

THE OVER KELLET VIEW



Price £1.00 *(but free of charge to every household in Over Kellet)*

For the next (May) issue, the closing date for news, articles and advertisements is 15 April 2015. All contributions should be sent to the email address: OKView@overkellet.org

Editorial Board: Liz Brewster, Angela Huck and Chris Pogson

Advertising: Jane Meaden

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

Chairs *ex-officio* of the Parish Council and Parochial Church Council

We are grateful to the above organisations for their financial support

We are happy to accept contributions in any electronic form. Our preference is for Microsoft Word with 14 point Arial font and margins set at 1.5cm all round, although anything that can be converted into this is acceptable. Advertisements should be in a form compatible with PC software. Please note that the views expressed in this magazine are those of the contributors and not necessarily those of the Editorial Team or Board of Management. Every care has been taken in trying to provide accurate information, particularly in the Diary, the Directory, on Local Services and bus times. We apologise if any errors creep in; please let us know if you do find any so that they can be amended for next time.

The Over Kellet View is published every month (except January and August) and distributed to all residents within the parish of Over Kellet. It is also to be seen on the village web-site (www.overkellet.org) in a colour version. We are grateful to the webmaster, Gordon Galloway for his expert help.

©2015 Over Kellet View
Meadowbank House, Craggs Hill
OKView@overkellet.org



Front Cover: Anyone found the needle yet?

Printed by Bay Typesetters, Morecambe
Tel: 01524 850056, 07710 405864
r.cleet@btinternet.com

I have been given a copy of an old painting of the village. It is a view of the village green with sheep grazing freely and hens pecking around. Unfortunately it is not dated or signed so difficult to determine just what era it depicts. It shows the two shops on the green both with wooden shutters on the downstairs windows. I wonder if anyone can remember when sheep grazed freely on the green—or even walked across it for that matter?

It set me thinking that it would be really interesting to gather some of the old paintings/photographs/maps and display them for a time in the village hall. When things are changing so fast, sometimes so much of the history and memories of people in the village are lost forever.

Bob Escolme has written some brilliant books on the history of the village and remains a huge font of knowledge. Maybe he could be persuaded to answer questions if we had an exhibition!! (Just a thought Bob)

As Easter approaches we may not see sheep or lambs on the green but we can guarantee a beautiful array of daffodils—always a delight and the village looks so picturesque when they come into bloom.

So from all of us at The View we wish you a happy and joyous Easter.

Liz Brewster



**butler
interiors**

Suppliers and installers
of quality German kitchens,
bedrooms and bathrooms.

Visit our showroom
Kitchen Installations (North West) Limited
Unit 3, Low Mills, Mill Lane
Low Bentham, LA2 7DA

015242 63388
mark@butlerinteriors.co.uk
www.butlerinteriors.co.uk

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We are very grateful to those who have allowed us to use their photographs in our magazine. This month, we thank Jamie MacMillan for his primrose pictures (P8) and Michael J. Newark of Ontario, Canada for the photo of *Altostratus undulatus* (P9).

LETTER FROM THE VICARAGE

St Cuthbert's Church

Over Kellet

April 2015



Dear Friends,

EVER READY

In 1899, Ever Ready published their first sales catalogue. Joshua Cowan had invented a lamp to decorate potted plants. It was guaranteed to last for 30 days. Colin Herbert who worked for Cowan turned the decorative light into a small metal tube containing a bulb and battery—the world's first torch had been invented and EVER READY became a household name, as it continues to be today. Underneath the picture on the 1899 catalogue was the quote from Genesis 1 v 1:

'LET THERE BE LIGHT'

This early torch designed by Cowan wasn't powerful. It would only give enough light for the next step of our journey. Jesus Christ is RISEN and He is the light of the world. He promises to guide us each and every moment of every day by the light of His word, the Bible, if we will read it. We read in Psalms 119 v 105

'YOUR WORD IS A LAMP TO MY FEET AND A LIGHT TO MY PATH'

Why stumble along in the dark each day, struggling with the decisions and the difficulties we face when we have the light of God's word, our Bible, to guide us daily? May you know the power and presence of the RISEN Lord Jesus Christ in your life each day, as you read His word and follow His direction.

Your friends,

The Rev. Ken and Sue Clapham

PASTORAL CARE—If you know of any parishioner or visitor to our parish who is ill or in any need, please notify the Rev. Ken who will arrange to visit and help in any way. This is pastoral care 24/7. Contact on 734189 or 07663 794459

PRAISE AND WORSHIP—A welcome awaits you on any Sunday at 8.45am or 10.30am in St. Cuthbert's joint Anglican & Methodist Church.

PLEASE NOTE

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING—Sunday 12 April at 6.30pm in the Village Hall. The meeting is open to all parishioners.

ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH

In accordance with the recommendation of the diocese of Blackburn, St Cuthbert's church has developed a Mission Action Plan (MAP). This has taken into account the responses to questionnaires from the congregation and local community and a MAP planning meeting. We are very grateful to all who have contributed to this process as we have sought to discern God's plans to give us direction over the next five years. The MAP has now been approved by the Parochial Church Council (PCC) and recently endorsed and launched by the Bishop of Blackburn.

St Cuthbert's is a church whose mission values are to:

- Be a witness to Jesus Christ in Over Kellet and the local community.
- Worship God in a way which brings comfort, joy and a challenge to all present.
- Work with God to show care and concern, not only for the members of the church but for the whole community.

Our vision is to:

- Develop teams
- Work with children, young people and families
- Develop faith and Christian spiritual transformation
- Develop worship
- Engage and build community
- Introduce others to faith in Christ

Short, medium and long term priority goals have been identified and are illustrated in the enclosed flow chart. These goals will be achieved by developing teams which will be responsible to the PCC. If you are willing to help in any of these teams, whether or not you attend St Cuthbert's regularly, then please let the vicar, wardens or PCC members know. We are very aware that the real challenge lies ahead as we seek to implement this vision and these objectives.

Vicar: Rev K Clapham, **Churchwardens:** Joan Shaw and Mike Morris, **PCC members:** Andrew Cadman, Kath McLeish, Alan Hutchings, Nick Ward, John Halsey, Margaret Fancy, Amanda Morris.



Private Clinic & Home Visits

Mobile: 07725 300290

Home: 01524 730179

Carol M Sedgwick
BSc (Hons), HCPC, MScPod

Chiropody/Podiatry Treatments

Member of the Health & Care Profession Council



'Your wellbeing comes first'

carol@carnforthchiropodist.co.uk

www.carnforthchiropodist.co.uk

PARISH COUNCIL—MARCH

PACT (Police and Community Together)—PC Linda Head is moving to a new position and being replaced by PC Rob Barnsley. Clerk Michael Watson confirmed that PC Head had sent off the funding application for the new SPID before leaving.

Planning—At the time of the meeting there was no decision from the Planning Inspector regarding the wind turbine at Birkland Barrow (**STOP PRESS—appeal rejected**). Two new applications were discussed: one for the demolition of buildings at Swarthdale Farm Stables, the other for the erection of a single storey extension and garage conversion on Bay View. None of the councillors had objections to either of these applications.

Quarry—Cllr Nick Ward reported on the latest quarry liaison meeting. His full report can be found on page 16.

Footpaths—Lengthsman Mike Ashton has been tidying the footpath between the Village and Carnforth. Meanwhile, the application to the Parish Champion grant fund had been successful and £500 has been received as a contribution towards the cost of repairs to the footpath between Greenways and Church Bank.

Although she was unable to attend the meeting, Cllr Rebecca Lauder had requested an update on the closure of the footpath to the cemetery off Cockle Hill. It had been agreed at January's Council meeting that a letter would be sent to the owner, raising the issue of the path being an established Public Right of Way. The delay had been due to confusion about the path's access point. Following clarification from Cllr Margaret Fowler, it was agreed the letter could now be sent.

M6 Roundabout—Correspondence had been received from Cumbria County Council's Highways team explaining that drainage repairs had been carried out at the roundabout at Junction 35, but that "the gully has failed again". Highways were planning to re-visit the site.

Bus Shelter—A short discussion took place about the design of the proposed bus shelter on The Green. Councillors would consider this in more detail at a future meeting.

Parish Council Elections—Nomination packs for Parish Council candidates are now available for collection from Lancaster Town Hall. These must be returned to the Town Hall by 4pm on 9 April 2015. Parish Council elections take place on 7 May 2015.

Cllr John Crewdson—After ten years as a Parish Councillor and five years as Council Chairman, Cllr Crewdson surprised everyone by announcing that he had decided not to stand at the next elections. Cllr Nick Ward said this was "a great shame".

The full minutes of these meetings are available at www.overkellet.org and on display on village notice boards. Next month's meeting will take place on Tuesday 14 April at 7.15pm at Wilson's Endowed C of E School. All Parish Council meetings are open to the public.

Angela Huck

Entertaining the Bishop!

The month started with a group of our children sharing rather energetic songs at the Sunday service in St Cuthbert's Church which was attended by the Bishop of Blackburn. The congregation joined in both the singing and actions. The children also led the prayers remembering St David and provided a Lent reflection.

Underwater Street in Liverpool

This is the first time we have visited this particular science museum. It is very hands-on and ideal for our younger pupils. They enjoyed a science show with exploding volcanos and whirlpools as well as trying out lots of activities. The children had the opportunity to make a wide variety of things which they brought home. These included slime, water powered boats, magnet fishing games and paper flowers. The activities were also great fun and kept the children busy doing everything from panning for gold to using a large hoop and soapy water and finding themselves stood inside a tube of one large single bubble! Follow this link for more information

<http://www.underwaterstreet.com/>

Lune Valley Small Schools Football Tournament

Having won the cup in 2014 the team headed off to the tournament not without a little trepidation. Some of our star footballers had moved on to high school and younger players were now stepping up to the mark. It was a very close run tournament. Although we won every match, so did Caton St Paul's School. It came down to a calculation of goals scored and the very last game was a crucial decider! Fortunately we managed to score five goals in the final match bringing the trophy back to Over Kellet once again.

Mothers' Day Treats

Once again our school hall was buzzing with mums, grannies and special ladies being treated to a delicious roast dinner followed by meringue nests filled with cream and topped with strawberries. The children each presented their visiting ladies with a small, pink organza bag filled with chocolate hearts which was tied up with a gift tag saying, 'because you're special, with love'.

Jo Williams, Headteacher



NATURE NOTES—MARCH



We are gradually having more days when we can go out and Spring plants are becoming more obvious. The daffodils on the Village Green are not the only yellow flowers at this time of year. Celandines are the first to appear by the roadside and in our woods. In our gardens, however, they may be less welcome! They are very tenacious because, in addition to producing seeds, they also generate little bulbils on their roots, each of which will grow up in to another plant. If you really want them out of your flower beds, then it is time to use a big fork to remove all of the roots—trowels will merely spread the bulbils around more effectively.

A plant which we all welcome is our native primrose which has quite a long flowering season, often into July. If you have never had a close look at the flowers, you might like to do so. The reason for my recommendation is that primroses have two kinds of flowers. The first ('pin-eyed') has a little dot, the stigma, in the centre of the flower, the other ('thrum-eyed') has a more indistinct blob of pollen. These are

illustrated in the photos.

An early insect, visiting a pin-eyed flower, gets pollen stuck to the middle of its proboscis from the anthers which are half-way down the flower tube. When the insect then visits a thrum-eyed flower, the pollen is in place to attach itself to the stigma, in this instance halfway down the flower tube. At the same time, pollen from this second flower, from the top of the tube, sticks further back on the insect's head, from where it can be transferred to the stigma at the top of the next pin-eyed flower. Seems clever, doesn't it? But actually the flowers are self-sterile so this complex procedure seems unnecessary. Probably the point is that the stigmas are kept clear of the local pollen so as to be available for that of other plants, possibly from further afield.

'Pin-eyed' is pretty obvious, but 'thrum-eyed'? It comes from the old word, thrum, for the thread-ends on the loom when the woven fabric is cut off. The primrose anthers with their pollen look rather like these cut ends.

Chris Pogson

AFTERNOON TEA		
IN AID OF		
PARKINSON'S DISEASE CHARITIES		
	SATURDAY 16 TH MAY	
2.30pm – 4.00pm		
OVER KELLET VILLAGE HALL		
Organised by Over Kellet W.I.		Tickets £5

WEATHER DATA FOR FEBRUARY 2015

There is a saying “As the days get longer, the cold gets stronger” and I am sure that many villagers will have welcomed the clear and sunny day at the beginning of the month. However, the price for such bright and sunny days were the below-zero night-time temperatures. Another feature of the month was a period of very high pressure between the 6th and 8th when my barograph recorded 1045mbar, the pen arm going almost off the edge of the chart. In contrast, on the 23rd the barometric pressure had fallen to 984mbar with a very cold westerly wind which at times gusted to 52mph.

During the month we had 24 sun days and 4 no-sun days giving a monthly total of 77.8 sun hours, just below the 10-year average of 81h. The sunniest day was the 3rd with 7.4h, but the warmest day was the 14th with 10.2°C (50.3°F). The coldest night was that of the 8th when the temperature fell to – 5.6°C (21.9°F). In the month we had 16 rain days and 12 no-rain days giving a total rainfall of 57mm, just above the 10-year average of 57mm. The wettest 24h period was between the 25th and 26th with 18mm.



Looking back in my weather diary, on the 8th and 9th there appeared banks of Radiation Fog over our back fields, blocking out the view of Warton Crag. In the afternoon of the 27th there was a rare display of Altostratus undulatus cloud in the form of a window with bars caused by wind shear (local turbulence)—photo on right.

In the main, February was a disappointing month in that it began with such promise of fine dry weather then deteriorated as the month progressed.

Cloud Watcher

Steve Bailey
Painter & Decorator Ltd

4 Stoneycroft Drive, Warton, Carnforth, LA5 9PX
Tel: 01524 733188, Mobile:0788 423 8080

OVER KELLET NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

I hope that the two items this month do not presage greater criminal activity in our village which has been remarkably free of such so far.



The first concerns phone calls, often featured here in the past, but more as warnings from outside. In this case, a resident was phoned by a woman who claimed to be calling from BT. The caller knew the resident's name and phone supplier, which is a bit alarming. She said that a new cheaper service would shortly be installed in this area. All that was needed were the resident's bank details for setting up a new direct debit. Fortunately the resident smelled a rat and hung up. On calling BT directly, the resident was assured that the earlier call was not genuine. Always be very circumspect about such calls. If in doubt, hang up and ring back on the genuine number.

In the second instance, a resident was approached at the front door by a man who offered to clean the gutters and put extra felt under the roof tiles. The resident agreed to pay and the man started up his ladder. The resident had to go out and, on return, found the man gone. A neighbour said that the man was there for less than two hours. The man had left a message saying that he would call back for the money (a considerable sum!) later. Fortunately, neighbours were alerted. The man didn't come back, possibly thinking he had been rumbled.

If anyone comes to your door, be very careful. If you are on your own (or even if you are not!), use your door-chain so that the visitor cannot gain admittance. Ask for some kind of identification. All service people should have a card—check their photos. Do not contract for any work at the door. Accept literature, but give nothing, especially information about yourself. All external work should be contracted by you with a supplier whom you know, who is recommended locally or is on the Trading Standards' list of reliable tradespeople. Remember that you can always contact the police on 101 or carnforth.npt@lancashire.pnn.police.uk

Chris Pogson

THE 200 CLUB

The result of the draw for February was:

1 st (£25)	Mrs H Thomas (36)
2 nd (£15)	Mr D Hasted (159)
3 rd (£10)	Mr G Galloway (140)

Congratulations to all our winners.

The list of spare numbers is going down. If you are a new subscriber or would like an extra number please do get in touch (OKview@overkellet.org or 732892). One more number, double the chance! Now only £4 each to the end of 2015.

Liz Brewster

OVER KELLET—MY VILLAGE HOME

I love village life especially here in Over Kellet. It's in my soul. Having lived here most of my life I couldn't think of anywhere better to be.

What do I love about it? Well, everything really, I suppose. It's the hub of the farming community and with that comes the joy and hustle and bustle of the farm together with the reassuring sounds of the cows and calves, sheep, lambs and hens. Then there is the glorious wake-up crowing from the cockerels to make us feel alive again.

I never tire of the rumble of the tractors, trailers and wagons going about their necessary routine. Where would we be without them? Yes, village life is certainly for me. It's in my bones. What a silent barren place it would be if our beautiful countryside was deprived of church bells, the children laughing and playing in the school playground or the happy chatter in the village shop! It's dining in the village pub. It's a privilege to live here—our fantastic village home.

Margaret Mason

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 or call 732892.

*LOCAL/LONG DISTANCE

*AIRPORT AND SEAPORT

*FRIENDLY, RELIABLE SERVICE

*4 SEATER CAR

*24HR AVAILABILITY (PRE-BOOKED)



Lawrence Taxi
& Private Hire

BASED IN WARTON

ALL AREAS COVERED

CALL US ON 07720205099 FOR ALL TAXI REQUIREMENTS

THE DIARY

Regular Weekly Events

SUNDAYS		
0845	Every Week	Holy Communion
1030	May 3, 31	All Age Worship & Sunday School
1030	Apr 3 (Good Friday)	Service of Worship 'WHY THE CROSS'
1030	Apr 5 (Easter Day)	Family Worship with Communion
1030	Apr 12; May 10	Morning Worship
1030	Apr 19; May 17	Morning Worship with Communion
1030	Apr 26; May 24	Morning Worship, Methodist preacher
MONDAYS		
0900	Weekly (not Apr 6; May 4, 25)	Playgroup 2–4 Years
1330	Weekly	Indoor Bowls
1930	Weekly	Scottish Dancing
TUESDAYS		
0900	Weekly (not Apr 7; May 26)	Playgroup 2–4 Years
0900	Weekly (Schooldays only)	Playgroup-Toddlers (School)
1400	Weekly	Short Tennis
WEDNESDAYS		
0900	Weekly (not Apr 1, 8; May 27)	Playgroup 2–4 Years
1400	Apr 8, 22; May 6, 20	Galloways Society
1930	Weekly	Church Bible Study
2000	Weekly	Badminton
THURSDAYS		
0900	Weekly (not Apr 2, 9; May 28)	Playgroup 2–4 Years
1930	Apr 9, 30; May 14	WI
FRIDAYS		
0900	Weekly (not Apr 3, 10; May 29)	Playgroup 2–4 Years
1900	Weekly (not Apr 17)	Fitness Class



REFUSE COLLECTION IN APRIL AND MAY

Grey bin: April 7, 20; May 5, 18

Green bin and recycling boxes: April 13, 27; May 11, 26



Local Plumbing, Heating & Gas Specialists

Tel: 01524 720438 Mobile: 07887 565509 www.johnladell.co.uk
 One Waybend Cottage, 75 Main Road, Nether Kellet, Carnforth, LA6 1EQ

APRIL			
Sunday	5	1330	Village Walk—Inglewhite
Thursday	9	1930	WI Meeting—Talk about The Samaritans
Tuesday	14	1915	Parish Council Meeting (School)
Wednesday	15	0900	Walking Group—Hindburn Bridge
Friday	17	1930	Horticultural Society—Talk by Tom Attwood ‘Propagation – Tom’s Top Tips for Success’
MAY			
Sunday	3	1330	Village Walk—Oxenber & Wharfe Woods
Thursday	7	0700–2200	Local and National Elections
Tuesday	12	1915	Parish Council Meeting (School)
Wednesday	13	0900	Walking Group—Great Burney
Saturday	16	1430–1600	WI Afternoon Tea in aid of Parkinson’s Disease charities

All events take place in the Village Hall unless otherwise stated

ERRATUM

Apologies for the (not so) deliberate mistake in calling Cockle Hill Cocket Hill in the Neighbourhood Watch article last month. We are sure you knew what was meant!

Old Hall

storage



Secure, Indoor Caravan & Motorhome Storage

Old Hall Storage, Capernwray,
Carnforth, LA6 1AD

01524 733276

PLEASE PHONE FOR MORE
INFORMATION AND PRICES



ARE WE REALLY SAFER OR IS LIFE JUST MORE BORING?

It is important first to recognise that many safety rules are very sensible and do protect us—no alcohol while driving, wearing seat-belts and hard hats, etc. The Health and Safety Executive is a sensible body who have saved many lives. Most of the silly ‘rules’ we hear about have nothing to do with them.

There are many stories these days about problems people have with ‘safety’ issues. In the past, the way of dealing with safety issues was to wait until there was an incident and then to try to put in place rules to prevent re-occurrences. Since the 70s this has changed in favour of committees thinking what might conceivably happen and then drawing up restrictions. Taken together with the fear companies and Councils now have about potential litigation, many of these ‘rules’ have largely served to make our lives more awkward and/or less enjoyable.

The reason for enclosing the words safety and rules with apostrophes (above) is that much has little to do with safety and the practices have no legal basis. We come across instances of both when at airports or involved in any activity including children. Unfortunately it is easier to initiate such ‘rules’ than to remove them. We are condemned for ever, it seems, to leave our metal nail files and scissors at home when travelling light by air, and it will remain hard for volunteers to help with anything to do with children without a DBS (ex-CRB) check (and the associated cost). [The stupidity of the former is seen when comparing travelling by Eurostar (items banned in hand luggage) and by the Euroshuttle (no inspection or restriction at all).]

It is absolutely not sensible to start arguments with airport officials when you are on your way to your holidays—they lack humour about such complaints and are themselves trapped by the ‘regulations’. But you can object when you come across some other piece of ‘safety’ idiocy—in the swimming pool, recreation area, etc. And if more of us do so, something might ultimately happen (the government is on your side in this!).

If you think that using a mobile phone on a plane or at a filling station is dangerous, that child abuse is increasing, or that terrorism in the UK is a major threat to your family, you might like to read *‘In the Interests of Safety: The Absurd Rules That Blight Our Lives’* by Tracey Brown & Michael Hanlon (2014). Even if you don’t, it is still a good read!

Chris Pogson

VILLAGE WEBSITE

The Village website is at www.overkelllet.org (or just Google ‘Over Kellet’ and click on the link near the top of the list). Click on the right-hand side of the top page to go to link for the OK View . There you can see the magazine in glorious colour and click again on the links for direct connection. There is also an archive of previous issues. Look on the website also if you want a new email address such as ‘yourname@overkelllet.org’—short and easy for you and your friends to remember!

MORE ABOUT THE RIVER KEER

After the article last month, I was told that the name 'Webber' referring to local quarries should probably have been 'Wegber', odd-sounding though this name is. But Wegber it is, and my apologies to our readers. Anyway, this set me thinking and looking further as well as taking advantage of the good weather one day to go and have a look myself.

The Lindsay family, the Earls of Crawford and Balcarres, built Haigh Hall near Wigan in 1827 and owned coal mines in Lancashire. In 1854 Earl Crawford needed a source of limestone for Haigh Collieries and purchased 46 acres at Wegber, described as being near Carnforth, for £3,442 7s. 4d (about £3442.37). In 1865 the property was leased by the Wigan Coal and Iron Company for 46 years at a rent of £60 p.a. & 2½d (about 1p) per ton for limestone (with a minimum for any one year of £70). The company worked the limestone continuously until 1905, when virtually all the useful stone had been removed; the working quarry finally closed in 1913. Essentially Wegber ceased to exist but it is now the attractive site for many homes at the New England Caravan Park at Capernwray. The old loading gear can still be seen by the Canal as can the inlet known as Lovers' Creek a little further north along the towpath (photos).



Around 1884, workers carrying out blasting operations opened a small chamber and found an Early Bronze Age flat bronze axe, a Middle Bronze Age dirk, a Late Bronze Age socketed axe and a Late Bronze Age spearhead. Other finds include a large perforated stone hammer, a stone quern, an iron axe and a "spinning wheel". It is interesting that these items come from times as far as 1500 years apart so the chamber is probably of domestic, rather than of religious significance.

The Keer itself has also yielded an interesting find, although outside our parish. A hoard of 34 Roman bronze coins was found in 1975 just below the present bridge between Dalton Craggs and Docker, and upstream of an ancient ford. All were antoniniani (the double denarius*; 12.5 of these constitute one aureus, about 8g gold, about \$400US today). The value at the time is hard to assess because of the economic conditions. The coins may have been hidden because of the low level of security, and possibly not collected for the same reason! All the coins were from the period between 253 and 273CE, including a time when the Western Roman Empire was split, with Britain being part of the short-lived rebel Gallic Empire. Interestingly the coins are from both Roman and rebel states.

*The origin of the abbreviation 'd' for the old pre-decimal penny.

Chris Pogson

QUARRY REPORT



There has been one complaint so far this month, both about the size of the blast (which was well within the permitted limits) and the fact that Lancaster City Council is no longer monitoring every blast. Its new policy is randomly to monitor just four blasts each year although the quarries themselves always monitor every blast at different locations in the area.

The biannual liaison meetings for both quarries were held on 10 March. There is a liaison committee for each quarry and

meetings are usually held in March and September. They are chaired by our County Councillor (currently Cllr Susie Charles) and are attended by our District Councillor Roger Mace, the respective Quarry Manager and the Estates Manager for all the quarries in the north west, an officer from Lancaster City Council Environmental Health Department and representatives from Carnforth Town Council and Nether Kellet and Over Kellet Parish Councils. The agenda always includes Quarry Developments and Environmental Complaints.

LEAPERS WOOD / DUNALD MILL (LAFARGE TARMAC)

Dunald Mill—Restoration work on the old weighbridge site to the west of the road is continuing. The weighbridge building was demolished last year and soil has now been spread over the site. A hedge will be laid by the end of March. Plans are still being considered as to what to do on the east side once the lease of the concrete plant expires in 2016. Discussions with Lancashire County Council are to take place concerning restoration of the whole site. Although there are no plans in the foreseeable future to reopen Dunald Mill quarry it will remain in the local Minerals Plan as a reserve quarry as it may well be needed in the long-term given that this area will become the only source of limestone in Lancashire.

Leapers Wood—There has been an upturn in the market and annual production is likely to rise to 1.3M tonnes. It has obviously been helped by the Heysham link road but there is also an increase in demand from the construction industry generally. This has meant working 5½ days a week, with a night shift on 4 nights (Mon–Thurs), and one blast per week. There are approximately 300 wagon movements a day.

The problem of water coming down the access road has not yet been solved; the original plan was not going to be sufficient to cope with the 67 litres per second of water. A more robust solution is to be implemented, with luck over the Easter holiday weekend. The quarry is aware of the problem of chippings being shed on occasions by lorries swinging into the motorway feeder road, even though they are properly sheeted. The road is being swept regularly.

Since the last meeting three formal complaints about blasting have been received from Over Kellet, one from Carnforth and none from Nether Kellet.

QUARRY REPORT

Lafarge hopes to reinstate the viewing platform in conjunction with Back Lane quarry once the quarrying on the Helks Wood face is complete.

BACK LANE (AGGREGATE INDUSTRIES)

Back Lane quarry too, is busy, and is likely to produce 900,000 tonnes this year. Working hours have been extended and are now from 0600 to 1730, 5 days a week, with some Saturday morning working. Although there is no night working in the quarry, the asphalt plant continues to work overnight. A large job coming up is the supply of large blocks for sea defences on the Fylde coast. It is blasting about every two weeks, each blast involving about 50,000 tonnes. There have been no complaints about blasts since the last meeting.

A final strip of trees, 6–8m wide, is to be removed from Helks Wood shortly to give access to the top of the quarry face. Some limestone pavement is also being re-located in conjunction with Lancashire Wildlife Trust. This is all in accordance with current planning consents. A woodland management scheme is being finalised for Helks Wood.

The next meetings will be on 15 September.

Anyone who wishes to complain about a quarry blast should do so as soon as possible after the blast, directly to the quarry concerned. If you are in doubt as to which quarry the blast came from, then telephone both and, if possible, let me know as well.

Contact numbers are: Leapers Wood 732135; Back Lane 738832 and Nick Ward 733947

Nick Ward

Local, professional and friendly service

Gary Perkins
Window Cleaning
Commercial & Residential

The Old Barn
Mansergh Farm
Borwick LA6 1JS
(01524) 734545

garyperkins335@btinternet.com



YEW TREE FARM AND A LOVE STORY

I couldn't resist this gem told to me by Bob Escolme which was actually a digression from what we had set out to do. Such are the powers of concentration when two people of a certain age get together!

It is, to me, a love story that has endured through the ages and evidence of it can still be found in the village today.



In the mid 1800s Yew Tree Farm (now Yew Tree House) at the top of Cockle Hill was owned by William and Jane Tomlinson. Agricultural necessities for farming were often bought from seed merchants who would travel to the villages and often stay in local hostelries.

One such merchant, a Mr John Parsons, was a frequent traveller to Yew Tree Farm. Knowing as we do now the reputation of 'The Plough' he chose, or maybe was invited, to stay at Yew Tree Farm (to the right in the photo, which was taken in 1947). As in all good love stories, the Tomlinsons had a daughter, Isobel. Isobel was single, young and attractive and, let's face it, I don't suppose there were many eligible young men in a tiny village like Over Kellet. So the (presumably) dashing John Parsons was a welcome suitor. The couple fell in love and were married in 1885.

John who came from Manchester was conscious that his new wife would be sad to leave her home and village so he had five paintings commissioned by a local artist. These were of various views of the village and he gave them to his wife as a wedding gift. What a delightfully romantic thing to do!

In 1910 Isobel at last came back to her village. She purchased Dene's (now Deans) cottage (at the bottom of the photo) by the Top Green. There is no mention of John in the deeds so one can only presume she came back to Over Kellet as a widow.

The paintings remained in her possession until her death in 1950. The cottage then passed to her sisters-in-law, Gladys Brown Parsons and Dorothy Isobel Parsons, spinsters of Chorlton-cum-Hardy. There is no evidence to suggest that they ever lived there and it may well have been used as a holiday cottage.

In 1954 the cottage was sold to a Robert Ollerton, who couldn't afford to buy the considerable land that went with the purchase. The land, known as 'Peggy's Croft', was sold to Norman Jackson and became part of what we now know as Greenways.

The paintings are thought to still be in various properties in Over Kellet. If you have one and could spare it for an afternoon we would love to reproduce it in The View.

What a fitting tribute that would be to the end of a poignant love story.

Liz Brewster

OK VIEW – 5 YEARS AGO

The contribution of Roger Griffiths to Over Kellet was a theme throughout Issue 26 of the OK View. Described as “an ardent supporter” of the OK View and a “real champion” of the community, Roger Griffiths had died unexpectedly and the issue was full of sad, but deeply appreciative, tributes from the Parish Council, Twinning Association, Neighbourhood Watch and others, as well as two pages of warm testimonial.

In the same issue, the deaths of Bill Pinch and Dorothy Lucas were also reported.

Elsewhere in May 2010:

- Wilson’s Endowed School had raised over £100 for Cancer Research at its Mothering Sunday event.
- In an attempt to reduce the number of ducks, Lancashire Wildlife Trust was trying to discourage feeding on the Greenways pond.

FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

For free announcements of engagements, marriages, births and deaths contact the OK View at okview@overkellet.org



Versatile Clinic
Lyne Riggs Estate, Lancaster Rd,
Carnforth, Lancashire. LA5 9HY
01524 733033 or 01524 426964

Due to the popularity of our Yoga and Pilates classes we have extended our timetable

Pilates

Monday 3.30 till 4.30pm with Anna
Monday 4.45 till 5.45pm with Anna
Tuesday 5.30 till 6.30 with Julia
Tuesday 7 till 8pm with Anna
Thursday 6.15 till 7.15pm With Briony

First 6 week block £56.00, this includes half hour 1:1
£42 each following 6 week block.

Yoga

Wednesday 11 till 12.30pm with Sue Garner
Suitable for all levels of experience and ability. Gentle energising movement breathing and guided relaxation
Wednesday 7 till 8.30pm with Pam Johnson
£45 for a six week block.
£8.50 drop in Wednesday 11 am class only!

Sam Watson
5 Longtons Cottages
Over Kellet
Carnforth
LA6 1DB

01524 745309
07789 901329
info@wood4thetrees.com
www.wood4thetrees.com

Friendly, Reliable, Local.



Wood4the Trees
Tree Care and Forestry,
Landscaping, Fencing,
Home Maintenance

GLYN THOMAS MBE (15 November 1937 – 11 February 2015)



Glyn was born and brought up in Holmesfield Derbyshire where he roamed the countryside and helped on friends' farms. He obtained a degree in Agricultural Plant Biochemistry at Kings College Newcastle, then part of the University of Durham, where he played an active role in the Agriculture Society.

His first job was as a nutrition chemist in the advisory service of the Ministry of Agriculture in Leeds, covering a wide area including Lancashire. He was a leading member of the social club, enjoying amateur dramatics and cricket. He was always interested in cars and he won several trophies driving in Civil Service rallies.

In 1967 he was appointed Senior Research Fellow at the new University of Lancaster, working from St Leonardsgate and the field station. He was also involved at this time in setting up two companies, one analysing animal feedstuffs and the other providing consultancy including work for Booker McConnell which enabled him to visit Kenya, Jamaica and Brazil.

He married his wife, Pat, in 1968 and they bought an old house in Priest Hutton which he renovated. This served as a useful apprenticeship for building a house in Over Kellet after they had bought Greenbank Farm. Apart from being a bricklayer and plasterer Glyn, with the help of a friend, did all the work on the house. It took three years but he and Pat moved in with their three children in December 1982.

They bought Greenbank Farm in Over Kellet in December 1975 and Glyn promptly managed to break his wrist! To begin with he bought some sheep and planted barley and potatoes. That first year was very dry and the potato crop was the worst he ever had! When he could afford to he bought about 40 calves a year and fattened them. His farmer friends were enormously supportive, Glyn finding that his considerable agricultural experience nevertheless did not prepare him completely for full-time practical farming.

Family holidays in those days often meant a visit to friends in Somerset and he was disappointed that PYO strawberry farms in the southwest had largely closed by the time he was in the area because he loved strawberries. So he decided to see if he could grow soft fruit successfully in north Lancashire, the first to do so in the area. Each year more fruit was planted and soon the PYO business took over from the barley and the cattle.

Glyn continued to do some teaching for Lancaster University and was appointed to the Farm Animal Welfare Council, on which he served for a number of years and for

GLYN THOMAS MBE (15 November 1937 – 11 February 2015)

which he was awarded an MBE. He also became a member of Carnforth Rotary Club and enjoyed its activities.

In 1999 Glyn had a heart attack and then had a quadruple by-pass operation. He recovered and was able to carry on farming and his daughter, Jacqueline, came to work with him. In recent years poor health restricted his activities however.

He loved walking in the hills, classical music and enjoyed painting and calligraphy, making Christmas cards for some years until arthritis meant he could not do it well enough. His main recreational interest in later life was doing up his classic car, a Triumph Roadster. Glyn could turn his hand to anything but regarded himself as a bodger and peasant. He was always there with advice and help for everyone and will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Pat Thomas



An icy fence on the walk to the source of the Ribble, 11 February 2015

<p>Glyn Baines Joiner All Types of Joinery</p>	<p>City & Guilds Qualified Over 25 Years Experience</p> <p>Free Estimates</p> <p>Tel: 01524 734905 Mobile: 07867 451647</p> <p>glynbaines46@btinternet.com</p>
--	---

WHAT'S ON

What's coming up in April?



THEATRE:

At the **Grand** from Tuesday 21st to Saturday 25th **Lancaster Footlights** is presenting **Noises Off** by **Michael Frayn**. Each of the three acts contains a performance of the first act of a play within a play, a poor farce called Nothing On. Much of the comedy emerges from the subtle variations in each version as character-flaws play off each other to undermine on-stage performances. There is a lot of slapstick in this hugely successful and clever comedy from one of our top playwrights.

On Wednesday 29th at 7.30pm, also at **The Grand**, you can hear **Martin Bell OBE** talk about his life. Both of his careers have been remarkably colourful. As one of the most distinguished foreign affairs reporters of his generation, he was among those who defined the term 'war correspondent' and he later stole the show in the 1997 election campaign with his anti-sleaze battle against MP Neil Hamilton. He is a British UNICEF Ambassador and is sometimes known as 'the man in the white suit'.

Two very different evenings—for more details phone 64695 or visit www.lancastergrand.co.uk

MUSIC:

Café Society at the **Heron Theatre** on Saturday 18th will be guiding their audiences on a musical meander down Memory Lane. This will include jazz standards, some rather unusual, rarely heard, tunes plus The Charleston and Pasadena with tributes to the legends of the day including Noel Coward and George Formby. You can choose and book your seats on line at www.theherontheatre.com

BALLET:

Northern Ballet presents **Elves and the Shoemaker** at **The Dukes** on Wednesday 1st at 12.15pm, 2pm and 4pm. This is a retelling of the famous Brothers Grimm story and is the perfect opportunity to introduce your little ones to live ballet, music and theatre—ideal for ages 3+.

If you want to experience something much grittier, then on Sunday 19th at 4pm also at **The Dukes** there is a filmed performance of Yuri Grigorovich's dazzling ballet **Ivan the Terrible** with the **Bolshoi Ballet**. A tale of intrigue and murder in 16th-century Russia, this is visually stunning and choreographically dynamic. For more information and contact details, phone 598500 or www.dukes-lancaster.org

FINALLY:

You may be interested to know that there is a theatre club in this area. It caters for all the local villages and beyond. Coaches leave Carnforth Travellers to attend concerts, plays, musicals, ballet and occasionally opera in Keswick, Bolton, Manchester and Liverpool. It has proved to be an easy way to visit theatres without having to drive, find the venue, park and after an enjoyable evening drive home in the dark! If you are interested contact Olwen Watson, Membership Secretary (734624).

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 Thursdays—April 2, 23; May 14	0300 123 6703

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
	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 (<i>Mon, Wed & Fri 0930-1300 & 1400-1800; Tues & Sat 0930-1300</i>)	0300 123 6703

BUS TIMES: OVER KELLET TO LANCASTER

(Note that these are a guide only—do check!)

Route 55A via Carnforth (journey time approx. 40min; *Sch* = schooldays)

Depart OK: Mon-Fri: 0719, 0733 (*Sch*), 0747, 1605 (*Sch*), 1650, 1735

Depart Lancaster: Mon-Fri: 1520 (*Sch*), 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 (*not Sch*),
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 (Fri only, rly stn)

Saturday: As above but with the addition of 0810 & 1613

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.

OVER KELLET DIRECTORY

LOCAL AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVES

COUNTY COUNCIL

Councillor Susie Charles 751200
The Stables, Ellel Grange, Lancaster

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Councillor Roger Mace 733801
Dowderry, Halton Rd, Nether Kellet

www.maceonline.co.uk

PARISH COUNCIL

Meet at 7.15pm on 2nd. Tuesday of month

Chairman John Crewdson 735028

Vice Chair Graham Agnew 733407

Steven Atkins 720605

Margaret Fowler 720578

Rebecca Lauder 733084

Nick Ward 733947

Clerk Michael Watson 734624

12, Ashmeadow Rd, Nether Kellet

mjow.nkc@zen.co.uk

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Police Station, Lancaster 101

PCSO Paul Shepherd

Paul.Shepherd@lancashire.pnn.police.uk

PC Rob Barnsley, Community Beat Manager

3573@lancashire.pnn.police.uk

Coordinator Chris Pogson 732892

Asst.Coordinator Alison Lloyd Williams 734363

Area Coordinators:

Central Rex Woolstencroft 733965

Kirklands Tony Wells 733848

Western Bev Carling 736393

Eastern Jane Meaden 732456

Far Eastern Chris Pogson 732892

Northern Eric Greenough 734479

Southern Alison Harper 734372

Northeast Ray Garlick 730667

Capernwray Ken Aldred 07786803235

QUARRIES LIAISON OFFICER

Nick Ward 733947

FOOTPATHS and TREE OFFICER

Ron Oswald 736523

PARISH LENGTHSMAN

Mike Ashton - report problems to Cllr Fowler

St. CUTHBERT'S CHURCH

Vicar Ken Clapham 734189

Treasurer John Glaister 733606

Secretary Amanda Morris 734246

Lay Reader Alan Hutchings 701095

Church Warden Joan Shaw 736503

Church Warden Mike Morris 734246

VILLAGE SCHOOL

Headmistress Jo Williams 732097

VILLAGE HALL

Chairman Chris Pogson 732892

Secretary Liz Brewster 733877

Treasurer Helen Thomas 735504

Bookings Sec. Lesley Gee 07754850532

Licensee Liz Brewster 733877

Maintenance Helen Thomas 735504

WI Sylvia Cooper 733524

Bowls Lindsay Angus 734964

Parish Council John Crewdson 735028

OKDHS Mike Bater 732380

Church Lindsay Angus 734964

Playgroup Rachel Metcalfe 07884171920

Organisers of Activities

Badminton Geoff Fretwell 736771

Blind Welfare Sheila Roseman 850875

Bowls Lindsay Angus 734964

Scottish Dancing Maureen Haynes 733431

Short Tennis Joan Shaw 736503

THOMAS WITHERS CHARITY

Secretary David Mills 732194

OK & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Chairman Arie Klijn 727692

Secretary Kath Escolme 732246

Treasurer Margaret Garlick 730667

WOMENS INSTITUTE

Joint Presidents Christine Bolton 735030

Sylvia Cooper 733524

Secretary Lindsay Angus 734964

Treasurer Sheila Cooper 733787

WALKING GROUP

Contacts: David Hasted 733039

Ron/Lorna Oswald 736523

PLAYGROUP

Leader Jackie Bassinder 730904

TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Chairman: Frank Simpson 732323

COMPUTING OK WEBSITE:

[www. overkellet.org](http://www.overkellet.org)

Updated info. to: Gordon Galloway 720872

OK VIEW

okview@overkellet.org

Editors Liz Brewster 733877

Angela Huck 733784

Chris Pogson 732892

Advertising Jane Meadon 732456

200 Club Liz Brewster 733877

EAGLE'S HEAD PUB

Gary & Helena Torch 732457

VILLAGE STORE AND POST OFFICE

Craig & Tracy Burns 733207