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The Villager



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Papcastle & Belle Vue Newsletter

Editorial:

Welcome to the Autumn edition of *The Villager*. Once again it's a very full issue, and unfortunately a few items have had to be carried over to next time, so my apologies to those contributors who have yet to get their air time! Sadly, we once more report on the passing away of two village residents; Vesela Chiviyski and Maureen Hargreaves, and I'm grateful to Stan Leigh for giving us his personal perspective on Maureen's life. I'm particularly pleased that our item on Vesela can focus on the highly successful fundraising day organised by her husband Todor, which has raised over £850 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Our front page story this issue is chosen to illustrate that the village is constantly changing. Whilst the Parish Walk might have been a bit less well supported, (can you spot the common faces?) this year's other village events like the Barbeque and Beetle Drive have brought in lots of new faces, - it's particularly encouraging to see the next generation(s). So, Mince Pies and Mulled Wine, and the Childrens' Christmas Party next !

Parish Walk - then and now

The old custom of walking the Parish boundaries (Beating the Bounds), was observed again this year on Sunday 13th September. Seven people, including four Parish Councillors took part.

Although it looked as if it might rain, the afternoon stayed fine and the walk was completed in sunshine. We walked through lovely countryside with some



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stunning views and climbed over quite a few stiles - will someone remember to count them next year?

Conversation flowed and the two and a half hours passed quickly. There were plenty of cattle, sheep and a couple of horses to cast an eye over and we were able to let Robert Jackson know about one of his sheep which was stranded on a steep bank.

We parted company at the bottom of the back lane, with at least one person heading home to have a large gin and tonic!



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Beetle !!

On Saturday, 26th September twenty three Papcastle/Belle Vue residents gathered at the village hall for an Teams were made up of four people, and a game consisted of twelve rounds. The aim of 'Beetle' is to draw a complete beetle in each round, with the body parts drawn being determined by a throw of the dice, starting with a 'six' for the body before any other part may be drawn. To the body, a head, legs or tail can be added by throwing the relevant number on the dice but the head must precede the antenna and eyes. The team that completed their beetle first shouted out 'Beetle!' There were some very varied and interesting drawings! Things became very competitive and noisy at times with dice flying everywhere! The overall winners of the first game were Carol Burrows, her daughter and two grandchildren who won a tub of chocolates. Drinks and snacks were served throughout and everybody was happy to go another ten rounds. It was good to see new neighbours, children and babies at the event. Thank you very much to those of you that came along (rather than watching the rugby or 'Strictly Come Dancing') A great night had by all!



Tension running high !

Future Village Hall events

Garden tidy and Village Hall Decoration
10.00 am 5th December

Mulled Wine and Mince Pies
7.30 pm 12th December

Childrens' Christmas party
2.00 pm 13th December

Village Hall Trustees:

**Peter Broad
Carolyn Otley
Joan Merris
Ian Trohear
Rose Rowland
Bob Henderson
Robert Jackson
Carol Henderson
John Burrows**

Papcastle Gets Connected !

The sharp-eyed among you may have noticed that the green Open-Reach box outside The Hawthorns has a new sticker! Papcastle is now "enabled" for high-speed Fibre Broadband. We hope to bring you more on this in the next Issue.



Parish Council Snippets

Apologies for absence were received from Borough Councillor Janet Farebrother and Cumbria Police.

Police Report

Weather vane stolen from a house in Papcastle on 2nd October.

Robert Jackson said that a theft of diesel from machinery had also been investigated by the Police.

Planning Applications

Re-submission of outline application for four houses on land at Belle Vue.

Outline application for up to ten houses on land adjacent to the Mount.

Parish Council advised refusal on both.

Planning Decisions

Wind turbine at Springfield Farm, Greysouthen.
Refused

Outline application for two houses adjacent to Belle Mount, Papcastle. Refused.

Note to residents who write to Allerdale Borough Council regarding planning applications.
If an application is withdrawn and subsequently re submitted, any previous correspondence will not be considered with the new application and you will need to write again. It is worthwhile following the applications online or checking with the Parish Council, so that your views will be considered.

Residents' Complaints

The two main reasons for residents to complain to the Council, are parking and dog fouling.

We have no yellow lines in the village, so parking on pavements, near road junctions or generally causing obstructions has become more common. While lack of space for increasing numbers of vehicles is a major factor, residents are asked to park as considerately as possible.

Despite having bins in seven locations around the village, dog fouling continues to be a problem. Responsible dog owners feel that they too are under suspicion, so are very keen for everyone to act responsibly.
Please pick up after your dog and don't leave it for your neighbours to do.

Opposition Mounting

The proposed development by Thomas Armstrong Ltd. of up to ten houses on land adjacent to The Mount, was discussed at an open meeting in the village hall on Tuesday 27th October. The development is on such a scale that the Parish Council felt that a consultation meeting to assess residents' views would be of benefit. David Johnson, Chairman of the Parish Council, chaired the meeting with Pete Broad acting as secretary.

A letter of invitation had been delivered to every house in the village and the hall was packed, with standing room only at the back. The Chairman commenced by going through the statements in the Fairhurst Report (for Thomas Armstrong Ltd.) after which views and questions were invited from the floor.

This was a very informative session, with many valid points raised as to the impact the proposed development would have on Papcastle, Belle Vue and Cockermouth itself.

The feeling in the hall that the development should be opposed, was unanimous, and as well as objections from the Parish Council, residents were asked to contact Allerdale Borough Council individually. It was suggested that the Parish Council request an extension of the consultation end date from the 6th to 11th of November, in order to do this.

At the November Parish Council meeting, it was agreed to formally lodge an objection to the development with Allerdale Borough Council.

Tour !

The Tour of Britain sets off over Gote Bridge. Can you spot Mark Cavendish?



The Tour of Britain cycle event set off from Cockermouth in glorious sunshine on Tuesday 8th September - a very different prospect from that of two years ago when the rain never stopped!

Papcastle and Belle Vue residents waving them on



Where's Wiggo?

The peleton and support teams set off over the Gote Bridge and up Gote Brow, where Papcastle and Belle Vue residents were amongst the onlookers giving encouragement, before the race proper started at the Belle Vue roundabout. One observant onlooker spotted Wiggo at the rear, amongst the support cars as he had trouble with his bike at the start.



Report from District Councillor Nicky Cockburn

I am very enthusiastic about the Lower Derwent Parish Council Cluster, where Parish Councils combine to act together on issues and which is an idea I shamelessly copied from the Rural Group in the Aspatia area. Acting in such a group has the full support of your local Parish Council.

At the very first "test", which was a planning application for a wind turbine at Greysouthen, a Parish Councillor from Dean was able to address the Development Panel on behalf of five Parish Councils. It was felt that this added weight to the argument against the turbine. Permission was unanimously refused.



It is undoubtedly useful for neighbouring parishes to be able to support each other when necessary.

Another issue which I feel strongly about, is the need for the village to have an emergency plan in case of serious events, either natural or man made.

Along with a Workington District Councillor, I recently attended a fascinating Emergency Planning Scenario, with representatives from Fire and Rescue, Police, Coastguard, Mountain Rescue, Army and Voluntary Sector.

I look forward to discussing this at a future Parish Council meeting.

Emergency Planning exercise in progress

WYLDWOOD'S PRIDE and PREJUDICE



Wyldwood Theatre Company is a group of young actors aged 12 and above. They use Papcastle Village Hall for rehearsals for their performances, their most recent being an adaptation of Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*. They put on three performances on 19th/20th September at The Kirkgate Centre, Cockermouth, which were all received very well by audiences. There were moments of great humour and mature performances from all the young actors with fantastic costumes and slick scenery changes.

The group is now rehearsing for their next production which will be based on the life of Lewis Carroll. It will be performed in March 2016.

Vesela Remembered

On Monday, 26th October 2015, on what would have been Vesela Chiviyski's 45th birthday, a fundraising day was held in her memory by husband, Todor and children Elena and Bobby at The Belle Vue public house. Many people from Belle Vue/Papcastle and surrounding area attended.

Vesela was diagnosed with neuroendocrine cancer in January of this year and sadly, she died in July. Macmillan Nurses supported the family throughout Vesela's illness and continue to do so. Todor says 'they do an excellent job' and wanted to give something back to them.

On the fundraising day ten per cent of all takings were donated together with money collected in boxes in the restaurant. To date, over £850 has been raised for Macmillan Cancer Support through this and cake sales at Bobby's school.

Vesela's mother has been living with the family since July and will stay over the Winter months. Todor is keen to keep the family-run business going and says the family have made lots of friends here in Belle Vue/Papcastle.



Maureen Hargreaves died only 2 weeks after moving from Papcastle, where she had lived for over 30 years. Stan Leigh, her neighbour, has provided this appreciation of her life here:

Maureen Hargreaves

Maureen, formerly of Orchard Garth, passed away at her daughter Annie's home in Torquay on Tuesday 29th September.

Maureen and her late husband Eric were from Burnley in Lancashire. They lived in Broughton and Cockermouth before moving to Papcastle 30 years ago. This photograph of her was taken in 1987 at Orchard Garth, the home that she loved very much. She had been a librarian and then a teacher and many in Cockermouth recall fond memories of her teaching at Fairfield Juniors while Eric taught maths at secondary level. Her interests included literature, poetry, social history and with Eric had been a keen adventurer in her beloved Lake District. Eric had been Chairman of the Cockermouth Mountain Rescue Team and a few years ago she surprised me by showing me with pride a letter that Eric had received from the now famous Alfred Wainwright in 1966. She was a keen member of the U3A's Literature Group and her friends told me about her contribution to the success of the Group. She loved recalling happy days on the fells and talking about the beauty of words particularly when it came from the Lakeland poets. I enjoyed passing time with her when she recalled some of her



favourite walks, poetry and she always took time to encourage me with my Lakeland writing. Her knowledge of Cockermouth was just amazing. Before she moved to Torquay, she wanted me to have a few of her Lakeland books, old maps and a thesis that she had written when at Charlotte Mason College at Ambleside entitled, 'Cockermouth Members of Parliament and Parliamentary Elections, 1295 to 1885. It is an amazing piece of work. Maureen was a quiet, softly spoken individual who spent much of her time reading but would occasionally take short walks in the village when the weather was good.

Despite Maureen's very quiet demeanour, her close neighbours recall with a smile that when she returned from Cockermouth in her bright red BMW that just before she turned into her drive [there is a bend where visibility is poor], she would sound her horn with some energy. After we had recovered from the sudden blast, we were happy to know that she had returned home – safe and sound.

Stan Leigh
Old Orchard

Seth makes it three from The Mount

We reported in the last edition that Sophie and Katy from The Mount were going off to University. Make that three from The Mount - Seth Watkinson is off to study at Manchester Metropolitan to study 'Computer Animation and Visual Effects'. Congratulations and best wishes from *The Villager* team.



Seth Watkinson



New Neighbours

Keith and Margaret Smith moved into Orchard Garth in September, from the Egremont area. They had already heard about our *Villager* publication! Once settled, they are looking forward to taking an active part in village life.



Another of Simon Holding's sketches of the village.

REGULAR VILLAGE HALL ACTIVITIES

Mahjong Monday 2-5pm	Brian Wilkinson <i>All year except public holiday</i>	01900 829490
Keep fit Monday 6.30-7.30pm	Tony McGorrian <i>School term only</i>	01900 64632
Life Art Tuesday mornings	Susan Fleming <i>Fortnightly all year</i>	01900 823543
Parish Council 1 st Tuesday evening	David Johnson <i>Bi monthly</i>	01900 822163
Line Dancing Fridays afternoons	Carol Smith <i>Weekly</i>	01900 821590



Village Hall Bookings:

Rose Rowlands
Telephone 01900 828941

Childrens' Christmas Party

Sunday 13th December, 2-4 pm in the hall.
Bouncy castle, crafts and games. Aimed at 7s and under but all welcome. Please contact Rose to book
FREE tickets
Rosedowning@hotmail.com 01900 828941

Mulled Wine and Mince Pies

Saturday, 12th December at 7.30 at the village hall, tickets £6 each, raffle prizes before the event please to any of the trustees. Tickets from
Pete Broad, (826386) Bob and Carol Henderson, (821478) John Burrows (826934) or Robert Jackson. (827071)

See A-Boards for details

Garden tidy up and decorating of village hall for Christmas

Saturday, 5th December, 10am, all welcome, bring your garden implements!



What's on at St Bridget's Church, Bridekirk:

Age UK lunch every Monday 12 noon - 2.30 pm in the Church Room.

Baby to pre-school club, every Wednesday 1pm - 3pm in the Church Room.



St Bridget's at Christmas

Sunday 20th December at 6.30pm
Nine Lessons and Carols

Thursday 24th December at 4.30pm
Crib Service

Thursday 24th December at 11.30pm
Holy Communion

Friday 25th December at 8am
Holy Communion

Bridekirk Dovenby School Nativity Service

Friday 11th December at 8.30am
Nativity Practise

Monday 14th December at 8.30am
Dress Rehearsal

Monday 14th December at 6pm
Nativity Service

Carol Service at Castle Gardens

Sunday 6th December at 3pm



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