

Charnock Richard Chronicle



The Shepherds taking part in the Crib Service on Christmas Eve

The Magazine of Christ Church Charnock Richard

February 2016

FROM THE EDITOR

Hi Everyone,

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and Happy New Year.

As I write this I'm still recovering from last night's tea at the Hinds Head! Paul eventually took me to the Hinds Head and I ate one of the best meals ever! I'm sure that many of the locals have visited but if you haven't you must go – you might need to book a table because it's excellent food and very popular.

As always, I seem to be very busy at work and home - looking after the expanding family! I know that I haven't made life easier for myself by acquiring our pygmy goats Willow and Walter – they never stop eating and have decided that they like eating Paul's plants! Roxanne now wants a baby Rabbit (Thanks Jane & Ruby) so that will be another mouth to feed and more animals for Grandad Harold to look after when we go on holiday!

Once again, thanks 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 email CharnockRichardChronicle@gmail.com by **20th March**. 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.

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

Until next time.

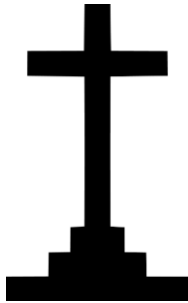
Gillian Leadbetter

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 February and March 2016 will be as follows:

Sunday

9.00am Holy Eucharist Said...Common Worship Order One Traditional Language
10.30am Parish Eucharist - Common Worship

Thursday

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

Special Services

Ash Wednesday 10th February 2016 7.30pm Holy Eucharist

Mothering Sunday 6th March 2016 10.30am All-Age Worship

Palm Sunday 20th March 2016 10.30am Holy Eucharist including the Dramatic Reading of Our Lord's Passion

Maundy Thursday 24th March 2016 7.30pm Holy Eucharist and the Stripping of the Altars

Good Friday 25th March 2016 2.00pm One Hour by the Cross

Easter Day 27th March 2016 An Easter Celebration...Services at the normal times

The Frances Darlington Charity

We have a vacancy at the Frances Darlington Alms-houses. 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.

FROM FATHER ANDREW

My Dear Friends,

With the memory of Christmas fading fast, January has been a difficult month for many people in Lancashire as flooding has affected communities and the lives of so many individuals and families. The new-year celebrations may have been muted this year in places like Croston and Ribchester, and yet the horrific events have given us all a chance to reflect on hopes and fears. Before too long that major period of reflection, Lent, will be upon us.

So looking back did the last year meet all your hopes and expectations? When we move from one year to another we think about our lives, often making new-year resolutions which are rooted in the deep desire to improve our lives either by taking more exercise, taking up some worthy pursuit or perhaps spending more time with those closest to us. Often we think not just about the things that have happened over the past year but try to forget unhappy or unpleasant things. So what can you do to erase the things that have gone before or improve the things that are now?

It was the prophet Jeremiah who said *"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope."* (Jeremiah 29 : 11) It is therefore, comforting to know that God is watching over us and has a plan in mind for us. You may well ask, what are these plans? And if there are plans we might think it would be good to know the details in advance.

It thought that at the end of life, as we stand before God, we have to explain to him what we have done in our time on earth, especially all the things that we have done wrong and are displeasing in his sight. Surely then if we knew in advance what plans he had for us we could avoid doing all those things which are wrong and displeasing; in short, we could focus only on good. But as we know, life isn't like that. Would we really want to know what life has in store for us? Of course, as any psychologist will tell you what happens throughout life, especially in those early formative years, shapes us in to the people we eventually become. This is the person who eventually stands before God.

Author Charlotte Eriksson wrote *"No story is worth telling without the twists and turns. Make them count instead."* And that is exactly what we must do in our lives - tell the story through all our experiences, both good and bad. The only way to live these experiences, to endure the twists and turns of life and make them count is to take life's journey from beginning to end with a companion who knows the secrets of our heart and knows what is best for us. This is why during the first few months of the year, we must endeavour to grow closer to God and to seek out his purpose for us as we live this life, dedicating ourselves to the people he wants us to be.

Therefore, as we move in to Lent, a period of reflection and self giving, what I ask in particular from you this year is your prayers for deeper connection with what God has in store for us in Charnock Richard. If we all do this together, the power of prayer will be a positive sign that this parish is focused and addressing the future from a spiritual and prayerful basis.

Every blessing

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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

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 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 25p each.

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

“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 Margaret Stewart 01257 792692 / 792536 / 795665.

PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

13th December 2015 Olivia Grace Batty

Holy Matrimony

None

Blessing of a marriage

3rd January 2016 Victoria (nee Goulding) and Andre Wright

Funerals

23rd November 2015 Funeral of Edward Johnson. Died 10th November 2015 aged 76 years. Funeral service in Church followed by interment in the Churchyard.

13th December 2015 Interment of Ashes of Andrew Swift. Died 23rd November 2015 aged 50 years. Funeral service and cremation at Charnock Richard Crematorium on 4th December 2015.

14th December 2015 Funeral of Edith Bell. Died 2nd December 2015 aged 88 years. Funeral service in Church followed by interment in the Churchyard.

11th January 2016 Funeral of Jean Mary Stafford. Died 24th December 2015 aged 82 years. Funeral service in Church followed by interment in the Churchyard.

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CHURCH FUNDS.

Birthday memories of our son Clive Barlow, loved so much.

From Mum & Dad. £10.00

In loving memory of a dear mother and father, Ada and Thomas Baybutt.

From Ann Cook. £20.00

In memory of Edward Johnson.

From Margaret Culshaw

and Jean Stuart. £20.00

From John Ericson. £20.00

In loving memory of a dear sister & brother-in-law, Jenny & Jimmy Christopher.

From Vera and Barry. £20.00

In memory of Jimmy & Jenny Christopher.

From Andrew, Lynn & Mason. Ann Marie,

Christopher & Matthew. £30.00

In memory of Nigel Lloyd.

From Barbara Lloyd. £10.00

(Hymn Book).

Christmas memories of our dear son Martin John Southworth.

From Mum & Dad, £40.00

In loving memory of Martin John Southworth.

From Dawn, Dave, Evie & Lucas Worthington.

£10.00

In loving memory of Martin John Southworth on his 11th Anniversary, missed so much.

From Mum & Dad. £20.00

From Auntie Connie. £20.00

From Auntie Doris. £21.00

In lieu of Christmas Cards.

From Mrs. I. Cornwell. £10.00

In thanksgiving.

From Avril & John Fowler. £20.00

In thanksgiving for the Holy Baptism of Olivia Grace Batty.

From her parents Thomas & Kate. £50.00

In memory of Jean Mary Stafford.

From John Ericson. £20.00

GRAVEYARD FUND

None received.

RESTORATION FUND

Anonymous. £30.00

Loving Memories of Ian & John Cornwell.

From Ilene and Family. £30.00

In loving memory of my dear mum, Edith Bell.

From Susan Burns. £100.00

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.

FLOWERS IN CHURCH

22nd November 2015

In loving memory of Edward Johnson

from Marjorie and all the family

29th November 2015

In loving memory of Alan Charnock Heaps

from Jean

6th December 2015

In loving memory of Con on her first anniversary

from Reverend John Bacon

Birthday memories of our Son, Clive Barlow

Loved so much

from Mum and Dad

13th December 2015

In loving memory of Alan Reynolds on his anniversary 10th December

from Doreen, Michael, Paul and family

In loving memory of Mum and Dad, George and Renee Fishwick, also my beloved husband John

from Barbara and family.

20th December 2015

In loving memory of Ian

from Gwen

27th December 2015

Anniversary memories of my dear husband Ken and daughter Eileen

“Ring out the old, ring in the new”

from Molly Wilson

3rd January 2016

In loving memory of Martin on his 11th anniversary

Lots of love from Mum and Dad

10th January 2016

In loving memory of our darling daughter

Rosemary Brooks

In thanksgiving

from Mum and Jack

from Sylvia and David Deaville

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

Monday 15th February - Lent Course begins

Sunday 6th March - Mothering Sunday

Sunday 27th March - Easter Day

Friday 15th April - Blossom and Yarn in the Scout and Guide Headquarters

LANCASHIRE SINGS CHRISTMAS AT THE HINDS HEAD

On Thursday 17th December 2015 many of us assembled at the Hinds Head to join Radio Lancashire for Lancashire Sings Christmas.

Groups of people throughout Lancashire met in pubs, clubs, church halls, market squares etc. to join Radio Lancashire and a Salvation Army Band singing carols. Members of our choir, along with some members of St. Gregory's choir (Gareth's Mum leads St. Gregory's Choir!), were joined by local people to sing some well-known carols whilst others were enjoying their evening meal.

Unfortunately, there was a clash of dates this year and the Mothers Union held their Christmas party on the same night. However, we had a lovely evening and we would like to thank our hosts, Kevin and Adam and their team, for serving us some excellent nibbles and mulled wine. Thank you so much.



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LENT COURSE 2016

This year the Lent Course will be held over five sessions beginning on Monday, 15th February 2016.

The study will be based on the Bishop of Blackburn's Vision 2026, Healthy Churches transforming Communities. Every parish in the Diocese has been summoned to take part. It will be a mix of Bible readings, film clips and discussion.

The course should be enjoyable, thought provoking and encouraging. Please join us as we embark on Bishop Julian's challenge. The study groups will start at 7.30pm and will be held at 2, Cherry Tree Close, Charnock Richard.

BLOSSOM AND YARN FRIDAY 15th APRIL 2016

On Friday, 15th April 2016, Dr. Mary Nichols, the daughter of Reverend John Bacon, will give a presentation in the Scout and Guide Headquarters of the spectacular Knitting and Flower Festival which was held across six Wayland Churches in the Diocese of Norfolk in July last year.

Mary's husband is Reverend Bob Nichols who is responsible for six churches in the Wayland district of the Breckland area of Norfolk. All the villages are listed in the Domesday Book of 1086.

Early in 2014, teams of knitters began by knitting 4 inch squares from reclaimed wool. Thousands of squares were ingeniously combined to create a cast of characters and items including life-size people, animals, flowers, food and drink. Mary will tell us how it all started and she will show us the amazing creations across the parishes.

There was Dolly, the life-sized sheep with Derek the life-sized donkey, who kept watch over Great Hockham's nativity display. There were Lynne and Gordon making their wedding vows in front of their woolly family and friends at Caston. Young Sophie, a cousin of George, was dressed in her new pink dress at Griston when her brother was baptized. In Thompson, tables in the nave displayed a plentiful 4-ply Harvest. Easter was celebrated amid hosts of daffodils at Breckles, whilst giant knitted poppies created a stunning display at Stow Bedon. Do come and join us and see for yourself this stunning festival set up amongst six small rural communities in Norfolk.

Wine and refreshments will be served and all proceeds will go to the Restoration Fund of Christ Church for the Rewiring and Lighting Project.

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GINGERBREAD HOUSE FLIES TO BRIZE NORTON

Sue Ashton won a Gingerbread House Kit in Malcolm's raffle at the Christmas Fair. Sue decided to take it with her when, together with John, they visited their son Mark, daughter-in-law Gemma and granddaughters, Sophie and Chloe over Christmas. On Christmas Eve, the twins, ably assisted by Mum Gemma, started to assemble the Gingerbread House. As you can see from the photographs, they took their job very seriously. Sue tells us MOST of the sweets were used to decorate! Sue and John also accompanied their family on the twin's first ice-skating encounter, although Sue and John remained spectators!

Mark is stationed at RAF Brize Norton in Oxfordshire, the largest station of the Royal Air Force. Mark pilots the Voyager, the RAF's new generation multi-roll tanker transport aircraft, which is able to perform air-to-air refuelling, whilst also carrying military personnel, passengers and freight. Voyager delivers a step change in the RAF's operational capability. Mark has recently returned from the Falklands on the same flight as HRH Princess Anne.



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NEW YEAR HONOUR FOR EBOLA RELIEF WORKER

Shaun Edgerley, the son of Ann Birch, the former Deputy Head of Christ Church Primary School, has received an OBE in the Queen's New Year Honours. Shaun, a former pupil of St. John's Primary School, Whittle-le-Woods and St. Michael's High School, was recognised for the work he undertook in Sierra Leone during the Ebola crisis in Africa.

Shaun graduated from university with a degree in International Disaster Management and, since then, has attended disaster spots throughout the world.

Shaun works for the Department for International Development and is a humanitarian advisor providing support in incidents, such as earthquakes, floods and wars. Shaun is sent out to the disaster scene; he assesses what has happened and assesses what is needed. It is usually the basic requirements of water, food and sanitation. Shaun is responsible for putting together a package of aid from our country to meet those needs. However, this was an emergency with a difference, this was a disease outbreak. No-one had really dealt with something on that scale previously, so it was a complete learning experience for everyone. His work included supporting people in quarantine and making sure those who had died were buried properly.

Shaun lives in London and his appointment at Buckingham Palace is on 24th February 2016. Congratulations Shaun, your Mum must be very proud.



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CONSULTATION ON SECURING THE FUTURE OF CHARNOCK RICHARD OLD SCHOOL COMMUNITY CENTRE

To all Charnock Richard Householders

Dear Householder

The Charnock Richard Community Centre Trust is currently working up a Phase I, £500,000 proposal, for refurbishment of the Old School Community Centre in Charter Lane, including funding of the scheme. The majority of the funding is expected to come from a bid to the Big Lottery Fund; however, the remainder needs to be found from other sources.

Evidence from elsewhere, including another Chorley Parish, indicates that a successful bid will depend on strong financial support from your Parish Council. The latter has already confirmed its support for this valuable project by contributing £10,000 towards initial development of this project and, more recently to improvements of the toilets. A further £5,000 is held in the Parish Council budgets/balances towards this project. However, the Community Centre Trust feels that a grant in the order of £50,000 will be required to demonstrate to the Big Lottery Fund the Parish Council's support.

Your Parish Council has agreed that, provided the support of the majority of residents of Charnock Richard who respond to this consultation can be obtained, they will contribute 10% of the overall final total cost of Phase I refurbishments, with a maximum contribution of £50,000.

In order to give a grant of this magnitude your Parish Council would have to obtain a loan for up to £45,000 to add to the £5,000 already in the Parish Council Budgets. This will become an additional charge to all householders via the Parish Precept element of your Council Tax from 2017/18 at the earliest. The actual additional amount will depend on the details of any loan the Council obtains.

The implications on households of a £45,000 loan, over 10 years, are shown below:

			Approx. Annual Extra Parish Precept across Property Tax Bands (£)							
Loan Amount	Annual Cost (£)	Total Re-payment (£)	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
£45,000	5,013	50,127	5.01	5.85	6.68	7.52	9.19	10.85	12.53	15.04

The above table takes no account of any applicable discounts, e.g. single adult occupancy discount.

Your Parish Council has decided, before going down the route of obtaining a loan for the purpose outlined above, it requires a response from every household in the Parish. Therefore, your view as to how much extra you would be willing to have added to your Parish Precept to support the Community Centre refurbishment project is sought.

To meaningfully analyse all the responses

- One response per household, please.
- Please indicate the Council Tax band of your property (Optional).

**This issue financially affects all households in Charnock Richard so,
your opinion matters**

The following options are available for submitting your opinion

1. Complete the attached sheet and deliver it to any Parish Councillor (full listing included)
2. Email your response to the Parish Council Clerk at: carolyn.parishcouncil@googlemail.com
3. Post the completed attached sheet to the Clerk or any Parish Councillor (unfortunately, in order to keep costs down we are unable to supply prepaid envelopes.)

Any comments you wish to submit – giving reasons for your responses would be helpful

Responses to be returned by 31 March 2016

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NAME:

ADDRESS:

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COUNCIL TAX BAND: (If known)

RESPONSE REQUIRED:

Taking account of the figures quoted in the Parish Council Editorial are you in favour of an increase in the Parish Precept to cover the repayment costs over a 10 year period?

YES

□

NO

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Any comments you wish to submit – giving reasons for your responses would be helpful -

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Parish Councillor Contact Details:

Councillor Allan Shaw CHAIRMAN	12 Town Lane, Charnock Richard, PR7 5HP Tel: 01257 792466
Councillor Mel Almond VICE-CHAIRMAN	4 Merefold, Charnock Richard, PR7 5EX Tel: 01257 470284
Councillor Mrs Ann Bishop	16 Neargates, Charnock Richard, PR7 5EY Tel: 01257 793009
Councillor George Brennand	Pole Green Nurseries, 41 Church Lane, Charnock Richard, PR7 5NH Tel: 01257 791233
Councillor Les Cheetham	67 Town lane, Charnock Richard, PR7 5HP Tel: 01257 792451
Councillor Alan Cornwell	12 Freemans Lane, Charnock Richard, PR7 5ER Tel: 07850 884041
Councillor Harold Heaton	Lancaster House Farm, Preston Road, Charnock Richard, PR7 5LE Tel: 01257 791312
Councillor James Hill	Padua Farm, German Lane, Charnock Richard, PR7 5NE Tel: 01257 277832
Councillor Mrs Janet Ogden	24 Lichen Close, Charnock Richard, PR7 5RY Tel: 01257 791854
Councillor Mrs Chris Pilling	66 Lichen Close, Charnock Richard, PR7 5RY Tel: 01257 794325
Councillor John Taylor	Charnock Brow Cottage, Preston Road, Charnock Richard, PR7 5JP Tel: 01257 269938
Councillor Miss. Ellen Walmsley	11 Springfield Road, Coppull, PR7 5EJ Tel: 07756 355376

COMMUNITY CENTRE TRUST

FUNDRAISING FOR CHARNOCK RICHARD COMMUNITY CENTRE TRUST

On 6th December 2015, Andy Leigh and his wife Abi, held a very enjoyable fundraising afternoon at the Football Club for the benefit of Charnock Richard Community Centre Trust.

The Family Christmas Prize Bingo attracted a great number of people of all ages. It was good to see the young children playing amongst themselves, whilst the adults concentrated on the serious stuff!!

Andy and Abi had collected a large number of excellent prizes giving us a lot of winners over the course of the afternoon. Doris and George Haydock won a 6 months gym membership, an excellent prize, but not too appealing for Doris, I do not think she fancied getting into a black leotard to do her work-out!! Doris and George very kindly gave it back; this was subsequently auctioned to raise more funds.

It was a tremendous effort, £830.00 was raised.

Thank you so much Andy and Abi, we greatly appreciate your support.

Margaret Stewart

Vice-Chairman Charnock Richard Community Centre Trust

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DONATIONS RECEIVED FOR CHARNOCK RICHARD COMMUNITY CENTRE TRUST

The following donations have been received:

Margaret and Malcolm Stewart's Golden Wedding Anniversary...donations in lieu of presents
£930.00

In loving memory of our dearest daughter, Rosemary Brooks
Love forever from Mum and Jack £50.00

In thanksgiving.....from Pauline Jones £20.00

In thanksgiving.....from Anne and Eric Nickeas £50.00

Tubes of Smarties:

Janet Ogden	£10.00
Ann Bishop	£10.00
John Taylor	£13.00
Mel Almond	£12.00

If any of you would like a tube of smarties in return for filling the empty packet with 20 pence pieces, please contact me. All proceeds will be paid into the Restoration Account of Charnock Richard Community Centre Trust.

If any of you would like to make a regular donation by standing order from your bank please contact me, I will give you the details.

Your support for our restoration project is greatly appreciated. We need to invest considerable sums of money into these important Grade II Listed buildings, they are vital for the role they play in our community.

Margaret Stewart

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

A BIG THANK YOU!

Hello!

We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and best wishes for 2016!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who supported the Family Christmas Prize Bingo held at the Football Club in December. As well as having a great festive afternoon, as you may be aware, we were fortunate to raise an impressive £820.00 which has been given to the Charnock Richard Community Trust Fund. The funds raised will help towards the essential ongoing repair costs of the facility and it will also help as part of the drive to raise larger funds to transform the building so it can be, once again, a key community facility for the village.

We would personally like to thank the following people for their help, support and donations this year:

- Charnock Richard Football Club for providing the great venue and thank you to Joyce and Ian Holland for sponsoring teas, coffees and biscuits during the interval. Also, thank you Hannah Pate on the day
- Ken Unsworth for, once again, providing the bingo machine and the bingo books
- Gareth Edwards for all his help and energy on the day doing the bingo checking and the raffle,
- Everyone who donated a bingo or raffle prize. This list would have been extensive so thank you to you all
- Most importantly – everyone who attended on the day!

We hope you will join us again next year when we will be fundraising for Charnock Richard Pre-School.

Best Wishes,

Andy and Abi Leigh



Culture at Christ Church Charnock Richard C of E!

It has been an exciting year so far, with children learning all about themselves, the world around them and Britain's national history. In Key Stage 2, children can proudly share their knowledge of the Great Britain and each country within it. Excitingly, children across the school also have the chance to discover about countries and cultures further afield throughout the year!



In Year 2, children have been focussing on life in Kenya, Africa and have learnt about a day in life of a Kenyan child. They have designed their own African art, danced to African music and have even written adventure stories about the animals of Africa! Elsewhere in school, children from all year groups have been recently learning about Chinese New Year as well as keeping up to date with foreign affairs in the news all year round, and raising donations for those in the world less fortunate!

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PANTOMIME TIME AGAIN!



Our Fundraising Committee are back once again...valiantly venturing out to plan the next spectacular pantomime performance for February 2017!!!

Following on from the huge success of our previous two pantomimes Cinderella and Aladdin, we are back, hoping to create another successful production and achieve some great fundraising, to provide the many resources our children need in school (and of course not forgetting, a fabulous source of entertainment for the whole family!).

We are currently putting together a cast for our next production of SNOW WHITE. But as well as the actors, we also need many talents behind the scenes as well as on the stage. Amongst friends we can all have a great time working as a team, experimenting and having fun putting it all together.

With all this in mind, does anyone have any skills or talents we could use? Are any of our local businesses willing to support us in any way, whether it be helping with or donating materials for props and costumes, or advertising in our programme?

Tickets for the show will be on sale in November 2016.

If anyone is interested in helping, please contact us via the following:

Facebook: www.facebook.com/charnock.panto

Email: charnockpanto@outlook.com

Fundraising Committee



We currently have vacancies for girls aged 5 to 7 years

If your daughter is under 5 contact us to join the waiting list

Tuesdays 5.30-6.30pm

Charnock Richard Scout & Guide Hut, Charter Lane

Contact **Kat Winters** on **07701 353425**
or email charnockrichardrainbows@gmail.com



PRE-SCHOOL

This term has been another very busy one. We have welcomed some more new children and their families. All have settled well and are building new friendships.

This term we are continuing to enjoy the environment, noting the changes in our surroundings again. We have been exploring cold weather and winter - we have been looking at freezing ice and melting ice, mixing a variety of media and materials and mark making in a variety of textures. We have also been busy making crafts for Chinese New Year and Valentines Day and making pancakes on Shrove Tuesday. As always, we are all very busy learning new skills and having new experiences.



Thanks to everyone who supported the Christmas fair, we raised £258. Pre-school needs fundraising money to purchase new resources for the children. The pre-school is a registered charity and operates not-for-profit all money goes towards delivering the charitable cause, that being the care and education of pre-school children. Pre-school has to pay for the level of staffing that ensures we provide quality childcare and always has a higher staff : child ratio than the minimum legal to ensure the safety and welfare of the children and to ensure we provide quality childcare and learning. Pre-school also has to pay running costs such as insurance and building rent so there is very little, if anything left to pay for new resources – we really appreciate toys and raffle prizes that are donated. I would also like to thank in advance Andy and Abi Leigh who are fundraising for pre-school at the next Family Christmas Prize Bingo; we really appreciate your support.

Thanks also, to everyone who attended the Christmas Celebration Morning. The children's singing and sign-along was fantastic and we all thoroughly enjoyed the morning especially the visit from Father Christmas (thank you Father Christmas)!

Thanks again, to Harold and Paul for sorting out the Christmas tree outside pre-school. Many thanks to Malcolm for fixing and making new doors! And, finally thanks to Bruno and his staff at the Kitchen Theatre, Chorley for once again providing the pre-school staff with fabulous food and drinks. We really appreciate everything everyone does to help the pre-school.

The pre-school is open daily 7.45am to 5.00pm with breakfast club for Christ Church 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

TODDLER GROUP

Every Wednesday from 1pm - 3pm In the Old School

All welcome, come along for a friendly relaxing afternoon
£2.00 per adult + 50p per child (including refreshments)

For further information phone 07944 217699 or just turn up!

CHARNOCK RICHARD WOMENS GROUP

October's meeting was a fashion show in the School hall and successfully raised more than £600. Thank you to everyone who attended or helped and hopefully you got a few bargains, I know I did.

November saw a friend return to the group as Betsy, and she helped us to relive life more than 100 years ago, through her hilarious recounting of her life as a Victorian lady from poor beginnings. Always a treat.

December saw our annual Jacob's join and everyone brought a small wrapped gift and food. After not too serious games and quizzes we took part in the feast. At the end of the evening we were given one of the gifts. Another great night. Later in the month some members and friends met for a meal at the Theatre Kitchen in Chorley.

Our next meeting will be the first Thursday in February and will be the AGM and games night.

See you there Lynda

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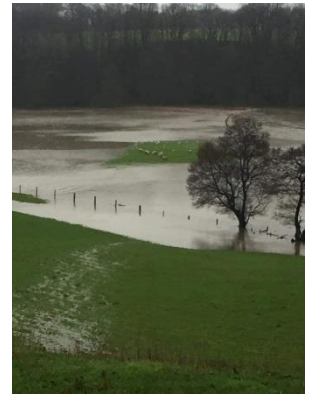
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By the time this is being read memories of The 9 Carols Service, Christmas Bingo, The Crib Service, and a whole range of Christmas events arranged by people in the village will be dwindling, however, for a select few in the village, memories of a damp Christmas and New Year will remain for some time.



The constant rainfall leading up to Christmas and the exceptional rainfall on Boxing Day resulted in some flooding, in our village despite it largely being on the top of a hill!

Parts of the village, including German Lane, Chorley Lane and the Junction of Church Lane and Charter Lane, were particularly affected, in most cases the flooding was a result of blocked drains. Both LCC and United Utilities attended during the holiday period have assessed the drains and I have requested that, in future, preventative work takes place to try and avoid a repeat of the flooding.



Dog Fouling

Back again, not that it ever went away, the number of people reporting Dog Fouling has increased and especially relating to areas around Chorley Lane, Church Lane, Charter Lane. It seems as though certain individuals really don't care. Sometime someone will be prosecuted, for not cleaning up after their dog, if you are one of the few who doesn't tidy up then it could be you. Thank you to those I see clearing up after other people's dogs, this is helpful and appreciated.



Balsam Bash

More next time but I will, again this year, be arranging a Balsam Bash along Sharratt's Path; I expect this will be sometime in April or May and again in August or September (although this is quite a busy time with holidays and the Scarecrow Festival). This is something anyone can be involved in and if you see any Himalayan Balsam, anywhere, pull it up and leave it where it is.

Old School Garden

Some general tidying up will soon be required and our small group of people will soon be seen digging, weeding, mowing and planting so that anyone can enjoy the area. If you use the gardens, then please spend just a few minutes pulling up weeds, every little helps.

If there is anything I can help you with then, as ever, please remember, you can call me anytime.

Hi Ladies

On Wednesday 16th March 2016, Rainbow House will be holding a Ladies Day lunch to raise funds for those with brain injuries and life threatening conditions.



We would be delighted if you would be able to attend this prestigious and fun event which will consist of a fizz reception, delicious two course meal and entertainment and of course all the excitement of Cheltenham Races with the travel. We will also have some great stalls where you can spend your winnings!

We can promise you and any guests you wish to bring to a great day and whilst also supporting a good cause and children such as.

Alex, aged 10, who as a result of oxygen starvation at birth has quadriplegia cerebral palsy. Our Conductive Education team work with Alex to improve his motor skills and out parent liaison person support his parents.

Jacob, aged 13, who was developing normally until the age of 5 he was found to have an inoperable brain tumour. When Jacob first came to Rainbow House his goal was to be able to sit unaided. With support from our Conductive Education Team Jacob is not only sitting but now able to stand and his motor skills mean he can now pick things up for himself.

I do hope you are able to join us for a great day at an amazing venue for an even greater cause and would be grateful if you could complete and return the attached booking form to reserve your seats/table.

Should you require and further information, please do not hesitate to contact me on 01704 823276 alternatively n.parkinson@thelegacy-rainbowhouse.com. I will look forward to seeing you.

Kind Regards

Kirstie Barker
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Thanks

Gillian Leadbetter

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Thursday 6:45pm Scout and Guide HQ		
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Contact Carol Foster	07837 252266	
Cr.guides@hotmail.com		
BROWNIES		
Wednesday 6:30pm Old School	07725 973324	
Contact Claire Wade	01257 793332	
RAINBOWS		
Tuesday 5:30pm Scout and Guide HQ		
Contact Kat Winters	07701 353425	
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The Frances Darlington Charity		
Properties are occasionally available		
Contact Mrs M Stewart	01257 792536	
<u>The Almshouse Chapel</u>		
Nearest access from Charter Lane		
Holy Communion at 10:00am each Thursday.		
Also suitable for meetings		
Contact Clerk Mrs M Stewart	01257 792536	
WOMENS GROUP		
For all ages 1 st Thursday in the Old School at 8:00pm		
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CHRIST CHURCH LADIES		
Fundraising and other activities for both Church and community		
Contact Mrs J Heaps	01257 793034	
COFFEE MORNINGS		
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Scout and Guide Headquarters		
Contact Mrs J Heaps	01257 793034	
PRE-SCHOOL AND BREAKFAST CLUB		
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Contact Gillian Leadbetter	07944 217699	
TODDLER GROUP		
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