

Charnock Richard Chronicle



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The Magazine of Christ Church Charnock Richard

June 2016

FROM THE EDITOR

Hi Everyone,

Once again it's been a busy couple of months at home and at Pre-School. In May, I celebrated a 'milestone' birthday! Thank you to all my family, friends and colleagues at Pre-School for making this birthday memorable!

In May, Pre-School was nominated for the Tesco 'Help Local Community' projects. With the overwhelming support of the community Pre-School were fortunate to win the 1st prize of £300! Thank you to everyone that voted for Pre-School.

On Sunday 29th May, we walked to the Hinds Head for their first village festival. The weather, food, drink and atmosphere were fantastic. It's great that both the Hinds Heads and Dog and Partridge are doing well.

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 e-mail CharnockRichardChronicle@gmail.com by 20th July.

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.

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

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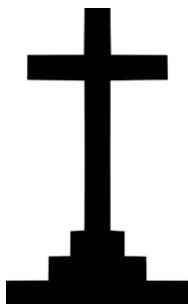
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Church Services at Christ Church Charnock Richard



The pattern of services for June and July 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 Alms-houses Chapel

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.

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FROM REV'D ANGELA

Dear Friends,

Soon I'll be going on holiday to our favourite spot in Italy. A farmhouse cottage high on a hillside just outside Cortona set amidst Olive and Chestnut trees. In late Spring and early Summer, there'll still be wild flowers blooming, the birds will be singing and maybe the sound of a cuckoo will echo across the valley. God's creation at its best.

That's my time to relax in the garden and catch up on my reading. It's also my time to reflect on my life and think about what changes I'd like to make. Every year I think, "My life is too busy. It's out of balance, with too much to do and too little time to do it. I need to take control of it." So I resolve to get more sleep, eat a Mediterranean diet, take more walks in the countryside, take up a hobby, spend more time with Peter.

But after the holiday its back into the whirl of busyness and activity that make up modern life in the 21st century and even before the washing machine has finished its first load my resolutions are all washed up.

However, the time has come for me to take stock of my life and make some changes whilst I can. For many years my vocation has been to serve in the NHS as a Biomedical Scientist which I very much enjoyed. Even the times I spent on call, sometimes getting up in the middle of the night were filled with the satisfaction of knowing that what I was doing was crucial to the patient's treatment.

However my role at work has changed and I no longer feel that I am where God needs me. Now I feel my call is commit myself wholly to serve as a parish priest.

God has called me to be a priest in His Church.

He's called me to preach and spread the gospel of Jesus Christ. He's called me to seek out the lost and vulnerable and make God's love known to them. He's called me to pronounce the forgiveness of sins and His blessing on those who welcome Him. This I've tried to do for some years now whilst continuing in my role in the Pathology lab but it is getting harder and harder to fulfil my priestly ministry in that environment and have the time to minister in the Parish in a meaningful way.

It's my parish ministry that makes me get up in the morning. However, I know that it can't be right to be constantly on the go and having no time to relax and importantly no time reflect on what's happening in the world which is crucial if I'm to help you put a theological perspective on your lives.

I knew that if I didn't do something about the situation everything would suffer. My secular work, my ministry with you, my marriage and eventually my health. Therefore, I decided to put my trust in God's calling and apply to change my status from Self Supporting Ministry to Incumbency status. My application was successful.

Having got permission I hung on, knowing what a major decision it would be and the impact on both churches but especially Charnock Richard.

I tried really hard to regain that sense of vocation in the NHS. I've considered hospital chaplaincy and did a placement but realised that wasn't right for me. I thought of other ways of ministry that would enable me to stay in Charnock. I applied for a part-time role in the diocese (not as parish priest) but that wasn't to be either.

Eventually I saw the post of Priest-in-Charge of St Katharine, Blackrod and Assistant Curate of the Daisy Hill, Westhoughton and Wingates Team. This is an area that I am very familiar with having grown up nearby and being confirmed and married in that Deanery. I travel through it once or twice a week when visiting my father. It felt right to apply.

Sometimes when you push doors they remain firmly shut, but this door opened and the path made straight. I think this is where God needs me now but I don't know why just yet. Of course I ask myself "Am I doing the right thing?" I have so many friends here and I know you'd love me to stay. All I can do is put my trust in God and trust that the process that has got me to this point has been under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

I apologise that this is a long letter but I hope you understand a little better why I'm moving. It's not a case of wanting to leave Charnock Richard or Eccleston. In fact I'm expecting to come back to Charnock eventually. It more that I need to grow and fulfil my priestly calling, and I can only do that elsewhere.

Finally, change may be necessary for you as you work out the way forward with Father Andrew. Don't be afraid of change. If something is to grow it must change. Be confident in God's power to transform and renew. Bear in mind that Jesus said, "Very truly I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit." John 12. 24

Be assured that I shall be holding you in my prayers.

I'm not expecting to move before the Autumn. I'll keep you informed regarding dates and will make my farewells in due course!

With love and prayers,
Revd Angela.

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 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 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

27 th March 2016	Joshua James Duerden
3 rd April 2016	Oliver George Higginson
17 th April 2016	Phoebe Sekala Byrom
8 th May 2016	Olivia and Emily Boarland
22 nd May 2016	Thomas Joseph Southworth

Holy Matrimony

None

Funerals

15 th April 2016	Funeral of Geraint Reynell Morris. Died 1 st April 2016 aged 39 years. Funeral service in Church followed by interment in the churchyard.
14 th May 2016	Interment of Ashes of Harry Hunter. Died 23 rd March 2016 aged 89 years. Funeral service and cremation at Charnock Richard Crematorium on 7 th April 2016.
16 th May 2016	Funeral of Nellie Rylance. Died 23 rd April 2016 aged 105 years. Funeral service in Church followed by interment at St. Luke's, Orrell.
21 st May 2016	Interment of Ashes of Eileen Beaumont. Died 22 nd January 2016 aged 86 years. Funeral service and cremation at Charnock Richard Crematorium.

DONATIONS RECEIVED TO 15TH MAY 2016

CHURCH FUNDS

In thanksgiving for the Holy Baptism of Joshua James Duerden.

From Hayley & Wayne Duerden. £50.00

In celebration of the Christening of our grandson Oliver George Higginson.

From Grandparents. £30.00

In thanksgiving for the Holy Baptism of Olivia and Emily Boarland. £20.00

ORGAN FUND

None received

GRAVEYARD FUND

None received

RESTORATION FUND

In loving memory of our dear mum, Violet Mary Campbell.

From Sylvia & Terry Carr. £25.00

Anonymous. £30.00

In loving memory of James & Ellen May Green. From Dorothy, Bob, Joyce, Margaret & families. £50.00

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

Flowers in Church

27th March 2016

Easter Flowers from Reverend John Bacon

In loving memory of Alan and Loved Ones from Jean

In loving memory of Joe from Marion

In memory of our parents from Sylvia and David Deaville

In loving memory of Bernard and Nigel Callaghan from Margaret

Easter Garden

In loving memory of Sydney and Mary Stewart, Herbert and Alice Bracegirdle from Margaret and Malcolm Stewart and family

In loving memory of Sydney and Nellie Ericson from John Ericson

10th April 2016

Anniversary memories of a dear daughter, Eileen Anne Wilson from Molly Wilson

15th May 2016

In loving memory of Nellie Rylance from her family

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 2nd July 2016

Annual Procession of Witness – Meet at Church at 2.00pm to begin at 2.15pm

Sunday 3rd July 2016

Annual Procession of Witness – Meet at 62 Church Lane at 10.00am

Friday 15th July 2016

Charnock Richard Brass presents “The Best of British” in Church at 7.30pm

Saturday and Sunday 10th and 11th September 2016

Classic Vehicle Show during the Scarecrow Festival

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CLASSIC VEHICLE SHOW

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY 10th AND 11th SEPTEMBER 2016

The Classic Vehicle Show will be held again this year during the annual Scarecrow Festival.

We are inviting exhibits of cars, tractors, trucks, motor cycles etc. It will be held in the field across from the Church by kind permission of Ray Witts.

Applicants will need to register their vehicles and application forms are available from Malcolm Stewart on 01257 792692 / 792536 / 795665 or malcolmstewart@btconnect.com

We are also inviting trade stands to enter the event.

Please contact Margaret Stewart on 01257 792692 / 792536 / 795665 or margaretstewart@btconnect.com

Refreshments will be available in Church during the weekend.

BLOSSOM AND YARN EVENING

On Friday, 15th April 2016, Dr. Mary Nichols, the daughter of Reverend John Bacon, gave a very interesting 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 was 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 told us how it all started, how much time and effort they had put into it, and she showed us some of their amazing creations. They have already started to organise a similar event for 2017 with the theme of Creation. Even her father, Reverend John Bacon, is busy knitting 4 inch squares!

We were joined at the event by representatives from other local churches and who knows, we may hold a similar event in Charnock Richard. Watch this space.

CONFIRMATION AT ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, ECCLESTON

On Thursday 5th May 2016, Ascension Day, eight candidates from our parish were confirmed by Rt. Rev. Julian Henderson, Bishop of Blackburn.

They were Samuel Byron, Eleanor Farrimond, Madeleine Hough, Rebecca Pritchard, Chloe Stevenson-Smith, Imogen Tudor, Jessica Williams, and Susan Baxter.

They have all committed themselves to the promises made, on their behalf, by their Godparents at their baptism. We give them our full support as they progress along their journey of life.

PUPPET MINISTRY

On Saturday 21st May 2016, Rachel Simm, Malcolm and I attended a Puppet Ministry Training Day at St. Cuthbert's Church, Preston. It was led by One Way UK Creative Ministries of Grimsby, the company which leads the way throughout Europe in creative ministries and resources. We now intend to set up a puppet ministry team here. We did buy a few puppets, although we will need more, but we are planning to introduce them to our congregation over the next few months. If any of our young people wish to become a puppeteer, then please let us know.

Margaret Stewart 01257 792692 / 792536 / 795665 or margaretstewart@btconnect.com



CHARNOCK RICHARD BRASS PRESENT "THE BEST OF BRITISH"

On Friday 15th July 2016, Charnock Richard Brass will present "The Best of British" in Church at 7.30pm.

Gayle Coleman founded Charnock Richard Brass in April 2009 in order to create opportunities for people of all ages to learn to play a brass instrument in a fun and friendly environment.

Charnock Richard Brass practice in the Old School every Friday evening during term-time.

Charnock Richard Brass and Charnock Richard Training Brass are very much in demand in the local area and beyond having played in the St. Georges' Day Parade in Preston City Centre and the Guild Hall, Heskin Steam Rally, Mellor Walking Day, Brindle St. James' Walking Day, Light up a Life at St. Catherine's Hospice, the Christmas Lights Switch-On in Croston, and the Christmas Light's Switch-On in Ambleside to name but a few. They are also leading our Walking Day on Saturday 2nd July 2016.

We are delighted they have offered to perform for us and all profits will benefit Charnock Richard Community Centre Trust. We are truly grateful Gayle.

Tickets available from Margaret Stewart 01257 792692 / 792536 / 795665

CHARNOCK RICHARD COMMUNITY CENTRE TRUST

DONATIONS RECEIVED

The following donations have been received:

Tubes of Smarties:

Paul Carter	£35.00
Edie Robinson	£12.40
Sue Ashton	£12.80
Alf Stacey	£14.40
Jacqui Worthington	£13.80
John Ericson	£23.80

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. Thank you so much.

Margaret Stewart 01257 792692/792536/795665

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

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CHARNOCK RICHARD WOMENS GROUP

April's meeting was Aromatherapy Potions with Bev Higham. Bev gave us a potted history of her experiences with essential oils and how they could help us all. She passed around various oils and explained how they could be used. She told us about how she developed her products called Potions Shop and we were able to try them out for ourselves.

May's meeting began with the group discussing June's trip to the Charter theatre to see the play The Naked Truth.

We then listened to a group from Rainbow House who were inspirational. A member of staff gave us a brief outline of the work that goes on day to day helping up to 65 families and their children. Rainbow House uses a form of special education called conductive education which teaches skills to empower the person to lead a more active and independent life. Then a parent was able to tell us how Rainbow House helped her daughter and her family.

Finally three members of The Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes told the group how Rainbow House was their chosen charity in 2009 and they have fund raised every year to support the work that goes on there. Rainbow House needs £10,000 a week to exist and does not receive a penny from the government so fund raising is essential for them.

Hope to see you at our meetings
Lynda

June 2 nd	Trip
July 7 th	Dignity with wigs
August 4 th	Summer picnic and Jacobs join
September 6 th	Make do and mend with Alice and Trish
October 6 th	How to care for heirlooms with Eleanor Palmer
November 3 rd	Jossie Morris Chocolates
December 1 st	Party night with Jacobs join

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PRE-SCHOOL

The Pre-School children and staff have been very busy during the first five weeks of the summer term.

The children have been very busy exploring Charnock Richard, with walks to the school and church and to Pole Green Nurseries to buy some plants that they have now planted in the wooden planters.



In May, the Pre-School's outdoor area was very

fortunate to be nominated (by Yvonne Newton) for the Tesco 'Help local community' projects. Tokens were given to customers shopping at Tesco and they were able to vote for Pre-School. On Thursday, 26th May the Pre-School was fortunate to be visited by Helen (Tesco Community Champion). Helen informed us that preschool had won the 1st prize of £300, a massive thank you to everyone who voted for preschool, we are hoping to use the prize money to purchase a new wooden water tray for the outside play area.



Thank you to one of our parents – Helen Robertshaw who helped us organise our first coffee afternoon, raising £123 which is fantastic! Thank you to our local businesses including The Hinds Head and Pole Green for donating raffle prizes.

Once again, I would like to thank John Ericson for donating some sunflower seeds for the children to plant. The children have enjoyed planting, watering and watching them grow.

I'd also like to thank those who have donated toys, bikes, books and resources, the Pre-School is a registered charity and donations are always appreciated.

Help Needed!

Is there anyone that can spare some time to paint the Pre-School railings? The railings desperately need painting and we need a willing volunteer(s). If you would like to help please call in or telephone us.

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



CHRIST CHURCH CHARNOCK RICHARD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Cricket Academy

This half term, Year 5 and 6 have taken part in a Cricket Academy, run by Chris from the Lancashire Cricket Association.

The children were asked to choose a particular area of the game they would like to develop, and focus on refining that skill over the five weeks.

This course has been a huge success and has enabled both classes not only to learn new skills, but to also try a sport they previously had very little experience of.

"I'd like to improve my long distance catching skills"

Ethan
Year 5

"I have gained so much confidence in my ability"

Jamila
Year 5

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Luke
Year 5

"I have learnt so much!"


James
Year 5

"I want to improve my batting skills"

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Year 5



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PARISH COUNCIL

Camelot and Storey Homes

Representatives from Storey Homes finally agreed to attend a Parish Council meeting at which the public were present. They had previously requested meetings with the Parish Council but did not want the public to be present so we view this at least as a move forward.

Storey Homes have now rented premises on the Ackhurst Business Park from where they will continue to achieve their aim of gaining permission to build on the disused Camelot Theme Park.

Many questions were asked of the representatives who were present but apart from setting up a public consultation to ascertain the wishes of the residents in the villages affected they had nothing to put on the table. We did find out that the areas which were covered by the ecology reports will not be disturbed as Storey Homes do not intend to obtain a licence from Natural England to allow them to work in these areas. We also found out that they do not own the rides equipment which is an issue that they need to address before moving forward. They will, in the near future, however, be putting a revised building plan before Chorley planning committee.

Taylor Wimpy

Taylor Wimpy have been placing many posts on social media re the land on Charter Lane which have created interesting debate. They will be applying for outline planning permission on 27th May 2016. Please take the opportunity to have your say by following the links on the CBC website.

Wigan Athletic

It was suggested by one of our members at our April meeting that we ask Mr Whelan if we could place a public footpath on Charter Lane in order for walkers to access the disused Golf Course.

We were very surprised and pleased to find that we had been given the go ahead to do this! Councillors will put this plan into action ASAP in fact I have already obtained the Public Footpath discs for the gate posts.

What residents need to realise, however, is that this land will not be the responsibility of LCC or Wigan Athletic and so users do so at their own risk, need to be taking their rubbish home with them AND picking up after their dogs!

I was dismayed at the mess on there, after not having used the existing footpath for some considerable time due to the state of it not being conducive to safe walking. The bins are overflowing, there seems to be clothing strewn around and other litter.

I am prepared to put together a working party in late June or early July and am looking for willing volunteers who will help, at their own risk, to empty the bins with me. My husband has already "volunteered" but we will need more than just the two of us to do this. Strong gloves, tongs and wheelbarrows will be needed also. I will provide the bags etc. and will buy everyone a pint in the Football club afterwards. Oh! Yes and you will need a strong stomach!

Chorley Youth Zone

Our chairman, Mel Almond and I attended a meeting this week with regard to the proposed Chorley Youth Zone.

The plans that we looked at and the discussion that we were part of were very interesting and positive especially as this will be the 9th such Youth facility in various parts of the country. These include Wigan, Oldham, Manchester and now Chorley. The figures showed that they have been highly successful in changing the lives of many young people and in reducing street crime.

Funding will be obtained from both the public and the private sectors the representatives from the private sector were very positive about their part in this scheme and about getting other companies on board. The scheme encourages out of work young people to take on apprenticeships as well as having fun joining in with the activities within the Zone if that is what they want to do.

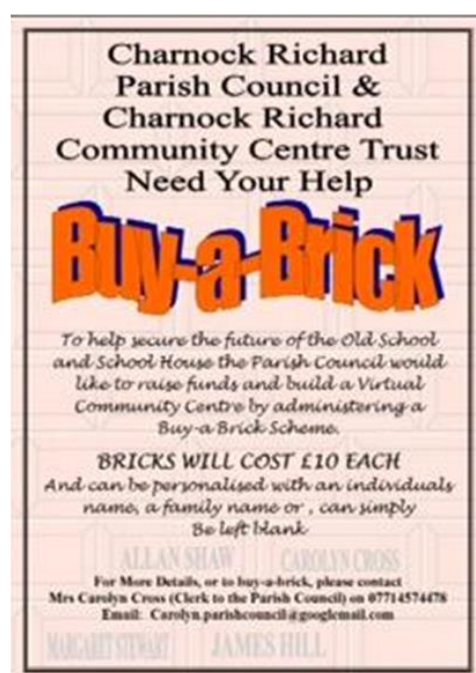
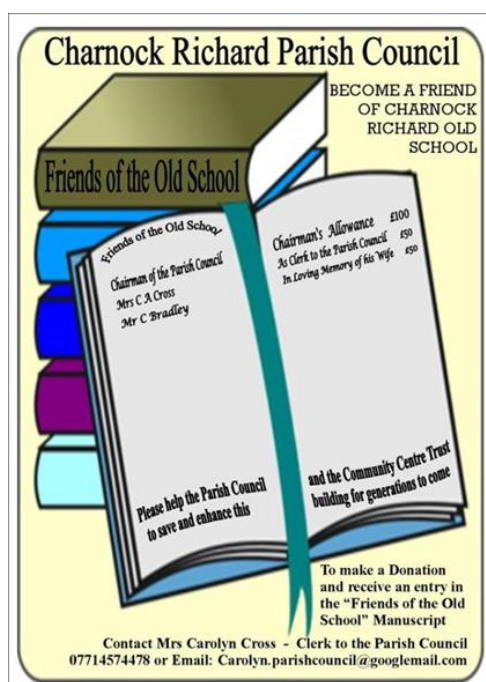
If anyone would like to see what is on offer they can visit the Zones in our neighbouring towns where they can ask questions and look at what is on offer. There is also a very successful one in Blackburn.

Best Kept Garden Competition

Our annual best kept garden competition will be judged over the months of **July** and **August**. Parish Councillors will walk around their individual areas and notices will be posted through the doors of those that, in their opinion, are worthy of being shortlisted. Our experienced judge will then visit these gardens and assess them for their colour, well-kept appearance, design and planting.

The weather forecast seems to be good between now and then so happy gardening folks!

Councillor Ann Bishop



LETTERS PAGE

Hello,

We send another message of thanks, and again to the lovely ladies of Preschool/Playgroup. Particularly to Gill Leadbetter, Kairen Curry and Joanne Smith.

We can't thank you all enough for Ellie's bench, situated in the preschool garden.

I have made some fantastic friends at the Mum and Toddler group and on Wednesday May 11th these beautiful ladies helped make Ellie's garden perfect.

All the children were involved including our eldest children, James and Hannah, they planted a lovely tree next to the bench, and the children each placed a small pinwheel in a decorative pot while Hannah placed the biggest one. James hung a small wind chime on the tree while we laid some flowers on Ellie's bench. Afterwards we had a small party of sweets and cakes all in memory of our baby girl.



The afternoon was very emotional, almost like saying goodbye to her again. But it has brought some small amount of peace. We now have somewhere to go to pay our respects, to talk to her. The children are writing Ellie letters and making pictures and they now have somewhere to leave their words and feelings.

Even though our daughter cannot be here, she still has a place within the village. And I couldn't be happier.

Thank you so much for what you have done.
With much love,

Kirsty, Chris, James, Hannah and Ellie.



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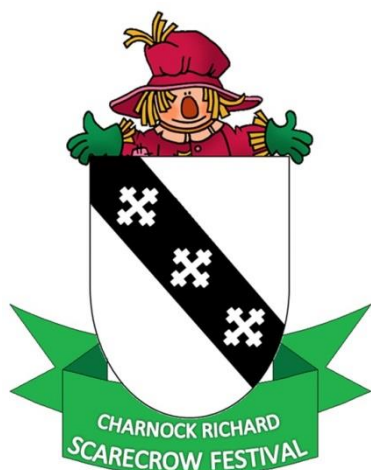
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SCARECROW FESTIVAL

**Saturday and Sunday
10 and 11 September 2016**



The Scarecrow Festival, this year, will take place on the weekend of 10 and 11 September and once again provides an opportunity for local groups to raise much needed funds.

Once again free parking is available on the field opposite the Church and

we thank Ray Witts for this, on this same field during the weekend the vintage vehicle display will also be there for all to see.

There will be things to do and refreshments available throughout the village

- Church – refreshments in the Church including cakes and Organ recitals throughout the weekend
- Pre-School – Lower Burgh Meadow Conservation Group will have Bee friendly plants for sale and will have fun games to take part in, Pre-School will have cakes for sale
- School – Barbeque, drinks, bring and buy stalls, cakes
- Scout Hut – drinks and cakes
- School Field – fairground rides
- Football Club will be open during the weekend for refreshments and might have cakes
- Cakes will be available



All I ask is that, once again in this 10th year for the Scarecrow Festival, you get creative and make a Scarecrow display.

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

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



For more details, or if you can offer to help, contact:
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NOTES FROM COUNCILLOR LEADBETTER

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All about housing developments this time with developers wanting to build, a total of, around 400 houses in the village.



Taylor Wimpey – Charter Lane



Taylor Wimpey have submitted their plans for housing on the land off Charter Lane, as I write this the application is being validated at Chorley Council and so is not yet publicly available, by the time you read this there will be an application number and you will be able to contribute to the application by making your comments.

I will keep people informed as and when I know anything

Story Homes – Camelot

Yet another round of public consultation is underway, regarding building houses on the Camelot Theme Park Site, the suggested number is 250 to 275 houses, which sounds like a large number, to me. Please, if you can, take some time to be involved in the consultation. Story Homes have said they will keep us informed but I will try to fill any gaps in their communication.



42 Chorley Lane

Development of houses, on the land that was Buttermere Nurseries, with access from the now demolished bungalow at 42 Chorley Lane was approved in September 2013. Some work has started but stopped. The reason for the building work stopping is to do with the required line of sight for a safe access, out of the development onto Chorley Lane, cannot be achieved without narrowing Chorley Lane, additionally the pavement width in the plans submitted by the developer were incorrect making it even more difficult to achieve a safe junction. As far as I am aware the junction design is currently being considered by Lancashire County Council.



If there is anything I can help you with then, as ever, please remember, you can call me anytime 07926 089450, or 01257 795152 or e-mail paul.leadbetter@chorley.gov.uk

FOOTBALL CLUB 2016 / 2016 SEASON REVIEW

By Keith Reader

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When the 2015/16 season kicked off in late July it was not known that this would be the club's last season in the West Lancashire League. The new season saw no changes to the club's long term ambition which is to be as successful as possible so, having won the title for the preceding four seasons, there was still plenty of enthusiasm to win it for a fifth successive time, no club in the 100 year plus history of the league had achieved that and, if achieved, it would be Charnock's eighth championship also a record.

Charnock required one more triumph in the Lancashire Amateur Shield to join Atherton Collieries, the most successful club in the competition over the years, in winning the trophy for the sixth time. Then there was the Richardson Cup, holders for the previous two seasons could Charnock make it three in a row?

As Charnock had won both the league title and the Richardson Cup in the previous season the league committee decreed that the pre-season Wilf Carr Memorial Trophy match would be Charnock against newly promoted Fulwood Amateurs at Mossie Park. Despite having won Division 1 the previous season little was known about the Fulwood squad but the Premier Division clubs were soon to find out that they were a formidable force. Charnock, for the fourth year running, missed out on this trophy.

Throughout the season there were some impressive performances on the pitch, with goalkeeper Gavin Bates playing in every fixture for the third season running making 112 consecutive appearances to date. The absence of Liam Hayton for the majority of the season saw a number of players making appearances at the centre of defence. Ross O'Farrell, Oliver Vaulks, Josh Norgate all lined up as central defenders and even Mike Fletcher dropped back on several occasions. Matt Ashcroft arrived in September and proved to be a very capable left-back but he missed the final games of the season due to injury. Spencer Bibby took the right back position for most games.

Damian Dashti found himself sitting on the bench more often than he would have liked but he recorded his 500th appearance for the first team late in the season. Another wonderful example of dedication to Charnock Richard!

In midfield Alex Randell started the season at Mossie Close but then accepted a chance to play at Kendal Town before returning when that club ran into financial difficulties however he moved on again before the end of the season. Lewis Swarbrick made a suitable impression in his first season at the club scoring some important goals. Mark Woods, after recovering from an early season injury, again provided plenty of flair from midfield and the team always looked a little lightweight without Mike Fletcher anchoring the midfield.

David Prout has been at the club since 2009 but has never made as many starts as he has in this season. He also found the net four times having only score a total of two goals previously. Mark Adams signed for the club early in the season and his pace proved to be a great asset to the side, he made 23 starts and scored three goals. David Fisher, as promised, made himself available again in the New Year and proved to be an important figure in midfield for the remainder of the season.

Danny Smith returned to the club in October but injuries resulted in him only making 11 appearances. Jack Bennett who had come up through the Junior Section decided at the turn of the year that his future lay at Euxton Villa. Jamie Sanderson made 19 appearances prior to Christmas but then moved on eventually turning up at Lostock St Gerard's

Charnock missed the goal scoring ability of Andy Roberts in midfield no players, other than Carl Grimshaw and David Burrows, managed to score more than Lewis Swarbrick who found the net five times. So when it came to the crunch scoring the goals came down to the club's main strikers and as usual Carl Grimshaw was the leading scorer with 42 goals. David Burrows, for much of the season, matched him goal for goal and he finished up with 35 goals, his best season since he joined the club in 2010.

In all competitions Charnock scored 123 goals so the twin strikers scored 75 of these. Danny Nolan returned from his coaching in the USA in December but the lack of matches over the New Year and beyond restricted his chances to get match fit so it was well into March before he was able to make a contribution mainly from the bench. Charnock can look back on the 2015/16 season as one which could have been the most successful in its history, winning the Richardson Cup but so narrowly missing out on the league title and the Lancashire Amateur Shield, however, there is still much to celebrate and we leave the West Lancashire League with an excellent record of success at this level.

The Reserves again had a very successful season finishing in third place in the table and next season will see them competing in the Lancashire League which features the reserve sides of several Northern Premier and North West Counties League clubs.

The Academy, having gained promotion the previous season, competed in Division 1 of the Mid Lancashire League and successfully consolidated their position in the division by finishing in mid table. A magnificent effort considering most of the time it was teenage youths playing against mature men.

In November the committee voted to make an application to be promoted to Step 6 with the expectation that the club would be placed in the North West Counties League. Although there had been a considerable amount of work already carried out on the ground there was still work outstanding that carried an estimate well over £10,000 to complete. The necessary money was raised and in the end it all became a little hectic but thanks to a lot of hard work by a number of volunteers the ground met the 'H' grading by the vital date of 31st March.

Season 2016/17 sees the start of a new era, in the history of Charnock Richard Football Club, as we compete in the North West Counties League Division 1 with up to 40 league games to play and entry into four knockout competitions including the FA Vase. Exciting times for everyone associated with the club. The club is looking forward to seeing everyone on 6th August, or earlier if you want to see the pre-season friendly matches.

Charnock Richard Football Club

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