

Charnock Richard Chronicle



 Merry Christmas 

The Magazine of Christ Church Charnock Richard

December 2015

FROM THE EDITOR

Hi Everyone,

We are coming to the end of another year and I don't know where time goes. I've been very busy and I'm really looking forward to Christmas.

I always find that there is plenty to do in Charnock Richard at Christmas. Some of events that are happening are mentioned in this chronicle such as the School Fair, Christmas Bingo, Carol Concert, Crib Service and much more. So hopefully there is something for everyone to enjoy.

However, there could be many more events if the old school was renovated! Thank you to Allan Shaw (Parish Council Chairman) who has included a letter about the old school renovation in this chronicle. Please read Allan's letter and support the old school renovation, with your help the old school can be improved which will benefit our community.

If you, or someone you know, wants to support a local charity then please support the renovation of the old school because you will actually be supporting two charities as the pre-school that I manage operates from the old school five days a week and the pre-school is also a registered charity.

Thanks to everyone who has sent in articles including Ann Bishop for sending me a poem and for suggesting that the chronicle has a poetry page and to Kirsty, a parent from pre-school, for sending in a heartfelt thank you letter.

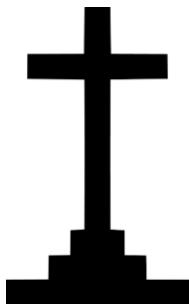
If you have a poem, letter, article, or advert that you would like me to include in the next chronicle please email CharnockRichardChronicle@gmail.com by 20th January. If there is anything you would like to see in the Chronicle then let me know.

The Facebook page is now set up, thanks to my husband Paul for helping me with this.

On this note I would like to wish you all a Happy Christmas and New Year.

Gillian Leadbetter

Church Services at Christ Church Charnock Richard



The pattern of services for December and January will be as follows:

Sunday

9.00am Holy Eucharist (1662) Said
10.30am Parish Eucharist - Common Worship

Thursday

10.00am Holy Eucharist (1662) Said in the Almshouses Chapel

Special Services

Sunday 20th December - 4th Sunday of Advent
6.30pm Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

Thursday 24th December – Christmas Eve
3.00pm Crib service in Church
11.30pm Midnight Eucharist

Friday 25th December – Christmas Day
10.30am Parish Eucharist

FROM FATHER ANDREW

My dear friends

As one year draws to a close and another calendar year begins it's customary to look back, often with affection, if not reflection to the past year; to make resolutions for the coming year, to say eat less, or give up a bad habit; and also to look forward with expectation and hope for what the coming 12 months may hold for us.

These values and secular folk practices are very much in line with a Christian perspective of reflecting on the past; praying for forgiveness for what we've done wrong and asking God's help through the Holy Spirit not to repeat the mistake and to look forward with joy and expectation for the second coming our Lord.

Therefore, it's with these thoughts in mind that I'd like to offer a couple of thoughts on what may be the key issues for all of us in 2016.

Firstly, the state of the Church. It is 50 years since the Second Vatican Council concluded the dates between 1962 and 1965 and made such an effect on the liturgical practices of not only the Roman church but all mainstream Christian denominations by revitalising the liturgy. Anglican services have been under constant renewal since the Evangelical revival of the 18th Century and the Tractarian Movement of the late 1800s but in the 1970s the Parish Eucharist became the main Sunday service in most churches. The bonds and unity of all denominations seemed unstoppable during this period. In 2016 we are faced with division over human nature and preference with each side taking an increasingly dogmatic stance. The church will survive all this but we need to be mindful that we are likely to loose members before we can begin to grow and flourish again in the spirit of 1960s interdenominational cooperation.

Secondly, the environment. What I mean by this is the right relationship with God's creation. This is a balance as we look up to see the Glory of God – we look up with awe and wonder, with grateful thanks, and at the Eucharist as we see the chalice elevated containing the precious blood of our Lord with adore the risen Lord as we say Amen, Amen, Amen, so be it. On the other hand this is the season of the incarnation when God came down to earth to live amongst us. So we must be mindful of this is the place where God lives and we must respect and honour our planet as he would wish. It's a joy to enjoy what has been created and this speaks of God – if we reduce or diminish the voice of God in nature, we diminish ourselves as human beings made in his image.

So, with these thoughts and hopes in mind let's look forward to 2016, knowing things aren't going to be easy at a parish or national level, with renewed confidence and trust in God's love and protection.

I wish you a very happy Christmas and a successful and joyful 2016.

Fr. Andrew.

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

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.

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

- 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 Keyrings – £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 30p each.

- **“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 to purchase any of these please contact Jean Heaps 01257 793034 or Margaret Stewart 01257 792692.

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 Churchwardens, or any member of the Parochial Church Council.

DONATIONS RECEIVED, TO 20th NOVEMBER 2015

CHURCH FUNDS

In loving memory of Rex on his 80th birthday.
From Eileen & family. £50.00

In thanksgiving for the Holy Baptism of
Elsie May Alty.

From Stephen & Michelle Alty. £20.00

In memory of my husband Frank and
loved ones.

From Eva £40.00

In memory of Rodney Wilmot Cornwell.

From his brother Alan Cornwall. £10.00

Birthday memories of a very dear friend

Jean Pearson.

From Florence & Norman. £10.00
(For a Hymn Book.)

In thanksgiving for the Holy Baptism of
Regan Jay Donnellan. £20.00

In memory of Martin's birthday.

From Auntie Doris. £20.00

GRAVEYARD FUND

None received.

RESTORATION FUND

Anonymous. £30.00

In memory of loved ones.
From Lillian & family. £50.00

Remembering Rex on our 59th wedding
anniversary.

Love Eileen Marsden. £20.00

In memory of Peter's father, Reverend
Ethlebert Storm.

From Audrey Storm £50.00

ORGAN FUND

None received.

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.

PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

18th October 2015	Regan-Jay Donnellan
25th October 2015	Isla Gail Van Blanken
Holy Matrimony	None

Funerals

19 th October 2015	Funeral of Rodney Wilmot Cornwell. Died 4 th October 2015 aged 70 years. Funeral service by the graveside and interment in the Churchyard.
23 rd October 2015	Funeral of Andrew Mort. Died 10 th October 2015 aged 48 years. Funeral service in Church followed by cremation at Charnock Richard Crematorium.

FLOWERS IN CHURCH

4th October 2015	
Loving birthday memories of Joe	from Marion
Birthday memories of Alan	from Jean Heaps
11 th October 2015	
Harvest Flowers	from Revd. John Bacon
18 th October 2015	
Birthday memories of Eileen Anne, a dear daughter, sister and auntie	from Molly, Frank, Sandra, Robert and Andrew Wilson
Birthday memories of Martin, our dear son	
Missed so much	from Mum and Dad
1 st November 2015	
In loving memory of Ray Winstanley	from Janet
8 th November 2015	
In loving memory of Michelle Jurd	from John and Jacqui Worthington
In loving memory of Jean on her birthday	from Martin and Donna Pearson

CHURCH FLOWER ROTA

Phyl Hind and her team have arranged the Church flowers for quite a few years now, and Phyl was wondering if anyone else would like to be involved, not necessarily on a rota basis but on an occasional basis.

If you would like to help and you need further information please contact Phyl Hind.

DIARY DATES

Saturday 5th December 2015

Christ Church Charnock Richard Christmas Fair in School 11.00am – 1.00pm

Thursday 17th December 2015

Lancashire Sings Christmas. We are joining up with Radio Lancashire singing carols in the newly opened Hinds Head beginning at 7.00pm. Mulled wine and nibbles will be served. Come and join us!

Saturday 19th December 2015

Charnock Richard Brass presents - A Carol Concert in Church

Charnock Richard Family Christmas Prize Bingo At Charnock Richard Football Club On Sunday 6th December 2015 @ 12.30pm

The Frances Darlington Charity

We have a vacancy at the Frances Darlington Almshouses. The bathroom has been upgraded, a new kitchen has been installed and the property has been decorated throughout. If you are interested in becoming a resident of this one-bedroomed property, which is set in private grounds, please contact Margaret Stewart on 01257 792692 / 792536 / 795665

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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

On Sunday 8th November 2015 many people, young and old alike, gathered in Church as we remembered and gave thanks for those people who lost their lives in the service of our country in the two World Wars and other conflicts since that time. Members of the Parish Council joined us for this special service.

The vicar, churchwardens and wreath-bearers processed to the two war memorials where wreaths were laid and the names of the fallen read out. Members of the uniformed groups provided a Guard of Honour.

Whilst all assembled at the Chancel steps a reader said:

“They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn”

Another reader said:

“At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them”

We all responded:
“We will remember them.”

Gayle Coleman, the Musical Director of Charnock Richard Brass, played the Last Post and after the two minute silence, the Reveille.

Reverend John Bacon then said:
“When you go home tell them of us and say:
For your tomorrow, we gave our today.”

It was a particularly moving service.

After the service in Church most members of the congregation processed to the Memorial Garden where wreaths were laid on behalf of Charnock Richard Parish Council and Christ Church. Other members of the community joined in as we paid our respects to the fallen. Gayle Coleman played the Last Post and, after the two minute silence, the Reveille.

This year, we remembered four men who paid the ultimate sacrifice in the First World War and whose names are not recorded on the memorial in Church.

Ian McIntosh MBE, who many of you will remember, has undertaken a great deal of research and where possible, has had the information independently verified. He has now produced Charnock Richard Roll of Honour to commemorate the men from this parish who died in the Great War 1914-1919. Nearly one hundred men from this parish went to war and twenty six did not return.

Most of the men who died, are commemorated on the war memorial in our Church. It contains the names of twenty two men from, or associated with the parish, that died whilst serving in the armed forces during the Great War. A further four casualties from this parish have been identified whose names are not recorded on the war memorial.

These names are:

- Private Thomas Hodges of 87, Chorley Lane, Charnock Richard
- Private John Jackson, born in Charnock Richard, but later of 14 Weldbank Lane, Chorley.
- Private William Parkinson of 23 Cross End, Charnock Richard
- Private Thomas Robinson of Charnock Brow, Charnock Richard

These men were included in our service this year and will be remembered in future years.

We are very grateful to Ian for undertaking this most diligent research and producing this Roll of Honour.

Margaret Stewart

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SOLD ON THE OLD SCHOOL

At this moment in time I find myself on the Island Princess sailing round the toe of Italy, knowing I would save this day of my holiday to write this editorial about the future security of the old school. I realize, after being a resident of Town Lane for forty years, and a Parish Councillor for nearly thirty years, the importance of the Parish Rooms, i.e. the Old School to the community of Charnock Richard.

The building is already well used by the Community for e.g.: Parish Council Meetings, Brass Band practice, Pre-school, Community Centre Trust meetings, etc. etc. Not to mention the things it could be used for if it was appropriate e.g.: Mothers Union meetings, Further Education, Gardening and Book Clubs, dancing classes, not to mention birthday parties for all ages, a youth club, after all they are our future. After reading Margaret Stewart's excellent editorial earlier this year in the Chronicle, I am totally sold!!!! on the current and future need for the renovation of the Old School and School House which is now referred to as the Charnock Richard Community Centre. But, it was from a most unexpected source I was Sold!!! Which provides yet another reason for maintaining and renovating this building for the future.

It all began on the weekend of the Scarecrow Festival. I was circumnavigating the village inspecting the scarecrows, on my bike MAY I ADD, feeling somewhat guilty at once again not having made a scarecrow but admiring everyone else's. I had just stopped outside Cowling Brow Farm, contemplating how much work had gone into making the Tyrannosaurus Rex, when a voice, in an accent I did not recognize, said "good isn't it"? "Of course" I stated "they are all good!!!" "I know" the man said "I came last year, I love the Scarecrow Festivals."

Curiosity was getting the better of me so I had to ask him where he was from. "FROM OVER'T BIG HILL" he said. My brain was working overtime; I thought maybe he means Euxton, Coppull, Heskin, Dob Brow or even Parbold Hill, that's big. "I give in" I said, "which big hill?" I asked. "That big hill", he said and pointed. "Oh, you mean WINTER HILL" I said. "No t'Pennines, Yorkshire, near Barnsley!!!" he said. It was at this point he pointed to his T-shirt which read, and I quote, "Born in Yorkshire, blessed to live in Barnsley". "Oh, ok I replied". Somewhat perplexed, and not wanting to replay the War of the Roses, I wished him Good Day and said "might see you later". I had to move on to the rest of the village, lots to see you see.

With that in mind I moved onto Neargates, Southgates, Leeson Ave etc. every scarecrow I must see. Turning into Church Lane, I stopped to admire the money tree I think Karen Lawson made. It was very realistic and a thought went through my head, could I get one of those twenty pound notes past Ian Holland in the Football Club for a pint of Guinness? No defo not!! Anyway, my conscience got the better of me and I left the money tree as poor as I came. Moving on past Pole Green Nursery's, then Meadowlands, Charter Lane and on to the Football Club for that well deserved pint or two of Guinness, plus a burger from Ian. Then, I helped Harold to sell raffle tickets, I even bought a few books but still didn't win!! From there, on to the Parish Rooms where I found Borough Councillor Leadbetter admiring the progress of the festival. At this point I must congratulate everyone involved in the Scarecrow Festival and, I'm sure you will all join me in saying a heartfelt thanks for all their hard work.

It was at that moment that I heard the Yorkshire tones of my new friend from Barnsley. "Hi Councillor" he stated!!!! "You 'Sold' me the Village and the Festival, but you didn't 'sell' me this place" he said, pointing to the Community Centre/Parish Rooms. I thought, someone's been talking, as I don't even remember telling him I was a Councillor. I immediately stated "well, it's not actually for sale". He proceeded to enthusiastically describe the architectural beauty of the high pitched roof, the Gothic looking doors, the bell tower, the ornate wrought iron fencing, the hidden beams behind the suspended ceilings and the period stone window arches. At this point I thanked him for his observations and then proceeded to inform him of how much we had spent on the building just to keep it standing upright!

After reflecting on what my new found friend from 'over't big hill' had to say, I thought, maybe it takes a stranger to tell us what they see, for us who see it every day, to appreciate what we have. There is no doubt there is a lot of work to do, and a lot of money to raise. The new Cross-Committee, with the help of other volunteers, and some grant aid, will make progress. Please keep your eye on the money Barometer on the wall of the Old School, this reflects the amount of money raised for the renovation of this wonderful building, not the everyday running costs. So, it will be clear for everyone to see as the marker is raised as funds grow.

With this in mind, if it costs £5 or £10 a year per household on our local precept, I for one think it would be money well spent.

With this editorial I hope I have SOLD!! THE RENOVATION OF THE OLD SCHOOL PARISH ROOMS NOW THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, TO YOU.

Please support the Parish Council by returning the reply slip in the next edition of the Chronicle indicating your support. Or, by emailing myself, any Parish Councillor, or the Clerk to the Council, Carolyn Cross (Email: Carolyn.parishcouncil@googlemail.com). I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for taking the time to read this editorial and to thank you all in advance for responding to the consultation in the next edition. We look forward to hearing from you all.

Your Parish Council Chairman
Allan Shaw
Email: allanjimshaw@gmail.com

COMMUNITY CENTRE TRUST

BOOK – “THERE IS JOHN BULL TO ANSWER YET”

Richard Sills, the great-grandson of James Darlington, has given us some books written by his grandmother Agnes Sills, formerly Agnes Darlington. In the book, "There is John Bull to answer yet", Agnes tells us about life in the Darlington family when she was young. If you would like to purchase a copy of the book at a cost of £7.50 please contact Margaret Stewart 01257 792692 / 792536. All proceeds will go to the Charnock Richard Community Centre Trust.

Margaret Stewart
Vice-Chairman Charnock Richard Community Centre Trust

CHARNOCK RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL

Looking back on the year as we come up to Christmas we can reflect upon a very successful Scarecrow Weekend yet again and we give congratulations and many thanks to the wonderful people who worked so hard to make this happen. If you would like to be involved in the running of this event please contact Paul Leadbetter who will be happy to hear from you.

The Football club have celebrated, many successes and look forward to a great season this year. Ian and Joyce have had another successful beer festival along with several other events and have many ideas in the pipeline for next year. I can heartily recommend the Football Club as a venue having used it ourselves a year go for our granddaughters wedding. Ian is an excellent chef amongst his many other talents!!

The Parish Council and the Higher Authorities fought and won the battle with regard to the proposed housing on Chorley Lane/Southgates. The property developer took the application to appeal but the Minister firmly came down against this planning application which he deemed inappropriate within the Greenbelt. Thanks to Paul Leadbetter and Alan Whittaker for speaking against this plan on our behalf.

Thanks also to all the people who were entered into the best kept garden competition for your efforts in making your streets and our village beautiful to behold.

Congratulations to the winners. It would be lovely to also climb the ladder in the best kept village competition so anyone with any ideas on this please come along to one of our meetings or give any of your councillors a call to discuss them.

In the last edition of this magazine you will have read the consultation with regard to protecting and preserving our listed Old School and School House (Community Centre). In addition to raising money via the Parish Precept to support this, the Parish Council have also set up their own fund raising appeals, one being a buy a brick campaign and the other a certification of intent to support the proposed renovation and repair of these buildings by giving in the form of a one off payment, monthly direct debit, in memory of a loved one or to commemorate a special birthday or family event. If you would like to donate please contact our Chairman, Allan Shaw or our Clerk to the Parish Council, Carolyn Cross who will give you all the details of this. Their information can be found on the back page of this magazine.

The Parish Council would like to congratulate Mrs Ellison of Plymouth cottages on achieving the grand old age of 100 years she will be 101 on 2nd April 2016 and is still living happily in her own home. Thanks to her son, Peter, for letting us know about this and for providing me with this lovely photo.



Ann Bishop
On behalf of Charnock Richard Parish Council

PRE-SCHOOL

This autumn term has been a very busy one, we have welcomed a record number of new children and their families. All have settled well and are busy learning new skills, having new experiences and building new friendships.

We have purchased many new resources for the new term, always seeking to further improve our already wide provision. We have once again made use of the plentiful natural autumn resources such as conkers, acorns and leaves, using them throughout our provision to further develop speech and language and sorting and counting skills amongst others. We joined Christchurch Charnock Richard School in their harvest celebration and have also harvested our home grown carrots, we are still enjoying the herbs in the mud kitchen.

After an unseasonably warm start to the term we are continuing to enjoy the environment, noting the changes in our surroundings and recently enjoying explorations in the rain and puddles. We are certainly making good use of our wellies!

We are once again looking forward to Christmas and decorating the Pre-School, especially with our home made crafts, we have also been busy making decorations in readiness for our Christmas fair. Many thanks to those families and businesses that have made donations in raffle and tombola prizes and cakes.

Our Christmas celebration on 18th December will go along with the children's current interest of Goldilocks and the 3 bears, alongside Christmas songs. We look forward to welcoming our parents and grandparents on this special day which will also be the Christmas party day. We are really looking forward to our visit from Father Christmas!

The Pre-School is open daily 7.45am to 5.00pm with breakfast club for school children from 7.45am to 8.45am providing a healthy nutritional breakfast.
For further information please visit, telephone us or have a look at our website
www.charnockrichardpreschool.co.uk

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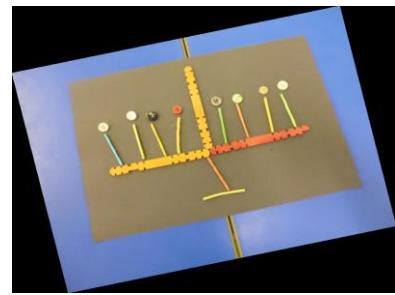
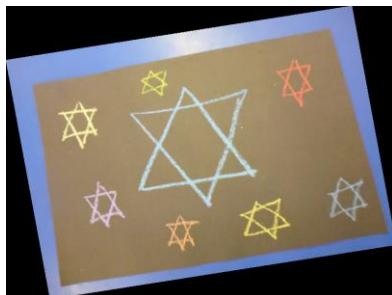
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CofE PRIMARY SCHOOL

On Thursday 12th November the pupils at Christ Church Charnock Richard C of E Primary School enjoyed taking part in an R.E enrichment day with the focus of 'light'.

The Infant and Junior departments were put into mixed 'Team Point' groups for the day and enjoyed working together to learn about how light is important to different faiths.

These are just some of the fantastic examples of work that were produced by the pupils.



Some thoughts on the day:

I enjoyed working with other children and teachers.

We learnt about different religions.

It was a fun day - a change from our normal school day.

Everyone got to share their ideas in a fun way.

We got to compare different faiths and religions.

CHARNOCK RICHARD UNITED CHARITIES

The Charity Trustees are hoping to make their Christmas Donations again this year.

In order to compile a list of people eligible to receive a donation the Trustees would like to request any resident reaching the age of 65 or over, on or before 31 December 2015, to complete the following details and cut out and return this slip to:

Mrs C A Cross, Clerk to the Trustees, 321 Preston Road, Standish, Wigan,
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SCOUTS AND GUIDES LOTTERY MEMBERSHIP

Dear Members

First of all a very big thank you for your support over the years.

You will all by now have received a letter from Linda Cottam, the Treasurer of the Scouts & Guides Supporters Association advising of the changes to the collection of the Lottery membership annual subscriptions.

If you have not already done so could you please complete the Standing Order Mandate enclosed with that letter and forward to your Bank to ensure continued membership.

If you do not wish to pay your subscriptions by Standing Order then please telephone one of the numbers listed below and we will arrange for someone to call and collect your membership subscriptions. Alternatively you can post or drop off your subscription with Linda at 140 Chorley Lane, Charnock Richard PR7 5HB Cheques payable to Charnock Richard Scouts & Guides

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NOTES FROM COUNCILLOR LEADBETTER

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I am always walking around Charnock Richard and talking with people and am always interested in what people have to say, it is clear that most people enjoy living in the village and do their best to keep their part of it clean and tidy.



Planning applications continue to be the subject of many conversations and rightly so as they affect people and also the wider area, not just in the short term but over many generations. This is an update on three applications for housing developments, one being built, one in the process of submitting a plan and one refused.

42 Chorley Lane

The bungalow at 42 Chorley Lane has now been demolished and work to install drainage began and appears to have stopped. There is a problem with this site in that the entrance, onto Chorley Lane, cannot easily be made to achieve a safe line of sight, to make entering and exiting the new estate safe for road users. LCC are now responsible for designing a suitable junction between the new estate and Chorley Lane.

Camelot Theme Park Site

Story Homes have made it clear that they will be submitting another planning application for houses on the Camelot Theme Park site and have begun a public consultation exercise, which has not been handled as well as it could have been, in my opinion. There will be further consultations, exhibitions and eventually a plan submitted. I will do all I can to keep people aware of what is happening

18 Houses on Green Belt Land off Southgates / Chorley Lane

The application for 18 houses, on Green Belt land, was refused by Chorley Council's Development Control Committee on 10 March, this decision was appealed by the applicant and the decision whether to allow planning permission, or not, was made by a Government Planning Inspector.

The inspector agreed that the development was inappropriate in the Green Belt, so the development has been refused. This does not stop the developer submitting another application in the future.

I will end by wishing everyone all the best for the festive season, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Paul



POETRY CORNER

THE REMEMBER POEM

I remember the cheese of my childhood
And the bread that we cut with a knife,
When the children helped with the housework,
And the men went to work not the wife.

The cheese never needed a fridge,
And the bread was so crusty and hot,
The children were seldom unhappy
And the wife was content with her lot.

I remember the milk from the bottle,
With the yummy cream on the top,
Our dinner came hot from the oven,
And not from the fridge or the shop.

The kids were a lot more contented,
They didn't need money for kicks,
Just a game with their mates on the road,
And sometimes the Saturday flicks.

I remember the shop on the corner,
Where a pennies worth of sweets was sold
Do you think I'm a bit too nostalgic?
Or is it ... I'm just getting old?

I remember the 'loo' was the lav,
And the bogey man came in the night,
It wasn't the least bit funny
Going 'out back' with no light.

The interesting items we perused,
From the newspapers cut into squares,
And hung on a peg in the loo,
It took little to keep us amused.

The clothes were boiled in the copper,
With plenty of rich foamy suds
But the ironing seemed never ending
As Mum pressed everyone's 'duds'.

I remember the slap on my backside,
And the taste of soap if I swore
Anorexia and diets weren't heard of
And we hadn't much choice what we wore.

Do you think that bruised our ego?
Or our initiative was destroyed?
We ate what was put on the table
And I think life was better enjoyed!

Anon

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On Wednesday October 7th our beautiful, strong and perfect baby girl lost her battle and suddenly passed away. She was 15 weeks old. She was born with a critically complex heart condition.

I wanted to take this opportunity to say a massive Thank You to everyone for their support during a horrific time in our lives.

Everyone provided us with such kind words and reassurance and their offers to help me with James and Hannah so I could mourn for Ellie.

I've never had so many flowers in my house but the gesture meant the world to us. Each and every sympathy card and beautiful poem meant a lot. Even if they did make me cry!

To everyone who came to her funeral, those who kept us in their thoughts and those who prayed I wanted to say Thank You. It meant so much to us for people to attend a funeral for a child they barely knew. It showed us that people care about our family and they cared about our daughter.

And to the lovely ladies at Preschool, Mrs Eaves and Miss Wilson and the Mums and Toddler group - Thank You for attending the funeral and wearing pink in memory of Ellie. Thank You so much for gesture of a memorial bench in the gardens next to preschool. While the loss of our daughter still hurts, I will one day see the bench and smile when I think of Ellie and it'll be thanks to you all.

I also wanted to say Thank You to our families for their support and their help. And to Chris, for looking after me when I couldn't cope, when I didn't want go out, when I didn't want to eat. For taking me anywhere I needed when all I wanted was to see Ellie before our final goodbyes. For taking over the funeral arrangement's when I couldn't vocalise what we wanted. For looking after James and Hannah. For all the hugs and hot chocolate when I needed it. And for listening to me cry every night. Still to this day you listen to me cry and tell me its okay.

We miss Ellie every day and we love her beyond words. But slowly every day is becoming easier and people are still here to support us.

We have a wonderful community and I couldn't thank you all enough.

Kirsty and Family.

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Gillian Leadbetter

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