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THE JUNE VIEW

One of the great joys of this country is the change of the seasons. We may gripe about the cold, dank days in the middle of winter but can revel in the long hours of daylight in mid-summer when the sun is up when we get out of bed and goes down in the north late in the evening. Of course, everywhere on the earth has the same amount of day and night in each year but our daylight is unusually unevenly spread. Living near the equator means that all days are more or less the same; one of the comments from British expatriates in those areas is how much they miss the changes in the seasons back home.

What makes this country even more special, however, is that we have a relatively equable climate because of the Gulf Stream. Those parts of Canada and Russia in the same latitude are very much harsher with few inhabitants—temperatures of below -40° in the winter and short summers—and very few flower-filled meadows. The Shetland Islands, although the furthest north part of the United Kingdom, are only six degrees south of the Arctic Circle.

Our Lake District is partly of volcanic origin. We can, however, enjoy walking and driving in the fells without any thought about volcanic eruption, a major concern to many countries in southern Europe and especially around the edge of the Pacific Ocean. We do not (usually!) have torrential rainstorms with resulting catastrophic mudslides, such as in South America recently. We have an astonishingly big tidal rise and fall but no tsunamis to worry about. Tornados and dust storms —not here! We may sometimes (OK, perhaps not this April!) feel that we have too much water, but many people elsewhere in the world are at serious risk of drought in the near future.

We are indeed fortunate to live where we do. Holidays away are fine, but let's spend some time enjoying what we thankfully have to hand.

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CHURCH NEWS

At the last PCC meeting, there was a discussion about the number of services it was possible to arrange and support during the interregnum. It has been encouraging that, during the past nine months, attendances at services have been steady and at the Palm Sunday and Easter services there was an increase compared to recent years. Notwithstanding, the number who regularly come to the 9.00am Holy Communion service has remained small and the viability of continuing with two Sunday services have been raised by the visiting clergy. The PCC has therefore reached a decision to temporarily omit the 9.00am services during the interregnum from June. The number of 10.30am Holy Communion services will be increased and held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays. We appreciate that this decision is difficult for those regular attenders at the 9.00am service and we trust that all will feel welcome and able to support united worship at the 10.30am services. The possibility of holding a mid-week Holy Communion service remains under consideration by the PCC.

What of the future?

Although we face challenges, we are in good spirits! Some of the challenges are:

- Encouraging the congregation in their faith and Christian journey.
- Waiting for the Diocese to appoint a part time Vicar to work at St Cuthbert's and another local church. After almost a year it has been a long wait and we are learning patience and perseverance.
- Building up better links with young families and welcoming them and incorporating them in church life; they are the future of our church.
- Maintaining the fabric of our listed church building, installing a new kitchen this year and keeping the churchyard in good condition.
- Welcoming you to come and join us. All are welcome. If you worship at another church and would like to join us to pray, study the Bible or worship together, you are welcome; if you are perplexed by doubts and questions, you are welcome; if you have lost your faith, you are welcome; if you have no faith but would like to find out more you are welcome.

The invitation is from Jesus, whose resurrection we have just celebrated and who is alive today. He said he was 'The way, the truth and the life'.

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Church services

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| June 4 | 1030 | Holy Communion | Rev Derek Raitt, Rtd Vicar of St Wilfred's Halton |
| June 11 | 1030 | All-Age Worship | Rev Canon Peter Ballard, former Archdeacon, Lancaster |
| June 18 | 1030 | Holy Communion | Rev Canon Peter Ballard, former Archdeacon, Lancaster |
| June 25 | 1030 | Methodist service | Rev Steve Charman |
| July 2 | 1030 | Holy Communion | Rev D Raitt, Rtd Vicar of St Wilfred's Halton |
| July 9 | 1030 | All-Age Worship | Rev Canon Peter Ballard, former Archdeacon, Lancaster |
| July 16 | 1030 | Holy Communion | Rev Canon Peter Ballard, former Archdeacon, Lancaster |
| July 23 | 1030 | Methodist service | Mrs Shirley Townley |
| July 30 | 1030 | Morning Worship | Mr Alan Hutchings, Lay Reader |
| Aug 6 | 1030 | Holy Communion | Revd Derek Raitt, Rtd Vicar of St Wilfred's Halton |
| Aug 13 | 1030 | All-Age Worship | Mr Alan Hutchings, Lay Reader |
| Aug 20 | 1030 | Holy Communion | Rev P Cavanagh, former Vicar of the Priory, Lancaster |
| Aug 27 | 1030 | Methodist service | Mrs Jenny Butcher |

All are welcome to our services

John Halsey

FREE TO A GOOD HOME

1. Old Laptop—works well but is slow by today's standards. Good for a beginner. Toshiba Satellite M70, 80GB hard disk. No OS installed, but Windows XP disks available. Bag and cables included.
2. Several 3 and 4-gang extension leads (white)
3. Mastic gun
4. Two Draught excluders (normal door width)
5. Metal double carpet edging for joining two carpets
6. Domestic carbon monoxide monitor

Contact Chris Pogson, tel. 732892 or email chris@overkellet.org.uk

OVER KELLET NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

You are in an area with which you are unfamiliar. You meet an individual who offers to help. You get into conversation, possibly about directions or local accommodation. Just then, a group of men come up, introduce themselves as police officers in plain clothes and present proof of identity. The officers then say that they need to examine your 'friend's' wallet or personal items and proceed to do so before asking for details such as PIN numbers or passwords. They then ask you to let them do the same with your property. They check the items and give them back to you, before thanking you and leaving. Only later, possibly much later, do you realise that a quantity of money or valuables are missing.



All of these people, from the false 'friend' to the fake police are criminals. Apparently this type of crime is on the increase. But how to protect yourself?

- If an individual claims to be a police officer ask for their name and rank, force, and examine any identification presented; this is always good practice but especially important if they are not wearing a uniform.
- The Police will never ask for your passwords or PIN details. Do not give this information to anyone.

A person living not very far away received a letter from the 'People's Postcode Lottery 2017 Award International Programme UK'. This letter told the recipient that he/she had won a lottery award of several thousand pounds. It went on to ask the recipient to make a phone call to claim the winnings, which will be sent once the processing fee has been paid. This is an ongoing scam with numerous versions of this letter being sent out recently. Legitimate lotteries, such as People's Postcode Lottery, will not under any circumstances request a payment in order to receive your 'winnings'. You should ignore any such correspondence.

If you use your computer for contacts with your family and friends, you may from time to time receive 'jokes' or interesting photos. These can be great fun and you may often pass them on to others. First, check the source of these 'jokes' and be careful in clicking on any links, often coloured blue, that might be suspicious. Second, be sure to send these on to people using 'bcc' (blind copy) so that recipients do not see others' email addresses. Third, think whether these should be passed on. If the claims appear unlikely, or are politically or racially biased (you might well want to bin these anyway), check them first on sites such as www.snopes.com, which keeps a pretty good updated list of fake news and scams.

Chris Pogson

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We are very grateful to those who allow us to use their photographs in our magazine. This month, we thank Chris Thomas for permission to use his photos on our front cover and in Nature Notes.

WILSON'S ENDOWED SCHOOL NEWS

May The Fourth Be With You!

Once again enjoying the popular pun of 'May the Fourth/Force Be with You', the whole school dressed up as Star Wars characters. This followed a previous request by a pupil to help raise funds for a sports hall for the school. It has been most enthusiastically embraced by all year groups. We were awash with carefully managed light sabres and delightful Princess Leias with tightly plaited side



buns! However, there were shocks to

be had down the corridors where the odd menacing storm-trooper lurked! It was most heartening that this idea came from the children to benefit their school in the future. The school was certainly gripped by the Star Wars theme for an entertaining and enterprising day enjoyed by all.

Magnus on the move!



Parent and governor, Magnus Mulliner, completed the Devizes to Westminster International Canoe Race, canoeing for over 30h non-stop, covering 125 miles. So far he has raised over £1000 to help fund Wi-Fi and iPads for the classrooms. This has been a massive test of will and endurance for which we are truly grateful. If you wish to celebrate Magnus' achievement, visit his JustGiving page: https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/WilsonsEndowedCofESchool?utm_medium=email&utm_source.

Lancaster Mayor Making



The school was delighted to receive a personal invitation from Councillor Roger Mace to join him at his 'mayor making' at Lancaster Town Hall. Roger has always been very supportive of the school. He has attended numerous events at the school over the years, even being mistaken for the real Father Christmas by a younger pupil when attending one of our Christmas Fairs! The School Council were thrilled to share in this special occasion of our local councillor and special friend of the school.

Jo Williams, Headteacher

B4RN OK GOES LIVE



During May the road crossing was completed, fibre was blown along the core route from Capernwray Old Hall Caravan Site to the village hall. Individual fibres were blown into the properties where the residents had requested a service from the B4RN network. Eighteen properties in Over Kellet and nine in Swarthdale are looking forward to going live at the beginning of this month.

The village hall is eagerly awaiting the switch on and the meeting room is all ready for villagers to use the hyperfast connection via a wired network. Wi-Fi will also be available and coverage in the hall has already been tested.

If you have an old router please do not throw it away because it can be configured to work with the B4RN router to boost the Wi-Fi signal.

Our next Community Action Day will be on Saturday June 3rd.

We will meet on Church Bank by the footpath. We always welcome new volunteers and there is a great community spirit on our action days. Please join in—many hands make light work. If you are unable physically to help we are always grateful for cake or other refreshment items; we provide drinks, biscuits, cake and lunch for our volunteers.

For further details please contact Lesley (733240) or Nick (733947).

There are lots of pictures and information on our Facebook page—B4RN OK.

If you would like to receive regular updates, need help, want further information or to ask any questions, please do not hesitate to email lesleygee54@gmail.com; I will contact you and add you to the email list.

Lesley Gee

OVER KELLET VILLAGE HALL

Wanted: A trustee to join the OK Village Hall committee with responsibility for overseeing the maintenance of the building.

Experience: None necessary—just a willingness to liaise with the committee, the users of the hall, and the organisations and individuals who carry out both the regular and the occasional maintenance and checks.

Meetings: The committee meets roughly four times a year and we would welcome anyone who feels they could help support the running of this vital community facility.

If interested, please contact me on 01524 298979, or any other members of the committee listed on the back cover of the Over Kellet View magazine.

Peter Thomas, Chair

WEATHER DATA FOR APRIL 2017

Usually I start my monthly article with a piece of weather lore, but this month I will start with a correction. Last month I stated that 'on the whole, April was a mild month'. What I should have written was 'March was a mild month'—a senior moment, perhaps, caused by writing about the previous month in the present month.

However, April was by all records, both mine and those of the Met Office, the driest on record. During the month we had only 13 rain days giving a monthly total of 9mm (0.6in), well below the ten-year village average of 50mm (2in) and the N.W. average of 76mm (3in). The reader may wonder why the village averages are so much lower than the N.W. average. I suppose this is one of the problems with an average figure in that it includes some of the wettest parts of the region. I have a feeling that the hills to the south provide some protection from the mild, rain-bearing south-westerly winds, wet in Lancaster, dry in the village. The wettest 24h was over the 3rd and 4th with 1mm (0.1in). The coldest day was the 25th when the daytime maximum temperature reached 8.6°C (47.5°F) and the coldest night was that of the 25th when the temperature dropped to -2.1°C (28.2°F).

In the sunshine stakes there were 28 sun days giving a total of 153.4h, well below the ten-year average of 174.6h but above the N.W. average of 140.9h. The warmest day was the 25th when the temperature climbed to a pleasant 16.1°C (61°F); on the 22nd we had 13.4h of sunshine. The warmest night was that of the 1st with a temperature of 8.6°C (47.4°F)

Looking back in the weather diary we escaped the very blustery winds of previous months. However, at 19:45 on the 24th, there was a heavy shower of hail that caused a local cooling of the temperature, 2.4°C (36.3°F) at ground level while the air temperature (above 8.5m; 28ft) remained at 9.6°C (49.2°F).

A review of the five-weekly barograph charts indicated that the atmosphere remained mainly stable with an average of 1022mbar with no sudden falls in pressure.

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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Lasting Powers of Attorney

It always amazes me that so many people have not made Lasting Powers of Attorney (LPAs). Many of the reasons seem to relate to age and not feeling old enough to need one. However, the simple fact of the matter is that anyone can suffer a bang on the head which results in a bleed on the brain and loss of mental capacity, or be involved in an accident with serious physical implications which require a protracted stay in hospital. The best way to view an LPA, therefore, is as an insurance policy; you hope to goodness you'll never need it but it's there if you do. What a godsend it will be in those circumstances for both you and those who care for you.

There are two types of LPA—Property & Finance and Health & Welfare. Property & Finance allows your attorneys to stand in your shoes and carry out all the actions that can be done regarding your property such as pay your bills, invest monies, close and open accounts, claim refunds and benefits, etc. Health & Welfare governs all kinds of issues from what treatment you receive to where you live, right down to what you eat and wear. The other crucial difference between the two is that a Health & Welfare LPA can only be used if you lack mental capacity whereas you can select when your Property & Finance is used.

Many people assume that their husband, wife, son, daughter, partner or next of kin can access their accounts in the event of mental incapacity but this is not the case. No one can access your account without some form of power of attorney albeit an LPA or older Enduring Power of Attorney. If you have a joint bank account and the bank ascertain that one party has lost mental capacity they are likely to freeze that account until a power of attorney is produced for the person concerned.

There are many options to consider when making a power of attorney. The starting point is to choose attorneys you can trust implicitly. They are required to act in your best interests at all times and, if you are still mentally able, to carry out your instructions, although there is still a large element of trust involved. While you can make LPAs online yourself, I would always advise that you talk to your solicitor before doing so. The fees for registering them with the court have recently been reduced so that there is a good incentive to get on with making them.

Rebecca Lauder

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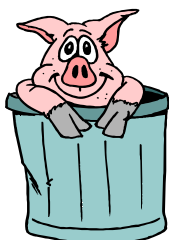
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If there are no applications, the magazine will cease publication in its present form at the end of 2017

THE DIARY

Regular Weekly Events

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| SUNDAYS | | |
| 1030 | Weekly (not June 11, 25, July 9, 23, 30) | Holy Communion |
| 1030 | July 30 | Morning Worship |
| 1030 | June 11, July 9 | All-Age Service |
| 1030 | June 25, July 23 | Methodist Service |
| MONDAYS | | |
| 0900 | Weekly (not July 24,31) | Playgroup 2–4 Years |
| 1330 | Weekly (not July 17) | Indoor Bowls |
| 1700 | Weekly | Keep Active |
| TUESDAYS | | |
| 0900 | Weekly (not July 25) | Playgroup 2–4 Years |
| 0900 | Weekly (Schooldays only) | Playgroup-Toddlers (School) |
| 1400 | Weekly (not July 18) | Short Tennis |
| WEDNESDAYS | | |
| 0900 | Weekly | Playgroup 2–4 Years |
| 1930 | Weekly (not July 19) | Church Bible Study |
| 2000 | Weekly (not July 19) | Badminton |
| THURSDAYS | | |
| 0900 | Weekly (not Jun 1, July 27) | Playgroup 2–4 Years |
| 1930 | Jun 8; July 13 | WI |
| FRIDAYS | | |
| 0900 | Weekly (not Jun 2, July 28) | Playgroup 2–4 Years |



REFUSE COLLECTION IN JUNE AND JULY

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THE DIARY Monthly Calendar

| JUNE | | | |
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| Sunday | 4 | 1330 | Village Walk—Ladywell, Goosnargh |
| Wednesday | 7 | 1740 | OKDHS visit to Lake House, Capernwray, depart Village Hall. Contact Phil Hegarty (733549) for details |
| Thursday | 8 | 0700–2200 | General Election |
| Thursday | 8 | 1930 | WI Meeting—Talk by Mike Ashton on 'Blood Bikers' |
| Tuesday | 13 | 1915 | Parish Council Meeting (School) |
| Wednesday | 21 | 0900 | Walking Group—Bolton Abbey, Barden Moor (Midsummer Walk) |
| JULY | | | |
| Sunday | 2 | 1330 | Village Walk—Tebay |
| Sunday | 9 | TBC | OKDHS visit to allotments & gardens near Grange and Newby Bridge. Contact Peter Clinch (734591) for details |
| Tuesday | 11 | 1915 | Parish Council Meeting (School) |
| Wednesday | 12 | 0900 | Walking Group—Murton, Appleby |
| Thursday | 13 | 1930 | WI Meeting—Celebration of 80 Years of W.I. in Over Kellet |

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LOOKING FOR HISTORY IN OVER KELLET—1

The way a place looks can tell us much about its history and development. The purpose of this first article, which will be part of an occasional series, is to draw attention to some interesting and sometimes unusual characteristics of Over Kellet which many may pass by without giving too much thought as to why, why here, when and how?

Perhaps one of the village's most noticeable features is the village green and the way that travellers, especially from the Carnforth direction, reach it. Compared with those of many villages nearby, Over Kellet's green is quite large, with farm buildings, cottages and more modern buildings on three sides. William Farrer (p5) notes that, when Hall Garth was rebuilt in the 1830s, the cottages which occupied the fourth side of the green were cleared away to open up the view from the big house and create a better setting for it.

Why does Over Kellet have a large green?

The reason usually put forward (Finberg, pp7 & 8) for village buildings to be grouped round a green, open space is that the local agriculture was based on grass farming, where farmers depended for their livelihood on sheep, cattle and dairy products. Villagers could drive their animals onto the green for safety from wild beasts and cattle thieves. Raiding parties came from Scotland for many centuries up to the mid-1300s (Escolme, pp15 & 16). Escolme notes that, at that time, at least two entrances to the village were called 'gates'—Moorgate (now Kirkby Lonsdale Road) and Goosegate (Capernwray Road). When discussing Yew Tree Farm and Well House respectively, Farrer (pp25 & 11) gives the spellings as Moor Gate and Goose Gate.

The way in which the four roads enter the village through narrow points, and take sharp turns of direction before reaching the green, seems to support the idea that our green was a place safe from threats outside the village. That a good water supply was available near the green was important, possibly then as a pond, though the gradient across the green may have made this impossible. The locations of the Town Well (a short distance along Capernwray Road) and the Village Pump (against the field wall of Carnforth Road), both close to the open space, indicate that this essential supply was readily available for both animals and villagers.

The present buildings around the green must be on plots occupied in earlier centuries by others constructed of materials less permanent than stone. Top Green, at the top of Cackle Hill on Kirkby Lonsdale Road, possibly has a similar history. But there is scant documentary evidence of buildings here dating from prior to the Great Re-building, the prosperous half-century following the restoration in 1660 of Charles II (see Farrer pp21-24).

A problem which some villages and towns with central open spaces have faced over time has been the erection of buildings on the green or market place itself, perhaps starting as temporary structures but eventually being rebuilt with permanent materials—see for example Hayton and Cumwhitton, both in Cumbria (Roberts, pp58 & 59). At best the green or market place becomes restricted in size, at worst lost for ever.

LOOKING FOR HISTORY IN OVER KELLET—1

Fortunately, that has not happened at Over Kellet and we can still enjoy a very attractive open space.

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Peter Clinch

THE GENERAL ELECTION AND THE VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall is a polling station on June 8th. Access for the Playgroup and the WI is through the side, not the main, door. Car parking may be restricted.



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- Check if you are entitled to any benefits you are not currently claiming. Billions of pounds of benefits were unclaimed in 2016 by people who were entitled to them.
- Show you how to keep a spending diary for a week or a month.
- Discover if you are on the best energy tariff, or even with the company that can give you the best deal
- Look at your repayments for loans etc. If you are struggling, can they be rescheduled?

We have some information sessions arranged at Carnforth Library (posters around the village with dates through June) and Caton Victoria Institute (June 21st and July 19th, 10am to 12 noon). Come along and have a chat with us.

What we will do:

- Look at what benefits you might be entitled to.
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- Help you with debt management if you are struggling to repay debts, or you are behind with payments.

These sessions will be informal but we can arrange further assistance if you need it.

How about volunteering with us so you can help your own community?

We know that transport problems may prevent people coming to our main offices and may also be a barrier to you volunteering with us.

Well, we are looking for volunteers to work with us in these new, rural venues. You can choose whether to provide informational help in a location close to where you live or in another village entirely.

Would you like us to come and talk to a group you belong to? Come along to one of the dates mentioned above and talk to us about what is involved.

Look for the Citizens Advice posters around your area for dates and venues.

North Lancashire Citizens Advice

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BOOK REVIEW

***Glorious Misadventures* by Owen Matthews** (Bloomsbury 2013)

The Declaration of Independence of the United States of America was signed in 1776. George III was no longer king in that continent, but two sovereigns remained—King Carlos III of Spain in Mexico to the south, and Katherine, the German-born Empress and Autocrat of all the Russias in the north. The Russian Empire in the east, now known as Alaska, remained until 1867 when fear of an assertive Britain in Canada led the then Tsar, Alexander II, to try to avoid war by selling it to the United States for two cents per acre.

This book tells the remarkable story of how Russia first set foot in North America and tried to establish outposts along much of the coast of Alaska. The first settlers were, as in Australia, convicts. The combination of poor education and skills, weather and hostility from the indigenous peoples may have doomed the attempts at colonisation in any case. The enormous length of the lines of communication across Russia and the North Pacific proved a major, and probably decisive, hurdle. But it could just have worked had Nikolai Rezanov been a different person. This playboy imperial dreamer and courtier persuaded Tsar Alexander I to fund an expedition eastwards. Ultimately all ended in tragedy and little was gained, but the story of the adventures and privations is well told by Matthews who writes well and with a light touch. Rezanov was undoubtedly not well fitted for his chosen role but he did his best and deserves a mention in the history books. How our history would have been changed had he succeeded!

Chris Pogson

VILLAGE WEBSITE

The Village website is at www.overkellet.org (or just Google Over Kellet and click on the top link). Click on the right-hand side of the top page to go to the OK View link. There you can see the magazine in glorious colour and click 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@overkellet.org'—short and easy for you and your friends to remember!

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NATURE NOTES

Raptors

Raptors are birds that hunt and feed on other animals. They include eagles, hawks and falcons. The north-west of England is well-known for its populations of these birds. The buzzard shown on our front cover is often seen by residents in Over Kellet. Also not unknown in our village, piles of feathers in gardens may indicate an attack by a sparrowhawk (cats usually leave only a few feathers!).

If you look over towards Warton Crag, you can see the face of the old quarry towards the left-hand end. This has been long-known as a site for peregrine falcons as well as ravens. It may even be possible with a good telescope on a good day to see the peregrine nest from Over Kellet!



The peregrine (left) has a blue-grey back, barred white underparts, and a black head. Females are considerably larger than males.

The bird is renowned for its remarkable eyesight and speed. It can climb to almost out of human sight and then dive (its 'hunting stoop') on its prey at over 320km/h (200mph). Peregrines are the fastest of all animals—the greatest measured speed is 389km/h (242mph). Imagine the air pressure

from such a dive. it could possibly damage a bird's lungs, but small bony tubercles on a falcon's nostrils guide the powerful airflow away from the nostrils, enabling the bird to breathe more easily while diving by reducing the change in air pressure. The eyes are protected by the 'third eyelids' (nictitating membranes) which spread tears and clear debris from their eyes while maintaining vision.

The peregrine occurs nearly everywhere on Earth and is the world's most widespread raptor. The bird hunts usually at dawn and dusk; its diet consists almost exclusively of medium-sized birds, but the bird will also take small mammals, small reptiles, or even insects. Peregrines mate for life and nest in a scrape, normally on cliff edges, to which they return every year. In the period between 1945 and the early 1970s, peregrines became very scarce, largely because of the use of DDT as a widespread pesticide. As top predators, peregrines concentrate compounds such as DDT in them; they become unable to produce fertile eggs and numbers decline rapidly. The ban on DDT and protection measures have allowed populations of the peregrine to recover; the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) has estimated recently that there are 1,402 breeding pairs in the UK. As with many other birds, peregrines have adapted to living with humans and there are now several examples of nests on tall human-made structures, such as the Post Office Tower in London. These buildings give the birds a good view of their urban prey below.

NATURE NOTES

Raptors (continued)

Until six years ago the peregrine falcon was a common sight throughout the Forest of Bowland with at least 18 occupied territories, averaging 11 successful nesting pairs in most seasons. In 2010 the numbers of pairs began to decline following a campaign of persecution aimed at increasing red grouse numbers. In 2016 all peregrines had gone from Bowland.

If the killing of peregrines continues, they will be lost forever from England's northern uplands, wherever driven grouse shooting occurs.

Another raptor famously known in Bowland is the hen harrier, as shown, perhaps now ironically, on the road sign (right). This has also been shot by game wardens so that numbers have declined. The harrier (below) has gone from two parts of the Forest, the area owned by the Duke of Westminster and the Crown Land, both of which have driven grouse shooting. The third area, owned by United Utilities, only permits 'non-driven' shooting and is now, through collaboration with the RSPB, the main area for hen harriers.



As so often, the maintenance of our natural environment is a complicated matter. If grouse shooting were to stop, the whole ecology of our moorlands would be changed, and not necessarily to the advantage of our raptor populations. We need an appropriate balance with goodwill on both sides. Even when commercial interests are not directly involved, there can be difficulties. The widely heralded release of golden eagles in the

south of Scotland seems to be a win-win plan but keeping the balance between these bigger birds, the peregrines and hen harriers in this area may prove a problem.

Chris Pogson

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@overkelllet.org

OK VIEW—5 YEARS AGO (JUBILEE ISSUE)

The June edition of OKV 2012 was described by the editors as 'A Souvenir Issue for the Diamond Jubilee'. As indeed it was. There is a very fine reproduced photograph of the young Queen Elizabeth II on the front cover and many interesting facts and anecdotes relating to the Jubilee itself. One whole page was dedicated to remembering various significant events over the past 60 years; it made fascinating reading and I have reproduced a few of these events for you here.

1952 Accession to the throne of HM Queen Elizabeth II

1953 Coronation

1954 First 4min mile run by Roger Bannister

1956 The Suez Crisis

1959 First Mini leaves the Longridge production line

1961 Yuri Gagarin becomes the first man in Space (108min orbit of the earth)

1963 Martin Luther King delivers his 'I have a dream' speech; President John F. Kennedy assassinated; The Great Train Robbery

1965 Winston Churchill dies; the Beatles awarded MBEs

1966 The Aberfan tragedy; England win the World Cup

1967 Colour television broadcasts start in the UK

1969 Neil Armstrong becomes the first man on the moon; Concorde maiden flight

1971 Decimalisation—no longer 240 pence in a pound.

1973 The UK joins the Common Market

1976 NASA's Viking lands on Mars

1978 First 'test tube baby'; UK paralysed by strikes 'The Winter of Discontent'

1982 The Falklands War

1984 The Brighton Bombings

1986 Chernobyl disaster

1988 Lockerbie bombing

1989 Fall of the Berlin Wall

1990 Nelson Mandela walks free; Invention of the World Wide Web

1994 Channel Tunnel Opens

1997 Death of Diana, Princess of Wales

2001 September 11th—USA attacked

2002 Death of Queen Mother; Introduction of the Euro

2003 Start of the Iraq War

2004 Tsunami strikes Southern Asia

2005 London Bomb Attacks

2008 Senator Barack Obama becomes first black president of the USA; Global financial crisis

2012 Diamond Jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth II

Liz Brewster

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The result of the draw for April was:

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| 1 st (£25) | Mrs M Whinfield (162) |
| 2 nd (£15) | Mr J Hake (93) |
| 3 rd (£10) | Mrs D Bater (102) |

Congratulations to all our winners.

We still have a few numbers available if anyone wants to join in or top up!

Chris Pogson

OVER KELLET VILLAGE HALL

Wanted: A trustee to join the OK Village Hall committee with responsibility for overseeing the maintenance of the building.

Experience: None necessary—just a willingness to liaise with the committee, the users of the hall, and the organisations and individuals who carry out both the regular and the occasional maintenance and checks.

Meetings: The committee meets roughly four times a year and we would welcome anyone who feels they could help support the running of this vital community facility.

If interested, please contact me on 01524 298979, or any other members of the committee listed on the back cover of the Over Kellet View magazine.

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WHAT'S ON

WHAT'S COMING UP IN JUNE?

Lots this month so the format is different but the quality is the same!



MUSIC:

Sunday 11th at 7.30pm at **The Grand** is **The Swing Big Band**. Box office: 01524 64695 or www.lancastergrand.co.uk

The **Haffner Orchestra** is on Saturday 17th at 7.30pm in the **Ashton Hall, Dalton Square**. Justin Doyle conducts an evening of Mozart, Schubert and Brahms and gives a free pre-concert talk at 6.30pm. Tickets may be bought from The Lancaster Visitor Centre at The Storey, Morecambe Tourist Office, online at www.haffnerorchestra.org or ring 01524 582394.

ART:

The **Silverdale and Arnside Art and Craft Trail** is on Friday 23rd from 1pm to 8pm and also Saturday and Sunday 24th and 25th from 10.30am to 5.30pm. See www.silverdalearttrail.co.uk for more information.

COMEDY:

Just Like That! The Tommy Cooper Show is at **The Platform** on Saturday 24th at 7.30pm. Ticket line 01524 582803 or www.lancaster.gov.uk/platform

STEAMPUNK FESTIVAL IN MORECAMBE:

A Splendid Day Out, from Friday 2nd to Sunday 4th. Contact **The Platform** for the interesting details!

KITE FLYING:

Catch the Wind Kite Festival at Morecambe on Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th on Morecambe Promenade. Contact 01524 831997.

ARMED FORCES DAY:

This takes place in Lancaster at the Castle on Saturday 24th and in Morecambe on Sunday 25th near the Midland Hotel. See Lancaster or Morecambe Tourist Offices.

LIVE BY SATELLITE: For the **Reel** Phone: 01524 413935; for **The Dukes** www.dukes-lancaster.org or at the Box Office: 01524 598500

OPERA:

La Traviata from Glyndebourne on Thursday 8th at 6pm **The Dukes**.

Otello from the Royal Opera House on Wednesday 28th at 7.15pm the **Reel**

THEATRE:

Peter Pan from the National Theatre on Saturday 10th at 2pm **the Dukes**

Salome from the National Theatre on Thursday 22nd at 7pm **the Dukes**

BALLET:

The Dream/Symphonic Variations/Marguerite and Armand by the Royal Ballet on Wednesday 7th at 7.15pm at the **Reel**.

LOCAL SERVICES

OVER KELLET

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| 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—June 8, 29; July 20 | 0300 123 6703 |

CARNFORTH

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| 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 |
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| | Ashtrees Pharmacy, Market Street | 727877 |
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| | Burch Tree Vets, 39 Lancaster Road | 720002 |
| Opticians | Philip Jones, 15 Market Street | 730055 |
| | S & K Butterfield, 46c Market Street | 732724 |
| Library | Lancaster Road | 0300 1236703 |
| | <i>(Mon, Wed & Fri 09:30-13:00 & 14:00-18:00; Tues & Sat 09:30-13:00)</i> | |

BUS TIMES:

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

OVER KELLET TO/FROM LANCASTER

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

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

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

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

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

OVER KELLET TO/FROM CARNFORTH

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

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

Route 55—Times as above

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS: July 25–August 31.

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