

Winter 2016

The Villager



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Papcastle & Belle Vue Newsletter

Editorial:

Welcome to the Winter 2016 edition of *The Villager*. One of the striking things about this issue is the fact that we're celebrating so many new residents to the village, several of whom are keen to get involved! - we've also seen some new activities making use of the Village Hall, and together with the renewed efforts going into making the Spotted Pig at Belle Vue a success, then the village is feeling a pretty dynamic place. As always at this time of year, the big event to look forward to is the Mulled Wine and Mince Pie evening, planned for Saturday 10th December. All the details are on the back page, but the organisers have made a special plea this year for a few hours help from 10.00 the 3rd December decorating the Hall and tidying the garden. In particular, they'd like to hear from anyone who would be willing to play the keyboard (provided) at the event, to make the carols a bit more tuneful.

More Beetles !



By Jill Coyle

Having never taken part in a Beetle Drive before, I was expecting a somewhat genteel evening's entertainment. The 'Drivers' covered all age groups, including a very enthusiastic toddler named Esmé.

We assembled nonchalantly into teams of four and had a pleasant chat whilst waiting for Pete Broad to start the proceedings. The rules of the game were explained and we were off! I was shocked into action by the competitive ferocity shown by my previously relaxed team mates. In all, we completed twenty four beetles plus a quiz, with a break at half time for tea and homemade cakes.

Esmé ready to roll !

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Tensions running high

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The winning team was 'Henry's Heroes', starring Jamie, Michael, Emma, Henry and the lovely Esmé. First prize was a box of Celebration chocolates, which Henry kindly shared round.

There were a couple of other prizes, including one for the lowest scoring team. No names are available for that one! It was an evening of good old fashioned fun for all ages, as well as an opportunity to socialise with our neighbours. Thanks are due to everyone who supported the event, which raised funds for the upkeep of the village hall, and also to the organisers who made it such an enjoyable evening.



Joyce and Jill can't believe they haven't won

Feed the birds.....

While it might nowadays cost somewhat more than when Mary Poppins asked for 'tuppence a bag', providing food is one of the most helpful things we can do for our garden birds. The RSPB suggests that we feed birds all year round, but that feeding during the colder months should be a priority. During winter, dawn and dusk are the key times to provide food. It's also important to ensure that the birds have clean water to drink, as well as some in which to bathe. Let's hope that we can help to keep our garden birds alive and well over the coming winter.

Parish Council Snippets

The November meeting was also attended by Councillor Eric Nicholson (Cumbria County Council), Councillor Janet Farebrother (Allerdale Borough Council) and PCSO Alex Ostle (Cumbria Constabulary).

Councillor Nicholson reported on the drainage work in High Sand Lane, the asset transfer to the Town Council of the library and the intention to move the Tourist Information Centre into the same building. Councillor Farebrother reported that the planning amendment on condition 6 (planning approval AM/2014/0350) relating to noise at Dovenby Hall had been approved by the Borough Council. She also said that the proposed housing development by Storeys at Broughton, had been put on hold. A number of street lights in the village are to be reported as faulty.

Planning Applications

2/2016/0613 - Variation of condition 5G on application 2/2014/0350 to alter time restrictions noise level limits, Dovenby Hall. No objections.
Tree works, Salmon Lodge Papcastle. No objections.

Planning Appeal

Outline application for erection of two detached dwellings (resubmission of 2/2014/0649) on land adjacent to Belle Mount, Papcastle. Appeal dismissed.

Precept

A Precept for 2017-18 of £9320.00 was unanimously agreed.

Any other business

It was agreed to contact the County Council regarding landscaping at Belle Vue, including the old roundabout areas, which need maintenance work.

Date and time of next meeting

January 3rd 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

The Parish Council is investigating ways of increasing transparency of its business through publishing full meeting Minutes and Accounts, possibly on a website. Until then, Minutes can be made available on application to any of the Parish Councillors

Parish Council update from Allerdale Policing Team

From this month forward we are changing in the way we deliver our crime figures. These reports will give you a better overview and enhanced location of the incidents. You will also be able to see other incidents in your neighbouring parishes.

Crime figures can be obtained via the Cumbria Police Website:

Alternatively use the following link:

<https://www.police.uk/>

Once you have opened the link follow the steps below

- Find your Neighbourhood
- Enter your location / postcode
- Explore crime map
- Click on area
- Click on each incident for details

Cumbria Community Messaging

Please pass this message onto friends, family and residents of your areas to highlight the issue.

If you would like to join Cumbria Community Messaging then please contact us or visit:

www.cumbriacommunitymessaging.co.uk

Cumbria Community Messaging is managed by the Cumbria Neighbourhood Watch Association and offers you and other members of communities across Cumbria the means to receive crime information from Cumbria Police. You can select which information you wish to receive by managing your own settings, and it is completely FREE. Anyone can join, you do not have to be a member of Neighbourhood Watch (NHW), or become a member of NHW to join. Farm Watch, Church Watch and Camping and Caravan Watch are a small example of the schemes that you can register for. You can join as an individual or as a group. If you want to receive information but do not wish to be responsible for a larger group, you are still welcome to make use of this messaging system. As well as Cumbria Constabulary the partners providing information are Cumbria County Council, Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service and Cumbria Neighbourhood Watch Association. If you do not have internet access, contact your local PCSO and they will aid in registering your details on the system.

YOU CAN ALSO FOLLOW CUMBRIA POLICE ON TWITTER AND FACEBOOK. THESE WILL GIVE TRAFFIC REPORTS AND INFORMATION IN RELATION TO CUMBRIA POLICE AND ANY UNEXPECTED INCIDENTS.

To follow Cumbria Police specifically use the links below:

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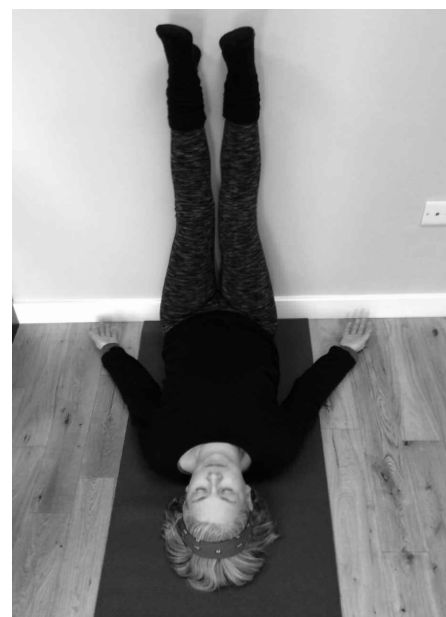
<https://www.facebook.com/cumbriapolice>

For emergency always call 999

Your local Inspector is Inspector 1653 Richard Smillie

Your local Sergeant is Sergeant 1113 Gillian Atkinson

Your local Police Community Support Officer is PCSO 5360 Alex Ostle



New Yoga classes to start in Village

Yoga teacher Pat Irving is to start Flow and Restore Yoga, commencing on Thursday 5th January from 6.30 - 8pm in Papcastle Village Hall, with the first class free to readers of the *Villager* who bring a copy with them! A four week block starts on Thursday 12th January and costs £28 or £8 per session.

These new flow and restore classes use stillness and movement to develop strength and flexibility, relieve tension and aches and pains and encourage relaxation. Classes are suitable both for beginners and for all age groups. Pat started yoga in her early 30s and has been practicing yoga for more than 20 years. She has tried various styles of yoga over the years including Ashtanga, Iengar, Vinyasa Flow, Kundalini, as well as Restorative and Yin Yoga and brings this wide experience into her teaching.

Call or email Pat for additional information on 07962127812 or patirving@bt-internet.com

Help for Red Squirrels

Villager contributor and red squirrel lover Clare Broad, along with neighbours Alan and Lynn Casson, recently attended the launch of the local red squirrel group's 2017 Calendar, held at Hundith Hill Hotel. The event was also attended by David Bellamy, Sue Hayman MP and Robin Page.

At this time of year, it's important to supplement food for the red squirrels in our area. Natural food has been readily available, but as winter sets in, it is important to put out squirrel food too (preferably hazelnuts or squirrel mix) in squirrel feeders. As with all wild creatures, a supply of clean, fresh water is also important.



David Bellamy Photograph courtesy Peter Redford

Roman Papcastle - the last chapter

The final stage of the "Discover Derventio" project (2012-2014) has been the installation of three interpretation panels, one at each entrance to the village.

The concept, first aired several years ago, was developed by an *ad hoc* group led by Peter Broad, as the Chairman of the Village Hall Trustees (see photo).

Initial discussion started in July 2015 and led to commissioning Wardell-Armstrong who were the archaeologists for the project, to produce a design. However the group was unhappy with their proposal and eventually decided to "do it ourselves". Basic content

was put together by Eric Apperley

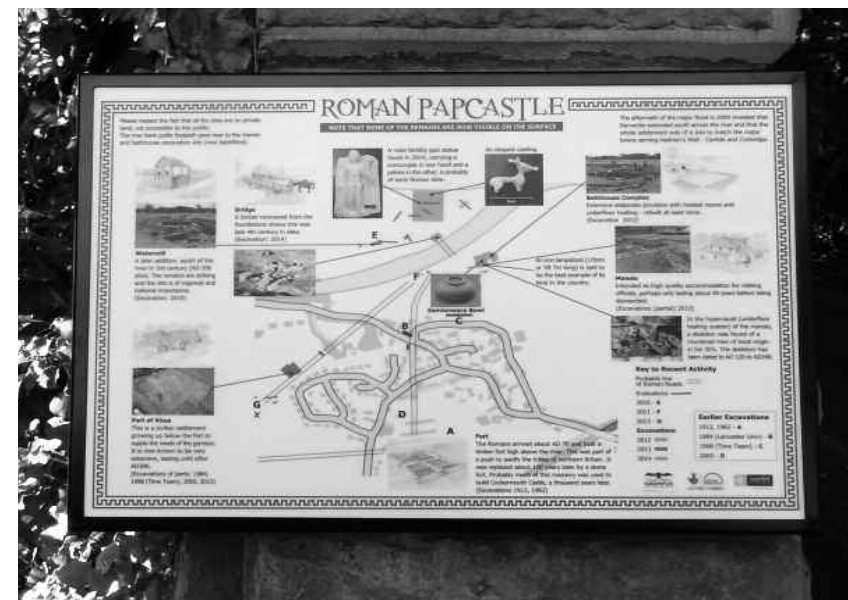
and some splendid artist's impressions of six of the features were drawn by Susan Fleming.

The overall design, manufacture and installation was ordered from Shelley Signs of Shrewsbury who did an excellent job. The cost was met by Grampus Heritage from their Heritage Lottery Fund grant (the noticeboard element at Belle Vue was paid for out of County Councillor Eric Nicholson's community support fund, via the Parish Council)

Together with the Roman Papcastle booklet, this brings the story of Roman Papcastle up to date.

The booklet was written by Eric in conjunction with Grampus Heritage. Free copies are much in demand and are available at the town's library, the Tourist Information Centre and the New Bookshop.

The exhibition in the Town Hall, of finds from the three year project will be removed during December. The material from the project will go to the Senhouse Roman Museum at Maryport where it will be stored and exhibited. This brings the interesting three-year project to a successful conclusion.



Interpretation panel on the pump House wall



The group beside the Belle Vue Information Board. Left to Right: Eric Apperley, Susan Fleming, Elspeth White, Robert Jackson, Peter Broad and Greg Greenhalgh



Another of Simon Holding's sketches of the village

Village welcomes new residents



Tony and Julie Bannard

Many readers will have happy memories of Elsie Mavir who lived in Beech House until the good age of 93 and was always so chatty and friendly with neighbours. So it is good to know that after extensive renovation, Beech House is now fully occupied by the Bannard family. Tony and Julie, together with their grown up children Conor and Lauren moved from Deanscales where they had renovated a farm house - this is something they say they enjoy doing! Both Tony and Conor are employed at Sellafield and Julie with a local haulage company,

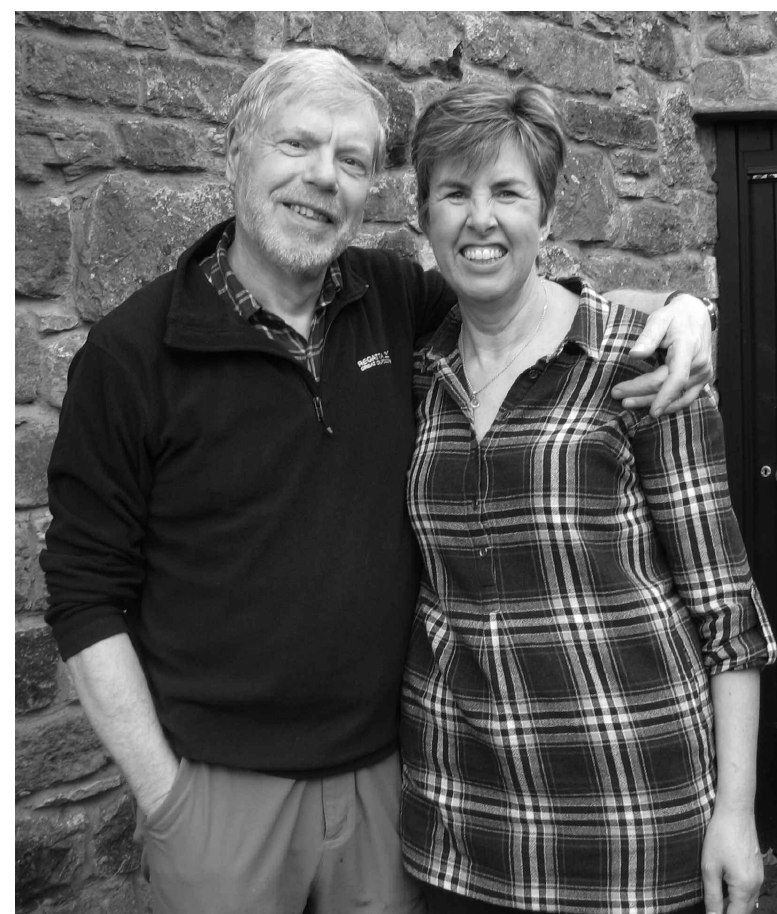
Daughter Lauren, is enjoying a year off from Social work. She is travelling abroad with friends and will be back to work in the new year. The family Weimaraner, Benj enjoys the company of whoever is at home or visiting.

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The new owners of Barn cottage are John and Doreen Bertram, who moved in in the spring and so are feeling like well established village residents now. Having sold their B and B in Mealsgate, with its substantial garden, they are enjoying life in a smaller house and with no gardening required! This means they have more time to enjoy pursuing their interests, which include walking with their perky West highland terrier, Cally (short for Caledonia!). In addition, Doreen is a volunteer at Wordsworth House, in the house and cafe. She is also a welcome new member of the Village Hall Trustees. They may soon be wondering how they had time to run their B and B.



John and Doreen Bertram



John and Gill Conlon

When John and Gill Conlon bought Derventio Cottage in January, they were both still working and only able to visit it, from the Wirral, at weekends. But retiring in July, John from the legal profession and Jill from teaching, they moved in permanently in time to enjoy the late summer and autumn weather. They have no regrets about leaving the Wirral and look forward to taking some active part in village life. In moving north, they are also nearer to their family, who are all living in Scotland: James and his wife Divya are doctors in Edinburgh, Guy is a doctor in Glasgow and Pip is in the fourth year at veterinary school. Two border terriers, Angus and Isla complete the family.

Lets hope all these new dogs get on with each other!

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 1 st 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



Village Hall Bookings:
Rose Rowlands
01900 828941

Mince Pie and Mulled Wine Evening

Saturday 10th December at 7.30pm

Price £6, including
glass of mulled wine ,mince pies and nibbles

Raffle and carol singing
Tickets available from Robert Jackson, Carol
Henderson, Peter Broad or Joan Merris

***Can you help with decorating the Hall, tidying
the garden or playing the keyboard on the
night ?***

Contact Clare or Peter Broad 01900 826386

Children's Christmas Party

Sunday 11th December 2.30 - 4.30 pm

Bouncy castle, crafts, party snacks etc.
For information contact Rose Rowlands on
828941



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. De-
tails from Richard Green 01900 824311

Baby to pre-school club every Wednesday 1pm-3pm
in the Church Room. Details from Mary Stothard
01900 823395.

Coffee Morning

To be held in the Church Room on Saturday 26th
November 10.30am to 12.30pm
Admission £2.50 to include coffee and mince pie.
Children free.
Cake stall and raffle.

Christmas Services

Monday 12th December at 6pm
Bridekirk Dovenby School Nativity.

Sunday 18th December at 6.30pm.
Nine lessons and Carols by Candlelight.

Saturday 24th December
Crib Service at 4.30pm.
Service of Holy Communion at 11.30pm.

Sunday 25th December
Holy Communion at 8am.

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