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The Villager

Papcastle and Belle Vue Newsletter



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Welcome to the latest issue of your village newsletter. After Jude's departure in February, Jacqui and I have been doing our best to fill her shoes - constructive suggestions gratefully received! As Covid restrictions are eased, we have an action packed summer of activities in the village ahead - see back page. If you are new to the village do please come along. Jilly

Ladies' Cheese and Wine Evening



The first - very impromptu - social gathering of the New Year felt deliciously unusual: no masks, sharing food and drink and happy, smiling faces. How we have missed this! A wonderful selection of cheeses, good wine and even better crack, made for a wonderful evening. Look out for the next one - we may even let the gents come too!

Don't put your foot in it!



Around 40 of us turned up to be reintroduced to a projector and slides and enjoy Magdi Greiss's anecdotes from his career as a specialist foot surgeon. Magdi showed us all why barefoot is best and high heels are worst - at least as far as meta-tarsals are concerned. Pointed toed shoes can lead to bunions and the hip is a perfect joint - closely followed by ankles - but the knees and shoulders are a bad

job. Entertaining and informative - though sometimes rather too graphic for the squeamish amongst us - Magdi showed us his surgeon's saw and a stainless steel hip joint. His message: throw away your winkle pickers and 6 inch heels. If you damage your feet the whole of your body will suffer. And waiting times on the NHS are doubled of course since you have two feet!



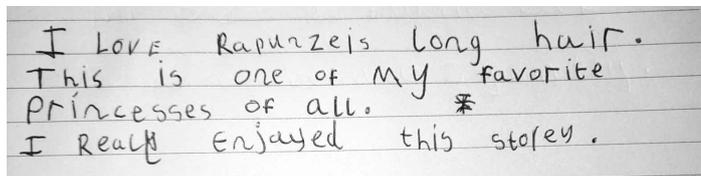
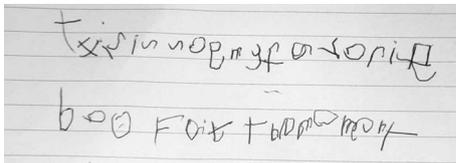
Kids' Corner

We want to hear from Papcastle's young folk. This is where you can share your achievements - sporting, artistic, musical, creative - whatever you are proud of. Write a poem, draw a picture, take a photo, design a puzzle, make a request, share an idea, tell us what the Village can do for you.



Harry and Isabelle are particularly proud of their World Book Day models - Zog and Rapunzel - and rightly so. Though the black and white photo doesn't do the fantastic orange coloured Zog and Rapunzel's yellow hair justice, sadly.

Isabelle explains her choice:



Harry writes that Zog is his favourite book at the moment because Zog can fly. Well done to you both!

Help for Ukraine

The villagers of Papcastle and Bridekirk Dovenby School worked together to send some support to the people of Ukraine. Villagers gathered toiletries, clothes and various other essentials. A kind Mum loaded up her car and took them to the school where they were dispatched to Ukraine via specialist agencies.

Thanks to all who were involved. We all hope that the cruel and desperate situation there improves.



Quiz time: Dogs and Owners

Can you match the dogs to their owners? And then name them?



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Morag

Harry
Geri
Seren
Polly
Izzi
Spot
Cally
Jet

Paddy
Livvie
Ben
Alfie
Tess
Beau
Luna
Morag



Brian



Gill and John



Zoe



The Jacksons



Tricia



Jacqui



Rob and Jo



Vicki and Phil



Doreen



Ian



Finley and Eli

Your dogs not there? Send us separate pictures of dogs and owners and we'll do it all again next time!

Tales of the River Bank

Fascinated and horrified by the devastation inflicted by United Utilities on the meadows beside the river Derwent in Papcastle, I was somewhat relieved when a flier popped through the letterbox a few weeks ago, assuring us that they “would be putting the countryside back just as [they] found it”. However, I really couldn’t see how this:



could be turned back into a green field, as well as wondering what it was for. So I contacted the press officer at United Utilities, Richard Wheeldon, who, after some investigation, informed us that the concrete block had been built to help with the commissioning of the Williamsgate water treatment plant, and that it – together with all the blue pipes snaking over the field and the outflow into the Derwent, will eventually be removed. Hooray!

Robert Jackson – whose fields they have been using – has also been investigating the goings on down by the river. In particular, how they are managing to tunnel under the Derwent to take the pipeline south of Papcastle. Here is what he found out:

They had to be into solid rock to be able to bore the 2.5m diameter tunnel under the riverbed. To do this, they constructed reinforced concrete rings 3.5m high and 10m in diameter. Once the first one was in the correct position, they lifted a mini-digger inside which dug material out from underneath the ring, causing it to sink down into the ground.



Then another identical ring was placed on top (you can see the crane they used in the photo) and repeated the procedure.

“They were on the third ring when I took the photo and they continued till they were 18m down,” says Robert.

When the shaft was complete and the tunnel under the river bored, they had to reduce the water table by 3.5m so that they could weld the steel pipes taking the water through the tunnel. For this they used a set of small pipes inserted 5m into the ground feeding into larger suction pipes on the surface which drained the water away and pumped it into the beck. The picture shows the two main water pipes with the land draining hoses on either side heading down towards the river.



When the riverbank is finally returned to its original state, I wonder if we will remember the upheaval caused to nature and the ingenuity these civil engineers employed to get these pipes across the Derwent.

Many thanks to Robert Jackson for the photos and explanations.

Fancy a walk but don't know where to go or who to go with?



Stan Leigh from Old Orchard, Papcastle has been leading walking groups for many years now and warmly invites villagers to come along. The summer schedule is listed below - just let him know by email a few days beforehand if you intend to come. Lifts can be arranged. You usually need a packed lunch and drink, boots or stout shoes, a rucksack and appropriate clothing for the season, and be fit enough for a 6-7 mile walk on sometimes rough terrain. If you would like more information and to be kept informed of our future walks, please get in touch with Stan on 01900 828821/email seleighwanadoo@yahoo.com.

Friday 22nd April - Brotherswater/Ullswater Area - 5 miles - led by Liz Whitfield

Saturday 7th May - Raven Crag & Castle Crag Fort & Thirlmere Dam at Thirlmere from Legburthwaite

Friday 10th June - Mosser Rd/Cringley Hill/Brandlingill/Sandy Beck Nature Reserve/Rogerscale from Lorton

Friday 8th July - Eycott Hill Nature Reserve, Berrier & Mungrisedale - 5 miles led by Bri & Diane Cooke

Friday 5th August - Longlands, Aughtertree Fell from Uldale - 6 miles

Friday 19th August - Loweswater, Holme Wood & High Nook Tarn from Waterend

Saturday 10th September - Haltwhistle Burn & Hadrian's Wall - 5.6 miles

Dates to be confirmed nearer the time with the flexibility to change [eg.weather forecast].



Welcome To The Village

We warmly welcome the new owners of Fern Cottage, Vicki and Phil.

Originally from Kent, they have moved from Berkshire to fully embrace a quieter pace of life. They have been visiting the Lakes for the last 20 years; both love the outdoors and are looking forward to finding new walking routes.

Vicki gave up teaching to focus on their dogs and start her own dog day-care business but doesn't think she will continue now moved, though she is looking forward to doing local charity work.

Phil works as an IT manager for Mars confectionery. Vicki writes, "Sadly free tastings aren't part of the job. Phil especially loves his mountain bikes and real ale (not at the same time...could be tricky) and experimenting with his cooking (especially curries and his pizza oven)."

Vicki adds, "As soon as we stepped inside Fern Cottage, straight away it felt like home! As we left the viewing, we thanked Jude and Jonathan, very excited to have found such wonderful cottage. We are really looking forward to being part of the community, so please come and say hi if you see us around."



ST. BRIDGET'S, BRIDEKIRK People of hope and love

We would like to thank everyone who has joined us in our Easter services and celebrations. A special thank you to those who were able to support our garden party in aid of Barnardo's. As spring draws to a close we look forward to a more quiet time at Church. Some notable dates :

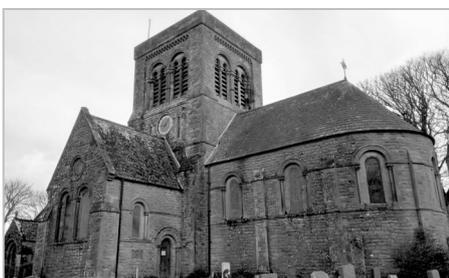
Sunday 5th June: we will be celebrating the feast of Pentecost alongside the Queen's Platinum Jubilee during our Holy Communion service.

Weekend 9-10th July: we are considering holding our annual gift day during this weekend. We may also hold an all age service of thanks with celebration lunch on the Sunday.

New look Sunday School: We are pleased to offer a children's Sunday school on the 4th Sunday of each month at 11am. This will run in the church room whilst the main service is taking place in the church body.

Everyone is welcome to all of our services no matter what your age. We will always do our best to make you welcome and look forward to worshipping with you at St Bridget's Church, Bridekirk.

Keep up to date with all our activities by following us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/stbridgetsbridekirk>) or ask to join our e-mail list by e-mailing us at bridekirk_church@icloud.com



Our regular monthly service pattern is as follows (all at 11am):

1st Sunday: Holy Communion

2nd Sunday: All Age worship

3rd Sunday: Morning worship

4th Sunday: Family worship with Sunday School for the children

Parish Council Snippets

From the Parish Council Meeting on 1st March 2022

If you have a concern with which the Parish Council may be able to help, please contact the Parish Clerk: Mrs Barbara Lamb, Sunningdale, Distington, Workington, Cumbria, CA14 5XP or any of the Parish Councillors. These are David Johnson - chairman, Huw Morgan - vice-chair, Robert Jackson, Robert Jackson jnr, Jackie Day, Jill Coyle, Brian Merris, Ian Trohear and John Conlon. All but one were present at the March meeting. Also present were Councillor Catherine Bell (Cumbria County Council - CCC). Apologies for absence were received from Huw Morgan, Councillor Nicky Cockburn (Allerdale Borough Council - ABC) Councillor Janet Farebrother (ABC).

- Robert Jackson reported some work had been done in an attempt to clear the blocked drain but the problem remained. Councillor Bell later informed us that ABC will be clearing all the drains in the village in June/July of this year.
- The erosion on the riverbank was discussed again and Councillor Bell read out a letter from Mark Jenkinson MP which stated the work was to be undertaken by the County Council and he had received written confirmation of this. Robert Jackson said all the required consents had expired and these would now have to be reapplied for which would hold the work up. Robert Jackson said the Cockermouth Anglers had taped the area off and now had no right of way. Councillor Bell reiterated she had spoken to Keith Little and had assurance the work was to be carried out shortly.
- David Johnson said he had reported potholes in the village in January but there had not been any response so far. Councillor Bell confirmed the County Council had received additional funding for potholes but that the main roads were priority. David then gave the log details for the potholes he had reported and Councillor Bell agreed to chase them up.
- There has still been no update from Electricity North West regarding street lighting on Papcastle Road.
- It was acknowledged the parking problem in the village was getting worse.
- It was reported that the cost of both cleaning the Defibrillator phone box and bus shelter had increased.
- Brian Merris reminded the members the next meeting of the Cockermouth and Papcastle Recreational Trust was to be held on 3rd May and asked for applications for funding.
- Various Planning Applications and Decisions were discussed.
- It was agreed not to contribute financially to the Ukrainian Appeal but agreed to a vote of solidarity with the people of the Ukraine.
- Councillor Cockburn sent an email to inform us that she is on the joint Committee for the setting up of the new Cumberland Authority.
- Councillor Fairbrother sent an email referring to the Community Climate Grants available to raise awareness about climate change and reduce carbon emissions and run projects and events.

**Date and time of next meeting held in the Village Hall:
Tuesday 3rd May Annual Parish Meeting at 7.00pm
Followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.**

You are welcome to attend any of the meetings, held every 2 months in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm, except for the May Annual Meeting which is at 7pm, though you will have to seek the Chairman's permission to contribute. The minutes of the meetings are posted on the Village noticeboards when ratified.



Papcastle Question Time



With so many newcomers to the Village, it would be good to have a forum where questions about the Village can be asked and answered. Hopefully other residents will be able to supply information, or even offer to hold a slide show or talk in the Village Hall. For example, I wondered what the

Mount looked like before the housing estate was built. Foraging through back copies of the Villager, I found an article in Issue no. 25 from Spring 2012 written by Eric Apperley, though sadly this appears to be no longer available on the Papcastle website. I also had some interesting conversations with people who grew up in the village and remembered the old house and estate. Perhaps others would like to share similar village memories with us in one form or another. Use this space to ask your questions: email papcastlevillager@gmail.com and let's see if we can find some answers for you.



Village Hall



To book contact Gill Conlon 01900 828360

The newly refurbished Village Hall is popular and well-used for parties, gatherings, sports activities and rehearsals. We now also have a table tennis table for village residents - book a session in the hall to use it. Ideally, we would like to re-instate the regular "Drop In" coffee morning. We just need volunteers for a rota - can you spare one morning a month? Contact Debbie Rushton 07754 127103 if the answer is yes. We are also still looking for a caretaker to pop in 2 or 3 times a week just to check nothing is amiss. Contact David Rushton at derdar@talktalk.net.

Every Friday
2-2.45 pm

Zumba Gold £5
Contact Danielle Carson 07975521789

Every Saturday
Class times vary

Divas School of Dance. Classes for all ages in Ballet , Modern & Tap. Please contact M Williamson on 07512804184 for further details or email mandywilliamson72@yahoo.co.uk

Friday 22 April
7.30 pm

CADS - Consuming Passions by Alan Ayckbourn. Tickets £10 from www.ticketsource.co.uk/cadstheatre (not suitable for children)

Saturday 7th May
2.00 pm

Tea, Coffee and Plant Stall
Donations of plants/cuttings welcome
Contact Doreen: 07468 566109

Sunday 5th June
2.00 pm

Street Party - Village Jubilee Celebrations - Contact Debbie 07754 127103 or Gill 01900 828360

Saturday 16th July
6.00 pm

Village Barbecue
For tickets contact Debbie 07754 127103

Street Party!



Come along at 2.00 pm on Sunday 5th June to the Village Hall to celebrate Queen Elizabeth's 70 years on the throne.



Red, White and Blue theme

Kids activities

Childrens' Fancy Dress - Prize for the best King and Queen

No Charge - paying bar, tea and coffee

Please bring a food contribution for the table

Contact Debbie Rushton or Gill Conlon for more information



Thanks to all who contributed to this edition. If you have anything you would like to go in the next *Villager*, or a story you would like us to write for you, please email the editorial team, Jilly and Jacqui at papcastlewillager@gmail.com by 30th June 2022.

We would welcome contributions from our readers: puzzles, jokes and quizzes, poems, local interest articles, events for others to join in, achievements - especially of our young folk - anything which makes our village feel like family. If you are new to the village, please get in touch and introduce yourselves. We'd love to say hello.

Answers to Dog Quiz: 1 Jacqui - Affie; 2 Tricia - Beau; 3 Brian - Ben & Jet; 4 Doreen - Cally; 5 Finley and Eli - Izz; 6 Jackson Family - Spot, Tess and Paddy; 7 Gill and John - Morag; 8 Rob and Jo - Seren; 9 Zoe - Luna; 10 Vicki and Phil - Geri, Polly and Livvie; 11 Ian - Harry or Chunky.