

Charnock Richard Chronicle



Christ Church and Rivington Pike – Photograph by Francis Rostron

The Magazine of Christ Church Charnock Richard

December 2016



FROM THE EDITOR

Hi Everyone,

I would like to say a massive thank you to Andrew Leigh for raising funds for Pre-school, I've known Andrew for many years and he really is a credit to our village for giving up his free time and sharing his talents to raise money for our village groups.

Many thanks to my Dad Harold & Husband Paul for decorating the Christmas tree outside Pre-school, thanks also to Joe Noblett who always donates the Christmas tree and to Thomas Stafford for delivering and helping Harold erect the tree. As always, the tree looks wonderful and the Pre-school children love it.

Congratulations must go to Barbara Lowe, who lives in the village. Barbara is dedicated to the community radio station Chorley FM, which celebrated its 10th anniversary of being on air at the end of November. We were fortunate enough to be invited to a party at Chorley Football Club and Roxanne went into the station during the 10th anniversary broadcast where she met some local and national celebrities.

Once again, thank you to everyone who has sent in articles and letters. If you have an article, letter or advert that you would like me to include in the next chronicle please e-mail CharnockRichardChronicle@gmail.com by Friday 20th January.

Please remember when providing dates for future events, that the Chronicle needs to be edited, printed and then distributed, so please allow for this as often people receive the Chronicle after events have taken place. One suggestion is to use the Chronicle to report on things that have happened and publicise events at least two or three months in advance.

If there is anything you would like to see in the Chronicle then let me know.

Finally, as always I'm really looking forward to Christmas and all the events such as the School Fair, Christmas Bingo, Crib Service, Preschool and School Christmas performances.

I really hope you all have a Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Until next year,

Gillian Leadbetter

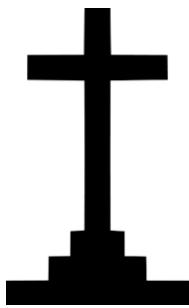
Chronicle Deadline Dates

A reminder to everyone wanting to contribute, as we will not always remind everyone individually every time, that articles for the Chronicle are required to be e-mailed to charnockrichardchronicle@gmail.com by the 20th of each of the following months every year:

- January
- March
- May
- July
- September
- November



Church Services at Christ Church Charnock Richard



The pattern of services for December 2016 and January 2017 will be as follows, except where noted below:

Sunday

9.30am Parish Eucharist - Common Worship. Please note there is now only one service each Sunday. This will be reviewed at the end of January 2017

Thursday

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

Sunday 18th December 2016

9.30am Parish Eucharist

6.30pm Nine Lessons and Carols in Church

Saturday 24th December 2016...Christmas Eve

3.00pm Crib Service

11.30pm Midnight Eucharist

Sunday 25th December 2016...Christmas Day

10.00am Holy Eucharist....please note a different time

FROM FATHER ANDREW

My dear friends

Last year I wrote to you at this time reflecting on 'looking back' as a custom and practice as the old year draws to a close and the New Year beckons. Little did I know when I wrote my Christmas 2015 letter what major changes and upheaval in parish life 2016 would bring.

Certainly the floods in Eccleston that disabled the parish centre for seven months took much of my time and energy as project recovery had to be carefully managed. Then in the second half of the year The Revd Angela found a fully time post in the Diocese of Manchester with the result that service patterns have been changed to accommodate the new situation. Whilst we will review how the service changes have gone in early 2017, at the moment we are having to be flexible and understanding of each other's needs.

As we started the new church year on Advent Sunday 2016 we could not have expected what was to come. At the time some of those events were truly shocking, and much of what occurred in 2016 was not expected at all. However, that is often the way we experience God most intensely.

If we strip away the romantic images that the consumerist Christmas presents from October onwards, we will see the reality of a small dark cave where animals are tethered for the night, a frail child born in terrible surroundings on the margins of society and to a teenage mother. With God nothing is as it seems and he gives us hope and confidence to make the most of what we have and indeed do more than we ever expected.

Of that first Christmas night St John writes 'The word became flesh and dwelt amongst us'. God and Christmas has indeed moved into the neighbourhood and this has enormous significance for you and me. God is profoundly interested in humanity – in you and me. This means that matter whatever kind of mess we make of our lives, no matter however great our problems may seem, God does not write us off or cast us aside.

Christ was born in a particular place at a particular time, can you open your hearts and let yourself dwell with him and within the stable - that pressurised, rushed a confusing mess we called our daily lives. When we do that we will encounter the love of God.

This hope and opportunity for transformation is available in the parish church this Christmas. Through our comprehensive range of services to suit all ages and styles you can rediscover the reality of the first Christmas, that God is with us, offering hope in the uncertainty of modern life. Whilst we may not know what is just around the corner in 2017, the Church offers everyone a warm welcome this Christmas and throughout the year. We very much look forward to seeing you during the festive season.

I wish you a very happy Christmas and a successful and joyful 2017.

Every blessing

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.

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.

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

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.

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PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

6th November 2016

James Lewis Huxley

Holy Matrimony

None

Funerals

17th October 2016

Interment of Ashes of Violet Tickle. Died 14th September 2016 aged 79 years. Funeral service and cremation at Charnock Richard Crematorium.

7th November 2016.

Funeral of Alice Knowles. Died 29th October 2016 aged 87 years. Funeral service at St. John the Divine, Coppull followed by interment at Christ Church.

DONATIONS RECEIVED TO 20TH NOVEMBER 2016

CHURCH FUNDS		RESTORATION FUND
In loving memory of Tom & Ada Baybutt		Anonymous £30.00
From Ann Cook (nee Baybutt) and family	£20.00	Anonymous £30.00
Birthday memories of Martin. Always in our thoughts		In memory of loved ones
With love from Auntie Connie	£20.00	From Lillian & family £50.00
In memory of Jack, my friend for 86 years, goodbye old friend		In memory of Peter's father, Rev.
From Mal	£20.00	Storm
In loving memory of Jack a wonderful husband, father, & stepfather, grandad & great grandad		From Audrey Storm £20.00
From Margaret & families	£500.00	GRAVEYARD FUND
In memory of Jack Edwards from		Charnock Richard Parish Council
Barbara & Chris McCormick	£20.00	
Margaret & Malcolm Stewart	£25.00	£145.00
Terry & Jean	£5.00	
Mrs Marion Nash	£20.00	ORGAN FUND
Peter Nattriss	£100.00	None received
In loving memory of my husband Frank, parents Alice & Edward, and all loved ones.		
From Eva & family	£40.00	
Charnock Richard Parish Council, towards the printing costs of 'Chronicle'	£145.00	

DIARY DATES

Saturday 3rd December 2016....Christmas Fair in School 11.00am until 1.00pm

Saturday 10th December 2016...Christmas Coffee Morning in the Old School 10.00am in aid of Charnock Richard Community Centre Trust

Sunday 11th December 2016...Carol singing at the Bowling Green 2.00pm until 4.00pm

Thursday 15th December 2016...Lancashire Sings Christmas in conjunction with Radio Lancashire at the Dog and Partridge at 7.00pm

Saturday 17th December 2016...Christmas Concert with Charnock Richard Brass in Church at 7.30pm

FLOWERS IN CHURCH

2nd October 2016

Birthday memories of Alan Charnock Heaps
Loving birthday memories of Joe

from Jean
from Marion

16th October 2016

Loving birthday memories of our dear Son
Martin John Southworth
Birthday memories of a dear Daughter
Eileen Anne Wilson

from Mum and Dad
from Molly

30th October 2016

In loving memory of Ken Lenton
Passed away seven years ago
In loving memory of Ray Winstanley

from Jean
from Janet

6th November 2016

In loving memory of Michelle Lisa Jurd

from Jacqui and John Worthington

20th November 2016

In loving memory of Ian

from Gwen

CHURCH FLOWER ROTA

Phyl Hind and her team have arranged the Church flowers for quite a few years now, and in the not too distant future Phyl will be relinquishing this role. If you would like to take on this position or help in any way, or if you need further information please contact Phyl Hind or Margaret Stewart.

Gordon Thorpe

We became aware of this just as the Chronicle was going to print, please make some time to go to the just giving page and read the reason why this family, from the village, is asking for help.

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/Gordon-Thorpe>



CHARNOCK RICHARD COMMUNITY CENTRE TRUST

The following donations have been received:

Tubes of Smarties:

Alf Stacey	£13.60
Barbara and Chris McCormick	£12.20
Anonymous donation	£100.00

I would like to thank those of you who are continuing to fill Smartie tubes and also the lady who contacted me and gave me an anonymous donation of £100.00. We are truly grateful for your support.

On Saturday 10th December 2016 we are holding a Christmas Coffee Morning. In addition to drinks and mince pies, we will be cutting up Paul Carter's rich fruit cake which should be well matured by then.

Gareth will also be joining us providing the music for Christmas carols and songs. Please come along and join us.

Margaret Stewart
01257 792692/792536/795665
Vice-Chairman Charnock Richard 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.

Christmas Coffee Morning



On Saturday 10th December the Community Centre Trust will be holding a Christmas Coffee Morning between 10am-12pm at the Old School on Charter Lane. There will be tea, coffee, mince pies & a raffle.

So why not pop down for 5 minutes for a drink & a catch up. All proceeds raised will go towards the restoration of the Old School.

In addition, if anyone can volunteer their time or donate prizes for the event it would be greatly appreciated. Please email margaretstewart@btconnect.com if you can help in any way.

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 2016, to complete the following details and cut out and return this slip to:

Mrs Carolyn Cross 321 Preston Road, Standish, Wigan, WN6 0QB.

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PARISH COUNCIL

Our meeting pm Monday 7th November 2016 was an exceptionally long one with many issues being brought to our attention, which have been duly noted and are being dealt with.

Councillor Whittaker informed us that the Taylor Wimpey plan for Charter Lane had been amended bringing the planned housing numbers down to 60 which we still considered to be too many. As we had been given very late notification of this by email our clerk had asked that we be given chance to discuss this matter at our next meeting so that our voice could be heard at the planning meeting.

There had been many issues with the housing being built on Chorley Lane both with type of housing type being changed, alleged drainage problems and with traffic issues on the VERY busy road which is Chorley Lane.

On the Wednesday after our meeting, Chairman Mel Almond and I, waited for some time watching the traffic. Unfortunately the situation with large vehicles having to pass very close up to each other was not able to be seen as there were none passing at that time of the day. We also examined the height of some of the pavements which were almost as low as a dropped pavement for a large length of the road which could be adding to the problem with the flooding of gardens in this area and making it easy for vehicles to run onto the pavements during close encounters thus endangering pedestrians.

Our Chairman and I also inspected the trees on the Mosses public footpath and found them to be in good health and still shedding their leaves as were the ones in the gardens on the Cherry Tree estate. We were left wondering why permission was being granted to remove any with TPO's as they seemed to be healthy. We felt that we should query this before any are removed.

The Mosses footpath itself is in desperate need of clearing so councillor Almond plans to arrange for the work to be done. We also agreed that we would ask Mr Brennan to have the ditch cleared as it is very full of debris and to cut back his hedges as they are protruding over the footpath at head level.

Parking on Charter Lane and Chorley Lane has become an issue on some Charnock Richard FC match days but it must be said that this had mainly occurred when there was a match also going on at the school on the same day. Perhaps parents in the village could walk to the ground and others might like to car share when their teams are playing here. Maybe this is something that the club and the school could suggest to the visiting teams and their supporters. Fans do need to remember that it is an offence to park on a junction and on yellow lines unless they want the police to be issuing them with fines. The Parish Council suggested that better marshalling of the car parking might be the answer along with the rubbish being removed from the existing carpark in order to create a few more spaces. A member of the public suggested that that the area of the football club car park in general needs to be tidied up as it had become an eyesore.

Dog walkers will have no doubt noticed that the dog waste bins have been emptied again on the public footpath across the old golf course. Please do not push the bin bags down inside the bins as this makes our job very much more difficult and dirty. Please also remember that this job is done by volunteers who are residents too! A helping hand occasionally would be very much appreciated from the dog walking residents. Councils don't empty these bins unless they are on footpaths that are managed and maintained by them so this is not a job that the Parish Council can just pay someone to do without there being an increase in the Parish Precept and your council tax charges.

We looked forward to our Best Kept Garden Evening and also our annual Christmas meal photographs of both will be in the next issue.

The Parish Council wishes all of you a very happy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.
Councillor Ann Bishop

Best Kept Garden Presentation Evening 2016

The annual presentation evening was held for this year's awards at Charnock Richard Football Club on November 10th. The evening recognises and celebrates the efforts that have been made throughout the year in the gardens and elsewhere, by the residents of this village, which help to make our village a little bit special.

The evening was hosted by the Parish Council Clerk, Mrs. Carolyn Cross and me. This year the prizes were presented to the winners by the Mayor of Chorley, Councillor Mrs. Doreen Dickinson who was accompanied her daughter Mrs. Lesley Moulton.



The judging for the competition was kindly done again by Mr. David Brown from The Chorley & District Gardening Society. A total of 53 gardens were judged which was an increase of 8 over last year. David did also complement the Parish Council on the three raised planted beds on the grass verge on Preston Road, opposite the junction of Town Lane, known affectionately by the Parish Council as Welch Whittle Gardens, where he feels that the style of planting is both sustainable and attractive to wildlife.

In addition to the winners, other members of the community were recognised for their efforts on the evening such as our Parish Lengthsman, Mr. Gordon Yates, Mr. Norman Brown for his

work of adding a lovely flash of colour to the railway bridge on Chorley Lane and also Mr. Paul Carter and Mr. Ralph Heyes for their work of re-furbishing the Parish Room iron fences. Lastly, we recognised the work done by Mr. David Williams and Mr. Graham Jackson, of unearthing and re-erecting the almost buried milestone found in the grass verge on the bend on Chorley Lane.

Whilst the Best Kept Garden judging takes place as does the judging for the Lancashire Best Kept Village competition. Unfortunately, this year we did not come away with any prizes, however our intention, with the support of our residents, as a community is to improve on our performance next year in this highly prestigious Lancashire competition by getting more residents to brighten up their gardens, pick up litter if seen & report any issues such as full litter bins & overgrown hedges/grass verges.

The evening concluded as an informal social evening with an excellent buffet provided by Ian Holland.

Mel Almond
Chairman
Charnock Richard Parish Council

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The Winners

Small Gardens

1st Prize Mr Ericson, 30 Neargates, Charnock Richard – £50 Garden Centre Vouchers, Certificate & Cup
2nd Prize Mrs S Jackson, 4 Lichen Close, Charnock Richard – £40 Garden Centre Vouchers & Certificate
3rd Prize Ms Julie Hindley & Mr Peter Wildgoose, 24 Cherry Tree Close, Charnock Richard – £30 Garden Centre Vouchers & Certificate

Medium Gardens

1st Prize Mr & Mrs Rostron, 3 The Foxwood, Charnock Richard – £50 Garden Centre Vouchers, Certificate & Glass Plaque
2nd Prize Mr & Mrs Nickeas, Glen Mar, Preston Road, Charnock Richard – £40 Garden Centre Vouchers & Certificate
3rd Prize Mr & Mrs Bennett, Hawthorne Cottage, Back Lane, Charnock Richard – £30 Garden Centre Vouchers & Certificate

Large Gardens

1st Prize Mr & Mrs Lundy, Bolton Green Cottage, Back Lane, Charnock Richard – £50 Garden Centre Vouchers, Certificate & Rose Bowl
2nd Prize Mr & Mrs Matthews, The Old Post Office Farm, Brook Lane, Charnock Richard – £40 Garden Centre Vouchers & Certificate
3rd Prize Mrs Pate, Wenderholm, Preston Road, Charnock Richard – £30 Garden Centre Vouchers & Certificate

(Photos of the winners can be found at <http://www.charnockrichard-parishcouncil.co.uk/>)



Community

Involvement Acknowledgements

These are gifts given to members of the community who have made personal efforts in improving the appearance of the village.

Mr Gordon Yates - the Lengthsman of Charnock Richard & works hard throughout the year planting flowers, cutting grass verges & making sure the village is tidy & free from litter. Gift: Bottle of wine

Mr & Mrs Brown who continue to improve the village by tidying and planting beautiful flowers by the grass verge at the railway bridge on Chorley Lane. Gift: Bottle of wine

Mr Paul Carter & Mr Ralph Heyes for Painting the railings at the Old School on Charter Lane and Donating spring bulbs for planting throughout the Parish Gift: Bottle of wine each

Mr David Williams & Mr Graham Jackson who undertook the arduous task of unearthing the buried milestone on the S-bend on Chorley Lane. Gift: Bottle of wine each

Flowers were also given to the Mayor of Chorley & her daughter for presenting the prizes and a bottle of wine was given to Mr. David Brown for judging the competition this year.



PRE-SCHOOL

This term the Pre-school children have been given the opportunity to think creatively and develop problem-solving skills by experimenting with the woodwork bench and tools.

We have also been busy making lots of different Christmas decorations.

The children have enjoyed reading the nativity story and practicing nativity songs in readiness for our Christmas celebration on 16th December, once again we look forward to welcoming our parents and grandparents on this special day which is also our Christmas party day, we are also really looking forward to our visit from Father Christmas.

Many thanks to Harold Heaton & Paul Leadbetter for decorating the Christmas tree outside Pre-school, as always it looks wonderful.



Charnock Richard
Pre-School



Thanks also to Andy Leigh & Abi Leigh for raising money for Pre-school and to Indi's Dad, Gavin, for fixing and maintaining the Pre-school bikes.

The Pre-school has a team of eight highly experienced and professionally qualified staff including a qualified teacher. The pre-school provides **FREE CHILDCARE**, 15 hours a week for all children aged 3 and 4 and eligible 2 year olds.

The Pre-School is open daily from 7.45am – 5.00pm with breakfast club for Christ Church School children from 7:45 to 8:45 providing a healthy nutritional breakfast.

All staff complete first aid, safeguarding and food hygiene training every three years.

The setting has been awarded a food hygiene rating of 5 and the setting has a 'Good' rating by Ofsted (May 2015).

There is more information about Pre-school on the preschool website: www.charnockrichardpreschool.co.uk or telephone 07944 217699.

SCHOOL

We have had an 'Anti-bullying' week in school (14-18th November) with the focus being on keeping safe online.

The school council started Monday morning with a fantastic assembly on anti-bullying.



All classes had an assembly led by the NSPCC which looked at how to keep safe online.

We learnt what to do if we see anything worrying when using the internet or electronic devices. Throughout the week, classes took part in different activities to raise awareness of how to keep safe.



On Friday 18th November the whole school went spotty in aid of Children in Need.



What a busy week we have had!

TALENTED MUSICIAN INSPIRED BY THE DIARIES OF JAMES DARLINGTON

This talented multi-instrumentalist, with his own distinct style, was born in Merseyside, grew up in Widnes, and now lives in our village. Paul Fleming is highly acclaimed by the music press. In the last decade he has rocketed from virtual obscurity to playing live in front of the biggest crowds in the world.



Paul Fleming's dad was a keyboard player in 1960's pop group Mark Peters and the Silhouettes, and did session work for Cilla Black and The Merseybeats. Paul soon started to play the piano and, at the age of 13, he had his own band. His love for electronic music, in particular, started when he was given a hand-me-down Yamaha DX7 synthesiser from his dad, so creating experimental sounds has always felt natural.

Paul was the keyboard player with Echo & The Bunnymen for 6 years. Whilst on a World Tour with them, Paul began to write what would become his 2008 self-titled debut album "Baltic Fleet". Armed with a laptop and any instruments that were to hand, he would capture, in music, whatever inspired him in each city around the world; from Texas to Barcelona to Berlin to Copenhagen to Reykjavik and back to Brighton in the UK; in hotel rooms, tour buses, planes, at the end of radio sessions and sound-checks, every opportunity was taken and tracks gradually started to form into an album. Paul credits Echo and The Bunnymen's guitarist, Will Sergeant, in particular, for helping to kick-start the production of this first album. Paul says he played a massive part in opening him up to lots of different types of music. He found new sounds and new ways of looking at things. This album was released to critical acclaim, and was made an Album of the Year for Rough Trade Shops who described it as "A faultless piece of instrumental music that captures the spirit of Eno, Neu! all the way through to modern post-rock and chamber music".

Baltic Fleet's second album "Towers" focused on the black industrial backdrop of the factories and power stations of the north-west. Paul recalls growing up in Widnes, where you see the monstrous power station, where you drive past a mile of factories where plumes of smoke are soaring out, where there are all sorts of smells and sounds. Paul used to rebel against this landscape, but it became "the perfect backdrop" for the sound he wanted to create and, indeed, the cover for the album. Paul found it "quite evocative looking out and seeing smoke billowing out of the cooling towers into the red skies". As a child he remembers thinking the Rock Savage chemical plant "looked like a huge alien space station". Paul now sees it as "pretty epic", especially at night. It is "depressing and inspiring in equal measure". This album was released in 2012 on Blow Up Records, following which Baltic Fleet

won the annual Liverpool Echo GIT Award and was nominated for Album of the Year in the Liverpool Music Awards.

In 2013 Paul played at the Meltdown festival alongside Yoko Ono and he said meeting her was a real privilege. Paul told her his dad was friends with John Lennon back in his day.

Both of these albums gained UK radio support particularly for BBC 6 Music (Steve Lamacq, Gideon Coe, Stuart Maconie, Mark Radcliffe, Marc Riley invited Baltic Fleet for a 6 Music session) and BBC Radio 2 (Janice Long) as well as international airplay.

Paul gained inspiration for his third album after attending our Church and hearing about the man who built it. Paul purchased a copy of "The Dear One" and was intrigued by James Darlington's dedication to his wife. Paul recalls how throughout the diary James refers to his wife as "The Dear One" and how James had done such amazing things for this one person. Paul says the mix of the environment, the diary, the names and the places just fed his imagination. He made his own world within this very limited set of things.

"The Dear One" was released earlier this month on Blow Up Records. It was recorded in Baltic Fleet's relocated home studio here in Lancashire, with additional tracks laid down at Paul McCartney's Liverpool Institute of Performing Arts by the long term friends that make up the live band.

Paul is a very talented artist associated with the Liverpool scene. When he was invited by Yoko Ono to support her Plastic Ono Band at the 20th Meltdown Festival at London's Southbank Centre in 2013, she said "One of my hopes for Meltdown is that people will discover new musicians and artists...the GIT Awards artists represent artists of the future. And, of course, I was very keen to have a new artist from Liverpool! You could say I'm biased but I believe that music from Liverpool and other Northern cities has often shaped our future...John was a great example of this. I look forward to hearing some great new music from Liverpool and seeing one artist on the bill for Meltdown. It's the future".

You have some excellent reviews Paul, we look forward to following your journey.

Margaret Stewart

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CHARNOCK RICHARD WOMENS GROUP

In October we listened to Eleanor Palmer explain how to look after our treasured fabrics at home. She showed us her mother's wedding dress and how she cared for it to preserve the beautiful fabric.

Her display of artefacts left us wanting to know more and she was obviously devoted to her job as conserver.



November's meeting was one which many of our members had been looking forward to.

It was Josie Morris's third trip to Charnock Richard with her amazing chocolates.

Josie demonstrated how to

make chocolate baskets for some of our adventurous members to try at home.



Once again she passed around some of her chocolate for us to try, this time it was chocolate orange crisps and judging how fast they were eaten they were delicious.

At the end we were able to buy a range of chocolates to take home for Christmas! if they last that long before temptation gets the better of us.

Hope to see you all soon
Lynda

Dates for your diary:

5th January No meeting
2nd February AGM and games night

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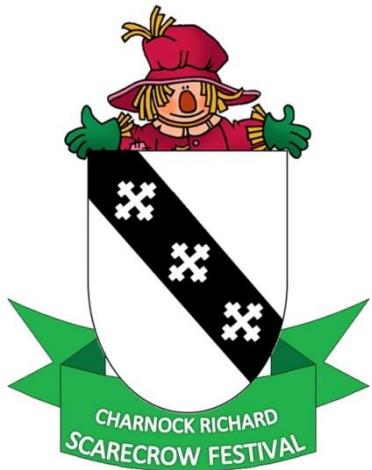
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The winners of the favourite scarecrow competition, as voted for during the weekend were:

- 1st Big Friendly Giant – Church Fold
- 2nd Alien Landing – Church Lane
- 3rd Boy and Dog – outside the Old School

The BFG was a great success, even making an appearance on the television show *This Morning*, with Philip Schofield and Holly Willoughby, as well as gracing the entrance to Euxton C.E. Primary School for their Roald Dahl day, many thanks to the Bristow Family for your creation.



Congratulations to everyone who displayed a scarecrow, it is appreciated by people who visit the village during the weekend whilst helping to raise much needed funds for local causes and providing an excuse for people to get out, walk around, meet people and have a chat with each other.



The 2017 Scarecrow Festival will be on Saturday and Sunday 9 and 10 September.

For more details, or if you can offer to help, contact:
Paul Leadbetter – 07926 089450 / 01257 795152 / chair.scarecrow@gmail.com

NOTES FROM COUNCILLOR LEADBETTER

Telephone 07926 089450 e-mail paul.leadbetter@chorley.gov.uk

It doesn't seem almost 12 months since parts of Charnock Richard were struggling with the exceptional rainfall, over the Christmas period. Hopefully there will not be a repeat of this however, following some recent heavy rainfall, it is obvious that the drainage throughout the village and particularly along Chorley Lane is inadequate for the job it is supposed to be doing.



The constant threat of additional housing developments will only make the situation worse, as is currently being experienced by neighbours of the development at 42 Chorley Lane.



Thank you to the majority of dog owners who do clean up after their pets, however there remains a minority who do not. All I ask is that, if your dog does foul, then please move it.

Finally, I wish everyone all the best for Christmas and the New Year and, as always, if there is anything you need my help with then please get in touch.

Charnock Panto Dames on the Run for Derian House

It says run but it was more of a gentle stroll for the Charnock Panto Dames, past and present, as they completed the 5k sponsored "Dames on the Run" event in Astley Park, raising around £200 for Derian House.

Charnock Panto raises money for the school and the next performance, in February 2017, is Snow White, with an interesting take on the seven dwarves.

The trio didn't win the run in fact they came, a credible, last but they were awarded the prize for best selfie photograph.



Charnock Panto Dames Andrew Savage, Stephen Clipston and Paul Leadbetter with, the Loose Women and Benidorm star and Derian House supporter, Sherrie Hewson

Christ Church Charnock Richard Primary School PTFGA
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Snow White

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Tickets are now on sale - Just dial 01257 791490 to book your tickets !!!

Thursday and Friday evening performances, along with the Saturday matinee will take on a traditional 'rows of seats' format with refreshments, hot dogs, soft drinks and alcoholic beverages available for purchase.

Saturday evening performance will include a hot pot and apple pie supper, sitting at tables with alcoholic beverages and soft drinks available for purchase, along with waitress service.

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Gillian Leadbetter

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