



# The Chronicle

The Parish Magazine of Christ Church Charnock Richard

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# LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Friends,

First of all I must apologise as this Chronicle is later than planned, but Malcolm and I have been away on holiday. However, I will try to bring you up to date with activities around the village.

As I write this letter to you today, I am looking out across our garden and giving thanks for the wonders of creation. Our flowers are in full bloom and we have a beautiful delicate pink rambling rose trailing across the fence. The birds in our garden, which Malcolm feeds without fail, are feeding their young as we watch. We have the blue tit, coal tit, great tit, robin, greenfinch, chaffinch, bullfinch, goldfinch, brambling, blackbird, thrush, woodpigeon, as well as the occasional woodpecker and sparrow hawk. The lilies in the pond open up in the sunshine, the irises have grown tall and produced such amazing blooms. Some of the birds go to the edge of the pond for water, whilst others frantically wash themselves in the bird bath, such precious moments.

On Monday, 1st April 2019, I was invited to visit our Pre-School to give a presentation on the Easter story. It is always a pleasure to meet the children as they gather around to listen to the story. We talked about Jesus washing his disciples feet. I told them Father Andrew washes the feet of the children preparing for confirmation during the service on Maundy Thursday. We talked about the Last Supper when Jesus invited his disciples to the Passover meal knowing one of his disciples would betray him. We talked about the bread and the wine and I showed them the paten and chalice we use to distribute Holy Communion. They listened as I told them about Jesus's death on the cross and the empty tomb. I used an Easter egg to demonstrate the empty tomb.

On Thursday, 11th April 2019, we held the Annual Meeting of Parishioners and the Annual Church Meeting in Church. Malcolm Stewart and Jacqui Worthington were re-elected as Churchwardens for the next year. One of our Parochial Church Council members, Mr. Ronnie Southworth, retired this year and we would like to thank Ronnie for his commitment and loyal service. Various reports were produced and policies reviewed, and a new Electoral Roll was established.

On Palm Sunday, 14th April 2019, we participated in the Dramatic Reading of Our Lord's Passion. Members of the congregation take the parts of all those involved in the Passion and it is a very moving experience. This service sets the scene for the daily services during Holy Week, which are shared between our Church and Eccleston St. Mary the Virgin. On Holy Saturday the Easter Vigil is held at Eccleston St. Mary the Virgin.

On Ascension Day, 30th May 2019, Bishop Philip of Burnley, celebrated the Holy Eucharist and confirmed seven of our children: Christopher Curry, Dominic Evans, Aimee Jones, Oliver Moran, Edward Nolan, Gabrielle Pennington, and Darcey Hudson-Thompson. Bishop Philip addressed everyone, but particularly the children, he talked about commitment and inspiration, and he asked them to be like Jesus. The children's mums were asked if they would provide the cakes for the refreshments and, as you will see from the photographs, they produced a wonderful display. There was one large cake and individual cupcakes. Each of our children had a cake with their name and a cross on it, so did Bishop Philip and Father Andrew. One of our children, Ella Van Blanken, was away on holiday on Ascension Day, so Ella was confirmed at St. Georges, Chorley the following Tuesday by the Bishop of Blackburn, Bishop Julian.

On Friday, 14th June 2019, we were entertained in Church by the Entertainers, part of the Farnworth Performing Arts Company, originally the Farnworth Amateur Operatic and Dramatic Society, which was formed in 1930 "to educate the public and develop their appreciation and taste in plays, drama, comedies, operettas, and other dramatic and operatic works". They presented "The Magic of the Musicals", which was an excellent production, very varied, well presented and well received.

On Sunday, 23rd June 2019, our Priest-in-Charge, Reverend Andrew Brown, was Inducted and Installed as Rector of Eccleston and Charnock Richard by the Archdeacon of Blackburn, The Venerable Mark Ireland. Father Andrew has now formally "taken possession" of the United Benefice of Eccleston St. Mary the Virgin and Charnock Richard Christ Church. Charnock Richard and Eccleston will still have their own Parochial Church Councils and remain separate parishes within a United Benefice. We wish Father Andrew well in his new position.

On the same day Doris and George Haydock joined us at the 9.30am service. A few days earlier, on 19th June 2019, they celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary. Doris and George were married in our Church in 1954. Archdeacon Mark gave them a special blessing, to give thanks and mark the occasion.

Reverend John Bacon has now left our parish after living here for 32 years. John and Con moved into Charnock Richard in 1987 to retire here. John served us faithfully during three interregnums,

after the departure of Canon Geoffrey Moore, Reverend Robin Pettitt and Reverend Norman Hayton. John has conducted baptisms, weddings and funerals and, for many years, led the 10.00am Holy Communion service at the Almshouses Chapel on Thursday mornings. We are all going to miss him. On Sunday, 30th June 2019, we held an afternoon tea for John. Everyone was invited and, in particular, we invited many of his retired clergy friends. Gareth and Rachel provided the music and everyone was encouraged to join in the sing-a-long. We also had some dancers! It was very emotional at the end when Rachel sang "We'll meet again". John's last service with us was on Sunday, 7th July 2019. He has now moved to Norfolk to live with his daughter Mary, and son-in-law Bob, very close to the Sandringham estate.

On Saturday, 6th July 2019, we held our Annual Procession of Witness. This year we were led around the village by Valley Brass, a brass band based in Haydock. The band was formed in 1992 by its musical director, David Chadwick, who lives in Chorley along with three other members of the band. In February this year, they claimed First Prize in the North West Regional Championships, which means they qualify for the National Brass Band Championships of Great Britain which takes place at Cheltenham Racecourse in September. We wish them well. I would like to thank David Newton and everyone who helped with the traffic management of the event, without your help this event would not happen. Your contribution helps us to continue a tradition which has been held in Charnock Richard for a great number of years.

On Sunday, 7th July 2019, we walked from the old Mini-Market to Church. In the afternoon there was a Christ Church School and Community cricket match on the school field. This event was started by Canon Geoffrey Moore in the late 1980's and was held for a good number of years. I know he will be very pleased it has been resurrected this year.

On Thursday, 11th July 2019, we held a Fashion Show in School. We needed to ensure we had at least 75 people present on the night, in the end we had exceeded that total, thanks to Linda and her team. The clothes come from leading high street fashion brands and the prices are generally at least half the in-store price. The organisers buy in bulk when goods have been over-produced or orders cancelled. They brought coats, jackets, dresses, trousers, tops and shorts, as well as accessories, bags, shoes and scarves. An enjoyable evening was had by all and the Church benefitted by over £700, which was brilliant.

On 24th April 2019, we lost a lady who contributed a great deal to this parish. Jean Ashcroft, who used to live in Chorley Lane along with her husband Gary, arranged the flowers in our Church for many years. Jean, along with Joyce Whittle, led the team which made the new Mothers Union banner. The ladies who helped with the project met at Jean's bungalow to undertake the very detailed work. Jean was also a member of Family History at Chorley. Her team produced three books for our parish, they contained detailed records of baptisms, weddings, funerals and monuments. I, personally, have found these books invaluable when we have been asked to track down historic records. I first met Jean in the 1980's when she lived in Darwen and worked for Citizen Newspapers. I worked in our business in Burnley at that time and Jean was selling advertising space. After leaving the Citizen, Jean started her own bridal business in Darwen making wedding dresses, bridesmaid dresses and christening gowns. Jean's shop was above her friend's shop in Darwen, Janet was a florist and she did interflora. It was at this shop Jean acquired her flower arranging skills. Jean was also the founder member of Lower Darwen Village Community Association, the chairmanship of which she held for a number of years. She accomplished a great deal and she will be sadly missed. Her funeral was held at Coppull St. Johns on 2nd May 2019.

Sadly, during week commencing 1st July 2019, we had 5 lawn mowers and a strimmer stolen from Church. The work in the churchyard is undertaken by volunteers and we need quite robust equipment to carry out this task. Someone on Facebook suggested we start a Just Giving page. I asked Rachel Simm to set up a page with a target of £2000 and, up to the present time, £1695 has been donated. In addition to this, I have received donations of £160 from other people. This is truly amazing and I would like to thank everyone most sincerely for their generosity.

I wish you all a very happy and refreshing summer holiday whether you are travelling far or are staying at home.

PS. My editorial is up to the current time whilst some of our other contributors are up to the last deadline date! This is my fault, I am late, and they will bring you up to date with their information in the next edition.

*Margaret Stewart*

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## CONFIRMATION



## AFTERNOON TEA FOR JOHN BACON



## FASHION SHOW





## WALKING DAY



## CRICKET MATCH





# A MESSAGE FROM FATHER ANDREW

**My dear friends,**

On Sunday 23 June a significant day took place in the life of the parish. The Archdeacon of Blackburn, the Venerable Mark Ireland, visited us to preach at the Parish Eucharist and to Induct and Install me as the Rector. Whilst this is personally very satisfying after spending a prolonged period as your Priest in Charge since our arrival in August 2013, what is more important to the parish is what all this means for the future. Archdeacon Mark addressed this in his homily.



Having a Rector in place is more important for the parish than it is for my status and ego; however, it may be helpful to explain the difference between the previous title and where we are now. The traditional title for all those holding responsibility in the Church of England is 'Curate'- this would be the Rector or the Vicar who may be helped by an 'Assistant Curate': over time the title curate was dropped in favour of Rector (if the church was an ancient foundation with tithe land attached to it or Vicar for more recent parishes); this resulted in the junior helper being called a 'Curate' rather than an Assistant Curate although all legal documents to this day refer to an 'Assistant Curate'.

In this parish the 19th Century foundation with land attached gave the incumbent the title 'Vicar of Charnock Richard'. When my predecessor left Eccleston in 2011 the Bishop wished to ensure the parish could survive in the future on a sound financial footing so suggested a merger with another local parish. The 'living had been suspended' in order for a legal reorganisation to take place for sometime and this was also replicated in Eccleston in 2011. This is why I was licensed as the Priest in Charge at both Charnock Richard and Eccleston until the legal agreement could be implemented. Technically the Bishop has been the incumbent during this time and I have been his local representative.

Now that the pastoral reorganisation has taken place and endorsed by the Church Commissioners in London who are the legal custodians of all changes I have been inducted and installed as the Rector of Eccleston and Charnock Richard. Whilst the parish remains the Parish of Charnock Richard, Christ Church with its own PCC and governing structures (as does the Parish of Eccleston, St Mary the Virgin), there is now a 'united benefice'. In practice this means that I hold one position, not two posts as I have done for the past six years. When a replacement for me has to be found, there will be one job to fill with one appointment process rather than two.

You may say the impact on the parish will not be great: and that may be true in much of what we do, but I believe that we will all have to begin to think differently to consider the needs to each other because Charnock Richard and Eccleston are now legally connected for the future, not just because of the jobs I hold. Archdeacon Mark talked about the vision for the future when he preached on 23 June because we now have to put behind us the issues which have caused division or resulted in looking inwards at our own concerns. The future has so much potential for collaboration, development and expansion if we are able to grasp it. Of course we want to cherish what the parish has been in the past and honour those who have contributed to its success. Whilst we live in a changing world the things which have formed us should not be ignored or forgotten but in order to survive we have to find new ways to express our Christian identity.

David Liddiment, the Executive Producer of Coronation Street once said *"It's never stopped changing and we wouldn't be on the air now, in my view, if it hadn't changed and evolved and, if it doesn't keep on evolving, it will die."*

**Every blessing,**

*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, or if you wish for someone to be prayed for, 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 in September/October. For more details please contact: Margaret Stewart on 01257 792692/792536/795665.





# Church Services at Christ Church Charnock Richard

9:30 AM

# WORSHIP

*with us this Sunday*

## SUNDAY

9:30am Parish Eucharist: Common Worship

## THURSDAY

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

## IMPORTANT DATES:

**Saturday & Sunday 14th/15th Sept 2019: Scarecrow Festival**

**Saturday 21st Sept 2019: Grand Auction Sale at Spendmore Lane Methodist Church. Viewing 9am-11am. Sale starts at 11am. Catalogues 50p. Refreshments available all day.**

## EASTER VIGIL



On Holy Saturday we celebrated the Easter Vigil at St. Mary the Virgin, Eccleston. The ceremonial lighting of the Paschal candle is one of the most solemn moments of the service. At the opening of the Easter Vigil a "new fire" is lit and blessed just outside the Church porch. On this most sacred night we recall the Lord Jesus' passing from death to life, we come together to watch and pray, and to listen to God's word and celebrate his mysteries.

The Paschal candle is a large white candle which displays several symbols, the cross is always the central symbol, the Greek letters alpha and omega signify that God is the beginning and the end, and the current year 2019 represents God in the present amidst the congregation. Father Andrew inserts five grains of incense (or metal studs) into the candle during the Easter Vigil to represent the five wounds of Jesus: the three nails that pierced his hands and feet, the spear thrust into his side, and the thorns that crowned his head.



# DONATIONS

DONATIONS RECEIVED FROM  
11th MARCH TO 26th MAY 2019

## CHURCH FUNDS

|  |        |
|--|--------|
| In memory of Bob Barlow.<br>From Dot & Derek Bolan CRRC.       | £10.00 |
| In lieu of Easter Cards.<br>From Marion Nash.                  | £20.00 |
| In memory of Margaret Palin.<br>From Doris & George.           | £10.00 |
| From Chris & Barbara.  | £10.00 |
| In loving memory of Josephine Alexander.<br>From Ralph Shirley | £10.00 |
| From Joyce Nelson.   | £20.00 |
| From Connie & Alan.  | £20.00 |
| From Philip Gunning.   | £10.00 |
| Anonymous.   | £40.00 |

## RESTORATION FUND

|   |        |
|---|--------|
| In memory of Margaret Palin.<br>From John & Jacqui Worthington. | £10.00 |
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## GRAVEYARD FUND

None received.

## ORGAN FUND

None received.

*Thank You!*

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## Anger over mower thefts

By ROBERT KELLY  
robert.kelly@ncmw.co.uk

AN appeal has been launched after five petrol lawnmowers and a strimmer were stolen from a church in a Chorley village.

Parishioners at Charnock Richard CE Church on Church Lane were outraged on July 4 when the doors on the storage facility were broken into and the equipment for their ground and graveyard was stolen.

Among the items that were removed included Husqvarna self propelled 548S and two Stiga multi-chip mowers, a Honda mower and another petrol one which was donated to the church. There was also a Honda strimmer.

Meanwhile parish administrator Margaret Stewart said: "We were quite shocked as we have had them for some time.

"Most of the people who do the work are volunteers and they are trying to keep the grounds tidy." "We can only use petrol mowers as there are no charging points around the



Volunteer Chris McCormick

church. We have been amazed by the response by the community to try to get money to get new ones.

"A Justgiving page was set up and that has more than £490 in there and then a gentleman has come in with a cheque for £100.

"Charnock Richard has a great community spirit but to see them coming to help has been great.

"We need petrol ones also because of the rough terrain."

Rachel Simm has created the Justgiving page and has set a

target of £2000 for the church to get new equipment. She said: "I suggested to set up the page as the church cannot afford to pay for new lawnmowers.

"There is a problem with the church roof and that needs repaired so I thought that the page would help to give them some money for the new equipment.

"It is disgraceful that some people should think of stealing from the church.

Sgt Paul Harrison of Chorley Police said: "People go to the church for worship and to pay respects to people who may have passed away.

"I'm sure that staff work tirelessly to keep the grounds looking pleasant so when people steal from places of this nature it just adds an extra layer of disappointment.

"We are looking into it and advise people to keep garages and outbuildings locked.

Anyone with any information about the incident is asked to contact 101.

■ If you would like to donate visit <https://bit.ly/2xz8q8V>

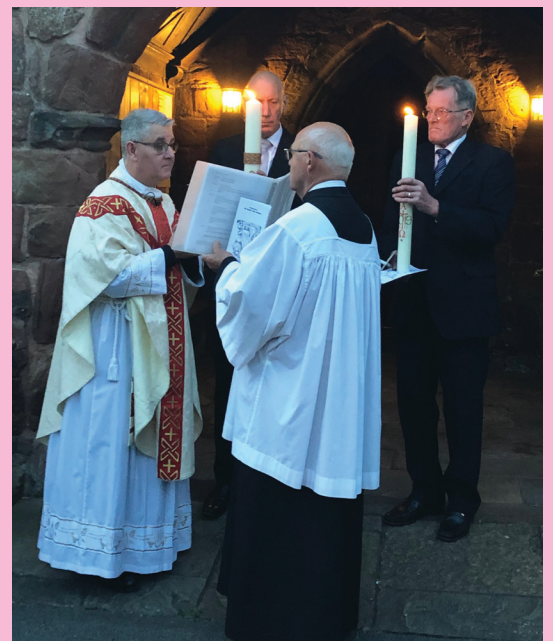
## STOLEN LAWNMOWERS & STRIMMER

During week commencing 1st July 2019, we had 5 lawn mowers and a strimmer stolen from Church. As you can imagine, the Church already struggles to keep up with rising maintenance costs and this equipment is vital to ensure the grounds around the graves and memorials are kept tidy. We set up a fundraiser in the hope that people would donate a little to help us replace this equipment. The response was fantastic and so far we have raised £1,695 of our £2,000 target, with donations from 41 supporters. Thank you all so much for your kindness and generosity.

The Paschal candle is the first candle to be lit with a flame from the sacred fire, representing the light of Christ coming into the world. This represents the risen Christ, as a symbol of light (life) dispelling darkness (death). At this point the worshipping assembly then processes into Church led by the Paschal candle, in our case two Paschal candles, one for Eccleston and the other for our Church.

The candles are raised three times during the procession, accompanied by the chant "The light of Christ" to which everyone responds "Thanks be to God". Later in the service the base of the candles are ritually immersed in the baptismal font before they are lifted out of the water for the blessing.

The Paschal candle is lit at all worship services throughout the Easter season, and is used at each baptism and funeral service for the rest of the year.





# Parish Registers

## HOLY BAPTISM

26th May 2019

Darcy Jean Pate  
Elliot David Roland Duerden

9th June 2019

Tobie Allan Doherty



## HOLY MATRIMONY

None

## FUNERALS

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.

29th April 2019

Funeral of Josephine Alexander. Died 13th April 2019 aged 95 years. Funeral service in Church followed by cremation at Charnock Richard Crematorium.

4th May 2019

Interment of Ashes of Josephine Alexander

4th July 2019

Interment of Ashes of Frank Green. Died 17th February 2019 aged 93 years. Funeral service in Church on 7th March 2019 followed by cremation at Charnock Richard Crematorium.

4th July 2019

Interment of Ashes of Jean Jolly. Died 31st July 2018 aged 83 years. Funeral service and cremation at Charnock Richard Crematorium on 13th August 2018.

4th July 2019

Interment of Ashes of Ronald Stanley Wilcock. Died 17th May 2019 aged 66 years. Funeral service and cremation at Charnock Richard Crematorium on 30th May 2019.



## Mother's Union

On the second Wednesday of every month the Mothers Union have a Coffee Morning in the Scout and Guide Headquarters beginning at 10.00am. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The Mothers Union meet on the third Thursday of the month at 2.00pm in the Football Club. Speakers are invited to some of the meetings.

On Friday, 6th September 2019, there will be a Mothers Union Bingo in the Football Club, meeting at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start. All are welcome.





## FLOWERS IN CHURCH



**31st March 2019**

In loving memory of Bob and Clive Barlow

from Joyce and all the family

**21st April 2019**

In memory of Loved Ones

In loving memory of Martin John Southworth

from Jacqui and John Worthington

from Mum and Dad

**Easter Flowers**

from Jan Wilson

**Easter Garden**

In loving memory of our parents

In loving memory of my parents

from Margaret and Malcolm Stewart and family

from John Ericson

**19th May 2019**

In loving memory of Anne Wilkinson

from Jacqui and John Worthington

**26th May 2019**

In loving memory of Ilene Cornwell

from Linda, Bob, Jason, Rachel and Adam;  
Alan, Alison and Marcus

**2nd June 2019**

In memory of Loved Ones

from Doris and George Haydock

**23rd June 2019**

Treasured memories of my dear Son Clive

Missed so much by Joyce Barlow

## CHARNOCK RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL

At the Council's AGM Meeting in May Councillor Allan Shaw was re-elected as Chairman with Councillor Ann Bishop also being re-elected as Vice-Chairman. Councillor Christina Pilling stepped down from the Council and we thank her for the many years of service she provided. Her input and support will be sorely missed by her fellow Councillors.

At the June meeting we welcomed two new Councillors to the team- Cheryl Jackson and Lisa Birchall. We look forward to hearing their ideas and sharing their knowledge to help better the community of Charnock Richard.

The Orchard Gardens project is now complete. A huge thank you goes to Councillor Ann Bishop, Lengthsman Gordon Yates, and all the volunteers and residents who have contributed to the project. It has been a wonderful community project and the orchard is already started to bear fruit!

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:

- 5th August
- 2nd September

We hope to see you at our next meeting,

***Councillor Ellen Butcher***

## 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



# 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:**

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|----------------------|--------|
| Joyce Holland        | £30.00 |
| Ann Hough            | £22.00 |
| Peggy                | £12.00 |
| Olivia McCormick     | £12.22 |
| Alf and Betty Stacey | £14.00 |
| Sandra Norris        | £12.40 |
| Margaret Edwards     | £11.80 |
| Joyce Barlow         | £12.20 |

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|-------------------------------|---------|
| Coffee Morning April 2019     | £163.00 |
| Coffee Morning May 2019       | £150.50 |
| Coffee Morning June 2019      | £150.30 |
| Coffee Morning July 2019      | £136.70 |
| "Our Heroes"- The Craft Group | £100.00 |

Since we started collecting 20 pence pieces we have raised £2148.48, and since we started the Coffee Mornings we have raised £4753.75. Since three individuals/companies started to contribute by a monthly standing order £2200 has been donated up to the end of June 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.

On 18th March 2019 I received an email from Isobella Stott who is participating in the Archbishop of York Young Leaders Challenge at School. She informed me that, as one of her tasks, she had chosen to make seeded bird feeder balls and she asked if she could place two of them in the Memorial Garden. I was delighted to accept Isobella's offer and I am sure they will attract many birds to the garden, and I am also convinced visitors to the garden will greatly appreciate watching the birds feeding on these balls. Isobella, along with her Mum Collette, offered to make some scones and cakes for our next Coffee Morning. These were well received at our April Coffee Morning with our visitors responding very favourably. Thank you so much Isobella and Collette.

On Sunday 28th April 2019 a Baby Shower was held in the Old School. Hayley and her friends enjoyed a wonderful afternoon and I am delighted to announce Elsie May was born on 11th June 2019 weighing 8lbs 2oz, Hayley and her baby are progressing well.

On 7th May 2019 I was given £100 from Beryl, Lynda, Wendy and the Craft Group which was the money they raised from their "Our Heroes" Poppy Appeal. They have embroidered a cloth in memory of Loved Ones who served their country in conflict. The names embroidered in black paid the ultimate sacrifice, the names embroidered in red returned home. Aileen collected the names and Beryl, Lynda and Wendy undertook the embroidery. Thank you all so much.

On 22nd June 2019 there was a Baby Naming Ceremony in the Old School. I am fairly confident this will be the first time such an occasion has taken place in the Old School. 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





Hayley's baby shower



Hayley & baby Elsie May



Isobella & her bird feeders

# Year 6- Our Last Year at School

## Christ Church Charnock Richard C of E Primary School

Year 6 are saying goodbye to Christ Church Charnock Richard C of E Primary School with mixed emotions; sad to leave but excited about the next chapter on their learning journey.

While working hard in preparation for their SATs, the children have had an extremely busy year, including making clay models at Southlands High School, learning to play the guitar and culminating in their annual end of year trip to Patterdale. Children and staff showed great determination and resilience during the 4 days of activities, taking part in climbing, kayaking, gorge walking, a ropes course and orienteering. The children tested themselves to the limit with a 6 km walk along Ullswater followed by canoeing back to Patterdale. Year 6 are now ready to move on to their next adventure and everyone wishes them good luck.





## Times Table Rockstars take over Christ Church Charnock Richard C of E Primary School!

We have invested in an interactive fun game called Times Table Rockstars. It has been a huge hit across school. Children are timed to answer as many questions as they can in one minute. The more questions children answer, the better their rock status. We love the competition!

If children can answer more than 60 questions in one minute, on any times table, they achieve the status Rock Hero, and are rewarded with a badge. Children love sharing their personal bests. 45 children from years 2-6 have achieved Rock Hero Status!



### HINDS HEAD GARAGE

**01257 791206**

- Tyres
- Servicing
- Repairs
- MOT
- Timing belts
- Diagnostic testing
- Clutches

Julie Bradshaw Cert Ed, FdA, BA Hons

Fully qualified Tutor & Assessor (DBS)

### A1 TUITION

Literacy & Numeracy Tuition available for  
ages 5-11 years

Heskin Barns & Craft Centre

Heskin Estate, PR7 5PA

**07456527413**

juliebradshaw.27@gmail.com



## 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, slimming groups, yoga, dance etc. The building is accessible to all with kitchen facilities, baby changing, and disabled toilet. Charges are £15 per hour for one-off or regular use. Please contact Chris Pilling on 01257 794325 if you wish to hire this facility.



# CHARNOCK RICHARD PRE-SCHOOL

This term the Pre-School children have been very busy exploring the local area with lots of walks to the Church, Orchard Gardens, School Woodland Garden and Pole Green Nurseries.

We have covered lots of different topics with our weekly planning. We have discussed healthy and unhealthy foods and enjoyed trying new vegetables and making our own vegetable soup.

In May, the children and staff thoroughly enjoyed a Rock pool experience at Preschool. The children learned lots of facts about sea creatures and our British seaside whilst having the opportunity to hold sea creatures such as starfish and crabs. This was a fabulous learning experience for all the children.

The children continue to enjoy the monthly visit from the mobile library bus and weekly dancing lesson with Miss Nicky.

The children starting school in September have enjoyed visits from their new class teachers and taster visits to their new schools, the children that are starting at Christ Church Charnock Richard School have enjoyed lots of extra little walks to school to help familiarise them with the school grounds, their new classroom and their new teachers.

## 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](mailto:info@charnockrichardpreschool.co.uk) Further information about Pre-School can be found on the Pre-School website:

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See the news page for daily tweets about what we have been doing at preschool.

**Gillian Leadbetter (Pre-School Manager)**





# Charnock Richard Women's Group

## April 2019

The advertised speaker was not available for the April meeting so our chairperson Janet stepped in at the last minute and saved the day. She was able to tell us about De Terra Oils and their health benefits. She passed samples of the oils around for us to experience as she shared with us how they had helped her and her friends.

## May 2019

May's meeting was a trip out to Ferrari's Country House and restaurant in Thornley near Preston. After an early start and scenic run through the lovely Ribble Valley albeit in the rain we arrived at the hotel to a warm welcome from the staff. There followed a 45 minute demonstration including tastings of a variety of dishes from panetonne bread and butter pudding, gin and lemon posset to risotto and stroganoff. After the tasting we had a two course meal with coffee and mints. Everyone agreed it was a good night.

## June 2019

Fireman Mike gave us enjoyable talk on the use of sniffer dogs by Manchester Fire Service. He explained how the dogs started with a budget of £1000 and a how to train a dog manual in 2003. His first dog was called Echo and qualified as a search dog in 2005. In the years following he has travelled all over the world training other dogs. He went on to outline what the dogs are used for and their successes, challenges and rewards.

## July 2019

Christine Davidson talked about the work of Chorley Hedgehog Rescue. She shocked us all with the decline in hedgehog population in the last few years and what the rescue centre is doing to help the hedgehogs in Chorley. She explained how we could help hedgehogs in our gardens by giving them places to shelter and how to build a feeding centre and to feed them on chicken cat food. She told us what dangers hedgehogs face, including slug pellets, pets, cats, strimmers and fly strikes causing maggot infestation. Some of the information she gave us made us rethink how we act in our gardens.

See you all soon! *Lynda*

## Dates for your calendar

|          |                                  |
|----------|----------------------------------|
| 1st Aug  | Social night                     |
| 5th Sept | Sarah from Bees Country Kitchen  |
| 3rd Oct  | The history of Pilates by Rachel |
| 7th Nov  | To be confirmed                  |
| 5th Dec  | Jacob's join Christmas Party     |



# CHARNOCK RICHARD FC JUNIORS ARE REAL GOAL-GETTERS!



Dear neighbours,

As most are probably aware, Charnock Richard FC is currently having its most successful ever period, however, some of you may not be aware of the sheer size of our Junior section and how we have been quietly growing Charnock Richard Junior FC over the years.

Just five years ago, we hosted 12 teams aged between Under 7 & Under 18 and this number has steadily grown up to the coming season when we will accommodate a record 17 teams playing in The Wigan Youth, Mid Lancashire Colts, Central Lancashire & Lancashire Sunday Leagues! Not counted in these numbers is our new under 6 team (this year's school reception year age group) and now even younger children joining the ranks to train and ultimately represent us. After 2 years absence, our U18 Youth Team has also been re-established, which provides a far greater link to our senior section and men's football. Of particular note, some of this season's U18 team have represented the club since they were just 6 years old!

Last season was a particular successful one for us with several of our teams either winning or finishing runners up in their respective league and cups. One of our teams completed a fantastic league and league cup double and were rewarded for their success by being invited to a prestigious national 'invite only' tournament hosted at St George's Park – England's national training centre.

## So, how do we progress over the coming years?

We have invested heavily in our facilities over recent years with the club being the envy of most if not all visitors due to the superb condition of our pitches which look not too unlike Wembley's! The Junior Section Committee also have plans in place to continue to grow the club and host more teams as and when we can responsibly do so. We do however have big challenges ahead to enable us to grow as we'd like. Currently our teams share just four pitches, three of which are at the club and the fourth which is very kindly rented to us by the Primary School. We are therefore seeking ways and means of growing our facilities and have recently met with members of the Lancashire Football Association to ascertain possible ideas of funding for grass roots clubs.

On a final note, we are a self-funding football club run very prudently and with very generous donations from team/kit sponsors however, we do have several additional areas of potential sponsorship we feel local businesses and the club may mutually benefit from. If you would be interested to discuss the possibilities, please do drop me a line; [martingalbraith@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:martingalbraith@yahoo.co.uk).

So, onwards and upwards for our club and we hope to provide another update as the season progresses. Please do check us out on our website or feel free to drop in to watch one of our games!

Best Regards,

**Martin Galbraith** Chairman, Charnock Richard Junior FC



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**20th August 2019**  
**20th November 2019**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our contributors, our sponsors and our distributors for all their support with the Chronicle, and a big thank you to Rachel Simm for agreeing to edit this and future editions.

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# 1st CHARNOCK RICHARD GUIDES



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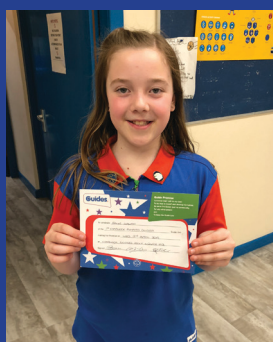
Girlguiding

We've had a busy few months taking part in lots of activities and completing badges before we start our new programme in September.

Below are some pictures of what we have been up to:

- Making Easter crafts, cards and chocolate nests.
- Taking advantage of the nice weather and our local park to have some fun.
- Completing the 'Networking' skill builder from the new programme as a taster session.
- Enrolling our newest Guide Faye.
- Taking part in Walking Day.
- Crowning our Rose Queen Amy Chapman and presenting our 'Guide of the Year' award to Gemma Blackledge.

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.



## Another Innings

The sun shone on Sunday, 7th July as once again the sound of willow on leather could be heard at our community cricket match. After a break of many years, a revised format saw a team of players representing school pitted against a team representing Charnock St James Cricket Club. There was tension in the air as the school team warmed up and fine-tuned their tactics following a practice and advice from coach Betty. Umpires Dave Bennett and Thomas Heaton oversaw the charity match, with Charnock St James winning the toss and electing to bat first.

After 20 overs, Charnock St James players had notched up an impressive 100 runs. The school team replied, scoring a spirited 50 runs in their 20 overs. Perhaps not the closest result, but much appreciated by the spectators on this beautiful afternoon on the cricket field.

Village groups which benefitted from the fund-raising event, the church, school and uniformed groups, provided a range of delicious refreshments and stalls. At the end of the afternoon, everyone headed home after an enjoyable and successful revival of the village charity match.

A huge thank you to everyone involved: the teams, umpires, those who gave up their time to run stalls, put on refreshments and help in the organisation of the event.



## Drowning in Plastics – The Sequel!



This time the message is coming from the leaders, and first of all, we would like to say how very proud we are of our Scouts. They have worked so hard to gain their Environmental Conservation badges.

We would also like to thank you, the residents of Charnock Richard, for the tremendous response we have had to our letter. We know some of you have been changing your habits already, and we have also had positive feedback in many other ways. We'd like to thank all of

you that have offered to donate to us, and to support our cause. In particular, when starting this project, we had help from "The Print Quarter" in Chorley, who produced all the letters for us free of charge. We have also had a very kind donation from our friendly milkman, Mr Peter Critchley, and of course we had the soap samples given to us by Droyts of Chorley, so our thanks go to all of them.

In addition, we have had a visit from our District Councillor and new Deputy Mayor, Steve Holgate, who is very actively involved with local environmental conservation projects. He has been sharing his knowledge and ideas with the Scouts, and as helped us to replant the missing hedgerows in the newly refurbished Orchard Garden on the first Monday in June. So a big thank you also goes out to Councillor Holgate.

With this Plastic Campaign, it seems we have been trailblazers in Charnock Richard, because Scouting Magazine has featured the very same subject this month! What has become clear is that it won't be possible to just recycle our way out of this problem. We should follow all the R's:

**Reduce    Recycle    Refuse    Repair    Reuse**

Again, we do like to be topical. As I write this article, only recently we heard about a man reaching the furthest depths of the ocean: Victor Vescovo, a retired naval officer, went to the bottom of the Mariana Trench in the Pacific Ocean; this being the deepest dive ever made by a human being in a submarine. It was some 6.9 miles under the ocean's surface. And do you know what he found? Yes, you've got it - a plastic bag!

So, if you were thinking about doing something to change your habits on plastic use, STOP NOW and just do it!

Thanks again from the Charnock Richard Scout Leaders.





# CHARNOCK RICHARD SCARECROW FESTIVAL 2019 14th & 15th September

This year's event is being coordinated by some new volunteers who have some great ideas. However, the event cannot be a success unless there are lots of scarecrows to see.

## How we can help you:

1) If you want to make a scarecrow we have people who can help. We will be running a Scarecrow Club on Friday 16th August at 10am at the Scout & Guide HQ, where you can get lots of tips and help to make your own scarecrow.

2) If you want to display a scarecrow but cannot make one - we have people who will make them for you to foster.

Further to comments from the public there will be a map showing where scarecrows are. Therefore, if you are making a scarecrow please can you let us know where you are.

Please contact Cheryl or Ali (details below) and tell us if you:

- 1) Want to display your own scarecrow
- 2) Want help in making your scarecrow OR,
- 3) Want to foster a scarecrow

If you want to volunteer to be a "Living Scarecrow" and make an incognito appearance around the village, please contact Cheryl or Ali.

Come on residents of Charnock let's make this year a really great community event. Below and across are some examples of scarecrows from previous years to inspire you!

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We sing a variety of music such as 80's power ballads, musical hits, rock classics, pop songs, disney and more.

If you're interested in coming along, you can request to join the facebook group by searching 'Charnock Voices', or contact Rachel Simmon 07787445447.

Or just pop along to our next meeting - we always welcome new members!

**Time: 6pm**  
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