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THE APRIL VIEW

Unusually this month I am writing this and am involved with the editing some 7000 miles away from Over Kellet. It is still a wonder that such things are possible and that distance has little meaning electronically. But, of course, the seasons still continue to vary from one place to another and no amount of technology will change that or the time on our clocks.

Cloud watcher's article this month indicates what an unusual time we have had, albeit having experienced nothing to compare with the inundation on the Somerset



Levels. But at last there are signs of spring and a prospect of better days. Where I am now, in the Southern hemisphere, there are just the beginnings of the signs of autumn—March being the Chilean equivalent of our September. We put our clocks forward on March 30 and gain an extra hour of daylight in the evening. Here at the bottom of the world the clocks went back at the same time and the evenings start to become shorter towards mid-winter in June.

Despite our sometimes inclement weather, we gain from our green surroundings and beautiful countryside and should count our blessings. Our 'green-ness' is perhaps not unique but it is rare indeed in the world and we should revel in what many others never experience.

Chris Pogson

A reminder to dog walkers that this is lambing time. Please keep your dog under close control at all times when in, or adjacent to, fields with sheep.



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LETTER FROM THE VICARAGE

St Cuthbert's Church
Over Kellet

April 2014

Dear Friends,



IT'S NOT FAIR

Nine-year-old Paul was a regular member of the local Sunday School. Some of the older children made fun of him because he was quiet and shy. The Sunday before Easter the teacher gave each child an empty plastic egg and asked them to find items that reminded them of Easter, and put them in the egg. The idea was that they returned the eggs on Easter Day, opened them and explained how each item reminded them of Easter. When the children gathered they were all excited; they had gathered twigs, seeds, flowers and so many other items. When Paul opened his egg it was empty. A number of the children began shouting, "That's not fair, he didn't do it properly". Paul looked at the teacher with tears in his eyes and said, "But I did. It's empty because the tomb of Jesus was empty; that's why if we believe and trust HIM we have new life". The other members of the class looked amazed and never again did they say anything to hurt or upset Paul.



Christians don't worship a dead leader but a RISEN SAVIOUR, Jesus Christ who promises new life to anyone and everyone regardless of age or ability, if they will repent and trust Him. Listen to His words from John.10.v.28:

"My sheep hear My voice, I know them, and they follow Me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one can snatch them away from Me"



Do you wish you could begin again and blot out the mistakes of past years? You can, by asking Jesus Christ to forgive the past and give you a new life by the person of His Holy Spirit living in you, empowering you in all you do and say. May you know the power and the person of the Risen Christ in your life this Easter.

Your friends,

The Rev. Ken and Sue Clapham

EASTER HOME COMMUNIONS

If you know of ANY parishioner who is HOUSEBOUND at home or hospital and would like Easter Communion at home or hospital please notify Rev Ken. There will be no home communions on Good Friday or Easter Day.



THREE DAYS IN HISTORY

Come and celebrate the greatest three days in history at St Cuthbert's Church, Over Kellet between 18 and 20 April:

GOOD FRIDAY , 18 April	10.30 am	<i>The meaning of the Cross</i>
EASTER SATURDAY , 19 April	From 10.00 am	Please help decorate the church
EASTER DAY , 20 April	8.45 am	<i>Celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ with Communion</i>
	10.30 am	<i>Service of Praise including Communion</i>

Note: There is no service on Maundy Thursday.

ANNUAL PARISH CHURCH MEETING

This will be held at 6.30 pm on Sunday 6 April in the Village Hall. Everyone is very welcome to come along to the meeting to hear the latest news from St Cuthbert's Church, and to join us for tea and coffee after the meeting.



ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH HEATING

The Parochial Church Council, Rev Ken and the congregation would like to express their sincere thanks to all who have made donations to the church heating fund. Many individual donations have been received, some quite substantial, and these have greatly assisted towards meeting the £9,500 which was needed. A generous donation was also received from the Methodist Church, and the Trustees of the Elizabeth and Richard Wilson Fund in Lancaster made a grant of £1,000. Thanks are also expressed to the Treasurer, John Glaister, for managing all the finances, gift aided donations and VAT rebate.

The new boiler and controls are working most efficiently, not only getting the church warmer than ever before, but also using much less fuel so this a real benefit to the church. Come and join us and see how it is working!

Carol Allen, PCC Secretary

MORECAMBE BAY LOCAL NATURE PARTNERSHIP

The Morecambe Bay Nature Improvement Area is continuing its work to improve the habitat for Morecambe Bay's special species! The organisers need help (you!) on their working parties. Everybody is welcome, including families—it's both good exercise and fun.

In the spring months, activities will now be supporting wildlife by monitoring sites with a new Surveying for Beginners programme, to see what affect the Winter practical work has had for wildlife across North Lancashire and South Cumbria. Full details are on the Over Kellet website.

PARISH COUNCIL—MARCH

Although Easter has yet to arrive, Christmas was up for discussion at the 11 March meeting of the Parish Council. The topic of the Christmas tree lights was raised by Cllr Margaret Fowler and it was agreed that these would be replaced, but the colour of the lights was a matter of contention; after a short, but good-natured debate, it was agreed that the new lights would be white, not multi-coloured.

Crime – It was reported in the February report of the Police and Communities Together (PACT) that there had been six instances of thefts or attempted thefts of expensive tools from out-buildings. These had taken place on 20-21 February with Gressingham, Arkholme and Borwick also being targeted. There had also been two instances of dangerous driving

Planning – Applications for all year occupancy of caravans and lodges at Redwell Fisheries and a new permanent access at Capernway Missionary had both been given permission by Lancaster City Council. An objection to the 80m turbine at Arkholme had been made by the Parish Council. Cllr Graham Agnew had attended a public meeting in Arkholme and expressed his concerns that the construction would be very intrusive, describing it as “absolutely massive”.

Greenways / Church Bank Footpath – Cllr Fowler reported that it was now likely that the path would **not** have to be closed during works. A letter had been received from a resident pointing out that the whole path suffered from flooding and asking why only part of access was to be repaired. It was agreed that Cllr Fowler would take advice from the lengthsman about remediation work to the path on both sides of the kissing gate.

Road Safety – Clerk of the Parish Council Mr Michael Watson reported that there had been no further news on the offer of funding from Lancashire County Council for the SPID, the cost of which would be £2495 + VAT. It was agreed that the Parish Council would also ask the Police and the Community Champion fund for a contribution.

Cllr Nick Ward asked if anyone else had noticed an increase in lorries coming along Kirkby Lonsdale Road after 9pm. Cllr Ward and Cllr Fowler are to investigate further the source of these “fast and empty” HGVs.

Quarries – Cllr Ward’s quarry report can be found on pages 18 and 19.

The full minutes of this meeting are available on the Parish Council section of the Village’s website at www.overkelleet.org and on display on Village notice boards.

The next meeting takes place on Tuesday, 8 April at 7.15 pm at Wilson’s Endowed C of E School. All Parish Council meetings are open to the public.

Angela Huck

Have something you no longer need and happy to give it away to someone who will make use of it?

Why not advertise in the OK View – “Free to a good home”?

There is no charge for this service

OVER KELLET NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



This month the police have reported a theft of tack from a nearby village. Not here, but another reminder that somebody thinks rural crime can be profitable.

Crimes involving individuals coming to the village continue and I have emphasised the need for reasonable caution before. It is true, however, that more and more effort is being put into depriving people of their money through

scams involving computers. This month there is news of a very topical scam. The email will probably be entitled, 'Bad Trip (help needed)', followed by the name of someone you know:

'I really hope you get this fast. I could not inform anyone about our trip, because it was impromptu. I am in the Ukraine. Our programme was successful, but our journey has turned sour because of the ongoing war. I misplaced my wallet and mobile on my way back to the hotel. The wallet contained all my valuables. My passport is held by the hotel pending payment of my hotel bill.

I am sorry contact you, but would be very grateful if you can give me a short term loan (£2,450 or anything you can afford). I promise to repay you as soon as I return. please let me know quickly if you can help.'

You should delete these without replying. If you do so, nothing will happen; merely reading the email does no harm. If in any doubt, try calling the person who appears to have sent it—almost certainly you will find them safely at home!

I hope you haven't been scared by emails seemingly sent from a legal officer saying that you are expected to appear in court, sometimes far away and threatening serious consequences in the event of non-appearance. This is a relatively new scam, as usual designed to defraud you. Legal documents will always come by mail, probably registered, but never by email. Press the Delete button!

If you have a security question or notice suspicious activity, call the local police on 101. For less urgent matters, go to the 'intheknow' site which can be contacted by mobile phone or email. To set up this up go to:

www.lancashire.police.uk/intheknow

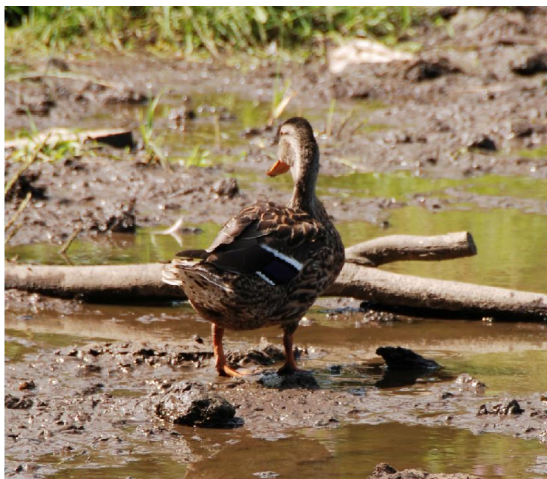
Your Local Neighbourhood Policing Team may always be contacted by telephone on 101 or e-mail carnforth.npt@lancashire.pnn.police.uk

Chris Pogson

Please try to come to our coffee morning on April 5th.

There will be a fire engine, and stalls with useful information. We can also try to answer your computer questions (of any kind). If you can help us by making a cake, biscuits or other tasty items, we would be very grateful.

WEATHER DATA FOR FEBRUARY 2014



I regret that this month's article is on the same lines as January's, detailing how wet, dull and windy February has been. The television news still contained reports and pictures of the flooding and wind damage over wide areas of the country. Then the Met Office reported that it was the wettest winter since records began. So how was it in the village? If you take the December 2013, January and February 2014 as the winter months then what I report next may come as a surprise. The 10-year records show that this February was a wet month with 92mm, so that by having only

three no-rain days it was above the average rainfall of 58mm. If you take the figures for the three winter months (as above) the total rainfall was 342mm, well above the 10-year average of 241mm. My records show, however, that the wettest winter months were in 2006/7 with 412mm of rain closely followed by the same period in 2007/8 with 404mm. Looking at my weather diary we had a slight fall of snow at 5pm on the 11th but it soon disappeared. One feature of the month's weather was the steep fall in pressure at 5.50pm on the 8th when my barograph recorded 954mbar. In all the years I have been maintaining weather records I have never seen pressure sink so low.

Now how did the village do in the 'Sunshine Stakes'? During the month there was only one no-sun day giving a total of 74h, which was just below the 10-year average of 81h.

As I write this article there are signs that the weather is improving, the changes in barometric pressure have become less volatile and the jet stream is moving further north. This change in its position is allowing areas of high pressure to move in, breaking the cycle of Atlantic lows sweeping over the country.

The day and night temperatures of this winter have been mild in comparison with previous years. The lowest night time temperature recorded was on the 28th with a temperature of -0.7°C (30.7°F). The mild nature of this winter could be because of a covering of cumulus cloud on most days. The warmest daytime temperature was on the 24th with 11.3°C (52.3°F) and the sunniest 24h period was during the 27th/28th with 8.7h.

In the early part of the month the wind still remained very strong, gusting at times to 54mph.

Cloud Watcher

For announcements of engagements, marriages, births and deaths contact Jane Ward on 733947 or email OKView@overkellat.org

There is no charge for this service



This photograph was kindly supplied by Vivien McCormick and was taken in 1937. We have identified Sheila Taylor (whose obituary appeared in last month's issue) in the second row from the front, standing on the far right with pigtails. Alan Fawcett is extreme back left with big smile. If you can identify any of the other pupils, please let us know at OKView@overkellet.org.

COFFEE MORNING

Saturday, April 5th at 1030 in the Village Hall

Super Raffle



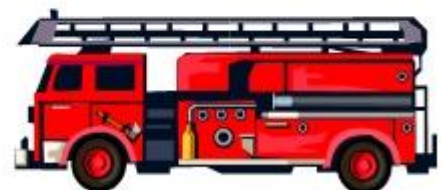
Refreshments



Safety information



Fire Engine



Computer Help



CINDERBARROW RAILWAY

Cinderbarrow Railway is situated at Cinderbarrow Picnic Site, Tarn Lane, Yealand Redmayne, which is just off the A6 running north towards Milnthorpe. It is sign-posted as a turning to the right off the A6.

Opening Times Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays from Sunday 20 April (Easter Sunday) until the end of September

Running Times 10.30 am. to 12.30 pm. and 1.55 pm. to 4.00 pm. Full details are available on www.bumpkinworld.co.uk

The Life and Art of **Roy Clapp** *A Reminiscence*

By Jill Clapp

There will be no-one who has lived in Over Kellet for more than six years who will not remember Roy Clapp who lived with his wife Jill in *Shenstone*, the large house on the edge of the village green. Roy's life was centred upon art—drawing, painting and carving. In this sympathetic reminiscence, Jill reflects upon the major landmarks in the life she and Roy shared, and how they affected her husband's passion for art. Fully illustrated in colour throughout, this handsome hard-back book of 176pp provides an intimate insight into the life and art of an extraordinary and talented man.

The Life and Art of Roy Clapp: A Reminiscence by Jill Clapp, will be available in May from the Carnforth Bookshop and from *Amazon.co.uk* at the recommended retail price of £25, or directly from Marius Press (telephone 01524-733027; email books@mariuspress.com) at the discounted price of £20. Books will be delivered free within the Kelleets and immediate vicinity, accompanied by an invoice.

Copies signed by Jill can be obtained directly from her at *Halls Cottage*, for the discounted price of £20 (cash or cheque).



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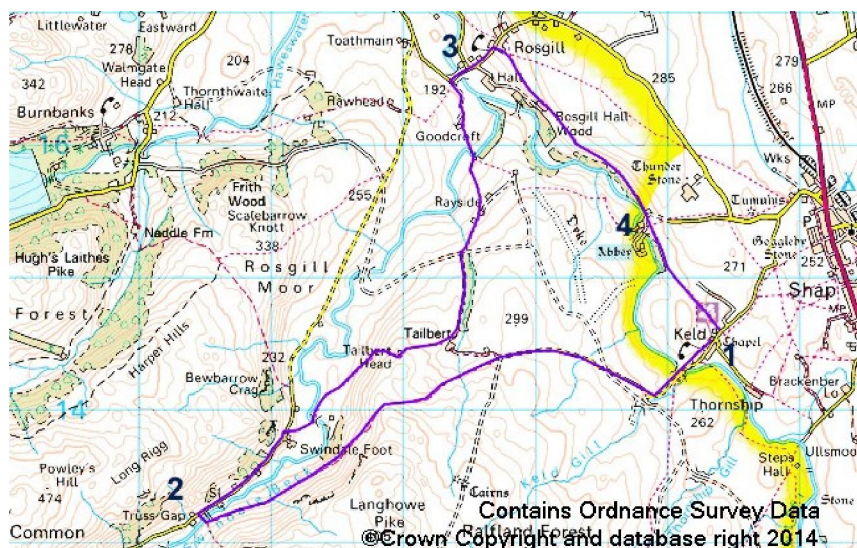


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WALK—SWINDALE

For this lovely, eight-mile walk, use OS map OL5 and make for Shap. From there take the narrow road going left at the north end of the village, sign-posted to Shap Abbey; when that forks, bear left along the narrow road to the hamlet of Keld, where there is parking for a few cars by the ford.

Leave Keld[1], going south-westwards on the unfenced tarmac lane for about 2km; shortly after the farm at Tailbert comes into full view, bear off to the left on an



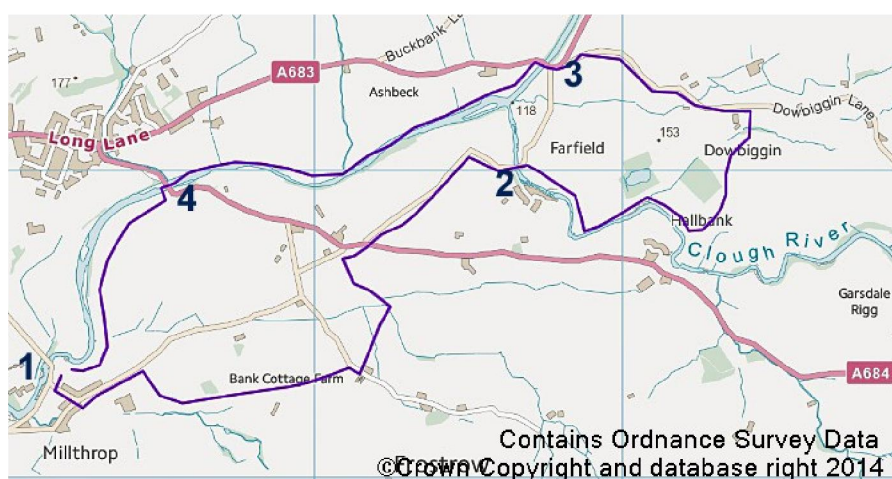
unsigned path towards Dog Hill. With fine views over Swindale for 3km, gradually descend to the ford and adjacent footbridge near Truss Foot[2]. Turn right along Swindale Lane as far as Swindale Foot and, just past the farm, take the footpath signed to Tailbert. Then head north on field paths to Rayside, and continue to the road bridge over the River Lowther. Walk up the road through Rosgill[3], passing

The Old School and the children's play area. Then turn into the next track on the right and continue on the path which follows the field boundaries to Shap Abbey[4]. Cross the concrete access road (if not visiting the abbey ruins further down the hill) and climb the bank and through a few more fields back to Keld.

VILLAGE WALK—SEDBERGH

There is parking for a few cars by the Bridge over the River Rawthey (SD661913). Walk along the by-road past cottages at Millthrop[1] before joining footpaths to Bank

Cottage Farm and the milestone on the A684. Turn right along the main road but within 100m bear left along the white road, now just a track, to Garsdale Bridge[2] below Farfield Mill. Cross the river, and immediately take the footpath on the right sign-posted to Dowbiggin Lane; this closely follows the attractive Clough River for about 800m before bearing left towards Spout.



Turn left along the small lane to reach the A683 near Straight Bridge[3]. Cross that and take the path on the left which follows the River Rawthey back towards Sedburgh. On reaching the A684 again, cross New Bridge[4] and immediately take the footpath on the right, back to Millthrop. This 5-mile walk is best followed on OS map OL19.

THE DIARY

Regular Weekly Events

SUNDAYS		
0845	Every Week (not Apr 20)	Holy Communion
1030	6 Apr; 4 May	All Age Worship & Sunday School
1030	13 Apr; 11 May	Morning Worship
1030	18 Apr	The Meaning of the Cross
0845	20 Apr	Communion
1030	20 Apr	Family Worship with Communion for Easter Day
1030	18 May	Morning Worship with Communion
1030	27 Apr; 25 May	Morning Worship, Methodist preacher
MONDAYS		
0900	Weekly (not 7, 14, 21 Apr; 5, 26 May)	Playgroup 2–4 Years
1330	Weekly (not 21 Apr; 5 May)	Indoor Bowls
1800	28 Apr; 12, 19 May	Zumba Fitness
1930	Weekly	Scottish Dancing
TUESDAYS		
0900	Weekly (not 1, 8, 15 Apr; 27 May)	Playgroup 2–4 Years
1000	Weekly (Schooldays only)	Playgroup – Toddlers (School)
1400	Weekly	Short Tennis
1900	Weekly (not 8, 15 Apr; 27 May)	Youth Club
WED'DAYS		
0900	Weekly (not 9, 16 Apr; 28 May)	Playgroup 2–4 Years
1400	9 Apr; 7, 21 May	Galloways Society
2000	Weekly	Badminton
THURSDAYS		
0900	Weekly (not 10, 17 Apr; 29 May)	Playgroup 2–4 Years
1930	10 Apr, 8 May	WI
FRIDAYS		
0900	Weekly (not 11, 18 Apr; 30 May)	Playgroup 2–4 Years
1900	Weekly (from 11 Apr)	Fitness Class
SATURDAYS		
0930	12, 26 Apr; 3, 10 May	Pilates



THE DIARY Monthly Calendar

APRIL			
Friday	4	1930	Talk by David Talbot on Wildlife in Morecambe Bay and Brazil
Saturday	5	1030	Neighbourhood Watch Coffee Morning
		1930	Twinning Ass'n (Jazz with Wine Tasting, Nether Kellet Village Hall)
Sunday	6	1330	Village Walk—Burton-in-Lonsdale
Tuesday	8	1915	Parish Council Meeting (School)
Thursday	10	1930	WI (Talk by Gordon Fletcher 'Wildlife of Morecambe Bay')
Wednesday	16	0900	Walking Group—Settle Loop
Friday	18	1030	St Cuthbert's open for Good Friday Worship (one hour)
MAY			
Sunday	3	1330	Village Walk—Barton
Thursday	8	1930	WI Spring Supper (Talk by Tricia Berry 'Meals in Minutes')
Tuesday	13	1915	Parish Council Meeting (School)
Wednesday	21	0900	Walking Group—Bigland Barrow
Thursday	22	0700–2200	Election

All events take place in the Village Hall unless otherwise stated.



REFUSE COLLECTION IN APRIL AND MAY

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FOLK MUSIC COMES TO OVER KELLET



Risky Business first started playing together over 20 years ago. They were much celebrated and then took a break, they are now back with a bang entertaining audiences with the same quality sound that was enjoyed all those years ago.

The band consists of **Ruth Powell**, her husband **Ken** and **Dave Walmisley**.

Ruth has a beautiful soaring voice which dare I say has got better with age whilst **Ken** has a reputation for being a dedicated guitarist as well as a burgeoning career as a serious guitar maker.

Dave is a talented multi instrumentalist, singer and songwriter with a great ear for harmonies.

This is the first of a number of Folk music evenings planned for **Over Kellet Village Hall** and it all starts on **Saturday 31 May** with this outstanding trio and support act.

Tickets are £8 each and are available from Anne or Dave on 07780781073.

Please bring your own alcohol and glasses.

Tea, coffee and soft drinks will be available for purchase on the night plus hot roast beef and onion baps or cheese and onion baps.

The evening starts at 8pm, doors open 7.15pm.

Anne and Dave Jones

NATURE NOTES

The Lancashire Wildlife Trust has at last got round to tidying up the Greenways Pond. They have removed the orange plastic netting which was originally put in place to prevent ducks (fed in a nearby garden) from using the pond, stirring up the silt from the bottom and making it unsuitable for great crested newts. This was unsuccessful as ducks are able to take off and land almost vertically. These newts were the reason for the pond becoming a local nature reserve, the only one owned by the Lancashire Wildlife Trust. It certainly looks much better. With luck the newts will find their way back.



The spring migration of birds is now getting underway. This morning I caught and ringed four siskins on their way north to breed in Scotland or Scandinavia. One, some time ago, found its way to southern Sweden, only to be killed by a cat! Swallows and martins should be putting in an appearance at this time, having spent the winter as far south as South Africa. A singing chiffchaff, a small warbler, which winters in Africa, has been singing at Leighton Moss recently.

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Last autumn the British Trust for Ornithology published its latest bird atlas, a massive volume, 240mm by 320mm, weighing 3.4kg. The last atlas covered the years 1988–91. Since then there have been large increases in inland breeding of Herring and Lesser Black-backed Gulls. Here they breed on the roofs of the buildings on the old iron-works site. Many birds of prey have done well—buzzard, peregrine, sparrowhawk, marsh harrier (at Leighton Moss) and hobby in this area, but kestrel has almost disappeared. Green Woodpeckers have declined in the west of the country but we still have ours around the crag.

It will be interesting to see if the resident birds start to breed earlier because of the mild winter and if the migrants which overwinter in Africa arrive earlier. Keep your eyes open.

Andrew Cadman

BUSINESS VIEW – TITHE BARN BED AND BREAKFAST

In the first of our series about local businesses, Christine Matthews from Tithe Barn Bed and Breakfast explains the attractions of living and working in Over Kellet.



What does the business do? My partner Paul & I run a three bedroomed bed and breakfast establishment just on the edge of the village on Capernwray Road.

What is your role in the business? I'm housekeeping & accountancy. Paul is head chef and tourist information.

How long have you lived in Over Kellet? Since October 2012, we moved from over the border in Hale, Cumbria. We've owned the barn since Easter 2012 but it was

uninhabitable for a while, lots of renovation work going on etc.

What do you enjoy about your work? We've met lots of interesting people from all over the world, many of whom share their travel tales and experiences of life at the breakfast table. We enjoy making people feel at home and like to serve a hearty breakfast to see them on their journey.

What do you like doing when you aren't working? We like to go for a walk with the dog, and Paul's passions are fishing and Manchester United. I enjoy the gym at Water's Edge and the occasional jog round the lanes!

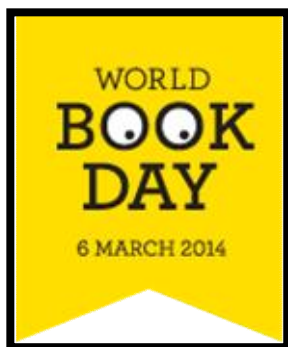
Can you name one business in Over Kellet you would recommend and tell us why? It would have to be the Eagles Head, we've sent most of our hungry guests there, all of whom have given it the thumbs up! The team at the pub are always very accommodating and do their best to find guests a table when they can, even if they arrive late on in the evening.

What do you like about living /working in Over Kellet? We consider ourselves very lucky to be able to live and work in Over Kellet. It is a beautiful village, and we have very friendly neighbours who always alert us when the ducks decide to go walk about! (puddles across the lane are always more inviting somehow...).

The Business View is a free feature for businesses in Over Kellet and Capernwray. If you would like to see your business featured, please email OKView@overkellet.org.

BIRKLAND BARROW LATEST

Residents who commented on the planning application for a 79.6m turbine at Birkland Barrow have received notification that an appeal has been made against the earlier refusal of planning permission. Further information at <http://planning.lancaster.gov.uk/online-applications/>.



World Book Day

The pupils enjoyed a day immersed in books and reading activities. Children and staff came to school dressed as a character from a book. The costumes ranged from Harry Potter to Where's Wally. Favourite stories were shared between older and younger pupils and book reviews were written. It was a fun day celebrating a wide variety of books from dinosaur fact files to stories where everyone lived happily ever after!

Fairtrade Fortnight

Mum Helen Wain helped the school in organising a variety of activities during Fairtrade Fortnight. Year 6 (age 10-11) selected Fairtrade goodies to stock a tuck shop which they then priced up, displayed and manned. Fairtrade supporter Arton Medd visited the classes with a presentation to help the children learn more about the positive impact that Fairtrade has on producers worldwide. It gave the pupils the opportunity to think about fair and ethical shopping. The day was completed with a talk from Arton to parents with an afternoon tea of Fairtrade treats.



Visit to Jodrell Bank

The whole school went on a space adventure in two coaches to Jodrell Bank in Cheshire. It was an exciting day, filled with activities. All pupils enjoyed their session in the large, black inflatable planetarium discovering the different constellations and the changing night sky. During a picnic lunch outside in the sunshine it was thrilling to watch the enormous Lovell telescope rotate and move gracefully into a new position. The children enjoyed exploring the planet trail and trying out the 'whispering dishes'. During the day different age groups enjoyed a variety of workshops. Younger pupils made paper air-propelled rockets and watched as James and Lauren were dressed up as astronauts. The junior pupils undertook a series of experiments which included discovering how craters are formed and exploring the density of different planets using bottles and weights. Words like 'awesome' and 'epic' were used to describe the day!



Jo Williams, Headteacher

QUARRY REPORT – MARCH

No complaints about the operation of the quarry have been received this month and all blasting has been well within the permitted limits. Liaison meetings have taken place this month at both Leaper's Wood and Back Lane quarries.



Leaper's Wood/Dunald Mill Quarries

- Restoration work at Dunald Mill quarry is scheduled to begin within the next six weeks with the demolition of the old weighbridge and planting of the area it occupied up to the road edge.
- Tree planting will be taking place this month to conceal the west end tip at Leaper's Wood site; it is anticipated that some 1800 trees will be planted.
- The concrete plant has now been installed within the quarry to provide concrete for the Heysham Link project.
- The work for this new road is starting to build up and it is expected that the demand for stone from the quarry will increase during the next year to about 5,000 tonnes a day giving an annual output of about one million tonnes, compared with the current figure of about 0.75 million tonnes. This will, however, only restore production levels to those of five years ago.
- At the moment no extra hours are being worked; the quarry is permitted to operate continuously but minimises disturbance by not undertaking any secondary breaking or crusher use outside the hours of 0730–1700 Monday to Friday, after noon on Saturdays, or on Sundays. It may be necessary to extend working hours for these on a temporary basis as the contract progresses, but notice will be given if this is to happen.
- All lorries transporting material for the new road should be using the M6 link road to junction 35.

Back Lane Quarry

- No complaints have been received about the operation of the wind turbine.
- The agreement for the alteration of the quarry entrance from Back Lane is still awaited, but it is hoped this will be completed before October.
- Retention of High Road offices until 2030 has been approved.
- Permission is being sought to recycle up to 75kt (kilotonnes) of road planning annually, although realistically nowhere near this amount will be processed. Approximately 100kt of asphalt are produced annually, to which only 10% of reclaimed planing's are added.
- Currently blasting is two or three times a month, working on the central wall between the two quarries, usually alternating between the east (Over Kellet) and

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west ends. Blasts usually produce about 25kt of stone, with current monthly output of 70/80kt.

- The primary crusher is to be replaced this summer, which will crush more in less time. At the moment the old crusher is underperforming and as a result is usually working up to 1730 on a temporary basis.
- I mentioned the problem of stone being spilt at the start of the slip road. Loads will be checked and the area swept on a regular basis.
- The next liaison meetings are scheduled for early October.

Nick Ward

MOBILE LIBRARY—CHANGES

From 1 April the mobile library will be visiting the village every three weeks instead of fortnightly. The day of the visit will remain the same (Thursday) but some of the timings have changed. The new times are:

Birkland Barrow Road:	12.05–12.15	Village Green:	13.20–13.50
47 Greenways:	13.55–14.10	4 Windergarth:	14.15–14.30
28 Church Bank:	14.40–15.40		

The mobile will be visiting the village on 10 April, 1 May and 22 May. Note that the time at Church Bank is later and has been increased to an hour, so that children and parents can use the service on their way home from school.

Membership of the mobile library is free and users are exempt from charges on overdue books. Mobile libraries carry a selection of books suitable for all ages, including large print, and in some cases talking books as well. Every mobile library is fully accessible, with a lift for people with mobility impairments, although the vans are not suitable for large motorised wheelchairs.

From 1 April the new telephone number for enquiries will be 0300 123 6703.

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THE 200 CLUB

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1st (£25) Mr J Briggs (27)
2nd (£15) Mrs Sylvia Cooper (5)
3rd (£10) Mrs J Galloway (151)

Congratulations to all our winners.

Would you like the chance of a prize each month? There are still a few numbers available. It is a good deal with 36 (not 30 as stated in Issue 65!) prizes each year and only £6 per month to pay—better than any lottery! If you would like to have a number or two, please let me know (Meadowbank, Craggs Hill, 732892 or chris@overkellat.org.uk). If you join after one or more of the monthly draws have been made, there will, of course, be a matching reduction in the subscription for 2014, so it is never too late. We are also looking for a collector in the Church View/Kirklands area. Please let us know if you think you might be able to help. Being a collector only involves collecting the subscriptions in January and giving out any winnings in your area, more a pleasure than a duty.

Chris Pogson

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ROMANIA – THINK DIFFERENTLY



Vlad Tepes, “Vlad the Impaler” or “Dracula”

Not an easy task to define Romania in just one page. It is a country of contrasts from the elaborate architecture of the late 19th Century golden age, when Bucharest was known as ‘Little Paris’, to the concrete blocks of flats from the communist era, a regime that had its demise with the execution of the Ceausescus on Christmas Day 1989; from fertile plains where horse-drawn carts can still be seen going to and fro to the high Carpathian mountains still home to wolves, lynx, wild boar and the European brown bear.

After the fall of communism Romania was still governed for many years as a socialist state but, finally, democracy prevails and people are now allowed to make their own decisions and build a modern nation. The standard of living

in some respects may not appear as high as ours but Romanians have strong friends and family ties and helping each other is second nature to them. Common sense prevails and, whilst still an ordered and just society, they are, happily, not yet encumbered by many of our regulations, especially health and safety! A visit to the Ialomicioara cave is like something from an Indiana Jones film, just take care on the slippery wooden staircases.

Although famous for its connection with the fictional Dracula, Castle Bran prefers to trade on its reputation as an historic monument. Vlad the Impaler was actually called Dracula and devised a rather unusual way of execution employing long blunt stakes. However, don't worry if you visit today, you'll be perfectly safe and very welcome in Romania today!

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WHAT'S ON

What's coming up in April?



THEATRE:

At the **Grand** from Tuesday 8th to Saturday 12th **Lancaster Footlights** is presenting **Lady Windermere's Fan**. Aristocratic goings-on, affairs of one sort or another, the nature of goodness and the interference of Fate. Wonderful writing reflecting Oscar Wilde at his best.

Also at the **Grand** on Wednesday 30th at 7.30pm, there is an unusual but exciting and innovative production of **The Rite of Spring** and **Romeo and Juliet**. This is a radical interpretation of Stravinsky's ballet and orchestral concert work in the theatrical setting of love and hatred between the two households of the Capulets and the Montagues. Conceived by **Concert Theatre**, the production uses commedia half-masks and piano four-hands to create a music-centred physical theatre piece through the re-telling of Shakespeare's romantic tragedy. It involves a collaboration with concert pianists from the Royal Academy of Music, actors and directors from the Lecoq-based system and mask specialists from Trestle Theatre. Intriguing?! Phone 01524 64695 or visit www.lancastergrand.co.uk

OPERA:

Opera Box at the **Heron Theatre** on Friday 25th will be presenting "**Mozartissimo**". Be transported back in time to an 18th Century Salon for an exquisite evening of Mozart opera, especially arranged for wind trio, soprano and baritone, all lavishly staged and costumed and beautifully performed, with informative and witty dialogue about Mozart, his life and his operas. Arias and duets from his lesser known gems as well as his more popular masterpieces. 7.30pm. Box Office: 015395 64283.

BALLET:

On Monday 28th at 7.15pm **The Reel Cinema**, Morecambe is screening a live performance of a new ballet by Christopher Wheeldon based on Shakespeare's "**The Winter's Tale**" from the **Royal Opera House**. This is a treat for ballet lovers and newcomers alike and you can share the experience with people all around the world who are also watching it live. For more information: 01524 413935.

THE VIKINGS LIVE:

This event offers an exclusive private view of the BP exhibition **Vikings: Life and Legend** presented live at both the **Vue** in Lancaster and the **Reel** in Morecambe. Introduced by the BM Director Neil Macgregor and presented by Michael Wood alongside experts on Viking ships and swords, burial and beliefs and language and legacy, this is a wonderful opportunity to see a major exhibition from the comfort of the cinema. Thursday 24th at 7pm. Do check on www.britishmuseum.org/vikingslive or at either venue.

FINALLY: At the **Dukes** on Saturday 5th at 7.30pm, **Andy Kirkpatrick** returns with his 5th theatre tour. This time the maverick mountaineer will be talking about climbing El Cap with his 13-year-old daughter, revisiting Norway's Troll Wall, his latest winter expedition to attempt the North Face of the Eiger and his 2013 trip to Antarctica. 01524 598500 or www.dukes-lancaster.org

LOCAL SERVICES

Over Kellet

Village store and Post Office, The Green	733207
<i>Last post collections: weekdays 1700, Saturday 1100</i>	
The Eagle's Head Public House, Nether Kellet Road	732457
Mobile fishmonger, David Goldspink, Wednesdays 0900-1100	07706 585933
Mobile library April 10, May 1 and May 22	415215
	0300 123 6703 (From April 1)

Carnforth

Doctors	Ashtrees Surgery, Market Street	720000
	Out of Hours Service	111
	Park View Surgery, 21 New Street	732830
	Out of Hours Service, CHOC	03000 247 247
Dentists	Anne King, Council Buildings	733867
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	Co-op Pharmacy, 9 Market Street	732712
	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	0845 053 0005
	<i>(Mon & Fri 0930–1300 & 1400–1900; Tuesdays 0930–13.00; Wed 0930–1300 & 1400–1630; Sat 0930–1215)</i>	0300 123 6703 (From April 1)

BUS TIMES: OVER KELLET to LANCASTER (Note that these are a guide only—do check!)

Route 55/55A via Carnforth (journey time approx. 40min)

Depart OK: Mon-Fri: 0719, 0747, 1605 (*schooldays*), 1650, 1735

Depart Lancaster: Mon-Fri: 1520 (*schooldays*), 1610, 1655

Route 51 from OK Green via Village Hall & Nether Kellet (journey time 22min)

Depart OK: Mon-Fri: 0919, 0939 then hourly to 1539, 1826, 1913, 2038, 2138, 2338

Saturday: As above but with 0839 instead of 0919.

Sunday: 0938, 1138, 1338, 1538, 1738, 1938, 2138, 2338

Depart Lancaster: Mon-Fri: 0910, hourly to 1410, 1510 (*not schooldays*), 1740, 1910, 2010, 2210, 2400

Saturday: As above but with the addition of 0810 & 1608

Sunday: 1010, 1210, 1410, 1610, 1810, 2010, 2210

BUS TIMES: OVER KELLET to CARNFORTH (journey time 10min)

This service is **Route 51** above with the bus from Lancaster travelling on to Carnforth after Over Kellet, so **add 22min** to the departure time from Lancaster to get the departure time from Over Kellet. Similarly **subtract 10min** from the Over Kellet departure time for Lancaster, to get the departure time from Carnforth. See also **Route 55/55A** above which goes to and from Lancaster via Carnforth.

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