



The Chronicle

The Parish Magazine of Christ Church Charnock Richard

April 2019



LETTERS FROM THE CO-EDITORS

Hello Everyone,

I hope you all enjoyed our new-look Chronicle. Rachel did a lovely job sorting out all the different articles. First of all I must begin by apologising for failing to record our thanks for two separate amounts of money given to Church funds at the time of the Scarecrow Festival. The ladies of Church Fold made cakes and sold them to our visitors and gave the Church £240.40. The residents of Croston Lane also took part in fundraising, they gave the Church £40.00 and the Community Centre Trust £40.00. We really do appreciate your gifts. When the monies for the Church were banked they were not recorded separately, they were banked with the rest of the fundraising proceeds. I do apologise for this omission.

I welcomed the children from Pre-School into Church last month along with some of their helpers. I was able to show them around all the different areas of our Church building pointing out many of the interesting features. Most of the children had been baptised in our Church so they were quite interested in the font. We rang the bell, when the children are a little older they do get the opportunity to ring the bell on Sunday mornings. They showed a keen interest in the monument in memory of Frances Darlington. I did point out her body was not inside the monument.

On March 1st 2019 members of our Church were invited to the World Day of Prayer, this year it was held at Coppull Parish Church. The service had been prepared and written by women from Slovenia, a country in central Europe, known for its mountains, ski resorts and lakes. It is part of the former Yugoslavia. The heart of the service was an open invitation for all to come to God's table, "Come, everything is ready!". We heard the voices of some of those coming to the table ... wives, mothers, grandmothers, Roma people, refugees, and migrant workers. Their stories reflected the political and economic situation of Slovenia from the time it was a socialist-communist state to the present day. We left the service with a prayer of blessing to mutually support one another on the path of freedom, justice and peace.

On March 2nd 2019 Malcolm, Rachel Simm and I attended the Children's Conference at Barton Grange. The emphasis this year was the importance of Family Ministry. There were three keynote speakers: Rachel Turner is passionate about equipping and supporting Christian parents to coach their children in faith; Bishop Jill is also very passionate about family ministry; Dr. Sam Johnson, Deputy Director of Education, and father of two teenage boys, talked of how we can understand the challenges that face the current generation of under 18's. We also attended two workshops in the afternoon. We always come back with fresh ideas and challenges as we work with children and their parents in our community.

Each week during Lent we are running another part of the Pilgrim Course, on this occasion it is The Eucharist. Father Andrew came to the first session and explained to us why he does certain things at different points in the Eucharist. We all received the bread and the wine. Philip Tranter is leading the rest of the course. Members of the group are able to question and discuss any issues arising.

On Saturday March 16th 2019 we held a Messy Church in the Old School. 29 children and their families plus 3 babies attended the event. The theme on this occasion was Creation. The children were shown how to grow cress, plant bulbs and plant sunflower seeds. At one table the children were able to make Easter cards and at another table they created a chicken coming out of an egg. Rachel encouraged the children to join her in the actions of the Butterfly Song. I told the children about the life cycle of the butterfly. One little boy, Sam, knew all about the butterfly, and was able to help me tell the other children! I would like to thank all our helpers, 13 in total, who prepared the activities for their tables, and provided and served the food.

Yesterday, March 23rd 2019, Malcolm, John Hind and I, along with Father Andrew and one of the churchwardens from Eccleston St. Mary, attended an "Open Consultation on Parish Share" at Accrington St. Christopher's Church of England High School. This meeting was called by the Diocese to discuss with representatives of all parishes the fairest way of assessing how much money each parish is asked to contribute to the Diocesan Board of Finance. The Parish Share Review Group has been working together for 18 months to look at all sorts of options. They have consulted with other Dioceses across the country and examined different formula. Three options were put forward yesterday. Malcolm, John and I felt that the current formula was probably as good as any where certain factors such as Regular Weekly Attendance and the Socio-Economic Multiplier (based on Indices of Multiple Deprivation) were taken into account. The monies we have to pay to the Diocese cover clergy stipend, national insurance contributions, pensions, clergy housing, training clergy and lay readers for the future, and parish share relief which helps parishes which are particularly in need. Our parish has always paid it's parish share, if we did not pay in full other parishes would have to pick up the shortfall. It is all to do with sharing the cost of

ministry throughout the Diocese and some parishes maintain Christian ministry in some very deprived areas, and in areas where Christianity is by no means the main faith.

I hope everyone in Charnock Richard is very grateful for all the blessings we receive. We live in an attractive rural area, have an excellent School and Pre-School, top class sporting facilities, very popular public houses offering quality food, and a very strong and supportive community. Our Church is here for you, for your happy times and your sad times. We can guide and assist you in planning your wedding, and we are here to support you in times of grief. However, maintaining ministry in this parish does have a big cost. Over the last few years our expenditure has exceeded our income, our costs have risen. I would like to thank everyone who already contributes to the cost of running our Church here, but can I please ask you to review your giving? If you are not a regular contributor, can I please ask you to consider becoming a regular contributor? We do have an envelope scheme, but many people now contribute by standing order. If you are a tax payer you can gift-aid your contribution, our Church can then reclaim the tax. If you feel you can help please contact either myself or John Hind, our acting treasurer, or the churchwardens. If you require clarification on any of these issues please do not hesitate to contact me.

I do hope you enjoy reading this Chronicle. If you have any news which you think will interest others, please let me know. I wish you all a very happy Easter.

Margaret Stewart

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Hi! I really hope you enjoyed reading our new Chronicle and looking at all of the pictures now that they are in glorious colour! This is my second edition assisting Margaret with the editing of the Chronicle and it's great to see what is going on in the village and putting something together for everyone to enjoy.

In March I have had the pleasure of being involved in many activities and events through church and also through Girlguiding. On the 1st March I attended the World Day of Prayer at Coppull Parish, to assist with the singing. It was a lovely service with lots of songs that reflected the words of the Slovenian stories told, along with some well-known hymns. On the 2nd March I attended the Children's Conference with Malcom and Margaret, which has helped us to think of new ideas for assisting families with worship, both at church and also via different avenues such as Messy Church.

I have also been lucky enough to be involved in 'Chorley Capers' with Scouts, Guides, Brownies, Cubs, Beavers and Rainbows and their leaders from the Chorley area. Chorley Capers is a gang/variety show which is held every 2 years. This was my second year being involved and it has been great fun. We had been rehearsing since October last year, putting together performances from 'The Greatest Showman', 'Beauty & the Beast' and 'Queen', to name a few. Our shows were on the 20th, 22nd and 23rd March. Everyone worked so hard to produce a professional show and the feedback from the audience was that it was the best one yet!

Charnock Voices choir has also been going from strength to strength and we've had a lot more members join us over the past couple of months. It's great to hear everyone's voices together and we've done quite a few new songs such as 'Africa' by Toto, 'Seasons of Love' from Rent, and 'Bring him home' from Les Mis.

I hope you all have a great Easter!

Rachel Simm (simm.rac@gmail.com)



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A MESSAGE FROM FATHER ANDREW

My dear friends,

Gardens are very important to us: we know that well living in a part of the country where many people spend a considerable part of their leisure time tending their gardens and sometimes opening them to the general public so the whole community can enjoy their efforts. Particularly at this time of year we are beginning to emerge from the drabness of winter to colour and beauty all around us. In church we are also reflecting this reorientation from the bare appearance of our building devoid of flower displays for the whole of Lent to what we will enjoy during Eastertide with the abundance of colour and beauty.



However, before that, we reflect on the sufferings and passion of Christ in Holy Week but even there we can see flowers and a garden at the centre of our worship. The Easter Journey is now in its sixth year as English and Drama students from Bishop Rawstorne Church of England Academy break open the story for our Primary School children in Godly Play around the stations in church. If the weather is kind to us this year we will be taking the Easter Journey into the open air of the church yard – something that was forced on us a couple of years ago when we had a power cut and lost our inside lights! The outdoor space is a good place to worship as it is an authentic setting for Jesus' last week when he spent time praying in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Our young people who are preparing for Confirmation this year on Ascension Day, 30 May, will be coming to church to relive Jesus' act of service when he washed the feet of his disciples at the Last Supper. At the end of that act of worship the priest also shows his service to God by stripping the altar and taking all ornaments and decoration from the sanctuary so that the holy place we encounter in church is bare and empty as Good Friday approaches. However, there is one other garden to visit in that in between time of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday: it is our own Gethsemane around the Altar of Repose. This is a beautifully decorated altar surrounded by many flowers and candles as pray with Jesus up to midnight.

There is a little known 20th century hymn which describes three gardens in the bible: Eden, Gethsemane and the garden around Jesus' tomb. The second verse of the hymn touches the point we all hope to reach as we kneel in adoration at the Altar of Repose.

Walking in a garden
Where the Lord had gone,
Three of the disciples,
Peter, James, and John;
They were very weary,
Could not keep awake,
While the Lord was kneeling there,
Praying for their sake

Here in Gethsemane, God's creative energy is the reverse side of the events when creation was marred by humankind's sinful nature causing us to fall away from perfection and a close relationship with God. At the Altar of Repose, we enter into the lonely agony of Christ as he contemplated his own mortal nature, but also his divine nature of being the suffering God on earth. Those of us who go through this period of dark loneliness at the Altar on Maundy Thursday experience unity with God as he faces isolation, betrayal and death. This is a personal journey of self-emptying and yielding to God. We talk about Jesus emptying himself on the cross, pouring out himself for all creation in order that sin can no longer dominate the earth: our Gethsemane can help us on that journey.

However and wherever you encounter a garden this Lent and Easter I hope you will reflect that here is something given to us by God the Father. Hopefully it will be a spiritual encounter to make your Holy Week more poignant, perhaps at school worship during the Easter Journey, around the Altar or Repose on Maundy Thursday or merely in the beauty of creation in the gardens of our local community.

Every blessing for a holy Lent and joyous Easter, Fr. Andrew.

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 these people have made, so that it can be shared, please contact Margaret Stewart on 01257 792692.

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).



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.



Messy Church is a way of being church for families involving fun.

Every element aims to be relevant and accessible to all ages. There are hands-on activities to explore Bible stories, to reflect God's creativity and to give people a chance to play together.

Our next Messy Church will be held on Saturday 27th April at The Old School. For more details please contact Margaret Stewart on 01257 792692/792536/795665.



Church Services at Christ Church Charnock Richard

COME

9:30 AM

& Worship

Sunday Mornings

SUNDAY

9:30am Parish Eucharist: Common Worship

THURSDAY

10:00am Holy Eucharist: (1662) Said in the Almhouses Chapel

SERVICES DURING HOLY WEEK:

Monday 15th April 2019: 7.30pm Christ Church Charnock Richard

Tuesday 16th April 2019: 7.30pm Eccleston St. Mary

Wednesday 17th April 2019: 7.30pm Christ Church Charnock Richard

Maundy Thursday 18th April 2019: 7.30pm Eccleston St. Mary

Good Friday 19th April 2019: 10.00am Christ Church Charnock Richard

Saturday 20th April 2019: Time TBC Eccleston St. Mary

Easter Day, Sunday 21st April 2019: 9.30am Christ Church Charnock Richard

IMPORTANT DATES:

Saturday 27th April 2019: Messy Church

Friday 14th June 2019: The Entertainers- Songs from the Musicals

Thursday 11th July 2019: Fashion Show

DONATIONS

DONATIONS RECEIVED FROM 1st JANUARY TO 10th MARCH 2019

CHURCH FUNDS.

In loving memory of our dear son Martin John on his anniversary 10th, January, missed and loved so much.

From Mum and Dad. £20.00

Treasured birthday memories of my darling Jack, and Mike.

From Margaret.

Loving anniversary memories of my beautiful daughter Rosemary.

From Mum. £100.00

In thanksgiving for the Holy Baptism of Mollie Joyce Ann Robertshaw. £100.00

In memory of Lillian Mawdsley.

From Stephen Mawdsley. £50.00

From Charlie & Ann Brown. £20.00

From M & G Dandy. £10.00

From John, Pauline & family. £30.00

From John Ericson. £25.00

From Ian & Dawn, Lauren & Alex. £25.00

From Michael McMahon. £25.00

From Jean & Maurice Hulme & family. £20.00

From Mrs V. Coles. £20.00

From Mr & Mrs C.T. Butler. £25.00

From D. Sanderson. £20.00

From Colin Feay. £30.00

From Mothers' Union (Christ Church Ladies). £200.00

In memory of Ken Johnson.

From Sarah & Michael Schofield & Jennifer Woodcock. £50.00

In memory of Sidney & Nellie Ericson.

From John Ericson. £50.00

In memory of Elsie Ralphs.

From David & Marguerite Ralphs. £10.00

In memory of Frank Green.

From Barbara & Chris McCormick. £10.00

From Ralph & Joyce. £10.00

From Charnock Richard Football Club – Bingo Section. £40.00

From Jean & Ken Unsworth. £10.00

Anonymous. £5.00

In loving memory of Ian, Ilene & John Cornwell.

From Linda, Bob, Jason, Rachel and Adam. £20.00

RESTORATION FUND.

In memory of Annie & Ernie Williams.

From Kathleen & George Foster. £100.00

Annie Williams.

In memory of Sister Annie & Auntie Annie. From sister Evelyn Harrison, Rob & Sylvia Harrison, Evelyn & Harry, Andrew & Cheryl Harrison. £100.00

In memory of Annie.

From Allan & Edna Baybutt & family. £10.00

Lily Frank & all the family. £120.00

From Edward & Jean. £20.00

From Ruth & John Cornwell. £20.00

From Freda Maureen Haines. £100.00

From Mrs BA Alcock. £80.00

From Gordon & Edna Black. £30.00

GRAVEYARD FUND

None received.

ORGAN FUND.

None received.



Charnock Voices is a friendly, local singing group aimed at those who love to sing! You may sing as a hobby, have sang on stage before, or you might just sing in the shower; we invite anyone to come along and give it a go! There's no pressure or auditions- we are just a group of people who want to sing and have a laugh with friends at the same time.

Our members range from age 8 through to 80. Children under the age of 14 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

We sing something for everyone- from musical hits, to rock classics, to 80's cheese, to 90's pop, right up to the modern day.

Best of all, unlike many choirs in the area- it's free!

If you're interested in coming along or would like more information, you can request to join the facebook group by searching 'Charnock Voices', or contact Rachel Simm on 07787445447. Or just pop along to our next meeting- we always welcome new members! What are you waiting for?

Time: 6pm

Day: Wednesdays (Fortnightly)

Place: Christ Church Charnock Richard



Parish Registers

HOLY BAPTISM

10th March 2019

Louisa June Fogg



HOLY MATRIMONY

None

FUNERALS

29th January 2019

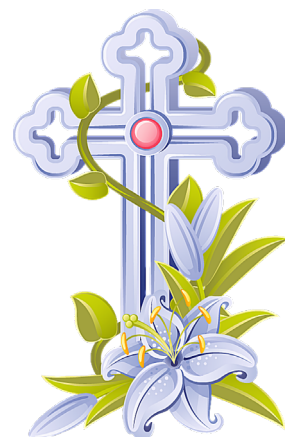
Funeral of John Henry O'Hara. Died 18th January 2019 aged 70 years. Funeral service at St. Mary's, Chorley followed by burial at Christ Church.

7th March 2019

Funeral of Frank Green. Died 17th February 2019 aged 93 years. Funeral service in Church followed by cremation at Charnock Richard Crematorium.

28th March 2019

Funeral of Robert Barlow. Died 14th March 2019 aged 90 years. Funeral service in Church followed by cremation at Charnock Richard Crematorium.



Mother's Union 2019

We meet in the Football Club at 2.00pm until 4.00pm on the third Thursday of the month. Our plans this year are as follows:

April 18th 2019	Open Meeting
May 16th 2019	Plastic in the World's Oceans, Christina Gasye
June 20th 2019	Open Meeting

Thank you to all M.U. members and friends for supplying toiletries for distribution at Chorley Hospital.

Please come and join us – all ages welcome.

Joyce Barlow / Christina Pilling Enrolling Member

THE POTTING SHED TEAM

Have you a few hours to spare each week? We have a team which meets for two or three hours each week and works in the garden areas in the centre of the village; the Old School garden, the Almshouses garden, and the Churchyard. The team meets each Monday at 10.00am. If you need further information please contact Malcolm Stewart on 01257 792692 / 792536 or 07951 862399

FLOWERS IN CHURCH

20th January 2019

In loving memory of Kenneth Johnson,
In loving memory of my niece, Karen-Marie Eckersley
In loving memory of our dear friend, Gail Chadwick

from his family
from Jean
Love from Linda, Tracey, Helena and Janet

27th January 2019

In loving memory of Sam

from Eleanor

10th February 2019

In loving memory of Joe

from Marion



Charnock Richard Women's Group

February Meeting

This was our AGM and opened by the 2018 chairperson Janet Bowen. She welcomed everyone and introduced the secretary Tracy who summarised the 2018 meetings and the previous AGM. Janet then gave her summary and read the treasurers report. The new committee was then nominated, seconded and elected. The remaining part of the evening was a Beetle drive.

March Meeting

A group of nine gave us an enlightening talk about modern day Suffragettes in song, monologue and rhyme. The group was set up in 2018 to commemorate the Chorley Suffragette group set up on the 11th January 1910. The group were dressed as women would have dressed 100 years ago. They read speeches from 1910 which gave us a real feeling for the situation the original Suffragettes found themselves in.

See you in April! *Lynda*

Dates for your diary:

4th April	Talk by a Wellbeing and Life Coach
2nd May	Trip
6th June	Talk by Fireman Mike on the use of sniffer dogs in the fire service
4th July	Talk on Hedgehogs by Christine Davidson
1st August	Social Night
5th September	Sarah from Bees Kitchen
3rd October	The history of Pilates by Rachel
7th November	TBA
5th December	Jacob's Join



CHARNOCK RICHARD COMMUNITY CENTRE TRUST



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

Our Coffee Mornings are normally on the second Saturday of the month.
I would like to acknowledge the following donations:

Tubes of Smarties:

Linda Dickinson	£12.40
Jacqui Worthington	£11.60
Alf and Betty Stacey	£13.60
Joyce and Bob Barlow	£12.40
Alf and Betty Stacey	£14.00

Coffee Morning ...January 2019	£147.20
Coffee Morning....February 2019	£193.75
Coffee Morning....March 2019	£136.00
Christ Church Ladies	£100.00

Since we started collecting 20 pence pieces we have raised £2021.86, and since we started the Coffee Mornings we have raised £4153.25. Since three individuals / companies started to contribute by a monthly standing order £1960 has been donated up to the end of February 2019. Thank you all so much.

As most people are aware the Old School is used by Pre-School during each weekday and is used by various groups in the evenings. At the moment the Old School is available for hire Tuesday and Friday evenings. At weekends it is also available for hire.

A few weeks ago Malcolm and I hired the premises when we had a get-together for three generations of the Stewart family. We decided to invite all our family to meet together without the necessity of waiting for a special occasion. Relatives travelled from Lincoln, Tewkesbury, Nantwich and Danby Wiske besides our own immediate family who live locally. We brought in some plants, set out the tables, provided the food, and the drinks! Our relatives were able to walk around and mingle with each other, moving from table to table. I looked up at one point and was so pleased to see our nephews and nieces, and our own children, standing around in a circle in the middle of the hall sharing stories of their own lives. Some of our nephews and their families were unable to attend but it was still a wonderful and rare opportunity for so many of them to meet up and enjoy each others company. It is an occasion we intend to repeat. The Old School is an excellent facility for such an occasion, plenty of room in the main hall and good kitchen facilities to serve the food. Why not consider the venue for your special event?

Thank you all so much for your continued support, working together we can make a difference.

Margaret Stewart

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Vice-Chairman Charnock Richard Community Centre Trust

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 2018, to complete the following details and cut out and return this slip to:

Mrs C A Cross, Clerk to the Trustees, 43 Kingsmead, Chorley, PR7 3JY

Applications must be received by: 31st May 2019

TITLE: Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss (circle)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

CHARNOCK RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL

Work is coming together on the Orchard Gardens project with the path being laid, a nature trail being created and gardening/planting currently in progress. A huge thank you goes to Councillor Ann Bishop, Lengthsman Gordon Yates, and the multiple volunteers to have already helped out or offered their services to the project. It is fantastic seeing the community coming together to renovate this green space for Charnock Richard.

Residents have been discussing planning applications at recent meetings. As there are many which are raised at each meeting we would like to advise residents to view them online via <http://main.chorley.gov.uk/>. If you do not have access to the internet you can contact Chorley Council on 01257 515151.

There is a vacancy on the Parish Council so if you are interested in joining our team then why not attend our meetings to see what the role entails. All you need is an open mind and the willingness to help the community with your knowledge & ideas.

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

- Tue 14th May
- Mon 3rd June

We hope to see you at our next meeting,

Councillors Ellen Butcher & Lucy Watson

PILATES WITH RACHEL IN THE OLD SCHOOL

THURSDAYS
6-8PM



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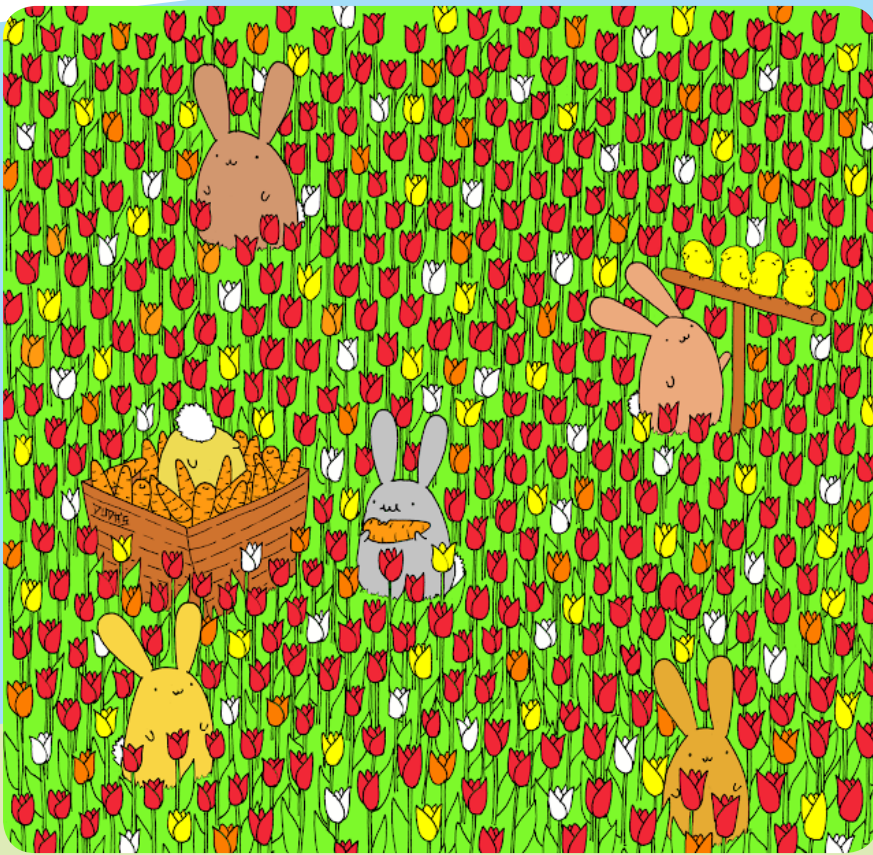
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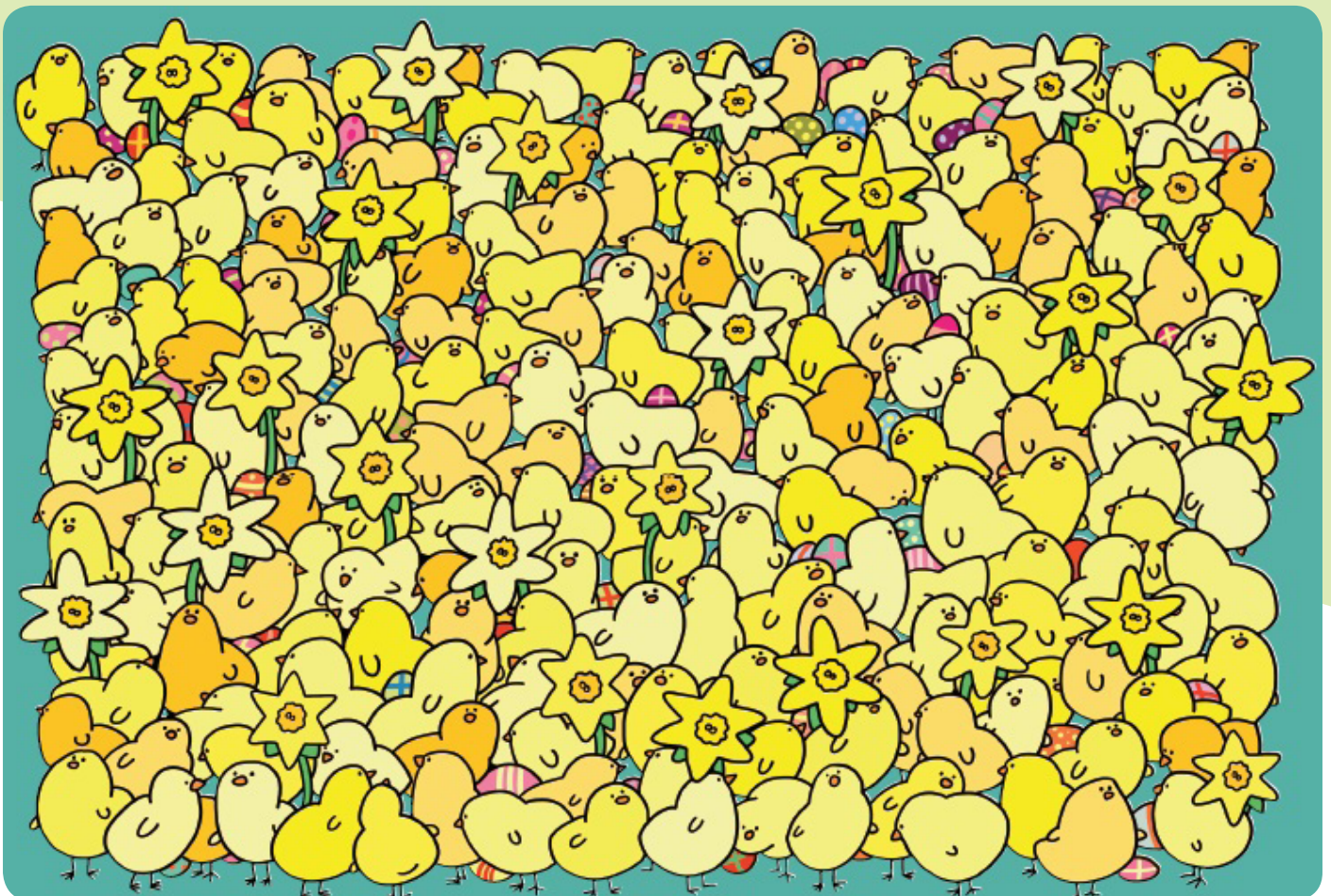
Kids Puzzle Page



Can you spot
the Easter egg
among the
tulips and
bunnies?



Can you spot the
brown hen's egg
among the bright
chicks, daffodils
and Easter eggs?



DROWNING IN PLASTIC? A MESSAGE FROM SCOUTS



We are your local Scout group, and we've been looking into the problem of throw-away plastics, as part of our research for the "Environmental Conservation" badge.

We've learnt that:

- there are an estimated 8.3 billion tonnes of unused plastic waste in the world – that's more than 1 tonne of waste plastic for every single person on Earth!
- all of the plastic ever made still exists, because it's only been produced since the mid-20th Century, but it will take between 400 and 1000 years to decompose.
- most plastics don't "biodegrade", they just break into smaller and smaller pieces, turning into "microplastics" that can enter our food-chain.
- around 8 million tonnes of plastics are finding their way into our oceans each year; the equivalent of one truckload per minute being tipped into the sea!
- if we continue at our current rate, then by 2050, there will be more plastic than actual sealife in our oceans!

Then we talked about some of the ways we could try to solve the plastic waste problem, and we looked into recycling plastic. We found out that:

- in the North of England alone, 10 million tonnes per year of potentially recyclable plastic gets put into landfill.
- there is still a lot of confusion, locally, about which types of plastic we're allowed to put in our recycling bins.
- the huge increase in the use of plastic is partly down to the rapid growth in single-use plastic packaging.
- Only about 9% of all the plastic ever produced has actually been recycled.

So it seems clear that we can't just recycle our way out of our plastic problem!

As young people, we are very concerned about the future of our planet and we think it is vital that we try to find ways to REDUCE the amount of throw-away plastic we use. We also want to ask you to please try to do the same.

We understand that making "environmentally friendly" choices might sometimes be a bit more expensive, in the short-term, but we think it's worth trying to change our habits, for the sake of the planet and our future.

1) Milk Bottles

If you buy your milk in plastic bottles from the supermarket, why not consider having it delivered in glass bottles from a local dairy farmer?

- You might be put off by the thought that it will cost more, but we worked out that the difference is only about 20p more per pint. If you regularly get 5 pints, that's only £1 more a week, or just over £50 a year.
- Over the past 50 years, the cost of a pint of milk has only risen by less than 2% a year, but the cost of a pint of beer in the pub has risen by more than three times that much!
- It could help our community to support a local delivery service in this village, where we have so many elderly people and no shops.
- You can get not only milk delivered to your door, but also cream, butter, eggs, cheese, yoghurt, and even non-dairy substitute milks, like soya.

We talked to a local milkman, Mr I.W. Critchley, and if you get in touch with him, and mention this letter from Charnock Richard Scouts, he is offering a week's free trial!

Contact I.W. Critchley & Son on 01257 276468 or visit their website at www.critchleymilkdelivery.co.uk.

2) Bars of Soap

If you use liquid soap from a plastic pump dispenser, then please think about swapping to an old-fashioned solid bar of soap. It works just as well, and often comes wrapped in biodegradable paper. It's even better for the environment if you buy it from a local supplier.

Did You Know? We have our own traditional soap factory, the DROYT Soap Company in Chorley, tucked away in a Victorian mill on Progress street. It opened in 1893 in Minsk, Russia, but moved to Chorley in 1938. They specialise in luxury glycerine soaps. You can check out their website at www.droyt.com.

We have some free samples of their soap at Scout HQ, for you to try. Contact Diane on 07809694258, or Kerry on 07980872643, and we could arrange to deliver some to you.

We hope you will try our ideas, and maybe think of some of your own ways to cut down on the amount of plastic you throw away. Please talk to your friends & family, and encourage them to try and ditch the plastic too!

Best wishes from Charnock Richard Scouts

Matthew Mawdesley Plumbing (mmawdesley@gmail.com)

Tel: 01257 233568 Mobile: 07522923921

Formerly Brian Rollins Plumbing- Due to Retirement

Message from Brian: "I would like to thank all my customers for your support over the years and now it's my turn to relax and enjoy my retirement. I know that Matthew will do his utmost to give you the same standard of workmanship and reliability. I hope to see you out and about in the village. Thanks again all my best wishes. Yours, Brian"

CHARNOCK RICHARD PRE-SCHOOL

The Pre-School children and staff have been very busy during the spring term.

In February, Margaret Stewart very kindly gave the children and staff a tour of the Church, thank you to Margaret for helping us learn the children about our community.

In March, we donated some bird boxes, feeders and food to the Orchard Garden renovation project. It's great that Charnock Richard Parish Council have renovated the Orchard Garden, the Pre-School are looking forward to visiting the nature trail, planting area and children's bench, many thanks to Charnock Richard Parish Council and thanks also to Councillor Ann Bishop and Gordon too.

In April, the children enjoyed observing the Pre-School caterpillars change to butterflies and learning about the butterfly life cycle.

Thank you to those who have donated toys, books and resources, the pre-school is a registered charity and donations and help are always appreciated.

pre-school places available from september

We currently have some places available from September, if you would like to enrol your child at Pre-School please telephone us on 07944 217699 or email info@charnockrichardpreschool.co.uk Further information about Pre-School can be found on the Pre-School website: www.charnockrichardpreschool.co.uk, see the news page for daily tweets about what we have been doing at pre-school.

Gillian Leadbetter (Pre-School Manager)



Cooking Lessons in Year 5

Christ Church Charnock Richard C of E Primary School

This term children in Year 5 have been learning how to cook. Every Tuesday afternoon they are taught essential cooking skills such as chopping, mixing and kneading. They also learn about good food hygiene practise and how to eat a balanced diet.

So far they have learned how to prepare and cook oat biscuits, fruit salad and pizza. Children have loved the practical, hands-on sessions, and it has inspired many of them to cook more at home!



Chopping fruits for
our fruit salads

Mixing the ingredients
for oat biscuits



"I couldn't wait to go home and try
cooking other things!" -Harvey

"I have really enjoyed the cooking lessons
and have learned new recipes" -Mia

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1st CHARNOCK RICHARD GUIDES



Over the past few months many of the Guides have been preparing for their Baden Powell Challenge. Over the course of their time with us the older Guides have completed many badges and challenges which have contributed towards the highest award a Guide can achieve- the Baden Powell Award. As part of this award, the girls had to attend a challenge weekend, which was 8th-10th March. They enjoyed outdoor activities and crafts, culminating in an awards ceremony where their badges and certificates were presented by the Deputy Chief Guide. Well done to Rebecca, Gemma, Katie, Neve and Chloe on such a great achievement!

Leaders Becky and Rachel took part in Chorley Capers in March. They had been rehearsing since October last year with Scouts & Guides from across Chorley. As well as being involved in many group songs and routines, Becky played 'Belle' in 'Beauty & the Beast', and Rachel played the bearded lady from 'The Greatest Showman', along with 'Mrs Potts' from 'Beauty & the Beast.' They did 4 shows in total and the Guides went to watch them on Wed 20th March. They had a fantastic time!

On Shrove Tuesday we had some flippin' good fun when we made pancakes! And we also played Bingo after cleaning church when the new floor was being fitted at Scout & Guide HQ.

Guides is open to all girls age 10 and over. If you wish for your daughter to join us at Guides, please contact Carole or Rachel on the numbers listed on the back page of the Chronicle.

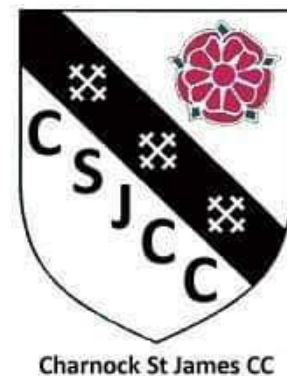


Scout and Guide Headquarters: Available for Hire

The Scout and Guide Headquarters is no longer being used by the School, therefore it is available to hire for meetings, children's parties, groups etc. The building is accessible to all with kitchen facilities, baby changing, and disabled toilet. Please contact Chris Pilling 01257 794325 if you wish to hire this facility.

Cricket in Charnock Returns

20th April will see the return of cricket in the village for the summer. Charnock St James, a merger of Charnock Richard and Chorley St James, will hope to build on recent success. Formed 2 years ago to push both clubs forward, CSJCC have enjoyed a solid start to their life as a club. The first team achieved promotion from the palace shield division 4 and are aiming to follow that with promotion from division 3 this season. The 2nd team currently play division 6 of the palace shield and are hoping to mount a promotion push alongside. Both teams are in action against Blackpool 3rd and 4th respectively. The first team are making the short trip to our tangerine neighbours with the seconds starting, as ever, at Mossie Close next to the football club. The success of CSJCC hasn't just been in on field results. A promising junior section is developing, with summer coaching having been well received in the local community over the last 2 summers. We aim for this to continue this coming year.



Any support from the village is most welcome and as always, if anyone is interested in a game, feel free to contact us on our website or via social media.

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Charnock Panto at its best!

Back in early February this year, Charnock Panto at Christ Church Charnock Richard Primary School, performed their fourth pantomime, Jack and the Beanstalk. The pantomime received rave reviews from it's audiences; which consisted of the local uniformed groups (Beavers, Cubs and Scouts), children and families from school, local business owners, councillors, families of cast and crew and many more from around the village. And yet again, we exceeded all our expectations and raised a record amount of over £6000, all of which has gone directly to school funds to provide resources and equipment to continue enhancing our children's education.



It has been a whirlwind of an adventure for most of those involved in all of our pantomimes, which started way back in 2013 with Cinderella, 2015 with Aladdin, 2017 with Snow White and then this year's show of Jack and the Beanstalk.

The idea of putting on a pantomime in 2013 came following a PTFGA meeting where ideas were needed to raise funds for extra resources for our children. After watching an amateur pantomime only weeks before; we proposed to the group that our school (with the help from other parents and staff at school) could surely put on such an event as well, to raise these much needed funds.

Panto also provided a great opportunity to get staff, parents, ex-pupils, friends and governors together in a team to create a thoroughly entertaining production. The children have looked forward to seeing their parents and teachers make fools of themselves in all the shows.

The behind the scenes organising takes over 18 months, from the start of the process to the finished performances in February. This includes preparing a script (ensuring we include lots of localisms and current events), casting the roles, creating a budget, requesting back stage volunteers, recording the script on CD for the cast to learn lines over the holidays, designing and printing of flyers, posters and tickets, attending the Scarecrow Festival, designing and painting backdrops, stage props and costumes, of which a lot is done before rehearsals begin.



Rehearsals start in September each week in the evenings, programmes are designed, advertisements are canvassed, merchandise is purchased for the front of house, along with sweets, a fully licensed bar and even a full extravagant gala night with hotpot supper, apple pie and waitress service that is laid on for those who prefer a more lavish night of entertainment. There is even an auction, all of which is kindly donated by local businesses and kind hearted residents and friends of the village. The music, lighting, scenery and special effects add to the cast's unbelievably funny performances.



Most of the cast and back stage crew have been part of this crazy and wonderful adventure from the very beginning and others have joined us along the way. It is thanks to their hard work, dedication, generosity and support that over the 8 years of organising these shows we have raised over £22,000 for the school!

We would like to add a personal note that without them all (and you all know who you are!!!) none of these crazy but fun loving shows would have ever been possible. You all really are an amazing team of dedicated and highly talented friends.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you who gave your support, came and watched the shows, kind words and most importantly cash for our school. Having a team of parents, staff, governors and friends of the school in this production has really brought people together and so many talents have been recognised that would have otherwise gone unnoticed!

Linda Jones (Producer)
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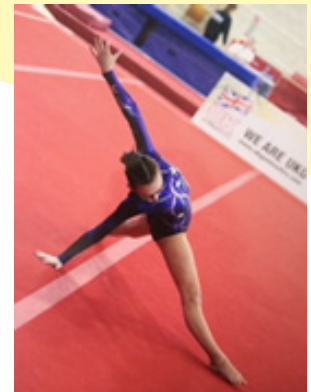
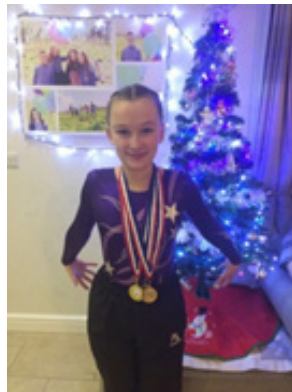
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Isabelle's Gymnastic Success!

Isabelle like any other child loved doing different after school activities, but she repeatedly asked to do gymnastics. She started at Chorley Gymnastics when she was 9 years old. Isabelle took the gym classes in her stride and really enjoyed them, wanting to do all the extra holiday sessions and appeared to develop in leaps in bounds. Isabelle started in September and by Christmas she was doing all three splits and many different moves of which names we were struggling to keep up with. Isabelle worked hard at home practicing every day, bouncing on the trampoline, cart wheeling, stretching and she seemed almost relentless in her determination to succeed in each new move given to her. She was confident in what she was doing and her fear had no bounds; she knew she could do a move and would do it with no worries of falling off a piece of equipment or injuring herself. She lived and breathed gymnastics.

In 2015 Isabelle competed in her first competition "Dazzlers" where she competed against other clubs. She practiced her routines every day repeatedly and her persistence paid off. She came away with not only many gold medals but a trophy for overall winner at her level for the competition. We were so very proud and glad that her hard work and talent had paid off.

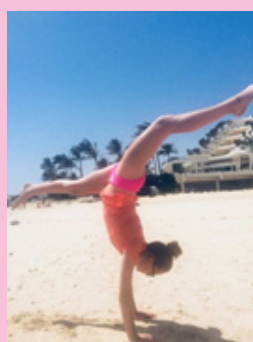


In 2016 Isabelle competed at UK National level 10, in Milton Keynes. She did really well, but no medals; we were worried that she would be disheartened by her first attempt at this level. Isabelle received enough points to qualify for the next level. Isabelle picked herself up and she continued on in her endeavours and in 2017 North Nationals level 9 she received a gold medal on vault. Then in October we had to travel down to Milton Keynes on two different weekends for Isabelle to compete in the Vault and All round.

In 2018 Isabelle was tireless and vigorous with her training at home and at training. She worked really hard with her dad doing a 'round off flick' 20 times each day, whether he had worked a 12 hour shift or not! This practice clearly paid off and when Jimmy took her to Milton Keynes this year to compete nationally, Isabelle did amazingly. She received a gold on floor, 4th on beam, 5th on vault, 5th on bars, 4th on beam and All round 4th position. Isabelle's floor routine was amazing and despite tears when she was training the day before it featured a perfect 'round off flick.'

This year Isabelle continues to train hard, doing around 6 + hours of gymnastics a week. Isabelle will be competing at level 7 nationally in Milton Keynes in May 2019 and we are so excited to watch her. Isabelle also competes at the in-house competitions at Christmas every year at Chorley Gymnastics and we are so grateful for the enthusiasm and support she receives from her coaches at Chorley Gymnastics. The team is amazing and would highly recommend them.

CGC has given Isabelle the opportunity to be a Young Leader at Chorley Gymnastics, where she helps out enthusiastically with other classes and younger children's training. Isabelle continues to train at home and she also enjoys helping her sisters. Isabelle consistently and independently pushes herself to the limit. We are so proud of Isabelle's achievements and hope that she continues to enjoy gymnastics.





Rebecca & Hannah: Pet Protectors

Rebecca and Hannah Pritchard have been supported by the congregation of Christ Church Charnock Richard in collecting used postage stamps to send to the PDSA (The People's Dispensary for Sick Animals). Over the past few years, thousands of stamps have been donated. The stamps are sold by the charity to raise money to help poorly pets and educate pet owners.

As members of Pet Protectors, which is a club for children run by PDSA, Rebecca and Hannah have collected points which are awarded for various fundraising acts and activities including donating items to the local PDSA shop in Preston. Rebecca is last year's PDSA Pet Protector of the Year and Hannah is the current PDSA Pet Protector of the Year having earned thousands of points each.

The girls have attended various events as a result of their work for PDSA and had lots of fun. They have been on a tour of local PDSA Pet Hospitals and are looking forward to a tour of the new PDSA Pet Hospital in Manchester when it opens later this year.

As part of Hannah's prize for her work, a PDSA Vet Nurse came to see the children at Christ Church Charnock Richard Primary School in February to teach them more about pets. You may have seen part of another event that Rebecca and Hannah were asked to take part in as a result of their involvement with PDSA. They were filmed taking part in a PDSA pet first aid session last summer in London for the educational children's TV series, Operation Ouch. Steffie our dog also featured! We were initially sworn to secrecy about the filming.....although you may have seen the show on CBBC. If not and you would like to then it can be found on iPlayer- Operation Ouch series 8 episode 12!

Rebecca and Hannah would like to thank everyone who has helped by collecting used postage stamps or who may help in the future- used stamps continue to be gratefully collected in the box at the back of church.

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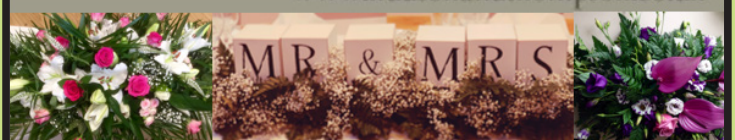


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