

# **The Chronicle**

## **Charnock Richard**



**The Magazine of Christ Church Charnock Richard**  
**August / September 2017**

## FROM FATHER ANDREW

August is the month when the whole of France abandons the city and heads south or west to the coast; whilst our holiday season is less concentrated many people take advantage of school holidays and good weather to get away for a main holiday. It is a very human desire to want to get outside and enjoy the better weather, especially for people living in the United Kingdom, with its unremarkable, even miserable weather for much of the year. It is also a time we look forward to, illustrated by January being the busy month for people booking holiday. Most of us look forward to going on holiday or just spending time with family and friends. Of course, there is a feel good factor about doing something special which we are not able to do for much of the year.

But where is God in the middle of all these human desires for a change of scene and what is known these days as 'me-time'? After all, leading a Christian life is supposed to take the focus off our own interests as we focus on God. In fact I think enjoying summer and spending time with those we are most attached to is a very theological thing to do. You may remember the song Turn, turn, turn made famous by The Byrds in 1965: the lyrics are taken from the Old Testament Book of Ecclesiastes.

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

a time to be born, and a time to die;  
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;  
a time to kill, and a time to heal;  
a time to break down, and a time to build up;  
a time to weep, and a time to laugh;  
a time to mourn, and a time to dance.

In this passage which was written around 400 years before Jesus was born and when the Jews were under pressure to compromise their faith, we are reminded of God's wisdom and that life is pointless and futile without God as nature and history go round in circles. In this context we can see how God wants us to enjoy all his creation and take our part in it, particularly during the summer holidays; as the author of Ecclesiastes says there is a proper time for everything in life because God has made it so and whilst we understand time, perhaps the next seven weeks of school holidays, we cannot comprehend the extend of God's work. And when you think about this, it is a really hopeful prospect because rather than feeling guilty about enjoying ourselves or time off work, we can be sure that we are here to enjoy and use the whole of creation.

During the summer period we enjoy festivals of all kinds, whether it is a summer fair, walking day or a music festival. These are all events which celebrate the life and vitality of creation, something that God wants us to participate in and understand that he is at the centre.

Do have a wonderful time of relaxation and refreshment in the coming weeks remembering that it is God's will that we enjoy ourselves and make the most of the world He created for us. All that is asked in return is that we do the very best we can in all we do, we do something creative with our time and we are faithful and love Him.

Every blessing

Fr. Andrew.

# A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

*Hello Everyone,*

Welcome to the August / September edition of the Charnock Richard Chronicle. Many people appear to have been rather busy in the village over the last couple of months and we would like to share some of their news with you.

Our Annual Procession of Witness was held at the beginning of July and I would like to thank most sincerely everyone who helped with the traffic management, without your help the procession would not have taken place. I would like to thank David Newton and all our marshals who did a wonderful job. David, a retired police officer, stepped in at the last minute after the sudden illness of David Cowell, another retired police officer. David Cowell was forced to withdraw, but fortunately, David Newton was happy and willing to fill the gap. The marshals did a brilliant job keeping our participants safe and I am happy to report David Cowell is now fighting fit again.

At the start of the walk we held a short ceremony to lay up the Scout's original flag which had been entrusted to the unit over 60 years ago. Prayers were led by Malcolm Stewart and Kerry Houghton and the old colours were folded up and, flanked by the Union flag, were taken into the House of God for safe keeping. Present at the short service were members of the Scout Group who had been involved with Charnock Richard Scouts over the years, amongst them were Alan Fishwick, a founder member of Charnock Richard Scouts, Gary Rutter, Noel McCormick, and Daniel Furmedge, representing his grandfather, the late Frank Latham, a scout leader at Charnock Richard for many years.

Malcolm and I were invited into school at the end of term for one of their assemblies. It is always very good to hear about the achievements of some of our pupils. Three children received prizes in an art competition and, I think, these entries now go forward into a national competition.

Three other children have written and illustrated a book entitled "Money doesn't grow on trees". This is part of a project about money management led by Mr. Brian Souter, former Deputy Headteacher of Southlands High School, who many of you will remember. Brian retired from Southlands High School but is now heavily involved in Debt Aware Foundation, a registered charity, teaching money skills for life. You will find his article in this Chronicle.

I am very pleased to report the Potting Shed Team meets every Monday morning at 10.00am in the Almshouses grounds. At the moment there are eight members of the team, occasionally one or two are missing as a result of holidays or other commitments, but the others continue their good work. Most of their time up to now has been spent in the Almshouses grounds, but some work has continued in the Old School garden, and some in the Churchyard. A few people committing a couple of hours each week can make a big difference in the centre of the village. Why not come along and join the team and see the difference you can make!

Paul Leadbetter is reminding us about the Scarecrow Festival to be held on 9th / 10th September. Activities will be held throughout the village, so please make your scarecrows to attract and keep our visitors. All groups use this weekend as a good source of fundraising.

It is with sadness I must record the passing of two lovely ladies from our village who were great supporters of our church and community. Jean Stuart passed away in the middle of May in hospital after, unfortunately, missing the blessing of the marriage in our Church of her grand-daughter Jane. Jean has been less active of recent years but she was always there ready to support us. Ilene Cornwell passed away towards the end of May after a short spell in hospital. Ilene could always be relied upon to make sweets for our parish lunches and she was always ready to help and support us in so many ways.

There are many interesting articles in this Chronicle, I do hope you enjoy reading it. If you have any news which you think will interest others, please let me know.

Enjoy the summer break.

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# **CHURCH**

## **THE MISSION STATEMENT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

"In the power of the Holy Spirit, and strengthened by daily prayer and bible study, we will be faithful communicants and by active witness, fellowship and service in the community, we will strive to help forward the Kingdom of God"

## **THE POWER OF PRAYER**

We are often asked to include in our prayers people who are anxious and awaiting tests, people who are about to have surgery, and people who have been diagnosed with life-threatening illnesses. One or two of us thought it might be helpful to tell you about some of those for whom our prayers have been asked so that we might know a little more about them. If you would like us to include an update on the progress some of these have made, so that it can be shared, please contact Margaret Stewart 01257 792692/792536/795665

## **THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND AT HOME**

The Bishop has granted permission to five people in our Parish to distribute Holy Communion in Church, in the Chapel and in the home. If you know of someone, who would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact either Margaret Stewart (01257 792692) or Jean Heaps (01257 793034).

## **KERBS**

The kerbs around the gravestones, in the Churchyard, make the maintenance of the Churchyard so much harder and so much more time-consuming. Mowers and strimmers cannot operate between the kerbs. We feel the Churchyard looks much more well-kept when the kerbs are removed.

If you have a grave with kerbs in the Churchyard please consider asking us to remove them. If enough people agreed to this we could raise up the low areas with soil to create a beautiful well-kept lawned Churchyard.

Please consider our request. We would also like to remind everyone that the use of weed killer in the Churchyard is forbidden. Thank you.

## **GIFT AID**

If you are a taxpayer please consider joining the gift aid scheme. For every £1 you give we can reclaim an extra 28p from the Inland Revenue. If you contribute to the Church by standing order or the envelope scheme you only need to complete one simple form. However, if you are used to placing cash on the plate and you are a taxpayer then please use and complete one of the envelopes in the pews (or at the back of the Church). If you need any help please ask us. Your support in this matter is very much appreciated.

## **CHURCHYARD MONUMENTS**

It is the responsibility of the Parochial Church Council to maintain a safe graveyard. Over the years, sometimes not so many years, monuments become loose. It is the responsibility of families to ensure that their monument is safe and secure. We urge you to check your monument and if there is any movement please instruct someone to make it safe.

The Parochial Church Council decided that if any are found unsafe steps will have to be taken to lay them flat. We do not want to have to do this, but safety in the graveyard is of paramount importance and we will have to do what is necessary.

## **VICARAGE**

As the vicarage is let out to private tenants please ensure all correspondence intended for the Vicar, Churchwardens, or Parochial Church Council is left at the Church, or given to the Church-wardens, or any member of the Parochial Church Council.

## **THE BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE**

Please take a look at the Book of Remembrance which can be found at the front of the Church. If any of you would like the names of your loved ones recorded in this book, then please give their names and date of death in writing to the Wardens.

## **ITEMS FOR SALE**

We have some items for sale:

- Booklets about the Church, its Windows and Memorials – £1.50
- Pens – £1.00
- Glasses engraved with the Church – £1.00
- Tea towels – £2.50
- Booklet "The Battles of the Somme, 1916" – £1.50
- Torch Key rings – £3.50
- Small note-pads – £1.50
- Postcards of Charnock Richard

We have been given some postcards depicting four different landmarks of Charnock Richard. We are offering these for sale at 30pence each.

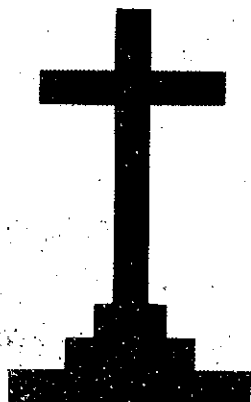
If you would like to purchase any of these please contact Jean Heaps 01257 793034 or Margaret Stewart 01257 792692/792536/795665.

## **"THE DEAR ONE"...THE DIARIES OF JAMES DARLINGTON**

We have been extremely fortunate to gain access to the diaries of James Darlington who built our Church one hundred and fifty years ago. "The Dear One" the story of James and Frances Darlington as told in James Darlington's diaries, is now available at a cost of £9.50.

If you would like a copy please contact Margaret Stewart 01257 792692/792536/795665.

# CHURCH SERVICES AT CHRIST CHURCH CHARNOCK RICHARD



The pattern of services for August 2017 and September 2017 will be as follows, except where noted below:

Sunday

9.30am Parish Eucharist - Common Worship

Thursday

10.00am Holy Eucharist (1662) Said in the Alms-houses Chapel

## PARISH REGISTERS

**Holy Baptism**

None

**Holy Matrimony**

27th May 2017

Blessing of the Marriage of April and David Astley  
David is the son of Margaret Astley who emigrated to South Carolina when David was 3 years old and he is the grandson of the late Mrs. Elsie Ralphs who lived on Dob Brow, Charnock Richard. David and April married in South Carolina earlier in the year. They have two children, each of them received a blessing given by Reverend Angela Wynne.

### Funerals

24th May 2017

Funeral of John Worswick. Died 13th May 2017 aged 87 years.  
Funeral service and cremation at Charnock Richard Crematorium.

30th May 2017

Interment of Ashes of Sally Ann Taylor. Died 20th April 2017 aged 93 years  
Funeral service and cremation at Charnock Richard Crematorium on 28th April 2017.

31st May 2017

Funeral of Jean Stuart. Died 17th May 2017 aged 85 years.  
Funeral service in Church followed by interment in the Churchyard.

7th June 2017

Funeral of Ilene Cornwell. Died 28th May 2017 aged 81 years.  
Funeral service in Church followed by cremation at Charnock Richard Crematorium.

22nd June 2017

Funeral of Gordon Peter Thorpe. Died 13th June 2017 aged 49 years.  
Funeral service in Church followed by cremation at Charnock Richard Crematorium.

27th June 2017

Interment of Ashes of Ilene Cornwell.

25th July 2017

Funeral of John Pearce. Died 11th July 2017 aged 78 years.  
Funeral service in Church followed by interment in the Churchyard.

29th July 2017

Interment of Ashes of Brian Samuel Newton. Died 24th April 2017 aged 77 years.  
Funeral service at Christ Church Charnock Richard on 4th May 2017 followed by cremation at Charnock Richard Crematorium.

## DONATIONS RECEIVED TO 20TH JULY 2017

In memory of Ilene Cornwell  
 In loving memory of a dear mum & grandma.  
 From Linda & Bob, Alan & Alison, Rachel & Adam, Marcus & Jason. £50.00  
 In memory of a dear sister.  
 From Ken & Teresa. £50.00  
 In loving memory of a dear friend.  
 From Marie & Tony Brown. £20.00  
 From Margaret Edwards. £50.00  
 From Elizabeth & Francis Rostron & family. £10.00  
 From Jean Bury. £15.00  
 From Pauline Jones. £20.00  
 From Eleanore Cumberworth. £5.00  
 From Denise, Freda & family. £20.00  
 From Ann & Bill Hough. £25.00  
 From David, Barbara & Andrew Williams & family. £20.00  
 From Derek & Gill Simmonds. £20.00  
 From Kath Cowell. £25.00  
 From Maggie, Marc & Kim Scott. £10.00  
 In loving memory of Auntie Ilene.  
 From Jean & Tom. £10.00  
 From Janet & Paul Bowen. £20.00  
 From Agnes Parkinson. £10.00  
 From Joyce & Bob Barlow. £10.00  
 From Marjorie Riding. £20.00  
 From Marion. £30.00  
 From John Ericson. £30.00  
 From Irene & Rick. £10.00  
 From John Bacon. £20.00  
 From Beryl & Ronnie. £10.00  
 From Alf & Betty Stacey. £20.00  
 From John & Jacqui Worthington. £15.00  
 From George & Doris. £20.00  
 Anonymous. £10.00  
 From Margaret & Malcolm Stewart. £40.00  
 From The Craft Club. £10.00  
 From Jean Heaps. £25.00  
 Anonymous. £20.00

In loving memory of my darling Jack.  
 From Margaret. £50.00

In loving memory of mum & dad, Ada & Thomas Baybutt.  
 From Ann Cook (nee Baybutt) & family. £30.00

In thanksgiving for the Christening of our granddaughter Freya Ellen Higginson.  
 From Grandparents. £50.00

In memory of Jean Stuart.  
 From Her family. £200.00  
 From Susan, Fred & family. £20.00  
 From Irene. £10.00  
 From Jack, David, Angela & family. £15.00  
 From Phyllis & Avis. £10.00  
 From D.M. Hull. £20.00  
 From Nora & Harry. £20.00  
 From Edna Holt. £10.00  
 From Anita & family. £10.00  
 From Chorley Ladies N.F.U. Social section. £10.00  
 Anonymous. £5.00  
 From Jim & Dorothy Rutter. £15.00  
 From Doris and George. £10.00  
 From Joyce & Bob. £10.00  
 From Marian. £20.00  
 From Marjorie R. £20.00  
 From Corrine Blackledge £20.00  
 From Douglas & Glenda Wallbank. £10.00  
 From Margaret & Malcolm Stewart. £20.00

In memory of Marguerite (Peggy) Dorothy Ackhurst.  
 From John Ericson. £50.00

### RESTORATION FUND

Treasured memories of my devoted husband, Peter.  
 From Audrey Storm. £100.00

### GRAVEYARD FUND

None received.

### ORGAN FUND.

None received.

## FLOWERS IN CHURCH

28th May 2017

In thanksgiving for the blessing of the marriage of April and David Astley

4th June 2017

In loving memory of Sam

from Eleanor Cumberworth

18th June 2017

Treasured memories of our Son, Clive Barlow

from Joyce and Bob

16th July 2017

Loving memories of my Darling Jack

from Margaret

23rd July 2017

In loving memory of Duncan Pate

from Beatrice and family

Birthday and anniversary memories of my  
husband Kenneth and daughter Eileen

from Molly Wilson

## PARISH COUNCIL

At our July meeting Councillor Mel Almond sadly stepped down from his position of Chairman & as a Parish Councillor. Our Vice-Chairman Allan Shaw will complete Mel's term of office until next year. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mel for the years of hard work & time invested in the community of Charnock Richard. This includes the fantastic leadership he's shown in improving the Mossie Close Play Area, the installation of four new planters on Mill Lane & successfully fighting to reinstate the C7 bus service for residents.

The judging of the Best Kept Garden & Best Kept Village Competitions has been taking place throughout July. If you were lucky enough to receive a nomination for your garden well done! All nominees will be invited to a presentation evening later this year where the winners will be announced.

Residents are always welcome to attend Parish Council meetings which are held monthly & start at 7:30pm. Whether it's feedback, concerns or general questions we'd love to hear your thoughts. The next meeting dates are:

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|---------------|-----------------|
| • 14th August | • 4th September |
| • 2nd October | • 6th November  |

We hope to see you at our next meeting,

**Councillor Ellen Walmsley**

## THE POTTING SHED TEAM

Have you a few hours to spare each week? We have organised a team which meets for two or three hours each week and works in the garden areas in the centre of the village... the Old School garden, the Almshouses garden, and the Churchyard. The team meets each Monday at 10.00am. If you need any further information please contact Malcolm on 01257 792692 / 792536 or 07951 862 399.



## REAP THE AWARDS!

Many of you are aware that Mrs. Anne Nickeas from Preston Road loves her garden and spends a great deal of time in it, it is her pride and joy. She is a regular award winner in the Best Kept Garden Competition.

She is a member of the Wigan branch of the North West Fuchsia Society and last week, in one of their competitions, she received one First Prize and four Second Prizes.

***Congratulations Anne.***

## MONEY DOESN'T GROW ON TREES

Three 11 year old pupils from Christ Church C/E Primary School have recently had a book published. The book is titled "Money Doesn't Grow on Trees" and was written by Poppy Larkin with illustrations produced by Daisy Jones and Daisy Newton.

The story will be used in the DebtAware Money Management lessons which are delivered to over 9000 children in the North of England. In fact it will be the sixth Money Diary that has been written by children for use in schools. It is interesting to note that most of the diaries have been written by former Christ Church pupils.

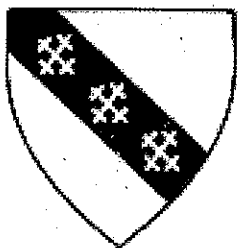
Christ Church Primary School has been using the DebtAware Programme for the last three years and became an accredited centre for the programme last year. Year 6 children have been trained to deliver the lessons to their own classes and there are 6 units of work in the programme which is free to schools, that is the resources as well as the training.

Poppy would like to be an author in the future and certainly she has made a very good start to her intended career.

Brian Souter  
Debt Advice Foundation

In the photographs we have Daisy Jones, Poppy Larkin and Daisy Newton with Mr. Souter.





# CHRIST CHURCH CHARNOCK RICHARD

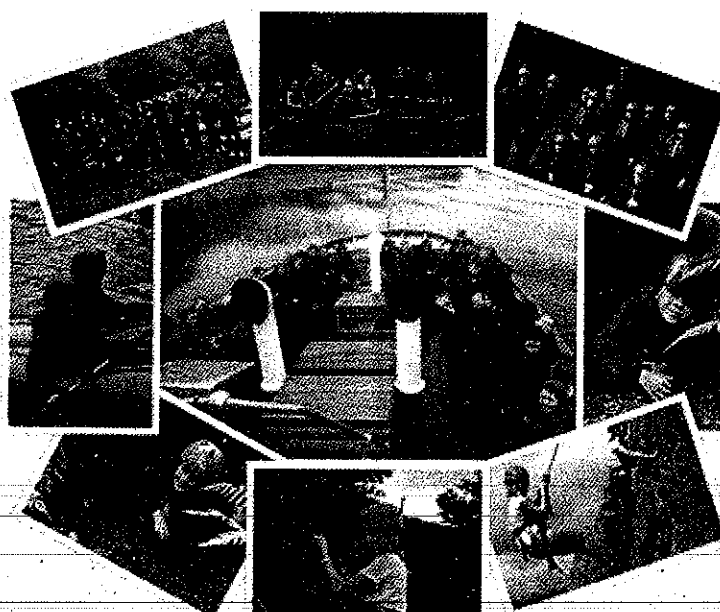
## CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Year 6 are saying goodbye to Christ Church Charnock Richard CofE Primary School with mixed emotions; sad to leave but excited about the next chapter on their learning journey.

While working hard in preparation for their SATs, the children have had an extremely busy year, including taking part in a mock trial at the magistrates court, making pizza at Southlands High School, learning to play the guitar and culminating in their annual end of year trip to Patterdale.



Children and staff showed great determination and resilience during the 4 days of activities, taking part in climbing, kayaking, gorge walking, a ropes course and archery. The children tested themselves to the limit with a 6 km walk along Ullswater followed by canoeing back to Patterdale.

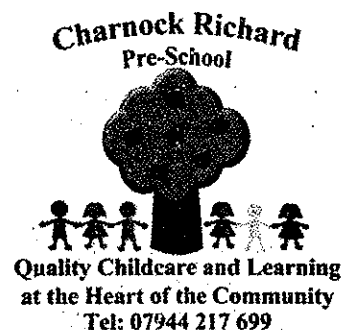


Year 6 are now ready to move on to their next adventure ..... everyone wishes them good luck.

*Year 6, Mrs Calvert and Mrs Alderton*

# CHRIST CHURCH CHARNOCK RICHARD PRE-SCHOOL

**OUTSTANDING!** On 23rd June Ofsted inspected Pre-School and credited Pre-School with Outstanding for the Personal Development, Behaviour and Welfare of Children. We are very proud to achieve Outstanding for this area. The inspector was very complimentary about the Pre-School and was amazed when she observed Two-year olds independently locate cutlery and crockery, choose a snack, use a knife to carefully butter their toast, then when finished manage the washing and tidying up without prompting.



**Here are some of the comments from the report:**

**"Staff are wonderfully nurturing and sensitive to the emotional needs of children"**

**"Children are exceptionally independent"**

**"Children willingly use mathematical vocabulary to help them count and compare"**

**"Children are well prepared for school when the time comes"**

**"Managers are dedicated and ambitious"**

The Pre-School provides **15 hours a week funded childcare** for all children aged 3 and 4 and some 2 year olds. From September 2017, some working parents of 3 and 4 year olds will be eligible for **30 hours a week funded childcare**.

Further information about funded childcare and tax-free childcare is available at:

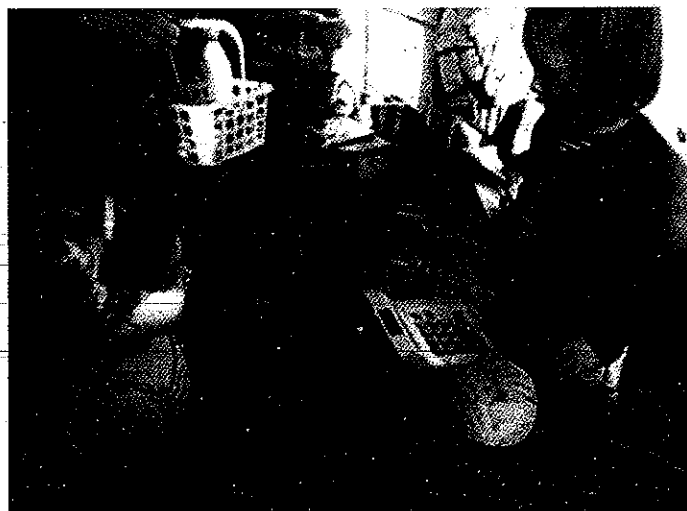
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[www.gov.uk/government/publications/30-hours-free-childcare-eligibility](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/30-hours-free-childcare-eligibility)

## Childcare Choices

More information about Pre-School can be found on the Pre-School website:

[www.charnockrichardpreschool.co.uk](http://www.charnockrichardpreschool.co.uk), see the news page for daily tweets about what we have been doing at preschool.

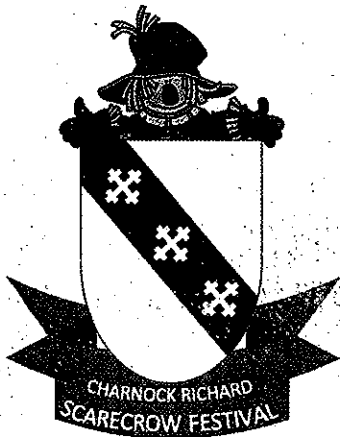
**Gillian Leadbetter (Pre-School Manager)**



# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## SCARECROW FESTIVAL

**Saturday and Sunday  
9 and 10 September 2017**



The Scarecrow Festival, this year, will take place on the weekend of 9 and 10 September and once again provides an opportunity for local groups to raise much needed funds.

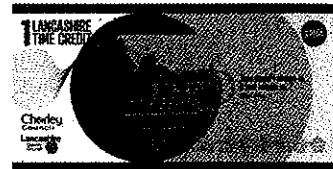
There will be things to do and refreshments available throughout the village, from cake and refreshments to Fairground Rides throughout the village including Church, Pre-School, School, Scout Hut, School Field, Football Club and let me know if I've missed somewhere.

All that is asked is that, as you do every year, you get creative and make a Scarecrow display.



If you want to make a display but have nowhere to put it, or want to display a Scarecrow but cannot make one please let me know and something will be arranged.

If you can offer some help over the weekend, or in advance, then please let me know, we need people to help arrange things. We are registered with Time Credits so these will be earned for anyone volunteering their time.



For more details, or if you can offer to help, please contact:  
Paul Leadbetter - 07926 089450 / 01257 795152 / [chair.scarecrow@gmail.com](mailto:chair.scarecrow@gmail.com)

# CHARNOCK RICHARD SCOUT GROUP

As part of their learning towards the Global Challenge award, our Charnock Richard Scouts recently took part in a group visit to the Gujarat Hindu Society Temple, in Preston.

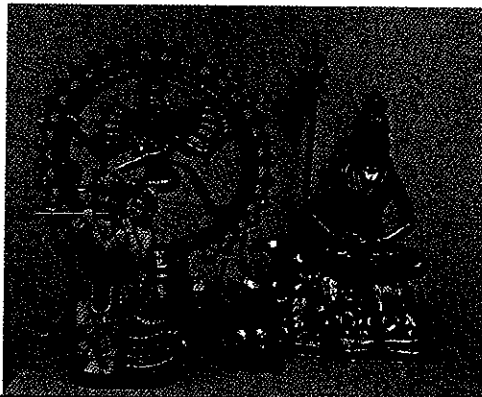
The Gujarat Hindu Society was established in 1965 to cater for and service the needs of the local Hindu community in Preston. As well as providing a religious centre, the GHS engages with the local community, providing sport and recreational facilities, education, social services, and a cultural centre. It runs over thirty different activities with the help of volunteers and paid staff, working in partnership with various public and voluntary organisations in the area.

They were certainly very friendly and welcoming to our group. After removing our shoes, we were shown around the beautifully ornate main room of the temple, where worship and meditation takes place.

Our guide was a former Mayor of Preston, who gave us a fascinating explanation of the main principles of the Hindu religion. He explained how the various deities worshipped in the temple are all different aspects of Vishnu, in a similar way to our Holy Trinity being three different aspects of God. We were free to ask him questions, and we all enjoyed an open, interesting philosophical discussion!

The Scouts learned a lot; not just about Hinduism, but about spiritual and moral belief in general, and we all left with a new understanding and appreciation of a part of our multicultural society.

Any interested groups can book a visit via the GHS Preston website.



# CHARNOCK RICHARD COMMUNITY CENTRE TRUST

I would like to thank all those of you who continue to support the trustees by joining us at our monthly coffee mornings, by filling Smartie tubes, or by making regular monthly contributions. We really do appreciate all your help and support.

Our next Coffee Morning is on Saturday, 12th August 2017, followed by Saturday, 9th or 16th September 2017. The September date still needs to be finalised.

I would like to acknowledge the following donations:

## ***Tubes of Smarties:***

Harold Heaton	£11.20
Jacqui Worthington	£11.80
The late Peggy	£13.00
John Ericson	£12.15
John Ericson	£35.15
Beryl Willis	£11.60
The late Ilene Cornwell	£12.40
Lynda Dickinson	£12.60
Joyce Holland	£12.80
John Ericson	£34.30
Alf and Betty Stacey	£14.40

Coffee Morning ...June 2017	£105.00
Coffee Morning....July 2017	£156.90

Since we started collecting 20 pence pieces we have raised £1063.95, and since we started the Coffee Mornings we have raised £1169.45. Thank you all so much.

Those of you who know me will have heard me say so many times how important these buildings are to this village. They are part of our heritage here, they are part of the Darlington Triangle along with the Church and the Almshouses. We have the responsibility of preserving these buildings for the benefit of future generations. They are used by so many groups in our village and are available for hire by other groups or clubs, or by individuals for children's parties or wedding receptions, they would be particularly suitable if you were looking for a country theme.

Our Pre-School uses these buildings five days each week, the "Miss Burgess" room is used exclusively by Pre-School, the main hall gives them plenty of additional space, there is a secure playground area between the school and the almshouses, and, on top of this, there is the Old School garden and memorial garden.

Our Pre-School is managed by dedicated members of staff, who are all highly trained and well experienced. They have increased their hours of usage over the past few years and they now offer a Breakfast Club which is obviously a great help to working parents. They also remain open until 5.00pm in the afternoon. They have recently been inspected by Ofsted, their overall assessment was "Good", but they were awarded "Outstanding" for Personal development, behaviour and welfare.

The Pre-School is a place where children learn through play. Our Pre-School provides a rich and stimulating indoor and outdoor play environment in a safe and secure setting which enables children to learn through meaningful play experiences. I speak to some of the parents whose children attend our Pre-School and they tell me their children are very happy there and the parents are very impressed with the activities undertaken and the progress the children have made. I would like to congratulate and thank the staff for their commitment and dedication in providing an excellent child - care facility in our village.

The Old School holds so many memories for some of the older members of our community, many of whom, attended school there. We have some old photographs showing pupils sitting behind rows of desks. It was also used for all the social events at one time.

Recently, we asked contractors to undertake exploratory work underneath the floor-boards. This will be major work and will probably be undertaken during the summer holidays next year.

Please continue to support us as the trustees are determined to provide greatly improved and enhanced facilities for our users.

Margaret Stewart  
01257 792692/792536/795665  
Vice-Chairman Charnock Richard Community Centre Trust

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Saturday 12th August 2017

Coffee Morning in the Old School at 10.00am

Saturday 9th or 16th September 2017

Coffee Morning in the Old School at 10.00am

Saturday 9th / Sunday 10th September 2017

Scarecrow Festival

## THE CHRONICLE

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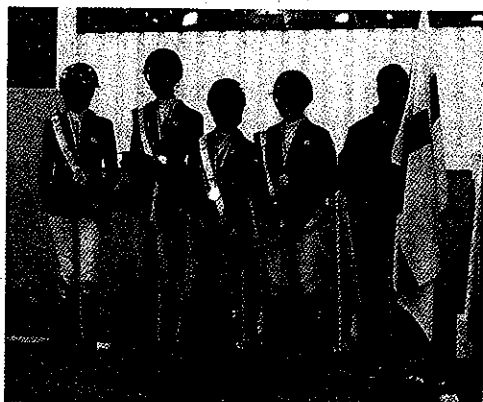


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# CHARNOCK RICHARD WOMENS GROUP

## June Meeting

June's meeting was our annual trip out. This year we visited Wigan Little Theatre to watch a performance of The Importance of being Earnest by Oscar Wilde. The play dwells on romance and victorian manners as Jack wants to marry the daughter of Lady Bracknell but because he was found in a handbag on Victoria Station he does not have the required respectability of parents. But all ends well when his true identity is revealed.

## July Meeting

Gladys Rimmer Armstrong talked to us about her role as a volunteer at Whipsnade and Southport Zoos. Her anecdotes were informative and amusing as she recounted her weekends at the zoo. She has an obvious respect and love for the animals that were in her care and she kept us listening for a long time.

See you all soon - Lynda

### Dates for your 2017 Diary

August 3rd	Afternoon tea at the Dog and Partridge
September 7th	Friends and Orphans
October 5th	Fashion Show
November 2nd	Xmas Crafts
December 7th	Jacobs join Games Night



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The Old School holds so many memories for some of the older members of our community, many of whom, attended school there. We have some old photographs showing pupils sitting behind rows of desks. It was also used for all the social events at one time.

Recently, we asked contractors to undertake exploratory work underneath the floor-boards. This will be major work and will probably be undertaken during the summer holidays next year.

Please continue to support us as the trustees are determined to provide greatly improved and enhanced facilities for our users.

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Vice-Chairman Charnock Richard Community Centre Trust

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

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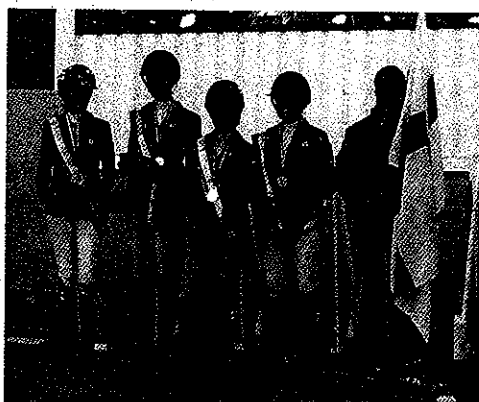


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# THE ROAD TO THE OPEN 2017



By Andy Leigh,  
The Golf Foundation

The 146th Open Championship was played just down the road at the magnificent Royal Birkdale Golf Club. Jordan Spieth from the USA won becoming 'Champion Golfer Of The Year' and clinching the Claret Jug at just 24 years old – fantastic.

For me, The Open was an opportunity. I work for a charity called The Golf Foundation and have done for the last 10 years. The Golf Foundation's aim is to provide golfing opportunities for children and young people and we do this by funding golf clubs to offer golf in schools and the community and then progress into golf facilities for further learning. The Open, the biggest golf competition in the world, always provides us with a great opportunity to shine the spotlight on what we do. I have been involved with two big projects; The Road To The Open and The National Street Golf Competition. The Road To The Open provides Lancashire Golf Clubs with a platform to promote themselves while The Open is in the county. The National Street Golf Competition is about engaging with young people through Premier League Football Club community projects and offering them golf. We held the final at Formby Hall during the week of The Open and the participants went on to Birkdale to watch the golf after they had played – very inspiring for all. Sky Sports News attended to cover the event and my interview resulted in me being asked to write something for the Charnock Richard Chronicle.

During the rest of the week I was involved with delivering fun sessions in the Swing Zone where we arranged for local school groups to run trips to The Open. We were delivering fun Tri-Golf sessions to the groups and the general public – it was very well received. 15,000 under 16's attended The Open this year.

On a local note, in Charnock Richard we are very lucky with the golf that we have access to. The Yarrow Valley 9 –hole golf course on Church Lane is one of the best short courses in the area. Phil, Barbara and family have always maintained a fabulous golf course and provided an excellent service to back it up. The course is both great for beginners but also provides a challenge to more experienced golfers. The views around the course are magnificent.

My first job in golf was at Yarrow Valley in 1998 and helped with maintenance, I did enjoy that. The former Charnock Richard Golf Club, 18 hole golf course on Preston Road is due to re-open as a 9 hole course in 2018. With a barrier to golf participation being time and cost, this is great as it will be a full size 9 hole course and is needed in the Chorley area.

I currently volunteer at Duxbury Park Golf Course providing opportunities for children to start playing golf.

If you would like more information on getting into golf, drop me an email: [andy@golf-foundation.org](mailto:andy@golf-foundation.org)



# CHARNOCK RICHARD COMMUNITY CLUBS

## Football Club

Charnock Richard Football Club is the home of our local football team. The club has 3 senior teams & a number of junior teams.

The club is based on Charter Lane & has a function room on site with a bar which is available for hire for private parties & events.

Please visit [www.chnockrichardfc.co.uk](http://www.chnockrichardfc.co.uk) to view the club's official website. The club also has a separate website for the Junior club [www.chnockrichardjfc.co.uk](http://www.chnockrichardjfc.co.uk).

You can follow the club's progress on their Facebook & Twitter pages below:

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Mossie Park  
Charter Lane  
Charnock Richard  
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## Brass Band

Charnock Richard Brass Band is our local brass band. There are two bands in all; Charnock Richard Training Brass which caters for beginner players up to Grade 2, and Charnock Richard Brass, a band aimed at more experienced brass players. The band in total has 50 members, ranging from 6-70+ years old.

The bands train every Friday night in the Old School Community Centre on Charter Lane. New members are always welcome so if you are interested please use the contact details on this page or the band's website to speak with the band's Musical Director, Gayle Coleman.

Visit [www.chnockrichardbrass.yolasite.com](http://www.chnockrichardbrass.yolasite.com) to view the band's official website.

The band also have Facebook & Twitter pages. Why not follow them to show your support!

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## Cricket Club

Charnock Richard Cricket Club is our local cricket club. Teams range from under 11s to open age. The club's cricket pitch is based on the same site as Charnock Richard Football Club.

You can follow the club's progress on their Twitter page below:

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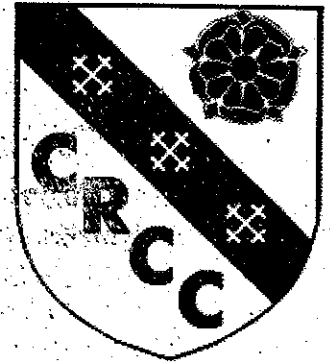
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New members are always welcome & can attend up to three trial walks to see if they get the walking bug before joining.

The club also runs a Holiday Club which organises walking/social breaks further afield.

The coach 'pick up points' are located along the A6 and A49 up to Bamber Bridge so if you, or friends, live outside Charnock Richard you can still join the club without having to worry about transport.

If you're interested in joining the club or want more information please use the details below to contact the club.

Charnock Richard Rambling Club

Email: [erramblingclub@gmail.com](mailto:erramblingclub@gmail.com)

Phone: 01257 412184 (Harry Lawton)

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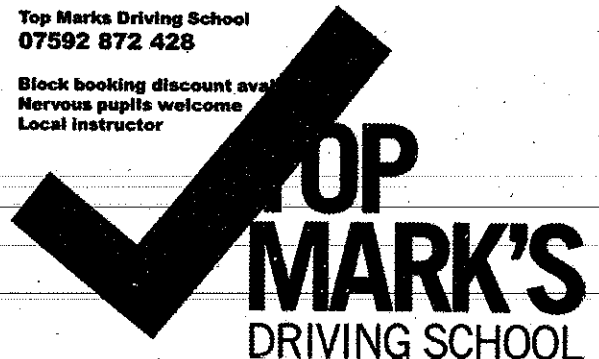
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