

THE BECOMING OF CARTMEL SUPPLEMENT

A number of documents can serve as a complement to Wil Scott's history of Cartmel published in 1998. Some of these complete activities he references. We have the report entitled Recommendations 1994-1999 of Cartmel Long Range Planning Group. We also have a number of memoirs by early residents which appeared in *Couriers* after Wil's work was published. We also have texts which capture the humor and spirit of the community, notably the four April Fool's versions of the *Courier* as well as the reflections of the Class of 1939 B.C. (before computers) contributed by Madeline Manzoni. Lastly, we have an account of the first Cartmel US to Cartmel UK pilgrimage, a trip which Ellen Strober is organizing on behalf of the current generation of Cartmelians.

Section I Cartmel Long Term Planning Group Recommendations
1994-1999

Section II April 1, 1991-4 editions of the *Courier*
The Class of 1939, B.C.

Section III A Quaker Pilgrimage, 1992

Section IV Memoirs by:

<u>Resident (Unit / dates)</u>	<u><i>Courier issue</i></u>
Connie Fleming (#8 / 1992-2000)	Mar. 1997
Nancy Wells (#5 / 1988-2015)	Oct. 1998
Gloria Gamble (#26 / 1988-1999)	Oct. 1998
Sonia & Pat Ralston (#15 / 1988-2001)	Nov. 1998
Sallie & Jim Isherwood (#22 / 1989-2000)	Jan. 1999
Ginny & Carl Burns (# 18 / 1989-2003)	Feb. 1999
Kay & Ron Davis (#2 / 1989-2003)	Feb. 1999
Gloria Gamble (#26 / 1988-1999)	Apr. 1999
Woody Ewell (#7 / 1989-2001)	May 1999
Helen Hoffman (#43 / 1989-2015)	Sept. 1999
Betty & James Patchell (#46 / 1989-2001)	Sept. 1999
Toni Kusch (#38 / 1989-2008)	Oct. 1999
Ed Perkins (#50 / 1989-2001)	Oct. 1999
Jo Hadlock (#51 / 1989-2004)	Dec. 1999
Helene & Charlie Riley (#49 / 1989-2003)	Dec. 1999
Beth & Henry Chance (#30 / 1989-2001)	Jan. 2000
Betty & Bob Goddu (#52 / 1990-1999)	Jan. 2000
Skip & Wally Taylor (#34 / 1990-2017)	Feb. 2000

CARTMEL LONG RANGE PLANNING GROUP

**RECOMMENDATIONS
1994 to 1999**

Presented to the Kendal-Crosslands Community Board
February 3, 1994

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CARTMEL LONG RANGE PLANNING GROUP'S RECOMMENDATIONS

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CARTMEL LONG RANGE PLANNING GROUP

CALL

In April 1993, John Huber, Administrator of Cartmel, issued a call to thirteen other people to join him in working on a Cartmel Long-Range Planning Group.

These people included three members of the Kendal-Crosslands Community Board:

Pat Spock
Joanna Savery
Sally Worth

Joanna and Sally are both Cartmel residents.

Five Cartmel residents were picked from a list of names suggested to John Huber by the Cartmel Residents' Association Executive Committee. They were drawn from each of the housing clusters and represented a diversity in length of residence in Cartmel:

Ruth Axon	Windermere Way
Gabe Cortes	Lonsdale Lane
Connie Fleming	Ingleton Circle (upper)
Madeline Manzone	Ingleton Circle (lower)
Charlie Riley	Ulverston Drive

Five staff members, representing different departments, were also asked to serve:

Peg Cook	Director of Admissions
Linda Flewelling	Manager for Education/Training
Karen Roark	Administration Assistant/Maintenance
Sherry Smyth	Controller
Betty Zeller	Administrator for Health Services, Crosslands

BACKGROUND

The Kendal Corporation had hired the Management Consulting firm of Katz, James & Associates to advise them on organizational development and to consult them on strategic planning. The conclusion reached was that while the organizational development/strategic planning of The Kendal Corporation was proceeding, each of the communities should also come up with long range plans. A daunting job indeed, and one inevitably leading to some confusion at first. But as work progressed according to plan, what was required became clearer.

The situation with regard to Cartmel was also not clear. At our first meeting on May 12, 1993, Peg Cook stated that Cartmel should be considered in conjunction with Kendal-Crosslands as "a transition place." In a report from John Diffey in July, he recommended adding emphasis to the importance of the spirit of community in each location. While Cartmel is indeed a separate community, its relationship to Kendal-Crosslands has proved to be of increasing value to many Cartmel residents.

WORKING METHOD

At our first meeting on May 12th we received various documents:

- a) Material from Katz, James & Associates as to how the planning process should be done.
- b) Material from Van Scoyoc Associates on Strategic Planning in the Retirement Housing Industry.
- c) Material from the American Association of Homes for the Aging on preparing Vision and Mission statements.
- d) Excerpts from a book on "Participatory Planning."

John Huber then assigned tasks to the group. These consisted of preparing Vision and Mission statements and then preparing SWOT exercises, namely identifying Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats. There was lively participation in doing this.

Strengths were easy. We all enjoy them every day, and they exemplify why we are in Cartmel. The strengths identified are:

1. Security of our units when they are occupied or unoccupied
2. Strong sense of community
3. Health care maintenance of wellness (Rx, therapy, shots, etc. at a minimal cost)
4. Training and compassionate care of staff
5. Location on the Boston/D.C. corridor
6. Proximity to excellent hospitals, local community ancillary health services
7. Communications (gatherings, Topics, etc.)

Weaknesses were harder. Concentrating on our assignment to do Long Range Planning, a lot of the original input in this category was to be discarded as we rejected the useless rehashing of old disappointments and grievances.

Opportunities and Threats. It was felt that Residents are not as conversant with these areas as Management which keeps on top of these matters on a regular basis.

FORMATION OF SUB-GROUPS

Sub-groups were formed to do further study along specific lines of responsibility. The goals were shaped to address identified weaknesses and opportunities, and in response to written input from residents (letters and Cartmel Committee Reports), compiled and submitted in May 1993 by John Sweeney, Chairman of the Cartmel Finance Committee. The sub-groups are as follows:

(1) GOVERNANCE

Ruth Axon
* John Huber
Sally Worth

(2) STRENGTHS

Peg Cook
Gabe Cortes
* Joanna Savery
Pat Spock
Betty Zeller

(3) OPERATIONS

Connie Fleming
* John Huber
Karen Roark
Betty Zeller

(4) VISION/MISSION

Ruth Axon
* Connie Fleming
Sally Worth
Betty Zeller

(5) MARKETING

Peg Cook
Charles Riley
Joanna Savery
* Sherry Smyth

(6) RESIDENTS

Gabe Cortes
Linda Flewelling
* Madeline Manzone
Pat Spock

(7) STEERING COMMITTEE

Peg Cook
* John Huber
Madeline Manzone
Charles Riley
Joanna Savery

* Chairperson

ADOPTION OF REQUIRED FORMAT

To conform to the recommended system, the final outcome has been put on a grid identifying Goals, Objectives, Action Steps, Time Frames and person(s) Responsible.

SUMMARY

We all worked very hard from May to December, 1993. The recommendations we have come up with are obvious and simple. It was a good exercise and we enjoyed the opportunity of getting to know some new people.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF CARTMEL

Following the successful completion of Kendal, Crosslands and Coniston, the Kendal-Crosslands Community Board gave thought to building another Adult Retirement Community to serve the dual purpose of acting as a "feeder" of approved candidates for Kendal and Crosslands and as an alternative to a Continuing Care Retirement Community.

Several sites had been considered and rejected when in 1986 the opportunity arose of purchasing the 60 acre Torrans tract across the street from Crosslands. Not only would the acquisition of this land protect Crosslands from less desirable development, but its proximity would enable the residents of the planned community to participate in Crosslands activities and thus incline them toward moving there in due course.

David and Mary Torrans had bought the "Old Stone" property in 1959 and added 20 acres in 1966. In order to see their much loved property put to a desirable and attractive use they sold it to Kendal-Crosslands in 1986.

A plan was drawn up for 56 duplex houses to be placed on the tract in four separate clusters (which Eleanor Stabler Clarke- a Quaker historian who lives at Kendal - eventually named Ingleton Circle, Lonsdale Lane, Windermere Way and Ulverston Drive).

On April 27, 1987 the Board of Supervisors of Pennsbury Township granted initial approval for building Cartmel. C. Raymond Davis (who had built the central buildings at Kendal and Crosslands and the Coniston community) was chosen as the builder. Ground Breaking was held on December 17, 1987.

On March 30, 1989 the Cartmel Residents' Association was formed by the Administrator's appointment of Edmund Pfeifer as the first President, and has been an active force for improvement of the quality of community life ever since.

The last cluster of homes to be completed was Lonsdale Lane which was planned as a quiet cul-de-sac. However, the adjacent Urben house on Route 926 came on the market and Kendal-Crosslands decided to buy this property for use as a Cartmel base for the Housekeeping and Maintenance Departments. They accordingly extended Lonsdale Lane to provide access to what was later named the "Kent House" which is serving also as a temporary center for the distribution of internal mail.

Statistics show that from inception to date (November 1993) seven male and five female Cartmel residents have died. Five couples and three single people have moved to Kendal or Crosslands. Three couples and one widower moved away from Cartmel to other locations.

A FEW PERTINENT FACTS ABOUT CARTMEL

- Cartmel is rural setting, constructed on 60 acres. Independent living units are in one story buildings.
- Minimum age for Admission is 50 with no minimum age for a spouse.
- Resident population as of 4/1/93 is 90.
- Cartmel includes 56 apartments built as duplexes. The apartments vary in size from 1,480 to 1,950 square feet.
- Fees for two bedroom or two bedroom with den units for single or double occupancy are:
Occupancy Fee \$242,600 - 299,000
Monthly Fee \$975
- Included in the basic contract
 - Use of living accommodation
 - Water, sewage disposal and trash removal
 - Real estate taxes
 - Maintenance, repair and replacement of property owned by community
 - Maintenance of grounds
 - Weekly housecleaning
 - Provision and laundering of standard sized bed and bath linen
 - Carpeting
 - Electric range
 - Dishwasher
 - Registered nurse to coordinate health care services
- Available at extra cost
 - Meals in the dining rooms at Kendal or Crosslands
 - Electricity, including electric heating and cooling
 - Prescription drugs
 - Intermediate or skilled nursing care at Kendal or Crosslands on a per diem basis.
 - Visits to Kendal-Crosslands physicians
 - Beauty and barber shop services
 - Dentist, podiatrist, eye care services, physical therapy, occupational therapy

CONISTON AND CARTMEL UNIT TURNOVERS

The following is a list of the units which turned over in the past two years at Coniston and Cartmel. Listed are the dates that these units became available and also the dates that the contracts were signed and the dollars were paid to The Kendal Corporation. The monthly fee begins on the contract date.

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Available</u>	<u>Contract Date</u>
Cartmel #35	9/24/91	12/2/91
Cartmel #6	11/15/91	5/1/92
Coniston #8	5/2/92	7/31/92
Cartmel #54	5/15/92	7/1/92
Cartmel #36	7/1/92	8/17/92
Coniston #5	6/24/92	9/30/92
Coniston #15	10/1/92	1/15/93
Cartmel #42	10/15/92	10/15/92
Cartmel #10	9/25/92	10/1/93
Cartmel #47	10/15/92	11/16/92
Cartmel #25	11/16/92	1/4/93
Cartmel #12	1/5/93	2/17/93
Cartmel #6	1/30/93	vacant
Cartmel #56	2/27/93	9/2/93
Cartmel #53	4/9/93	9/22/93
Cartmel #4	3/15/93	3/1/94
Coniston #9	3/1/93	6/1/93
Cartmel #19	9/15/93	11/1/93
Cartmel #13	11/1/93	2/1/94

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CARTMEL LONG RANGE PLANNING GROUP

VISION STATEMENT

Cartmel is an exciting, attractive, financially stable community offering at reasonable cost independent living, community lifestyle, security, and access to the amenities of Kendal-Crosslands.

MISSION STATEMENT

Cartmel provides, at a competitive price, a beautiful one-story home in a pastoral setting where neighbors enjoy fellowship free of home maintenance, house cleaning, and lawn care. This independent living community operates on Quaker values and principles, and has access to the programs and services of Kendal-Crosslands. The Kendal Corporation bears the administrative responsibility for the resale of the occupancy rights.

9/15/93

**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR
THE CARTMEL LONG RANGE PLAN
1994 - 1999**

GOALS	OBJECTIVES	ACTION STEPS	TIME FRAME	RESPONSIBLE
1) To keep all units under contract at all times.	• To have pricing consistent with comparable market.	- Recommend realistic pricing program for unit resale.	July, 1994	Administrator
	• To be cognizant of competition.	- Identify and study competition for comparison of the Kendal/Crosslands/Coniston/Cartmel fee schedule using an outside consultant.	July, 1994 & biannually	Administrator
	• Maintain a marketing plan to generate maximum revenue to the Corporation.	- Review and adjust marketing plan.	July, 1994 & annually	Admissions Director
		- Find new ways to tell about Cartmel.	On-going	Administrator, Admissions Director, Public Relations Director
	• To be competitive in monthly fees.	- Develop an alternative budget based on significantly lower monthly fees.	FY '95-'96	Administrator, Controller

**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR
THE CARTMEL LONG RANGE PLAN
1994 - 1999**

GOALS	OBJECTIVES	ACTION STEPS	TIME FRAME	RESPONSIBLE
2) Maintain exterior (buildings and grounds) in prime condition.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To maintain attractive appearance. • To facilitate marketing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Establish and execute guidelines and timetables for maintenance and improvement of exteriors. - Establish and execute guidelines and timetables for maintenance of grounds. - Establish and execute guidelines for maintaining good appearance and plantings around unoccupied units. 	<p>June, 1994 with annual review.</p> <p>February, 1994 with annual review.</p> <p>February, 1994 and on-going</p>	<p>Maintenance Facility Manager</p> <p>Maintenance Facility Manager</p> <p>Maintenance Facility Manager</p>
3) Correct construction deficiencies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To eliminate pooling of excessive storm water. • To ensure safety. • To prevent grounds and structural damage. • To bring the issues related to moisture in basements to completion. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Update the Property Committee Report of 2 years ago (1991) and build a program to correct pertinent items. 	<p>February, 1994</p>	<p>Maintenance Facility Manager</p>

**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR
THE CARTMEL LONG RANGE PLAN
1994 - 1999**

GOALS	OBJECTIVES	ACTION STEPS	TIME FRAME	RESPONSIBLE
4) Maintain interior of units in prime condition.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To have a comprehensive maintenance plan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and update all existing interior maintenance schedules. 	Complete by September, 1994.	Maintenance Facility Manager
5) Better understanding of the Kendal-Crosslands Community Board and The Kendal Corporation Board, and their accountability for Cartmel.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To develop a comfort level among residents that their concerns are being heard. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish an effective system for feedback. List the breakdown of costs making up the monthly fee for each annual budget. 	<p>On-going</p> <p>April, 1994 and annually.</p>	<p>Administrator, Pres. Res. Assoc.</p> <p>Administrator</p>
6) To continue to clarify how Quaker Values affect our community in a positive way.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To inform Residents about Quakerism. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To make available information about Quakerism. 	On-going	Cartmel Residents' Association, Education Manager

**ADDENDUM ON "STRENGTHS"
TO THE CARTMEL LONG RANGE PLAN**

GOALS	OBJECTIVES	ACTION STEPS	TIME FRAME	RESPONSIBLE
1) To continue a strong sense of community while maintaining independent, satisfied residents who are supportive of one another.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good inter-communication among residents and with staff. • Keep residents aware of opportunities to contribute to the community. 	- Continue through the Cartmel Residents Association.	On-going	Cartmel Residents Association Executive Committee.
2) To maintain good relationships between residents and staff.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To continue open communication between staff and residents. • To provide sufficient staff to answer needs. • To maintain high morale among staff. 	- Administrator's reports to the Cartmel Residents Association with feedback.	Monthly	Administrator

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Landscape Committee semi-dormant; orchard in meadow considered

As reported in the last Association meeting, the Landscape Committee has been semi-dormant. However, thanks to **Tony White** and his landscape crew, activity continues. Since last fall, the Ambusher has been attacking the wild rose bushes, several new plantings have occurred (including new trees along Route 926) and many trees have already been mulched. As spring proceeds, the ruts along the roadways should be reseeded.

The only request currently outstanding for the Landscape Committee is to consider using part of the meadow for an orchard. Discussions will be held with Tony to determine the best variety to plant so as to limit the herbicides that may be required. The main concern is how to control any deer damage. Since this is not actually a landscape issue, please forward any comments to the Meadows and Woods Orchard Committee.

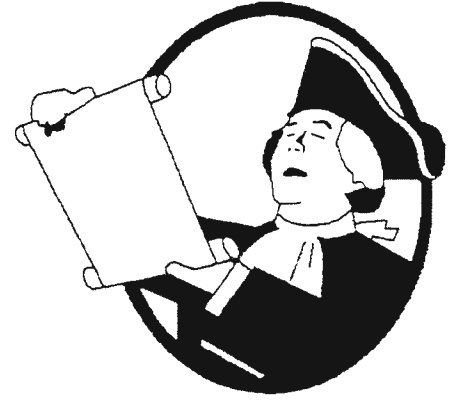
Quicksand discovered in wetlands area

A bog of quicksand has been detected down in the wetlands areas. The region is not far from the archeological dig that is currently on hold.

All residents are cautioned to test the ground before walking on or near these areas.

In a related development, the Courier recently learned that bow and arrow hunting of noxious animals is now permitted on property owned by the Corporation.

Officials have stated that residents may shoot at random, providing they do not aim at squirrels, or inadvertently trod upon the quicksand bog.



Not In This Issue...

- * Dog licenses
- * Gossip & rumors
- * Weather reports
- * Engineering data
- * ...and much, much more!

*"In the beginning
there was nothing,
and now there's
something."*

—H. L. Munchkin

Carmel Carrier now has its own web site

Expanding its service to the community, the Carrier's new web site, developed in collaboration with the New York Times, offers current local information, health and food tips, stock market quotes, and a daily homily to massage the soul.

Just direct your browser to www.nytimes.com/auth/login?URL/carrier.

Use your e-mail to submit classifieds for gardeners, carpenters, sun-room window washers, dinner partners and lonely hearts personals. Click on weather for storm warnings.

A search program will soon access historical Carrier archives, and bios and obituaries of present or former residents. You can also access a calendar of scheduled events by double-right clicking (PC OS only) on the indicated designation.

Residents seeking counsel on personal behavior problems (their own or those of their neighbors) may solicit a confidential e-mail response from our anonymous "Ann Landers," who is, however, well known and well informed about each of us.



Time Change

Effective April 1 all residents are asked to set their clocks ahead or behind, or whatever.

Residents arrested during Mardi Gras

PHILADELPHIA — Two Carmel women have been arrested in connection with the pre-Lenten melee on South Street.

While not arrested at the time of the incidents, they were identified last week from photographs posted on the Philadelphia Police Department website.

Both were charged with indecent exposure even though several witnesses have testified that "they really were a quite decent pair."

One of the women gave the alibi that she was in Florida at the time. A police review of U. S. Airways passenger lists, however, indicated she had flown into Philadelphia Tuesday morning and back to Florida on Wednesday.

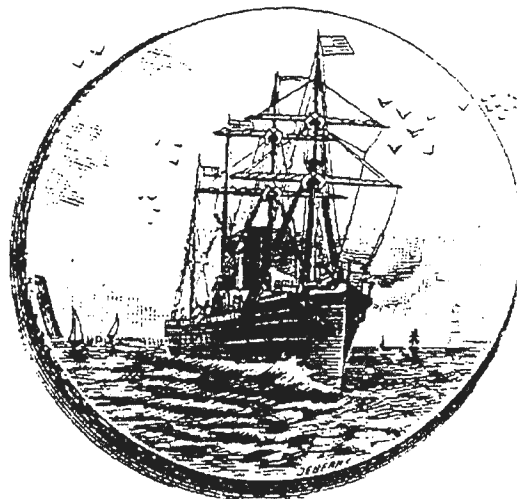
A third woman who had her back to the camera has not yet been identified. In order to establish her identity, police are asking Carmel residents to report any



incidents of women claiming to have recently purchased new beads.

An informer's fee of \$100 has reportedly been paid to a Carmel man who was able to identify the two women even though their faces were obscured by their blouses.

The names of those arrested have not been released pending determination that they are not juveniles.



On April 1, 1901, the steamship Nautilus set sail for Honduras, and has not been heard from since. Historians believe it was headed toward Chester County, Pennsylvania, and was last seen heading westward on Route 926.

Suggestions for new residents of Carmel

The Courier does not print press releases or directives as they are sent to the editors. However we received a memo from the Kendell Corporation, which we summarize below.

It has come to our attention that some in our communities have been ruffled by the behavior of a few of our residents. We offer the following suggestions, particularly for new residents.

1. If you are feeling timid about having new neighbors, you may be searching for something you have in common with them. Of course everyone has somewhat the same house and problems with it. Try to avoid raising the subject of your roof, furnace, disposal, etc. more than once in an evening.

2. Often when residents first arrive, unlike other neighborhoods they have lived in, they are struck by the fact that their neighbors are all nearing the last decades of their lives. Try to avoid raising the subject of death, period.

3. After some months of residence the views from your house become important to you. Try to avoid the need to control more than four feet out from your house.

4. If couples find that their spouses are not present for some reason try to avoid taking a walk with one another. This can give the wrong impression. (*Just how active do they think we elderly are? Ed.*)

5. Drink alcoholic beverages when standing only. If you find you need to sit down that is a strong clue to an elderly person that they have had enough. If you are the host try to avoid serving alcoholic beverages to guests who are sitting down.

6. Recitation of drugs you are taking may give the wrong impression. Try to avoid discussion of grams and other pharmaceutical mysteries as someone may suspect you need to "just say no."

7. Your personal or another person's health is not an agreeable topic for conversation at a party. Try to avoid discussion of the workings of your internal organs or bodily secretions and their odors.

If Cartmel residents can follow these suggestions, the administration of the Kendell Corp. will be relieved of time-consuming mediation chores and will be able to stabilize your monthly fees.



Welcome to the other

Carmel Culinary Corner

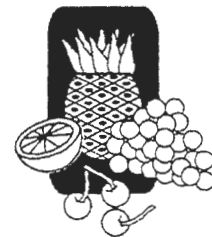
This is really an exciting recipe, and all of our good gourmets should enjoy the outcome no end.

Turkey Stuffing

- 3 eggs
- Green pepper, cut up
- 1 cup celery, cut up
- 3 cups uncooked popcorn, washed
- 3 cups uncooked rice, washed
- Garlic salt, parsley to taste

Mix well, stuff turkey, put in 350° oven.

Bake until popcorn pops and blows the ass off the turkey.



Contest open to all

The Editorial Board has decided to try a "Commentary Page" which will be filled with material from you, the reader.

Please, in 100 words or less, submit before May 1 a description of the ritual you enjoy when you put your long underwear away for the season.

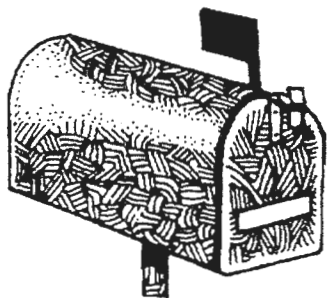
Mailbox enhancement ideas sought

A group of brand-new Carmel residents, imbibing hospitality and refreshments at a recent welcoming party, soon found themselves exchanging constructive suggestions for improvements to their new community.

While entirely nonofficial, this ad hoc committee quickly saw that interest zoomed in on the question of house identification.

"My visitors and relatives have been driving around for hours," reported one woman, "even though I told them it was the brown house."

Another member, putting his glass down carefully, added, "When we were in Florida last week, I was reminded of the great individuality that homeowners can demonstrate in their choice of mailbox."



"There are those wonderful five-foot tall molded dolphins holding a mailbox above the road. And then there are all those charming house replicas, the barns, the cow, dog and cat mailboxes...each box is a veritable statement."

By the end of the evening the group had agreed to draw up a petition for the Carmel Residents Association asking consideration of their unanimous request for Mailbox Enhancement to facilitate house identification.

Other residents who would like to add their names to the petition are welcome to do so. Please contact the Ad Hoc Committee for Constructive Suggestions, Attn: Mailbox Enhancement Subcommittee.

Hope that shredded "Ready List" will soon be readable

Kendell Admissions personnel have been attempting to reconstruct the "Ready List." It was inadvertently shredded along with other papers on file.

Hopes are high that the List will soon be readable again. Members of the Carmel community who recall their place in line should contact staffers ASAP.



Admissions personnel attempt to reconstruct "Ready List."



This is how it's really played.

Mirth Day festival

A celebration of Mirth Day was held last Saturday at the Community Center. There were exhibits and refreshments from 1:30 to 3:30 a.m.

Dr. Willie Wonker (of the National Public Radio program "Heart Talk") spoke at 2:00 a.m. Some people stayed awake for his entire speech. His topic was "In Honor of Mirth Day: Laughing and Languishing in Love."

A special Mirth Day menu is planned for the future. For those who did not attend, or who fell asleep during Dr. Wonker's presentation, audiotapes are available. (There are no videotapes of his multicolored slides because the camera didn't work.) Send a SASE with a suitable donation to:

Dr. W. Wonker
c/o NPR
P. O. Box 123456
Hiawatha PT 919348



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April 1, 2002

Indian relics delay area reconstruction work

Excavation by PennDOT at the intersection of Route 926 and Parkersville Road has uncovered native American artifacts which, under Federal law, triggers a Phase I archeological study.

Indian Hannah, a Lenape tribe member who died over 100 years ago, has apparently been instrumental in delaying easy access to the Pocopson Post Office, Brandywine Hardware and the Westwood Nursery.

Work to improve sight distance at the notorious intersection has been put on hold for at least a month. Archeologists will dig at least one trench through the work area.



They will catalog and evaluate any finds which suggest that the site was a frequently used encampment or (worst case) a burial ground.

Such evidence could cause a more elaborate Phase II investigation which might last until December 2002, or later.

Should Phase II confirm a "frequent encampment of Native Americans" or a burial ground, it will be time to talk about overlapping a planned closure of Route 926 for Pocopson bridge construction.

A Parkersville bypass might be a logical next step.



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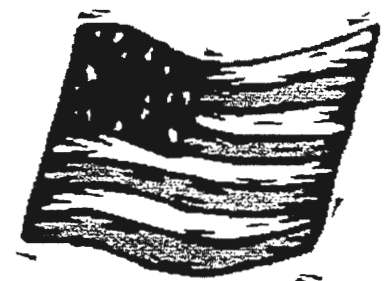
- * Route 926 update
- * Intern project
- * Bird report
- * CRAWMCA planning
- * Gene WIL found
- * ...and much, much more

IRS softens hard stance, Carmelians to benefit

Some residents have already received word that they will not have to file a tax return this year. According to the IRS, they may have estimated tax payments refunded, provided they meet the requirements stipulated in Reg. 24.53E and Instruction 1998.4 (as amended in the Tax Act of 1991 and later rescinded by Plebiscite 104).

"We look upon Carmel as important to our efforts," says Robert T. Ingersoll, manager of the local IRS office. "Anything we can do to help them is in our mutual patriotic interests."

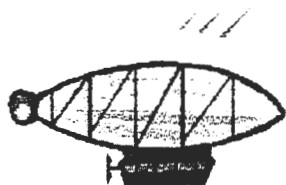
Any questions about the new procedures should be referred directly to the local IRS. Because many inquiries are expected, the Service will open offices in Pocopson and in Chadds Ford.



Carmel supports Pennsbury balloons

In past years balloonists flying from the Pennsbury Township Office area have drifted over Carmel.

Some balloonists have cut flights short and landed at Carmel rather than continue their flight and pollute our environment.



Because balloons don't have privies, the Meadows & Woods Committee has organized a "Privy on the Square" event. Plans call for renting a Johnny-on-the-Spot for balloons flying over Carmel.

Alternate ideas included a shallow trench, and several shower curtains for privacy, but these were vetoed.

In place of water for hand-washing (now prohibited by drought regulations), several residents will offer prepackaged rowelettes. Balloonists can then resume their journeys refreshed, comfortable and clean.

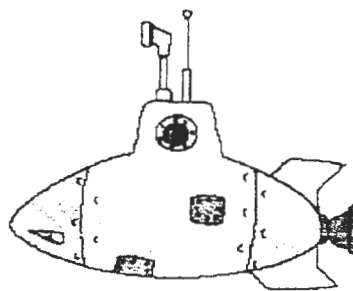


Effective April 1, all residents are expected to rewind their clocks as appropriate. In case there is any doubt as to the correct time, residents can tune to WWV on their shortwave radios.

Carmel residents honored at Pentagon

Three residents, Joe Williams, Jim Wilson and Ken Wilson, participated in a ceremony at the Pentagon last week along with 146 other admirals and retired admirals. At the ceremony, a team of researchers from Johns Hopkins University and the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis announced the results of a five-year research project in search of the Admiral gene.

After extensive study, aided by DNA samples from 285 admirals dating back to Admiral Robert Peary, the gene was located in a cluster of genes that include the intelligence, good looks, hard work, wise spousal selection, and being-in-the-right-place-at-the-right-time genes-as well as the newly discovered alphabetic WIL gene. The corollary discovery of the alphabetic WIL gene grew out of researchers findings that 94% of the



in the U.S. Navy had a middle, last, or mother's maiden name that contained a three-letter WIL sequence. This finding has triggered a parallel study by British naval historians, and also a congressional inquiry to determine whether this is a result of nepotism in the armed forces.

A Pentagon spokesman indicated that identification of this gene is estimated to save the U.S. Navy approximately 300 million dollars a year through reduced screening and education expenses for applicants to the Naval Academy, and through savings resulting from the elimination of annual performance reviews of all officers who carry the admiral gene. The role of the living admirals as DNA donors will be rewarded with approximately 10 percent (\$30,000,000) of these annual savings being passed along in the form of increased pensions.



New intern program set for residents

The CRA Vice President announced today a new intern program for the Carmel Residents' Association during his term as President in 2002-2003. A full job description has not yet been developed but he stated, "Determination of specific duties prior to hiring is

not really essential. The critical issue here is that we need to project a more youthful image for the community if we want to continue to attract residents to Carmel. It's easy to hop on the diversity bandwagon in terms of race, religion, sexual orientation, ethnic origin, and dominant-handedness but where have the voices been for age diversity in Carmel."

Four interns have been hired to date-one each from Lincoln University, the University of Delaware, West Chester University and Cheney

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Rare birds spotted, watchers puzzled

The following species of birds have been seen around Carmel. If anyone can shed any light on them it would be appreciated.

- Double-Breasted Seersucker
- Buff-Tinted Due-Bill
- Ruffled Spouse
- Tufted Dowager
- Great Bald Ego
- China Night Jar
- Baltimore Bore
- Extra-Marital Lark
- Duck-Billed Platitude
- Rosy Breasted Pushover



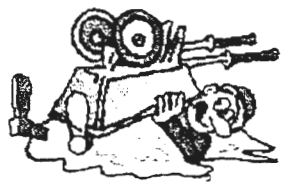
PennDOT: Route 926 to be widened soon

PennDOT expects increased vehicular traffic on Route 926, due to construction now in progress nearby.

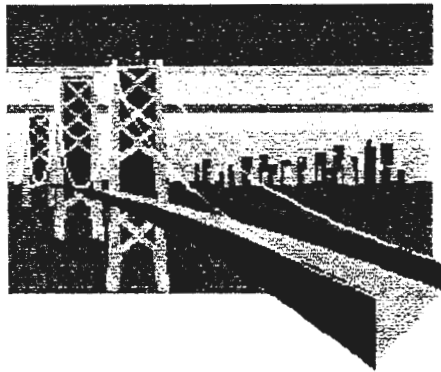
The agency expects the needs to grow rapidly. There will be extra working shifts for teachers at the Pocopson Elementary School; the new YMCA camp at Denton Hollow Road is sold out; the new Wal-Mart "box store" in East Marlborough Township will boost traffic; and trucks will be making deliveries, supplying stores and by-passing Route 1.

Current and recent improvements to Route 926 are only a starter. A new bridge across the Brandywine (to be constructed in 2004) will accept the largest 18-wheel tractor-trailers, even "double-bottom" trailers.

By utilizing the rebuilt S-curve and the new Parkersville intersection, these large trucks require only a wider road to Route 52 to eliminate heavy traffic on Route 1.



Engineers plan to cancel this bottleneck



by widening Route 926 to 120 feet. This will support of speed limit of 55 m.p.h. for all vehicles.

A new roadway, shoulder and acceleration lane will extend 50 feet into Carmel. PennDOT also plans to erect a 16-foot-high noise barrier with attractive plant frescoes to simulate environmental concerns.

The Waterglen Community Association has also asked PennDOT to pave the emergency access way that leads from Waterglen Circle to Ulverston Drive. Waterglen claims that residents are discriminated against by not having direct access to Route 926.

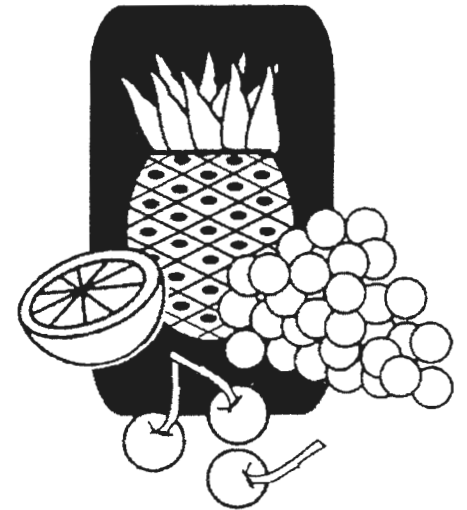
CRA has requested PennDOT to send one or more representatives to its next monthly meeting, but telephone calls have not been answered as of this date.

Welcome to the other

Carmel culinary corner

Due to the shortage of water in Chester County, there will be no recipe in this issue. We have substituted instead the picture below.

While this may not make your mouth water, we hope that it reminds you to take your daily vitamins and other nutritional supplements.



Intern program—continued

University, and interviews are continuing. In addition to his personal magnetism, the V.P. is planning a number of fringe benefits in order to draw other attractive young women to the program. A sun-bathing area will be created on the Mall, and the V.P. is seeking grant money from several large foundations to cover the cost of a swimming pool and fitness center.

New hours and location for bridge

Effective immediately, the Bridge Club will meet on Saturdays starting at 4:45 p.m. in the Lounge. All residents are invited to play, except those who have Masters Points in excess of 10,000.

Call 1-800-2BRIDGE to be sure there is room for you in the Lounge. It is no longer necessary to know the name of the host.

Winners in the past few weeks (first/second) are:

Mar. 12	Mary Thompson/John Royer
Mar. 19	Kleine Schlemm/Robre Pont
Mar. 26	Heidi Randy/Eric L'Rouge



Remember, science says bridge benefits the brain, shuffling keeps the fingers limber and it helps the feet because bridge is played while seated.

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YMCA and CRA opt for joint venture

While the YMCA takes its case against Pennsbury to court, it has approached the CRA with an interim proposal: The YMCA will assume half the cost of constructing an Olympic size swimming pool on the Carmel property.

In return, the CRA will assess each Carmel resident \$1,000 to \$1,200 (payable over one year) to cover construction costs.

The YMCA will assume all operating costs until the Denton Hollow camp is constructed and the pool there is in full operation.

The CRA is expected to approve the proposal, with certain conditions.

- The pool will be located in the meadow
- An 8-foot chainlink fence will discourage deer from using the pool as a watering hole
- Operating costs will include a dog trained to scatter geese
- Busses for YMCA campers must park in a designated area

- The YMCA must provide changing areas for campers
- Floodlamps for night swimming will not be used after 10 p.m.
- There will be no "skinny-dipping" for campers (Carmel can use the pool skinny-dipper parties after 10:00 p.m.)
- The CRA will keep all revenue from selling "pool-tags" to Crosslands and Watertown residents



Tryouts for the position of goose dog will be held in mid-May. Residents are invited to bring their dog(s) to the tryout. Candidates must be able to swim, bark and run faster than a goose. The winners will be appointed to the Pool Maintenance staff.

GA offers help to Carmel residents

Soon Carmel can avail itself of the newest Chapter of Gamblers Anonymous. This service is in response to repeated requests by Carmel residents.

The first meeting will be held immediately after the bridge game (see location at left).

If you are interested in joining GA, leave your name in the box right next to the bridge scores.

All interested parties will be contacted as soon as possible.

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Carmel Carrion

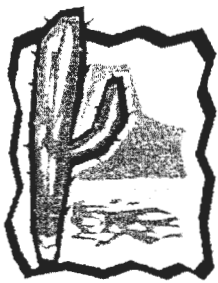
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Meadow and Woods seeks diversity

The Meadow & Woods Committee has amended the Natural Areas Management Plan for Carmel.

Encouraged by our tree planting efforts last spring, it has been decided to regenerate our forests, and to introduce new species that reflect the diverse origins of our Carmel residents.

Our hope is to introduce northern spruce, sugar maples, and paper birch in the Windermere area, live oak and magnolia behind the houses on Ingleton, and palms and hibiscus around the proposed lagoon in the meadow.



Long-range plans call for draining the wetlands near Kent House, trucking in rock and sand, and planting organ and saguaro cacti. We will start our project this summer in the woods at the upper end of Ulverston, where we will be putting in a test plot of fast-growing kudzu.

Luncheon plans nearly complete

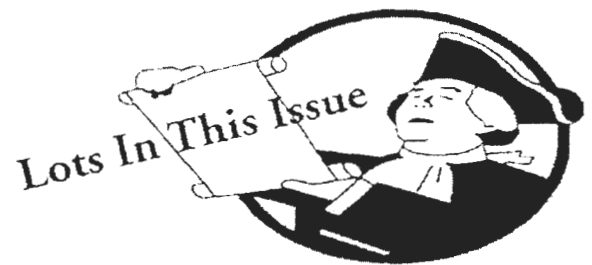
The Social Committee has settled everything but the dessert choice for the Spring Luncheon (May 19 at 12:45 p.m.) which will be followed by the CRA meeting.

There will be entertainment at the luncheon—a BIG surprise has been planned. You won't want to miss it.

Still, because of the Executive Committee's stinginess, the Social Committee has decided to become an independent organization. We will charge \$25 per person this year or \$1,250 for a lifetime of Spring Luncheons.

Please bring cash or personal checks made out to "Social Committee, Inc." to the April CRA meeting.

There may be some surplus. If so, the Committee will spend it wisely.



Many reasons for rescheduling collection of recyclables

Normally, recyclables are collected by WMI on Thursdays, except when designated holidays fall on Thursday, in which case they are collected the following day, unless two holidays fall in the same week, when collection is postponed two days.

Inclement weather may also affect the normal schedule. After snowstorms, high winds or closed roads, collection may be postponed indefinitely. Residents are then encouraged to put recyclables back in their garages for storage, until conditions warrant resuming collections. Exceptions will be made if the red recycle bins are frozen to the ground. WMI will not collect recyclables until their container extractor unit is available.

Other variables which may impact scheduling include equipment breakdowns, employee absences, availability of dumpsites, government regulations, vacation schedules and unanticipated events.

According to a WMI spokesperson, "It's hard to predict when garbage and recyclables will be collected. Sometimes two guys show up, take a truck and just decide to go out and collect garbage. It could be any time of the day or day of the week."

Alterations in "Carmel Companion"

In your copies of the Carmel Companion, please insert a comma before the word "and" in the 18th line on page 126.

That Nature Thing

If our eyes were not glued to the ground, looking for mice in the meadow, fox in the forest, or deer on our driveways, we might look up and see the beautiful patterns of the turkey vultures soaring above.

With us all year, these buzzards are particularly prevalent now in the spring, when PennDot and area motorists have cooperated to provide feeding stations for them along our highway. You can see them in groups of eight or ten, picnicking on fresh road kill by the side of Route 926. They are handsome birds; their black feathers, long red necks, and beady eyes remind me of actors arriving at the Oscar presentation.

To my knowledge, we have no resident vultures on our property, but several of our birding neighbors are trying to change that. They are erecting roosts in the woods and providing them the necessary building materials.

We can expect coming issues of the Carrion to carry news of nests, eggs and new hatchlings. What a blessing! With Porgy we can sing, "Buzzard keep on, keep on flying ..."

Language changes coming soon

The European Commission has just announced an agreement whereby English will be the official language of the EU rather than German, another possibility.

The first year "s" will replace the soft "c" and the hard "c" will be dropped for the "k." (This should klear up konfusion and keyboards can have one less letter.)

After zis fiz yer, ve vil hav a reli sensible ritzen styl. Zer vil be no mor trubl or difficultis and everivun vil find it ezi t understand ech ozer. Ze drem vil finali kum tru!

And zen ve vil tak over ze world.

Election procedures explained in detail

With the April and May meetings of the CRA coming soon, let us review the procedures for selecting new officers, Committee chairs and Committee members. Both the by-laws and customary practice apply.

It begins with a Nominating Committee, chaired by the outgoing President, and including two residents of his choice (or selection, if desired).

First they assure that the Vice President is willing and able to become President. If not, they are charged with finding candidates for both offices (plus Secretary and Treasurer).

Of course, the residents don't have to agree with the nominating committee. They may nominate from the floor. If they do so in April their nominations will be voted on in May and the new president may proceed with selecting committee chairmen and a Member-At-Large for the Executive Committee.

If however, there is a floor nomination at the May meeting, voting is postponed to June so that the two (or possibly more) candidates have time to present their views to the residents.

Technically, our CRA would then be without a President or other officers from the May to the June meetings. Since it is important that the community's business continue, the By-Laws provide for a Super-Committee composed of the two (or more) presidential candidates, all candidates for Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, the current Member-at-Large (who will act as Clerk) and the Member-at-Large choices of the two (or possibly more) presidential nominees.

It will be the Super-Committee's duty to appoint temporary committee chairmen who may be those whose term has expired unless committee structure is the heart of the differences between or among presidential candidates in which case the Super-Committee itself shall deal with any problems which would otherwise have come before a committee.

When faced with a problem the Super Committee "shall remain in session until a consensus is reached".

Note that some special provisions apply if any two of the presidential candidates are a cohabiting couple.

We hope this has clarified the election procedures for those who are not familiar with them.

Carmel may be investigated by GDIF

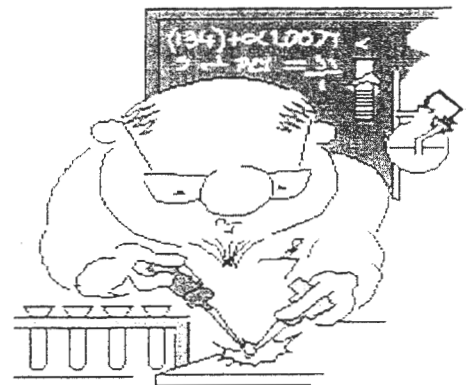
GDIF, an organization named for its slogan, "Gender Discrimination Isn't Friendly," is about to investigate Carmel for gender discrimination.

The group notes that some 55% of our residents are female, but that 93% of our presidents have been male.

The statistics at other communities like Carmel are, fortunately, even more dismal, and will probably be included in any full-scale investigation.

GDIF points out that these statistics are not typical for most CCRCs (continuing care retirement communities). At one CCRC, for example, women are 68% of the population and have supplied over 64% of the presidents.

The outcome of the pending investigation is unclear. In some instances GDIF has simply promoted education, so that legal action here seems unlikely.



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PRESIDENT'S CUPBOARD

Our March CRA meeting was a great success. A record number of residents turned out to hear a panel of "experts" talk about the problems and benefits of making an early decision to move from Cartmel to Crosslands or Kendal. With Gail Hamilton as moderator, we were given much good advice on preparing for a move from former residents Elsa and Ted Rhoads and Mary Knoble and information on what to expect from Social Services Director Lisa Sweeney and the Resident Care Nurse Practitioner, Nomi Horn. There was a lively discussion after their presentation with many pertinent questions asked by our old and new residents alike.

Indeed, this was such a successful meeting, Admissions Department is concerned that there could be a flood of demands for immediate transfers from Cartmel residents and that this could be picked up by Conniston residents as well, putting an impossible strain on the resources of the hard-working Admissions Department team.

At an emergency meeting of the Executive Committee with the Executive Director and the Director of the Admissions Department, held on April 1st, it was agreed that we should have an Emergency General Meeting of the Residents Association on a date to be announced in the near future, to be addressed by a panel of: current residents who do not wish to move at all and will explain their reasons for staying put, some disgruntled former residents who wish they'd never moved, and a psychiatrist who will explain the dangers to the over 75s of making sudden and drastic changes in their lifestyle.

We urge all residents to attend this important meeting and we will extend an invitation to Conniston residents to join us.

Fritz Holmquist



Health Coverage

There will be a meeting at 3:00 p.m. in the William Penn Lounge on Wednesday, May 5 for all those on the Ready List. The Kendal Corporation, which is hosting this meeting and similar meetings at other Kendal facilities, urges everyone eligible to attend. There will be no additions to the list until after July 1.

The subject will be changes in health coverage to become effective with contracts signed after July 1st. While no details are currently available, it is known that the proposed changes result from the relentless increase in general health costs which are aggravated by the increasing age of CCRC residents. It is likely that the new contracts will allow for monthly payments which increase with age as well as with general cost inflation. Other changes will be revealed at the meeting.

Every effort will be made to accommodate those who wish to sign a contract before the July 1 deadline. If all the available units are spoken for, others still hoping to sign early, will be permitted to pitch tents in an area adjacent to the Crosslands gardens.

KENDAL RESIDENTS' PRE-ELECTION POLL REVEALS SURPRISES

A recent pre-election poll of a sizeable random sample of Kendal Corporation residents in Kendal, Crosslands, Cartmel and Coniston produced some surprising results. 64.2 percent of those polled named candidate Harold Stassen as their preferred choice for President in November 2004. There was scattered support also for Barry Goldwater, Hubert Humphrey and Quaker Herbert Hoover. Oddly Nixon received very few votes.



One resident, who preferred to remain anonymous, on being informed of these results, noted that the poll illustrated the strong political awareness of this community. The results have been forwarded to both the Republican and Democratic National Committees.

The accuracy of these results is estimated at plus or minus 100 per cent.

Tax Exempt Status for Seniors

In the recent round of tax cuts pushed through Congress by the Bush Administration are buried some potential benefits for senior citizens. These have not been well publicized and so we want to call them to your attention. Complete exemption from Federal Income Tax (FIT) can be obtained if all of the following conditions are met: The taxpayer must be 65 years of age or older. If filing a joint return, then both parties must be 65 years or older.

An appointment must be scheduled with the local IRS office and the taxpayer(s) must appear in person unaccompanied by legal counsel or tax advisor(s). The taxpayer(s) must demonstrate to the satisfaction of the IRS examiner(s) the ability to pat the top of the head while simultaneously rubbing the stomach when standing on one leg with their eyes closed.

Presuming satisfactory completion of the above the taxpayer(s) file will be burned in their presence and their name(s) removed forever from the Federal tax rolls. Failure to complete all of the above mentioned demonstrations will result not only in denial of exemption but publication of photographs of the futile attempt. The prudent thing to do is PRACTICE.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Recently Carmel residents received a survey from Tom Kopach, the Kendal-Crosslands Facilities Manager, asking that we express our preferences on restraining the siding on our houses. We were told that if the color choice stayed within the earth-tone family, the cost would remain essentially the same.

There was a space for "Comments" and I have a few. Some of us are tired of telling visitors the same old joke: "We're the ones in the brown house." Doesn't K-C management feel that Cartmelians are capable of making tasteful choices?

Think of the many developments where house owners are able to paint their houses the color of their choice. Think of other planned communities, such as the Disney-designed "Celebration," in Orlando, Florida. These communities don't demand absolute color conformity from their residents! Why not one house Striking Amber, the next house Pale Peach, and across the road some Sky Blue next to Jade Green? It may well be that the next people to move in might not be of the same mind, but the paint brushes could always come out once more.

I urge the Property Committee to rise up and make more comments — after all, we don't own these houses, we live here..

Signed, Indignant

CHANGES IN HOUSEKEEPING SCHEDULE

Ann Kafigian has announced three new options to the Cartmel house cleaning schedule. Residents are asked to make their choice known to Donald Allaband.

Option 1- The Eight Day Cycle An eight day cycle will be substituted for the present seven day cycle. For example, if your residence is currently cleaned on a Monday this week next week it will be cleaned on Tuesday and the following week on Wednesday and so on throughout the year. No change is foreseen in the hour scheduled, as that would be confusing.

Option 2- The Work Order This option offers a flexible choice. Your unit will not be cleaned unless you call Tracy DiFilippo and make a specific request stating your reasons for wanting it done. You should be sure to indicate if it is an emergency, for instance, if you have relatives coming to visit. Tracy will initiate a work request that will be entered in the sequence received with other work requests.

Option 3- The Date Certain For those who want something they can count on, this choice may offer the answer. As an aid to memory the key date is your birthday. Taking that as the starting

date for the calculation, subsequent cleaning days will be calculated using a stochastic Monte Carlo computer program that will predict the remaining fifty cleanings each year. This information will be given to you at the conclusion of the prior cleaning session. It is possible that intervals of plus or minus seven days might be encountered but you can be certain of the next cleaning



CARING-COMITTEE REPORT

THE NURTURE OF THINGS

Many of our neighbors have expressed concern for the poor worms who are flooded out of their homes after every heavy rain and are forced to take to the streets. In the human world, in response to such disasters, we would offer the refugees food and blankets and open up school gyms for emergency housing. No such succor exists for worms; instead, adding injury to insult, they must face the further threat of predatory birds and uncaring humans. Our vehicles kill thousands of these innocents. However, in

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our caring community, we have found a humane way to address this tragedy. Starting in April, emergency response teams will go out after every rain to gently lift the worms off of the street and return them to the security of the grass. Ward leaders have been appointed for each street (two for Ingleton Circle) who will be responsible for recruiting volunteers for this worthy cause... When the ward boss comes to your door, just say, "Yes!" and know you are doing your part to make this a kinder, gentler world.



K. C.C. FINDS NEW REVENUE SOURCE AT CARTMEL

Did you notice that duplex outlets have been installed on post lamps whenever the underground electrical cables have been upgraded? The Courier Investigational Team has discovered a well-hidden reason for the outlets. Deep within the Kendal operating budget is a brand new source of income that will depend on the duplex outlets being installed on every street, not just on Windermere. Unknown to K-C residents, the Board has solicited bids from advertising agencies for billboard space on our Cartmel properties.

The duplex outlets on the post lamps will supply power to floodlights that will be activated automatically at dusk until midnight, and in the morning from 4:00 am until sunrise. The advertising messages are to be painted on the garage doors only. Considerable discussion with potential advertisers was held on the possibility of moving images. One cosmetic firm wanted to show a professional female model winking her eye at passing traffic. This would have required a constant, rhythmic opening and closing

of the garage door. The Kendal-Crosslands Board felt this was an unreasonable stress on the garage door motors and declined the contract.

The Cartmel Residents Association will attempt to reach a consensus with the Kendal Board as to whether the advertising revenues should be shared with those residents whom advertisers select for the prominence of their garage doors or, more magnanimously and in an effort to be totally fair, among all Cartmel residents. In the meantime, keep a close eye on the duplex outlets!



EFFECTS OF CORN GLUTEN AMAZE SCIENTISTS

Recent studies by the University of Arkansas have found that lawns fertilized with corn gluten have unanticipated consequences. Birds, squirrels, rabbits and ground hogs apparently gorge themselves on corn gluten when it has been applied to lawns as a means of containing weeds. The findings show that not only do these wild animals grow obese from eating the corn gluten, but their stomachs are amazingly free of weeds. A proposed solution to this dilemma is to train the animals to eat the weeds, rather than the corn gluten.

THE CLASS OF 1939 B.C. (Before Computers)

We were before the pill and the population explosion which, inexplicably, went hand in hand.

We were before television. Before penicillin, polio shots, antibiotics and frisbees. Before nylon, dacron, Xerox and Kinsey. We were before radar, fluorescent lights, credit cards and ball-point pens. For us, time-sharing meant togetherness, not computers or vacation homes. A chip meant a piece of wood; hardware meant hardware and software wasn't even a word.

In those days bunnies were small rabbits and rabbits were not Volkswagens. We were before Grandma Moses and Frank Sinatra and cup-sizing for bras. We were before Batman, Grapes of Wrath, Rudolph the Rednosed Reindeer and Snoopy. Before DDT, Vodka (in the U.S.) and the white wine craze, disposable diapers, jeeps and the Jefferson nickel. Before Scotch Tape, Grand Coulee Dam, M & M's, the automatic shift and Lincoln Continentals.

When we were in college, pizzas, Cheerios, frozen orange juice, instant coffee and McDonalds were unheard of. We thought fast food was what you ate during Lent.

We were before FM radio, tape recorders, electric typewriters, word processors, Musak, electronic music and disco dancing.

Almost noone flew across the country and trans-atlantic flight belonged to Lindberg and Amelia Earhart. We were before Israel and the United Nations. Before India, Pakistan, Indonesia Iceland and the Phillipines were independent countries. Since our graduation 92 countries - 48 of them African - have become independent nations.

We were before pantyhose and drip-dry clothes. Before ice makers and dishwashers, clothes dryers, freezers and electric blankets. Before Hawaii and Alaska became States. Before men wore long hair and earrings, and women wore tuxedos.

We were before Leonard Bernstein, yogurt, Ann Landers, plastics, hair dryers, the 40 hour week and the minimum wage. We got married first and then lived together - how quaint can you be?

In our day cigarette smoking was fashionable, grass was mowed, coke was something you drank and pot was something you cooked in.

We were before coin vending machines, jet planes, helicopters and interstate highways. In 1939 our schools were not desegregated and blacks were not allowed to play in the major leagues. Made in Japan meant junk and the term "making out" referred to how you did in an exam.

In our time there were five-and-ten-cent stores where you could buy things for five and ten cents. For just one nickel you could ride the subway, or ride the ferry or make a phone call, buy a Coke or buy enough stamps to mail one letter and two postcards. You could buy a new Chevy coupe for \$659, but who could afford that in 1939? A pity too, because gas was 11¢ a gallon.

If anyone in those days had asked us to explain CIA, NATO, UFO, NFL, JFK, ERA or IUD, we would have said alphabet soup. We were not before the differences between the sexes were discovered, but before sex changes. We just made do with what we had.

And so it was in 1939.

Jean Williamson Thompson via MM

A Q U A K E R P I L G R I M A G E

Anyone from Cartmel, traveling through England's beautiful Lake District, feels at home with familiar place names such as Cartmel - Ingleton - Lonsdale - Ulverston - Windermere - Crosslands - Kendal - Westmoreland - Cumberland - Firbank - Coniston. All these are associated with our Quaker heritage, are names of actual places in this area, and were chosen to commemorate our common roots.

In June, a group of 29 American Friends made a pilgrimage to this area of England to retrace part of George Fox's journey and, in doing so, to re-live part of the history of the birth of the Society of Friends. We left from Friends Central in Philadelphia by van, in a drenching rain, for Newark Airport and our flight to London's Gatwick Airport. From there it was a five hour coach trip to Grasmere, our home for the next week in a Quaker guesthouse. Fifteen British Friends joined us there.

Our first stop the next day, a sunny Sunday, was Colthouse Meeting with its history of 300 years of silent reflection. The burial ground, of necessity, had been established several years before the Meetinghouse. Its stone walls had slate slabs ingeniously inserted at seat height so that Meeting could be held there. This seemed to be a custom among early Friends. In accordance with the philosophy of George Fox ... "God does not dwell in temples but in people's hearts."

This truly was a step back in time. In 1647, George Fox, age 20, had left home, family and work in his quest for what he felt was to be Truth. He walked over the countryside for five years speaking to any who would listen, preaching, convincing some of his listeners and establishing Meetings, encountering violence and imprisonment from others who found his vision of God blasphemous and threatening. This took courage and fortitude to continue, but continue he did. In this northwest section of England a new era began with meeting those called Seekers. Here George Fox found greater acceptance of his ideas.

Early in the spring of 1652, Fox wrote in his journal, "We came to a very great hill called Pendle Hill and I was moved by the Lord to go up to the top of it." He did, and most of the more agile members of our group also did, while a few others climbed in a more spiritual sense. 340 years later, the spectacular view from the top is probably similar to that which Fox saw, for this is a vast rural area. It is easy to imagine his vision of "a great (number of) people to be gathered." He had undoubtedly heard of the Westmoreland Seekers and they were probably the ones "to be gathered."

Leaving the 'high' of Pendle Hill, our journey into the past took us to Lancaster Castle. While we knew of some of the methods of persecution that George Fox and his fellow seekers

had suffered, this was an unexpected shock to see and experience the dungeons. Some of the group were brave enough to enter the tiny cells and to have the doors closed, leaving them in complete darkness. A few minutes were more than enough. How could it be endured for years?

Today, Lancaster Castle is a working castle used as both a civil court and a jail, but in George Fox's time conditions were very different and difficult. It took a strong faith in one's convictions to remain a Quaker.

On June 13, 1652, George Fox crossed the hills to Firbank Fell where he preached for three hours from a rock high above the surrounding country. A plaque commemorating the occasion begins with the words: "LET YOUR LIVES SPEAK..." This setting invited our pilgrims to climb the stile over the stone wall, scramble up the hill to the top of the rock now known as "Fox's Pulpit", and gradually settle down for an impromptu Meeting for Worship. Experiences such as these make deep impressions.

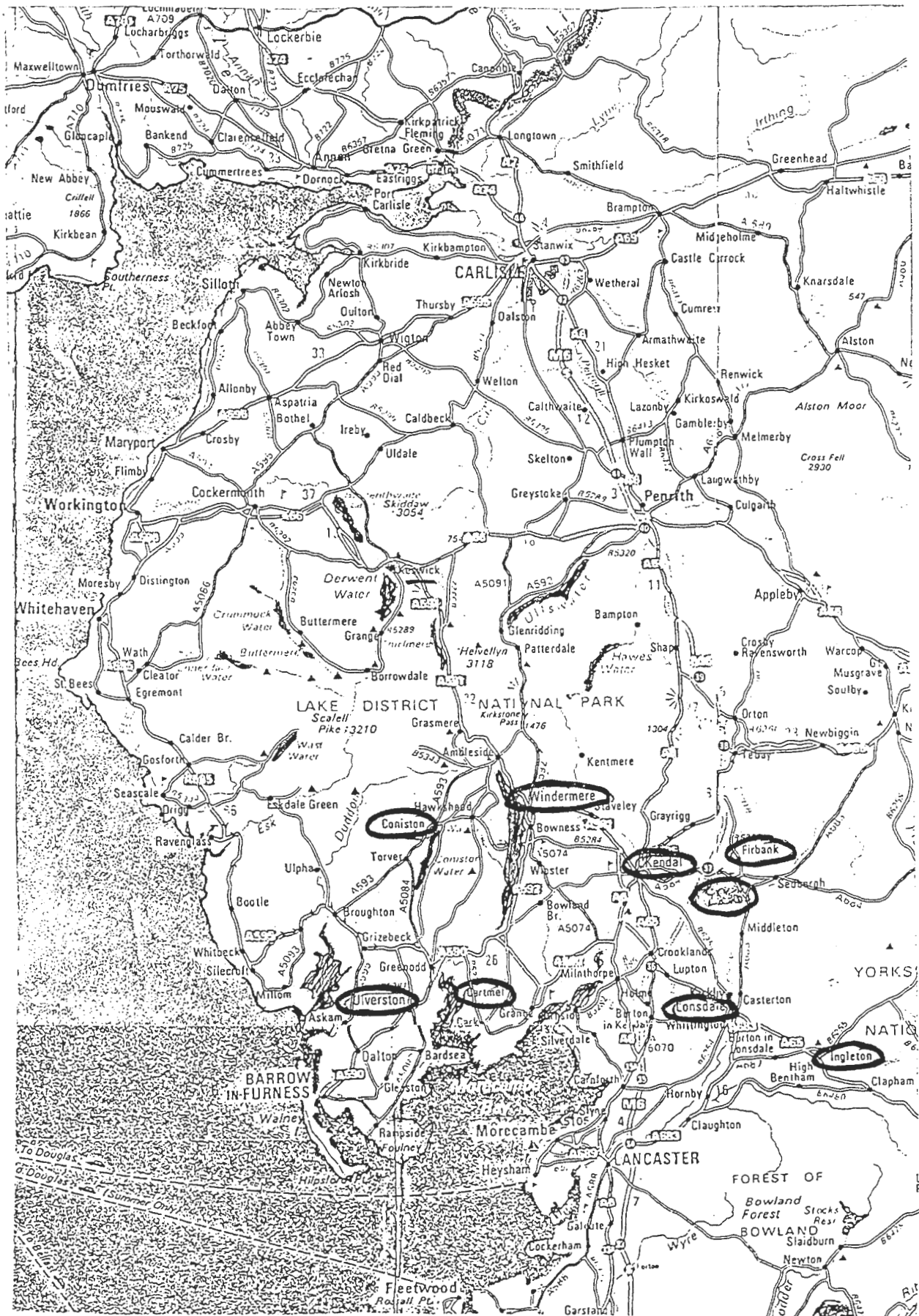
If a place could epitomize Quaker philosophy, Swarthmoor Hall could qualify. It is a stately imposing 16th century stone house with a flower bordered pathway leading to its welcoming front door. It was the home of Judge Thomas Fell, his young wife, Margaret, and their family of eight children. Even though the judge never embraced Quakerism, the home was open to the Friends for Meetings, and was a haven for travelers and others needing sustenance. Margaret Fell became a staunch supporter and leader, paving the way for the equality of women in the movement. Swarthmoor Hall was the headquarters for Quakerism for the last half of the 17th century.

Cartmel, a little gray town, is on a peninsula between two inlets of Morecambe Bay. Its greatest treasure is the Priory. Among other things, it provided official guides for crossing the sands at low tide for those taking a short cut across the bay. Travelers could make the dangerous crossing and thus save many miles by road. Of course, the adventuresome modern pilgrims successfully took on the challenge!

In between, we visited several small, simple, beautiful Meeting houses along the way. A warm welcome always greeted us. Our travels gave us an opportunity to get the feel of an area, to get in touch with our roots, to have a sense of safety and security in the company of caring Friends (both capital "F" and small "f"), and be witness to demonstrations of "LET YOUR LIVES SPEAK". It is an inspiration to be part of this heritage.

Marianne Wolf

P.S. Did you know that we have a Pendle Hill near here? Just beyond Media in Wallingford. (338 Plush Mill Rd.) It is a Quaker Study Center established over 60 years ago. People come from all over the world to participate in their programs. Inquiries and visitors welcomed. (215) 566 4514



M.M.

Penrith
Hill

FIVE YEARS AGO

Beth Chance, a member of the Cartmel Social Committee, phoned us in Jenkintown, reaching out to us as residents-to-be, and invited us to the 1991 Christmas party. One of the many couples we met that evening were the Gambles who reported that they had than lived at Cartmel for five years. "Five years!" I thought, "How could anyone have been here for five years?"

Since then I've found that it's a very easy, and enjoyable thing to do.

When it occurred to our esteemed editor **Ed Perkins** that the **Flemings** had gained "occupational rights" to #8 Ingleton Circle five years ago in March 1992, he asked that we reflect on those five years. So....here are some very random thoughts in random order.

We gained possession in March, but, not having sold our Jenkintown home, didn't move in until August. In the intervening months we drove down the Blue Route once a week to bring closet contents and to stay overnight on our two cots, one high, one low, and still comfortable and available for your borrowing.

Our first view in the morning is the **Martin/Sweeney** flag. The most apparent results of this early morning glimpse is that the Britannica, Vol. 9, E-G, is becoming worn at FLAG, and we still don't recognize all 40 which they own. Are you having guests from Australia (or almost anywhere!)? Give them a call; **George and John** will fly the appropriate banner.

We've learned that if you walk each of the four streets you've walked 1 7/8 miles. Go down to 926 and back to make an even 2.

There are more dogs living on Ulverston than on the other streets.

We used to be edged by horses on Both sides. Now the horses on Cartmel's west side have gone and there will be five houses in their stead.

Since we've lived here these five years thirteen families have moved to Kendal or Crosslands. Sadly, eight of our neighbors have died since we came and for one reason or another six families have left Cartmel.

But, as life balances out, in these five years we have been at home at #8, Cartmel has been enriched by the addition of **Andy and Olive Alexander, Margery Blumenthal and Pete Heintz, Ed and Mary Brenneman, Bob and Jane Dorries, John and Joyce Gebhard, Ralph and Gail and Hamilton, Jack and Clare Harvey, Russ and Neale Haley. Mary Knoble, Milo and Nancy Naeve, Tim and Mary Ann Nicholson, Ted and Elsa Rhoads, Tuck and Pat Taylor, George and Betsy Turner, Howard and Grace Walton, Bud and Ella Wilmot, Armin and Evelyn Wilson, Ken and Shirley Wilson, Jim and Dottie Wilson, and Eileen Zeller.** (I hope I have not missed one, but this list is so long I feel like a Founder!)

Mathematicians among my readers may think this doesn't add up to 56. True! But in March of 1992 we chose one of the three empty houses. How different it is now! **Anne and John Bidwell** moved to Crosslands last month and **Gerald Montaigne**

will move in when the paint is dry!

Administrative staff changes make a big difference. Handsome Tony White knows his horticulture, though he would be the first to say that he has no control of the weather. Jim Teal, clipboard in hand, presides over ice cream socials in front of Crosslands, ready to make note of residents' needs. Both men have made the campus look well cared for.

Now, if only someone would say, "Let there be light!" on lower Ingleton!

As we have seen, change is a constant theme. Even the 4th of July menu has changed from hamburgers and hot dogs to delicious Fried chicken.

And the Christmas party offers variety. Sometimes a cocktail party or a stand up dinner, or a sit down dinner, and most recently a tea party.

Change did I say? Who could have guessed that on a recent morning when I glanced out to check the day's flag, there went our newest resident flying by on her roller blades! Now that's a change!

From the moment **Beth Chance** invited us to the 1991 Christmas party (before we'd even written Peg Cook our check!) we knew we had made a great selection in our choice of Cartmel. We drove home from the party saying, "Great people! Interesting people!"

The first time we met our next door neighbor Woody Ewell he greeted us with "Welcome to Paradise!"

Well, maybe we wouldn't go that far, but we're certainly happy we're here!

Connie Fleming

LAISSEZ-FAIRE?

Fascism and communism has much in common, even though one constituted the extreme right and the other the extreme left, because both relied on the power of the state to repress the freedom of the individual. I want to contend that an open society may also be threatened from the opposite direction - from excessive individualism. Too much competition and too little cooperation can cause intolerable inequities and instability.

In any case, there is something wrong with making the survival of the fittest a guiding principle of civilized society. The main point I want to make is that cooperation is as much a part of the system as competition, and the slogan survival of the fittest" distorts this fact.

George Soros

TEN YEARS AGO

Since the predecessor to the COURIER didn't publish its Vol. 1 No. 1 until Dec of 1988 and the first meeting of the former residents association wasn't held until June 1, 1989, we will depend this time on a record from the KCC Board. We also have two items from the residents who were first to move into Cartmel

At the October 21, 1988 meeting of the Corporate Board, Administrator of Cartmel, Paul Lewis reported about Cartmel, "Fifty-two of the fifty-six units have been reserved. Construction has improved due to the availability of contractors".

Charlie Riley

RESIDENT NUMBER ONE

Monday, August 15, 1988 was the day I moved into #5 Ingleton Circle in Cartmel. I had been a widow for only three weeks, so the moving into the new house was not quite as we had planned. My children gathered on that moving day to expedite the chores and all went according to plan until 6 p.m. when Janet McNemar rushed over from Crosslands to tell me that the expected "occupancy permit" had failed to arrive and we could not sleep here! My children arranged to return to New York and I was hastily booked into Ellerslie for that first night.

Number 5 and 6 were the first "units" (I call them houses) to be built. #5 was for occupancy and #6 for demonstration and to house an on-site Cartmel office and nurse. It became clear that the early residents of Cartmel were carrying the financial burden of #6 so, several years later, it was sold to Lucy McIlvaine.

At first #5 had a construction "Port-a-John" directly outside my kitchen window. By the time management moved the "john" to upper Ingleton Circle the men were so used to the former location that they came to #5 anyhow, and then headed into the woods behind my garden to relieve themselves!

Cartmel was pitch black at night. There were no other houses except mine and no lights of any kind. Just huge yellow earth-movers parked all over the place and mud, mud, and more mud.

It was a great relief to welcome the next people to move in. Gloria and Millard Gamble moved into #26 in October of 1988. They had been my next door neighbors in a previous home, so it was like receiving family, and things started to look a lot better.

In the beginning years of the Cartmel Residents' Association, I was the first Treasurer for two years and then Landscape Committee chairman for four years. In 1994 I added another "Cartmel First" when I married Jud Wells. We were the first Cartmelians to get married.

It's hard to believe I've been living in Cartmel for ten years, but that's the case and I am so pleased to have so many wonderful neighbors.

Nancy Wells

AND THEN THERE WERE THREE OF US

I think that all of us had a nudge or a serendipitous situation that propelled us to Cartmel. Ten years ago that name never existed for us. We had been living in a glamorous condominium overlooking the Brandywine River - comfortable and carefree. But we wanted to expand our dining room, and were faced with major repainting and refurbishing. The high costs floored us and made us feel that a sounder option might be to move. We had been half-heartedly considering Kendal/Crosslands when luck led us to Peg Cook, and for the first time we heard that strange name "Cartmel". Master sales person that she was, we suddenly found ourselves choosing a lot, paying up front, and watching our "unknown quantity" slowly materialize.

And so we moved to 26 Ingleton Circle on October 1, 1988. Janet McNemar was our one human liaison with the mysterious forces of Kendal/Crosslands. Her apple-cheeked, country girl looks belied the personality of a drill sergeant. Every change and addition, inside or outside, needed her approval. Her stern answer was invariably, "No". The innovative design variations of today could never have existed then.

Our first days in residence were filled with the surprise of our spaciousness. We didn't have to slough off nearly as much household accumulation as expected. What a terrific design! It could have been a lonely time, with only four houses completed and just two occupied, but instead there was an invigorating sense of adventure. We could see a community emerging from raw land.

Of course there was what could be considered a downside - the constant noise of construction and a continuous film of dust and dirt as new sites were dug and new roads built. The hilliness of Ulverston and the woodsiness at the end of Windermere made it possible to visualize housing there. However what is now Lonsdale, with its lake of mud, seemed almost uninhabitable. We called it "Lower Slobovia".

In all of Cartmel there was very little greenery. The so-called lawns were red clay and the only trees were the old and hardy ones. Darkness reigned at night, except for feeble lights from the few houses. Mailboxes were very small, clustered apartment-style, and placed widely apart. Delivery people and guests had great difficulty in finding us at all.

But, it was fun to be part of the comradeship of the workmen and amazing to see the building of curving roads and the strategic placing of houses. The only really civilized touch in the whole unkempt construction scene was "Old Stone". When the leaves fell in late fall of 1988, suddenly it was there - in all its graceful beauty.

So, to all of Cartmel - and Lonsdale in particular - "You've come a long way, Baby!"

Gloria Gamble

TEN YEARS AT AMEN COTTAGE

When we Ralstons moved into 15 Ingleton on a cold November day in 1988 the house stood alone, like a single tooth in an otherwise empty mouth... the houses on either side were yet to be built.

Our hearts were breaking a little at the loss of our wonderful old house by the Brandywine... home for thirty-one years. But... Amen.... "so be it". We needed to be here.

This was an attitude which was to change rapidly. And, now, ten years later, hardly a day goes by when we don't say to each other, "How very lucky we surely are!"

First memories? A veritable ocean of mud... as far as the eye could see! Waking to curtainless windows and the front-end loader man hard at work outside! Porta-john in the middle of the Circle. Joanna Savery coming to welcome us with a vase of roses. The wonderful Christmas party given by the Torranches at Old Stone... when, just for a moment, we pioneers felt we were back in civilization once again! Then home to the boxes... and the boxes!

The house next door coming alive with the arrival of our dear friends-to-be, the Swopes... on a day when the electricity everywhere was off!

Christmas... and Santa's ashy footprints on our pristine new carpet... grandchildren in our elegant new bath-tub, and skate-boarding in the echoing basement. Everything seemed so frighteningly CLEAN at that point in time. (Would the children ever grow to love coming here, we wondered?)

But... gradually, gradually... it began to take shape. And there came a moment when, turning off Route 926, it suddenly felt like "coming home" at last.

The first "growing thing" to emerge was, I remember, a single stalk of wild mustard. I carried it into the house and put it in a vase... as precious as any rare orchid! Three truck loads of mushroom soil later, the garden, too, began to come alive. The bushes we brought from our old house put on their first new green. Later a pair of birds nested in a tree grown from a seedling.

What have we liked best? The unexpected gift of privacy. The knowledge that we are surrounded by friends who help when needed. The sense of adventure we all felt during the first year. The growing sense of community.

What shouldn't we have brought? Well, with us came a sledge hammer... pick-axe, table saw. We've used them all. Now that empty, echoing basement is a vital part of the house... with ping pong table, train table, story corner... bedroom with bunk beds... giveaway library... and my office (which Pat calls my "womb with a view").

Contrary to our fears, the grandchildren seem to love coming here... and we have, on occasion, slept nine at Amen Cottage. Santa has found his way down our chimney a number of times.

It has been good to see all the gardens take shape... each unique to its occupants. To look for the flags flown daily by John and George, and learn from them that Henry the VIII was a balladeer.

No account of those early days would be complete without mention of Madeline Manzone... who was, indeed, the glue that began to hold us all together. Many of her good ideas became an integral part of the community as we know it today. And, too, we have been particularly blessed by our Housekeeping friend, Carol, who has been with us from the first day, and is now joined by Betty.

So... what other staid retirement community boasts a resident who exercises her two dogs while on roller blades? Where else could you learn of Verdi's birthday simply by looking out at a flagpole, or find a kindly neighbor on your doorstep bearing dry ice for the freezer during a long power outage? Where else do you know, with certainty, that you have only to ask for help... day or night... and it will be there?

Above all, we never dreamed that, at this - the far end of our lives - we would find new and deep friendships.

But we have. And we are most grateful.

Sonia and Pat Ralston - Amen Cottage

FIVE YEARS AGO

In addition to the item above we have one more item from 1993. From John Huber's report in the November 12 COURIER he stated, "The Kendal Corporation purchased the Scott property adjacent to the western border of Crosslands and the northern border of Kendal at Longwood. The purchase was made both to protect the communities and to benefit the communities by providing for possible future needs. Long range planning goals were taken into consideration, as were various aspects of cost and development.

The site includes 90 acres and a home. For the time being, the property will be rented and used in its current manner.

CHINCOTEAGUE BIRDING TRIP

Crosslands Nature Conservancy has scheduled its fifth annual three-day birding trip to Chincoteague National Wildlife Reserve in coastal Virginia on November 22-24. Anyone interested in great companionship, good birding, and tasty seafood dinners please call us and we'll help with reservations.

Charlie Riley

The swallow-tailed kite (a medium-sized hawk-like bird) often doesn't stop to take a drink or a bath. It swoops low and slow over water and does both simultaneously without even landing. WILD AMERICA - 4/6/94

TEN YEARS AT CARTMEL - WELL SORT OF

Back in 1987 as Sallie and I entered our 70's we looked about us and concluded that, while Ponce de Leon did discover the Fountain of Youth on St. Croix, he did not discover socialized medicine. It took wonderful caring people, directed by politicians with little knowledge of orientation toward health, and certainly not inclined to spend good bureaucratic money on anything more costly than aspirin and bandages. If you were successful in getting on an airplane the next stop was Puerto Rico. Have you ever been sick in Spanish?

We discussed this matter with our good friend Priscilla Richardson who immediately took us to Kendal with the assurance that she intended someday to go there. And she did.

We liked what we saw - especially the people. However we were not yet ready to give up our rather idyllic situation for an apartment. Then, quite suddenly, we learned about the plan to build Cartmel. We looked at the site, the plans for the houses - and the price! We were hooked. It was to be a no-lose situation so we signed up and about a year later were told, here is your house, where is your money? The transaction was very simple, once we found the money. They took our check and shook our outstretched hand. As a practicing real estate lawyer, I was intrigued with the simple Quaker way of doing things. This was back in January of 1989.

We were a little unprepared, to put it in Quaker language, and had a wonderful time trying to figure out what to do with our new house. The first thing was to furnish it. Sallie and I found some places that would deliver furniture and we got a kitchen table, a few chairs, and a sofa or two to go with the beds. Then we made plans for a party to which everyone of our neighbors we could locate were invited. We had at least twenty-four people, of whom I think only about four couples are still at Cartmel. The invitation said to bring your own chair as we didn't have furniture yet. Anyhow, we did have lots of room and had a wonderful time. I don't think people were the least bit offended - they were just wonderful people and accepted us. Their successors have continued to be the same wonderful people.

The houses on Ingleton Circle were the first to be completed. Construction went on in other locations for about two years, but of course we came and went and have no clear recollection of what happened when.

In September of 1989, while we were busy getting settled in Ingleton Circle, our wonderful hurricane-proof home on St. Croix blew away in Hurricane Hugo together with all our belongings. Sallie stayed here for a number of weeks while I returned to the island and worked on sorting out our accommodations and those of our three children's families on St. Croix. About 80% of all homes there were at least temporarily uninhabitable.

The health care we looked forward to has materialized so successfully that we have not had to spend as much time here as we expected and have been able to travel more than we had planned. The loss of our families' homes on St. Croix necessitated re-planning our future. At the same time I have been usefully employed in the practice of law on St. Croix and Cartmel seems to take care of itself, with substantial help of several of our neighbors.

I was supposed to give you a progress report as Cartmel arose from the cornfield. For instance, in the spring of 1989, I remember remarking to Sallie that I didn't think they would ever be able to house people in that under-water site near the highway (now called Lonsdale Lane), and the next thing I knew there was **Gabe Cortés** smilingly turning the place into a garden spot with not a sign of mud.

We were so ashamed of our disreputable house that we planted whatever we could find at the nursery or supermarket with the sure knowledge that dead flowers (if the rains didn't come) would look no worse than our existing weeds. To our amazement they survived and prospered, and we were proud of our efforts. We later learned that our neighbors, including **Ron Davis**, had been taking care of them for us.

Now that the trauma of "moving in" is no longer a novelty, people seem much less intrigued by any neighborhood problems. Everything seems more normal and is related to future planning, such as where do we go from here.?

We don't want to go anyplace, we just want to stay here!

Sallie and Jim Isherwood

YARD/ FEEDER BIRD COUNT

For many years the West Chester Bird Club has scheduled a bird count that could be done indoors in place of one of their regular February field trips. As part of this, we have run our own Kendal/Crosslands/Cartmel count on that day which is reported as part of their totals.

If you have interest in participating in this count, on February 6, call us at 2938 and we'll be glad to have you take part. It will mean watching your feeder from time to time during that day and listing a count of the birds you see. We'll be glad to include your count in the total and give you a summary of the KCC totals.

Helene and Charlie Riley

WARM WELCOME AT KENDAL WOOD SHOP

The welcome mat is out at Kendal Woodshop for both men and women. If you have never done woodworking before, we'll train you. Call Kendal Woodshop on 388-1657. Ask for Kirk.

TEN YEARS AGO

By February of 1989 many new residents had moved into Ingleton Circle and we now have six couples who have written their story about their move and the early years here. Many have moved on, too. Do you realize that there are 20 former Cartmellians who now live at Crosslands and 12 who are at Kendal? Here are a couple more items celebrating ten years.

Charlie Riley

SHAPING A NEW COMMUNITY

Recalling the formative years of Cartmel, one realizes that the participation in the start-up of a new community was the unusual experience.

Motivated by common goals for our individual retirement plans, we strangers to each other arrived at a Cartmel of unfinished houses. Community "identity" did not yet exist. Respect for each others' previous lifestyles, careers, and accomplishments did exist: mores to serve our common goals arose as a natural purpose of society.

The flavor if you will, of Cartmel life ... the security and the respect for privacy, a moderate social life... all became evident. Newcomers were eagerly awaited, bringing more depth of experience. A pleasant, viable community was born, where none had been.

What has the reward been for pioneering? Perhaps most deeply satisfying is to know that new, prospective residents look us over...like all they see...and opt to live their precious retirement years with this Cartmel community.

Kay and Ron Davis

A VIEW FROM THE TOP

A soft summer Sunday afternoon...cruising leisurely in southern Chester County... enjoying the breezes and the country smells, and the curvy back roads. Wandered into Coniston...just to look around ...a cordial welcome extended to us strangers by the Klahns and their neighbors, they invited us to tour their homes overlooking 18 acres of conservancy easement. We talked about Kendal-Crosslands. We were seeking and it all sounded good.

This was a first exposure to K-C...pure serendipity. The motorcycle carried us home to Valley Forge bearing a flood of new sensations, new hopes, and favorable memories of new friends. It was 1986.

August 25, 1986...first interviews with Peg Cook...8-year waiting period for a K-C apartment and longer for a Coniston unit. BUT, a new community was in planning. Cartmel, on 60 acres just across the road! First occupancy the end of

1987! BUT Peg already had 100 applicants for the 56 units. We signed on anyway. We met David and **Mary Torrans**; a promising beginning.

October 1986...Peg called to say that 75 applicants had demurred, would we like to come by and select a unit? Well, yes, and we became #26 on her list. Next, pick a site. Janet McNemar escorted us through a jungle of vines and overgrowth (to be known as Ulverston), the lowlands (Lonsdale), a quiet small valley (Windermere), and a windy hill (Ingleton).

We chose #18, overlooking the meadow and the woodlands toward the north. We explored this site in deep snow, in February 1987, looking northward, toward the center of the sixty acres, and we knew we had made the best decision. This special view pleases us still, as fresh and inviting today as when we first viewed it at a slower pace.

Moving quickly, now. Sold our old Valley Forge colonial and most possessions, got retired. Cartmel occupancy in ten months offered time to tour much of the US with a new motor home and a new touring motorcycle. As events transpired, however, Cartmel construction and administrative delays served us well...we had the benefit of two years on the road, meeting and experiencing our country as no other mode can afford.

February 3, 1989...Occupancy date!!! We explored the developing campus like two kids in a new playground. New neighbors and new friends here...Joanna and Ted, Ruth and Walter, Althea and Gene, **Sonia and Pat, Kay and Ron, Gloria and Millard**, Kay and Ed, Hedel Vaughn-Henry, Madeline. We were again reassured that our decision was a good one for us. The Cartmel Residents' Association was formed with **Ginny** serving as the very first chair of the CRA Social Committee.

We had anticipated a long, indefinite, residence at Cartmel and we assumed the same for all of the first residents. Not to be. The turnover of units in these ten years has been a surprise ...we wonder if the developers expected it. Now we observe that only 19 of the original 57 households remain here. Some units have turned over three times! Two thirds of our original neighbors have moved on (and we know all of them).

Prospective is helpful...there have been bumpy times. The Administration has made progress in accommodating the Cartmel population, so very different than their experience has been at Kendal and Crosslands. And, as Cartmel matured, we, too, have adjusted our expectations to this unique management style. In retirement, we have learned and we have taught. We have grown together. The favorable result has benefited later arrivals.

Of course, improvement is always desirable: there are plenty of problems yet unresolved, to be converted to opportunities. And much space for new insights and further work for residents and staff. We anticipate many more additional years in the comfort and security of Cartmel, enjoying the multiple opportunities for participation in and contribution to activities here and at Kendal and Crosslands.

Ginny and Carl Burns

NOT FOR THE FAINT OF HEART

Cartmel's 10th anniversary party is coming soon; Will Scott's labor of love, "The Becoming of Cartmel", is finished, ready to buy read and savor, and many of us have crossed - or will soon - that significant 10-year occupancy mark. We have recently done so and now realize that it is a time of momentous decision, as we become eligible for complete interior painting and recarpeting. To plunge or not to plunge? That was the question. Our walls were smudged with grandchildren's finger prints and carpets stained with reminders of exhilarating parties. Of course, we wanted - or at least needed - a through refurbishing.

So wheels were put in motion. Heavy discussions ensued about the merits of scheduling this work while we were out of town, or while we were near at hand, ensconced at Ellerslie. Think of the valuable supervision we could have given to the job! But the sensible masculine mind indicated the "leave town" option, and so we moved ahead that way.

Crosslands was most helpful in our planning. Appointments were set up to have in-house conferences with the painters and carpet installers. The businesslike aura of it all was very comforting. The painting foreman foresaw no difficulties. He promised faithfully that the hundred or so picture hooks would be left in place. All we had to do was move and store the pictures. Whew! The head carpet man gave us soothing assurances that his job would be, "a piece of cake". Heavy furniture could easily be moved out of the way, really out of the room. "No problem!" But when we pointed out the huge rolltop desk in the small cluttered den, he was momentarily stumped. Finally he figured out that the back of the desk could be screwed off and the rest of it taken apart. Naturally all of its myriad contents must be removed, and ditto for two large cupboards.

As the list of do's and don'ts grew longer our misgivings multiplied. Clothes in all closets must be at least five feet off the floor. In essence that was out! Cedar and linen closed floors had to be completely cleared. Helpful suggestions about the ease of it all abounded. "Just load things into the bathrooms", which were being papered and would blessedly escape the painting. We found, however, that one bathroom held very little, and one shower really nothing.

A week before our scheduled trip to Florida we started in earnest - and hard. Nerves became frayed and tempers flared. The strength of a long-standing marriage was being severely tested. We packed what we could in boxes, supplied gladly by sympathetic neighbors smiling because it wasn't their turn. Bathrooms filled up quickly, the garage - including two automobiles took a lot of "stuff" and small items strained already jammed kitchen cabinets. Of course, the cellar was a fortunate stashing place, and soon looked like a combination lamp and clothing store with art gallery attached. But by the eve of our departure date we felt that we were ready - almost.

Packing was a rushed and hit-or-miss affair. The following morning dawned all too soon. We were barely dressed and breakfasted when we heard the toot of Rainbow Cab. We had completely forgotten to draw the diagram of each room with numbers on the pieces of furniture themselves. More rushing again, but we did make our plane.

Florida provided a blissful rest and change, clouded only a little by the discovery that we had brought mostly wrong clothes. Euphoria lasted until just before coming home time, then, unexpectedly, the worry syndrome appeared. Would the new paint be a glaring white-white? Would some valuable item be broken, stolen or lost? Would the new carpet blend? We tried to talk ourselves into a brighter frame of mind, for the bulk of the work was over - wasn't it?

A sunny afternoon return heralded the happy sight of our house, spotlessly clean and with the furniture roughly in place. We estimated that in a few days lamps and knick-knacks would be replaced, pictures hung and desks put into working order. I wish this could be the perfect ending - delighted couple embracing, violins playing and sun setting over the meadow. But more lay ahead.

Things went swimmingly at first. We were rested and energized. Clothes were replaced, the largest pictures were hung on their waiting hooks and a few "objects" were rescued from cupboards. A touch of hominess was returning, but reality set in all too soon. Raised voices harped again as blame was levied by both partners about lost or improperly stored belongings. One whole wall had been denuded of picture hooks, and accusations were parried back and forth. Suddenly we realized that we had requested that the hooks be pulled out and painted over. We had decided to rearrange and update a complicated family picture grouping. Divorced spouses were to be taken down and new loves added. That whole replacement project took all of an afternoon and evening and a grudging trip out to buy new picture hooks. Several large pieces of furniture were quite askew, and our carpet man took days to find his strong men to correct matters. Heartfelt kudos to Doris and our wonderful housekeepers who pitched in to help in more moving and straightening. They stemmed our escalating frustration.

At last, in anticipation of an invasion of far-flung family, we hustled to make the house shipshape for their arrival. We were still searching for an antique ragdoll and a treasured casserole, but our facade was perfect. Now, weeks later, we're still looking for that missing casserole.

Would we go through this trial by fire again? Definitely "yes" at this distance in time, and "perhaps yes" in the worst lows. Advice for anyone considering this housekeeping trauma will be given free of charge. Rules on how to handle the ever sticky question of "shall we bother to save this "thing" or shall we get rid of it will have to be decided on a personal basis. If you do choose to go for your home's rejuvenation, keep in mind that it's a marvelous way to test your courage, stamina and ingenuity. And good luck!

Gloria Gamble

THE FIRST DECADE

Good news travels far and well. Cartmel as a developing concept for living after retirement reached us in New Haven in the Spring of 1988. Beginning to think about a change, we had been looking around our own neighborhood; but when we heard about Kendal-Crosslands and in particular its new development in prospect: independent living, a house with land around it, we came right down to see for ourselves.

An adventure from the beginning, it opened with Janet MacNemar, soon to be re-christened, "Madam No", for it was she who opened the doors and slammed some of them. Like most of us, her origins must have been European, but far enough back so that washing one's hands in the same space where the WC is to be found was foreign to her. Could we have a tiny lavabo installed, something all good Italians take for granted, particularly as the pipes are to be right there in the wall? Again -- "NO"!

But I am getting ahead of myself. There was no house, just a very muddy hillside with tracks of heavy construction equipment; but we managed to slither up part way before getting out to tramp the rough ground to the top of the rise to survey the scene over and around the field offices. We could make out that it would be a circle, some of the houses on the lower side framed, but just an outline of cement blocks laid out, indicated by a roughly daubed sign, "7", where "ours" was to be built. Again, such exploration on our own was a no-no. One must have a guide. Janet would lead us. Undaunted, the vision undimmed: a fine house with more space than could be imagined in an apartment, very good health support - sort of. All that money to be found to be sure, but with the promise of its coming back to our children in due time. We were thrilled, leaving with a contract in hand, almost literally.

Then came the long wait, around the calendar and more, but of course it was not idle time. Letters flew, decisions were made; and upon our next visit, there was a structure being framed, partitions roughed in, so we could see how it would be. I even have a picture of LAE looking out between the uprights although hardly across garden and lawn. How remote occupancy seemed. On that visit we made the agreeable acquaintance of the Ellerslie House, the dining room, and more of the administration and staff, attending to the details of admission. In fact, we felt like applicants to a very good school.

Although we had given up our family home, some years earlier when it became evident that we could not run a small "farm" in Connecticut while trying to develop a new base five thousand miles away in Tuscany, another major upheaval, our lares and

penates going to our new home by truck and by trailer, was a big resettlement operation - May, 1989.

It was the right time in our lives. I was 79 at the time but didn't notice it; and the best season of the year for getting to work outside. I have always had a garden, even in the bleakness of wartime England, a patch of flowers between the ropes in front of my tent on Marlborough Common; so, to my wife's distress - and that of some of my neighbors as well - as big a cultivator as I could handle was procured from Maintenance and I began to tear up the land in front, in back, and on the side. Reputed to have been a fine field of corn and wheat, what I turned up was builders debris. The soil was seeded with chunks of concrete blocks, torn paper, and plenty of stones - not proper New England rocks suitable for wall building, just stones.

The best thing that happened to me that first summer was the discovery of the Scott Arboretum at Swarthmore College, and the fact that their biennial plant sale would be coming up that fall. It was only a start but it was a beginning and I reveled in it.

To be sure there were other things going on. We were all new, sharing in the pioneering of a new community. We were to have a center, No. 6 pro tempore. We were forming a Residents' Association, hardly enough of us at first to fill the chairs around a single table. The building, sparsely furnished, was to be a gathering place, our internal mail center. In fact with the promise of a Cartmel nurse already appointed, an examining table with the basic appurtenances of a clinic was moved in, but the project withered.

However, the general spirit of community was splendid. Our houses were fine, well built, well heated and ventilated. Everything was new. Our support, primarily the Crosslands Administration, was cheerful and cooperative. As more and more joined us, the by-word became, "Welcome to Paradise".

Woody Ewell

WHERE ARE ALL THE BLUEBIRDS ?

For some unknown reason the number of bluebirds around Cartmel has greatly diminished. The equally colorful tree swallows seem unusually scarce, too. We thought it was just a late spring, but now it looks like there are just fewer birds. To further improve the possibility of obtaining more bluebirds at Cartmel, as a member of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, we have registered in their Nest Box Network

TEN YEAR RESIDENTS

Since we had no *COURIER* in July or August we got behind a bit on the 10th anniversaries of some residents. So, we'll do two each month, in order of their move-in dates, until we catch up. August 16, 1989 was **Helen Hoffman's** arrival date at #43 Windermere and the **Patchells** came on September 1.

"SHANGRI-LA"? - ALMOST

In some ways, it's hard to believe I have lived here for ten years and, in others, it seems many more than that - particularly when I think of all the new friends I made in those early days, and now of all the original residents only the **Patchells, Toni Kusch,** and I are still on Windermere Way.

As always, moving is traumatic, but after many tips from Janet McNemar (whom some of you will remember) and armed with my "Cartmel Bible", I had few surprises.

There was no green lawn nor was there any planting around the units on Windermere. Numbers 42 and 44 were unoccupied and as fall came, it grew darker and darker back in this corner because there were no outside lights on at night. Obviously, when it came up for a vote for lights to be on all night I voted yea.

I brought too many things, but my daughters urged me to keep things for them until they had more room. My basement looked ideal until the dampness seeped in, so my first winter was spent getting the basement sealed, and now I've turned over the job of disposition to them.

I thought I would miss the farm with its hundred-year old trees and no neighbors for miles, but the first morning when I looked out upon lots of space and lovely old trees I felt right at home.

I can't tell you the joy that set in when I realized I no longer was responsible for the upkeep of the outside but the inside, too. Janet McNemar kept stressing privacy as one of the fine points of the community, and she was right. It would be easier to see what is going on in the community if I had a dog to walk rather than a cat that somehow doesn't seem to want a guided tour.

All in all, I wouldn't trade the 1st ten years for anything and just hope I can remain mobile enough to enjoy a few more.

Helen Hoffman

A DECADE AT CARTMEL

Unpaved roads, barren dirt yards and treeless pads greeted us on moving day in September 1989. Our house on 46 Windermere, along with its neighbors, awaited us, our two dogs and a cat, and our moving van. We were pioneers in a way and there was a lot of work ahead of us.

We had lived for 17 years in our house in Woodstown, NJ. It was a large house on three acres, with wide lawns, trees and a pool. The scene at Cartmel was a tad different. Sure, the houses looked great, but there was no landscaping or planting, not even topsoil. There was no grading and our moving van was in company with large construction trailers, bulldozers, and dump trucks. Only our side of Ulverston had asphalt on it.

We were at a party in August, 1988, when a friend mentioned to us that "they're building a new community at Kendal-Crosslands." Two months later, in October, we attended a meeting at Cartmel, liked what we heard and saw, and signed up. Within the month, we put our house up for sale and sold it within a week. Our new house at Cartmel wasn't going to be finished until September, 1989. Then, we received a call from the buyers asking us if it would be okay if they could delay their move-in until the end of July, 1989. God moves in mysterious ways. We had sold our house, had buyers who wanted to delay their move-in until the next summer, and we had only to find a place to live with our two dogs and a cat for one month before our move-in date.

The solution appeared from another phone call from our friend, who put us up in her home. We were treated royally, had a wonderful time, and began our transition to Cartmel. Downsizing had begun in earnest. There was more to come.

On September 1st, we met our moving van at the front of our new home. It soon became apparent that we had brought too much. Much of the furniture went back on the truck, and with the help of Resettlers, we were able to cull out the excess and even sell much of it. The weather was good that day, but the dust from nearby construction sites would waft in the air. For months, that dust, dirt, and mud would be a constant problem.

We spent a lot of time rearranging light and electrical sockets, finding window treatments, discovering new stores and shops. Getting workmen and crafters to **do** the finishing work was a matter of whom you knew and **whom you** asked.

Getting permission to make changes, additions or improvements was a real challenge. But we persevered. We have since added a new porch and we have planted many trees around the property. We used to wrap Christmas lights around one particular evergreen tree using a small step ladder - now, we would need a high lift just to reach near the top.

What we especially like here are the friendly people, the nearby access to good restaurants and medical facilities, if we should ever need them, and the sense of community inhabited by courteous, polite and friendly people. Our pets love their window sill with a view of the world going by, just like the one they had in their former

house, and we love our views of the trees, the nearby road and the animals that come by at anytime during the morning or afternoon.

The biggest changes to Carmel since those first early dusty, barren days have been the establishment of beautiful vegetation, trees, a sense of community, and a house that we now call a home.

Betty and James Patchell

TWENTY FOUR BABY BLUEBIRDS

One more baby bluebird arrived at Carmel this year than last. In 1997 we had nine and in 1996 there were thirteen. The record goes to **Skip and Wally Taylor** who had eight young bluebirds in two different nestings in the same house. For some reason there was only one egg left in **Polly Moffett's** bird house but that fledgling made it to add to our total. The rest were from meadow houses.

Our weekly monitoring of 16 houses showed that we had lots of trouble with house wrens this year who completely destroyed three different nestings totaling twelve eggs. Next year we'll have to move some of these houses to get them out in the open more where the wrens and house sparrows aren't likely to bother so much.

Our records go to the Cornell Nest Box Network, a national research project dedicated to the expansion of bluebird numbers across the country - including Mountain and Western Bluebirds. We'll get a report on that progress later this year.

Charlie Riley

Mark your calendars now for:

"Carmel Octoberfest '99"

On the Mall from 1-3 PM, Saturday, October 16 (\$4/person). Sign up at the September CRA meeting or call Mary Torrans (610) 388-6086.

Jo Clingman

MY MOVE TO CARTMEL

"Are you nuts?" was probably the nicest thing said to me after I announced my intention to move from sunny California to Chester County in Pennsylvania. "Why?" was another query often posed, because no one is supposed to leave the paradise offered there. My reasons were many. They started with the fact that a widow with no homebound children needed a large house to take care of like a hole in her head. Other factors leading to the "big" decision included earthquakes, fires, mud slides, congestion that grew weekly, and (a big, big reason) the fact that all of my family lived east of the Mississippi River.

Once the decision was made everything fell into line nicely or almost nicely. The house sold in a couple of months (we won't talk about the fact that the western wall had to be completely replaced because of dry rot!). 38 Windermere would be ready to move into the middle of June and all was well. Not quite there were delays at the eastern end luckily my buyers did not want to move until August, but they could not delay any longer than that so on August one the mover arrived and away we went. It was "we" because my daughter came out to help with the drive to the east.

Under the circumstances it was very fortunate that there was neither a cat not a dog involved in this unsettling undertaking. The furniture went into storage and I became the peripatetic relative visiting son Geof and family, daughter Meredith and family, and finally settling in with Mother at her home across the Brandywine from Cartmel. I don't know which was worse, not being around to watch the "progress" at 38, or being four miles away and wondering if it would ever be finished.

On September 19th everything came together and I became a Cartmelian. I have not regretted one minute of the time from then to now, and hope to spend many more happy years here.

Toni Kusch

ANOTHER DELIGHTFUL HOME

We came to Cartmel to a delightful new house in a lovely setting. Like a new car it just had the newness smell. It was the second time recently that we had moved to a newly built abode. A day before our moving van arrived we settled in at the West Chester Inn, on Rte. 202 (now the Holiday Inn). Before the night was out the lights were, too. Although they passed out candles, we decided to move to the Abbey Green across the highway.

The next day was spent sorting out our furniture and all that goes with moving. We were too busy that day to realize how alone we were. There were no other arrivals for days. So, we stayed at the Abbey another night before actually moving to Ulverston. Finally, others began to join us. **Jo Hadlock**, the **Goddus** and the **Rileys** are still here out of the originals. Many others between then and now. All were great, and we created a warm cooperative landscaped circle which we believe is by far the most beautiful, thanks largely to **Bob Goddu**. We still remember the bouquet of roses and warm welcome brought to us by Joanna Savery (Ted and Joanna now live in Crosslands). We began to feel at home, surrounded by friends.

Ed Perkins

LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

Thanks to Hurricane Floyd, our landscape is green again. Grass over-seeding should be complete. After two tons of grass seed spread throughout our four communities, spring should see grass in those areas taken over by dandelions.

There are many resident requests to replace trees that did not make it through the dry summer. Some will be replaced this fall and the remaining will be replaced in the spring. At the Cartmel entrance, we now have many new plantings. This fall, deer fencing will be installed to limit the damage previously inflicted by our local residents.

The area along route 926, and that bordering Water Glen, falls under the responsibility of the Landscape committee. This fall, a general clean up should occur, including vine cutting, poison ivy treatment, and additional boundary markers along the Water Glen boundary. Members of the Landscape Committee as well as the Meadow & Woods Committee inspected the area backing up onto Route 926 and concluded that excessive pruning would eliminate what privacy barrier now exists. One request was to completely clean up the area and plant a second row of low growing shrubbery. This major landscaping would require a separate cost allowance for next year's budget. Please direct comments to any Landscape Committee member.

Landscape committee members are: **Ron Davis, Helen Hoffman, Jim Hoobler, Mary Knoble, Denny Schreyer, Len Sherman, Mary Torrains, Betsy Turner, Ella Wilmot.**

Carl Nieberle

Winter Cometh

Ouch!

It's getting cold again.
Shakespeare saith:
"Beneath thy sweating pores
sweet misery awaits."
But still it's cold.

Ouch!

The frigid north wind
sweeps down, crusting
my freezing yard
with hoar and rime
and little shards of frozen time.

Ouch!

I hate this time of year.
I struggle into winter wear,
don bulky sweaters and mufflers
that please noone,
and mummify me
against the season's coming.

Ouch!

Huddle under afghans
and knitted throws.
It's bad enough
the days grow short,
but now the clock's set back
and crystal stars mock me
as I shiver once again.

Ouch!

Time to turn
the blanket up to ten,
and wait it out
'til spring thaws
and tiny buds burgeon
on our trees.

Ouch!

It's cold again.

John Traynor

What Happened in 1989...

We find the following interesting items
in the minutes of the CRA meeting of
December 5, 1989.

- The meeting was held in the Crosslands Training Room (now the George Fox Room) with 44 residents present.
- Candidates for the position of Cartmel nurse are still being interviewed
- It is hoped to start building the access road from Lonsdale Lane to the Urban property (now the Kent House) within the next two weeks.
- **Ted Savery** asked for volunteers willing to work towards the installation of a traffic light at the intersection of Routes 926 and 52.

Charlie Riley



Cartmel Birthdays

December

- 9 Fred Smith
- 17 Sonia Radston

January

- 2 John Gebhard
- 3 Meg Robinson
- 11 Claire Hopkins
- 16 Henry Chance
- 23 Evan Clingman
- 23 Bill Schilling
- 24 Kay Davis
- 24 Fay Nieberle
- 24 Jean Perkins
- 28 Pat Smith
- 29 Helen Hoffman
- 31 Skip Taylor

I Am Thankful

Ten years ago, my dear husband and friend Canfield and I moved from our homestead to Cartmel. The old house we had lived in for 25 years was too large and difficult for us to care for further. The Lord led us to Cartmel. Here we found our new home and new friends.

Over the last ten years my dear husband has gone, but I remain living in great peace. Our home is large enough to accommodate my four children and their families when they occasionally visit, as well as my three cats, but it is small enough to be easily cared for by my four very special friends—Ruth, Rachael, Nancy, and Janice—who fill my life with joy and love and care.

I give thanks to the Lord for my many blessings, for the Cartmel friends and neighbors who have opened their hearts to me over the years, for my lovely home, and for His continuing everlasting care for me.

May God bless you all.

Jo Hadlock



What It Was Like Ten Years Ago On Ulverston

It's about 12:30 p.m. on Friday, November 17, 1989. Movers have finished unloading boxes into kitchen, master bedroom, living room, closet #3, hall, etc. as marked. Ed Perkins from next door has already dropped by to welcome us as the second to move in on Ulverston Drive.

Our diary says, "This was a day that many things could go wrong - but everything went right. There was no damage we could see. Bell Atlantic came and fixed a small phone problem. Doris Rivera came with her crew and made up the beds, and Maintenance came for a walk-through explanation of the equipment." And the first night's sleep was very quiet (without window drapes of any kind). Then every day got better.

*"This was a day that
many things could
go wrong - but
everything went
right."*

Although we had looked at eighteen CCRCs we chose to make a deposit only at Kendal/Crosslands/Carmel and one other location. We had canceled our order for a basement here after we saw the huge size of one (it was one of our best decisions since it forced us to get rid of more things). We had sorted our furniture to fit scale drawings of the Carmel rooms, ordered a mover and brought the things we wanted to #49. We had moved before selling our house to make sure we really liked it here.



Are you
signed up
yet?

The word is out – the time is near.

New Year's Eve is approaching, you need have no fear.

We've planned the party with activities and food.

Ellerslie will be "jumping" – are you in the mood?

We hope you will come and join in with us all.

We truly expect it to be quite a ball.

So jot down your acceptance and do it today.

Together we'll welcome in Y2K.

Then we lived one week here and the next week back in Syracuse until the next May, testing our new community and disposing of the things we had left there. We brought tons of things down in the car in about 20 trips and even took a few things back that seemed superfluous. By May we had disposed of everything in Syracuse and listed our house for sale. It sold quickly and our move to the right place was complete (only a half-hour drive from our daughter in Devon).

There were some things that we didn't have ten years ago - there were no houses on Lonsdale, there were very few plantings around most homes, our post lamps all went dark at 10 p.m., there was no "Courier." CRA was just getting started, and our lawns were having an awful time getting established. The Kent house had not yet been purchased.

There were no stop lights at routes 926 and 52, and there was no handy Super Fresh or Shoppes at Longwood Village. We also had things that are no longer here. The two lines of old maples along our entrance road were all still in place. Number 6 Ingletton housed our nurse practitioner and there were several health equipment items there; the open mail boxes for each resident were there, too (but the door was often locked). That apartment for a while was the meeting place for the early Neighbors meetings - later called the Carmel Residents' Association (bring your own chairs).

These are some of the things we enjoy

at Carmel:

- The friendly people who always wave when you meet them.
 - The Courier done by **John Gebhard** and **Mary Hopkins**.
 - The walkers that we identify by their stride or their dog.
 - **Claire Hopkins'** blueberries.
 - 11 inches of snow in winter compared to 133 in Syracuse.
 - The cocktail parties where everyone has an upbeat greeting.
 - Seeing **Carl Burns** drive by in his '37 or '40 Ford.
 - The committees who meet and work for a better Carmel.
 - Watering **Jack Harvey's** 58 orchids when they're away.
 - The neighbors who bring in our paper or trash can.
 - **Sonia Ralston's** writings and sycamore trees.
 - The activities from aerobics, to music programs, to birding trips.
 - The **Fleming's** open-box mail delivery.
 - Our 16 bluebird houses and the chicks they bring us.
 - Seeing **Gail Hamilton** roller-blading for exercise.
 - The 68 species of perennials in our gardens.
 - Our meadow and woods trails
- Must we leave Carmel someday? We hope not for a while.

Helene and Charlie Riley

Ten Years Ago...

Kennett Square to Cartmel: A Short Trip

Our move to Cartmel while short in distance was long in time. Nevertheless it was quite exciting for us—our first move in 36 years and our house not yet sold.

Living in Kennett Square and being close friends of Dave and Mary Torrans we learned about Cartmel soon after its conception. We had already decided upon a future at Kendal, Crosslands or Coniston.

We signed up for our place at

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mud and all."*

Cartmel in May of 1988 and, when construction started in 1989, we visited the operation to check out our place (I used to hunt pheasants here).

We were told, "No Visitors". However, being locals, we sneaked over on weekends to follow the construction—mud and all.

We finally got possession in October, 1989. However, I didn't want to abdicate the throne of Mayor of Kennett Square, so we postponed moving until January of 1990 when my term was up.

In the meantime, being in good health, having a pickup truck (this one was red) and two sons in the area, we gradually moved things in. Thus, when moving day came it was only the big stuff to move.

By nightfall everything was in its place and it looked like we had been here for months. That evening some of our Kennett friends brought a meal and we had our first party.

Needless to say Cartmel has been everything we wanted. Imagine air conditioning, windows that weren't held open with hockey sticks, a garage off the kitchen (instead of in the barn 100 feet away), everything on one floor instead of three, and most of all, a new group of friends and neighbors, interesting, helpful, and lots of fun.

We now had the best of both worlds, Kennett Square and Chester County filled with old friends and a lot of wonderful new ones. We haven't regretted a minute of the move (the house finally sold).

We hope our next move to Crosslands is just as great when it comes.

Betty and Bob Goddu



Also Ten Years Ago...

Lonsdale by Chance

When we came to Cartmel in the winter of 1988, lower Lonsdale Lane was a brave finger of asphalt protruding into a sea of mud. Desultory foundations were visible here and there. The word was that we could expect a home in about two years. Innocently we declared that we required a basement, not knowing that is a place where you put things that you will never need again.

In two months it turned out that we could have accommodation (no basement) on completion and an immediate decision must be made. That really got our attention and we took the plunge. We had been in Malvern for 46 years and the prospect of moving was chilling.

So, here we are and 10 happy years have slipped rapidly by. New friends, new everything, including, "Just call Maintenance, dear,"

But, in the words of a Trinidad Calypso song:

"One thing I sorree - I get so old."

Beth and Henry Chance

Join Everybody At the January CRA Meeting

The Cartmel Residents Association will meet next in the Crosslands William Penn room at 3:00 p.m. on the third Monday of the month, January 17, 2000. Dave Harper will speak about the Brandywine Conservancy, and his role in working with Cartmel.

Two Moves to Lonsdale:

Learning By Trial and Error Makes All OK

Placing furniture and arranging the kitchen in one home makes moving a lot easier.

Quite a few years ago we decided that we would move to a retirement community at an appropriate age so that we would not be a burden to our two daughters, both of whom live in Maryland. We had "been there, done that"

with our parents the last years of their lives, who fortunately lived nearby so that distance was not a problem

We put our names on the waiting list at Kendal feeling blessed to have such a fine quality community right in our own backyard

For several years we were part of a dinner/bridge group in which one couple moved from a large home on Fairville Road to Coniston. During one evening with our friends, Bob Kalmbacker convinced Wally that their move had been financially beneficial for them. He encouraged us to contact Peg Cook

We saw Peg who urged us to consider Cartmel when we felt that a possible eight-year wait for a unit at Coniston might be too long. Peg then proceeded to call Janet McNemar who was the administrator of Cartmel at that time and we went right over to see her.

There was only one unit—#5—completed. The rest was mud and construction equipment. Janet showed us the layout for the units, the three options for models, color selections for carpeting, etc., etc. We went home to deliberate.

To help make a wise decision,

we wrote the pros and cons for remaining in the home we had built on Mitchell's Farm Lane near Unionville, the pros and cons for waiting for a unit at Coniston, and the pros and cons for selecting a site and moving to Cartmel.

It is obvious which option won, and are we glad!

We sold our home. Because 34 Lonsdale Lane was the last unit built and was not yet ready for occupancy, we rented 13 Ingleton Circle from Doc and Libbey Arnold, moving in on October 29, 1989.

We did a partial unpacking leaving some scores of unpacked boxes in the basement. We found it amazing the stuff you can live without if needs be.

Several of our friends questioned whether two moves was a good idea. Actually we found it beneficial. We learned from our mistakes in some furniture placement on the first move and corrected them the second time.

Kitchen drawers were pretty well organized the first time and were carried down the hill in separate containers for easy replacement for the final move.

After having some bookshelves built in the living room and den, and a door added to the dressing/

bath room in the front bedroom (which we use as a sitting room) we moved into #34 on Valentine's Day of 1990.

It didn't take us long to feel very much at home. We knew we had made the right decision and never looked back nor regretted leaving the house we had planned, built and enjoyed for over sixteen years.

Having lived in this area most of our lives, we had old friends and plenty of activities to keep us busy. But we soon found a raft of new friends and added several new interests to our lives.

Now we both enjoy the Crosslands pool with its water aerobics, water walking and water volley ball. We are on some community committees and enjoy the active social life here at Cartmel.

As time goes by—as it seems to more quickly every year—we must consider moving across the road when we deem it appropriate. In the meantime, we are happy as larks amidst a group of wonderful neighbors in a home that is the essence of comfort and convenience.

Skip and Wally Taylor