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The Villager



Winter 2021

Papcastle and Belle Vue Newsletter

A Great British Papcastle Village BBQ, Sat 28th August 2021

A somewhat delayed date for our BBQ this year, however the weather couldn't have been kinder. Bank Holiday weekends ordinarily tend to be a washout but this year the sun shone and an expectant buzz was in the air as villagers at long last were able to mingle without restrictions.



52 tickets were sold with the addition of 11 under 8 year olds so it was going to be a smaller affair in comparison to previous events. With a glass of Prosecco/Beer in hand and the smells of supper being cooked by our three chefs the lane buzzed with chatter of those catching up with friends, family and neighbours whilst children played in the lane letting

off a bit of steam until their supper was ready.

Our gallant chefs David, Brian and Brian deftly flipped the meat along with vegetarian offerings and tempted the attendees with wafts of mouth watering aromas. Thanks gents for a great job. Continued overleaf..



A sumptuous array of salads was on offer to accompany our expertly cooked supper, followed by a selection of puddings to round off the meal. Our thanks go to the many multi-talented ladies for your contributions, and thanks also to the many others who helped behind the scenes setting up the hall and washing up.



It was good to welcome some new faces who have recently moved into the village. Hopefully you will be encouraged to return again next year!

Lastly but by no means least a special thank you to the attendees who helped make the event a great success. All in all a very happy evening with a chance to feel normal again. Hopefully see you all again next year! Debbie Rushton & Michelle Golightly

***** Total money raised for the Village Hall - £455.20*****

A Wedding Reception In The Village Hall!

Some of you may have noticed that the Village Hall was highly decorated over the weekend of the 20th of August? This was owing to Jude and Jonathan from Fern Cottage holding their wedding reception there.

The bride wore green (as she's no spring chicken) and the groom had flashes of orange accessorising his outfit (classy).

Jude was quoted as saying "We were overwhelmed by the generosity of the village folk. The ladies were on hand to finalise the sandwiches and refreshments on the day and David and his trusty carriage took us to the ceremony individually and returned us as an old married pair!"



Helpers with the bride left to right: David, Michelle, Doreen, Jacqui, Debbie, Gill and Jude.



The hall set up awaiting the guests.

Queen's Birthday Honour For Papcastle Resident!

Carolyn Otley, who lives in Papcastle, is a Village Hall Trustee and member of Cockermouth Mountain Rescue Team, was awarded the MBE in the Queen's birthday honours in June, 'for services to the community in Cumbria during Covid-19'.

Carolyn, who is the Community Resilience Coordinator for Cumbria Local Resilience Forum, chaired the Community Resilience Group set up as part of Cumbria's multi-agency coordination of the response to the pandemic. The group designed and implemented a county-wide structure to connect over 200 new and informal community groups, along with local voluntary sector organisations, to a helpline and network of six community hubs run by Cumbria's local authorities. This structure delivered food and prescriptions to homes across Cumbria - as well as helping with dog walking, and a wide range of other tasks. A major challenge was finding ways to support those community groups without taking over, providing them with information and helping troubleshoot difficulties, whilst ensuring their knowledge was used to inform decision making at strategic coordinating group meetings. She was also involved in launching the Support Cumbria website, which went live as we went into the first lockdown. It was used to recruit over 2300 volunteers, who were matched to organisations including mutual aid groups, foodbanks and the local NHS. (Extract from 'Mountain Rescue Magazine')



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The community response to the pandemic in Cumbria has been exemplary. Your imaginative leadership has played a significant part in influencing this and in the successful support of those worst affected; you have brought so many people to work together with such community spirit and purpose. The award is very well deserved.

I know that colleagues, family and friends will all be thrilled at your award.

Your contribution to the SCG on behalf of our communities has been immense and I have relied heavily on your 'reality check' what we thought was going on across the county. Your knowledge, experience, public service ethos and good humour have made you a pillar of strength for the group. On a personal level, I am very grateful for all the help and support you have given me as Chair through some very difficult times.

I am also delighted to formally recognise the contribution of Communities Sub-Group with the enclosed Certificate of Commendation. I would be grateful if you could ensure my sincere thanks are also cascaded to individual subgroup members.

On behalf of the Local Resilience Forum, thank you for your service to the people of Cumbria.

*Excerpt from a letter
to Carolyn from Asst
Chief Constable
Slattery (retired)
Cumbria Police.*



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14th June 2021

*Excerpt from a letter
to Carolyn from the
Lord Lieutenant,
Claire Hensman.*

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I'm sure we all feel that Carolyn deserves a "Well Done" too!

TV Celebrity Living In The Village!

It's all been happening in Papcastle this summer.. Angela Johnson of Premier House was recently a guest on the BBC's Gardener's World.

She showed viewers around her beautiful garden, explaining why she had planted certain flowers and why she had changed the garden layout following the stroke she had a few years ago, which left her with limited vision. Angela spoke eloquently and from the heart, she was a joy to watch.

If you missed it you can still see Angela on BBC iPlayer (episode 19).



A second person in the village has also made an appearance on the television lately but was too shy to be named in this space, so all I'll say is if you're watching 'Homes Under The Hammer' see if you can spot who it is!

Ladies Night - Prosecco & Pudding

We had the usual fun and lively chat at the latest ladies night, raising £36 for the hall.

To give the guys a look-in at the next event it will be '*couples pot luck supper*'. Bring your own drink and a food contribution to add to the table. It's £2 per head on the door, towards hall costs. So put the date in your diary now and start planning what to bring!

—7.30 pm Friday 15th October 2021—

At the Village Hall

Christmas Festivities In Papcastle & Belle Vue

Yes, we know that it is only September but if we leave this until the next edition of the Villager we will be too late! So please do not say you have not been warned.

Pre Christmas Craft Sale - our talented crafty neighbour Carole Jones plans to hold an early sale in the village hall on 23 October. Teas, coffees and cakes will be on sale at the same time so bring your friends and enjoy the goodies and a welcome cuppa. Look out for more information from Carole (back page).

Advent window trail - Back again this year by popular demand is the Christmas Advent trail. If you want to be in the hat please send your name and address by text or WhatsApp to Doreen Bertram by 25th October (07468566109). The first 24 pulled out of the hat on 6th November will be allocated a window in the order that they are pulled. There are no rules about subject matter but you need to incorporate the date or number somewhere on the window. Of course anyone in the village is welcome to decorate a window but the mystery judge will choose first and second prize from the Advent 24.

Merry Meet at the Village Hall - This year's Christmas gathering will be held on 11th December and is again a pie and pea supper followed by delicious sweets created by the 'pudding fairies'. As usual we will have a bar to lubricate the vocal chords for our short sing song of carols and Christmas songs. So come and meet friends and neighbours and welcome any newbies to our friendly village. This year's prize will go to the person wearing the most fantastic Christmas Head Gear.

Tickets are £10 (includes a free drink) available from Gill Conlon (07858392837) from 1st November. But take note - we are limiting ticket numbers to 60 in an attempt to avoid overcrowding so its first come first served.

Doreen



New Village Seat

Some time has elapsed since the previous seat mysteriously disappeared (was stolen), so it is fantastic to see its' replacement finally in-situ, thanks to the Parish Council.

It is a great asset to the village and will certainly be well used by both locals and tourists, who may need a moment to rest up on their journey.

Welcome To The Village

Jo, Rich, George, Ben & Jennifer

Thank you for our warm welcome to the village over the last 6 months. We might be familiar to some of you as Rich's parents used to live at Papcastle House (Brian and Anne Watson). We haven't moved far, previously living on Fern Bank in Cockermouth.

Rich works at Sellafield and Jo is a GP, so a doctor remains on hand at West Worth! We have George 9yrs, Ben 7yrs and Jennifer 4yrs who you might have heard in the garden. They are slightly feral, but generally a friendly mob. Our newest addition is Sam the miniature schnauzer. He's mostly pleasant, appearing at the gate almost instantaneously if a treat is in the offing! We are enjoying making the house our own and the steep learning curve that is gardening, especially when the bar was set so high by Anne Eldred ! When we aren't taking the children to sports clubs and games, we enjoy walking, running (not as well as John E), wine, sport (especially golf - Rich), lake swimming and cycling (Jo). We feel very lucky to be part of West Worth's rich history and are looking forward to many years in a fantastic family home and village.



Jonathan, Kae, Paul & Kyra

We have recently moved into Moorside; for those that don't know it, it's the big orange building near the pub. We have been here just a couple of months now and are really loving it. I honestly don't think there is anywhere in the world I'd prefer to live.



For the last 5 years, we were living in a terraced house in the centre of town and before that we were all living in Thailand. I went there on holiday for two weeks and ended up staying for 6 years. We have some investment property, including a small hotel in Thailand which we built when we were living there and is now run by friends and family members. My wife has a massage business she runs

from home and I am a private maths tutor. My stepson Paul (16) is at Cockermouth School and my daughter, Kyra (9) is at Fairfield. We are looking forward to meeting and getting to know you all better in the near future.

Parish Council Snippets

Meeting held on Tuesday 7th September in the Village Hall.

Present: David Johnson, Huw Morgan, Robert Jackson, Robert Jackson Jnr, Jackie Day, Brian Merris, Ian Trohear, John Conlon and Jill Coyle.

Also present, County Councillor Catherine Bell.

Declarations of interest were made by Robert Jackson, Jill Coyle and Ian Trohear.

Replacement seat: This has now been installed. Thanks to both Councillors Jackson for their work.

Fly tipping in the village: A large bag of rubbish which was reported by a number of people, has now been removed.

Street lighting: David Johnson and Huw Morgan have had a constructive meeting with Chris Thompson from Electricity North West and David Bryden from Allerdale Borough Council, on site.

Planning applications: A number of planning applications were discussed. Three decisions were also approved by Allerdale Borough Council (ABC).

ABC was also contacted about the lack of information and possibly incorrect information, in one application.

Cockermouth and Papcastle Recreational Trust: Brian Merris said that the Trust members were due to meet in October, and were looking for projects to support.

The path by St. Leonard's House is overgrown with nettles. the Town Council to be informed.

Salt bins: Ian Trohear reported that several of the bins were in need of filling before winter.

Defibrillator: Huw Morgan has ordered and fitted new pads.

Date and time of next meeting

Tuesday 2nd November 2021 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Regular Village Hall Activities

Mahjong Brian Wilkinson 01900 829490

Monday 2:00-5:00pm *All year except public holiday*

Keep Fit Tony McCorrian 01900 64632

Monday 6.30-7.30pm *School term only*

Zumba Gold Danielle Carter 07975521789

Friday 1-1.45pm £5



Village Hall

Bookings:

Gill Conlon

01900 828360

We look forward to welcoming you to St. Bridget's Church, Bridekirk very soon. We meet every Sunday at 11.00am with the usual pattern of services:

First Sunday of the Month: Holy Communion

Second Sunday of the Month: All Age Worship

Third Sunday of the Month: Sunday Worship

Fourth Sunday of the Month: Sunday Worship

*Information correct as at 23rd September 2021,
Covid restrictions may necessitate changes.*

For the latest information see St. Bridget's Church Facebook page or find us on 'A Church Near You' <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/12479/>



Remembrance Day: Sunday
14th November 2021 at
10.45am

Carols By Candlelight:
Sunday 19th December at
6.30pm

Crib Service: Christmas Eve at 4.00pm

Midnight Mass: Christmas Eve at 11.30pm

Christmas Day: Family gathering – details TBA

Craft Sale! 23rd October 2-4.30pm in the Village Hall

I will be selling a wide variety of my fabric crafts including, Halloween treat bags and coin purses, toilet bags, scrunchies, totes, fabric baskets, glasses cases and mobile phone cases, Dog bandanas and bow ties (some for Remembrance Sunday), Bees wax food wraps, Bunting, Christmas decorations, reusable Christmas drawstring bags and Christmas baskets and much more.

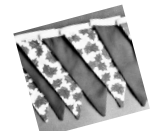
Come along and get some early Christmas presents, or place an order in time for me to make them up for you.

Caroles Fabric crafts (www.etsy.com/shop/carolesfabriccrafts). Have a look at my items on Etsy and buy much cheaper on the day!

If possible I would ask visitors to wear a mask when coming to the craft sale-it doesn't have to be one I made!

Hope to see many of you there!

Carole Jones



Thanks to all who contributed to this edition. If you have anything you would like to go in the next Villager, please email Jude at msjmenim@hotmail.co.uk by 31st Jan 2022.

If you would like to help write articles for the newsletter regularly, or even occasionally, please get in touch as any assistance would be most welcome.

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