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# The Villager

Papcastle and Belle Vue Newsletter



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Welcome to the latest full colour issue of your village newsletter. The Platinum Jubilee celebrations just had to be remembered in red, white and blue! There is more fun planned for the rest of this summer and autumn - see back page. We look forward to seeing you there.

## The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Street Party 5th June 2022

Cakes baked, flags hoisted, bunting hung, prizes bought, crowns made, faces painted, dressed up, bar stocked, chairs and tables, sofas, wheelbarrows, red, white and blue – all ready for the great celebration of the longest reign in history. Our Queen really has staying power – and Papcastle villagers wanted to celebrate in style.

David and Debbie were up early in preparation for the big day. This flag has been in David's possession for years and was put to good use for our Jubilee celebrations.



The Jubilee organisers, Gill, Debbie and Doreen were helped by many, including Julie, who did some amazing face painting. They were delighted that so many people turned out, and highlighted how important community involvement was to the success of the event.





Partygoers of all ages starting flocking to the Village Hall just after 2pm, laden with delicious food of all varieties. More tables had to be found to accommodate the increasing weight of the contributions.



The bar sold lots of wine and local beers and did an excellent trade throughout the afternoon.



The weather was kind, enabling people to fill their plates and glasses before milling outdoors in the sun.



What a super job the committee have done again. Our thanks go to them and to all the many villagers who came and enjoyed this special day together.





Entertainment was provided by the Wacky Wheelbarrow and Sofa Races. Mums, Dads and anyone willing to push, manoeuvred these vehicles with amazing dexterity, to loud screams from everyone gathered.



The sofa race was a great success, for big and little kids alike.  
Brian and Paul - the big kids!  
Toby and George - the real kids!



The wheelbarrow race was also a keenly contested event!  
Arlo and Niall pushed by Tai.



Our prize winners:  
Arlo, Miles, Elliot, Felicity and Poppy.



Painted Princesses



Charming Princes



## Kids' Corner

It was great to see so many of Papcastle's young folk having fun at the Jubilee Party. We want to see your achievements - sporting, artistic, musical, creative - whatever you are proud of, showcased here too. 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.

For example - would you be interested in a regular youth club if enough volunteers could be found to run it? Ask your parents to get in touch via the website or Whatsapp with your ideas.



### Lucas at Shakespeare's Globe Theatre, London

My class and I entered the Poetry by Heart competition and got through to the finals which were in London at the Shakespeare Globe Theatre. We went the day before the train strikes and went there and back in one day!

We performed "The Book" by former Children's Laureate Michael Rosen on the stage and I got to accept our reward on behalf of my school. I loved the architecture of the building and

we got to meet someone who worked at The Globe who also went to Eaglesfield Puddle CofE Primary Academy. It was an amazing trip to go on with my friends.



## The Joy of Running

On New Year's Eve I accepted a challenge from my daughter to run every day in January. The only 'rules' were to set off from the front door, and increase the distance each Saturday by 1 km, culminating in a week of 5 km runs. Using this method, 100 km could be run over 31 days all within ½ mile of my front door. This was my first surprise.

I used our O/S maps App on the I-Pad to plot weekly laps and loops around the village, making each week slightly different to ensure momentum and give me the motivation to keep going. However, some mornings I forgot how many times I'd run around The Mount or through the farm – was it 4 or was it 12? This didn't matter because it was fun, although it was bitterly cold at times. Knowing that the sun will rise and breakfast will be ready and tasty made the run pleasurable – the point of all my running after all.

My second surprise was the desire to keep running regularly, and it became a natural start to the day. To run early in the mornings with a torch gave me an increased sense and appreciation of the many shades of winter and the rising sun along the Derwent valley. We are blessed with such beauty.

For those who want to start running, a steady increase in distance as I've described is an effective introduction to maintaining fitness and equilibrium. These runs have inspired me to return to Saturday Park Runs, and steadily to improve my times and age percentage.

All of this has prompted me to suggest holding a 3km run around the village from the Village Hall, on a Saturday morning, for anyone and everyone to join in. If you would like to help organise this or would be keen to take part, please get in touch via [papcastlevillager@gmail.com](mailto:papcastlevillager@gmail.com) or call in for a chat.



**Rosemary & Andrew Hewett, Hill Cottage**

## New Baby

Congratulations to Divya, James and all the family on the newest arrival in Papcastle.

Welcome to Felix Ravi, a brother for Miles and Elliot.

Now we have 77 children in Papcastle! Fantastic to live in such a lively, growing village.



## Stan's Walking Group

(Cockermouth Striders)

Several of our villagers have joined Stan on his well organised walks, which often contain historical and cultural points of interest. Please contact Stan on 01900 82882/ email seleighwanadoo@yahoo.com if you would like to join them.



Provisional timetable:

Saturday 23rd July	Braithwaite & Portinscale from Braithwaite
Friday 5th August	Longlands, Aughertree Fell from Uldale
Friday 9th August	Loweswater, Holme Wood & High Nook Tarn from Waterend
Saturday 10th Sept	Haltwhistle Burn & Hadrian's Wall - 5.6 miles

## Tea, Coffee and Plant Sale

This turned out to be more of a plant and cake sale and it was great to see lots of our younger villagers, who did admit that the cakes were more of an attraction than the plants!

Doreen and Magdi manned the plant stand and trading was fast.



Magdi had his specialist cacti, which attracted a lot of curiosity - as well as funds for the village - when he auctioned a particularly rare one. The winner was Jack. Eldin thoughtfully decided to continue the community effort by baking cakes the next day and selling them outside his home. Fantastic!

Isabelle and Harry also sold their plants and their Grandad's (Robert Jackson) outside their home the following week.

Thanks to everyone who donated plants and cakes, those who came and supported on the day and a special acknowledgment and thanks to those who organised this colourful and delicious village event; Gill, Doreen and Debbie. This event raised £294.05 for village hall funds.



## Consuming passions

Friday 22nd April saw the Village Hall jammed with people keen to be entertained by the most recent Cockermouth Amateur Dramatic Society (CADS) production, Consuming Passions by Alan Ayckbourn. The play was actually written as 2 separate small plays but these were found to be more effective when performed together.

Six individual actors made up the cast and a support team of four skilfully managed the production, despite the constraints of the size of the hall. There was even room for a bar.

The play was typical of Ayckbourn initially in that it was funny with an unexpected twist at the end. There was much laughter.

The performance was excellent and it is hoped that we may be fortunate to have more performances in the future. Doreen





# New Councillor for Papcastle and Belle Vue



I am very proud to have been elected to represent Cockermouth North – with Papcastle and Belle Vue, and so grateful to the people who have trusted me with their vote.

In the coming months, the new Unitary Authority will continue to take shape – this is our opportunity to create the council that we want. Our community needs a coherent planning policy, a thought-out strategy for local transport and amenities - utilities, schools, housing built for local needs. We need well conceived environmental policies and practices which will mean a better quality of life for all of us.

I feel strongly that our local representatives should be both accessible and accountable to their communities at all times, not just in election season. As well as councillor surgeries across the ward, I look forward to attending the Papcastle and Belle Vue Parish Council meetings. I will listen to residents, act on their concerns, and always respond to them. The best ways to contact me are by phone on 07840 844430, or by email at [Helen.Tucker@cumberland.gov.uk](mailto:Helen.Tucker@cumberland.gov.uk).

Residents are free to contact me on any matter that affects life in the village – street lighting (or lack of it), parking, potholes, river erosion – as well as ideas and projects for the village and the wider community.

Councillor Helen Tucker, Cumberland Shadow Authority



## Papcastle Question Time Mystery in Belle Vue



Jane Woosey has a mystery to solve, perhaps someone in the village might be able to help? She is trying to track down a past resident in Belle Vue. His name is Robert Edward Veal and he lived in Pillar House around 15-20 years ago. Jane keeps getting letters from a genuine investment company, not a scam, stating that he has a reasonably large amount of money owed to him. However, she has no idea where he has moved to. She is wondering if anyone from the village might remember him? Contact the Villager with any clues please.

### Where have all the trees gone?

Many of us would also like to know what is happening next to Castle Gardens. It was sad to see the trees go, presumably it was harvest time, but what now? We are not sure who owns the land, but would be grateful to know what the plans are for an area so central to the village. Please email the Villager if you would be prepared to share this information with us.



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

#### Our regular monthly service pattern (all at 11am)

1st Sunday: Holy Communion  
2nd Sunday: All Age worship  
3rd Sunday: Morning worship  
4th Sunday: Family worship with Sunday School  
5th Sunday: Morning worship

At the beginning of July we held our annual gift weekend with a celebration of life at St Bridget's Church. Thank you to all who supported the weekend, whether by sharing time together, offering skills and talents to grow our church and a special thank you those who supported us financially.

During our celebration weekend Ella Brentnall took part in the classic three peaks challenge raising funds for Barnardo's children charity. With your help, we are pleased to announce that St Bridget's Church raised £440.50 towards this worthy cause.

Following our successful bell tower tours we are offering people the opportunity to join a training course to learn how to bell ring. For more details please contact Richard Green by e-mailing [bridekirk\\_church@icloud.com](mailto:bridekirk_church@icloud.com).

**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 social media

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/stbridgetsbridekirk/>

Instagram - <https://www.instagram.com/stbridgetsbridekirk/> or by e-mailing us at [bridekirk\\_church@icloud.com](mailto:bridekirk_church@icloud.com).

# Parish Council Snippets

Annual Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd May 2022 in the Village Hall.

**Present:** David Johnson - Chairman, Huw Morgan - Vice Chair, Councillors Robert Jackson, Jackie Day, Robert Jackson Jnr, Brian Merris, and Ian Trohear, Councillor Catherine Bell (Cumbria County Council).

**Apologies for absence** were received from - John Conlon, Jill Coyle and Borough Councillors Nicky Cockburn and Janet Farebrother.

- Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman for ensuing year: David Johnson and Huw Morgan were both re-elected.
- Election of Village Hall Trustees: Robert Jackson and Jill Coyle.
- Election of Lamplugh Hall Trustee: Ian Trohear.
- Election of Cockermouth and Papcastle Recreational Trustees: Robert Jackson and Brian Merris are halfway through their term of office.
- County Councillor Catherine Bell reported on the ongoing work on the river bank. She is also pursuing potential access from the Bypass, with United Utilities.
- Two planning applications were discussed, with no objections raised.
- Bus Stop, Castle Gardens: The County Council has replaced the bus timetable at Castle Gardens with notification of the Voluntary Car Scheme. To be contacted re removal of the actual bus stop.
- Gas supplies, The Mount: This work was carried out in 2019, but a new notification has been received. Clerk to contact Suppliers re updating their records.
- Village Parking: Increased parking throughout the village was discussed at length, particularly the possible obstruction for larger emergency vehicles and decreased visibility at junctions.
- The introduction of a 20 mph speed limit was also proposed
- Sewage discharge into River Derwent: Robert Jackson Jnr reported a two day discharge to United Utilities and the problem has been resolved.

**Date and time of next meeting held in the Village Hall:  
Tuesday 5th July 2022 7.30 pm**

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. You are welcome to attend any of the meetings, 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.

## New To The Village - Welcome!

Hello everyone!

We are Jenny, Andy, Sam and Millie, and we moved into Linden House at the beginning of May. It has been lovely settling into the village at the start of Summer and we have really enjoyed meeting everyone. It was great attending the plant sale (our tomato plants are still growing!) and we loved being part of the Jubilee celebrations.

Jenny, Sam and Millie have lived in Cockermouth for many years and Andy is adjusting to the metropolitan whirl of Cockermouth after living in Ireby. We have two dogs ( Mungo and Meri ) and a very fluffy cat called Bob - all have enjoyed exploring our new surroundings. We all love being out on the fells, spending time outdoors or swimming in a lake (apart that is from Bob, who is more of a home/garden cat). If you are walking by, Andy can often be found working on his van so just say hello!



Thanks for making us so welcome and we are looking forward to seeing everyone at the village BBQ.



## 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 reinstate 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](mailto:derdar@talktalk.net).

Every Friday  
2-2.45 pm

**Zumba Gold** £5 - starts again in September  
Contact Danielle Carson 07975521789

Every Saturday  
Class times vary  
Term-time only

**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](mailto:mandywilliamson72@yahoo.co.uk)

Saturday  
16th July 6.00 pm

**Papcastle BBQ** to include "Soap Box Derby"! last minute tickets may still be available from Debbie (07754 127103)

Friday 2nd Sept  
6.00 pm

**Cockermouth Mountain Rescue Team .**  
Adults £3, children free - see below.

Saturday  
1st October

**German Evening** - back by popular demand, Michelle and Brian are yet again hosting their successful German Evening - tickets will be limited - see A boards for further details.

Friday  
21st October

**Single Malt Whisky Tasting** - Magdi and Penny are hosting a tasting evening to talk us through a varied choice of the golden nectar - tickets £22 limited to 19 adults Contact Penny to book your place 07876 194484

## Papcastle Garden Safari

A chance to allow others to share your garden. Please think about taking part in Papcastle Garden Safari next June 2023. It's not a competition, just an opportunity for a relaxing village event; a wander round the village followed by tea and cakes at the village hall. Please contact Debbie for more details or to submit your entry: 07754 127103  
We already have some participants, join us!



## Cockermouth Mountain Rescue Team

will be visiting the hall to show residents around the CMRT vehicle and give a talk.

Come along for an informative evening by our local volunteers for an insight into their busy emergency response lives.

Friday 2nd September



This colour copy of The Villager and the production costs for the year have been kindly funded by The Cockermouth & Papcastle Recreational Trust. Thanks go to all who contributed to this edition, especially Yvette for her work on the photos. 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 [papcastlevillager@gmail.com](mailto:papcastlevillager@gmail.com) by 30th September 2022.

We would welcome contributions from our readers: puzzles, jokes and quizzes, poems, local interest articles, events for others to join in. We need your input to make this newsletter interesting! If you are new to the village, please get in touch and introduce yourselves. We'd love to say hello.

Jilly and Jacqui