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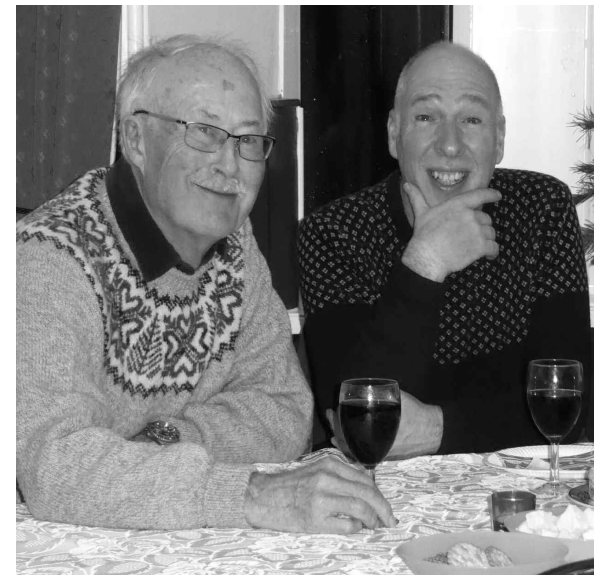
Papcastle & Belle Vue Newsletter

Editorial:

Welcome to the Spring 2018 edition of *The Villager*. Readers will recall that in the last issue I explained that I was intending to step down as Editor, - this issue will therefore be my last, and since a new volunteer has yet to come forward, there may be an interruption to the service. I can't step down however without thanking all those people who have made this publication possible, principally Jill Coyle, Elspeth White and Clare Broad who unearthed and wrote most of the stories we used, but also those occasional contributors of individual articles. Thanks are due also to the Papcastle Village Hall Trustees who have funded the printing and to Pat Apperley who helped with the distribution.

It's natural that *The Villager* has evolved somewhat over the 48 issues that have been published, and there's no reason that it can't evolve further into a new style or format, so I'd urge anyone interested to give it a go.

Mince Pies and Mulled Wine Evening



The annual Christmas party, known to all as the mulled wine evening, was held on Saturday December 9th and around 50 people turned up. The evening followed a format now familiar to the many who have attended over the years and was hopefully also enjoyed by newer residents, to whom a warm welcome to the village is extended.

A lot of hard work goes into making the evening a success and our thanks go to the volunteers who organise in advance, work on the night and clear up afterwards.

Special thanks go to Bob and Carol Henderson for their cheerful support of village events over the years and who have recently moved to Cockermouth. They will be missed!

New volunteers to help at or to organise events, will always be welcomed.

A total of £253 was raised for Hall funds.

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Parish Council Vacancies

It was unanimously agreed that John Conlon be elected to the Parish Council. A Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed, and Mr Conlon was welcomed by the Chairman, David Johnson. Allerdale Borough Council (ABC) has been notified.
One vacancy remains.

Police Report

The clerk informed the meeting that the police website was still out of date. She has raised the issue during a meeting at Cockermouth Police Station.

Planning Applications

Minor canopy lifting to beech tree at 59 The Mount.
Conversion of former stable and barn to single residential unit, Croft House, plus listed building consent.

Planning Decisions

Alterations to Lindenside were approved by ABC.
Work on boundary wall and garage at Silverstones was also approved.

County Councillor's Report

Councillor Rebecca Hanson reported on the following:

Budget consultations
Scrutiny Committee - health and social care
Winter crisis within the NHS
The County Council (CCC) budget was passed, with 4% rise in Council tax.
CCC to make savings of 23%

Tree Work on the Mount

It was agreed that Robert Jackson purchase three trees to replace the tree opposite 21 The Mount.
Mr Jackson agreed to replace the dead tree on The Mount, with ABC carrying out the rest of the work

Belle Vue Landscaping

Some work has been carried out by CCC, who are now in the process of confirming ownership of the remainder of the land.

Bus Shelter

Damage by vandals has been repaired by Councillor Morgan, who reports that the floor is also in need of attention.

United Utilities Tree and Legacy Fund.

The Council is grateful to Ray Day for his help with the application for funds for the village hall.

Next meeting of the Parish Council
May 1st 2018 at 7pm followed by the Annual General meeting.

Village Hall AGM - please see announcement on Page 4

Village pub re-opens

The Belle Vue is Back!

New managers Michael and Sharron Wilkinson, a local couple with lots of experience in the hospitality trade, have already made some significant changes to the pub, not least of which is a return to the familiar name of The Belle Vue, the new signs looking particularly smart.

The Belle Vue will be open six days a week: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday 12.00pm to 2.30pm and 5.30pm to 11.00pm, and Sunday opening will be 12.00pm till 10.30pm. Michael and Sharron plan to hold a charity quiz night on Wednesday evenings starting at 9.00pm, and they are keen to see people coming along to help raise some money for local charities.

Michael and Sharron are also particularly enthusiastic in supporting Cumbrian food producers and suppliers with Fyne Fish, Harrisons Butchers and Highgate Turkeys being some of their local suppliers; they describe their approach as offering good honest food with the pub classics and many more dishes from an extensive menu, including a number of gluten free options. Traditional Sunday lunch will be served all day on Sunday, with three roasts on offer with all the trimmings. The lunch offer during the week from 12.00pm to 2.30pm Monday to Saturday looks like it will be excellent value with a Buy One Get One Free from the specials menu.

The Belle Vue will be offering local cask ale from Jennings, a wine selection from around the world to suit most tastes and budgets along with lots of gins and a range of award wining local spirits.

The Villager wishes the team at The Belle Vue every success in their venture - a village pub needs village customers! In case you missed the flyer, the Belle Vue re-opened on the 29th March.

The wrong sort of water

Readers of *The Villager* will probably have been rather perplexed at the recent activities at the United Utilities site down on Robert Jackson's fields. The planned completion of laying and burying the pipes early in 2018 has taken longer than expected due, ironically, to water in the wrong place! While digging for the new pipes, United Utilities' contractors found the trenches filling up with water faster that they could dig, due primarily to the very wet winter weather, - the solution was to sink a set of parallel trenches into which pipes were installed to pump the water away, although getting away from the mud was a bit more difficult.



REGULAR VILLAGE HALL ACTIVITIES

Latin Formation Monday Morning	Gill Greenhalgh <i>Weekly</i> (http://u3asites.org.uk/cockermouth)	
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
Parish Council 1st Tuesday evening	David Johnson <i>Bi monthly</i>	01900 822163
Yoga Thursday 6.30-8.00pm	Pat Irving	07962127812
Line Dancing Friday afternoons	Carol Smith <i>Weekly</i>	01900 821590



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

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

Bell ringing practise 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

Webmaster needed.

In addition to a new editor for
The Villager, a
volunteer is needed to manage and
maintain the village website.

Initial expressions of interest to
Huw Morgan:

Village Hall Trustees

Peter Broad 826386	Carolyn Otley 821204
Joan Merris 823282	Ian Trohear 823680
Rose Rowland 828941	Bob Henderson 821478
Robert Jackson 827071	Carol Henderson 821478
Doreen Bertram 826916	



Village Hall Bookings:
Rose Rowlands
01900 828941

Village Hall AGM

The Village Hall AGM will be held at
7.00pm on April 17th 2018,
followed by a meeting of Trustees.

New Village Website [www. papcastle.org.uk](http://www.papcastle.org.uk)

Following the successful upgrade of the village web-site by Doug Callum and Eric Apperley, the new look site is now fully functional and is set up for potential future expansion.

One of the uses of the website is to satisfy the Parish Council's obligations on information transparency and so it already has uploaded to it the recent Minutes of Parish Council meetings, and the current financial balance sheet.



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