Wilson's Endowed C of E School. All Parish Council meetings are open to the general public.

Peter Clinch

WEATHER DATA FOR OCTOBER 2017

In last month's article I noted that there was not much in the way of weather lore for September and this seems to be the case for October too. However, I think a saying used by my late father should prove to be appropriate: "When the last load of bales has gone over the hill, it's time for Winter" and, like many villagers, I have been preparing the house and garden for Winter.

So what was the weather like in October? Rather dull, wet and windy. In last month's issue of the Over Kellet View, Liz Brewster wrote: "We still have green tomatoes in our greenhouse". Despite having 26 sun-days, the monthly total was a meagre 68.6h, well below the ten-year averages, 96.4h locally and 88.7h for the north-west. On some of the days my sunshine sensor recorded as little as 24 minutes.

The warmest day of the month was the 26th when the temperature climbed to 18.1°C (64.5°F), and the sunniest day was the 27th with 8.6 sun-hours. The coldest day was the 22nd when the temperature only reached 11.6°C (52.8°F) and the warmest night was that of the 15th with a temperature of 12.8°C (55°F).

During the month we had 26 rain-days giving a monthly total of 135mm of rain (5.3in), above the local average of 110mm (4.3in), but just below the north-west average of 136mm (5.4in). The wettest 24h was over the 9th and 10th with 33mm (1.3in).

Looking back in the weather diary, I made frequent notes on the winds connected with the various storms that came to the West coast. On the 2nd at 10.35am the wind gusted to 50mph—and the blustery wind conditions continued until the 5th.

On the night of the 16th/17th, Storm Ophelia passed over but the winds were not as bad as forecast: this may have been because of the hill to the south of the village. The next storm to pass over the village was Storm Brian on the 20th; it was during the evening of the 22nd that winds gusted to 42mph (Force 8 in Coastguard 'Speak'). Because of the squally nature of these winds, my anemometer was forced to run backwards; the gust indicator was blown off the scale. On the 15th, my barograph ceased operating so that in the month I had only two seven-day charts; these served to indicate that the atmosphere was unstable. It was not a good month for weather-indicating instruments!

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STOCKING FILLERS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Here are brief details of three publications with a local accent published over the last year or so, which have been reviewed in *Keer to Kent*, the journal of the Landscape Trust.

***Old Silverdale* (by *Rod J Ireland*)**

Available from shops in Silverdale and Carnforth, £9.99 or direct from the publishers post free (Code OSFP17) by calling 01524 840111 or visiting: www.carnegiepublishing.com

Over 200 pages of reproductions of postcards and photographs of Silverdale dating from the 1880's onwards, with expert commentary. A fascinating record of how people lived, worked and took their leisure and how the village landscape has changed.

***A History of Warton Parish* (by *John Lucas*)**

Available from the Carnforth Bookshop, £15.00—further details at www.andydenwood.com

Andy Denwood has made a new selection from the rambling history originally titled *A History of Warton*, written 300 years ago by the schoolteacher, John Lucas. The original is a quirky mix of subjects ranging from descriptions of the colourful annual rituals and celebrations of the time to dryly formal descriptions of the family trees of notable families. The new edition is illustrated with a map and sketches of buildings by local artist Daphne Lester.

***Seldom Seen Maps* (Art Gene)**

Each map £4.99, boxed set £20, from local retailers and Tourist Information Centres.

A series of five maps covering the coastline of Morecambe Bay from the islands of Barrow to the Morecambe/Heysham area. The maps are quite unlike Ordnance Survey maps since they include text and illustrations about current and historic points of interest, natural and social history and industrial and military heritage. Full of facts, figures, legend and myth.

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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

I recently read that 53% of the population do not have a Will. This is quite a frightening statistic when you think that dying without a Will (intestate) means that your assets are treated according to the 'rules of intestacy' as set out in statute laid down by government many, many years ago.

A lot of people make the assumption that, if they are married or in a civil partnership, their spouse or partner will inherit everything. Sadly, this is simply not the case. Where there are children, the spouse or partner only inherits the first £250,000 and your personal possessions. Half of what remains after that is split with any children. A further problem can occur in that the children inherit outright when they are 18; this is unlikely to be spent on sensible things such as a deposit on a house or university fees.

If you die without leaving a Will, some of your closest family members could be left with no right to inherit anything. This could include unmarried partners, close friends, carers or relations by marriage. I regularly see this happen—it is so sad to see those who have cared for the deceased and added so much to their quality of life left with nothing.

Perhaps worse still are those left behind who, as a result of the death, struggle financially or are left without a roof over their head. They then have to apply to the Court for financial provision and fight those who inherit under the intestacy and are often very reluctant to give up their windfall.



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Of those who do have a Will, 21.8% have never reviewed their Wills and a further 30% have not revisited them for over three years. Life is so fast-paced now that circumstances can change dramatically in just one year, let alone three. Reasons to review your Will include having children and the need to consider guardians; if your children get married, divorced, inherit blended families with step-children and thus step-grandchildren; making provision for inheritance tax planning or if your wishes simply change. It is therefore important that you review any existing Wills at least every three years.

I therefore urge everyone to make a Will and if you are one of the clever people who have ticked that box already, then I urge you to review it and make a diary note so that you continue to review it every few years.

Rebecca Lauder

THE DIARY

Regular Weekly Events

SUNDAYS		
1030	Jan 7	Holy Communion
1000	Jan 14	All-age Worship
1030	Jan 21	Holy Communion
1030	Jan 28	Methodist Service
For Services in December, please see page 5, Church News		
MONDAYS		
0830	Weekly (not Dec 25, Jan 1, Feb 12)	Playgroup 2-4 Years
1330	Weekly (not Dec 11, 25, Jan 1)	Indoor Bowls
1700	Weekly (not Dec 25; Jan 1)	Keep Active
1930	Weekly (not Dec 18, 25; Jan 1)	Scottish Dancing
TUESDAYS		
0830	Weekly (not Dec 26, Jan 2, Feb 13)	Playgroup 2-4 Years
0900	Weekly (Schooldays only)	Playgroup-Toddlers (School)
1400	Weekly (not Dec 12, 26)	Short Tennis
1730	Feb 24, 25	Sugar Craft
WEDNESDAYS		
0830	Weekly (not Dec 20, 27; Feb 14)	Playgroup 2-4 Years
1930	Weekly	Church Bible Study
2000	Weekly	Badminton
THURSDAYS		
0830	Weekly (not Dec 21, 28; Feb 15)	Playgroup 2-4 Years
1930	Dec 14; Jan 11, Feb 8	WI
FRIDAYS		
0830	Weekly (not Dec 22, 29; Feb 16)	Playgroup 2-4 Years



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Grey bin: Dec 11, **23**; Jan 8, 22; Feb 5, 19

Recycling Boxes: Dec 4 (also Bin), 18; Jan 2, 15; Feb 12, 26



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THE DIARY Monthly Calendar

DECEMBER			
Saturday	2	1600	Over Kellet Christmas Tree lights switch-on (Village Green)
Sunday	3	1330	Walking Group—Witherslack
Friday	8	1330	Playgroup Christmas Open Afternoon
Saturday	9	1500	Christmas Afternoon Tea
Monday	11	1720	Carnforth Rotary Santa's Sleigh
Tuesday	12	1915	Parish Council Meeting (School)
Wednesday	13	0900	Walking Group—Longsleddale OR Yorkshire Dales
Thursday	14	1930	WI Meeting—Talk by Marilyn Whinfield on 'Christmas'
Sunday	17	1830	Village Carol Service
JANUARY			
Sunday	7	1330	Walking Group—Humphrey Head
Monday	8	2000	Kellets' Twinning Association AGM
Tuesday	9	1915	Parish Council Meeting (School)
Thursday	11	1930	WI Meeting—Talk by Lynn Matthews on 'Dogs for Good'
Wednesday	17	0900	Walking Group—Rydal Round
Saturday	20	1930	Twinning Association Quiz Night with Pie & Peas Supper
FEBRUARY			
Sunday	4	1330	Walking Group—Clapham
Thursday	8	1930	WI Meeting—Talk by David Mower on 'Garden Birds'
Saturday	10	1030	OKDHS Demonstration by David Morris and Frank Hoyle: <i>Making a Colourful Display with Alpines</i>
Tuesday	13	1915	Parish Council Meeting (School)
Wednesday	14	0900	Walking Group—Kirkby Lonsdale

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Bussières: an undiscovered French gem

Gathered around a table of strangers speaking a language which was completely foreign to me, I never thought this would be enjoyable but somehow it felt familiar. I felt included in this community of people I'd never met previously. The kindness and openness of these people was uncommon but refreshing. Conversation seemed to flow easily despite our language barrier. The sun was beating down on us, a stark difference from our wet, windy northern village.

Bussières is the epitome of French charm, authentic in its style and atmosphere, from the bandstand with its ornate ironwork and fresh geraniums, to the boulangerie with a crumbling facade revealing a red brick wall. Bussières really has it all.

The village is located in the famous Loire valley, only an hour's drive from Lyon and the picturesque city of Clermont-Ferrand, which we visited as one of our carefully planned events. This included a trip up the Puy de Dôme, an extinct volcano, on the rack and pinion railway. Lying down on the grassy carpet, watching the clear blue sky dotted with paragliders, we ate our picnic of baguettes, cheese and, of course, some French wine. The city itself is constructed with traditional, narrow, winding streets leading to the gothic Clermont-Ferrand Cathedral in the centre of the city.



Fast forward two years and our long-awaited return is upon us. The last minute preparations create a feeling of excitement as the trip gets closer. After a tiring train journey we are greeted by happy smiles and much-needed refreshment.

This visit has a different feeling from the first, a reunion of sorts, a sense of familiarity. A relaxing evening was met by a next day packed with activity, visits handpicked for our enjoyment and interest for the youngest and oldest of our group. From a brewery/casino to a medieval castle in the space of a day, there really is something for everyone!



May Budd

A rich family experience

Staying with a host family in France allows us to be completely immersed in their culture. Our hosts make us feel totally at ease and very welcome; they quickly become friends. So many things are different but that's the joy of a cultural exchange. It is quite unlike any other type of French holiday— a much richer and deeper experience. My own favourite moments are when we've had a couple of glasses and are trying to sustain a conversation that goes beyond my limited language capability. But in such good company, the mistakes and misunderstandings just add to the fun.

Martin Lord

Your chance to join in is now!

If meeting new people, improving your language skills or even just having a pre-planned holiday with a group of friends sounds like your thing, then, come along to one of our social events. Or you can contact a member of the Twinning Association—Margaret James-Barber (margaretjbarber@gmail.com) or Chris Holdsworth (demdike@tiscali.co.uk).

Kellets' Twinning Association AGM 11th January, 8pm, OK Village Hall All welcome	Twinning Association Quiz Night with Pie & Peas Supper 20th January, 7.30pm, OK Village Hall £6.50: <i>Tickets must be purchased in advance</i>
Twinning Association Wine Tasting, 10th March, 8pm, Nether Kellet Village Hall	

Over Kellet Parish Council & St Cuthbert's Church invite you to celebrate the start of the Christmas season with



The lighting of the Christmas Tree at 4.00pm on Saturday 2nd December on the Village Green

(weather permitting!)

The lights on the tree will be officially 'switched-on' followed by carol singing and mince pies around the tree

Do join us!

LOCAL CITIZENS ADVICE NEWS

BE WISE ABOUT GIFTS

Christmas: A time for giving and receiving presents. Your consumer rights in relation to gifts are different from those relating to purchases you make yourself.



It's worth noting that if you're the recipient of a Christmas gift that's faulty, you may need to ask the person who bought it to take the item back to the shop or to give you the receipt because the contract is between the purchaser and the retailer. In addition, any refund may need to be charged to the purchaser's credit or debit card.

Fortunately, many retailers issue gift receipts or have returns policies geared around gifts at Christmas which may make it easier to take the item back without having to involve the person who gave you the gift.

A repair or replacement may be easier especially if you don't have a receipt or don't want to let the person who gave you the gift know there was a problem.

Around Christmas, most retailers are quite flexible and willing to act on your request. But retailers may opt for the cheaper of these two options. So it's best to be as friendly as possible—especially at Christmas—as this is more likely to result in your preferred option.

If you receive a faulty item that you bought online, your rights under the Consumer Rights Act remain the same as if you bought the item from a high street store. But the good news is you also have additional rights that allow you to cancel your order (for most items), under the Consumer Contracts Regulations. From the moment you place an order up to 14 days after you receive your goods you are legally entitled to cancel your order.

As with shopping on the high street, retailers often extend their return periods at Christmas, so it's worth checking returns policies as these may give you longer to change your mind.

There are some items that the regulations don't allow you to cancel. For example, personalised and made-to-order items or perishable products, such as food and flowers.

High street shops aren't obliged to accept returns unless an item is faulty, not as described or is unfit for purpose, but many provide a 'goodwill' returns policy.

If you need more help contact the Citizens Advice consumer helpline (03454 04 05 06), Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm—closed bank holidays. A trained adviser can give you advice over the phone.

Unfortunately, as the credit card bills for Christmas and New Year purchases come in during January and February, Citizens Advice sees a rise in the number of people seeking help with debts. Contact your local Citizens Advice offices (see below, both offices open Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm; last interviews 4.30pm), or go to one of the Community Drop-In sessions advertised on public notice boards around the village.

Have a Happy Christmas and a restful New Year but remember, every time you use your credit card you will have to find the money to pay it off, ideally within a month to avoid interest being added.

North Lancashire Citizens Advice

Oban House, 87-89 Queen Street, Morecambe, LA4 5EN

87 King Street, Lancaster, LA1 1RH

Adviceline: 0344 488 9622 (local rate)

National CA self-help web site: www.citizensadvice.org.uk

Much of the information about gifts has been drawn from the Which Consumer Rights web site

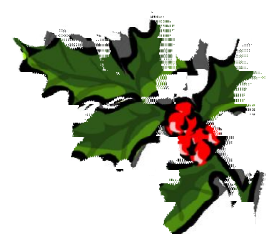
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OK VIEW—5 YEARS AGO (DECEMBER 2012)

The December View commented five years ago that ‘the Lancaster City Council had identified Over Kellet for possible development, irrespective of the fact that no-one had identified a local need in our village.’ The Parish Council were lodging an objection and members of the public were asked to make their views known to the City Council. It seems that we are in a similar position today!

The View also asked ‘how important is it for Over Kellet to remain as a village, or should we be content to merge into Carnforth which in time could become part of Lancaster. Are villages better to live in than towns? Are they friendlier?’

‘It can become a problem when old villages expand rapidly and sometimes tact and a certain give-and-take amongst residents old and new is required to maintain a harmonious environment.’

An HSBC survey in 2011 had some interesting results. Overall it was found that we appreciate our neighbours for practical rather than sociable reasons. Of the 2000 adults asked, 28% had lent their neighbours something, 16% had fed their cats or watered their plants and 12% had kept a spare key. Few, however, had done something sociable with their neighbours—such as a barbecue (11%), street party (6%) or Christmas drink (6%). Of the under 35s, 11% were not acquainted with their neighbours at all; 21% said hello in passing but did not know their neighbours names. In contrast, of people over 55, 20% know and speak often to their neighbours; 37% meet their neighbours regularly. It would be interesting to know how this would compare with a survey in our village now. Anyone fancy having a go?

Liz Brewster

THE 200 CLUB

The result of the draw for October was:

1 st (£25)	Mr R Woolstencroft (58)
2 nd (£15)	Mrs L Agnew (71)
3 rd (£10)	Mrs A Pinch (87)

Congratulations to all our winners, this month and over the year—a total of £600 paid out in prizes.

Collection of subscriptions for 2018 will start soon. If you are not already a member and would like to play a part in this, I can give you the name of your local collector or you can join directly by contacting me on 01524 732892 or chris@overkellet.org.uk

Chris Pogson

FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

For free announcements of engagements, marriages, births and deaths contact the OK View at overkelletview@gmail.com

PROGRESS WITH B4RN



A very productive Community Action Day was held on Saturday 11th November. Twenty-six volunteers worked together to complete the ducting around the allotments on Church Bank. We have now reached the open fields and work is beginning to take the ducting onwards towards Nether Kellet. Two road crossings have been completed by 'moling' underneath the tarmac.

Fibres have now been blown to more houses in the village and their live connection is pending. They will be enjoying unlimited bandwidth and easily stream Radio, TV and films on services like BBC iPlayer and Netflix by Christmas.

We are very fortunate as a village to have such a happy band of volunteers who work well together and are willing to give up their time to provide this amazing facility for the village. We are always pleased to welcome new helpers and look forward to seeing you in the new year. Thank you to all our volunteers.

If you require further information contact: Lesley—lesleygee54@gmail.com ; phone 733240 or Nick—nkdw01@gmail.com ; phone 733947.

Lesley Gee



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LOOKING FOR HISTORY IN OVER KELLET—6

DUNALD MILL HOLE: 'MAJESTIC HORROR'

Evidence of present-day tourism in and around our parish is not difficult to find. Several businesses offer bed and breakfast accommodation but possibly the most obvious clues in the landscape are the extensive holiday caravan parks. It may come as a surprise to learn that just outside our parish, in Nether Kellet, there is an attraction which from the 1780s until the mid-Victorian period was of sufficient note to be featured in tourist guides to Lancashire and the Lake District. In more recent times the feature has fallen from general interest and is now mentioned only in caving literature—except for a gruesome find in 2014.

Dunald Mill Cave or Hole is on Dunald Mill Lane, a single track-road linking the quarries on Long Dales Lane with Kirkby Lonsdale Road, north of Halton Green, in a copse opposite Dunald Mill Cottage (see photo). The mill building in the copse itself



has long gone; it was already out of use some fifteen years before a party from the Barrow Naturalists Field Club visited the site in 1889 (Anonymous, p25). The mill was fed by a stream which flows down the shallow valley to the east. An area of now boggy ground shows where the millpond above the mill was situated. After passing the site of the mill the water tumbles vertically into the Hole. The sound can be heard easily from the lane on a still day after rain.

So what has caused the formation of what geographers and geologists call a sinkhole? The stream flows towards Dunald Mill Hole over impervious sandstone rocks; when it reaches limestone, which is more easily eroded, it plunges underground. The key landscape signatures of limestone country are the lack of water flowing overground and dry valleys without streams.

Cavers and geographers differentiate between Dunald Mill Hole and Dunald Mill Cave. Underground there are two cave systems: a higher-level inactive network called Dunald Mill Cave and a lower active system into which the stream falls, Dunald Mill Hole (Gale, p32). The stream water comes to the surface again at Netherbeck Spring, near Netherbeck Farm by the railway bridge on Carnforth Brow, 3.5 kilometres away. During floods, water appears in two other locations closer to Dunald Mill Hole: Backlane Quarry Cave and Brewer's Barn Hole, close to the Lancaster Canal (Gale, p32). A comprehensive cavers' report on the Dunald Mill system, complete with a sketch map, was published by the Oxford University Caving Club more than fifty years ago (Stevens, 1963).

Early descriptions of the cave and stream are couched in colourful terms that reflect the Gothic and Romantic sensibilities of the age. In 1785, AW submitted a report to a newspaper, *The Chelmsford Chronicle*, on a visit he had made to the cave that

LOOKING FOR HISTORY IN OVER KELLET—6

August - I have altered some spellings to modern usage to make the text readable, but even so it is rather hard going! He wrote:

'It is on the middle of a large common, and we are led to it [by] a brook...which, after turning [the] corn-mill the entrance of the cave, runs at its mouth by several beautiful cascades continuing its two miles under a large mountain, and at last makes appearance again near Cainford (sic) village in the road [to] Kendal. The entrance of this subterraneous (sic) channel has something most pleasingly horrible in it. From the mill at the top you descend for about ten yards perpendicular, by means [of] chinks in the rocks, and trees; the road then almost parallel to the horizon, leading to the right, [a] little winding, till you have some hundred yards thick rock and mineral, above you. In this manner we proceeded, through vaults capacious, we could not see either roof or sides; and sometimes on all fours, from its narrowness, the brook which entertained us with a harmony well suiting the place; for the different height of its falls were as in so many keys of music, which all being conveyed to us by the amazing echo, greatly added the majestic horror which has surrounded us. ... I never met with an account of this place in any author, I therefore think it the greater curiosity but its obscure situation I take [to] be the reason'.

In the next article I will bring up to date the record of interest in the cave, including not just further flowery tourist descriptions but engravings, poetry and a gruesome find.

Anyone thinking of exploring the cave should bear in mind that it is on private land. The cave is dangerous; the initial drop from the land surface is nearly vertical and considerable.

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Peter Clinch

OVER KELLET VIEW DIRECTORY

Would representatives of all organisations mentioned on the back cover of The Over Kellet View please check that the details given are correct and report any changes by e-mail to overkelletview@gmail.com

WHAT'S ON (What's coming up in December and January?)



THEATRE:

From now until Saturday January 6th, try to find time to get to **The Dukes** to see **Aladdin**. It is a delightful adaptation of the well-known story and brings Aladdin flying onto the stage in a whirlwind of magic, music and laughter, so be prepared to be transported and amazed. All the details and special offers can be found on their website www.dukes-lancaster.org or at the Box Office 01524 598500.

LIVE BY SATELLITE:

At the **Reel Cinema** on Tuesday December 5th at 7.15pm you can see The Royal Ballet performing that Christmas favourite **The Nutcracker** direct from the Royal Opera House.

For opera lovers and again from Covent Garden and at the **Reel**, there is the chance to experience Verdi's potent and tragic opera **Rigoletto**, on Tuesday January 16th at 7.15pm. Phone: 01524 413935.

On Thursday 7th December at 7pm at **The Dukes** live from London's newest theatre, The Bridge Theatre, and directed by Nicholas Hytner is **Young Marx**, a very well reviewed new comedy starring Rory Kinnear.

From **The Old Vic** on Wednesday December 13th at 7pm is a new adaptation of Dickens', **A Christmas Carol**.

But if you would prefer **The Muppet Christmas Carol** then catch it on film a few days later, also at **The Dukes** on the 15th at 5pm and 16th at 11am. Or do both! Contact numbers above.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS EVENTS:

On Friday 1st (4-8pm), Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd December (10-5pm), Kirkby **Lonsdale** will be holding its annual **Christmas Fair Weekend**. There will be a chalet village in the middle of the town featuring the best range of local producers, crafters, artists and gift companies, Santa's parade with reindeer, 'switching on' of the lights, street entertainment, music, etc. See www.kirkbylonsdale.co.uk for all the details.

Enjoy **Christmas at the Castle** on December 16th & 17th (10.30am–5.30pm). There will be 40 stalls offering an interesting range of goodies plus a wide selection of hot and cold food stalls. There will be music of all types to get you in the festive mood and Santa will be in his Rustic Grotto. For more details just type in the title plus Lancaster or phone 01524 64998.

Winter Wonderland Family Trail: In December (every day except the 25th), if you need fresh air and exercise drop in between 9.30am and 3.30pm and take part in this self-led family trail to discover the wonderful winter wildlife of Leighton Moss. More details from 01524 701601 or e-mail leighton.moss@rspb.org.uk

FINALLY:

For a very local kick-start to the festive period, why not attend the **Carnforth Christmas Lights Switch On at 6.30pm** on Wednesday December 6th in **Market Street?**

Wishing you all a Happy Christmas and a Very Healthy 2018.

LOCAL SERVICES

OVER KELLET

Village Store and Post Office, The Green	733207
<i>Last post collections: weekdays 16:45, Saturday 11:00</i>	
The Eagles Head Public House, Nether Kellet Road	732457
Fishmonger, David Goldspink, Weds 09:00-11:00, Winder Garth	07477 530965
Mobile library Thursdays—December 14; Jan 4, 25	0300 123 6703

CARNFORTH

Doctors	Ashtrees Surgery, Market Street	720000
	Out of Hours Service	111
	Park View Surgery, 21 New Street	01539 715555
	Out of Hours Service, CHOC	03000 247247
Dentists	Anne King, Council Buildings	733867
	Viva Dental, 29 Market Street	735431
Pharmacies	Boots Pharmacy, 24 Market Street	732955
	Ashtrees Pharmacy, Market Street	727877
Vets	Alison Lee, 2 Queen Street	735249
	Burch Tree Vets, 39 Lancaster Road	720002
Opticians	Philip Jones, 15 Market Street	730055
	S & K Butterfield, 46c Market Street	732724
Library	Lancaster Road (Mon, Wed & Fri 09:30-13:00 & 14:00-18:00; Tues & Sat 09:30-13:00)	0300 1236703

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

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS: December 20 to January 2; February 12–16.

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