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Public service and our community

In this issue we mark events featuring two recent Chairs of the Parish Council (PC). John Cooper faithfully served the PC for thirty-four years, twenty-four of them as Chairman. He died in March after a long illness. We are grateful to his widow, Sylvia, for providing the information upon which the appreciation on pages 16 & 17 is based, and send her our condolences. Prof John Crewdson served the PC for ten years, five of those as Chairman. In recognition of his wide-ranging public service within the Diocese of Blackburn he was due to receive the Maundy Money from The Queen at the traditional Maundy Thursday Service to be held at St George's Chapel, Windsor, in March. As you will read on page 15 the service was cancelled, but John and his wife did dress appropriately to open the Maundy Money parcel delivered to their home. Our cover photo shows him holding the purses of coins he received.

The PC broke new ground with its meeting held on 12th May – using Zoom remote video-conferencing software. As you will see on pages 8 to 11 a considerable amount of business was transacted by the four Councillors, with the Clerk and one member of the public in attendance!

In last month's issue we asked readers to send in details of any unusual activity they had seen or undertaken as a result of the effects of the lockdown. We received none at all. Well, here is what I have noticed: building workers on one of the construction sites in the village kept working for a few days after the Prime Minister's announcement in March but then ceased, while work on other sites continued. At the beginning of May all sites were back in operation, with the consequent noise. The quarry seems quieter. There are fewer planes crossing the sky leaving their disfiguring condensation trails. The sky is much clearer and the views of the local hills and mountains from Bay Croft seat at the top of Cackle Hill sparkle, and are clearer than ever, allowing details of gulleys and peaks to be seen for the first time. Individual trees in the woods of Warton Crag can be picked out. The best times to view are first thing in the morning or towards evening, when the low sun slants across the countryside. At weekends, in particular, perhaps we are experiencing what our forefathers took for granted in a rural location - time to see, hear and enjoy the natural world.

The answers to last month's puzzle are on page 32. If you'd like more puzzles or quizzes in the future, please let us know - or, better still, if you have an idea for something on a local theme that could be worked up into publishable form, send it in (with the answers!) and we'll consider it for publication.

Peter Clinch

This month's cover picture shows Prof John Crewdson holding the two purses of Royal Maundy Money he was awarded by The Queen in March, in recognition of his voluntary public service within the Diocese of Blackburn, see page 15.

LETTER FROM THE VICAR

Be still

Being still doesn't always come easily. For keyworkers this period of lockdown has been a time of frenetic activity. For others it has meant a drastic reduction in their levels of activity. Staying at home, particularly for those living on their own already, has proved a real challenge.

I suspect some of us have fared better than others. Too often we can find our value as a 'human doing', rather than a 'human being'.

Lockdown has been for most an invitation to adopt a different way of life. Slower, more sedentary and localised. Living in such a beautiful area has certainly made this adjustment more palatable. But it has still been a significant change.

At the heart of the Christian faith is an invitation to 'be still'. Psalm 46 speaks of trusting in God in the midst of the upheaval in the world around us. It contains the simple invitation to 'Be still and know that I am God' (v.10).

I think the psalmist was keen to tell readers to be still because often it doesn't come naturally. When we live with uncertainty we want to do things to provide us with certainty. Times of crisis can make us feel powerless and out of control. Being still is a challenge for us all. Christians don't pretend to know everything about God and how he is at work in our lives. But we do have a confidence that, even in the hardest of circumstances, his purposes are still at work. Even in the most trying of situations, God promises that good can still emerge. And in the meantime we are invited to 'be still, and know that he is God'.

Looking forward

Sunday services continue to be held at 11.15am but on-line via Zoom remote video-conferencing software. We would be delighted to welcome newcomers. If you would like to join us please e-mail Paul at revpaulboulter@gmail.com or call him on 01524 770300 for details.

We have no clear indication when church services can resume in St Cuthbert's church building. When they do, hygiene precautions will need to take place. We will provide information in *OK View* when details become available.

Looking back

So far during the lockdown we have held funerals for two much-loved members of our community, Tom Shaw and John Cooper. Both Tom and John were long-time residents in Over Kellet, and we were sad that their services were not as accessible to mourners as usual. However, we look forward to finding ways of celebrating their lives once we can meet together more freely.

Rev Paul Boulter

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OUR WALK TO LEAPER'S WOOD

On 21st April 2020, during the coronavirus emergency, we enjoyed the daily exercise then permitted by the Government with a walk to Leaper's Wood with a short diversion to the footpath that leads to Laithbutts Lane at Nether Kellet. There we were amazed to see a wall-to-wall carpet of celandine, their waxy petals glistening in the brilliant sunshine – truly beautiful.

After this we entered Leaper's Wood which, in all the years we have lived here, we have never seen with such an array of bluebells, together with wood anemones in profusion. There were also plenty of pockets of primroses and violas, plus a small cluster of orchids. The ramsons (commonly known as wild garlic)



was now opening, as if Mother Nature was saying "In these difficult and unprecedented times I am doing my best to show there is beauty and calm, even if only for a little while, to ease the heart."

That was not all. On emerging from the wood the words of Psalm 121 "I will lift up mine eyes to the hills" came to mind. What a magnificent view was all around us, from Ingleborough, the Barbon Fells, Farleton Fell, on to the Lakeland hills and round to Black Combe, with Warton Crag in the foreground. Further down the slope we could see Morecambe Bay and Grange-over-Sands – views that made us feel glad to be alive. Closer to we could see the gentle, quiet and peaceful village of Over Kellet, a place we have been privileged to call home for the past twenty-three years.

We look forward to being able to do our usually much longer walks when the crisis is over. In the meantime we hope that all of us can safely enjoy our limited time out of doors in our beautiful surroundings.

Lorna and Ron Oswald

WILSON'S ENDOWED SCHOOL NEWS

School open to support key workers

Since 20th March the school has only been open to children of key workers, who have many and varied roles - often being employed directly by the NHS. Each day staff have supported up to twenty pupils in two classes, demonstrating courage and flexibility. The pupils have shown resilience in their experience of a very different school. Routines have been sustained throughout the school day with lessons covering the full spectrum of the curriculum. This has been replicated on-line for other children to learn at home. Staff have been hard at work both in school and on-line to maintain the learning platform.

A holiday club run by teaching assistants maintained support throughout the Easter holidays. Our after-school club and breakfast club have run throughout, ensuring that school has been open from 7.30am to 6pm every weekday.

June preparations

Since the Government announcement, staff have been holding meetings via 'Zoom' in preparation for the planned re-opening at the beginning of June. Meeting the requirements to keep everyone socially distanced is causing some logistical challenges but they are not insurmountable. New classroom layouts, different timetable routines and plans for increased cleaning are just some of the elements being discussed in readiness for 1st June.



School Headteacher Jo Williams receiving bread gift from Warburton's Mervyn Thacker

The Little Orange Warby Van!

Recently, I e-mailed Warburton's customer services with a thank you message. Baking loaves and delivering them around the country has heartwarming appeal to it. Each morning, as I get ready for work at home in Staveley, near Kendal, I see the orange Warby delivery lorry drive past to the local shop. So regular is the van that it even helps me check I'm on time! In my e-mail I said that seeing the van starts my day with a warm glow inside, knowing that the wholesome contents were being delivered to the village shop. Mervyn Thacker from Warburton's surprised everyone at school when he arrived in a little orange van. Warburton's had very kindly sent a van packed full of bakery goodies for us all to enjoy! Sixteen children of key workers and eight staff all took home a fresh loaf and a selection treats including crumpets, bagels and teacakes.



Somewhere Over The Rainbow

As a school, we love singing. As a church school, our day always starts with a hymn. 'My Lighthouse' and 'In Christ Alone' are great favourites. The school choir has grown in size and confidence led by mums Sally Dickens and Jo White. During the last month the choir has come together via technology and Sally has put together a lovely song called 'Do You Know'. Blackburn Diocese also got in touch with the school for us to submit a song to the Church of England for their 'Big Assembly'. The song is 'Looking to the Rainbow'. Both songs can be viewed on the school's Facebook page. Follow this link: www.facebook.com/pg/Wilsons-Endowed-CE-Primary-School-102100741266104/posts/?ref=page_internal

Jo Williams, Headteacher



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PARISH COUNCIL – MAY 2020

The meeting was held remotely using Zoom video-conferencing software. Four Parish Councillors and just one member of the public (your reporter) attended. The County Councillor and City Councillor were both unable to attend.

Planning applications

This is a lengthy report since no Parish Council (PC) meeting was held in April.

The following new applications made to Lancaster City Council were considered:

20/000345/FUL – change of use of agricultural barn to three-bed dwelling, demolition of outrigger and erection of single-storey rear extension, erection of detached garage and creation of parking area at Old Hall Farm, Kirkby Lonsdale Road – no comments.

20/00346/LB – listed building application for demolition of rear outrigger, erection of single-storey extension, etc, at Old Hall Farm, Kirkby Lonsdale Road – no comments.

20/00369/VCN – erection of two-storey dwelling and creation of vehicular access at Old Hall, Kirkby Lonsdale Road, to vary conditions in planning permission **18/00038/FUL** – no comments.

20/00459/FUL – erection of field shelter, etc, off Swarthdale Road - a revised application following the withdrawal of **20/00069/FUL** – comments regarding the provision of adequate screening made on the earlier application were re-iterated.

20/00468/FUL – part retrospective application for the demolition of existing front and rear extensions and erection of a single-storey front extension and part single-storey, part two-storey rear extension with Juliet balcony at the rear of 8 Leapers View – the PC objected on the grounds of the impact on neighbouring properties.

20/00470/FUL – demolition of existing garage and side porch and erection of a single-storey side and rear extension at Otago, 15 Kirklands Road – the PC raised concerns about a) extending the building almost to the boundary with the public footpath and the consequent loss of the mature hedge, and b) safety issues relating to the possible re-location of the dropped kerb (to provide access to the new garage) much closer to the footpath used by schoolchildren.

20/00473/AD – erection of a feed preparation building and four feed bins and associated hard-standing at Restarigg Farm, Kirkby Lonsdale Road – the application did not include a noise impact assessment and the PC were concerned about bringing an industrial process into the countryside with consequent noise, dust and smells.

The decision of Lancaster City Council was still awaited on the following applications:

19/01575/FUL – erection of dwelling on land at 2 Hall Garth, Capernwray Road.

20/00019/FUL – erection of an agricultural building for free-range hens with associated parking at Lower Addington Farm, Birkland Barrow Road.

20/00121/FUL – retrospective application for the retention of five silos at Lower Addington Farm, Birkland Barrow Road.

20/00136/FUL – erection of one dwelling in the field adjacent to Woodlands View.

Lancaster City Council has approved the following applications:

19/00636/CU – change of use of land to site sixteen caravans, etc, at Castle View Caravan Park, Borwick Road.

19/01141/VCN – erection of car showroom, maintenance workshop, etc, on land between M6 and A601(M), to vary a condition of planning permission **17/01133/FUL**.

19/01368/VCN – erection of car showroom, maintenance workshop, etc, on land between M6 and A601(M), previously approved as planning permission **17/01133/FUL**. The PC noted that the hedge on the boundary with the A601(M) had been cut down almost to ground level (last year it was also cut severely). The PC sent objections to the City Council but were not hopeful that any action would be taken against the developer.

19/01436/CU – change of use of land to site seven caravans, etc, at McCarthy Caravan Parks, Castle View Caravan Park, Borwick Road.

19/01549/VCN – demolition of existing buildings and erection of eight industrial units, etc, at The Tractor Yard, Capernwray Road, to vary a condition of planning permission **17/00731/FUL**.

19/01555/FUL – demolition of The Willows, Moor Close Lane, and erection of part one-storey, part two-storey dwelling.

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PARISH COUNCIL – MAY 2020 (CONTINUED)

Lancaster City Council has refused the following application:

19/01572/VCN – erection of two-storey dwelling and vehicular access at Old Hall, Kirkby Lonsdale Road, to vary conditions in planning permission **18/00038/FUL**.

Actions placed on the Parish Clerk at the March meeting to contact County and City authorities have been undertaken but, as a result of the changed priorities of those authorities during the COVID-19 emergency, there were no responses to report.

Roadside plaque at The Narrows

Bob Escolme had suggested that a plaque be placed at The Narrows describing the historical significance of this entry point to the village. The PC decided that this was impracticable on road safety grounds.

COVID-19 emergency

Cllr Agnew reported that only a few residents had sought help from the COVID-19 support team. It was gratifying that a much larger number had volunteered to assist; supply far outstripped demand. It seemed that where residents required help they turned first to their neighbours. A full report from the support team appears on page 19.

Re-opening of waste-recycling facilities

The County Council had re-opened some of its waste-recycling facilities based on how easily social distancing for staff and users could be maintained. The nearest depot to Over Kellet to be opened is at Saltaire. Users must book a visit in advance and can only go to the depot once a week and with only one type of waste on each



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occasion, not mixed loads of refuse. More details are given in County Councillor Williamson's report on pages 12 to 14.

Rats sighted in the village

Rats had been sighted at several locations in the village and the Clerk was instructed to contact Environmental Health, though without more precise locations for their 'homes' and regular routes there would be little that could be done.

Dog fouling on The Craggs

Walkers with dogs had not been collecting dog excrement with the result that the farmer had observed his cattle eating it. A notice will be placed at the gateway onto The Craggs requiring dog walkers to take dog excrement home to protect grazing cattle from parasitic infection.

Grass cutting on public spaces

The lengthsman had cut three of the four sections of The Green, leaving the part round the bus shelter uncut except for the well-trodden path to the shop. The grass at Church Bank, which is maintained by the City Council, has also been left uncut. Many wild flowers are now appearing in both places, but some concerns have been raised about the possibility of dogs fouling in the now longer grass.

Damage by vehicles to kerbstones on The Green

Uprooted kerbstones need to be put back in position; this was outside the remit of the lengthsman but a responsibility of County Highways. Not for the first time the PC discussed how further damage could be prevented, but came to no decision.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 9th June at 7.15pm.

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A MESSAGE FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR PHILLIPPA WILLIAMSON

This update covers the County Council's Library Service, waste management, policing, and highways & transport in this area. I hope it is both interesting and useful. If you would like to know more about any of the issues covered please let me know – my contact details are on the back cover of the magazine.

New Digital Offer from Lancashire County Council Library Service

Lancashire County Council's excellent Library Service has just introduced a new digital offer, free on-line access to literally thousands of magazines, comics and newspapers for anyone with a Lancashire Library card. The offer is provided by a company called RBDigital (see <https://lancashire.rbdigitalglobal.com/>) and you only need your library card number and e-mail address to register for an account. National, provincial and global newspapers and other magazines in various languages are also available to read on-line via a linked site called PressReader. At a time when many people are unable to visit shops to collect magazines or newspapers, those with internet access and a library card can now read them on-line free through this digital library service.



Household Waste-Recycling Centres

As you know, the vast majority of councils kept household waste-recycling centres closed in line with legislation passed at the start of the coronavirus pandemic. Trips to recycling sites were not classed as 'essential journeys'. However, following the relaxation of some restrictions by the Government, the County Council was able to open most of the County's household waste and recycling centres from Thursday 14th May.

The Council is taking a phased approach to ensure that each district has a recycling centre re-opened. As the Lancaster area has two centres (Salt Ayre Lane, White Lund (LA1 5JS) and Carnforth), it is not possible to re-open both from the outset. So, only Salt Ayre Lane is open at present and **by appointment only**. This is to maintain social distancing which will restrict the number of visitors to around half of normal. The Council is also keen to avoid the delays and disruption to traffic experienced at some sites when they were reopened elsewhere in the North West, so more staff will be on duty at each facility.

To book a time-slot log on to: www.lancashire.gov.uk/waste-and-recycling/book-appointment/ or alternatively phone 0300 123 6781; the telephone booking system is available Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm only.

Feedback from the first few days that the sites were re-opened has been very positive. The new booking system is working well, and more than 5,700 residents across Lancashire visited their nearest centre on the Friday 15th May without experiencing any of the major delays or problems.

Obviously we want the remaining four centres, including Carnforth, that are currently closed to re-open soon. The Council will closely monitor how the new system is working over the next couple of weeks so that they can learn from this and safely re-open the remaining sites as soon as possible.

Policing Update

Unsurprisingly since the lockdown there has been a considerable drop in reported crime in all classifications across the Lancaster and Morecambe district. However, it may well be that a proportion of crime is unreported due to the circumstances, so it is important to understand the general context. The police are receiving an increasing number of reports relating to lack of social distancing; for example, groups at local beauty spots around Silverdale, the Crook o' Lune and along the Millennium Cycle Path. There are also increasing numbers of members of the public reporting neighbours for perceived breaches of the lockdown. There has also been an increase of reports of motorcycles being used off-road on public land and, as a result, a number of bikes have been seized. Report your concerns on-line at www.lancashire.police.uk

Generally, most people continue to follow Government guidance to support the lockdown. The police's approach is to Engage, Explain and Encourage this. That is: Engage with the public; Explain why it's important to follow the guidance; and Encourage the public to continue taking the appropriate action. If that advice is ignored, where the police consider it appropriate they can Enforce the position. However, very few enforcement notices have been issued in the district so far.



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A MESSAGE FROM PHILLIPPA WILLIAMSON (CONTINUED)

Highways and Transport

I thought you might appreciate some information on the current priorities for County Highways and the Public and Integrated Transport Service. Specifically, news on the services that are operating now and, looking to the future, the additional services which are planned as lockdown measures are eased, subject to Government guidance.

Work/Services currently underway

- Highway and street inspections and defect repair work
- Some gully cleaning work
- Emergency response work to bridge damage
- Design work for planned highways schemes, and site surveys
- Spray injection work – the contractor is hoping to start work soon [and should have started by the time you read this]
- Grass cutting where sight-lines may be impacted and when there have been requests from schools
- Some small capital schemes already planned
- Parking enforcement - responding to identified problem situations
- Development Control and Flood Risk Management Services are operating normally
- The Public and Integrated Transport Service is helping get the children of keyworkers and vulnerable children to school, distributing PPE, and helping the North West Ambulance Services take oncology and dialysis patients to appointments. In addition, they continue to work with bus operators on a range of public transport issues and produce NoWcards
- Completing construction of the temporary morgue at BAE Systems, Warton

What we may hope to see if the current lockdown measures are reduced

An expansion of some of the services above, subject to Government advice and staff availability. However, it is also hoped to start up:

- More construction work - specifically safety schemes and bridge work which have been stopped for highways staff to do only safety-critical works
- A further expansion of planned road improvements, particularly surface dressing; discussions are already underway with contractors about restarting this work
- Bus stations may be re-opened subject to government advice on social distancing, etc.

Report it - If you want to report a highways fault you can do this on-line at:

www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/report-it/

Finally, just a reminder – if you are concerned that you, a neighbour, relative or friend will struggle during this time please call 01524 582000 or e-mail customerservices@lancaster.gov.uk and they will support you and direct you to the help you need. The phone lines are open Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm, and Saturday and Sunday, 10am to 3pm. As you might be aware, the Council is also directly contacting residents who may be categorised as ‘extremely vulnerable’ and require additional support.

I hope this update is helpful. Please keep in touch and safe.

Phillippa Williamson, Lancashire County Councillor

ROYAL MAUNDY MONEY COMES TO OVER KELLET

This year I have had the great honour of being nominated by the Lord Bishop of Blackburn, the Rt Rev Julian Henderson, to receive the Royal Maundy money, alms distributed by the reigning monarch on Maundy Thursday, the day before Good Friday in the Christian calendar. The tradition originated in 1213 and evolved over time, with Henry IV declaring that the amount of Maundy Money given should be the equal in silver pence to the age of the monarch. It continues to the present day. As the Queen is ninety-four years of age this year, Royal Maundy money of ninety-four specially minted silver pence was distributed to ninety-four men and ninety-four women chosen from across the UK. The recipients are people aged over seventy chosen from all the Christian churches and denominations in the UK for the voluntary service they have given to society.

The Blackburn Diocesan newsletter dated 16th April has a section entitled Celebrating Lancashire's Royal Maundy Money Recipients with the Bishop's citations for the six local people who were honoured this year. My entry reads:

"Since retiring as a professor of economics, Professor Crewdson has held directorships in a number of educational and charitable institutions. Until this summer John was the Chair of the Board of Governors at Ripley St Thomas Church of England Academy, the largest C of E school in the diocese, and he is now Director of the Bay Learning Trust. John also supports a number of charitable organisations and has served his church through singing in the choir for as long as anyone can remember."

My wife Sylvia, formerly Headteacher of Wilson's Endowed CE Primary School, and I were invited to attend St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle this year to receive the Maundy Money in person from the Queen. Unfortunately, and much to our disappointment, the ceremony had to be cancelled because of the COVID-19 epidemic. However, arrangements were made by Buckingham Palace to ensure that recipients of the Maundy Money would get a parcel in time for Maundy Thursday, with the two traditional leather purses: a white one containing the ninety-four silver

pence, and a red one containing the now-traditional sum of £5-50p - this year a silver £5 crown commemorating 250 years since Wordsworth's birth and a silver 50p coin for the (now-postponed) 2020 Olympic Games and Team GB. The Maundy parcel also contained two personal letters, one signed by the Queen expressing her regret at not being able to present the Maundy Money in person, the other from the Lord High Almoner who would have organised and conducted the ceremony.

Despite our disappointment at not meeting the Queen, we dressed for the occasion and celebrated the award and the opening of the royal parcel on Maundy Thursday, raising a glass of suitably sparkling wine for a toast to Her Majesty.



Prof John Crewdson

JOHN EDWARD COOPER, 17TH SEPTEMBER 1932 - 27TH MARCH 2020

John was born in Lancaster and brought up there with his older sister Irene; he was a choirboy at St Luke's Church. At fourteen he left school to train as an apprentice electrician, qualifying seven years later when he would have been due to undertake National Service. Instead he decided to sign up for three years as a regular serviceman in the RAF. He was posted to Egypt and put in charge of a power station; while there he was able to visit Cairo, the Pyramids and Cyprus.



In 1956 he returned to the UK, working first at the atomic energy plant at Salwick, then at Oakenclough paper mill, finally joining the North-West Electricity Board. Here he was involved with the Trades Council, and, as a union representative, with both the Electrical Trades Union and the Youth Employment Committee.

John and Sylvia were married in 1963 at St Peter's Church, Heysham, and lived in Morecambe for five years. They both attended jewellery and silversmithing classes at Morecambe College, John becoming sufficiently proficient to teach the craft for a year. When his class closed down he was left with a quantity of silver and semi-precious stones purchased for his students' use, so he turned his skill into a hobby which he pursued for the rest of his life.

In 1968 John and Sylvia moved to a newly built bungalow on Hall Garth Gardens. John was soon elected to serve on Over Kellet Parish Council, which he did for thirty-four years – twenty-four of those as Chairman. The photo shows John with the original water colour painting of the centre of the village that was presented to him on his retirement from the Council. He said he had enjoyed his years as Chairman, his only disappointments were his having been unable to develop a children's playground and millennium seat. He was also a Governor of the village school and a school in Carnforth.

His other activity in public service began in 1970 when he was appointed the youngest magistrate to sit on the Lancaster bench, at the age of thirty-eight. In addition to sitting on the Adult Court bench he was Deputy Chairman of the Youth Courts, his duties taking him into Lancaster Castle's Shire Court and also to the courts in Preston. John's public service was rewarded in 1982 when he was very proud to be made a Freeman of the City of Lancaster.

Unfortunately in the 1970s John became ill and was unable to work for two years. On his recovery he worked part-time as a workshop technician at Castle School, Lancaster, and taught basic electrical engineering at Lancaster and Morecambe College for about three years.

John's recreational interests were many and varied: he enjoyed camping and caravanning; was a keen walker and a member of Lancaster and District Rambling Club; a member of Loyne Archers; and, with Sylvia, a very active member of the Chatsworth Players, a group which organised evening charity concerts performed in churches and other venues. Both were members of Heysham Gilbert and Sullivan Society.

John joined the Over Kellet and District Horticultural Society and served on its Committee for a number of years. The garden he created at their home is a testament to his skill. Yet another interest was his membership of the Carnforth Model Engineering Society; he helped to set up the model railway at Carnforth Railway Station and assisted with its subsequent re-location. He enjoyed woodworking and created a home workshop where he made built-in furniture for the bungalow, long before this became the norm.

In 2011 a prescription medicine caused John to suffer a violent reaction, necessitating several weeks in hospital. He never fully recovered and his health steadily deteriorated. In September 2019 he had a fall at home and was eventually admitted to Hillcroft Nursing Home in Carnforth. He passed away just three days before he and Sylvia would have celebrated their fifty-seventh wedding anniversary.

John enjoyed an active and fulfilling life and said he would like to think he had put something back into the local community. He said he wouldn't be surprised if he had stepped on a few people's toes over the years but added 'you can't please everyone all the time, you can only do your very best'.

There must be many people who would say that John was a great asset to the village and the wider locality, that he helped make this part of the world a better place. Our condolences go to Sylvia and to John's other relatives and friends.

We are grateful to Sylvia Cooper for providing the information for this appreciation of John's life and work, and for supplying the accompanying photo.

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL FOSTERING RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN

Lancashire County Council (LCC) is making an urgent call to recruit new foster carers, especially during the current coronavirus pandemic in which many people are facing changed circumstances.

People are being asked to consider whether the current situation could leave them well-placed to provide a loving home for a vulnerable young person. The Council welcomes new foster carers from all different backgrounds. They need to be over twenty-one and have a spare room available by the end of the assessment process, which is conducted to discover if they could be a suitable foster carer. LCC is also urging anyone who has fostered with them in the past, is taking a temporary break from fostering, or has retired as a foster carer to come forward as they already have the skills and know how important fostering is in making a real difference to a local child's life.

The demand for foster carers remains high, and the Council still needs to find around twenty new places every week for children and young people. Foster carers are well-supported with their own social worker, a dedicated helpline and locally provided training. There is also a generous allowance for new foster carers, who can expect to receive between £244 and £421 per week for each child they care for.

More information about fostering with the County Council is available on their website www.lancashire.gov.uk/fostering or you can call the fostering enquiry line on 0300 123 6723.

Phillippa Williamson, Lancashire County Councillor

VILLAGE LISTINGS FOR JUNE

THERE ARE NO CHURCH SERVICES

The Coronavirus regulations require the closure of all public venues and restrict travel. All village activities have ceased until further notice.



REFUSE COLLECTION JUNE

Grey Bin: 8th & 22nd
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We'll Meet Again ...

End of Lockdown Village Social Evening and Concert

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We'll be... **OK SUPPORT FOR RESIDENTS**

In our article in the May issue of *OK View* (pages 6 & 7), we said that the Support Group is not intended to replace the support already being given by good neighbours, friends or family but simply to be there as a back-up 'safety net' to help residents with such things as shopping, prescription collection, dog walking, other errands or just to provide someone to talk to. Since then it has done just that and, up to the time of writing, has answered sixteen calls. These have mostly been for help with shopping, and some to collect prescriptions. All have been accomplished speedily and efficiently by members of our team of volunteers. Indeed in some cases volunteers have established a regular weekly shopping routine with a particular resident and therefore by-passed the need for the resident to contact the 'helpline' each week. Over time more residents have also been able to make use of on-line ordering and home delivery services, both for their weekly shop and for prescriptions.

Not only is it heartening to see how much 'good neighbourly' help is being offered in the village, but also how many (now forty-two) have offered to help with the support group. We offer a big 'thank you' to all those volunteers, whether we have yet called on them or not.

As well as organising this practical help, members of the core group have continued to monitor Government, NHS and City Council websites and to take part in regular on-line conferences arranged by the City Council, ensuring that we are kept up to date with good practice. As a result of information gathered from these sources,

notices have been produced and displayed around the village alerting residents to various scams that are unfortunately taking advantage of people's concern over the COVID-19 outbreak, along with advice on negotiating some of the narrow ginnels around our village.

At the time of writing some relaxation of lockdown measures has just been announced. Let us hope for more positive progress by the time the July issue of *OK View* appears.

In the meantime, if you need any help during this difficult time feel free to contact any time: Graham (01524 733407), Lesley (01524 733240), Jane & Nick (01524 733947) or Paul (team@okplan.co.uk) and ... stay safe!



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A FISHY TALE

A news item in a recent issue of *The Times* (Saturday 2nd May, page 23) caught my eye for it mentioned Clear Water Fisheries (CWF), the owners of the gravel pits just over the parish boundary in Borwick that are now used for a commercial fishery business. The article reported the decision of the Court of Appeal in a dispute over the ownership of more than £1m worth of carp and other fish in Borwick Lakes. Knowing that there a number of keen anglers amongst our readership, I thought a note on the case would be of interest.



The pits were created to supply gravel for the construction of the M6 motorway. In about 1997 Borwick Development Solutions (BDS) bought the land and in 2002 obtained planning permission to develop the site as a commercial fishery. Engineering work created a closed system so there could be no movement of fish in or out of the lakes. The waters were stocked with fish, including a number of large specimens - some of which became well known and were given their own names.

BDS spent money on adding to the stock of fish and maintaining both the lakes and the fish. In 2012 it constructed a restaurant and café facility to expand its business. In order to do so, it borrowed money on the security of a legal charge over the land. BDS ran into financial difficulties and in January 2016 a receiver was appointed. BDS was already trying to sell the land itself and entered into negotiations with CWF on the basis of a sale of the land for £700,000 and of "all stock of fish in the lakes" for £200,000. These negotiations came to nothing and on 29 June 2016 the receivers sold the land to CWF for £625,000. The receivers told Mr Smith, BDS' director, that they did not consider that the lender's legal charge (the registered claim against BDS) extended to the fish and that they could give no warranties to the purchaser in relation to the transfer of ownership of the fish on completion of the sale.

Solicitors for CWF argued that the former owners no longer held any right to the fish but solicitors for BDS said the new owners should not operate a business using fish stocks they said belonged to their client. A hearing in the High Court in 2019 ruled in favour of BDS but the Court of Appeal ruled in May 2020 that the company did not own the fish once the land had been sold.

I know that some residents of Over Kellet studied Classics. They will be interested to know that one of the sources cited to the Appeal Court was from the *Second Commentary* written in AD 161 by Gaius. He argued "Wild beasts, birds and fishes, as soon as they are captured, become, by natural law, the property of the captor, but only continue such so long as they continue in his power."

In his Appeal Court judgement, Sir Timothy Lloyd said that once the fish had been put in the lake they became the property of the landowner. The three Appeal Court

judges acknowledged that the result was ‘hard’ for BDS which had paid to stock the lakes with fish over the period in which it owned the land. Lord Justice Jackson said that if the sale of the land had been conventional, BDS could have demanded payment for the fish, but it had lost ownership when the land was sold by the receivers.

The full texts of both the High Court and the Court of Appeal decisions are available free on the British and Irish Legal Information Institute (BAILII) website https://www.bailii.org/form/search_cases.html – just type Clear Water Fisheries in the search form. Alternatively, if you are reading OK View on the village website click through the links given here:

[Borwick Development Solutions Ltd v Clear Water Fisheries Ltd \[2020\] EWCA Civ 578 \(01 May 2020\)](#)

[Borwick Development Solutions Ltd v Clear Water Fisheries Ltd \[2019\] EWHC 2272 \(Ch\) \(24 July 2019\)](#)

Peter Clinch

LOCAL ROAD CLOSURES – FACT AND FICTION

Fact

Without warning Kellet Lane was closed to traffic for five days on 20th April, for long-overdue repairs to be made to the parapet of Kellet Lane Canal Bridge (Bridge 130), which dates from the opening of the canal from Preston to Tewitfield in 1797 and is listed as a structure of architectural and historic interest Grade II. The parapet was first damaged in 2016 (see *OK View* September 2018, page 12). Since then the bridge has suffered further damage by vehicles (possibly with trailers) clipping the stonework and pushing it away from the road to hang over the canal. Long vehicles have difficulty negotiating the narrow road, tight bends and steep slopes on the approach to the bridge in both directions.



The repair work was carried out by staff from the Canal and Rivers Trust (CRT), a charity which maintains the Lancaster Canal. As the photos show, heavy lifting gear was brought in to remove three courses of stone blocks from half of the length of the east parapet so that the blocks could be returned to their proper positions.

According to a report in the magazine *Waterways World* for June 2019 (page 38), Bolton Church Bridge (Bridge 122) on St Michael’s Lane suffered similar damage in 2018. Repairs were carried out in April 2019 but, within one day of the bridge re-opening, a lorry too large for bridge hit the parapet and dislodged the same stones. A witness took a photograph of the vehicle and reported the damage to CRT, who could then claim the cost of the repair off the driver’s insurance. A new repair was effected within a few months.

LOCAL ROAD CLOSURES (CONTINUED)



The time it has taken before repairs to Kellet Lane Bridge commenced would indicate that the driver who caused the original damage in 2016, and also those who hit the bridge subsequently, did not report the incidents and have not been traced. Therefore the cost of the repair has had to come from CRT's small funds.

Fiction

According to a notice which appeared on village bus stops during the week beginning 20th April, Kellet Road was to be closed for five days for repairs to the culvert that crosses under the road outside Yew Tree Cottage. As a result all bus services through the village were to be suspended. The nearest places to catch a bus would have been Nether Kellet and Carnforth. The village would have been without any public transport for five days.

Fact

The road was not closed and no work was done although during the whole of the week beginning Mon 20th April, the Lancashire County Council Roadworks Bulletin <http://mario.lancashire.gov.uk/roadworks/bulletin.aspx?district=Lancaster> confirmed that a closure order had been made and the works were 'in progress'.

In last month's *OK View* (page 21), County Councillor Phillippa Williamson described how Lancashire County Council has set new priorities for its highways staff in the light of the pandemic. Unfortunately the information on the Roadworks Bulletin website has not been updated to take this into account.

Peter Clinch

LOCKDOWN SPRING

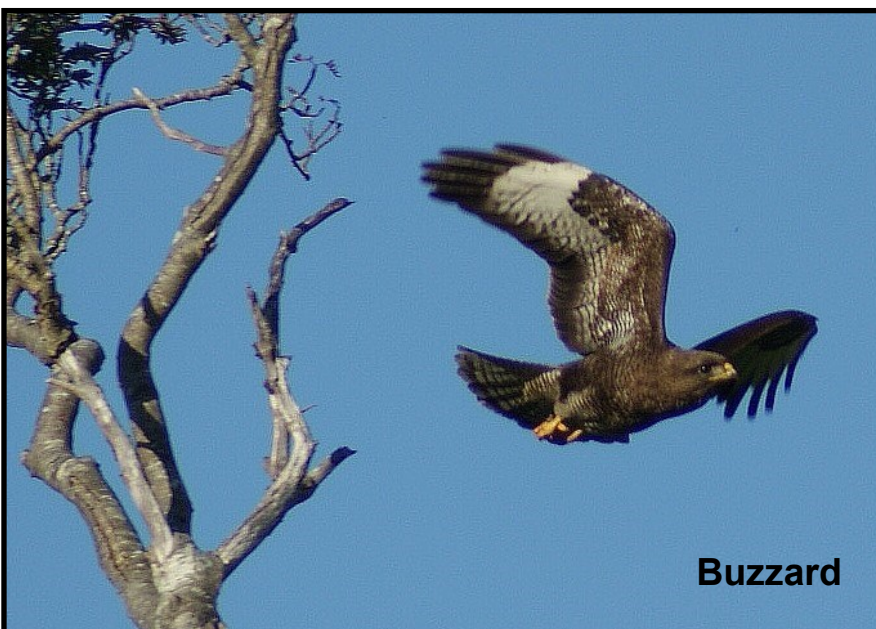
For obvious reasons my birdwatching for the last few months has been around Over Kellet. It has still been interesting to see the seasonal changes, the many well-known birds, and also some less frequently noticed ones.

By the end of March there were many signs of Spring amongst the local bird population. More and more birds were singing, and I saw starlings, house sparrows and blackbirds carrying nesting material in their beaks. Before lockdown I had seen sand martins at Leighton Moss. They are always one of the earliest summer visitors, flying from Africa to their nesting sites in Britain.

My next sighting of a summer visitor was a chiffchaff down Moor Close Lane at the end of March. This is a tiny warbler, its name coming from its distinctive call. Willow warblers are almost identical to chiffchaffs apart from their song. There was one singing high in a tree on Kellet Lane in mid-April. April 8th brought my first view of a swallow, perched on a telephone wire at the bottom of Cockle Hill. House martins appeared in mid-April and finally the screeching swifts were flying near The Eagles Head on May 6th.

Although it is lovely to see the summer visitors, there are so many birds in and around Over Kellet that we can all appreciate. There are also some that might go unnoticed, I mention just a few. House sparrows are familiar visitors to our gardens, but they have a rarer, less well-known cousin, the tree sparrow. We are lucky to have a reasonable population. They can be seen near the Over Kellet pond, and in the bushes near The Eagles Head. This year for the first time I saw a pair down Moor Close Lane. They can be distinguished by their chestnut coloured heads, and a black spot on their whitish cheeks.

The little owl is not a native species, it was introduced from mainland Europe in the nineteenth century. This small, dumpy owl is not uncommon; one can sometimes be seen in the window opening of a disused farm building on the outskirts of Over Kellet.



Sometimes you might be aware of a bird's presence by its call. Ravens fly overhead making a strange honking sound. Buzzards are often visible soaring high above the village. Their call is a cat-like mewing. I occasionally hear a green woodpecker in the crags behind the pond. I have only ever seen this bird once but it makes a distinctive laughing yaffling call.

LOCKDOWN SPRING (CONTINUED)

I'll finish with a story that might make you smile. A few years ago we were visited regularly during the summer by a white duck who we called Jemimah. For months she brought her ducklings from the pond, and we always fed them. Towards the end of summer her brood had grown and she stopped coming, we didn't see her for months. Then one day my husband was walking home past the pond, when he saw Jemimah and, as you do, spoke to her, saying "Hello Jemimah, you haven't been to see us recently". Less than ten minutes after he arrived home, Jemimah waddled into the garden. Was this a coincidence? I don't think so. What do you think?

Margaret Mosey

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT

The aims of Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) are to share key crime-prevention and community-building messages and campaigns. The scheme recently launched its new national website www.ourwatch.org.uk which provides a wide range of information and resources which are useful both nationally and locally.

As the Over Kellet NHW Co-ordinator, each month I receive and pass on a number of 'Alerts', which inform us of potential scams and fraudulent behaviour such as phone calls to vulnerable people offering to supply face masks, hand gel and gloves, where the recipient is asked for their address and bank details. The advice with all cold calls like this is **do not give your personal details to anyone over the phone**. Other recent scams highlighted by Lancashire Police are about personal protective equipment, charity requests, advance funeral payments, doorstep callers and free Tesco vouchers. If you are worried by anyone offering you services or products that you have not requested, telephone me on the number given on the back page of the magazine.

Neighbourhood Watch Week, 7th to 13th June

The other aspect of the NHW scheme is community relations. Neighbourhood Watch Week will be celebrating all acts of kindness and neighbourliness. The countless acts of neighbourliness shown by residents in this village are amazing and we are all extremely fortunate to find ourselves being supported in so many different ways by our friends and neighbours.

In addition to the informal support that we are all providing for each other, the Over Kellet COVID-19 Support Team continues to act as a back-up for some residents who have received its help with thanks (see report on page 19). We are grateful to all the volunteers who have offered their support.

So please stay alert for neighbours who might need some extra support, and also share with the Neighbourhood Watch team any calls or scams of which you are made aware.

Jane Ward, Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator



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LOCAL CITIZENS ADVICE NEWS

Coronavirus: wellbeing and mental health

The MIND website says:

“Coronavirus (COVID-19) is affecting all our lives. Things are changing fast and many of us are worrying about what it all means for ourselves and for our loved ones. Those of us already living with mental health problems are facing extra challenges too”.



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This article highlights three avenues for support:

- material to read and quizzes to use to help you understand your feelings, and what you can do to help you feel more confident about the future;
- organisations to contact to talk to someone who will understand your needs and provide support;
- organisations to contact in an emergency or if the lockdown is causing distress to you or a loved one.

Material to read and quizzes to use

Included on Lancashire County Council's 'Your health and wellbeing' website www.lancashire.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/your-health-and-wellbeing/ is the 'One You' health quiz, 'How Are You', to help you obtain personalised recommendations for improving your health. Check out your score and see what tools and suggestions 'One You' offers to help you make changes. Under 'Every Mind Matters' there are links to advice, information, support and resources to help you manage your mental health and emotional wellbeing.

The County Council also provides a searchable directory of services across Lancashire which can help you improve your quality of life and get through the day-to-day challenges you face. The services listed are provided by a range of organisations, including voluntary organisations, private companies and local councils. Go to www3.lancashire.gov.uk/ACS/findextorg/wellbeingDir/index.asp

The NHS website www.nhs.uk/conditions/stress-anxiety-depression/ has a mood self-assessment mood quiz to help you understand how you've been feeling recently and what you can do to improve your mood. There are mental wellbeing audio guides to help you understand and combat low mood, anxiety, problems sleeping, low confidence and unhelpful thinking. The NHS also has a quiz specially tailored for the coronavirus outbreak at www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/your-mind-plan-quiz/ to provide tips and advice on topics such as anxiety, low mood, stress, sleep and obtaining urgent support.

The mental health charity MIND has a web-page at www.mind.org.uk/information-support/coronavirus/ with information on coronavirus and your wellbeing, coping with going to work during the coronavirus pandemic, young people and coronavirus, coronavirus and your rights to social care, and how to cope with bereavement and grief. The charity has an 'infoline' on 0300 123 3393 available Monday to Friday (except Bank Holidays) from 9am to 6pm; alternatively to obtain information e-mail info@mind.org.uk, text 86463 or write to Mind Infoline, PO Box 75225, London,

E15 9FS. Lancashire MIND has similar information on its own website at <<https://www.lancashiremind.org.uk/>>.

Since the beginning of May, Citizens Advice has been partnered with the organisation that runs Big White Wall www.bigwhitewall.com/, an anonymous on-line community which you need to register with to join. This provides a safe place to talk to, share problems with, and help other people like yourself. Professional support is available 24/7. The site is not intended for those facing a crisis, which is dealt with in the last section of this article.

People to talk to

Age UK Lancashire have just launched their free 'Good Day Call' service which will be beneficial for people over fifty years old who are isolated or living alone. The service is a daily reassurance call provided by a trained member of their team to check on your welfare or that of an older relative or friend. In addition to providing reassurance and practical support, the caller will also chat about interests and how you are keeping busy at home. Each person is given an approximate time slot to be called each day. If the Age UK team member is unable to get through, they will call again in fifteen minutes, then again in a further fifteen minutes. If they are still unable to get a reply, or the reply they receive gives cause for concern, they will phone a named contact who will arrange to check that everything is well. Each client needs to give Age UK at least two named contacts for this purpose. If Age UK are still unable to make contact they will approach other support services as appropriate. To register for the service yourself call 0300 303 1234 (charged at local rate) or e-mail gooddaycalls@ageuklancs.org.uk. If you are enquiring on behalf of someone else, download and complete the Good Day Call Referral Form at the bottom of the page www.ageuk.org.uk/lancashire/our-services/good-day-calls/ and return it by e-mail to gooddaycalls@ageuklancs.org.uk

Another local wellbeing service is offered by the n-compass web site www.n-compass.org.uk/news-events/lancashire-wellbeing-service. Over the last few years this well-established organisation has provided 10,700 hours of face-to-face support to help people change the way they think and to take control of their lives. If you would like more information on the Lancashire Well Being Service either phone them on 03450 138 208 (lines open 8am to 6pm, Monday to Friday - calls are charged at standard network rate); or e-mail admin@n-compass.org.uk.

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LOCAL CITIZENS ADVICE NEWS (CONTINUED)

The aim of the organisation known as Lancashire Women is to ensure that women are valued and treated as equals. Their website describes a range of support and advice services at <https://lancashirewomen.org/>. At the foot of the page is a self-referral message form to send if you would like a member of the staff to contact you. If you want to refer a member of your family or a friend to their service phone 0300 330 1354 for advice.

Some readers may have used Lancashire County Council's own Well Being Service (not to be confused with the n-compass service mentioned above) in the past but unfortunately, owing to expenditure cuts, it was closed down on 31st December 2019.

Lancashire and South Cumbria NHS Foundation Trust offers a freephone wellbeing and mental health helpline and texting service. It is staffed by volunteers and those who have experienced mental health issues, and is intended for people who wish to chat about their mental health issues and are lonely. It is available 24/7 by phoning 0800 915 4640. More details are available at www.lscft.nhs.uk/Mental-Health-Helpline.

Emergency help

If you or a person you know is suffering deep depression and has suicidal thoughts three organisations can offer assistance:

The Samaritans have a special web-page at www.samaritans.org/how-we-can-help/support-and-information/if-youre-having-difficult-time/if-youre-worried-about-your-mental-health-during-coronavirus-outbreak/ devoted to helping both those who are worried about their own mental health and others with concern for a relative or friend. You can contact the Samaritans 24/7 by phoning free on 116 123. During the coronavirus emergency their face-to-face service has been suspended.

Lancashire and South Cumbria NHS Foundation Trust has recently launched a Mental Health Urgent Response Line which is available 24/7 by phoning 0800 953 0110. It will provide urgent support for people in mental health crisis and is staffed by trained mental health professionals who are able to provide assessment and



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referrals to appropriate services – ring it if you need to access services or for advice about someone who needs treatment/support.

The Trust has dedicated support services available for children and young people which can be accessed by young people, families/carers and other professionals involved in the care of the young person. If a young person under the age of sixteen in Lancaster and Morecambe is in crisis, urgent advice, triage and assessment can be accessed 24/7 by contacting the appropriate telephone number listed: between 8am and 4pm: 01524 550650; between 4pm and 10pm: 07976629978; between: 10pm and 8am 01524 550198.

MIND has a diagnostic tool at www.mind.org.uk/information-support/coronavirus/ to help you understand and manage your situation when you feel you need help, but the charity does not offer a phone service. Depending on your state of mind the tool will recommend which organisation you should contact, which may be your GP or local A&E Department among others.

Finally, if you are in an emergency dial 999. If for whatever reason (such as domestic violence) you cannot talk to the operator, dial 55 and local services will be alerted.

North Lancashire Citizens Advice

We are still able to offer e-mail advice via enquiries@northlancashirecab.org.uk. To speak to an adviser use the Adviceline Service 03444 889 622 (Monday to Friday, 10am to 4pm). Our national self-help website is at www.citizensadvice.org.uk

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Over the past few weeks of lockdown life has been very different; families have adapted their lifestyles finding different ways of leading their lives. Residents are having to work from home, home-school their children, meet family and friends electronically using a variety of platforms and shop on-line, to mention just a few adjustments. Family and friends have had virtual parties, quizzes, played games, shared recipes and supported wellbeing across the spectrum of age. Doctors have helped patients via telephone and video consultations. Families have listened to music, and downloaded and watched more videos than usual using YouTube, Netflix, Google Movies, etc. The internet has certainly enabled people to keep in contact with each other and the outside world practically and socially. Sadly funerals had to be shared on-line as relatives and friends have been unable to attend.

Never before has a reliable internet connection been so important, with a good bandwidth which is not restricted by multiple usage. B4RN has certainly served our community well and the households using B4RN as their internet provider have had trouble-free access with no restriction on their monthly use. We have asked some of our users for their comments which are quoted below.

"I genuinely don't know how we would have managed without a decent internet connection. Having B4RN has avoided all of the stress that we would have faced with a limited bandwidth connection. With the four of us not going out to workplaces or school all of our internet usage has been concentrated at home, and usage is further amplified because so many things are being done on-line that would normally have been face-to-face. The children have been keeping in touch with their friends almost daily via video/voice conference, Instagram, Discord, Hangouts, WhatsApp, Snapchat, Zoom, Xbox etc. It has been invaluable for them to keep in touch with peers and being able to offer mutual support. The mental health benefits of this peer-to-peer support are not to be underestimated. Their worlds have been suddenly turned upside down. Our daughter has been progressing her university application with virtual tours of universities, university towns, and had contact with university admissions tutors, which has been very important to her. Sometimes nearly all of this takes place at the same time as other uses, and B4RN hasn't ever blinked." Jim

"We are enjoying the very recent installation of B4RN, which has enabled us to enjoy the benefits of visual as well as audio media around the house. We have better control and access to e-mails and on-line banking etc. As our children have left home, we are able to have quality face-to-face time with them. I am able to have total remote control of my company while in lockdown and it is very important that we react to customer requirements with speed and efficiency. A reliable Team Viewer connection is essential." Mark

“I am working from home, teaching and supporting undergraduate students from the UK and as far away as Japan, China and India. I also meet the academic team on-line and assess work remotely. None of this would be feasible without a reliable internet connection and I'm very glad I have B4RN, especially when some colleagues appear to struggle with their own provision. It's also great to be able to enjoy social time (wine tasting!) and quiz nights on-line with friends from the UK and overseas.” Jean

During the last month one of the main ducts was damaged. It was reported to B4RN and engineers were on site within an hour. They rectified it immediately and reported back. The network is constantly monitored so problems can be identified quickly. If you experience any problems with your B4RN connection please do not hesitate to telephone B4RN or e-mail helpdesk@b4rn.org.uk. Alternatively if you wish to connect to B4RN please do not hesitate to contact Lesley (phone: 01524 733240, e-mail: lesleygee54@gmail.com) or Nick (phone: 01524 733947, e-mail: nkdw01@gmail.com) or go to the B4RN website at www.b4rn.org.uk.

Lesley Gee & Nick Ward

WEATHER DATA FOR APRIL 2020

In Over Kellet April is normally the driest month of the year with only half of the rain (64mm) that we receive in each of the wet months, August to January (120 to 130mm). This year was no exception. The dry weather began abruptly on 19th March; over the next forty days to the 27th April I measured only 5.9mm of rain. This was the driest forty-day spell I have recorded in the last twenty-three years. What is also very unusual is for a long dry spell like this to follow immediately after a long spell of wet weather – the forty-day period up until the 18th March provided 367mm of rain!

This April there was a great deal of settled, sunny weather with only light winds. The UK Meteorological Office reported April as being the sunniest April nationally since 1929, with more than 150% of normal sunshine. Usually in April there is just one day with a maximum temperature of 20°C or more in Over Kellet, but in April this year we had five such days, the warmest being 24th when the temperature reached 22.4°C. Indeed, from 15th to 25th there was an average daily maximum of 18.4°C – not far short of what we would expect in mid-summer.

There was air frost on three nights in mid-April, from 13th to 15th. During the early hours of 14th the temperature fell to -2.6°C, one of the hardest frosts of the winter. Only three nights have been colder in 2019/20: 18th and 19th November and 19th January. The latest date I have ever recorded air frost was 16th May 2012, so it is still possible that there will be more nights with air frost in the weeks to come.

The final three days of the month were cooler and belatedly gave us a few April showers totalling 14mm rainfall. But the dry weather has continued into May and I note that the Town Well on The Green has slowed to only a trickle.

For the calendar month of April 2020, the average maximum temperature was 15.7°C, some 3.2°C above normal, and equal to the highest on record. The average minimum was 4.1°C, 0.3°C above normal. The rainfall total was 19.9mm, just 30% of average.

Martin Lord

ANSWERS TO THE PARISH PUZZLE FROM THE MAY ISSUE

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OK VIEW – 10 YEARS AGO (MAY 2010)

This item was held over from last month because of lack of space.

Jo Williams wrote of the fund-raising efforts of Wilson's Endowed School pupils that enabled a cheque for £2,000 to be presented to the Bishop of Lancaster at the school's Easter service. The money would be going to the Smile International charity to help put a new roof on St Charles' School, Zimbabwe, and would also mark the beginning of a twinning relationship between the two schools.

Elsewhere in the issue Bob Escolme wrote about the school's history. He described the celebrations on 25th June 1977 to mark 'Tercentenary Day', based on the date on the plaque brought from the old school and now displayed in the present buildings, which states that the school was founded in 1677. He mentioned that Mrs E Wilson presented each of the more than one hundred children on the school roll on Tercentenary Day with a wine glass inscribed with their name, plus a history of the school written by John Dugdale and Peter Townend.

However, Bob then goes on to question the accuracy of the date on the plaque, noting that the first recorded reference to a school in Over Kellet was in the 1630s when the minister, William Curwen, was also the schoolmaster. He continues: "at some point in the 1670s Thomas Wilson gave £200 (about £23,000 now) to provide a salary of £11 a year (about £1,250 now) for a teacher. A Deed of Endowment was drawn up and signed by nineteen trustees. Unfortunately the original document has been lost but two copies have different dates for the foundation – 1677 and 1697".

In 1865 a new school was built and the plaque also marks that event. That building (now known as Old Schoolhouse) was partly paid for by Dr Gilbert Ainslie of Hall Garth. During the First World War, William Farrer (a relation of Ainslie and a nationally recognised historian) reviewed the documents relating to the foundation. According to Farrer's manuscripts held at Lancaster Reference Library, and which Bob consulted, Farrer had researched parish registers of baptisms, marriages and burials and found that fifteen of the nineteen signatories to the original Deed had died by 1697. One signatory died in 1754 and another was baptised in 1670. These dates threw up questions about both dates in the copies of the Deed. Bob's view was that the school would have been founded in the 1630s or earlier, endowed in 1677 when Wilson made his gift, or 1697 when it took effect after his death.

It goes to show that historical research is rather like solving a crime, requiring patient and meticulously careful reading and analysis of the evidence, which is then cross-checked using other sources, to arrive at an informed statement of the likely truth.

Reference

Currency Converter at www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/currency-converter/

Peter Clinch

FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

OK VIEW – 10 YEARS AGO (JUNE 2010)

In an issue considerably thinner than many in terms of reports of news and events, the editorial featured a picture of a brood of about twenty ducklings and two adults in the spring sunshine near a wooden building. The other matter considered was the correct naming of roads in the village. This followed an incident earlier in the year when an ambulance crew seemed to have become lost when responding to an emergency call and had been observed in various parts of the village before reaching their proper destination. The Parish Council had obtained a copy of the official road plan held by the County Council and it was reproduced in *OK View*. The PC recommended that all residents keep a note of their postcode by their telephones so that, in the event of calling the emergency services, there can be no mistake with the location where help is required.

Peter Clinch

THE 200 CLUB

The result of the draw for April was:

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LOCAL SERVICES

Please note that the 'normal' opening times listed here may be subject to change during the COVID-19 emergency. You are advised to check before visiting.

OVER KELLET

Village Store and Post Office, Craig & Tracy Burns, The Green, LA6 1BU 733207
*M-F 7.00-17.45 (PO 9.00-17.30); Sa 7.00-13.00 (PO 9.00-12.30);
 Su 7.30-12.30 (PO closed); last postal collection: M-F 16.45, Sa 11.00*

The Eagles Head Pub, Gary & Helena Torch, Nether Kellet Road, LA6 1DL 732457
M-F 11.30-14.30, 17.00-24.00; Sa, Su 11.30-24.00

CARNFORTH

Health: **Ashtrees**, Market Street, LA5 9JU
Pharmacy *M-F 7-23.00; Sa 8-18.30; Su 8-18.00* 727877
Surgery *M 8.30-19.30; Tu 8-18.30; W, Th 7.30-18.30; F 8-18.30* 720000
Boots Pharmacy, 24 Market Street, LA5 9JX *M-Th 8.30-18.00; F 8.30-17.30; Sa 9-17.00* 732955
NHS Out of Hours Service 111
Park View Surgery, 21 New Street, LA5 9BX *M-F 8-16.45* 01539 715555
Well Pharmacy, 9 Market Street, LA5 9JX *M-F 8.30-17.30* 732712

Dentists: **Anne King**, 46 Market Street, LA5 9LB *M, Tu, W 8.30-17.00; Th 8.30-17.15; F 8.30-16.30 (closed daily for lunch 12.45-13.45)* 733867
Viva Dental, 29A Market Street, LA5 9JX *M 9-17.30; Tu, W, Th 8.30-18.30; F 8.45-16.30* 735431

Opticians: **Butterfields**, 46c Market Street, LA5 9LB *M-F 9-17.30; Sa 9-14.00* 732724
Philip Jones, 15 Market Street, LA5 9JX *M-F 9-17.30; Sa 9-17.00* 730055

Vets: **Alison Lee**, 2 Queen Street, LA5 9EB *M-F 9-19.00; Sa 10-13.00; 24-hour emergency service* 735249
Burch Tree Vets, 39 Lancaster Road, LA5 9LD *M-F 8.30-19.00; Sa 8.30-12; emergency clinic Su 10-12; 24-hour emergency service* 720002

Library: Lancaster Road, LA5 9DZ *Su & M, Closed; Tu, 9.00-19.00; W & Sa, 9.00-13.00; Th & F, 9.00-17.00* 0300 123 6703

BUS TIMETABLE: UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Route	49	49	49
Day	M-Sa	M-Sa	M-Sa
Carnforth, War Mem	10.28	12.28	14.28
Over Kellet	10.36	12.36	14.36
Nether Kellet	10.42	12.42	14.42
Halton	10.52	12.52	14.52
Lancaster	11.10	13.10	15.10

Route	49	49	49
Day	M-Sa	M-Sa	M-Sa
Lancaster	9.30	11.30	13.30
Halton	9.47	11.47	13.47
Nether Kellet	9.57	11.57	13.57
Over Kellet	10.03	12.03	14.03
Carnforth, Haws Hill	10.12	12.12	14.12

OVER KELLET DIRECTORY

LOCAL AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVES

COUNTY COUNCIL

Councillor Philippa Williamson 221788
 Denny Bank, Arkholme, Carnforth LA6 1AX
Philippa.Williamson@lancashire.gov.uk

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Councillor Michael Mumford 01524 61950
 6 Belle Vue Avenue, Lancaster, LA1 4DD
mmumford@lancaster.gov.uk

PARISH COUNCIL

Meet at 7.15pm on second Tuesday of month

<i>Chairman</i>	Graham Agnew	733407
<i>Vice Chair</i>	Stephen Atkins	720605
	Derek Johnson	733804
	Martin May	881256
	Jean Metcalfe	07795 482403
<i>Clerk</i>	Derek Whiteway	07805 260976

clerk@overkelletpc.org

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

<i>Co-ordinator</i>	Jane Ward	733947
<i>Asst.Co-ordinator</i>	(Currently Vacant)	

Area Co-ordinators:

Central	Malcolm McIlmurray	732921
Kirklands	Tony Wells	733848
Western	Bev Carling	736393
Eastern	Sandra Klijn-Passant	727692
Far Eastern	(Currently Vacant)	
Northern	Paul Witherington	732309
Southern	Alison Harper	734372
Northeast	Ray Garlick	730667
Capernwray	(Currently Vacant)	

QUARRIES

<i>Liason Officer</i>	Graham Agnew	733407
Leapers Wood Quarry		07483 357834
Back Lane Quarry		738888

FOOTPATHS AND TREE OFFICER

(Currently Vacant)

PARISH LENGTHSMAN

Mike Ashton - contact Cllr Metcalfe or the Parish Clerk

St CUTHBERT'S CHURCH

<i>Vicar</i>	Rev Paul Boulter	770300
<i>Secretary</i>	John Halsey	732972
<i>Church Warden</i>	Penny Burnside	884962
<i>Church Warden</i>	Linda Thomas	720628

VILLAGE SCHOOL

<i>Headteacher</i>	Jo Williams	732097
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VILLAGE HALL

<i>Chairman</i>	Peter Thomas	298979
<i>Secretary</i>	Liz Moody	733877
<i>Treasurer</i>	John Gooch	
<i>Bookings Sec.</i>	Lesley Gee	733240
<i>Parish Council</i>	Stephen Atkins	720605
<i>Church</i>	Lindsay Angus	734964

VILLAGE ACTIVITY REPRESENTATIVES

Badminton	Jane Storer	734265
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Bowls	Lindsay Angus	734964
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Keep Active	Lesley Gee	733240
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OK & District Horticultural Society

<i>Chairman</i>	(Currently Vacant)	
<i>Secretary</i>	Verity Clinch	734591
<i>Treasurers</i>	Marilyn Whinfield	07753 435792
	Pat Woolstencroft	733965

Playgroup	Lynsey Winder	730904
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Short Tennis	Joan Shaw	736503
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Twinning Assn	Liz Brumitt	735013
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Walking Group

<i>Contacts</i>	Geoff Jackson	736103
	Ron/Lorna Oswald	736523

Womens Institute

<i>President</i>	Christine Bolton	735030
<i>Secretary</i>	Lindsay Angus	734964
<i>Treasurer</i>	Sheila Cooper	733787

THOMAS WITHERS CHARITY

<i>Secretary</i>	David Mills	732194
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COMPUTING OK WEBSITE

www.overkellet.org

Updated info. to:	Gordon Galloway	720872
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OK VIEW

<i>200 Club</i>	Liz Moody	733877
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B4RN

<i>Contacts</i>	Nick Ward	733947
	Lesley Gee	733240

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Paul Bond	paul@okplan.co.uk
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All six-figure telephone numbers in the directory are prefixed by the STD code 01524
 (note that VOIP-based landlines, including those of many B4RN subscribers, require the full telephone number, including the STD code, to be dialled)