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The Village is Changing

As we report on page 16 the Village Store and Post Office is due to close permanently on Wednesday 29th September. The business and associated domestic accommodation have been for sale since January 2020 but have not attracted a buyer. One of the main foci of the village will be no more and there is concern amongst some residents at this loss. However, at this late stage it seems there is little that can be done to avoid the closure. We will be marking the historic occasion in our October issue.

On page 24 we note that site works have begun on the field accessed off Greenways for the construction of housing. In addition, with the grant of full planning consent, work could soon start on the construction of fifty-five new houses on the fields behind Old Hall Farm.

At the time of going to press, and despite continuous advertising since last February, no-one has come forward to take over the role of Editor of *OK View* starting with the issue for February 2022. The Editorial Team have agreed a paper on the future of the magazine which has been sent to the Parish Council and the Parochial Church Council for consideration. These two organisations have funded a significant part of the production cost of the magazine since it began in October 2007, enabling residents to receive it free of charge through their letter boxes. After examining several alternatives, the conclusion of the paper is that *OK View* will cease with the December issue. This is a great pity, for many residents depend on it for village news, events and comment. It is ironic that Nether Kellet's bi-monthly magazine *Round and About* www.netherkellet.com/portfolio-category/magazine/ is still going strong after over two hundred and twenty issues whereas *Over Kellet's* more frequent publication of ten issues a year, and serving a larger readership, will close after less than one hundred and fifty.

Our cover pictures

Front cover

The oldest bell in St Cuthbert's tower dates from 1499. The name of the bell founder is not known. In Church News on pages 4-5, John Halsey reports the setting up of a working group to discuss the future of the bells; more details are given in Nick Ward's article on page 6.

Back cover

Members of St Cuthbert's congregation enjoy a break from an early-August afternoon picnic and game of rounders (see page 5). School Sports day held in July.

Peter Clinch

Wanted - Editor

Over Kellet View requires an Editor to lead the team responsible for the production of the magazine from January 2022. It would be best for anyone interested to shadow the present team to gain on-the-job training and experience.

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

CHURCH NEWS

Benjamin Disraeli said “time is precious, but truth is more precious than time”. Jesus Christ said “I am the way the truth and the life”. These are thought-provoking and challenging sayings. We have all been through very difficult times in the way the coronavirus pandemic has affected us, sometimes in life-changing ways.

Despite the passing of time, some things do not change and can be a source of great comfort and strength. At St Cuthbert’s we are greatly encouraged by seeing recent signs of the life of the Lord Jesus at work.

Confirmation Service

Considering all that we have been through recently it is very encouraging that five young people have made the decision to accept and believe in the truths of the unchanging good news of the Christian Gospel and will be confirmed as members of the church by Philip, Bishop of Burnley, at St Cuthbert’s at 1.30pm on Sunday 19th September. Everyone will be welcome to attend.

Harvest Service

God’s promise in Genesis 8 that “As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease” is a wonderful reason to give thanks and celebrate. We would be delighted to welcome you to join us to celebrate Harvest on 26th September at 10.30am; a wonderful opportunity to give thanks for the seasons and God’s faithful promises.

Singing again!

Another promise to rejoice about is “The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, His mercies never come to an end, they are new every morning”. With the easing of COVID restrictions, we can now sing again in church, which is a special reason to celebrate and give thanks to our loving Heavenly Father.

Celebrating Over Kellet’s MBEs

We were delighted that David and Gwenyth Carling have both been awarded the MBE, which is a unique achievement, and a first for Over Kellet. A humble and moving account of some of their work providing services to health in Africa, which has resulted in this recognition, is described on pages 20-22.

The Carlings have accepted an invitation to give an illustrated talk about their work in Africa in the village hall on Saturday 30th October at 3pm. All are welcome to attend, refreshments will be provided, and admission is free.

Ringling again?

The PCC has set up a small working group to discuss the future of the church bells, under the chairmanship of Nick Ward – see his article on page 6 for further details.

Fundraising made easy

The maintenance of our ancient village church, a Grade II listed building, is an expensive and ongoing challenge especially as our outgoings currently exceed our income. To that end, the Parochial Church Council has recently approved an initiative to generate additional income for St Cuthbert’s – we welcome support from the local community in raising the necessary funds. The ‘Easyfundraising’ website enables St Cuthbert’s to receive free donations as a percentage of the value of on-line shopping. This is at no additional cost to the shopper and the scheme covers over five thousand retailers including Amazon, Argos, John Lewis and Marks & Spencer. To register as a supporter visit www.easyfundraising.org.uk and type St

Cuthbert's Over Kellet into the search box. Once you have registered click on the retailer listed at the easyfundraising website, and do your on-line shop as usual.

Bats, balls and baps

Members of the congregation of all ages enjoyed an early-August afternoon picnic and game of rounders, kindly hosted by Joyce Walling at Kirk House (see photos on back page). More social events are in the pipeline, to which anyone is welcome. Details will appear in future editions of *OK View*.

All are welcome to join us at any of our services. The confirmation service on 19th September is at 1.30pm; all our other September services for worship and fellowship start at 10.30am.

5 th	Morning Worship	Derek Burnside
12 th	Communion	Canon Grant Ashton
19 th	Confirmation Service (1.30pm)	Bishop Philip, Bishop of Burnley
26 th	Harvest Service	Derek Burnside

John Halsey, Church Warden



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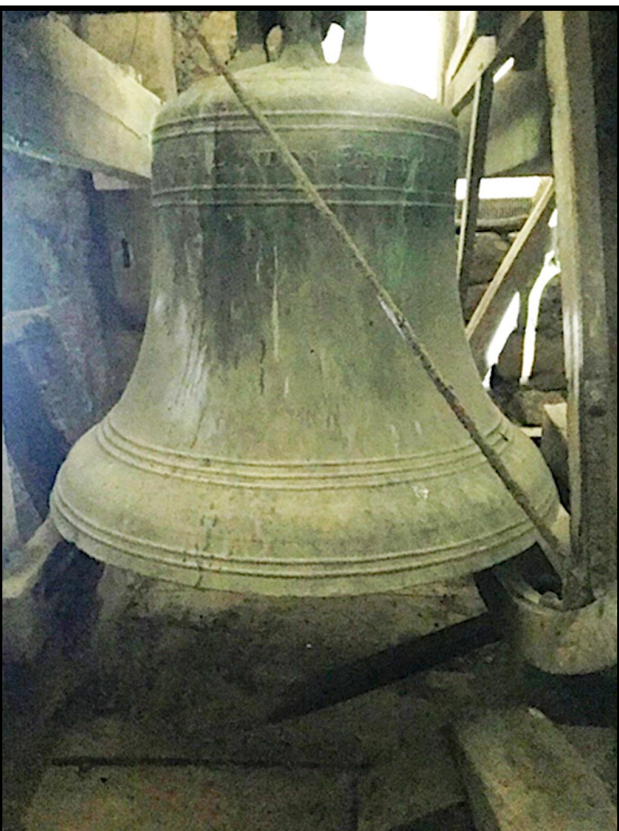
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KEEP THE CHURCH BELLS RINGING ... ?

St Cuthbert's Church has three bells. The oldest (shown on the front cover) is dated 1499 and, although having a preservation order, is no longer useable. The other two, a treble dated 1664 (right) and cast by Abraham Smith of York, and a tenor dated 1824 (below) by Thomas Mears of the Whitechapel foundry, are both useable although in need of retuning. The wooden frame in which they are currently hung is unsafe and in need of replacement. The bells were last rung in celebration of HM the Queen's ninetieth birthday in 2016, and were condemned soon after that.

The choice open to the church is either to have the bells removed for safety reasons at a not inconsiderable cost, meaning the village would lose an asset which it has enjoyed for at least five hundred years, or to see if the bells can be restored and whether funding could be obtained to do this.

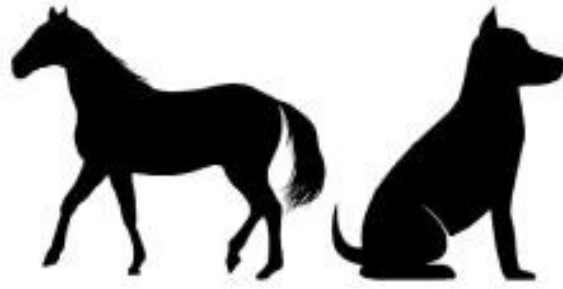
An initial appraisal was carried out by the Diocesan Bells Adviser in 2015, who said that in order for grant aid to be awarded it would be necessary to obtain four additional bells, so that a peal of six would be available for full change-ringing by local groups of bell-ringers. This would not only be good for church purposes (weddings in particular) and for secular village purposes (to celebrate such occasions as the end of COVID restrictions, but hopefully *not* to herald invasions!) and also perhaps to encourage residents to take up the hobby of bell-ringing.



As John Halsey mentions in Church News, pages 4-5, in June this year the PCC agreed that a small working party be established "to explore the advisability, viability and affordability of restoring or replacing the church bells". Its members are Nick Ward (chair), John Halsey (secretary), Sally Dickens, Joyce Walling. Marilyn Whinfield and Tony Whinfield.

Whether the project can be resurrected so that we will hear church bells ringing out in Over Kellet in the future remains to be seen. Let us hope that there will be some progress to report in a future issue of *OK View*.

Nick Ward



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WILSON'S ENDOWED SCHOOL NEWS



End of Year Celebration

Sadly, the final service of the year had to be recorded again in July; however the children and staff did an amazing job recording and combining their efforts through the year. We gave thanks to our wonderful Year 6 leavers (pictured above), and presented them with Bibles. Mr Saunders, Mrs Williams and Mr Burnside were kind enough to present the awards, for which we are very grateful.



Facelift

A massive thank you to the PTA for helping to paint the rear of the building through the summer. It makes a huge visual difference and we're hoping that Cedars, who will be using the fenced area more, will appreciate it! We've also had a reading chair and playhouse built to further improve the area.

A New Year with new faces

We are delighted to welcome our new

Reception children into our school this year; we look forward to working with their parents to help guide and nurture their futures so that they have the best start in life.

Westmorland County Show

Our stand in the “Learning for Life” was based upon last year’s British Values week, where we learnt about democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect for and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs and for those without faith. The stand was colourful as always and was a success!

September 2021

We hope and pray that school can return to more normal procedures this year. It has been an incredibly disrupted eighteen months, but we have done our best to continue to provide high-quality education throughout. It is much easier (and preferable!) to have all our children in so we can properly focus on them. We have plenty of events planned for the next few months and especially look forward to having more visitors and trips!

Darren Newiss, Headteacher



*Editorial Note:
the photos on
this page
feature the
School’s Sports
day held in July.*

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NEWS FROM OVER KELLET PLAYGROUP



Playgroup ended for the summer holidays on a high, with the sun shining and smiles on all of our faces. We held a sports day and enjoyed playing in the water on the last two days. The children loved playing in the paddling pool, having water fights and playing with the 'ducks in the pond' and also having snack and lunch under the gazebo whilst watching the cows in the field and the tractors drive past.

Bearing in mind the COVID restrictions, we were fortunate with the weather to be able to hold our leavers' service for our pre-schoolers, who are going to school in September, outside in the garden. We were able to celebrate all of their achievements and let them know how proud we are of them all. We wish them luck as they start their next adventure at Primary School.

Lynsey Winder



OVER KELLET AND DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY NEWS

By the time this issue of *OK View* goes out, Phil Hegarty's Plants'n'Pimms evening should have got our new season off to a rousing start. Sadly it couldn't be arranged in time to go in the last issue, but Society members were informed and no doubt the village telegraph will have let other interested people know about it.

Our first meeting will be on Friday 17th September at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, when Sam Pickett will give a talk/demonstration introducing her 'Saturation Point' project (see pages 30/31 of the April issue). Sam is hoping that members of the community will join her and a guest artist or naturalist for a series of seven local foraging 'walks and talks' through the seasons, culminating in the production of a textile artwork and accompanying video essay to be shown at environmental events and workshops. This will be a great opportunity to get out and about with friends and neighbours to learn about biodiversity and the effect of climate change in our area.

Friday 12th November will see the return of Phil and Sam's Quiz Night - definitely a date to put in your diary!

The Society's AGM and members' coffee morning will be held on Saturday 27th November in the Village Hall. We hope to have demonstrations of some seasonal plant arrangements, possibly with a chance to 'have a go' yourself.

Our usual coffee morning will be in early February. In Spring Brian Smith will give an illustrated talk on the Thomas Mawson garden at Silverdale, to be followed by a visit to the garden in April or May.

Our cancelled trip for the 2020 RHS Harlow Carr Summer Flower Show was rebooked for 2021, and has been re-rebooked for 2022 - with the deposit still valid. That will be on a Saturday in June; the date is not yet given on the RHS website.

More details of the above events will follow when available.

Verity Clinch, Secretary, OKDHS



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PARISH COUNCIL – JULY 2021

The meeting was held in the Village Hall and attended by Parish Councillors Agnew, Atkins, Johnson, May and Metcalfe. City Councillor Morris had been invited to this and the previous Parish Council (PC) meeting but had failed to reply. Concern was expressed at the lack of contact. Three members of the public were present, as well as our reporter.

Planning applications

The following new applications to Lancaster City Council were considered:

21/00517/FUL – demolition of existing bungalow and erection of replacement; change of use of agricultural land to residential at Leapers Rock, Kellet Road. No comment.

21/00561/FUL – change of use of land to site forty-two static caravans to replace forty-five touring caravans and the creation of an amenity area at Maggots Woodland, Castle View Caravan Park, Borwick Road. No comment.

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

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, 20/01073/FUL & 20/01220/VCN – erection of a total of twenty two dwellings 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.

20/01373/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.

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.

21/00076/FUL – change of use of land to site seven static caravans at Redwell Caravan Park, Kirkby Lonsdale Road.

21/00105/FUL – erection of two-storey detached dwelling on land adjacent to Hill Top Farm, Kirkby Lonsdale Road.

21/00116/VCN – erection of a block of five stables and farm office block at Addington Lodge, Addington Road, Nether Kellet.

21/00363/FUL & 21/00358/LB – application to demolish some outbuildings, change the use of and conversion of existing barn (with associated application for listed building consent) to permit five dwellings, etc, at Old Hall Farm, Kirkby Lonsdale Road.

21/00543/FUL – Erection of twenty holiday chalets with associated access, car parking and landscaping and installation of a sewage treatment plant at Capernwray Diving Centre, Jackdaw Quarry, Capernwray Road.

Lancaster City Council has approved the following application:

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

Lancaster City Council has refused the following application:

20/01246/FUL – Erection of nine dwellings with associated access and alterations to land levels on land south-west of Church Bank, Nether Kellet Road.

Other planning matters

Contractors' access to the site of a proposed new house off Woodlands View

It was reported that some work to create an access to the site has already taken place, to the concern of nearby residents. The applicant of the approved plan for the new house has been informed by Lancaster City Council that an application will need to be submitted to obtain permission for an access to the site. The City Council will not take any enforcement action against the applicant at this stage, but will monitor the situation.

Lengthsman's Contract

The Clerk is continuing to negotiate with Bolton-le-Sands PC over arrangements to obtain reimbursement of money spent to pay the lengthsman for work done since Bolton changed the terms of the agreement between it and Nether Kellet and Over Kellet last Autumn.

Other matters

Replacement tree planting programme

This programme is the result of the unauthorised felling by Lancashire County Council of three lime trees near the entrance to Hall Garth Gardens. The PC has received a letter and plan from Lancashire County Highways which identify several areas where seven semi-mature trees might be planted within the parish of Over Kellet. The locations are on both sides of Kellet Road starting some distance away

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PARISH COUNCIL (CONTINUED)

from The Narrows and ending near the junction with the former A601(M) and along the east side of the former A601(M) itself. The PC received the communication and Councillors will examine the sites in more detail before responding to County Highways.

Carnforth Town Council Neighbourhood Development Plan

The PC received the draft document which contained no proposals with a direct impact on Over Kellet. It considered the proposals 'aspirational' and noted that they lacked any detail of how these aims will be achieved. It was agreed that Councillors will look at the document in detail in their own time and respond to the Clerk.

Offer to cover the cost of painting the bus shelter on The Green

It was reported that the owners of Mere Fell Children's Home have made an offer to cover the cost when work is undertaken to paint the bus shelter.

Parking of contractors' vehicles near West Penwyth, Kirkby Lonsdale Road



A resident had contacted the Clerk to complain about the traffic hazard created by vehicles parked on the bend between Greenways and Tomlinson's Row. The resident had contacted the police who had visited the building site and spoken to the site manager. The resident suggested that double yellow lines should be painted on the road in this area. The PC could not support the proposal since the cause of the hazardous parking was temporary and should cease once the building work is completed; further parking restrictions in this area would adversely affect residents of Tomlinson's Row. *[Editor's Note: it is the responsibility of County Highways, not the Parish Council, to approve areas subject to parking restrictions].* Another resident pointed out that this was the third time to their knowledge that police had been called (by different residents) to deal with hazardous and thoughtless parking by site contractors: firstly on Greenways, then at the end of Moor Close Lane and now on Kirkby Lonsdale Road itself. It was noted that the problems had re-occurred within days of police attending the sites on all three occasions.

Closure of the Village Store and Post Office

The Editor of *OK View* reported that he had been copied into an e-mail sent by a

resident to the Parish Clerk and the City and County Councillors, seeking views on the potential closure of the village shop and Post Office. The Parish Clerk said he had not received the e-mail. Since Councillors did not have the full details before them they discussed the position in general terms and the Editor was requested to forward a copy to the Clerk for future consideration of the questions raised.

Hedge cutting on Kellet Road towards Carnforth and Nether Kellet Road near the Church

These hedges are usually cut by the landowners in September but are already overgrown and causing inconvenience to pedestrians. The Clerk will contact the landowners to suggest that the hedges are cut much sooner.

30mph speed limit signs near The Narrows

In early June one of the signs was reported to County Highways as missing and the other obscured by the adjacent hedge. No action has been taken by the County and the Clerk will follow this up.

Proposed extension to the life of the quarries

Cllr Johnson had attended a regular liaison meeting with the quarry operators and had learnt that they intend to seek planning permission to extend the life of the quarries by excavating the floors more deeply. There will be no extension of the area quarried. As a first step the quarry operators have placed air quality sensors in two locations in the village. The data collected over several months will contribute to an Environmental Impact Assessment Report which will accompany the application. Residents commented on several matters: the measuring stations had been placed on the side of the village furthest from the quarries; there was already a problem of dust from blasts accumulating on vehicles (one resident mentioned damage to a windscreen when the wipers were operated without washing the dust off with water) and coatings on windows, doors and cills, probably washed off adjacent trees by wind and rain. Cllr Johnson agreed to investigate the problems raised with a view to reporting to the PC and the quarry operators. He reported that there had been six blasts since the last PC meeting and all were well within the limits set by the City Council even though the impact of the sound and vibration seemed significant.

B4RN outage

Cllr May reported on the technical reasons for a recent break in connectivity affecting the entire network. He said that internationally there is a shortage of IP addresses which identify each user, but a new system was being rolled out. *[Editor's Note: the original architecture of the internet made available fewer than 4.3 billion addresses. Since the late 1980s it has been anticipated that the number of addresses would run out as the internet grew in size. Several factors have contributed to this situation: the development and popularity of mobile devices; the number of connections which are 'always on'; the vast increase in internet use in countries such as China and India; the allocation of IP addresses to organisations in the early years of the internet who eventually did not use them. The international effort is to move addresses from the IPv4 protocol to IPv6. For more information see https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/IPv4_address_exhaustion].*

The next meeting will be held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 14th September at 7.15pm.

Peter Clinch

CLOSURE OF THE VILLAGE STORE AND POST OFFICE

As we reported in our issue for November 2020 at page 16, the village's Postmistress Tracy Burns and her husband Craig – the owners of the Village Store and Post Office since 1998 – wish to retire to spend more time with the younger members of their family and caring for elderly parents. We are very grateful to them for their dedication in providing this important service for so long and wish them well in their retirement.

The premises were put on the market in January 2020 but no sale has resulted and Post Office Ltd (POL) has approved the closure of the Post Office section from the end of business on Wednesday 29th September. Clearly neither prospective purchasers nor POL see the the business as viable; it does not generate sufficient income. This is hardly surprising when one considers the competition locally: three supermarkets situated within two miles of the village; national supermarkets offering on-line ordering and home delivery for a huge range of products, including foods suitable for those with special dietary requirements; a Post Office in Carnforth, several in Lancaster and a part-time one in Hest Bank.

Sadly the village faces another loss along with the closure of the WI last Spring and the almost certain demise of *OK View* at the end of the year.

Some villages have set up community shops and other facilities run by volunteers. A local example is Trawden, where the residents run the village store, the local library – which has the Post Office inside – and the community centre, see www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-lancashire-57568017. But Trawden's population is more than three times that of Over Kellet. Other places have set up a once- or twice-a-week Post Office in their community halls or similar, sometimes combined with a coffee morning, but this would not provide the needs of people who like to pop down to the shop for a newspaper and basic groceries.

Any community-run enterprise would need a committed team of organisers and volunteers. Is there sufficient leadership and general motivation in the Over Kellet community to carry such a plan forward?

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BOLTON-LE SANDS LIBRARY EVENT

Summer Reading Challenge

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It is easy to sign up to the SCART Club; children can either drop into the library, or take part on-line at <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/libraries-and-archives/libraries/reading-journey/> All children who participate in the digital version will still receive their prizes.

Included in the SCART membership is a free entry ticket for an adult and one child to one of our Lancashire museums. The event, including the free entry ticket, runs until 12th September 2021. We look forward to welcoming many of you back to our library.

Johanna Kenyon, Bolton-le-Sands Library

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VILLAGE LISTINGS FOR SEPTEMBER (AS AT 16TH AUGUST)

(CHURCH SERVICES: SEE PAGE 5)

Badminton	Mondays Wednesdays	19.00 20.00	OKVH OKVH
Indoor Bowls	Mondays	13.30	OKVH
Keep Active	Mondays	17.00	OKVH
Mobile Library	Thursdays 9 th & 30 th	13.30 13.55 14.20 15.15	The Green 47 Greenways 4 Winder Garth Church Bank
OKDHS	Friday 17th September, talk and demonstration by Sam Pickett on her 'Saturation Point' project (see page 11)	19.30	OKVH
Parish Council	Tuesday 14 th	19.15	OKVH
Playgroup 2-4 Years	Restarts Tuesday 1 st Sept, then Monday to Friday	08.30	OKVH
Short Tennis	Tuesdays	13.45	OKVH

REFUSE COLLECTION SEPTEMBER

From Monday 6th September the days when refuse will be collected from properties across the City will change. Residents of Over Kellet should have received details through their letter box. The Lancaster City Council website which provides refuse collection information and which we have featured in past issues will be amended on Saturday 4th September.



REFUSE COLLECTION SEPTEMBER

The new collection day will be **FRIDAY** from 10th Sept.

Grey Bin: 17th ONLY

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OVER KELLET ALLOTMENTS

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What's coming up in September?

THEATRE:

The Three Musketeers: A Comedy is at **The Dukes** from Thurs 9th to Sat 11th at 7.30pm. Hot-headed d'Artagnan, armed with only a baguette and riding a questionable steed, travels to Paris to become a musketeer. Le Navet Bete, one of the UK's leading touring physical comedy theatre companies, condenses Dumas' seventy page classic into two hours of fun. Very well reviewed. Box Office: 01524 598500 or go to www.dukes-lancaster.org



At the **Lancaster Grand** on Sun 5th there is a family entertainment: **Fireman Sam saves the Circus**. On Wed 15th **Sir Ranulph Fiennes** tells a personal journey through his life: **Living Dangerously**, while **Arabella Weir** takes a very different view on her life in **Does My Mum Loom Big In This?** on Tues 28th. Box Office 01524 64695 or go to <https://lancastergrand.co.uk/> for details.

The Heron Theatre is not opening till next spring.

SATELLITE BROADCASTS: The Royal Opera House makes a return to the cinema after sixteen months closure and all details will be announced on Tues 7th.

SUPPORTING FARMERS AND THE COUNTRYSIDE: Don't miss the **Westmorland County Show** at the **Showground, Crooklands** on Tues 7th and Wed 8th, 8am – 5pm. This is the first time in its history that it will be a two-day event so there is even more time to enjoy what is on offer. Check out <https://westmorlandshow.co.uk/>. **Holker Hall's Annual Chilli Festival** is on Sat 4th and Sun 5th

Other Events

St John's Hospice Moonlight Walk is on Sat 11th with registration starting at 8pm and the 14km (approx 9 mile) walk setting off at 10pm and lasting until 2am. It is open to adults and children over eleven years old. For details contact <https://www.sjhospice.org.uk/event/moonlight-walk-2021-party-night/> or phone 01524 382538.

Learning From The Past is an excellent exhibition at the **City Museum** which tells the story about the efforts for peace and internationalism made by people across Europe during the interwar years and the impact of this shared heritage on young Europeans today. Call 01524 64637 for details.

Guided Walks by Peter Wade: all at 2pm. Sat 4th Lancaster Time Tour; Sat 11th Poulton and Old Morecambe; Sat 18th Secrets of Sambo's Grave; Sat 25th Echoes of Art Deco. To book a place phone 01524 420905.

Heritage Open Days: Fri 10th to Sun 19th – all free but must be pre-booked. Various locations in the area so visit www.heritageopendays.org.uk.

Sorry about the tight format but it is wonderful to have events to write about even if far too briefly. Keep your eyes open and do keep me informed about local items.

Vivien E McCormick

Editor's Note: David and Gwenyth Carling have lived in Over Kellet for a number of years. In the Queen's Birthday Honours List published in June both of them were awarded the MBE for their services to health in Africa. It is extremely unusual for a couple to receive an award as individuals at the same time. David and Gwenyth kindly agreed to our request to provide some detail about their lifetime's activity in helping others in parts of the world where health facilities are extremely basic. You will be able to learn more about their work on Saturday 30th October at 3pm in the Village Hall when they will show film and video clips, including a documentary made in the 1960s for BBC2's Horizon programme showing their work on Lake Chad and at the leprosy hospital at Molai. All are welcome and admission is free; refreshments will be provided.



SERVICES TO HEALTH IN AFRICA

We independently offered our lives to serve God at an early age. We met in Wray Methodist Church when aged sixteen and were married there in 1956. We worked in Lancaster - Gwenyth taught in Skerton Primary School and David was a resident doctor at the Lancaster Royal Infirmary.

We sailed from Liverpool to Nigeria on 23rd January 1958. It was before there were flights to Nigeria, and when it was still a British colony. Almost all medical doctors were expatriates, and there were no Nigerian doctors in the north of the country. So different from today.

Thirteen days and nights on the sea emphasised the distance to the continent of Africa. Today it is six hours by air to Nigeria. A three-day rail journey from Lagos to Jos on the Plateau was followed by twelve hours travel by road to Maiduguri in Bornu Province in the far north-east. Our three sons were born in Nigeria, and one of them is buried there. Two of our grandchildren were born in Nigeria.

From 1958 to 1973 we were based in a leprosy hospital at Molai, six miles south of Maiduguri. The care of leprosy patients at Molai was already well known and highly respected by the Muslim authorities throughout Bornu, a province the size of England and Wales. At first there was just one other British person, a nurse. All other staff were leprosy patients; later, the numbers of expatriate missionary staff

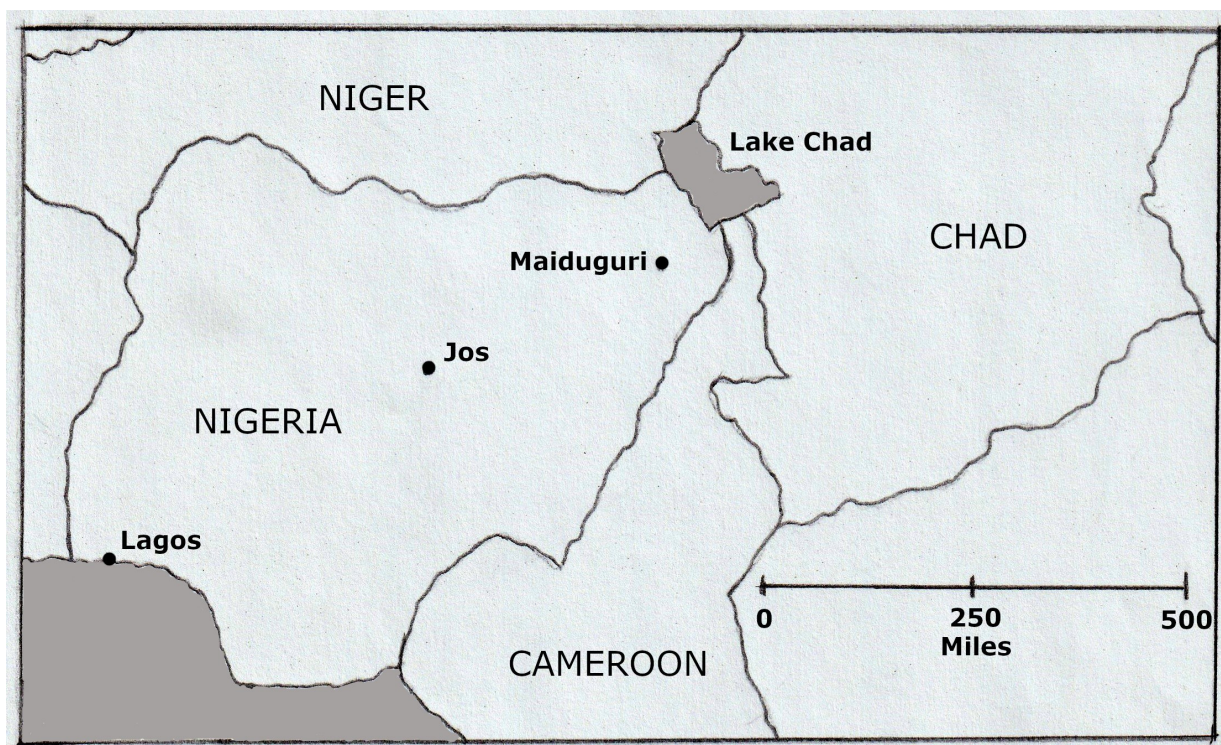
increased. We developed the hospital to integrate general medicine alongside leprosy care, striking a blow against the stigma the disease generates. The Bornu Leper Farm Colony became Bornu Leprosy and Medical Centre.

In later years, following a course in Ethiopia, we introduced a programme of rehabilitative surgery: tendon transfer operations for deformed hands, feet and eyelids. Gwenyth established the course of physiotherapy which was essential for the programme's success.

In 1960, challenged by the unmapped expanse of Bornu to the north-east, we began to establish leprosy clinics giving general medical care also, which developed into a medico-evangelistic outreach to the four nations which share Lake Chad. In those days Lake Chad was a huge inland sea the size of Switzerland, ranging from papyrus reed swamps in the south to a vast open sea with stormy waters in the north. In Nigeria we commissioned the building of our first sea-going boat, the thirty-foot 'Albishir' (meaning "bearer of good news" in the Hausa language). David towed its five tons behind a Land Rover for 1200 miles to launch it into the lake. It enabled the establishment of clinics around the shores and on the islands of the lake, not only in Nigeria, but also in the Republics of Chad (formerly under French control) and Niger, and on the Chari river which opened up the Republic of Cameroun.

The work depended entirely on African missionaries, both Nigerian and Chadian, whom David trained medically at Molai and continued to train on the job as they cared in outpatient clinics for people with **no** other form of medical help.

The need to transport patients for surgery for two or three days back to Molai led to us acquiring in 1971 a second boat 'Albarka' (which means "Blessing") to add a surgical dimension to the out-patient programme on the lake. This forty-two foot boat was built around an operating theatre ten feet square in which major surgery was carried out. By this time Gwenyth often served as David's first assistant in surgery as well as the anaesthetist when general anaesthesia was called for. This now meant that the post-operative care, as well as the outpatient care, was in the hands of the Nigerian and Chadian medical missionaries, so that a hospital was



SERVICES TO HEALTH IN AFRICA (CONTINUED)

taken to the people rather than bringing people to a hospital.

Sadly rebel activity eventually destroyed both Albarka and Albishir, and in recent days Boko Haram has forced the closure of all the clinics in Nigeria, Chad, Cameroun and Niger.

From 1973 to 1976 David was Medical Superintendent of Vom Christian Hospital in Plateau State while also serving as Chief Medical Officer of the Church of Christ in Nigeria (COCIN) and the Sudan United Mission (SUM) which had brought it into being. Vom was a large hospital training nurses, midwives and laboratory technicians.

During this time a new missionary outreach was established in Sudan across the other side of the continent. This also took the form of leprosy treatment integrated with general medicine, implemented once more by African missionaries.

On returning to the UK in 1976, David served as International Representative of both SUM and COCIN involving us both in frequent visits to Nigeria and Sudan.

Following the crisis of killings in Jos, Plateau State, in 2001 we shared in the founding of MedicAssist International and began by developing and strengthening Vom Christian Hospital to cope with the many victims of the crisis. Medic-Assist International urged a visionary and brave Nigerian, Mark Lipdo, to make it an independent organisation. He established Stefanos Foundation to care for victims, widows and orphans. In more recent years Stefanos Foundation has been very active in advocacy for the persecuted and for ethnic minorities in Nigeria.

We have stayed involved with Nigeria over the years, visiting frequently. For the past fifteen years David's visits have been largely in support of Stefanos Foundation.

Africa has been a significant part of our lives for the past sixty-three years and continues to be so.

David and Gwenyth Carling



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At the time of going to press the planning applications made to Lancaster City Council for detailed consent for fifteen houses and for full consent for a further seven remain undecided. The developer is clearly intent on rapidly commencing construction work once the consents have been obtained. It is understood that residents and the Parish Council have made complaints to Lancaster City Council since the developer appears to have 'jumped the gun' and possibly contravened planning conditions attached to the outline consent given in 2016.

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ROUND-UP OF RECENT LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES

Over the last few months legal and administrative changes have been announced which will affect many people. In this article we deal with three of these: changes to debt relief; improved support for people who are made homeless as a result of domestic abuse; and the Government announcement that the £20 uplift to Universal Credit introduced in 2020 will stop at the end of September.



1 Changes to debt relief

There are several different schemes to help with debt relief and management. The simplest is a Debt Management Plan (DMP), an informal agreement between you and your creditors to pay back your non-priority debts – including those relating to credit cards, loans and store cards. You pay back the debt through a single fixed monthly payment, which is divided between your creditors. Most DMPs are managed by a DMP provider who deals with your creditors for you, meaning that you don't have to. A DMP is not legally binding, so you're not tied in for a minimum period and can cancel it at any time.

In contrast if you are able to obtain a Debt Relief Order (DRO) you don't have to make payments towards most types of debt included in it and your creditors can't force you to pay off the debts. A DRO usually lasts a year unless your situation improves. In the meantime; most of your debts will be written off when the DRO ends. To obtain a DRO you need to meet certain criteria: you cannot be a home owner; you cannot have other assets or things over a certain value and you cannot have much spare income. The big changes over the summer were that the the upper limit for the debt owed has been raised from £20,000 to £30,000; the 'Assets Limit' (that is the value of your savings or items of value that you own) has increased to £2,000; the limit on the value of your motor vehicle (if you have one) has been raised to £2,000 – if it is worth more than that then in most circumstances its value will count against your Asset Limit; and the limit on the surplus income you may have each month has been increased to £75 - meaning you will be eligible for a DRO if you've got no more than £75 left over each month after you've paid your usual household expenses and meet all the other criteria.

These changes are significant because there are thousands of people (especially those with debts totalling between £20,000 and £30,000) who are currently on Debt Management Plans but might not realise they'd be far better off on a DRO. Staying on a DMP could result in it being years before their debts are paid off – in fact many will never be – but with a DRO it will all be completed in a year of the application being completed. If you think you would be better off transferring to a DRO you'll need to speak to a special DRO adviser, such as one of those at North Lancashire Citizens Advice, who will help you fill in an application to the official receiver. You can't be charged for the adviser's time but there is a £90 fee to apply for a DRO.

If you are not a home owner but have debts of below £30,000, and you have taken out a different debt relief plan called an Individual Voluntary Arrangement (IVA), you could transfer to a DRO. The internet is awash with scam IVA providers who should be avoided at all costs. IVAs can be closed. Contact Citizens Advice for help.

2 Domestic abuse and homelessness

In the past if someone was subjected to domestic violence and was forced to leave their home, the local authority would not put that person on the housing register for council-run accommodation unless they could prove a 'local connection' – usually evidence of having lived in the area for at least two years. Under the Domestic Abuse and Priority Need Act 2021, which came into force during July, a person who is homeless as a result of domestic abuse against them is now classified as in priority need and will automatically have the right to be placed on the housing register. The term 'domestic abuse' has replaced 'domestic violence', making it easier for the homeless person to establish they are 'vulnerable' and have the right to claim priority need. These changes are a very positive step towards ensuring that victims of domestic abuse receive proper support. For more information contact Citizens Advice.

3 End of the uplift in Universal Credit (UC)

The Government has confirmed that the £20 uplift to UC will end at the end of this September. The loss of the extra money will cause hardship, potentially throwing many more people into debt (especially some of the nearly 40% of people who claim UC and are in work) and could create friction at home. If you are facing these or other difficulties, contact Citizens Advice and talk to one of our advisors to discover: a) if you are claiming all the state benefits to which you are entitled; b) how you can manage your debts most effectively; c) how you can contact organisations which can assist you deal with friction in the household which might lead to, or have already resulted in, the possibility of abuse, homelessness, separation or even divorce.

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Another new service is being offered with a member of Citizens Advice staff on the Council Community Connectors' stand in Carnforth Market Square every other Wednesday from 10am to 2pm. The dates when the service will be available are 8th and 22nd September.

Our other services

We offer e-mail advice via 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

WEATHER DATA FOR JUNE & JULY 2021

The first week of June brought pleasantly warm, sunny, dry weather with mostly light winds. The second week remained warm but was cloudier with more wind and a little rain. The third week saw a return to warm, sunny, dry and settled weather. With a total of only 6mm rain measured over these first three weeks the subsequent three cool but wet days were welcome, bringing much needed moisture for farmers

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and gardeners. The remainder of the month saw a return to completely dry, warm, settled weather. Total rainfall for June was only 31mm, just over a third of average. Average daily minimum temperatures were normal, but daily maximum temperatures were 1.6°C above normal at 19.8°C.

July started warm and dry with daily maxima over 20°C, but from 3rd to 6th July 57mm of rain was recorded – more than half a month's rain. The warm weather continued through to 12th July with some rain on most days.

In contrast, 12th and 13th July saw truly historic flooding in Germany and Belgium with over three months of rain falling in forty-eight hours over a very wide area. Sadly, more than 170 people lost their lives and billions of euros of damage was done. Numerous river bridges were destroyed and over 600km of railways damaged. A few days later Northern Ireland recorded its hottest day on record with 31.2°C in County Down.

Meanwhile, in Over Kellet the weather was very warm and totally dry over the fifteen days from 13th to 27th July. The hottest day was 22nd with a maximum of 29.6°C and the night-time minimum an uncomfortable 15.6°C. Only fifteen days have been warmer in the last twenty-four years. The final four days of the month brought cooler, windier weather and a further 30mm of rain. Overall, despite the fifteen-day dry period, July rainfall was near normal with 103mm. Average daily minimum temperatures were a record high of 13.0°C, and daily maximum temperatures 2.2°C above normal at 21.8°C.

The average daily maximum temperatures for Over Kellet during both June and July were far above average, with each month being successively the third hottest on record over the past twenty-four years.

Taking a wider view

In our village in recent years we have experienced more days with very heavy rain, more long spells of very wet weather in autumn and winter, and more long spells of dry and hot weather in spring and early summer. Fortunately our weather is moderated by the cool seas that surround us, leading some to believe that nothing is changing. However, in many other parts of the world climate change is obvious and becoming very serious. Over the past two months alone we have seen destructive floods in Europe, China, south Asia and northern Turkey (www.floodlist.com/news); extreme record-breaking heat in the western USA and a new national record of 49.6°C in Canada (previous record 45°C); severe hail storms in Italy and tornadoes in the Czech Republic; wildfires in Greece, southern Turkey, the western USA, Italy, Algeria and Siberia. At the time of writing, the all-time temperature record for Europe seems likely to have been broken in Sicily with 48.8°C.

The latest Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report makes it very clear: "The climate crisis is unequivocally caused by human activities and is already affecting every corner of the planet's land, air and sea. Immediate, rapid and large-scale reductions in carbon dioxide and methane emissions are required". Climate change is here. Let us see what our leaders can achieve at COP26 in Glasgow.

Martin Lord

SPARROWS ARE WORTH A SECOND LOOK



Most people recognise and probably take for granted the small, predominantly brown birds that can be seen in gardens and heard twittering and squabbling in bushes. These well-known birds are the sparrows (pictured above), but they are not all the same, and one bird that is often called a sparrow is not a sparrow at all.

This year, the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch reported that the house sparrow was the most commonly seen bird in British gardens. That doesn't mean it is the most common bird in Britain – that honour goes to the diminutive wren. The house sparrow is aptly named; it often nests in the eaves of houses and in gaps in stone-built buildings. It is gregarious, and groups of sparrows often come to gardens and can be seen having dust baths on roads and paths. The sexes are different. The female has mainly brown upper-parts and grey under-parts. The male is more distinctive, with grey on top of a mainly brown head, chestnut back, and a distinctive black bib.

The tree sparrow is much less common than the house sparrow. In fact, throughout the country it has experienced a 90% decline in numbers, and is completely absent from some areas. We are very lucky to have a good breeding population in Over Kellet. The tree sparrow has the distinction of being the only sparrow in the world where the sexes are the same. It is marginally smaller than the house sparrow, and can be distinguished by a chestnut crown and very obvious black spots on whitish cheeks. It also has a black bib.

The third bird is not actually a sparrow, but I'm going to give it a mention because it is a small brown bird, common in gardens, and is sometimes incorrectly called a

'hedge sparrow'. Its correct name is the dunnock (pictured right), and it is an interesting little bird. It tends to feed on the ground and can be seen moving around almost like a mouse. In appearance it is similar to a female house sparrow, with a streaky brown back and greyish underparts. The beak is thin and pointed, unlike the chunky beak of sparrows. For an unassuming little bird the dunnock has an interesting love life, and the female is known to have several partners. The male becomes aggressive to other males in the breeding season and, after fathering a brood with one partner, will fly into another area and start again. The male dunnock has a technique that strengthens the chances of his own genes surviving, but I don't think it is suitable for writing in a village magazine!



From my own observations and talking to people around Over Kellet, I'm afraid there have been fewer swallows and house

martins around this year. The swifts returned in May, rather later than normal, but it was wonderful to hear and see them near The Eagles Head. They will be gone now, but there will still be some swallows and martins in the country. Let's hope they all have safe journeys and we look forward to their return next year.

Margaret Mosey

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Mr David Mills – 01524 732194.

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John Briggs

OK VIEW - 10 YEARS AGO (SEPT 2011)

The death of Peter R. Thomas was mourned in a number of contributions including the Editorial, which noted that “he was one of the [magazine’s] founding members. He was well-known for his keen interest in promoting village life through the creation of the Over Kellet Village Directory in 2003, his thoroughness on behalf of the Neighbourhood Watch and his tireless efforts towards the rebuilding and care of the village hall. His articles for *The Over Kellet View* on the geology of the area and maps for the walks reflected his special interest; he was also an active member of the editorial team. We shall certainly miss his sharp eye as a proof reader and strict grammarian ... We on that team, and many others shall miss his friendship, generosity and love of being part of a busy group but shall remember what he achieved for Over Kellet.”

Two inside pages were given over to a summary of Peter’s life, followed by a list of thanks compiled by his wife, Helen, to the many people who had helped, thought of and prayed for Peter and her over the six years since his cancer had been diagnosed. She ended by saying “I really appreciate all the love that has been shown to us by villagers over these difficult years. Thanks a million.”

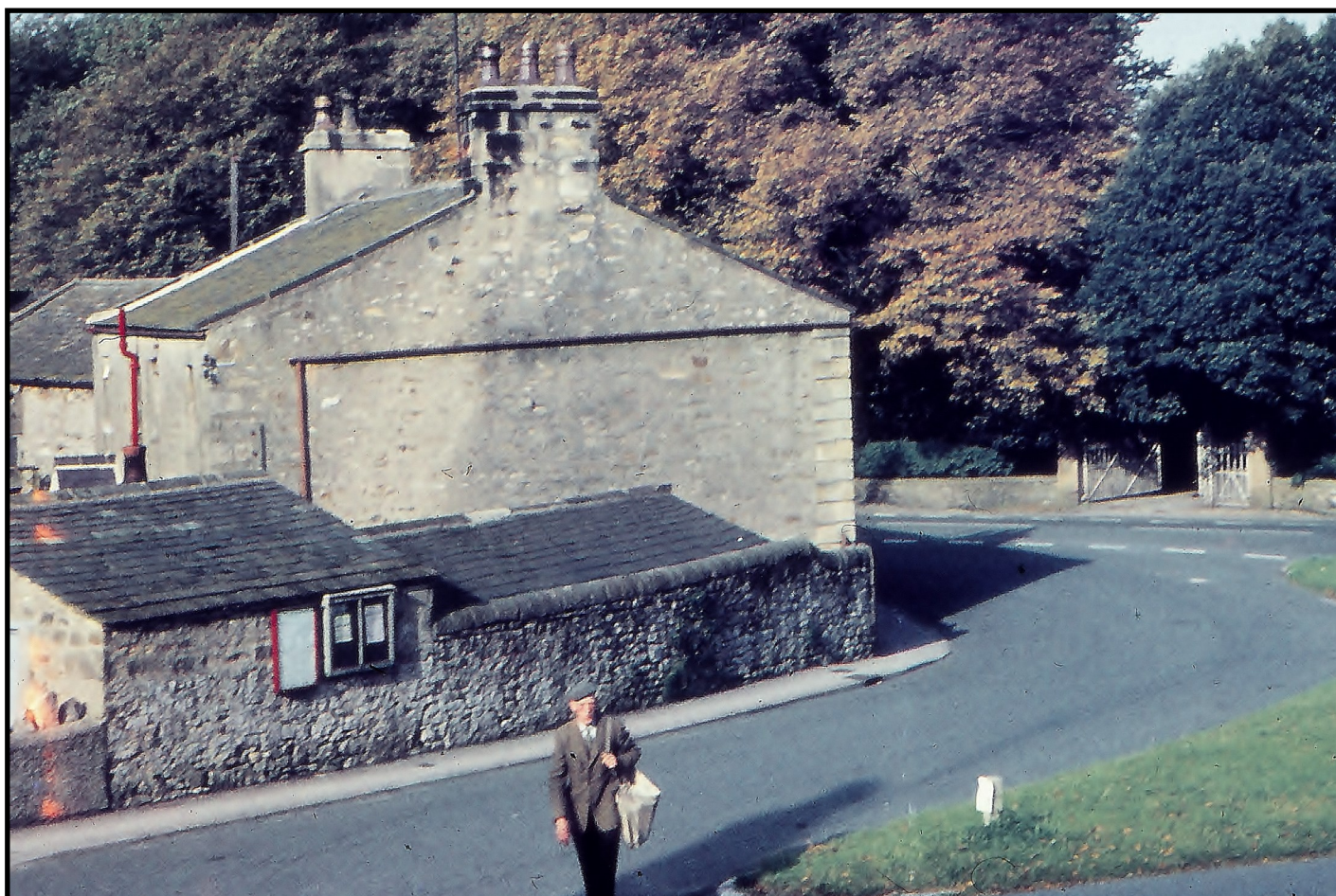
Elsewhere it was reported that on a night in early August lead had again been removed from above the dormer windows of St Cuthbert’s church causing water damage to the carpet and to a large bible on the lectern. The OK Club which met in the Village Hall had finally come to an end since there were now only a few members; the group would continue under a new name: The OK at Home for that was their new venue. The Editorial promoted the annual Horticultural Society show to be held in the Village Hall later in the month and there was also notice of a Flower Festival to be held in St Cuthbert’s Church over three days at the end of the month, with displays to feature contributions from the Village School, Playgroup, Dolls House Group, Sports Groups, Women’s Institute, Soroptomists International of Carnforth, Farming, Horticultural Society, Sunday School, Bible Study Group, Village Hall and Children’s Society.

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TIMES GONE BY IN OVER KELLET



Frankie Wells has sent in another photo taken in the mid-1950s by her father, Ian Townsend. It shows Sam Kershaw, who ran the village shop with his wife Isobel, setting off on his daily paper round.

THE 200 CLUB

The result of the draw for June was:

1st	(£25)	Mrs Sheila Cooper (25)
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3rd	(£10)	Mrs T Burns (4)

The result of the draw for July was:

1st	(£25)	Ms Julie Black (53)
2nd	(£15)	Mr Phil Morgan (118)
3rd	(£10)	Mrs P Woolstencroft (175)

Paul Budd

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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
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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
Carnforth, Haws Hill	10.12	11.12	12.12	13.12	14.12	15.12	16.12	16.57	17.57
Warton, Croftlands	10.20	11.20	12.20	13.20	14.20	15.20	16.20	17.05	18.05

OVER KELLET DIRECTORY

LOCAL AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVES

COUNTY COUNCIL

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

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Councillor Stuart Morris 409282
Flat 1, 57-59 West End Road, Morecambe, LA4 4DR
smorris@lancaster.gov.uk

PARISH COUNCIL

Meet at 7.15pm on second Tuesday of month

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

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Police Station, Lancaster 101
PCSO Paul Shepherd
Paul.Shepherd@lancashire.pnn.police.uk

PC Rob Barnsley, Community Beat Manager
3573@lancashire.pnn.police.uk

Co-ordinator Jane Ward 733947

Area Co-ordinators:

Central	Malcolm McIlmurray	732921
Kirklands	Tony Wells	733848
Western	Bev Carling	736393
Eastern	Sandra Klijn-Passant	884331
Far Eastern	Jane Ward	733947
Northern	Laura Crossland	07985 505509
Southern	Alison Harper	734372
Northeast	(Currently Vacant)	
Capernwray	Derek Burnside	07905 449636

QUARRIES

Liason Officer Derek Johnson 733804
Leapers Wood Quarry 07483 357834
Back Lane Quarry 738888

FOOTPATHS AND TREE OFFICER

(Currently Vacant)

PARISH LENGTHSMAN

Mike Ashton - contact Cllr Metcalfe or the Parish Clerk

THOMAS WITHERS CHARITY

Secretary David Mills 732194

St CUTHBERT'S CHURCH

<i>Vicar</i>	(Currently Vacant)	
<i>Secretary</i>	Blake Prince	07414 585282
<i>Church Warden</i>	Derek Burnside	738019
<i>Church Warden</i>	John Halsey	732972

VILLAGE SCHOOL

Headteacher Darren Newiss 732097

VILLAGE HALL

<i>Chairman</i>	Peter Thomas	298979
<i>Secretary</i>	Liz Moody	733877
<i>Treasurer</i>	John Gooch	
<i>Bookings Sec.</i>	Lesley Gee	733240
<i>Maintenance</i>	Roger Cowling	733088

VILLAGE ACTIVITY REPRESENTATIVES

Badminton Jane Storer 734265

Bowls Lindsay Angus 734964

Keep Active Lesley Gee 733240

OK & District Horticultural Society

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

Playgroup Lynsey Winder 730904

Short Tennis Frankie Wells 733848

Twinning Assn Liz Brumitt 735013

Walking Group

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

VILLAGE WEBSITE

www.overkelletpc.org

Updated info. to: Gordon Galloway 720872

OK VIEW

200 Club Liz Moody 733877

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EMERGENCY PLAN GROUP

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SUPPORT OK

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