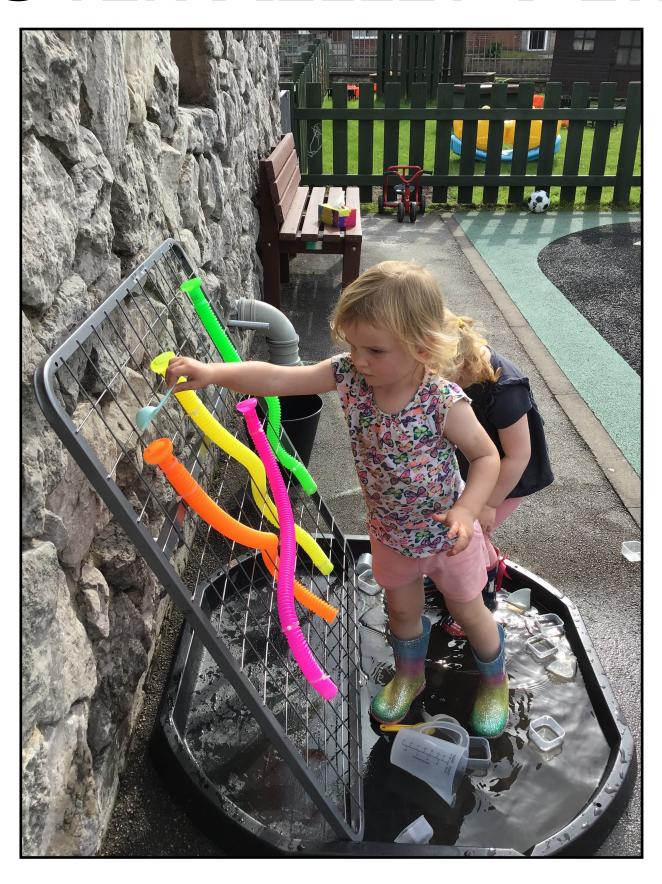
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Autumn into Winter

Putting the clocks back in the Autumn gives us an hour extra in bed but also heralds the steady movement towards evenings becoming dark much earlier and eventually sunrise occurring around breakfast time. In a normal year we might take the seasonal changes in our stride but this year there seems to be even greater significance to the coming months of lower light levels and shorter days. The reintroduction of more restrictive Covid-19 directions feels as though we are entering a dark tunnel with little sign of light at its end.

Unfortunately several items in this issue echo this theme: the official notice (page 6) from Lancashire County Council prohibiting public outdoor events, including Halloween, Bonfire Night, and a host more; the statement on page 5 issued by the Parish Council (PC) announcing the cancellation of the traditional public observance on Remembrance Sunday – at its October meeting the PC expressed considerable regret that the commemoration, which has probably taken place on The Green every year since the memorial was erected in 1921, could not go ahead; the cancellation of the Village Hall AGM (page 14), following hot on the heels of news given in last month's issue of the cancellation of the Over Kellet and District Horticultural Society's AGM and its popular early November Quiz Night. The list of village events (page 14) has shrunk again as societies and groups decide that meeting together is either in contravention of the Government rules or just not feasible in our community of predominantly older and designated 'at risk' residents.

Another indicator of change is the appearance of a For Sale board on the Village Store and Post Office – the article on page 16 provides information on the

background and possible outcomes.



It is with regret that we need to carry a further warning about the activities of scammers who mention Amazon (page 25). In our July/August and September issues we described how they use e-mail to dupe people into buying gift vouchers. Now examples are coming to light of residents being phoned to persuade them to renew non-existent accounts. Be aware and put the phone down.

But all is not doom and gloom! The School and Playgroup send us delightfully warm and up-lifting photos of their activities for inclusion in almost every issue of *OK View* and this issue is no exception (see the cover photo and pages 7-9). So, thank you Jo and Lynsey for giving us the lift the community needs at this time!

Peter Clinch

LETTER FROM THE VICAR

"Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own." Matthew 6:34

Every day it seems like there's something new to worry about. I don't know about you, but I feel exhausted by the changing situation around Covid-19. Just when there seems to be some progress, fresh restrictions come out. For people living on their own, living with long-term health conditions, or recently bereaved it can be hard to find hope. Looking ahead to next week isn't possible, let alone thinking about six months' time.

In this context, Jesus' words in the Sermon on the Mount speak right into our lives. "Do not worry about tomorrow" he says. That's all very well, we might say. A pandemic unprecedented in living memory seems as good a time as any to worry, we might feel like saying back.

But it's not just Jesus saying this. I love that quote from Mark Twain "I've had a lot of worries in my life, most of which have never happened." I'm guilty of worrying about all kinds of things which haven't come to pass, along with a number that have.

The point which Jesus is making is a bigger one, though. He's not saying that we can avoid trouble and difficulty by not looking ahead. Rather, he's inviting us to recognise that we don't have control over so many aspects of our lives.

Worry reflects a temptation to think that we are in charge. It's tempting, but it's not true. The pandemic has reminded us that so often we're at the mercy of events, things which are out of our hands.

The answer, Jesus says in the Sermon on the Mount, is to trust ourselves to our Heavenly Father. If God is our Father, then we can trust everything into his hands. It doesn't mean a free pass from troubles and difficulties. But it does put our worries into perspective, and invites us to trust in the one who knows us better than we know ourselves.

Services at St Cuthbert's

Our Sunday services continue at our usual time of 11.15am, subject to social distancing and wearing face coverings.

Our Wednesday morning Zoom service at 9:30am continues, jointly with St Paul's; home groups are also meeting on-line each Wednesday evening. Please contact Rev Paul on 770300 or revpaulboulter@gmail.com for log-in details.



Remembrance and Christmas

A service to mark Remembrance Sunday will be held on 8th November at 11:15am. Due to the limited space within the church, please could anyone wishing to attend who has not been to a service in St Cuthbert's since the church re-opened in the Summer contact me beforehand so we can accommodate everyone in a Covid-safe fashion.

For Christmas, whilst services **will** be held in St Cuthbert's, we are unclear whether our carol service will take place. At present singing is not permitted and the numbers allowed in church are very limited. We will make decisions nearer the time in line with current guidance, and advertise our plans through *OK View*, on the noticeboard outside church and on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/
StCuthbertOverKellet/.

Rev Paul Boulter

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 2020

With great regret, following advice from Lancashire County Council, there will be no organised Act of Remembrance on the Village Green this year. A representative of the Parish Council will lay a wreath at the War Memorial, read the names of the fallen, and recite Laurence Binyon's poignant words.

Over Kellet residents have displayed a very responsible attitude in complying with Covid restrictions in the past few months; we will continue to do so in order to retain our resilience.

Over Kellet Parish Council

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CORONAVIRUS: PROHIBITION OF LOCAL PUBLIC EVENTS

The Parish Council has received the following information from Lancashire County Council's Resilience Forum, which we reproduce here in full.

"The Lancashire Resilience Forum (LRF) has issued guidance on restrictions around upcoming faith and community events for the remainder of 2020 due to coronavirus.

The restrictions relate to upcoming events including: Prophet Muhammad's birthdate (28th & 29th October), Halloween (31st October), Bonfire celebrations (5th to 7th November), Remembrance Sunday (8th November), Diwali (14th November), Hanukkah (10th to 18th December) and the switching on of Christmas lights.

In line with national restrictions on numbers at events and our strong advice in Lancashire to avoid households mixing, the decision has been taken to prohibit large scale events to mark these occasions in Lancashire.

Angie Ridgwell, Chair of the Lancashire Resilience Forum, said:

We know these are important events for everyone in our community and we're sorry that we have to do this. We haven't taken these decisions lightly and [are] really grateful for your support. By following this guidance we will all limit the spread of coronavirus and help keep people safe.

While Lancashire continues to experience a rapid increase of coronavirus cases that puts the county among the highest level of transmissions in the country, large scale community events create too great a risk for the public.

It is vital that we all work together to follow these regulations and avoid the temptation to break the rules on visiting other people's homes or gardens to celebrate these events putting yourself and others at risk.

We are working with various faith and business groups as well as charitable and community organisations – such as the British Legion – to see whether alternative arrangements can be made to mark these occasions.

Small scale or civic events, such as a ceremonial wreath laying, will be permitted providing permission has been sought from the relevant local authority. Any agreed event will have to be Covid-secure with no more than fifteen people present, and no households mixing.

Unfortunately, trick or treating will not be permitted this year as it would increase the risk of household transmissions.

If you are planning an event or have any questions relating to events in your area please contact your local authority.

Kind Regards

The Community Connector Team"

Peter Clinch

NEWS FROM OVER KELLET PLAYGROUP

Over the first half of the term we have been looking at traditional tales. The children have loved re-enacting a range of stories including The Three Little Pigs, Goldilocks and the Three Bears, and The Little Red Hen. Activities have involved exploring different materials to build with,





making Autumn wreaths, decorating gingerbread men and even baking bread. We have enjoyed making the most of the Autumn sun, playing in our large garden where the dinosaurs roam and the quarry is in production. Unfortunately 'Enjoy-a-ball Paul' cannot attend Playgroup due to Coronavirus restrictions; however, we are keeping ourselves fit and healthy by dancing the days away.

Over half-term the children have been set the challenge to fill paper bags with

autumn items, such as pine cones and conkers, which we can explore and investigate on their return to Playgroup after the holidays.

As the winter months start to creep in, we have decided it should be a time of celebration and we are aiming to fill the Village Hall with colour and cheer, for ourselves and our local community.

Lynsey Winder



WILSON'S ENDOWED SCHOOL NEWS

Workshop with award-winning author Onjali Q Rauf





The author had been booked to visit the school in September, but the current circumstances forced a change of plan. Keen not to miss out on this opportunity, we arranged that Onjali would meet the Year 6 class via Zoom. Onjali Q Rauf is the author of four children's books. Her first novel, *The Boy at the Back of the Class*, became a Sunday Times bestseller and won numerous awards including a Carnegie Medal and the Blue Peter Book Award.

Our Year 6 class are enthralled by Ahmet's story and his journey from Syria as a refugee. Onjali spent time talking with the children about the plight of refugees and the work she undertakes through her charity at the Calais Camps, and answering the children's questions. These were many and varied, from what made her want to become an author, to specific insights into the novel. Val Laycock from The Book Lounge in Kirkby Lonsdale supported the event by sourcing signed copies of the

books for the children to purchase. Onjali signed themed bookplates with a message that read 'with love and light ...'

Following the workshop, Onjali kindly recorded a greeting for the pupils; this can be found on the school's Facebook page www.facebook.com/102100741266104/ videos/993479334503270 and Twitter page.

The pupils were inspired by the event and have begun to think about ways in which they could raise the profile of the challenges faced by refugees. They are also planning a fund-raiser for one of Onjali's charities.

Go to https://twitter.com/OnjaliRauf to find out more about Onjali's work.

School Harvest Festival 2020

We were keen to mark the occasion as best we could whilst being mindful of the current restrictions. Parents, classes and our church community connected via Zoom to share in a special worship. Rev Paul gave a talk that encouraged us to be thankful. He suggested the children used their hands to think of five things for which to be grateful. The school cook, Sarah, baked chocolate cookies which were sold at break time, raising £60 for the Bishop of Blackburn's harvest appeal. This year it is focusing on Tearfund's aim to bring 'hope into reach' for communities lacking a clean and accessible water supply.



Staff News

We wish site our supervisor. Sarah-Jane Chamberlain, every success and happiness in her new role supporting Loyne pupils at the Special School in Lancaster. We will welcoming Liz Kennedy into this role after half term.

School Grounds

In order to keep our school community as safe as possible, we have taken the difficult decision to close the school grounds to the public for the foreseeable future. We are trying to limit the number of people coming onto the

site. We thank you for your understanding as we work together in supporting our community.

Jo Williams, Headteacher

Parish Council - October 2020

The meeting, held remotely using Zoom video-conferencing software, was attended by Parish Councillors Agnew, Atkins, Johnson, May and Metcalfe. County Councillor Williamson also attended. One member of the public was present, as well as our reporter.

Planning applications

The following new applications to Lancaster City Council were considered:

20/00811/RCN – removal of planning condition no. 4 of planning consent given in 1993 for forty caravans at Old Hall Caravan Park, Capernwray Road, Capernwray. The applicant wanted to remove the condition which limited the period of occupancy and substitute permission for all-year-round occupancy but for holiday rather than residential use. The Parish Council (PC) did not wish to see residential occupation at the site and were reassured by the applicant's statement in the application.

20/00912/FUL – change of use of agricultural land and buildings to agricultural livestock haulage depot, erection of an agricultural livestock and HGV maintenance building, and retention of an area of hardstanding (part retrospective) on a field at Netherbeck, Carnforth. No comment.

20/01011/AD – Agricultural determination for the erection of a storage building at Green Pastures, Capernwray Road, Capernwray. (Re-submission of plans previously refused – see **20/00662/AD**). No comment.

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

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

20/00136/FUL - erection of a dwelling in the field adjacent to Woodlands View.

20/00395/FUL & 20/00396/LB – listed building application and change of use and conversion of redundant agricultural barns to create three 4-bed residential dwellings and other works at Hall Farm Barns, Kellet Road.

20/00405/REM – reserved matters application for the erection of fifty-five dwellings at the rear of Old Hall Farm, Kirkby Lonsdale Road.

Lancaster City Council has refused the following application:

20/00662/AD – Agricultural determination for the erection of a storage building at Green Pastures, Capernwray Road, Capernwray

Other planning matters

- 1. Development site adjacent to Greenways and Church Bank
 The PC agreed to look into the possibility of requesting a Definitive Map
 Modification Order (DMMO) through Lancashire County Council to record the
 hitherto informal footpath below the Craggs as a public right of way.
- 2. Lancaster City Council's Review of the Local Plan in the light of the Climate Emergency. The PC will consider its response at the next meeting.





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3. Church Bank green space

Since the City Council suspended grass cutting operations in the Spring the PC has stepped in, with the Lengthsman carrying out the regular maintenance of the space. The PC wishes to safeguard the long-term future of the area and consider the range of possible future uses(s) which are ecologically friendly and yet provide opportunities for leisure use. In reaching its decision the PC may gather information by reviewing how other villages in north Lancashire manage their central green spaces. The PC will consider the information gathered at a future meeting.

4. Replacement of trees felled by the County Council adjacent to Hall Garth Gardens

No further progress with either the City or County Council.

Parish Plan

SpID (traffic calming measure) – the PC reviewed data recently collected from the traffic speed sensors. The general pattern of speeds recorded was similar to last month. The PC agreed to continue collecting data and, in a few months time, consider sending it to the Lancashire Speed Partnership as evidence of the need to employ additional measures to reduce the incidence of speeding along Kirkby Lonsdale Road.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 10th November at 7.15pm using Zoom video-conferencing software. Members of the public are very welcome to attend but should contact the Parish Clerk by e-mail clerk@overkelletpc.org to request details of the link and password to join the meeting.

Peter Clinch

Sam Watson

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Arkholme,

Carnforth

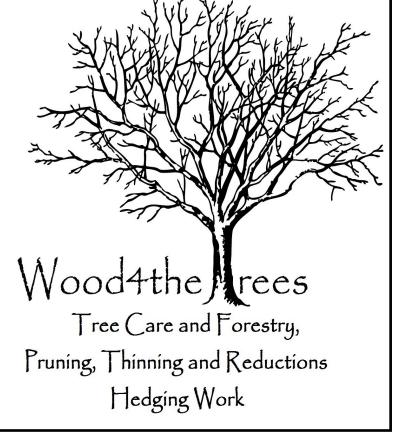
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VILLAGE LISTINGS FOR NOVEMBER (AS AT 16TH OCTOBER)

(CHURCH SERVICES: SEE PAGE 4)

Mobile Library	Thursday 19 th	13.30 13.55 14.20 15.15	The Green 47 Greenways 4 Winder Garth Church Bank
Parish Council	Tuesday 10 th - via Zoom video-conference (see page 12 for details of how to join)	19.15	OKVH
Playgroup 2-4 Years	Monday to Friday	08.30	OKVH



REFUSE COLLECTION NOVEMBER

Grey Bin: 9th & 23rd
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OVER KELLET VILLAGE HALL

It is with regret that we have had to postpone the Village Hall AGM due to COVID restrictions. It was not felt appropriate to run the meeting electronically so the decision was made to arrange a new date in the future.

During the next few weeks you will see the installation of hand sanitisers outside the Village Hall for the use of residents. These have been very kindly donated by Caddick, the construction company who are building the new Porsche garage by the motorway link road. The hand sanitisers will be positioned on the railings by the noticeboard and by the bus stop.

Lesley Gee, Village Hall Bookings Secretary

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LOCAL LIBRARIES REOPEN

Silverdale and Carnforth libraries reopened on Wednesday 21st October with the same opening hours as before lockdown. Visitors can browse, borrow, photocopy and use computers without an appointment, but may have to queue before being able to enter as part of new social-distancing arrangements, which limit the number of people allowed in at any one time. Customers will be asked to provide their name and contact details to support the NHS Test and Trace system, and required to wear a face covering during their visit, unless they are exempted or under eleven years old.

Public computers will be available on a first-come, first-served basis with forty-five minute sessions starting on the hour. It may be possible to extend a session upon request if nobody else is waiting. There are spaces for people to sit and study, and to make use of the free Wi-Fi. As you will appreciate, arrangements will vary depending on the amount of space available.

The 'Six of the Best' service, a selection of up to six books chosen and issued to customers by library staff, will still be available. These can be collected at the entrance to the library. To take advantage of this service phone 0300 123 6703, Monday to Friday between 9am and 5pm or, alternatively, complete the request form on the Lancashire Libraries website at https://lccsecure.lancashire.gov.uk/corporate/questionnaires/runQuestionnaire.asp?qid=834555

The music and drama lending service available to subscribing groups, such as choirs, orchestras and drama societies is also available again, though limited to collections held by Lancashire libraries.

Borrowed books should **only** be returned by placing them in the returned-books container at the entrance to the library. Books will be quarantined for seventy-two hours before being re-shelved.

Books can be renewed on-line or by phoning 0300 123 6704. Customers are encouraged to renew their books before Tuesday, 1st December, since charges for overdue books will be re-instated from that date, as will the 75p charge for reservations.

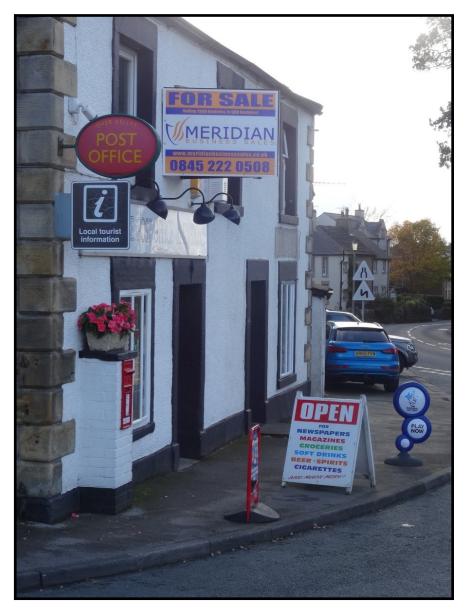
A home library delivery service for the most vulnerable customers continues to be offered, as does the Mobile Library service (see page 14).

County Councillor Phillippa Williamson



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VILLAGE STORE AND POST OFFICE FOR SALE



Even the least observant resident cannot have missed the erection of a For Sale board on the Village Store and Post Office in early October. In fact, the property has been on the market since January but the estate agents advised the postmistress, Tracy Burns, and her husband Craig not to have a board put up since experience shows that this can deter customers. Because the coronavirus pandemic lockdown has led to increased uncertainty in the business property market nationally, they have now decided to advertise the sale more visibly.

If the purchaser is approved by the Post Office the business could continue as it is, maintaining one of the central features of village life; otherwise it would become a general store only. If no sale can be negotiated, Tracy and Craig say they are likely to convert the property to a private house.

Having run the Village Store and Post Office for twenty-two years, Tracy and Craig now wish to spend more time with the younger members of their family and caring for their elderly parents. Many people in the village will be saddened by their leaving and the possible closure of the business. We wish them well.

Peter Clinch



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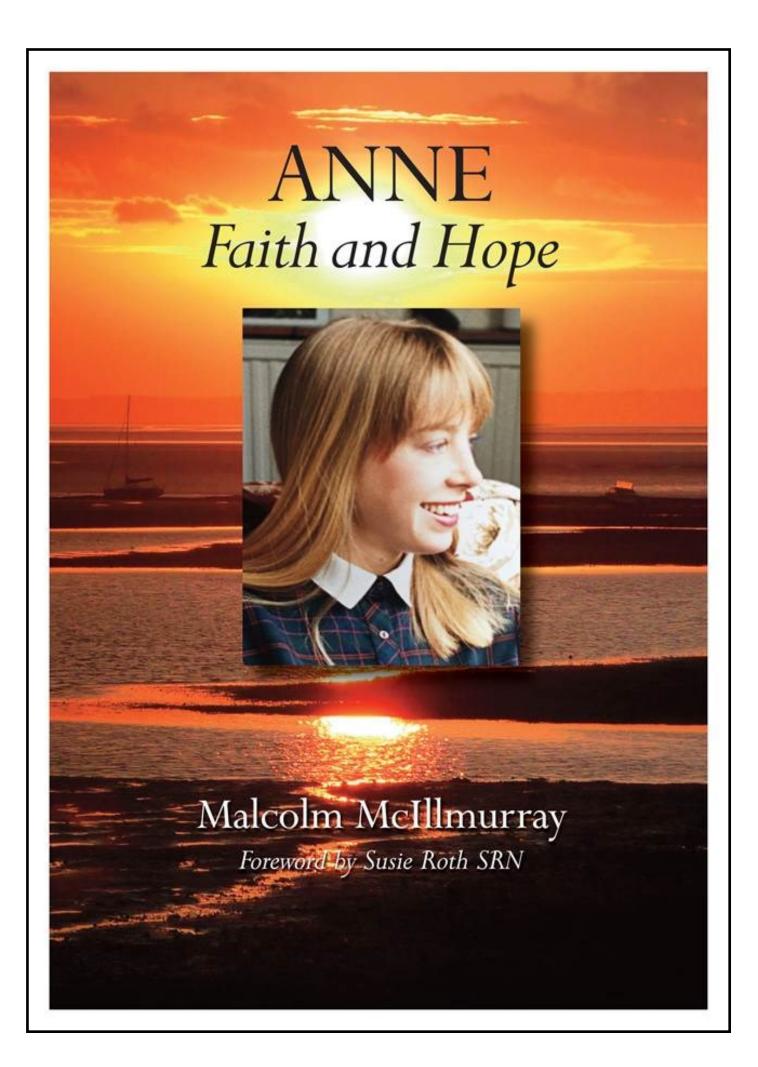
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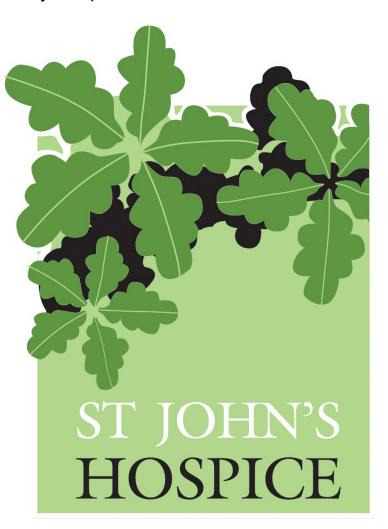
Over Kellet resident Malcolm McIllmurray was appointed in 1978 as a consultant physician and medical oncologist in North Lancashire and South Lakeland. He was instrumental in establishing both Lancaster's St John's Hospice, of which he was for many years medical director, and CancerCare, of which he is Life President. Now retired, Malcolm is an Honorary Professor and Honorary Fellow of Lancaster University.

Thirty years ago, Anne, one of his patients, died in the Hospice at the age of 30 from breast cancer. In his new book *Anne, Faith and Hope*, Malcolm has presented a moving and insightful account of Anne's experience towards the end of her life, describing the way in which her despair and fear became transformed into calmness, hope and peace. The narrative also draws upon the words of Anne's sister Jill, Sister Aine Cox of St John's Hospice, and Lynne Alexander, who was at that time Writer-in-Residence at the Hospice. Anne's own voice is heard through her eloquent poems and a series of extraordinary self-portraits.

This truly inspirational and uplifting book will help to bring peace and hope to those suffering from cancer, as well as to their families, friends, carers and all others associated with them. The proceeds from its sales will be donated in full to the St John's Hospice and CancerCare charities.

Copies of the full-colour book can be obtained at the special price of £5 from the St John's Hospice on-line shop www.sjhospice.org.uk and its shops in Lancaster and Kendal, and also from CancerCare, either on-line www.cancercare.org.uk or from its centres in Lancaster (01524 381820), Kendal (01539 735800) and Barrow (01229 836926). Purchasers may wish to supplement the £5 cost with a voluntary donation. Residents of Over Kellet and nearby villages can, if they wish, purchase copies directly from Malcolm (01524 732921).

Susan and Neil Johnson



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LOCAL CITIZENS ADVICE NEWS

Shopping On-line

In May 2020 on-line sales represented 32.8% of all sales, according to the Government's Office for National Statistics. The body representing the UK's on-line retailers (known as IMRG) reckons that the proportion could reach as high as 50% in the run-up to



Christmas. As a result, it has warned the public to shop on-line early this year. Individual retailers are gearing up – even the traditionally conservative John Lewis opened its on-line Christmas shop for business in August!

When shopping on-line most people probably don't consider the cost and inconvenience of returning faulty or unsatisfactory goods, but checking the small print about return costs could prove to be time well spent.

You'll have legal rights if the item you bought is:

broken or damaged ('not of satisfactory quality');

unusable ('not fit for purpose');

not what was advertised or doesn't match the seller's description.

You won't have any legal rights if:

you have damaged it by wear and tear, an accident or misuse; you knew about the fault before you bought the item.

Note that different rights govern the purchase of used cars.

If you have bought something on-line, over the phone or by mail order so that you have not been able to see the item for yourself, you are automatically entitled to a fourteen-day 'cooling-off period', which starts the day after you receive your order. There doesn't need to be anything wrong with the item for you to get a refund. You won't get a cooling-off period when you buy:

- something that deteriorates quickly like flowers or food;
- an item that was personalised or custom-made for you;
- anything from a private individual rather than a business;
- a CD, DVD or software if you have broken the seal on the wrapping.



You need to tell the seller you don't want the item within fourteen days of receiving it. Once you've told the seller, you have another fourteen days to send the item back. You can use the Citizens Advice template letter at www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/template-letters/letters/cancelling-goods-or-services/letter-to-cancel-or-return-goods-bought-online-over-the-phone-or-by-mail-order/ to let the seller know you're cancelling. Keep a copy so you've got proof you sent it.

You could also phone, but make sure you make a note of who you speak to and what was agreed. It's a good idea to follow this conversation up with a letter or email.

Sellers must give you certain information when you buy something without seeing it for yourself. This includes their business address and phone number, and details of your right to cancel. If you didn't get this in writing (they're allowed to send it by email) then your cooling-off period is increased even further, to one year and fourteen days.

By law, retailers have to tell on-line buyers who will be responsible for paying return postage costs. This information must be available to buyers before they purchase, but the onus is on the buyer to read and understand it; you may need to search the retailer's website carefully to find it. It's also worth knowing that retailers only have to refund basic delivery costs for returned faulty items. So when you return an item, if you choose a next-day delivery service costing £4.50 and the retailer's basic charge is £2.99 for delivery within three to five days, the delivery charge refund would be £2.99.



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LOCAL CITIZENS ADVICE NEWS (CONTINUED)

When an item is posted back to a retailer the buyer becomes responsible for the item as it makes its way through the delivery network. This means that parcel-delivery services offering features such as tracking, proof of posting and/or delivery, and insurance of parcel contents, can be attractive. The value placed on such factors will vary depending on the value of the item being returned and what you can afford.

Most people simply go to the Post Office and send their parcel with Royal Mail - but RM's standard services are not tracked. They can include proof of posting when the item is sent from a Post Office and, for an additional charge, this can be extended to include a signature on delivery. Royal Mail's Special Delivery service offers guaranteed delivery speeds, tracking and higher levels of insurance.

Delivery services offered by parcel companies competing with Royal Mail may offer a higher-level basic delivery, for example including tracking as standard, and a range of insurance choices. Also a primary reason for many consumers using an alternative parcel company over Royal Mail is that they may offer to collect the parcel from your home or business address.



Before choosing which organisation to use to return your parcel it can be worth obtaining cost quotations from Royal Mail and parcel-delivery company websites to help you review and compare services before choosing the right option for you.

Top tips when returning goods if you have to pay the return postage costs

- Shop around to compare price and service;
- Check that the compensation available for the service you choose covers the value of the item;
- Check what evidence of posting or insurance will be needed to make a claim if the parcel is lost or damaged in transit.

Keep safe when buying on-line

Check for signs of a fake on-line shop:

Go to Companies House www.gov.uk/get-information-about-a-company to see if the the company has been registered;

- If you're buying something on a site you haven't used before, spend a few minutes checking it – start by finding its terms and conditions. The company's address should have a street name, not just a post office box;
- Check to see what people have said about the company. It's worth looking for reviews on different websites – don't rely on reviews the company has put on its own website;
- Don't rely on seeing a padlock in the address bar of your browser this doesn't guarantee you're buying from a real company;
- Don't click on or download anything you don't trust for example, if you get an
 e-mail from a company with a strange e-mail address. Doing this could infect
 your computer with a virus;
- Make sure your anti-virus software is up to date to give you more protection;
- Be careful not to give away personal information on-line.

This article summarises information available on the national Citizens Advice website www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/ and the BBC News website www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-54287282

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

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. Portrait format is preferred if possible. Please send your pictures to us at overkelletview@gmail.com

WEATHER DATA FOR SEPTEMBER 2020

Early September was unsettled with quite wet weather and temperatures slightly below average at 16 to 17°C. Mild, wet weather on 2nd gave 26.4mm of rain, and on 7th and 8th a further 16.2mm fell, meaning that 40% of the month's average rain was recorded in the first eight days. The night of 7th into 8th September was very warm for the time of year with a low of 15.5°C at 8am. Fortunately the heavy rains stopped from 9th onwards as much more settled weather arrived.

A colder day followed on 10th with a maximum of only just over 14°C. Three cool, mainly dry days followed on 11th to 13th, but with a strong south to south-westerly wind each day and gusts to over 30mph. From 14th to 21st the wind dropped in strength and turned easterly so we enjoyed some glorious dry late-summer days. Each day gave a maximum temperature of over 18°C and on 15th the temperature peaked at 25.9°C, which was the second warmest September day I have recorded in over twenty years. The week felt very much like the last gasp of summer, and gave some much-needed warm sunshine to help ripen fruit and allow the harvesting of garden produce.

The wind returned to the south bringing rain from the evening of 22nd September, with 27.5mm falling over the following forty-eight hour period. The 24th was a

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particularly cold day, with a maximum of just 10.4°C and periods of heavy rain. After the warm weather of the previous week this came as a shock. It was in fact the second-coldest September day I have recorded in over twenty years!

The remainder of the month was cool, with maximum temperatures of 13 to 14°C and only occasional light rain. Night-time temperatures dropped generally to between 3 and 5°C but on the morning of 26th dropped to just 0.9°C and gave the first ground frost of the season, with ice forming on the grass.

A wet and windy day on 30th September gave a further 12.6mm of rain to bring the month's rainfall total to 89.3mm, about 75% of average. Average daily maximum and minimum air temperatures were 16.7 and 6.4°C, both just a fraction of a degree below average.

Martin Lord

SCAMS MENTIONING AMAZON



In our July/August and September issues we reported on scam e-mails received by local people, messages purporting to be from a friend asking the recipient to purchase an Amazon gift card on the friend's behalf. Within the last month more residents have reported receiving similar requests. Be on your guard! One of the main give-aways that the message **is** a scam is the e-mail address from which the request has been sent – it is usually nothing like the one your friend normally uses. If you are in doubt whether to follow the instructions in the e-mail, contact your friend using their regular e-mail address (or, better still, by phone) and ask if they did indeed send the request. If not, simply delete the scam e-mail. Another question to ask yourself is: would your friend ever write in this way or make such a request?

Another method scammers are using is by sending a recorded phone message to people who have previously had a trial Amazon Prime account. The recording (often in an American accent) says that the account needs to be renewed at a cost of over £70, and gives instructions on what to do to renew or cancel it. Neither is necessary for a non-existent account; the scammers are simply hoping to get your bank account details for their own fraudulent use. In one instance the one-month trial Amazon Prime account was closed in 2018 and no payments had been taken by or made to Amazon since then. Clearly the scammers have obtained data by hacking into Amazon's records

One potential victim, who had received several such calls, followed the instructions to "speak to a technician" to say that no such account existed. The scammer asserted that it was on the system and that computers never get things wrong. The 'technician' didn't like being told that there can be errors in the software and said he would pass the call over to a 'manager'. This second person became quite rude, saying that he was a technician [not manager] and did the caller think she knew better than him! Clearly the scammers were now getting desperate; surely no genuine Amazon employee would behave like that.

If you do receive this sort of message, put the phone down and note the caller's number so you can refrain from picking the phone up in the future. The numbers noted for this scam generally begin with 001, 004, 012, 018, 020, 027, 077, 078 or 117.

Peter Clinch

OK VIEW - 10 YEARS AGO (NOVEMBER 2010)

Transport can be identified as the predominant theme of this issue. Nearly three pages are given over to a detailed description of a circular walking route from Whittington to Docker, Hutton Roof and High Biggin. In another of his history articles, Bob Escolme identifies seven old and probably largely forgotten lanes in the Parish, the origin of most of which had been to provide all farmers with access to the common land on which their cattle and sheep were grazed. The Enclosure Acts of the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries spelt the end of common land, as these grazing areas were divided up by walls and the land allocated to individual owners who became the sole users of the tracks. Finally, there is a short article by probably one of the youngest-ever contributors to OK View: Freddie Woollard (age 8), about the Millerbeck Light Railway, which runs for about a mile through the private grounds of Millerbeck House at Staveley-in-Cartmel, near Newby Bridge. The railway describes itself as "Lakeland's Best Kept Secret!" It is still there and has been run by volunteers for over forty years, opening to the public on only a limited number of occasions each year - details can be found on its website www.millerbeck.org.uk/ or by e-mail info@millerbeck.org.uk or phone 015395 30113.

Peter Clinch

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The result of the draw for September was:

1st (£25) Mr M Whitehead (170)

2nd (£15) Mr E Hollingworth (1)

3rd (£10) Mr A Whinfield (161)

Paul Budd

CAN YOU HELP US RUN THE 200 CLUB?

We are looking for a new collector for the 200 Club around Hall Garth Gardens. There are six houses on this round at present. The job involves collecting the annual subscriptions in January and, if anyone on your round wins, the pleasant task of delivering the prize money.

Please e-mail overkelletview@gmail.com if you can help. Thank you

Lesley Gee

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Please contact Peter Clinch (01524 734591) or e-mail overkelletview@gmail.com for further information.

LOCAL SERVICES

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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); 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; 732955

F 8.30-17.30: Sa 9-17.00

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 8.30-1700*; 733867 Th 8.30-17.15; F 8.30-16.30 (closed daily for lunch 12.45-13.45)

> Viva Dental, 29A Market Street, LA5 9JX M 9-17.30: Tu, W. Th 8.30-735431

18.30; F 8.45-16.30

Opticians: Butterfields, 46c Market Street, LA5 9LB *M-F 9-17.30*; 732724

Sa 9-14.00

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; 24-735249

hour emergency service

Burch Tree Vets. 39 Lancaster Road, LA5 9LD M-F 8.30-19.00; Sa 720002

8.30-12; emergency clinic Su 10-12; 24-hour emergency service

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

-13.00; Th & F, 9.00-17.00

STAGECOACH ROUTE 49 BUS TIMETABLE (at time of going to press)

	M-Fri	M-Sat	M-Sat	M-Sat	M-Sat	M-Sat	M-Sat	Sat	M-Sat
Warton, Croftlands	07.20	09.20	10.20	11.20	12.20	13.20	14.20	15.20	17.05
Carnforth, Market St	07.28	09.28	10.28	11.28	12.28	13.28	14.28	15.28	17.13
Over Kellet	07.36	09.36	10.36	11.36	12.36	13.36	14.36	15.36	17.21
Nether Kellet	07.42	09.42	10.42	11.36	12.42	13.42	14.42	15.42	17.27
Halton	07.52	09.52	10.52	11.52	12.52	13.52	14.52	15.52	17.37
Lancaster	08.10	10.10	11.10	12.10	13.10	14.10	15.10	16.10	17.55
	M-Sat	M-Sat	M-Sat	M-Sat	M-Sat	M-Sat	Sat	M-Sat	M-Sat
Lancaster	09.30	10.30	11.30	12.30	13.30	14.30	15.30	16.15	17.15
Halton	09.47	10.47	11.47	12.47	13.47	14.47	15.47	16.32	17.32
Nether Kellet	09.57	10.57	11.57	12.57	13.57	14.57	15.57	16.42	17.42
Over Kellet	10.03	11.03	12.03	13.03	14.03	15.03	16.03	16.48	17.48
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Carnforth, Haws Hill	10.12	11.12	12.12	13.12	14.12	15.12	16.12	16.57	17.57

Kirkby Lonsdale Coaches Route 490, M-Sat:

Carnforth, Market St. 20.28; Over Kellet 20.36; Nether Kellet 20.42; Halton 20.52; Lancaster 21.10

OVER KELLET DIRECTORY

LOCAL AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVES			St CUTHBERT'S CHURCH				
COUNTY COUNCIL			Vicar	Rev Paul Boulter 770			
COUNTY COUNCIL Councillor Phillippa Williamson 221788			Secretary	John Halsey	732972		
	me, Carnforth LA6 1A		Church Warden	Penny Burnside	884962		
	@lancashire.gov.uk	`	Church Warden	Linda Thomas	720628		
			Church Warden	Liliua Tilolilas	720020		
DISTRICT COUNC	L		VILLAGE SCHOO	DL			
(Currently Vacant)			Headteacher	Jo Williams	732097		
			VILLAGE HALL				
			Chairman	Peter Thomas	298979		
			Secretary	Liz Moody	733877		
PARISH COUNCIL			Treasurer	John Gooch			
Meet at 7.15pm on s	second Tuesday of		Bookings Sec.	Lesley Gee	733240		
month	O A	700407	Maintenance	Roger Cowling	733088		
Chairman	Graham Agnew	733407	Parish Council	Stephen Atkins	720605		
Vice Chair	Stephen Atkins Derek Johnson	720605 733804	Church	Lindsay Angus	734964		
	Martin May	881256	VILLAGE ACTIVI	TY REPRESENTATIVI	=e		
	Jean Metcalfe	07795 482403					
Clerk	Derek Whiteway	07805 260976	Badminton	Jane Storer	734265		
	clerk@overkelletpc.o	<u>rg</u>	Bowls	Lindsay Angus	734964		
			Keep Active	Lesley Gee	733240		
NEIGHBOURHOOD	WATCH		OK & District Ho	rticultural Society			
Police Station, Lanc	aster	101	Chairman	(Currently Vacant)			
PCSO Paul Shephe	rd		Secretary	Verity Clinch	734591		
•	cashire.pnn.police.uk		Treasurers	Marilyn Whinfield	07753 435792		
				Pat Woolstencroft	733965		
	Community Beat Manag	jer	Playgroup	Lynsey Winder	730904		
3573@lancashire.pi	<u>III.police.uk</u>		Short Tennis	Joan Shaw	736503		
Co-ordinator	Jane Ward	733947	Twinning Assn	Liz Brumitt	735013		
Area Co-ordinators:			Walking Group				
Central	Malcolm McIllmurray	732921	Contacts	Geoff Jackson	736103		
Kirklands	Tony Wells	733848		Ron/Lorna Oswald	736523		
Western	Bev Carling	736393	Womens Institute	9			
Eastern	Sandra Klijn-		President	Christine Bolton	735030		
	Passant	884331	Secretary	Lindsay Angus	734964		
Far Eastern	Jane Ward	733947	Treasurer	Sheila Cooper	733787		
Northern	(Currently Vacant)						
Southern	Alison Harper	734372	THOMAS WITHE	RS CHARITY			
Northeast	(Currently Vacant)	07005 440000	Secretary	David Mills	732194		
Capernwray	Derek Burnside	07905 449636	COMPUTING OK	WEBSITE			
			www.overkellet.or				
QUARRIES			Updated info. to:	Gordon Galloway	720872		
Liason Officer	Graham Agnew	733407	•	,			
Leapers Wood Qua	rry	07483 357834	OK VIEW				
Back Lane Quarry		738888	200 Club	Liz Moody	733877		
FOOTPATHS AND TREE OFFICER B4RN							
(Currently Vacant)			Contacts	Nick Ward	733947		
PARISH LENGTHS	MAN			Lesley Gee	733240		
Mike Ashton - contact Cllr Metcalfe or the			EMERGENCY PLAN GROUP				
Parish Clerk							
			Paul Bond	paul@okplan.co.uk			

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)