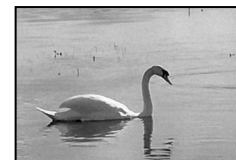




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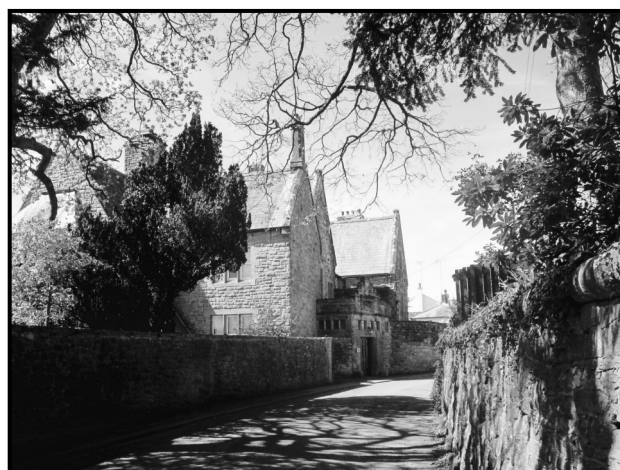
Welcome to the summer issue of the *Villager*. So much has happened recently, new bins and their collection days (anyone else confused?) and some things that haven't happened – Brexit, but that's all we need to say about that...

Inside this issue we have articles from a number of villagers which I hope you enjoy reading and may inspire you to also contribute to future editions. The Ed

The Local Heritage List

Cockermouth & District Civic Trust are currently working with Allerdale BC to put together a 'Local Heritage List' for Allerdale, initially covering the Cockermouth area. This list consists of buildings etc, which are not of national interest (Grade I and II listed), but are considered to be of local heritage interest. Locally listed buildings do not have the same protection as those nationally listed, but their heritage does have to be taken into account in the event of planning permissions being sought. In respect of Papcastle, the Village Hall has already been added to the List. The Civic Trust has recently submitted another set of nominations which includes three nominations for Papcastle. These include the 'stone walling' throughout the village (to be included in the next *Villager*), the 'Burroughs' and the 'Old Pump House'.

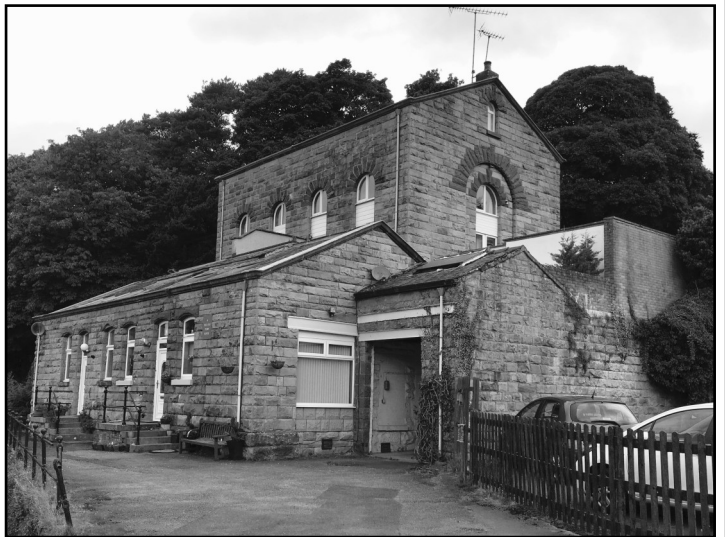
The 'Burroughs' is the original property but has now been subdivided into four private residences, namely The Burroughs, Ordgarff, The Coach House & The Piggery. There were buildings on this site recorded in 1838 but with an entirely different configuration. There appears to have been a major rebuild prior to 1864 when the Waugh family were in residence, and remained so until 1946. Edward Waugh, the original Waugh owner, was a prominent Cockermouth citizen and solicitor and is notable as being the last MP for the borough of Cockermouth, (from 1880 to 1885). The current property therefore dates from the early Victorian period and consists of the family manor house along with a court yard with an arched entrance, a coach house and stables. The property is a significant Victorian Mansion representative of a period when a number of local affluent men were building homes in Papcastle. It is now a landmark building that is a major feature at the entrance to the village centre from Cockermouth, made particularly important as it stands adjacent to the road and is very visible to passers by.



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The 'Old Pump House' was built in 1810 as a pumping station to supply water to Maryport from a stone lined well by the River Derwent. The water was pumped to sand filter beds at Bridekirk, a height of 220 feet, from where the water flowed by gravity down to Maryport. The original beam engine was scrapped in 1939 and the square chimney demolished in 1974 to allow conversion of the building into flats. The well is still intact but covered over. The building is an interesting property in its own right and contributes to the local environment. It is also an important part of the story of historical Cockermouth and of industrial archaeology from the late Georgian period.

By Phil Campbell (of The Mount)



Extracts from the Parish Council Annual Report 2018-2019

Six planning applications were considered and approved.

Cumbria Association of Local Councils meetings were attended by Huw Morgan.

Landscaping was carried out at Belle Vue and the area is now much improved for the village and the natural habitat.

Village lighting: There is still a possibility that the lights could be taken off the Electricity North West poles. Maintenance of lighting is a priority, so this last year the Council again decided to precept for the cost of erecting columns and connections, if this should prove necessary. Allerdale Borough Council has advised that following completion of inspections and surveys, we will be informed in June of the actual number of lights that they intend to transfer to Parish Council ownership. Parish Councils will pick up the energy costs of the lights from April 2020 and the maintenance costs from April 2021.

The Parish Council website is up and running and the village notice boards are in constant use.

Robert Jackson has had meetings with the Environment Agency and Sue Hayman MP regarding the reinstatement of the public footpath along the river bank.

The cast iron village seat which was stolen, will be replaced in due course.

United Utilities gave one presentation - West Cumbria Water Supply Project and Waste Water Treatment Works.

Defibrillator: The Council has been notified by the North West Ambulance Service that funding has now been signed off to install a defibrillator in the old telephone kiosk at the bottom entrance to The Mount.

VILLAGE HALL NEWS by Bill Mavir

The People:

At the AGM on 16 April we sadly said good-bye to two of our long-serving Trustees, Bob Henderson and Rose Rowlands. Bob moved to Cockermouth during last year with his wife Carol, who left the Committee at the 2018 AGM. He was very much involved with many of the events held at the hall and in particular took responsibility for food hygiene, helped with the catering and always made sure we had a 'sale of alcohol licence' when required.

Rose and her family moved to Tallentire at the end of April. She was our Bookings Secretary for many years and in addition always organised the children's annual Christmas party.

Both Bob and Rose contributed hugely in many other ways too, to help ensure the continued success of the Village Hall; they will be very much missed.

We have been very fortunate to recruit Anna Lister who was elected as a Trustee and appointed as Honorary Secretary at the AGM. Anna lives at Jasmine Cottage, is Head of English and Maths at the Lakes College and is enthusiastic about setting up a book club, based at the hall. If you are interested please contact the Chairman of Trustees – details below.



The Place:

In 2018 we commissioned a survey and energy audit of the hall to check on the state of the building and identify items that needed repair, refurbishment or upgrading. Through Cumbria Community Foundation we submitted a grant application and were fortunate to receive £10,000 from United Utilities. This will go towards upgrading the heating system and essential roof repairs. Other areas also require attention and we are currently looking at other potential sources of funding for these.

Events:

During the last 12 months we've had a sell-out Summer Barbecue, a very well-attended Mulled Wine and Mince Pie Night, the Children's Christmas Party, Ladies Prosecco and Pudding Night and Ladies Cheese and Wine Night. These were in addition to the regular activities detailed on the back page.

Why not hire the hall for £12 per session? The hall is there for you to use, whether this be to practise playing the drums or bag-pipes without risk of divorce, rehearse your act for 'X-Factor' or 'Britain's Got Talent' or just to save on the cost of re-carpeting your house after your next children's (or adults') party. £12 is a small price to pay for peace of mind.

Trustees:

Bill Mavir (Chairman) – M: 07717717459

Robert Jackson (Parish Council representative)

Anna Lister (Hon Sec)

Ian Trohear (Parish Council representative)

Debbie Rushton (Hon Treasurer)

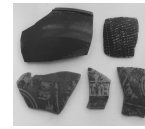
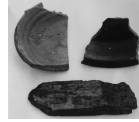
Phil Balgue

Doreen Bertram (Minutes Secretary)

Carolyn Otley

Gill Conlon (Bookings Secretary)

GARDEN FINDS 1971



Having moved into The Mount in 1970, one of the major jobs we had was making a garden out of the “waste” left by the builders. So in 1971, my Dad (from Maryport) and I started on a marathon of levelling. What did we find? Stones, thousands of them! There were enough to build a low wall and provide the base for a path. Scattered among the stones were bits of broken plant pots, which we tossed on a pile in the corner of the garden.

I then had a thought! This was a Roman site (the western boundary of the vicus that was excavated in 2013) so perhaps some of these pieces were Roman? Sorting them, I found some were small shards of Roman pots and dishes. Occasionally a larger fragment appeared and a couple of times I found a truly wonderful piece.



Photo 1. Shows three pieces of Mortaria, the rough kitchen ware used for grinding food and similar to the present day mortar and pestle.

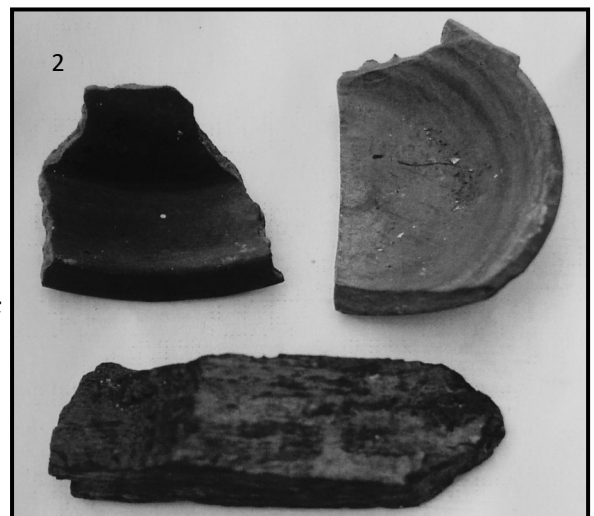


Photo 2. Shows pieces of three different items – part of a soldier’s “dog dish” pale grey/blue coloured. The black ware pottery fragment is probably from a soldier’s “mess tin”. The photo also shows a small piece of roof timber.



Photo 3. The finds are getting better! This shows a large piece of Samian ware dish and three small pieces of decorated Samian ware. This terra cotta pottery was widely used and often decorated with a raised band of figures as seen here. The photo also shows a small piece of black pottery (top right) which would have been decorated using a ridged roller on the unfired clay.

Photo 4 shows the best finds. On the right is the top of a wine or oil jug. Below it is a Roman nail, found in the wettest part of the land where lack of oxygen would have prevented it from rusting. The prize find, on the left, was most of a small oil lamp. I had to do some reconstruction as it was broken and although I spent a long time scratching about for the rest of it I had no luck.



In 1994, when the Time Team excavated around the village, they filmed my collection. Lindsay Allason-Jones from Newcastle University identified the lamp as being a very high status item, made in Gaul, Roman France. It would have been used in the house of one of Derventio fort's top commanders.

What fantastic finds from bits and pieces of pot in my garden.

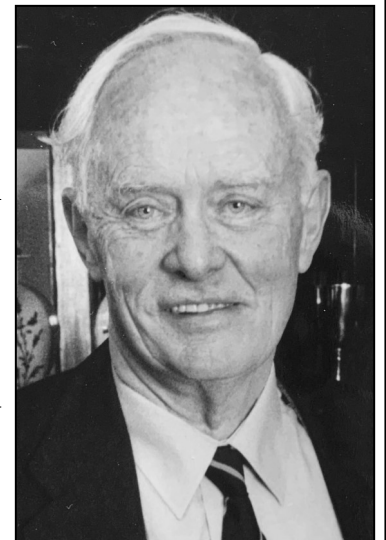
By Ian D Davidson

(photo of Lindsay Allason-Jones by Glyn Goodrick)

Obituary - Basil Sedgewick

Basil was born in Penrith but moved to Belle Vue in 1934, along with his parents, brother Jack and sister Olga. National Service in Singapore, (for a man who never again left these shores) provided him with many stories to tell his children and grandchildren.

He was also one of the Guards lining the route at the Queen's Coronation in 1953. Schooldays were spent at Dovenby School and Cockermouth Grammar School, where he met his future wife Hazel. Lifelong friendships were made through his love of angling and rugby and he captained the very successful Cockermouth rugby union team in the 1950s.



Basil always wanted to be a teacher, but his father got him a job at Martin's bank in Sedbergh where he worked. National Service saved the day and Basil went on to do teacher training at the Charlotte Mason College and Lancaster University, eventually teaching geography at Newlands Girls' School in Workington.

Always a stickler for routine, he would fly the Union Jack and the flag of St George whenever appropriate. When his former council house was modernised in the 70s, he refused to have gas installed, sticking with coal for the rest of his life. After retirement, Basil served his community both as a County Councillor and a Parish Councillor.

Basil was a much loved father, grandfather and great grandfather.

By Lesley Fawcett (daughter)

Joan Pauline Sara Carrington 1930-2019

Joan died suddenly of a heart attack on 23 March 2019, four weeks before her eighty-ninth birthday; she had lived on The Mount for 51 years. She was born in Barrow-in-Furness in 1930.

While working at Vickers-Armstrongs in the late 1940s she met Leonard Carrington, an engineer, who had moved from Cambridge to Barrow during the war, where he mainly worked on submarines. They married in 1951 and settled on the outskirts of Barrow, in a bungalow designed by Len. Due to Len's work they moved to Gosforth near Newcastle in 1959, but returned to Cumbria and Papcastle in 1968. They had two children, Philip and Mark.



Mark had severe cerebral palsy caused by a lack of oxygen at birth. Joan was devoted to looking after Mark; but for practical reasons he was increasingly cared for at Dovenby Hall Hospital as he grew older, which at the time had extremely good accommodation with dedicated and compassionate nurses for the most profoundly disabled individuals. Joan was secretary of Dovenby Hall Hospital League of Friends for many years. Mark died at the age of 26.

Joan was an excellent cook. Other interests included Ladies Circle, where she was a member in both Newcastle and Cockermouth. In Papcastle she was a member of the W.I. and enjoyed embroidery with a ladies group. Singing was a great pleasure in her life, she had a very good soprano voice and sang in amateur operatics in Barrow, in a ladies choir in Newcastle, in the Castlegate Singers, and with St. Bridget's Church choir for over 40 years.

Her marriage to Len gave Joan great happiness, but ended after 55 years in 2006 with Len's death. My mother was, to put it simply, a very kind and gentle Christian lady, who always held the belief of a life-eternal beyond this physical existence. I hope that she has been proved right.

By Philip Carrington (son)

Ladies Evening

Following on from the successful 'Prosecco and Puddings' evening in the village hall, this time it was a 'Cheese and Wine' night, held on 16th March. These evenings, the brainchild of Debbie Rushton, aim to bring the ladies of the village together. For some, it was a chance to meet their neighbours for the first time and for others an opportunity to leave babies, children, pets and even



husbands at home and have a relaxing and sociable evening.



It's hoped that these evenings will grow in popularity and appeal to all ages, so please try and join us at the next event which is on Friday 31st May at 8pm at the village hall. Bring a bottle of wine and some cheese or nibbles. It's £2 on the door, all proceeds go towards the hall costs.



William Francis Hobson

21/07/1925 - 16/03/2019

Bill was born and bred in Cumberland and proud of it!

He was the only son of Francis Mary and William Anthony Hobson. His father died when Bill was two and he lived with his mother and paternal grandfather at Woodhall, Cockermouth until 1939. Aged 7 he went to Lime House School in Wetheral, Carlisle before completing his education at Shrewsbury School. He loved the cricket, rowing and shooting during his

time there through the war years.

Bill served his army years in the Royal Artillery as 2nd Lieutenant with whom he went to India. After returning to Cockermouth in 1948 Bill settled at Hillside, Lamplugh Road and secured a job within the Civil Service at Sellafield (nee Windscales) until 1985.

Through the 1970's and early 80's Bill was first treasurer and then Chairman of the Cockermouth Anglers' Association, responsible for numerous purchases of fishing rights along stretches of the Derwent and Cocker to avail quality fishing for local people as well as establishing Cogra Moss as a rainbow trout fishery in 1975. Voluntary work on various committees for the River Authority and North West Water resulted in an invitation to a Buckingham Palace Garden party. In 1976 Bill had a short spell as a media pundit with an appearance on Look North to comment on the severe drought that had afflicted the Country.

Post retirement having moved to Papcastle, Bill joined the Parish council and spent many happy hours walking through his beloved fells with his dog by his side.

Bill was an archetypal old school Englishman typical of his generation. Truly a local man; the River Derwent had coursed through his veins since childhood and he had never lived in a home without a view of Skiddaw or Grasmere.

Bill is survived by Lore, his wife of 65 years together with his children Nadine and Miles and grandchildren; Ben, Lauren, Raffie and Joss.

The warmth and friendship shown to him by local people can never be underestimated nor forgotten.

By Miles Hobson (son)

Allotment news

The allotment has a new receptacle to gather rain water thanks to Dave from Corrylyn. He was having a new bathroom suite fitted so he kindly donated his old bath. With the help of Robert Jackson and family it was transported and situated in its current position and has already been filled and emptied at least once this year!



REGULAR VILLAGE HALL ACTIVITIES

- Mahjong** Brian Wilkinson 01900 829490
Monday 2:00-5:00pm All year *except public holiday*
- Keep Fit** Tony McGorrian 01900 64632
Monday 6.30-7.30pm *School term only*
- Parish Council** David Johnson 01900 822355
1st Tuesday evening *Bi monthly*
- Yoga** Pat Irving 07962127812
Thursday 6.30-8.00pm
- Line Dancing** Carol Smith 01900 821590
Friday afternoons weekly



Village Hall Bookings:

Gill Conlon

Tel: 01900 828360

The Annual Papcastle Village BBQ

Saturday 13th July 2019

Tickets £10

From Debbie Rushton Tel 01900 824831

St Bridget's Church, Bridekirk

Usual Monthly Services

Services at 11:00am

1st Sunday Holy Communion and Sunday School

2nd Sunday All Age Service

3rd Sunday Morning Prayer and Sunday School

4th Sunday Morning Prayer and Sunday School



Many thanks as always to the editorial team, Jill Coyle and Elspeth White. A special thank you to Elspeth who has contributed greatly to the *Villager* over the years, but has announced that this will be her last. If anyone would like to help in the creation of this newsletter, please get in touch with either myself at msjmennim@hotmail.co.uk or Jill on 828625. The deadline for the Autumn issue will be 1st August 2019.

All of the previous *Villager's* can be found on the Papcastle website: www.papcastle.org.uk along with information old and new about the village.