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### Changes at Wilson's Endowed School

When I heard that Jo Williams (whom we feature on our covers) was to retire as Headteacher of Wilson's Endowed School after twenty years service, I invited her to write a review of her experiences covering both the highs and the lows; two particular highs are illustrated on the back cover. Jo's contribution starts on page 15 and, I warn you, it will bring back many memories – both good and not so good – for residents ... and raise a few smiles!

Jo has provided a regular column since the first issue of *OK View* in October 2007, reporting many and varied school activities, events and achievements. In recent years her reports have been illustrated by a selection of well-chosen photographs, helping readers engage closely with the school's work. Some have graced our front cover. I shall miss these informative and well-written contributions. Jo has always responded positively to my suggestions for material, an example being the recent drawing competition on a Christmas theme which she organised last Autumn and proved such a success. Some of the drawings were reproduced in the December issue of *OK View*. Thanks for the support, Jo!

One chapter closes and another opens: on 12<sup>th</sup> April Darren Newiss takes over from Jo. The editorial team welcome him and hope to carry an article in the May issue in which he will describe the way forward, as a contrast to Jo's look back.

### Over Kellet WI

Perhaps it was inevitable for the reasons set out in the brief notice on page 9 that WI members have decided to wind up the branch from 1<sup>st</sup> April. I hope this sad occasion will be marked by an article (or two) for *OK View*, setting down some of the key events, activities and achievements of the branch over its eighty-five years.

### Visual Arts and the Environment

On page 30 is an article by Sam Pickett who lives in Over Kellet. She is engaged on a visual-arts project called Saturation Point, an investigation into the wild spaces, woodland and hedgerows in our local area and is working with our weather expert Martin Lord. There will be opportunities for residents to take part and learn more about our area through the eyes of an artist.

### Editorship of OK View

To date no-one has enquired about the position which will fall vacant at the end of the year (see page 9). If the post is not filled it is highly likely that *OK View* will cease to appear. A challenge: Nether Kellet residents have kept their magazine going for many years, can we in Over Kellet not do the same?

*Peter Clinch*

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## **CHURCH NEWS**

The welcome arrival of Spring and lessening of the coronavirus restrictions are reminders that there is light at the end of the tunnel and that new hope and freedom are on the horizon. This is good news.

The desire for celebrations is understandable, but amidst this is the awareness of the pain, suffering and loss of those who continue to be affected by the consequences of this terrible pandemic.

How do we celebrate Easter? We may receive a card, a chocolate egg, or flowers indicating that Spring is in the air. But what does it mean as we celebrate Easter as Christians?

We are celebrating good news, the same news celebrated for the past two thousand years. Jesus Christ has the unique claim that He is the answer to all mankind's questions and the solution to all our troubles. In a world seeking a way out of its tragedy and troubles, the gospel announces that the solution is already available. While the world is looking to solve its problems in the future, the gospel proclaims that everything needed to give us hope and salvation has been achieved by the life, death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus. It is in Him, His life and teaching that we can see how we are meant to live. It is by His cruel death on the cross that the sin of the world is exposed and condemned. Through His death we can be reconciled and made right with God. Through His rising from the dead, death has been conquered. Death is not the end.

We are reassured by Jesus' words at the end of Matthew's Gospel "And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." If we doubt God's love, we have the promise "that nothing will be able to separate us from the love of God, that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Because Christians believe Jesus is alive, everything is changed for ever. His saving work is complete and by sharing in our death He has drawn us from death to life. We are no longer captive to the power of sin. Because Jesus is alive our lives have meaning, purpose and a future. Because Jesus is alive, everything is transformed. Because Jesus is alive, we can know Him now.

This Jesus we can know invited the doubting disciple Thomas, who did not believe that He had risen from the dead, to put his finger in the scars caused by His crucifixion. When Thomas saw Jesus alive, he exclaimed "My Lord and my God." When we examine the evidence for the resurrection we, like Thomas, can pass from doubt to faith in the incomparable Jesus who promised eternal life to those who believe.

### **Services at St Cuthberts**

We would be delighted to welcome you back in church for our services on Palm Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March, Easter Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April, and subsequent Sundays. All these services are at 11.15am and subject to social distancing and wearing face coverings.

The Good Friday service will be held on Zoom at 4pm on 2nd April. For log-in details please e-mail [penny@dpburnside.org](mailto:penny@dpburnside.org)

***John Halsey, PCC Secretary***





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## **WILSON'S ENDOWED SCHOOL NEWS**

### **Children returning to school**

Bright and early on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March the school was buzzing with the voices of excited children, all thrilled to be back with their friends. There were the expected anxieties from children, staff and parents as we came together once again. New routines and additional measures were put in place to keep our school community as safe as possible. We are very grateful to our parents and carers for wearing face coverings when dropping off and collecting the children. Hand washing and sanitising are part of the daily routines. Staff in the building are particularly mindful about social distancing and maintaining our bubbles. As I write this, not one member of staff has contracted the virus and none of the children whilst in school. Thank you to everyone who has helped us in keeping safe, it means a great deal.

### **New Patio and Paths**

In order to maintain social distancing, pupils are being dropped off and collected from different doors all around the school. This has caused some areas to become excessively muddy. We have been very blessed in that local builder and former parent, Shaun Rogerson, has worked with three parent volunteers to install additional paths and create a patio outside the hall. This patio will be used as an additional learning space, but it has also created a safer



distancing space for collecting children at the end of the school day. A huge thank you goes to dads Dave Cornall, Dave Carter and Jodie Lauder for their mammoth efforts in undertaking all the groundworks for the patio.

### **Music lives on in memory of Kath Mills**

Following a lengthy audit, the school identified key areas where our music provision could really benefit from additional resources. We are hugely grateful to the Mills family who gifted the school a generous grant in memory of Kath and her love of music. We have been able to purchase a wide range of instruments for our youngest pupils, glockenspiels to be used across the school and music videos to use in worship and for the choir. Kath inspired countless children with her music lessons in school. She







was a much loved teacher who went the extra mile, running choir and recorder clubs. The sturdy school-blue music stands that she donated as a leaving gift are still used every week. The children are absolutely thrilled with the new resources. I know Kath would be pleased that the music in the school will be enriched and revitalised in her memory.

### **Comic Relief and the SMA Charity**

On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March the children enjoyed a non-uniform day and cake sale in aid of Comic Relief. This year we are also raising funds for the Spinal Muscular Atrophy charity. One of our pupils, Lyra, bravely shared her story with the class about how this affected her big sister – a sister she never met who died as a result of SMA. Lyra wanted to raise awareness of the condition and encourage us to support the

charity. Follow this link to our Facebook page to hear Lyra share her story:

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### **My last contribution to *Over Kellet View***

I have just checked on the village website and this item will appear in Issue 136 of *Over Kellet View*. I have produced a submission for every single edition to date. The editors have been patient with me over the years, sending in my pieces at the very last minute! However, I have been very grateful to have the opportunity to share the



life of your village school in this way. Darren Newiss, the new headteacher, takes up his role on 12th April, just three days before the *Over Kellet View* deadline! We have already discussed possible items he may wish to include. He is looking forward to continuing this tradition, celebrating our village school with our community.

**Jo Williams, Headteacher**



## NEWS FROM OVER KELLET PLAYGROUP

Over the last month we have been exploring how to keep ourselves healthy and care for our environment. We have looked at which foods are good and bad for us and sorted different materials for recycling. We enjoyed exploring the early signs of Spring which are popping up around us. We have planted sunflower seeds



to take home and watch grow. We have planted other flowers to put in our garden at Playgroup. The children are very excited to see their flowers growing and are looking out for changes over time. We have made Mother's Day cards for our Mums and talked about being thankful and lucky to have these special ladies in our lives. On World Book Day, some of the children chose to dress up as their favourite characters from books. It was lovely to be visited by Peter Rabbit, Batman, Spiderman and Peppa Pig.

*Lynsey Winder*





## OVER KELLET WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

It is with sadness we must tell you that as of 1<sup>st</sup> April we will cease to function in Over Kellet. Dwindling membership has been problematic for a while which, together with the lack of meetings due to COVID, has taken enthusiasm away. All members have been involved in this decision and concluded that our WI is no longer viable.

Thank you to those who have supported our WI activities which have taken place for eighty-five years.

Please address comments to Lindsay Angus or myself.

**Shelia M Cooper**

*[Editor's Note: at the request of the WI we will retain the entry in the Directory for a few months to assist communication.]*

## OVER KELLET AND DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY NEWS

The Society hopes to resume more-or-less normal service with a talk in September or October and Phil 'n' Sam's Quiz and the AGM in November. More details will follow when available.

Our visit to the RHS Flower Show at Harlow Carr on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June has had to be cancelled for two reasons, continuing uncertainty about COVID restrictions and an anticipated unwillingness of our mostly 'more mature' members to go on a long coach trip so soon. Rather than lose our deposit (paid to the RHS last year, before our first proposed visit), it has been transferred (again!) for the 2022 Flower Show. Third time lucky? We certainly hope so.

Possible visits to local gardens are under consideration:

- car sharing to one of Gresgarth Hall's open Sundays in the summer, though no details are yet available
- a coach trip or car share to RHS Bridgewater in the Autumn. There have been lots of developments there since the Society's trip in the Spring of 2019.

If you would be interested in either or both of these, please let Liz Moody know by phone 01524 733877 or e-mail [j.brewster973@btinternet.com](mailto:j.brewster973@btinternet.com) so we can decide if there are enough takers to make it worth going ahead.

One of our members is offering flower seeds she has collected from her own plants, free to anyone who would like some. There are shoo-flies (nicandra), fritillaries and six colours of foxgloves. Please phone Sheila Cooper (01524 733787), to arrange collection. You'll need to take your own container and wear a face mask.

For now, enjoy the Spring weather, keep gardening, keep safe and well.

**Verity Clinch, Secretary, OKDHS**

### **Wanted - Editor**

*Over Kellet View* requires an Editor to take overall responsibility for the production of the magazine from January 2022.

For more information contact Peter Clinch (phone 734591) or e-mail [overkelletview@gmail.com](mailto:overkelletview@gmail.com)

## PARISH COUNCIL – MARCH 2021

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

### Planning applications

The following new applications to Lancaster City Council were considered:

**21/00076/FUL** – change of use of land to site seven static caravans at Redwell Caravan Park, Kirkby Lonsdale Road. The Parish Council (PC) raised no objection but hoped that the City's Environmental Health Department would ensure that the existing on-site sewage system could cope.

**21/00105/FUL** – erection of two-storey detached dwelling on land adjacent to Hill Top Farm, Kirkby Lonsdale Road. Permission for a two-storey detached dwelling had been given in 2017 but since no work had been undertaken the permission had lapsed. In effect, the present application was to renew the consent. Apart from some observations on details of the application the PC raised no objection.

**21/00116/VCN** – erection of a block of five stables and farm office block at Addington Lodge, Addington Road, Nether Kellet. This application was to vary conditions attached to consent granted in 2012. According to the application form work on the development began in 2014 but has not been completed. The new application relates to changes to the elevations owing to the relocation of stable door openings and the restriction on use the of the stables to the resident of

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Addington Lodge. The PC will review this application in the light of the application **20/01462/FUL** [see Further Developments below] – considered at the meeting in February and to which it had raised objections.

**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.

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

**20/00811/RCN** – removal of planning condition number 4 of planning consent given in 1993 for forty caravans at Old Hall Caravan Park, Capernwray Road, Capernwray.

**20/01025/RCN** – use of land as holiday and touring caravan park to allow for all-year-round occupancy (removal of condition number 2 from planning permission granted in 1993). Old Hall Caravan Park, Capernwray Road, Capernwray.

**20/01072/REM** – reserved matters application for the erection of fifteen dwellings on land south-east of Church Bank.

**20/1073/FUL** – full planning application for the erection of seven dwellings and associated access road on land south-east of Church Bank.

**20/01201/FUL** – change of use of open space to site three static caravans and other works at Castle View Caravan Park, Borwick Road, Capernwray.

**20/01220/VCN** – outline application for the erection of fifteen dwellings and creation of a new access road on land south-east of Church Bank.

**20/01373/FUL** – change of use of agricultural land to site twenty-seven caravans with alterations to land levels etc, at New England Caravan Park, Capernwray Road, Capernwray. At this evening's meeting several Councillors and members of the public raised concern that the City Council had failed to inform local residents under the established consultation process. As many as ten residents will suffer an impact to their visual amenity and questions of light pollution in a rural location were also mentioned. The residents seek better landscaping and planting proposals from the developer. The PC agreed to inform the City Planning Department that local residents had not been consulted.

**20/01462/FUL** – demolition of two stable buildings and erection of three single-storey buildings for use as office and training facilities with a staff facilities building and stable block, at Addington Lodge, Addington Road, Nether Kellet.

**Lancaster City Council has determined that prior planning approval for the following application was not required:**

**20/01379/AD** – agricultural determination for the erection of an agricultural storage building at Netherbeck. At this evening's meeting the PC expressed concern and disappointment at the City Council's decision bearing in mind that previous applications for permission on the site had been refused. The expansion of the cattle transport business was causing concern to neighbours. Changes to land levels on the site appear to have created a flood hazard on Kellet Lane, which had been reported to the City's Enforcement Officers. It was also mentioned that in the



## PARISH COUNCIL (CONTINUED)

past County Highways had raised strong objections to the expansion of the business.

**Lancaster City Council has refused permission** for the following application:

**21/00128/AD** – agricultural determination for excavation works to create four small ponds at Swarthdale Cottage, Swarthdale Road.

### Other planning matters

Illegal felling by County Highways of lime trees near Hall Garth Gardens

The Clerk reported that he had contacted all the authorities involved but awaited responses.

### Anti-social behaviour by owners permitting dogs to foul green spaces and footpaths

Further incidents had occurred and signs erected had been defaced or removed. It was stated that it was everyone's responsibility to identify the people responsible for allowing this health hazard. Residents were encouraged to involve the City Council Dog Warden by reporting incidents either by phone on 01524 582757 or by e-mail [dogwardens@lancaster.gov.uk](mailto:dogwardens@lancaster.gov.uk). [*Editor's Note: also see page 29*].

### Parish Plan

It was reported that the Goosegate plaque, recording the significance of the history of the area on Capernwray Road close to The Well, will be erected shortly.

### Planting of Spring bulbs in memory of Cllr John Cooper

The PC has received a donation of Spring bulbs from Sylvia Cooper to be planted on The Green in memory of her husband, John, a long-serving member of the PC who died in March 2020 (see *OK View*, June 2020, pages 16 & 17). It was decided that the bulbs should be planted close to the Village Cross and the War Memorial.

### Water Main Bursts

There had been bursts on Greenways and then, a week later, a more serious one under The Green. The PC decided to enquire with United Utilities when damage to the surface of The Green would be repaired and seek a sum to replace the Spring bulbs lost. [*Editor's Note: Further Developments see below and also pages 18-19*]

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## PARISH COUNCIL (CONTINUED)

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April at 7.15pm using Zoom video-conferencing software. Members of the public are very welcome to attend and should contact the Parish Clerk by e-mail [clerk@overkelletpc.org](mailto:clerk@overkelletpc.org) to request details of the link and password to join the meeting.

**Peter Clinch**

### Further developments

1 On the day following the March meeting a comprehensive review of the two planning applications **20/01462/FUL** and **21/00116/VCN** relating to Addington Lodge, Addington Road, Nether Kellet was undertaken by the Clerk and Cllr Metcalfe. It concluded that “application **21/00116/VCN** does not itself propose any new development. Given the nature of the variations sought by **21/00116/VCN**, we do not feel there is anything further for the PC to comment on”.

2 On 12<sup>th</sup> March the PC learnt that Lancaster City Council had refused permission for 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.

3 On 16<sup>th</sup> March the Parish Clerk learnt from United Utilities that work to reinstate The Green will start shortly and a sum of £50 will be provided to replace the Spring bulbs lost.

### Lancaster Rural North – Kellet Ward – May 6th 2021 INDEPENDENT COUNCILLOR REQUIRED

A vacancy has arisen on Lancaster City Council due to the passing of former Kellet Ward City Councillor Michael Mumford. This is an excellent opportunity for a local person to come forward and make a difference.

Apart from being your printer of the OK View – I’m a Lancaster City Councillor elected to represent Heysham North in May 2019 elections – and along with a group of 7 likeminded Independent councillors have formed together The Independent Group on Lancaster City Council.

The Independent Group recently attracted Carnforth Councillor John Reynolds to the group - we don't have a whip and currently have one member on the cabinet - and the group recently supported the leading Labour group with their budget - the group were offered input and did so through our member on the cabinet - to hopefully move the whole of the district forward in a positive direction.

With the by-election on May 6th for Kellet Ward – the Independent Group were hopeful there was a local resident who would be approachable to see if they would like to stand in this election representing the Kellet Ward as an Independent candidate. The term of office is for two years and members do receive an allowance of approx £4k per annum - along with the benefit of purchasing discounted annual car parking in the city council car parks.

Its a great opportunity for a local resident to direct concerns i.e. planning / environmental / flytip to officers directly. Previous parish council experience would be considered beneficial. If you are interested please contact Roger Cleet on 07710 405864 or [r.cleet@btopenworld.com](mailto:r.cleet@btopenworld.com) for further information. It could be a once in a lifetime experience.



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## **FROM FOOT AND MOUTH TO COVID! A JOURNEY OF TWENTY YEARS AT WILSON'S ENDOWED CE SCHOOL**

It is incredibly hard to condense two decades into a couple of pages. What were the memorable moments? The highs and the lows?

In January 2001, I had the daunting task of taking over the reins from Sylvia Crewdson, an experienced and much-loved headteacher. Sylvia lives in the village and, whilst keeping a professional distance, has been a huge support throughout. She eventually agreed to become a governor for a number of years.

Starting with the 'lows' and finishing on the 'highs' is probably the more positive way round. Who could have known that as I started in 2001 our rural communities would shut down as Foot and Mouth took hold? I observed the lorries parked at the village green getting ready to collect the unfortunate animals. One family isolated throughout, with school staff delivering reading books and work to the farm gate.

Saying goodbye to those who have given so much to the school has also been very hard. In particular, long-serving governor, Roger Griffiths and staff members Kath Mills and Elsie Warburton left huge gaps in our lives, and also left many memories of happy times as three amazing individuals who always put the children first.

Storm Desmond and a recent burst water main seem minuscule difficulties in comparison to what was to hit us in Spring 2020. Here we are now, facing a virus that has turned everyone's life upside down. It has been exceptionally hard for our families, the children and the school staff. My lasting memory of working in the school during a global pandemic will be the warmth, care and support we have received from our school community, the church community and the village. We have experienced the very best of humanity in the worst of times.

So to the 'highs' – unsurprisingly, they are numerous and frequent. 'People' has to be at the top of the list. For the last twenty years, I have been given the warmest of welcomes. Craig in the village shop may still refer to me as 'the new head', but I do feel a sort of honorary 'Over Kelleter'. Village events, from church services and singing with staff at a jubilee concert, to strawberry teas and the Hort Soc shows brought me closer to the community.

There have been many memorable times involving interesting and entertaining visitors. Hard to forget was putting up festive decorations one September to accommodate the filming of the Hairy Bikers' 2008 Christmas Special! What folk may not know is that my trousers went in the bin after that day!! I melted them on the exhaust of Dave Myers' new motorbike when having a rock chick moment between takes! [See back cover photo.] Both the children and the Hairy Bikers found the incident most hilarious. It was Si and Dave's second visit to our school. Other notable visitors have included members of parliament Geraldine Smith and David Morris and various bishops from Blackburn Diocese, all of whom have been hugely supportive of the school. The children also loved seeing the late Roger Mace at our Christmas Fairs. On seeing his white beard and twinkly smile, they believed the real Santa had paid us a visit! Everest climber Leo Houlding fascinated the children with his adventures whilst supermarket boss Edwin Booth wowed us with his Harley Davidson impressions!

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Then there were the adventures ... no mountain too high! We have travelled far and wide to give children exciting experiences to enrich their learning. These have been as varied as a child holding a newly excavated piece of Roman pottery, to an evening with Year 6 pupils skimming pebbles across Lake Windermere on a residential visit. Our photograph appearing in *Hello* magazine was an unexpected thrill; we had been at a harvest festival in Westminster Abbey and a group of children and myself were snapped talking to HRH The Duchess of Cornwall [see back cover photo]. Equally unexpected was having lunch with another group of pupils in Downing Street's state dining room, meeting Ainsley Harriot for a second time. The first was when the school appeared on *Ready, Steady, Cook!* The gardening club's herbs were used in the recipe, carefully transported from Over Kellet that morning.

There have been countless memorable events in school across the years, many involving food! There is always a happy buzz and delicious smells for our community lunches. Sausages for Fathers' Day lunches and meringue nests for Mothers' Day to a full turkey roast and crackers at Christmas – all happy occasions celebrating with our families. Grandparents' Day is another special time, making memories with these wonderful people as they enjoy a day in school with their grandchildren. But it's celebrating children's achievements, however small, that brings the greatest joy. I love to cheer on our sports teams and listen to children play music or the choir singing. Equally joyous is simply giving a child a sticker for writing their first words or for being kind or brave. Seeing them grow up and hearing



of their successes has been a particular pleasure. As I write this after school hours, a former pupil has arrived to help his dad with a delivery. He has big smiles as he enjoys a sneak look around his old school, sharing his memories. He's full of confidence, ready to embark on new challenges. How special to have played a small part in his journey.

### **Crunching the Numbers!**

- 507 children have been through the school from 2001 – 2021
- I will have been headteacher for 20 years and 1 term in total
- There were 80 pupils on the school roll in January 2001
- There are 137 pupils on the school roll in March 2021
- There were 10 school staff in January 2001
- In March 2021 the staff team has more than doubled to 22
- I have had the privilege to work with 88 different staff over the last twenty years
- There have also been four Ofsted inspections and four Church School inspections

### **Building Projects a-plenty!**

- Built from scratch: a stone circle; two new classrooms; a new PE store; new library and headteacher's office/meeting room; and an outdoor playground
- Reworked and extended: two more classrooms and a class-sized IT Suite
- Swapped around: the old kitchen became the new staff room on the creation of a larger kitchen
- Refurbished and modernised: all toilets; electronic external doors; school office; and the roof

As a school we have always embraced change and opportunity. New governors, new staff and new families all breathe fresh life into the school, bringing new ideas for a bright future. This is where we are now. But there again some things don't change. The pattern of the year brings seasonal delights such as the cherry blossom that floats like pink confetti across the car park. Key calendar events mark the passing of time, standing in the cold with our giant poppy as we mark remembrance at the village memorial. Magical times follow as candles illuminate a dark, winter church bringing hope through our annual Christingle Service. Some of my first pupils here now send their own children to the school. There are the long-serving staff who have been my colleagues for nearly two decades. Likewise, there are still three dedicated governors who were there at my interview.

Over Kellet has been kind to me. My time here has re-affirmed my hope in humanity. The school vision of Know, Grow, Show really resonates with me at this time. The vision aspires for everyone in that 'In knowing God, we grow as He intended. We show His love for others as we go through school and life with Christ by our side.' This is rooted in a bible verse from Philippians 4 v 13 'I can do all this through Christ who gives me strength'. I have felt (and needed) God by my side, guiding me over the years. However, Over Kellet was there too and that has been particularly special and something I will always treasure.

I will be sad as I drive through The Narrows one last time but as I come over the rise to that wonderful view of Morecambe Bay, I will be smiling. I will feel the warmth from behind from friendships shared and happy times remembered. But mostly, I will feel blessed. Truly blessed for having been a small part of this wonderful community.

***Jo Williams, Headteacher***

## VILLAGE LISTINGS FOR APRIL (AS AT 16<sup>TH</sup> MARCH)

(CHURCH SERVICES: SEE PAGE 4)

<b>Mobile Library</b>	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	13.30 13.55 14.20 15.15	The Green 47 Greenways 4 Winder Garth Church Bank
<b>Parish Council</b>	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> via Zoom video-conference (see page 12 for details of how to join)	19.15	Zoom
<b>Playgroup 2-4 Years</b>	Monday to Friday Except weeks beginning 29 <sup>th</sup> March & 5 <sup>th</sup> April	08.30	OKVH



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**Grey Bin: 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>**  
**Green Bin & Recycling Boxes: 6<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>**



### A BURST WATER MAIN ... AGAIN

Residents woke on the morning of 3<sup>rd</sup> March to water dribbling from taps under much reduced pressure or to no water at all. The cause was a burst water main under The Green a few metres from the Village Cross. Graham Agnew's photo (below) taken around 7.30am shows water bubbling up through the grass and around the Cross. United Utilities staff were on site by 8am and, while turning off the supply to isolate the burst, remarked that Nether Kellet would lose its supply as well. Once the burst had been isolated just after 9am, water was pumped from several tankers into the mains so that consumers could at least do the breakfast washing up! The repair took longer than expected and normal service was not resumed until late afternoon. The second photo (facing page) which I took shows the sizeable hole that was excavated to deal with the leak. At the end of March 2018 there was



Photo: Graham Agnew



a leak from the same water main crossing The Green but under the quadrant on the north-east side including the War Memorial (see *OK View* May 2018, page 14). During the very cold weather in February of this year the water main under Kirkby Lonsdale Road opposite Winder Garth burst creating sheets of ice. There was also a burst under the road on Greenways in late February.

Bob Escolme recounts in his history of the Parish of Over Kellet that the village originally obtained its water supply from wells or springs. It was not until after 1900 that parts of the village received piped (but unfiltered) water from Pedder Potts reservoir. A clean and constant supply only became available when the village was connected to the Thirlmere–Manchester aqueduct around 1949. Local people are questioning the age and resilience of the local water infrastructure. So, how old are the water mains we rely on? Over a hundred years old or merely seventy years young?

**Reference:** Escolme, R.D. *Times of Struggle and Strife. A history of the parish of Over Kellet.* 2003 (see pages 124-125).

### **HOW TO RECEIVE ALERTS FROM UNITED UTILITIES**

Some residents are already registered with United Utilities to receive alerts when there are problems with the public water supply. It is very simple to register: just ensure that you have given United Utilities your up-to-date e-mail address or phone number and that it is attached to your account. If you need to update your information either go to [www.unitedutilities.com/myaccount](http://www.unitedutilities.com/myaccount) or phone 03456 722999.

***Information from United Utilities via Derek Whiteway, Parish Clerk***



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## A MESSAGE FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR PHILLIPPA WILLIAMSON

### Looking forward to better days ahead

With the England Roadmap out of lockdown now published, infection rates in our area falling (currently, mid-March, around 77 per 100,000) and, thankfully, hospital admissions also reducing, we can start to think about a more normal summer ahead of us. As we all know, this has all been possible because of the continuing success of the vaccine roll-out. In Lancashire, by 4<sup>th</sup> March we had vaccinated around 492,000 people which is 41% of our population. There are lots of useful data on the vaccination programme, which is updated weekly, on the NHS website [www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/covid-19-vaccinations/](http://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/covid-19-vaccinations/)



This is an incredible achievement and vaccinations are now available to everyone over 55 years old. We are on target to vaccinate everyone within the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) cohorts 1-9 by 31<sup>st</sup> March (the national target date is 15<sup>th</sup> April). Across the County, our full complement of vaccination services is now set up. You can find a list on the COVID Vaccination website: [www.healthierlsc.co.uk/CovidVaccination](http://www.healthierlsc.co.uk/CovidVaccination)

### Text invitations to book your vaccination

From 9<sup>th</sup> March the NHS began texting people to invite them to book their life-saving COVID jab, making it quicker and more convenient to get an appointment. Almost 400,000 people aged 55 and over and 40,000 unpaid carers will be the first to get a text alert. The messages include a web-link for those eligible to click and reserve an appointment at one of more than 300 large-scale vaccination centres or pharmacies across England. If people have not taken up the offer reminders will be sent two or three weeks after the original alert. Texts will arrive in advance of the standard letter, meaning that if the trial is successful the solution could enable the NHS to react faster to changing vaccine supplies and fill appointments quickly.

### Vaccine Hesitancy

Research into vaccine hesitancy is underway. Lancashire Resilience Forum is working with all faith leaders, including the Lancashire Council of Mosques, and

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primary-care staff to explore ideas on setting up temporary clinics to reach people who may be unlikely to attend other settings and to reduce any potential vaccine hesitancy.

### **COVID-19 Testing**

People who cannot work from home and still need to travel to their place of work are now able to get regular rapid COVID-19 tests at fourteen testing sites across Lancashire. The aim of the regular testing is to help keep essential workers safe by identifying those who are carrying the virus but are not showing symptoms and therefore could be unknowingly spreading the virus to their colleagues or to the wider community. Details of testing sites can be found at [www.lancashire.gov.uk/coronavirus/testing](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/coronavirus/testing) under 'Testing for people who can't work from home' and then 'Where can I get a test?'

### **Workplace Testing**

Businesses across the County can register for Lancashire's workplace testing programme, so they can set up on-site testing facilities where staff can be trained to carry out testing regularly. For more information about workplace testing and to register interest on-line, go to [www.lancashire.gov.uk/coronavirus/testing](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/coronavirus/testing). You can also book a free test by calling 119, book on-line at [www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test](http://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test) or through the Government's NHS COVID app. When you are booking a test, if you don't have the classic symptoms, simply say you don't. A few clicks later on within the website, you can then choose the option which says: 'My local council or health protection team has asked me (or someone I live with) to get a test, even though I do not have symptoms'.

### **Care Homes**

Visitors to care homes nominated by residents are now able to visit them regularly following new Government guidance. Named visitors will be able to go inside the home and see their friend or family member in person. They must wear personal protective equipment and have had a negative COVID-19 test result before each visit they make, to ensure they do not have Coronavirus. However, it is not a condition of visiting that the visitor or the resident should have been vaccinated. This move, which is part of the England Coronavirus Roadmap, is a huge step forward and means that people will be able to interact with their loved ones, friends or other family members and even hold hands for the first time in months.

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### Become a Lancashire Care Hero

The County Council is recruiting more people to support older people and adults with disabilities throughout the Coronavirus pandemic. You can find out more about the Care Hero campaign and apply for one of the jobs on offer at [www.lancashire.gov.uk/jobs/carers/](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/jobs/carers/)

### Libraries

Following the publication of the Roadmap out of lockdown, libraries are working on plans to re-open for browsing and returning to regular opening times. The earliest this will take place is Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April. As libraries prepare for safe re-opening, they are renewing all books to 4<sup>th</sup> May and waiving all fines. In the meantime, the Library at Home service is always available at <http://bit.ly/lancslibraryathome> and you can collect pre-ordered books at the library door. Pre-booked internet access for essential use is available.

### Reading Groups

The Library Service is also now offering reading groups the chance to have a set of their next chosen title sent to their nominated pick-up library, contact [readinggroups@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:readinggroups@lancashire.gov.uk)

### Census

On Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March, everyone in England and Wales was asked to complete a survey. The information it collects helps with decisions on the planning and funding of services in our area. You will have received a letter in the post, giving you details of how to take part in the mandatory survey. If you don't complete the questionnaire,

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## Schools

It is absolutely fantastic that all children were welcomed back into the school classroom on 8<sup>th</sup> March – the best place for them to learn. I have heard so many comments about how calm and positive the return has mainly been, and also about the chatter, smiles and joy, and how the schools feel busy again. The Department for Education and Public Health England have put in place controls to reduce the risk of transmission and along with a school's own workplace risk assessment, these measures create a much safer environment for children and staff where the risk of transmission of infection is substantially reduced. A key change is the use of face coverings where a social distance of two metres is not possible, including in classrooms for secondary-aged pupils. Children in primary school do not need to wear a face covering and no pupils need to wear a mask when outdoors on the premises, eg for PE lessons. Schools may also operate staggered starts and finishes to school lessons to accommodate safety measures; bubble groups and access systems to ensure children keep to social distancing guidelines; and robust hygiene measures to prevent the spread of infection.

## School Admissions

Waiting to find out which secondary school you have been allocated can be an anxious time, for children and their parents. This year 96% of parents chose to complete their secondary school place application on-line, and the great news is that the vast majority of pupils in our area will be going to one of their preferred schools this September. Nearly 97% of pupils have been successful with one of their three preferences: 86.48% will get their first preference, 7.61% will go to schools which were their second, while 2.63% will attend their third preference school. 3.28% have been allocated a place at other schools. School places are



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allocated using the criteria which have been set out for that school. The County Council's admissions team advise parents how to use their preferences wisely, and what to do if they are unhappy with the place they've got. There will be a lot of movement with the allocation of school places between now and September and the numbers of those receiving preferred places is likely to rise as appeals are heard locally over the coming term and other adjustments are made. You can find out more about schools and the allocation of places at [www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools) or by calling 0300 123 6707.

### Laptops

Over 27,000 laptops have now been distributed to youngsters across Lancashire to assist with home learning. These have been supplied by the Department for Education and the County Council via schools and colleges. Although our schools and colleges re-opened on 8<sup>th</sup> March, this essential kit will be needed to help pupils in their learning. If you are aware of a child or young person struggling without access to a laptop, encourage them to speak to their school who will be able to help. A reminder: mobile data support is available so families without internet access can use the 4G mobile network. Schools can request free mobile data packages to help children get on-line and the providers supporting this include 3, EE, Sky Mobile, Vodaphone, Tesco Mobile, Smarty, Virgin Mobile, and O2.

### Policing

Thankfully, during February in the Lancaster Rural North area it has again been a relatively quiet time for recorded crime. Our police are continuing to work with the Local Authority and particularly the City Council's COVID Information Officers, to provide appropriate enforcement to support the COVID effort. They have highlighted a huge increase in mental health demand reflecting the impact of the pandemic on residents across the area. They are also pro-actively targeting businesses that are flouting the COVID regulations and keeping a watch on the number of unnecessary car journeys – particularly to rural beauty-spots and issuing fines if appropriate. The police are also warning residents to continue to be on the alert for scams offering the COVID vaccine. The scams can be received via phone, text, or e-mail. Often a link leads to an extremely professional-looking website and takes the user to a payment screen to enter their card details. You will NEVER be asked to pay for the

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### Highways

Once again, due to the impact of rain and low temperatures, the surfaces of our roads are suffering and potholes are appearing, and reappearing! Remember to report potholes, broken street lights, blocked drains and damaged signs at the 'Report It' website: [www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/report-it/](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/report-it/)

### Fostering

Of the 2,000 children in the care of the County Council, 65% of them are looked after by Foster Carers. You can be a Foster Carer even if you are single, do not have any qualifications, or are not a home owner - you just need a bedroom available for a child that can be their own space. You must be over twenty-one but there is no upper age limit. For more information go to: [www.lancashire.gov.uk/fostering](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/fostering)

Please get in touch if you would like to know more about any of the items covered in this update or you would like to receive a copy of the updates directly. As always, keep in touch, stay safe and well.

*County Councillor Philippa Williamson*

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## LOCAL CITIZENS ADVICE NEWS

### Travelling Abroad After Brexit and During the Pandemic

The rules about travelling in the EU, Norway, Switzerland, Iceland and Liechtenstein have changed. If you are planning to travel you need to:

- check your passport is valid
- make sure you have an EHIC or GHIC
- buy travel insurance
- check what you will be charged to use your mobile phone
- check the new requirements for driving abroad
- check you have the correct documents if you're taking your pet

In addition, you need to check the travel rules applied during the pandemic both by the UK Government and by the Government(s) of the place(s) you are hoping to visit. Since these rules change frequently, the best place to check is on the independent and trusted Money Saving Expert website which is updated daily: [www.moneysavingexpert.com/news/2020/02/coronavirus-travel-help-and-your-rights/](http://www.moneysavingexpert.com/news/2020/02/coronavirus-travel-help-and-your-rights/)

At the time of writing discussions are taking place within the UK Government and amongst Governments abroad on a scheme to allow travel for people having a so-called vaccine passport to say they have been inoculated against COVID-19. No decisions have been made, but when they are they could affect your freedom to travel overseas.

#### **Check your Passport is Valid**

If you will have less than six months on your passport when you travel, you'll need to renew it before your trip. You can check if your passport will be valid for your trip on the Government website [www.gov.uk/check-a-passport-travel-europe](http://www.gov.uk/check-a-passport-travel-europe). If you're using your passport as ID to visit the Republic of Ireland, you do not need to renew it as long as it's valid for the whole of your stay.

#### **Applying for or Renewing your Passport**

Apply for your passport as early as you can – at busy times it can take several weeks to process. If you need to renew a passport urgently, check the information at [www.gov.uk/get-a-passport-urgently](http://www.gov.uk/get-a-passport-urgently). You will be able to get a passport urgently **only** if you need to do any of the following: travel for compassionate reasons; travel urgently for work; prove your identity, for example if you're applying for a job, mortgage or benefits. If you need a passport for another reason, apply in the usual way. For further advice and help phone the Passport Adviceline on 0300 222 0000, available Monday to Friday, 8am to 8pm; Saturday, Sunday and UK bank holidays, 9am to 5:30pm. Calls are not free and will be charged according to your phone provider's tariff.

#### **Make sure you have an EHIC or GHIC**

The European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) is being replaced by the Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC) which gives you the right to access state-provided



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healthcare during a temporary stay in the EU. You may not be able to use your GHIC in parts of the EU where state-provided healthcare is not available.

If your existing EHIC is still valid on the dates of travel it will continue to be accepted in the EU and provides the same cover as a GHIC. Once your EHIC has expired, you'll be able to replace it with a GHIC. You can get a provisional replacement certificate (PRC) if you need treatment abroad and do not have a card. Entitlement to a GHIC is based on your residency in the UK, **not** your nationality, payment of National Insurance or UK Taxes. Most people can apply for a GHIC on-line, but some people need to apply by post. The rules are extensive so check the NHS website [www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/healthcare-abroad/apply-for-a-free-uk-global-health-insurance-card-ghic/](http://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/healthcare-abroad/apply-for-a-free-uk-global-health-insurance-card-ghic/)

**Beware of unofficial websites, which may charge if you apply through them. An EHIC or GHIC is available free of charge.**

### Buy Travel Insurance

Like the EHIC, the GHIC is not an alternative to travel insurance. It will not cover any private medical healthcare or costs, such as mountain rescue or being flown back to the UK. Make sure that before you travel you have both an EHIC or GHIC and a travel insurance policy that includes healthcare. Some insurers now insist you hold a GHIC.

### Check Mobile Phone Charges

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### **Check the New Requirements for Driving Abroad**

If you're planning to drive in the EU, Norway, Switzerland, Iceland or Liechtenstein, you'll need to take:

- your driving licence and vehicle log book (if you are taking your own car) – you should check they're up-to-date before you leave home
- a GB sticker to be displayed on the back of your vehicle, unless your licence plate includes the GB symbol. You can buy the sticker in shops or on-line
- a 'Green Card' to prove you have the right travel insurance - you'll need one whether you're hiring a car or driving your own. You can get a 'Green Card' from your motor insurance company. Request it at least four weeks before you go. When you apply ask your car insurer if there are any limits to how long you can drive outside the UK. You might have to pay a fee for the card
- a hired-vehicle certificate. If you're taking a hired or leased vehicle abroad you'll need to take a VE103 certificate with you to show you're allowed to drive it. You can get a VE103 from a range of different organisations and will have to pay a fee.

Depending on where you are visiting you may also have to take a reflective jacket and/or a warning triangle. Check for what else you need to take if you're driving abroad, and for touring tips, on the AA's website. This has country-specific advice and information available as a downloadable .pdf, see [www.theaa.com/european-breakdown-cover/driving-in-europe/country-by-country](http://www.theaa.com/european-breakdown-cover/driving-in-europe/country-by-country)

If you have a paper driving licence you might need to get an International Driving Permit (IDP) to drive in the EU, Norway, Switzerland, Iceland and Liechtenstein. You might need more than one IDP if you're driving in more than one country. To check if you'll need an IDP for the countries you'll be driving in go to [www.gov.uk/driving-abroad/international-driving-permit](http://www.gov.uk/driving-abroad/international-driving-permit). You can get an IDP at a Post Office. To apply, you'll need a valid full UK driving licence - photocard or paper - a passport-sized photograph, £5.50 application fee, and your passport if you're taking a paper driving licence. You must be at least eighteen years old to get an IDP.

### **Travelling with your pet**

Even if you have a UK pet passport it won't be valid for travel abroad any longer. You might need to get things like blood tests and health certificates for your pet before you travel. Talk to your vet at least ten days before you plan to travel for advice on what you need to do. There are different rules for travelling with your pet to an EU country or Northern Ireland and for taking your pet to other countries. For more information go to [www.gov.uk/taking-your-pet-abroad](http://www.gov.uk/taking-your-pet-abroad)

### **North Lancashire Citizens Advice**

We are still able to offer e-mail advice via [enquiries@northlancashirecab.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@northlancashirecab.org.uk). To speak to an adviser use the Adviceline Service 0808 2787 882 (Monday to Friday, 10am to 4pm). Our national self-help website is at [www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk).



## DOG FOULING

Returning home from a lovely walk on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March we were greeted by a 'doorstep delivery'. Some disrespectful dog owner had allowed their pet to poo right outside our back door, leaving its trail all the way back to the kissing gate that leads to Greenways. To whoever thinks this is acceptable ... **it is not!!!!** Several people saw the mess and were as disgusted as we were; they informed us that this issue is increasing around the village. Who thinks this is OK? We had the same problem a while ago but it appeared to have stopped after the Dog Warden was involved and put Council signs up. The footpath runs through our garden and is used daily by villagers, including children. Many dog owners pass with their dogs on leads, respecting our home. They are a pleasure to see, especially throughout lockdown. Those who choose to abuse others' spaces should be named, shamed and prosecuted! It is not only **offensive** but is an **offence**.

This is our village, where we live, where children play, our space. Anyone witnessing this disgusting behaviour should please report it to the Parish Council and preferably take a photo as the Dog Warden is now involved. The more evidence the better.

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*[Editor's Note: see also the report of the Parish Council meeting on page 12]*



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## ‘SATURATION POINT’ – A PARTICIPATORY ART PROJECT FOR EVERYONE

Hello I’m Sam and I’m a visual artist. I want to tell you about a project I’m currently developing called ‘Saturation Point’, an investigation of the wild spaces and hedgerows in our area. Last summer I was excited to find a public footpath abundant with wild flowers: cow-parsley, thistles, herb Robert, mallow and vetch to name a few ... notable because these days there are fewer places for wild plants to flourish, confined as they increasingly are to roadside verges or scraps of wasteland. As an artist I’m interested in the interconnections between human and non-human things, the entangled relationship between culture and the natural world. I go out walking across the fields most days, recording my experiences - often with a camera, sometimes with audio equipment. I collect foraged treasures along the way, leaves, sticks, feathers, stones. In my studio I’ve researched how to extract colour from all sorts of material – mud, leaves, berries and bark. Each dye and ink process is unique, dependant on when it was gathered, the weather, which minerals I choose to add to the pot, and more. The range of colours achieved reflects the many hues and tones found in the landscape from which they’re sensitively gathered. As a ‘greening’ artist it’s important that my practice is sustainable, that I consider the impact of my actions, that I recycle or use natural materials which will deteriorate back into the earth without a trace. I’m also concerned about the climate crisis and how art can ameliorate this by providing space for conversation and challenging cultural myths.



My hope is that members of the community will join me and a guest artist or naturalist (I’m part of a network of environmental artists from across the North-West) for a series of seven foraging ‘walks and talks’ which will take place locally from September 2021. The talks will examine the folklore and herbal uses of many of our native plants, plus discussions around the climate crisis and the importance of species biodiversity.

Material gathered during the walks will be used to produce a range of natural pigments which will then become the basis for a textile artwork reflecting our changing weather patterns. Meteorological data will be supplied by Martin Lord who has been observing and recording the weather in Over Kellet since 1999. With a PhD in meteorology, his extensive knowledge will contribute to the project's scientific value. 'Saturation Point' will take place over the course of a year to accommodate the seasons and because the processes involved in producing colour from plants is a form of 'slow art' and should not be rushed. On its completion in 2022 the textile artwork and accompanying video essay will be shown at environmental events and workshops.

Now I'm eagerly anticipating Spring's burgeoning presence along the footpath, which has sadly suffered some damage over the winter. Nature's resilience has never been so essential or felt so threatened.

To learn more about the project please contact me through my website [www.sampickettsomewhereelse.com](http://www.sampickettsomewhereelse.com).

***Sam Pickett***

## **WEATHER DATA FOR FEBRUARY 2021**

February was a month of two halves; the first half mainly cold with some snow, the second half mild and wet.

The morning of 2<sup>nd</sup> February began with sleet which later turned to snow driven on an easterly near-gale. The combination of the wind and near-zero air temperature gave a severe wind chill for anyone who needed to be outdoors. Two dull wet days followed, with heavy cloud and no sunshine. In total 29mm of rain was recorded in the thirty-six hours from the evening of 2<sup>nd</sup> to the morning of 4<sup>th</sup>.

For the following ten days the weather remained cold, with an icy wind from the east or north-east. On 8<sup>th</sup> Storm Darcy brought heavy snow to the east of England but, here in the west, we only had occasional light flurries with hard frosts at night. For a full week daytime temperatures in Over Kellet only briefly rose just above freezing, the ground froze solid and thick ice formed on the canal. Early on the morning of 11<sup>th</sup> the temperature fell to -7.2°C, the second coldest temperature I've recorded in February. Braemar in Scotland recorded a low of -23°C!

From 14<sup>th</sup> February the wind changed to a southerly direction bringing mild, humid air. Ten days of mild unsettled weather followed with rain every day and a top temperature of 12.0°C on 21<sup>st</sup>. Heavy rain from lunchtime on 23<sup>rd</sup> continued overnight and throughout the next day, bringing 39mm.

The last few days of the month were much more settled with fine, dry and mild conditions; an early hint of better Spring weather to come. At the same time, a heatwave affected Sweden and Poland and broke their national temperature records for February.

Total February rainfall for Over Kellet was 15% above average at 108mm. Daily maximum and minimum temperatures for the month were average at 7.1 and 1.6°C respectively.

***Martin Lord***



## OK VIEW - 10 YEARS AGO (APRIL 2011)

After thirty-six issues the Editorial noted some changes to *OK View*. There was a plea for new contributors (a frequent request which we echo now) since two stalwarts who had contributed much to the publication from its start in October 2007 were to reduce their output, and another one was ill. Bob Escolme's regular local history column would be reduced in frequency to an occasional feature; the stock of local walks described by David Hasted was "pretty well exhausted" and no further descriptions would be published. There were no gardening notes in this issue since Miss Smith had fallen ill. On the positive side, the issue carried the first in a series of articles serialising *The Life and Times of an Ancient Mariner* by John Bull, the son of Captain Thomas Henry Bull, a former resident of Over Kellet and father of Mary Thornton, who had lived in the village until not long before.

The administrative and grant application stages for the clearance and reclaiming of the garden plots off Church Bank were progressing and the possibility of setting up an Allotments Association to manage the site was considered by the Parish Council (PC). The PC noted that the Quarry Strategic Plan consultation was a cause for concern; some residents complained of "the over-complicated and inaccessible nature of the recent consultation process, and the absence of buffer zones between the [Kellet] villages and Mineral Safeguarded Areas". A reply from the Executive Director for the Environment at Lancashire County Council was reprinted in full. In this she attempted to address the issues, noting that the Authority is required to present a wide range of information which can make the consultation process difficult. Clearly the authority had not totally succeeded in striking the right balance between openness in the provision of information on how policies had been developed along with the supporting evidence, and the need to communicate complex matters clearly.

*Peter Clinch*

### THE 200 CLUB

The result of the draw for February was:

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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

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### CARNFORTH

**Health:** **Ashtrees**, Market Street, LA5 9JU  
**Pharmacy** M-F 7-23.00; Sa 8-18.30; Su 8-18.00 727877

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**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

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<b>Warton, Croftlands</b>	07.20	09.20	10.20	11.20	12.20	13.20	14.20	15.20	17.05
<b>Carnforth, Market St</b>	07.28	09.28	10.28	11.28	12.28	13.28	14.28	15.28	17.13
<b>Over Kellet</b>	07.36	09.36	10.36	11.36	12.36	13.36	14.36	15.36	17.21
<b>Nether Kellet</b>	07.42	09.42	10.42	11.36	12.42	13.42	14.42	15.42	17.27
<b>Halton</b>	07.52	09.52	10.52	11.52	12.52	13.52	14.52	15.52	17.37
<b>Lancaster</b>	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
<b>Lancaster</b>	09.30	10.30	11.30	12.30	13.30	14.30	15.30	16.15	17.15
<b>Halton</b>	09.47	10.47	11.47	12.47	13.47	14.47	15.47	16.32	17.32
<b>Nether Kellet</b>	09.57	10.57	11.57	12.57	13.57	14.57	15.57	16.42	17.42
<b>Over Kellet</b>	10.03	11.03	12.03	13.03	14.03	15.03	16.03	16.48	17.48
<b>Carnforth, Haws Hill</b>	10.12	11.12	12.12	13.12	14.12	15.12	16.12	16.57	17.57
<b>Warton, Croftlands</b>	10.20	11.20	12.20	13.20	14.20	15.20	16.20	17.05	18.05

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# OVER KELLET DIRECTORY

## LOCAL AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVES

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