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The Villager



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Papcastle & Belle Vue Newsletter

Editorial:

Here we are back with the Autumn edition of *The Villager*. Hopefully you'll be pleased to see that it's back to the normal size of 8 pages! Sadly, we're again reporting the passing of two village stalwarts: Colin Fleming, who lived in the village until his death, and Dorothy Hargreaves, previously of Grassmoor, who was a leading light in the Papcastle Womens' Institute, as were a number of our current residents. We're grateful to Robert Jones, her nephew, for the text on page 5; Robert and his wife Janie are currently battling the undergrowth to make Grassmoor visible again!

The Parish Council report raises an issue which surfaces on a regular basis, that of inconsiderate parking of cars in the older parts of the village. Advice from our local Community Police Officer is that such parking might be considered an obstruction if Emergency Vehicles such as Fire Engines couldn't get through, or, where vehicles parked partly on footpaths didn't leave room for buggies or wheelchairs to pass unimpeded. Worth noting.

Summer 'Bring a Brolly' BBQ'

We can organise most things in the village, but unfortunately are unable to organise the weather! Yet another drizzly, wet evening on Saturday 1st July, but this did not in any way deter our hardy villagers. Geared up in waterproofs and sporting brollies, ninety seven attendees including enough children to form their own football match, brought this year's attendance to its maximum capacity, making the hall a bit squashed but buzzing with chatter.

This year saw a change in organising crew and what a good job they did. Many seemed keen on the addition of Prosecco being offered at the bar and plenty of corks were popped, adding extra cheer to chase away the rain.

Our by now experienced chefs Peter, David and Paul braved the rain and the smoke to serve up an array of delights. Along with the added variety of a choice of salads, it would be surprising if anyone went hungry. As usual, there was a sumptuous array of mouth watering puddings on offer and our thanks go to the many talented ladies within the village who provide these each year.

Thanks also to Clare and Peter Broad. Clare juggled a bumper raffle and Peter took charge of



Peter French and David Rushton

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the microphone to announce the winners. There were some fabulous prizes, all donated by villagers, including John and Pauline who were unable to attend.

A cheery bar crew took it in turns to keep everyone lubricated throughout the evening.

Our thanks to them, as well as to all those behind the scenes in the kitchen up to their elbows in soap suds. We couldn't do it without you all and it is fantastic that so many people muck in to make the evening flow.

It was good to see so many familiar faces again and also good to welcome new attendees Judith and Brian from The Mount, the Jordan family from The Cottage and Penny Lees from Lindenside.

Last, but by no means least, a special thank you to everyone who came and supported this great annual event. We look forward to seeing you again next year. Whatever the weather, we are sure to have a good time!

Total money raised for Village Hall funds was £709.77

Debbie, Rose, Sarah, Ali and Michelle



Carol Henderson and Joyce Jackson
hard at work



A busy night at the barbeque - avoiding the rain

Parish Council Snippets

Council Chairman David Johnson welcomed Rebecca Hanson, the newly elected County Councillor for the ward.

Dissatisfaction was expressed that the police website statistics were three months out of date. Clerk to write to the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Car parking in the village continues to be an ongoing problem.

The bus shelter cleaning contract has been renewed.

Confirmation has been received from the County Council that landscaping work at Belle Vue had been completed. This is not the case and Councillor Hanson agreed to take this matter up with the Highways Authority.

District Councillor Nicky Cockburn reported on the recent planning application by Story Homes for housing in Broughton. This had been refused, but an appeal is likely. She also discussed the County Council database concerning traffic and accidents in the Craggs Road area.

The clerk confirmed that ownership of the domain for the village website had been transferred to the Parish Council. Huw Morgan confirmed that Doug Calam was willing to give training to both himself and the clerk in its use.

There were no planning applications.

A retrospective application for revisions to the new build on the Back Lane was approved by Allerdale Borough Council (ABC).

It was agreed to inform ABC that the cherry tree on The Mount had a split trunk and that the Parish Council was willing to undertake repair work.

Visibility on exiting the village at Belle Vue is a concern because of overgrown hedgerows. Councillor Hanson to report this to the County Council.

The annual Parish Walk will not go ahead this year because of works at the river and the closure of the public footpath.

Parish Council Connections.

As part of its connection with the wider local councils, Papcastle Parish Council attends regular meetings with Allerdale Borough Council and Cumbria County Council, which helps it stay in touch with new developments. Several new initiatives are being launched:

Highways Information Management System (HIMS) – an on-line database which allows faults to be reported and tracked, - follow the links on the Cumbria County Council website www.cumbria.gov.uk/roads-transport/

My Allerdale app for Apple and Android (available free from the respective app stores) – which allows individuals to report and track issues like dog fouling, fly tipping etc. on line.

The Parish Council also receives regular updates from United Utilities on their West Cumbria pipeline project, and on the upgrades to the Papcastle and Cockermouth water treatment works. Village residents will have seen work starting on both of these to the south west of the village, and the company has set up a drop-in centre at 32 Lake Road, Keswick. CA12 5DQ.

Papcastle President for Cockermonth Show

Joyce Jackson from Lynwood and Croft House Farm has, along with her family, had a long association with the Cockermonth and District Agricultural Society.

This year's annual show, the Society's 167th was held in July on fields at Fitz Park and Joyce had 'the honour and pleasure' of being elected President.

She was first introduced to the show by husband Robert when he was showing his Suffolk sheep and has never missed attending. When the show was cancelled at the last minute in 2007, due to the announcement of an outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease in Surrey, the Jackson family staged their own show in the garden. Stalwarts indeed!

Congratulations are also due to Joyce and Robert on the birth of their eleventh grandchild, Harry Robert, who was born on 29th May, a brother for Isabelle.

Our congratulations also go to proud parents Catherine and Robert Jnr.



Joyce and granddaughter Emily

Gemma Broad's Wedding

Congratulations to Gemma Broad from Belle Vue and David Rome from Carlisle who were married on 13th May in St Joseph's Church, Cockermonth. Gemma is the daughter of Peter and Clare Broad, who are both very active in village life, and was a member of the original Papcastle Youth Group. The reception was held at Newhouse Farm, Lorton, the father and bride and newly married couple travelling in style in an open top Bentley, supplied by villager, David Rushton. After a honeymoon in Italy, Gemma and David returned home to Musselburgh in East Lothian. Gemma works in Child Services in and around Edinburgh and David is training to be a Chartered Accountant in the city.



Pete Broad and Gemma - never mind the Bentley



Gemma and David

Dorothy Hargreaves (nee Todd) 1927-2017

Dorothy died earlier this year. She and her husband Dr Anthony Hargreaves lived in Papcastle for many years at their bungalow Grassmoor.

Dorothy Todd was born and lived in Manchester and attended Whalley Range High School for Girls. The family had a fortnights holiday every year, usually in Scarborough but in August 1939 they went to Hopton on the east coast. When Dorothy and her elder sister Joyce arrived home in Manchester they were evacuated, in September 1939, just before war was declared. Evacuees boarding the train did not know their destinations until they arrived; Dorothy was evacuated to Rawtenstall in Lancashire and Joyce was evacuated to Blackpool. Following several quiet months, both girls were returned to their parents in Manchester although the city was very badly bombed in air raids on 22nd – 24th December 1940.

Both sisters were evacuated again, this time together, to Nelson in Lancashire where they were billeted with the Dent family. Mrs Dent had not been keen on the idea of hosting evacuees, and had said no but the WRVS evacuation officer said she had no choice, so she had to take Dorothy and Joyce home. Mr Dent would take the two girls to the Sunday church service and when he thought that the minister had preached for long enough he would hold up his arm and point to his watch! Dorothy and Joyce attended Nelson Grammar School, which was overcrowded and because of lack of space some of the girls had to work in a large cupboard. The sisters returned to Manchester in 1941 because the air raids had more or less stopped. They kept in touch with the Dents, who came to the sisters' weddings in the 1950s

Dorothy started her nursing training course at MRI Manchester Royal Infirmary in 1945. The SRN state registered nurse course was three years long followed by one year of work experience. She graduated in 1948 and became a staff nurse.

In 1951 she qualified as a midwife, spending six months in Edinburgh during training, then six months practising midwifery in the Gorbals in Glasgow, which she thoroughly enjoyed. After this she returned to Manchester Royal Infirmary as a surgical theatre nurse followed by a time as ward sister.

Dorothy met Tony Hargreaves, a newly qualified doctor, at MRI and they were married in Manchester in 1955. Tony did his national service as a Captain Medical Officer in the army, based at Catterick and then Carlisle. He then qualified in public health and became medical officer for West Cumbria after he and Dorothy bought their bungalow Grassmoor in 1962.

Dorothy was a very keen gardener and the gardens at Grassmoor were well stocked and lovingly tended. She was an avid Radio 4 listener and keenly followed Gardeners Question Time. She contributed letters that were read out on the programme, written under her pseudonym Hilda Longbottom, expressing her trenchant views on matters botanical.



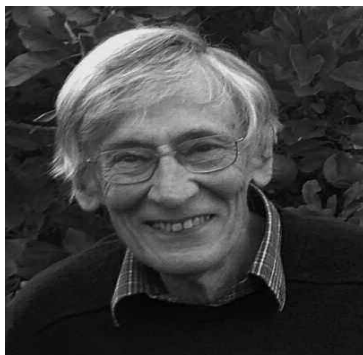
Left to Right: Pat Apperley, Barbara Dickinson, Betty Davidson, Joyce Jackson, Mary Strong, Dorothy, Nell Elliott, Isobel Waite, Joan Carrington, cutting the cake at the Womens' Institute 60th anniversary party

Dorothy was a strong supporter of Papcastle Women's Institute; she loved making cakes and jam – in the pantry at Grassmoor we still have jars of homemade damson jam going back to 1999 and damson gin going back to 1981. She was a trustee of the village hall in 1975.

Dorothy moved to Kirklands care home in Cockermouth in 2006, followed by Tony in 2015. Dorothy died peacefully in February 2017.

Robert Jones
August 2017

Colin Fleming 1937 - 2017



Tributes have been paid to Colin Fleming, 80, of Orchard Cottage, Papcastle who died in May after a stroke. Well known, respected and loved by many, Colin contributed greatly to the local economy and arts in West Cumbria. Originally from Wales, Colin attended St Catherine's College, Oxford where the MA he gained in English was to foster a love of words and the theatre throughout his life. Following military service, he joined the Dunlop Rubber Company in Speke, Liverpool as a management trainee. He made rapid progress within the company and was responsible for the development of a revolutionary new man-made textile which would result in his moving to Cumbria. In 1968 he was asked to establish a new factory in one of the government's Special Development Areas to manufacture this new product to be used in the making of shoe lining. Colin explored various potential sites before travelling to West Cumbria, via the Lake District, where he decided to look no further. He established Camtex Fabrics at Lillyhall and with Colin as Managing Director the company won a number of Queen's Awards for Industry for export success.

When not at work, Colin loved to write plays and libretti for light opera. He worked with local music teacher, Martin Bott to write original music for operas performed by Keswick Operatic Society and wrote verse on a wide range of topics. Some of his play scripts were produced professionally and performed on the BBC. He co-founded 'The Lyrical Jazz Company' and, in collaboration with notable local musicians Stan Foster, John and Cath Marcangelo, Colin wrote all the lyrics to twelve jazz songs, released on a CD in 2009. Colin called his verses "rhoodles", which he defined as "doodles in verse". They were performed on many stages, usually connected with fund raising for good causes. A book of his verses was sold to raise money for a new theatre in Keswick to replace the famous 'Blue Box'. Always amusing, these verses frequently had a serious comment on issues at the time. In 1974 he joined the board of Rosehill Arts Trust, Whitehaven, serving for many years as Chairman and initiating the recently completed regeneration of this iconic theatre. He was also a founding board member of Cumbria Theatre Trust which led to establishment of the £9m new 'Theatre by the Lake' on the shores of Derwentwater.

Colleagues at Rosehill and Keswick theatres found him wise, tireless and imaginative but always showing good judgement and common sense. He was valued as a wonderful colleague who was encouraging, patient and with a delightful sense of humour. Colin is survived by his wife Susan, daughters Rachel and Charlotte and three grandchildren. He will be sadly missed.

Congratulations!

Elsie Barker, from Belle Vue, achieved excellent A level results in Art, Product Design and Maths and will be off to Loughborough to study Product Design, after taking a year out.

Oliver Whitehurst also achieved excellent A levels, in Biology, Chemistry and Physics. He was successful against a large number of applicants in gaining a place at Bristol Medical School and will be heading south in the autumn, following family tradition!.

New resident in CORRYLYN

Dave Dunlop moved into Corrylyn, in the back lane, in time to enjoy the glorious spring sunshine and magnificent views from the front of his property. He has moved from Gilcrux, where he enjoyed being part of the village community and now hopes to become involved in Papcastle life.

As a member of Christ Church, Cockermouth, he is involved once a year in overseas missions which have taken him to Romania, Mexico and several African countries. During the summer, he has been off again supporting a medical mission to Kenya.

In between all this travelling, he is looking forward to enjoying his small, manageable garden and sharing the superb views with family and friends.

The Villager team has noticed several properties around Papcastle and Belle Vue that have been sold in recent months. Some are undergoing extensive alterations so that their owners may not have moved in yet. Our roving reporters hope you will make yourselves known to them in the coming months (see the back page) and maybe be willing to have your photo and a few lines of introduction in the next issue of *The Villager*.



Would you like to dance?

A recent report in a national newspaper made clear the benefits of exercise, both physical and mental, as well as social interaction in helping to prevent degenerative disease. Dancing is an activity which fulfils all three criteria and a number of village residents are actively involved in various forms of dance. Greg and Gill Greenhalgh from Cedar Lodge are enthusiastic and experienced ballroom dancers.



Greg and Gill in action.

They run a U3A class in Ballroom and Latin dancing in Lorton Street Church Hall on Tuesday mornings from 10am - 12 noon. Classes resume after the summer break on September 5th when workshops will include the beautiful slow Waltz and the raunchy Rumba. Greg and Gill can be contacted for information on 826500.

Jill and Adrian Coyle from Camp Farm House are keen Scottish Country dancers and have recently returned from a week in beautiful St. Andrews, where they took part in the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society's international summer school, held at the university, where they met and danced with fellow dancers from around the world.

Local classes are also held in Lorton Street on Thursday evenings and classes resume on September 7th at 7pm. Beginners are always welcome. You don't need to bring a partner or be super fit. A good sense of humour and the ability to follow directions are all you need to enjoy the music and movement within a friendly group. For further information either contact Jill on 828625 or see the Cockermouth Scottish Country Dancing website.

Last, but not least, a Line Dancing class is held on Friday afternoons in the Village Hall - see back page for details. Happy dancing!

REGULAR VILLAGE HALL ACTIVITIES

Latin Formation	Gill Greenhalgh	
Monday Morning	<i>Weekly</i> (http://u3asites.org.uk/cockermouth)	
Mahjong	Brian Wilkinson	01900 829490
Monday 2-5pm	<i>All year except public holiday</i>	
Keep fit	Tony McGorrian	01900 64632
Monday 6.30-7.30pm	<i>School term only</i>	
Parish Council	David Johnson	01900 822163
1 st Tuesday evening	<i>Bi monthly</i>	
Yoga	Pat Irving	07962127812
Thursday 6.30-8.00pm		
Line Dancing	Carol Smith	01900 821590
Friday afternoons	<i>Weekly</i>	

Village Hall Bookings:

Rose Rowlands
01900 828941



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

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

Bell ringing practice every Monday at 7.30pm. Details from Richard Green 01900 824311

Baby to pre-school club every Wednesday 1pm-3pm in the Church Room. Details from Mary Stothard 01900 823395.

Usual Monthly Services

Services at 11am

1st Sunday	Holy Communion and Sunday School
2nd Sunday	All Age Service
3rd Sunday	Holy Communion and Sunday School
4th Sunday	Morning Prayer and Sunday School

Additional Services

Sunday 8th October 11.00am All Age Harvest Service

Sunday 15th October 11.00am Harvest Festival with Holy Communion

PAPCASTLE CONSERVATION AREA by Phil Campbell

Do you know if you live in the Papcastle Conservation Area and if you do, do you understand why and what it means to you? Did you know that the first Conservation Area in the U.K. was created in Stamford, Lincolnshire fifty years ago and that this 50th anniversary is being celebrated nationwide? The first Conservation Areas were created amidst concerns that we were losing a lot of our precious heritage in the rapid redevelopment of the post war years in our cities, towns and villages. We have moved on from there but there are still development pressures that threaten the heritage that we need to pass on to future generations. After all, this heritage significantly contributes to making places like Papcastle and Cockermouth great places to live.

Cockermouth Civic Trust decided to participate in the 50th anniversary celebrations and have obtained grant funding to promote the Cockermouth and Papcastle Conservation Areas in association with the local councils. The flagship activity was to create an information booklet about our Conservation Areas which is being delivered to every property within the Papcastle Conservation Area. In addition, there will be an exhibition on our Conservation Areas on 9th September in the URC rooms as part of Heritage Open Days, (10am to 4pm). At the exhibition, there will be free leaflets available describing self-guided walking tours of both Conservation Areas.

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