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Nether Kellet



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Cover photo: The Fall

The Fall is the American word for Autumn and is named for the time of year when the leaves on deciduous trees turn yellow, gold and red and then fall to the ground.

Here in Nether Kellet Autumn is only just starting. The leaves are beginning to turn and some are falling to the ground, especially when the wind increases in strength.

We do, however, have a fall that is well underway. This year the crop of apples is greater than I can remember and many of the apples are falling to the ground. The process has been aided at times by a gusty wind but the apples are also falling without any help from wind or human interference.

We have two apple trees. One produces Bramley Seedling cookers with a thick waxy skin that prevents dehydration and allows stored apples to remain fresh throughout the winter. The other tree produces eating apples similar to a Cox's orange pippin. These apples, though rather small, are sweet and tasty with a characteristic tang. They don't store well so they need to be eaten soon after they are picked. We don't have much luck with windfalls because the slugs seem to catch them before we do!

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Nether Kellet Primary School

Our whole school theme for this term is ‘Let’s Explore’. Beech Class will learn about the Mayans and the Americas in general. Sycamore Class will learn about the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings and physical geography features. Chestnut Class will learn about transport development in history and Oak Class will be learning about explorers in the natural world as well as settling the children into school this term.

As always, we will be revisiting our Rights and Responsibilities with the children and talking a great deal about our responsibilities in school and the wider world (or introducing them to Reception children) and reinforcing the value of these attitudes to learning and life in general – cooperation, creativity, questioning, decision-making, perseverance, independence and risk taking. These are a particular focus when Years 1-6 visit Borwick Hall.

We do our best to help children develop healthy lifestyle habits. As part of this we do the Run a Mile each day where the children run as much of it as they can or walk briskly. The `children also have a great deal of physical activity during play times where we have the climbing frame, adventure playground, assault course and lots of sports equipment in our big shed. Football is on most lunchtimes on the field and Forest School club takes place at lunchtimes too.

As part of our of our focus on developing healthy lifestyles including healthy teeth we have a policy of allowing only relatively healthy snacks at morning playtime . This includes fruit, vegetables, healthy cereal bars, yoghurt, dried fruit, bread sticks and rice cakes etc.

We are always keen to keep the area around school as safe as possible and we ask parents to park vehicles no closer than the turn off on Bridge Road so that the area immediately in front of school is traffic free. We also ask parents to park further away altogether if possible to avoid congestion and in particular, to respect our neighbours and not park across their driveways or block pavements or double park on both sides of the road.

In addition, when the children are in the playground in the morning we ask that for health and safety reasons, they and younger siblings do not play on the climbing frame or adventure playground. They have lots of opportunities to play on these during playtimes.

Over the summer school holidays, Mr Coombe (and his family) did an amazing job transforming our school garden. We had chippings donated by the quarry and the garden looks spectacular now! We would love any donations of wood/bark chippings or any plants at all eg if anyone is dividing hostas/taking cuttings.

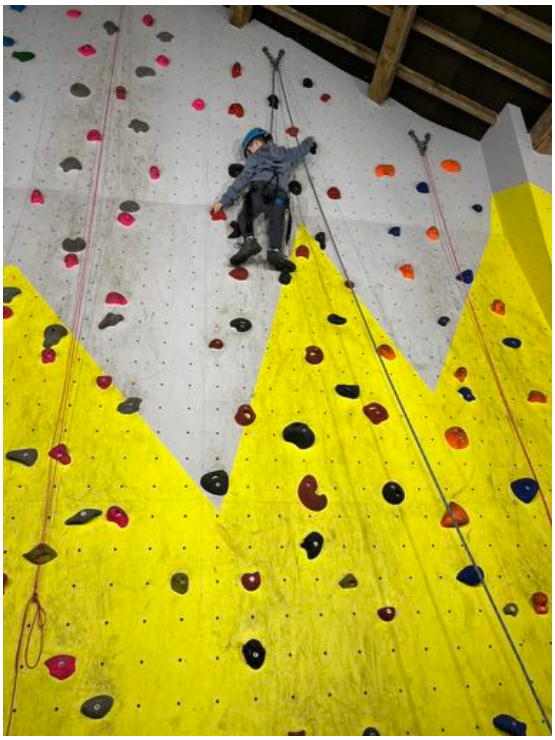
We are always available to chat with parents about their children if there is any need, concern or anything else. At the end of the day teachers tend to be on the yard with their class so parents can catch them there. If they need to speak with

them in the morning, they can come into the office or phone for an appointment and we will make arrangements.

Oak Class have had a lovely time at school so far. We have been exploring our school grounds through Forest School, developing our fine and gross motor skills through painting, crafting, climbing and many other exciting things and have shared many wonderful stories! We are developing some good friendships with each other and starting to understand the routines of the day. We have started learning some of our sounds and we have even done some learning about numbers! It has been a very busy start!

Chestnut Class loved their day at Borwick Hall They used great teamwork skills







while they were bell boating, on a beach walk and toasting marshmallows on a fire. Sycamore Class and Beech Class also enjoyed their visits to Borwick Hall as can be seen in accompanying pictures.

We have a very supportive and active PTA who work hard to raise money for our school. This last year they raised £3000 which is great achievement for a small school. We are very grateful for everything they do.

Nicky Bradbury

Book Reviews

Richard Osman. **<u>We Solve Murders-Crime and Mystery</u>**

From the best selling author of the Thursday Murder Club. A brand new series. An iconic new detective team and a thrilling new murder to solve.

Steve Wheeler is enjoying retired life. He does the odd bit of investigation work, but he prefers his familiar habits and routines: the pub quiz, his favourite bench, his cat waiting for him when he comes home. His days of adventure are over, adrenaline is daughter-in-law Amy's business now.

Amy Wheeler thinks adrenaline is good for the soul. As a private security officer, she doesn't stay still long enough for habits or routines. She's currently on a remote island keeping world-famous author Rosie D'Antonio alive. Which was meant to be an easy job.

Then a dead body, a bag of money and a killer with their sights on Amy have her sending an SOS to the only person she trusts. A breakneck race around the world begins, but can Amy and Steve stay one step ahead of a deadly enemy?

Kate Atkinson

<u>Death at the Sign of the Rook-Modern and Contemporary Fiction</u>

I defy you not to snort with laughter as the novel progresses to its farcical denouement. Atkinson is brilliant' Observer**SPECIAL FIRST EDITION PRINT RUN: With an exclusive design underneath the dust jacket and Author Q&A, available while stocks last!

Welcome to Rook Hall. The stage is set. The players are ready. By night's end, a murderer will be revealed. Ex-detective Jackson Brodie is staving off a bad case of midlife malaise when he is called to a sleepy Yorkshire town, and the seemingly tedious matter of a stolen painting.

But one theft leads to another, including the disappearance of a valuable Turner from Burton Makepeace, home to Lady Milton and her family. Once a magnificent country house, Burton Makepeace has now partially been converted into a hotel, hosting Murder Mystery weekends. As paying guests, a vicar, an ex-army officer, impecunious aristocrats, and old friends converge, we are treated to a fiendishly clever mystery; one that pays homage to the masters of the genre—from Agatha Christie to Dorothy Sayers.

Brilliantly inventive, with all of Atkinson's signature wit, wordplay and narrative brio, Death at the Sign of the Rook may be Jackson Brodie's most outrageous and memorable case yet. ****'Sharp, droll and knowing as ever, Atkinson has huge fun with the set-up; the supporting cast is terrific, and the rueful Brodie, ever more mindful of the passing years, feels like an old friend.' fine writing, wit, originality and eccentricity. Donna Bailey Carnforth Bookshop



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Gardening Hints A Focus On Ferns

Ferns are an ancient plant dating back more than 360 million years. They don't produce flowers or seeds so don't require pollinating insects but reproduce by producing spores which often look very attractive on the reverse of their fronds. In the wild they grow in a range of habitats from shady woodlands to dry rock crevices or even swamps. They are extremely hardy so don't need frost protection. Ferns have often been depicted in art, folklore & literature as mysterious & enchanting. They can add a sense of tranquillity to any garden & if one looks carefully at the different fronds they also have an intricate beauty.

Many people forget or don't even consider planting ferns in their gardens for various reasons. Possibly they only like flowering plants to provide a splash of colour or maybe they think that all ferns need to grow in shade or even that ferns are boring because they all look the same because they're just green. Ferns are however available in every shade of green as well as having fronds tinged with purple, pink, silver or bronze. Stems can also be various shades including dark purple or coppery. Some are evergreen and others are deciduous but in the right growing conditions they are one of the plants **requiring little or no maintenance & can last for years.** Evergreen ferns just need their brown, dead fronds snipping off in spring before or as the new fronds emerge**.** Cut off dead brown fronds of deciduous ferns in winter or spring. You can also add a spring mulch of bark, leaf mould or garden compost if you wish but I never mulch my ferns. **Extremely importantly, (especially after our very wet spring & summer this year & possibly in future years), they are not eaten by slugs or snails which have decimated many plants this summer because of the excessive rain. In fact, ferns have thrived, loving the moisture & cooler temperatures. They are also usually disease free & grow well even without feeding.**

One myth is that all ferns need to be grown in shade. however, that is not true. Polypodium ferns can grow in full sun to dappled shade. Brodsworth Hall gardens in South Yorkshire have 150 species of ferns growing in full sun! Even Woodwardia & Matteuccia species that are classed as woodland species normally associated with shade will grow happily in the open alongside Alliums & Foxtail lilies for example. They are best grown in a reasonable soil that doesn't dry out that is rich in humus or organic matter. Early Autumn is a good planting time as the soil is still warm & moist which allows the ferns to settle in & make good root growth before the frost arrives.

<u>Species of ferns that can grow in sun.</u>

There are many varieties of each of these species, too many to list here. If you have a particular interest in ferns please log on to**: www.cathsgardenplants.co.uk** as we have over 30 varieties of ferns available in the nursery, however, not all of them are listed on the website. Athyrium, Blechnum, Matteucci struthiopteris, Polystichum, Dryopteris wallichiana, Dryopteris erythrosora & Osmunda vaow are

happily in a sunny position provided they have adequate water at the root. You might need to provide extra watering during any long, dry spells.
Blechnum spicant AGM – is a British native sometimes called Hard or Deer fern. It will grow in walls & open, sunny sites but needs moisture at the roots. It produces 2 types of fronds, sterile fronds that grow long & flat outwards almost parallel to the ground while fertile fronds producing spores grow narrower & upright from the centre.
Polypodium cambricum 'Oakleyae' is happy in full sun & can grow over limey rocks or cling to wall crevices. Fronds emerge July-Aug. & stay attractive throughout winter until spring. Approx. 40 cm tall.
Dryopteris filix- is the most sun tolerant evergreen fern. **Dryopteris affinis 'Cristata'** tolerates most conditions**. Dryopteris erythrosora (Autumn Fern)** produces very attractive spring growth in shades of copper & bronze & also colours in Autumn.
Adiantum spp (Maidenhair Fern) has delicate fan-shaped fronds & can thrive in sun with adequate moisture. It has a beautiful delicate appearance with lacy foliage. It will go brown if not moist enough.
Athyrium niponicum (Japanese Painted Fern) – very unusual & eye-catching with silvery-grey fronds with purple veins. One of my favourites.
Osmunda regalis purpurescens (Royal Fern) – The fern to plant if you want to make a statement! A larger species which can grow up to approx. 1.8m tall if it has adequate moisture.

These ferns can be planted in the border or in a pot in a sunny position but I would mulch the top to conserve moisture if in a pot. Unglazed Terracotta pots dry out quickly in warmer weather so are not ideal containers in which to plant ferns.

Cath Sanderson www.cathsgardenplants.co.uk

Nether Kellet WI

By coincidence 13 members attended the meeting on September 13th. They had all enjoyed lunch at The Redwell earlier in the summer and playing croquet at Levens. £136 had been raised at our coffee morning for the 3R shop in Carnforth.

The meeting was an informal evening of games and fun and started with a fast-paced game of Happy Families. This was followed by Snap, Dominoes, Snakes and Ladders and Snappy Crocodiles. After the excitement of the games, the evening was rounded off with refreshments and a chat.

Judith Bentham

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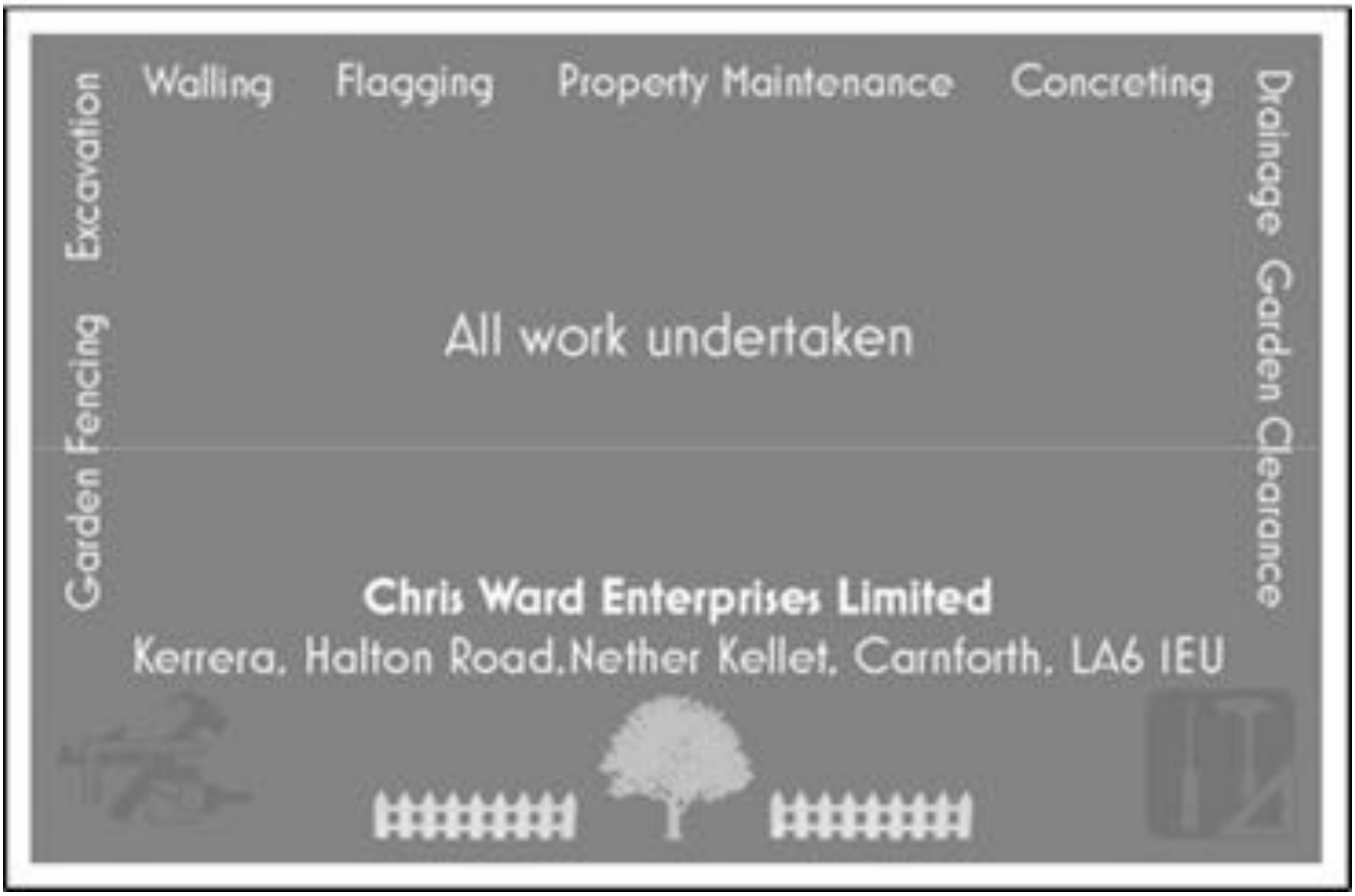
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My name is Peter, and I am your local Church of England vicar. I look after St Mark's church in Nether Kellet as well as Holy Trinity in Bolton-le-Sands. I have been here since April 2022, and during this time I have been getting to know some of the Nether Kellet residents.

Whilst Bolton-le-Sands may be the bigger village with the bigger church, it is important to me that Nether Kellet is also well served. Over the next few months, I along with a small team of volunteers will be seeking your opinions on the future of St Mark's. The building is currently under-used, and this is a situation that I hope we can improve. You may get a knock on the door from us, or an invitation to complete a questionnaire.



I am keen to understand more about Nether Kellet in general, so that the church can support the things that matter to local people. Answering questions like, 'what do you like about living in Nether Kellet?' And 'what are the things that concern you?' will help shape how we think about the purpose and role of the church.



If you want to discuss any of this with me, I would be happy to hear from you. You can email me at vicar@parishbls.co.uk, or telephone 01524 823106. or come down to one of our services and have a conversation with me. I lead a Holy Communion service at St Mark's at 9.00am on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays of the month. On the 2nd and 4th Sundays, services are held at 10.30am and are led by members of the congregation. See photos on back cover.

Perhaps before now you weren't aware that Nether Kellet has a vicar? Well now you know! Nether Kellet is part of my parish, and I am here to support you in any way that I can.

Revd Peter Hamborg

Dwane helps to tidy up the village

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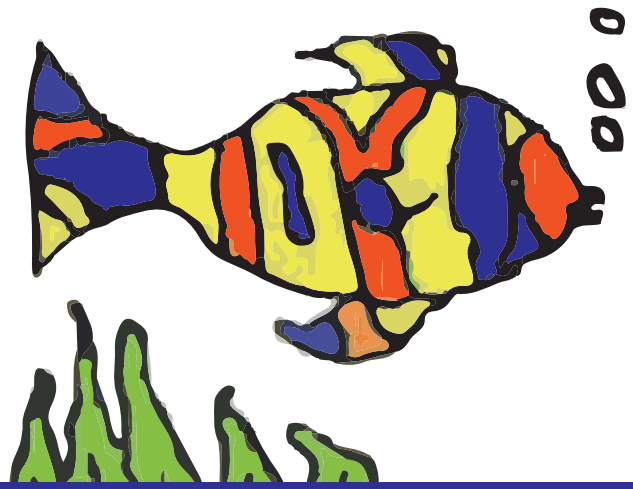
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[Never heard of it - Ed]

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Cooking time about 75 min. Serves 6.

For the pastry

350g plain flour, plus extra to dust
175g unsalted butter, chilled and cubed
1 medium egg, beaten

For the filling

850g floury potatoes, such as Maris Piper
150g unsalted butter, chopped
3 medium onions, finely sliced

To glaze
1 medium egg, beaten

1 First make the pastry in a food processor. Pulse the flour and butter until the mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs.
Alternatively, rub the butter into the flour using your fingertips.
Add the egg and 1 tbsp ice-cold water and pulse or mix until the pastry is just clumping together.
Tip onto a lightly floured work surface and knead briefly to bring together.
Shape into a disc. Wrap and chill for 1 hour.
2 Meanwhile, prepare the filling. Bring a large pan of salted water to the boil.
Peel the potatoes and slice into 5 mm thick rounds. Cook in the boiling water for 10 minutes, or until very tender and starting to break apart. Drain and leave to cool completely in a colander.
3 Meanwhile, in a medium pan melt the butter over low heat and cook the onions for 20 minutes, stirring occasionally, until very soft and translucent. Season well and set aside to cool completely.
4 Preheat oven to 200°C / 180°C fan / gas mark 6.
Lightly flour a work surface and roll out 2/3 of the pastry. Use to line a 23cm round, sloped-sided pie dish (about 19cm at base).
Arrange 1/3 of the cooled potatoes in the base, followed by 1/3 of the onion mixture. Repeat, layering twice more, and gently flatten to level.
5 Re-flour the work surface (if needed) and roll out remaining pastry until large enough to cover the top of the tin. Lay over filling, and press edges with a fork to seal. Trim excess pastry. Brush the top of the pie with the egg to glaze.
Then cut a couple of slits in the centre of the pastry to allow steam to escape.
6 Cook in the oven for 50 minutes, or until golden. Leave to cool in the tin for 10 minutes before slicing and serving warm or at room temperature.

Per serving
735 cals, 11g protein, 44g fat (27g saturates), 71g carbs (6g total sugars), 6g fibre

No-soak Christmas cake

Simple to assemble and will store for up to 3 months.
Preparation time 30minutes, plus cooling.
Cooking time about 3½ hours. Cuts into about 16 slices.

150g butter, softened, plus extra to grease
350g sultanas
350g raisins
100g prunes, finely chopped
100g dried apricots, finely chopped
100g dates, finely chopped
150ml brandy, plus 1 tbsp to drizzle
Zest and juice 1 lemon
175g soft dark brown sugar
3 medium eggs, beaten
125g self-raising flour
1½ tbsp black treacle
1 tsp mixed spice
1 tsp ground cinnamon

1 Preheat oven to 150C/130C fan, gas mark 2.
Grease and double-line a 20.5cm cake tin with greaseproof paper, leaving 5cm above the top of the tin. Wrap a double layer of greaseproof paper around the outside of the tin and secure with string.
2 Put all the fruit into a large microwave-safe bowl. Stir in the brandy, lemon zest and juice. Microwave on full power, stirring halfway through, for 2½ minutes or until the fruit has absorbed the liquid.
3 Using a handheld electric whisk, beat the butter and sugar together in a large bowl until light and fluffy, about 5 minutes. Gradually beat in the eggs, whisk in a little flour if it looks like it's curdling. Beat in the black treacle.
4 Sift in the (remaining) flour and spices, then fold in using a large metal spoon. Fold in the soaked fruit. Spoon the mixture into the tin and level the surface. Then use a wooden spoon to make a rough hole in the centre, to help keep the cake level during baking.
5 Bake for 3 - 3½ hours or until a skewer inserted into the centre comes out clean. Cover with foil if it is browning too quickly.
6 Cool in the tin for 10 minutes. Remove from the tin, leaving on the greaseproof paper, and put on a wire rack to cool completely.
7 Wrap a few layers of cling-film around the cake (still in its paper), then cover with foil. Store in an air-tight container in a cool place. After 2 weeks, unwrap the cake, prick all over with a skewer and pour over 1 tbsp brandy. Rewrap and store as before.

If you prefer a stronger taste, douse with alcohol every week.

Per slice, with icing
523 cals, 5g protein, 9g fat (5g saturates), 107g carbs (100g total sugars), 3g fibre

Lesley Williams

Summary of Parish Council Minutes August 2024

Updates and Reports
The Parish Council has received a new draft of the Lancaster District Local Plan.
Two councillors have joined the LALC Planning Sub Committee.

Quarry
Following a request from a councillor, Aggregate Industries has cut back hedges on the footpath from Laithbutts Lane to the AI quarry entrance.

PRoW (Public rights of way)
Four gates have been reported to the LCC PRoW team for their assessment and replacement with kissing gates.

Village Hall
Carnforth Otters have been reminded that they require prior permission from the Parish Council before using the recreational field for organised functions.

Projects
The Parish Council are still working with ESP Play Ltd to resolve issues and to complete work on the Play Area Refurbishment including the new Roundabout.

Other Matters
The condition of various litter bins and the need for their replacement were discussed.
Concern was expressed about the condition of the large poplar tree near the 'Thankful Memorial'.

Planning Applications
Two planning applications were received by the Parish Council from the Planning authority who asked for the views of the Council.
The application for tree works was supported. The amended application for erection of 51 dwellings was not supported due to concerns about inadequate drainage that may exacerbate flooding problems in Halton Road.

FIERY MAMMAS PIZZA VAN

Is coming to Nether Kellet once a month on Tuesdays: Oct 15, Nov 12 and Dec 10

It will be in the Village Hall Car Park

VILLAGE HALL CHILDRENS' HALLOWE'EN PARTY

26th October

VILLAGE HALL ACTIVITIES

Bowling	Thursday	10.00 - 12.00 noon	
	Michael Watson: 12 Ashmeadow Road		**734624**
Rainbows & Brownies	Thursday	5.45 - 7.00 pm	
	Sophie Smalley: brownies.netherkellet@gmail.com		**07798 876108**
WI	2nd Friday in the month	7.30 pm	
	Mrs B Bellis: Westlyn, Halton Road		**733445**
Quilting Club	Last Saturday in the month	10 am - 3 pm	
	Mrs V Atkinson 19 Shaw Lane		**733539**
Bacon Butty Brunch	Usually the last Sunday of the month	11 am - 1 pm	
	Mrs Maria Steele		**07837 724287**
Hug in a Mug	Monday	10.30 – 11.30 am	
	Mrs Maria Steele		**07837 724287**

Booking Clerk Mrs J Wren: 61 Main Road **07723 303153**

NETHER KELLET COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Head Teacher Ms N Bradbury **733778**

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Congregational Church	Morning Service 10.45 am Evening Service 6.30 pm Sunday School in Church Hall approx. 11.15 am	
Coffee Morning	2nd and 4th Friday in the month 10.00 - 12.00 noon in the Congregational Schoolroom Jean Towers Muriel Ward	 **812103** **737895**
St. Mark's Church	Services on Sundays 9.00 a.m on 1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday in the month 10.30 a.m on 2nd & 4th Sunday in the month (led by members of congregation) Vicar - Revd. Peter Hamborg The Vicarage, Main Road, Bolton-le-Sands.	 **823106**
Book Club	1st Thursday in the month 7.30 pm Please email Carole at baynecarole@gmail.com for more information	
Mobile Library	Every other Thursday: Hornby Bank 11.05 - 11.15 am approx. Meadowcroft 11.20 - 11.40 am " Village Hall 11.45 - 11.55 am " Laithbutts Lane 12.00 - 12.20 pm "	
Police	Police Station, Lancaster PCSO Paul Shepherd Paul.shepherd@lancashire.pnn.police.uk	**63333**
Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator	Steve Marsden 19 Bridge Road	**730024**
Twinning Association	Secretary - Christine Holdsworth Chairman - Liz Brummitt	**736179** **735013**
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