

# **The Chronicle**

## **Charnock Richard**



*Amelia helping make cakes for  
Charnock Richard Coffee Morning*

**The Magazine of Christ Church Charnock Richard**  
**April / May 2017**

# THANK YOU TO THE EDITOR

I would like to thank Gillian and Paul Leadbetter for compiling and editing the Chronicle over the past 18 months. It is a skilled and time-consuming task and we really appreciate all the work they have done. The Chronicle is very important in the life of our community, it keeps our residents informed of what is happening in the village, it is delivered free of charge to every house in the village and beyond by a team of volunteers, and it is funded by the Church. All groups and organisations are invited to contribute to the Chronicle and we look forward to reading all their news. In this edition the School has some exciting news for us.

We are looking for a new editor for the Chronicle, have you the skills and can you make the commitment to take on this role? May be you cannot commit to take on the role for every edition, but perhaps you may like to take on the challenge for one edition each year and become a celebrity editor. If you can help us, please let me know, I would love to hear from you.

In the meantime, here are the deadlines for our contributors for the rest of the year. Please email your contribution to [margaretstewart@btconnect.com](mailto:margaretstewart@btconnect.com) by the 20th of each of the following months:

May  
July  
September  
November

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 Paul Burgess for editing this edition.

Margaret Stewart  
01257 792692 / 792536 / 795665

## THE POTTING SHED TEAM

Have you a few hours to spare each week?

We are organising a team which will meet for two or three hours each week and will work in the garden areas in the centre of the village...the Old School garden, the Almshouses garden, and the Churchyard. Initially, the team will meet each Monday at 10.00am beginning on Monday, 3rd April 2017. If this day and time is not convenient for most of the team, an alternative day and time can be agreed.

If you need any further information please contact Malcolm on 01257 792692 / 792536 or 07951 862 399.



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## FROM FATHER ANDREW

My Dear Friends,

The season of spring started a couple of weeks ago with the Spring Equinox on 20th March. This is the time of year when we begin to think about a fresh start and getting ourselves in to a more energetic frame of mind than we might have had during the winter months. This is true for many of us who have a few more birthdays under our belt than we would care to think about; when we were young, it certainly seemed that all year round was a wonderfully exciting spring time with endless possibilities and opportunities.

It seems very different for those who are young at the beginning of the 21st Century as they face criticism by others and are more vulnerable and less resilient than those of former generations, especially people who lived through the world wars of the last century who were called to do quite remarkable things, often making the supreme sacrifice at a very young age. A report a couple of years ago suggested that today's' generation of under 25s would for the first time for many decades have a less affluent lifestyle than their parents: in other words, progress in living standards has stopped and even gone backwards for some groups. We have heard recently that we are now at a point that for the 18-34 age group more of them are living with their parents than with a partner which has not been the case since 1945. Similarly, the prospect of owning their own home is more elusive for young people than a generation ago.

The term given to children born between the mid 1980s and early 2000s is Millennials or Generation Y. Commentators sometimes call these young people the 'snow flake generation' because they seem too sensitive, over praised and easy offended. Certainly in comparison with those of the last century I mentioned earlier Millennials express their feeling more opening, but this is not a particularly bad thing. Criticism of this generation leads to a rather discontent and resentful attitude from older people who we might expect to set an example.

We should remember that it was the Millennials who overwhelmingly voted to remain in the EU because their outlook and passion is centred on their love for the flexibility and openness offered by modern society. In general they want make a success of life and are energetic and hopeful wanting to make the world a better place

So where does this lead us in the church. Many people think of religion as being an activity only for older people. It is true that the Church of England in particular has always had an older age profile – something that we conveniently forget when we complain about the lack of young people in church.

We would do well to remember that Christianity as a movement has as its leader Jesus, who was a young man when he went in to the desert to reflect on what the rest of his life had in store. The disciples were young and energetic people, full of hope of the possibility a new start. In his three short years of teaching and mission Jesus Christ gathered round him a group who desired to know God by being driven by spirit to test themselves. When he died young, Jesus had managed to change the course of history through this youthful determination. Each of us has a reflection of that determination inside, the younger version of ourselves when we believed in bigger things and hoped for something deeper.

In spring we should remind ourselves that we are forever young as this is the potential of God within each and every one of us.

Every Blessing

*Fr. Andrew*

# CHURCH

## THE MISSION STATEMENT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

"In the power of the Holy Spirit, and strengthened by daily prayer and bible study, we will be faithful communicants and by active witness, fellowship and service in the community, we will strive to help forward the Kingdom of God"

## THE POWER OF PRAYER

We are often asked to include in our prayers people who are anxious and awaiting tests, people who are about to have surgery, and people who have been diagnosed with life-threatening illnesses. One or two of us thought it might be helpful to tell you about some of those for whom our prayers have been asked so that we might know a little more about them. If you would like us to include an update on the progress some of these have made, so that it can be shared, please contact Margaret Stewart 01257 792692/792536/795665

## THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND AT HOME

The Bishop has granted permission to five people in our Parish to distribute Holy Communion in Church, in the Chapel and in the home. If you know of someone, who would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact either Margaret Stewart (01257 792692) or Jean Heaps (01257 793034).

## KERBS

The kerbs around the gravestones, in the Churchyard, make the maintenance of the Churchyard so much harder and so much more time-consuming. Mowers and strimmers cannot operate between the kerbs. We feel the Churchyard looks much more well-kept when the kerbs are removed.

If you have a grave with kerbs in the Churchyard please consider asking us to remove them. If enough people agreed to this we could raise up the low areas with soil to create a beautiful well-kept lawned Churchyard.

Please consider our request. We would also like to remind everyone that the use of weed killer in the Churchyard is forbidden. Thank you.

## GIFT AID

If you are a taxpayer please consider joining the gift aid scheme. For every £1 you give we can reclaim an extra 28p from the Inland Revenue. If you contribute to the Church by standing order or the envelope scheme you only need to complete one simple form. However, if you are used to placing cash on the plate and you are a taxpayer then please use and complete one of the envelopes in the pews (or at the back of the Church). If you need any help please ask us. Your support in this matter is very much appreciated.

## **CHURCHYARD MONUMENTS**

It is the responsibility of the Parochial Church Council to maintain a safe graveyard. Over the years, sometimes not so many years, monuments become loose. It is the responsibility of families to ensure that their monument is safe and secure. We urge you to check your monument and if there is any movement please instruct someone to make it safe.

The Parochial Church Council decided that if any are found unsafe steps will have to be taken to lay them flat. We do not want to have to do this, but safety in the graveyard is of paramount importance and we will have to do what is necessary.

## **VICARAGE**

As the vicarage is let out to private tenants please ensure all correspondence intended for the Vicar, Churchwardens, or Parochial Church Council is left at the Church, or given to the Church-wardens, or any member of the Parochial Church Council.

## **THE BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE**

Please take a look at the Book of Remembrance which can be found at the front of the Church. If any of you would like the names of your loved ones recorded in this book, then please give their names and date of death in writing to the Wardens.

## **ITEMS FOR SALE**

We have some items for sale:

- Booklets about the Church, its Windows and Memorials – £1.50
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- Glasses engraved with the Church – £1.00
- Tea towels – £2.50
- Booklet "The Battles of the Somme, 1916" – £1.50
- Torch Key rings – £3.50
- Small note-pads – £1.50
- Postcards of Charnock Richard

We have been given some postcards depicting four different landmarks of Charnock Richard. We are offering these for sale at 30pence each.

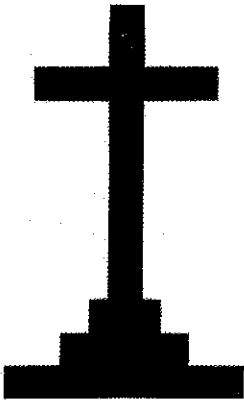
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## **"THE DEAR ONE" ...THE DIARIES OF JAMES DARLINGTON**

We have been extremely fortunate to gain access to the diaries of James Darlington who built our Church one hundred and fifty years ago. "The Dear One" the story of James and Frances Darlington as told in James Darlington's diaries, is now available at a cost of £9.50.

If you would like a copy please contact Margaret Stewart 01257 792692/792536/795665.

# CHURCH SERVICES AT CHRIST CHURCH CHARNOCK RICHARD



The pattern of services for April 2017 and May 2017 will be as follows, except where noted below:

Sunday

9.30am Parish Eucharist - Common Worship

Thursday

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

## PARISH REGISTERS

**Holy Baptism:** None

**Holy Matrimony:** None

### Funerals:

- 2nd February 2017: Funeral of Maureen Brewer. Died 22nd January 2017 aged 76 years. Funeral service in Church followed by cremation at Charnock Richard Crematorium.
- 28th February 2017: Funeral of Dorothy Crompton. Died 30th January 2017 aged 99 years. Funeral service in Church followed by interment in the Churchyard.
- 14th March 2017: Funeral of Margaret Marsden. Died 28th February 2017 aged 62 years. Funeral service in Church followed by cremation at Charnock Richard Crematorium.
- Interment of Ashes of Herbert Haslam. Died 21st December 2016 aged 94 years. Funeral service and cremation at Charnock Richard Crematorium on 5th January 2017.
- 30th March 2017: Funeral of Esther Elizabeth (Essie) Alty. Died 21st March 2017 aged 88 years. Funeral service in Church followed by interment in the Churchyard.

## DIARY DATES

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|---------------------------------------|---|
| Saturday 8th April 2017               | Coffee Morning in the Old School at 10.00am |
| Sunday 7th May 2017                   | Tea Party in the Old School at 2.00pm       |
| Saturday 13th May 2017                | Coffee Morning in the Old School at 10.00am |
| Saturday 10th June 2017               | Coffee Morning in the Old School at 10.00am |
| Saturday / Sunday 1st / 2nd July 2017 | Walking Days                                |

# FLOWERS IN CHURCH

5th February 2017

In loving memory of Joe from Marion

19th February 2017

In loving memory of Roy Wilkinson from Jacqui and John Worthington

26th February 2017

In memory of Loved Ones from Christ Church Ladies

## DONATIONS RECEIVED TO 17TH MARCH 2017

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From Keri Iddon. £30.00

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From his loving wife Edith. £20.00

### ORGAN FUND.

None received.

### RESTORATION FUND

In loving memory of Ian & John Cornwell.  
From Ilene & family. £20.00

In loving memory of a dear father James Green  
and a dear mother Ellen May Green.  
From Dorothy, Bob, Joyce, Margaret & families.  
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In loving memory of a dear father Herbert Haslam.  
From Julie & Neil Maguire. £500.00

Anonymous. £30.00

### GRAVEYARD FUND

None received.



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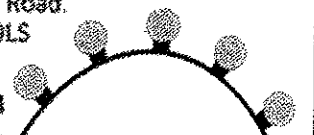
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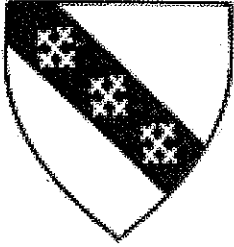
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# **CHRIST CHURCH CHARNOCK RICHARD**

## **CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL**

### ***Exciting news from the school Governors***

#### **New Classroom**

We are delighted to be able to share good news with you regarding our long held plans to expand the school by providing a new classroom.

As a highly successful and growing school, pupil numbers have increased over the past few years, which means that the current accommodation is inadequate. We needed an extra classroom and, as a temporary measure, we were able to rent a room in the Uniformed Group's Building across the school playing field. This provided a welcome temporary solution, but the headteacher and governors have continued to pursue the goal of building another classroom on to the main building.

Last Autumn we put in a bid for a share of the funding allocated to the Church of England Voluntary Aided schools in the diocese. Despite the current economic climate of cuts to schools, at the beginning of March we were thrilled to hear that our bid had been successful. This means that, at last, our plans for the new classroom will become a reality, and we look forward to the next exciting phase in the expansion and development of Christ Church Charnock Richard C E Primary School.

We will share any further information with you as it becomes available.

#### **Letter from the Department for Education**

The Governors would like to congratulate the Headteacher, Mrs Brooks, all the staff and pupils of Christ Church Charnock Richard C E Primary School on gaining recognition from the Department for Education on being in the " top 1% of schools in the country for attainment in reading and mathematics for the 2016 KS2 assessments tests".

These letters are only sent to schools who obtain the highest levels of attainment throughout England, so we are all very proud of these results which put us in the top 1,000 primary schools in the country.

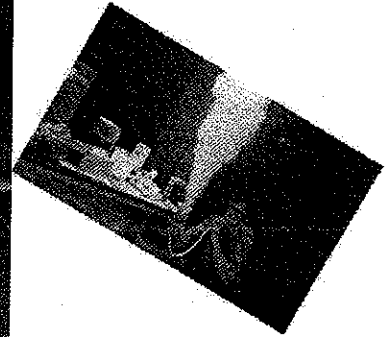
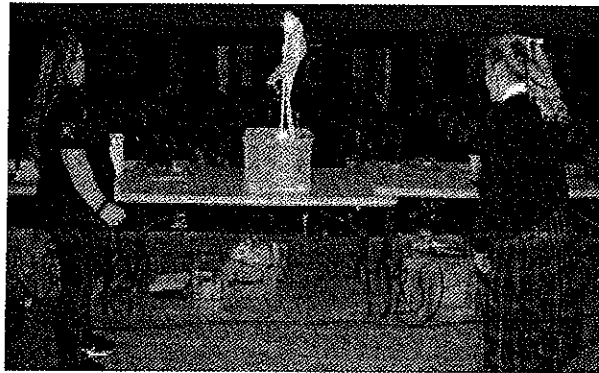
#### **Grant From TESCO**

We have been awarded the top grant of £5000 from TESCO to improve the Woodland Garden. We will now be able to develop the area into an Outdoor Classroom, so a really heartfelt "Thank You" to all those who took the trouble to vote for us in the TESCO stores – it has paid off handsomely!



# Christ Church Charnock Richard C of E Primary School

Children from Year 4, had an exciting visit to an explosive food show, at St Laurence's Primary School, hosted by The Ogden Trust.



'Explosive Food' featured exciting and fascinating chemistry and physics demonstrations, which gave us an insight into the Science behind some of the foods we eat.

The children loved seeing every day foods, being used in an unusual way, to create explosions.

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This term in Year 3 we have been learning about Britain's history from the Stone Age through the Bronze Age and Iron Age. We had a visit from History Alive, who brought in fantastic Stone Age artefacts for us to look at such as authentic tools, pots and weapons. The children got to dress up as our ancient ancestors and had a terrific time.

In class we built Stone Age style houses from materials found in the Woodland Garden, which helped us to think about housing back in time.

We looked at the diet of Stone Age hunter-gatherers and cooked some dishes of our own such as Stone Age Stewed Fruit.



# COMMUNITY EVENTS

One of our sponsors, James Huyton of Langtree Farm Shop, is opening up his farm on Open Farm Sunday. James has supported us over the last two years at the Scarecrow Festival.

He had a stall on the field across from the Church selling home-grown produce. At the farm his family also sells their home-made ready meals, home-made cakes, and fresh meat etc.

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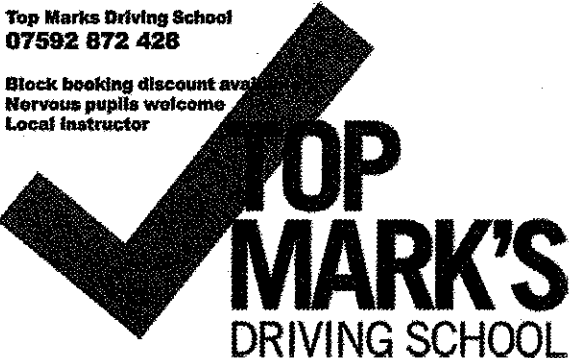
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## CONSULTATION ON PHASE III PROPOSALS AT MOSSIE CLOSE PLAY AREA

The Parish Council has received some funding from Chorley Council which they are planning to use on PHASE III enhancements to Mossie Close Play Area, at the rear of the houses on Leeson Avenue and Willow Drive, and would like to determine the views of the residents, all school children and young people of Charnock Richard on the following suggestions:

- 1) The inclusion of a Multi-Use-Games-Area (MUGA) on the site. An area with a hard tarmac surface which would meet the needs of multiple sports within one play area whether it is netball, football, hockey, cricket or basketball.

**OR**

- 2) A Zip-Wire, a Viking Swing, a See-Saw, and a Rocking Horse.

It is hoped that the provision of either of these schemes, will add to the existing play provision, will enhance the leisure, play and amenities available to the young people of the Parish and, will make Mossie Close Play Area an all-age inclusive play space for Charnock Richard.

You can complete the tear off slip below and return it to a Parish Councillor, School, Scouts & Guides,  
**OR**

Your views can be forwarded in writing, or by email to:

Mrs C A Cross, Clerk to the Parish Council, 321 Preston Road, Standish, WIGAN, WN6 0QB  
Email: [Carolyn.parishcouncil@googlemail.com](mailto:Carolyn.parishcouncil@googlemail.com)

**PLEASE RESPOND BY: SATURDAY 6th MAY 2017**

Thank you in advance for taking the time to consider these proposals and respond to them.

### **CHARNOCK RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL**

Cut and Return -----

## CONSULTATION RESPONSE ON PHASE III PROPOSALS AT MOSSIE CLOSE PLAY AREA

Please indicate your preference by ticking the appropriate box below:

I would like the Parish Council to provide a MUGA at Mossie Close Play Area

I would like the Parish Council to provide a Zip-Wire, a Viking Swing, a See-Saw and a Rocking Horse at Mossie Close Play Area

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Letter from the Parish Council

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Wednesday 6.30pm Old School 07725 973324  
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*For details of Church Services and other activities see the  
 Church Noticeboard or contact the church wardens.*

Mr Malcolm Stewart (Church Warden) 01257 792536  
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Contact Barbara Ansty 01772 424639

### OLD SCHOOL / PARISH ROOMS

Available for meetings and parties  
 Contact Mrs P Pate 01257 791407

### MOTHERS UNION

3rd Thursday in the Football Club 2.00pm - 4.00pm  
 Enrolling Member Mrs C Pilling 01257 794325  
 Secretary Mrs J Heaps 01257 793034

### PARISH COUNCIL: *Your local voice*

Information from all enquiries to the Parish Clerk:  
 Mrs. Carolyn Cross. 321 Preston Road, Standish, Wigan.  
*carolyn.parishcouncil@googlemail.com* 01257 423128  
 Councillor Mel Almond **Chairman** 01257 470284  
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 Councillor Jim Hill 01257 277832  
 Councillor Janet Ogden 01257 791854  
 Councillor Chris Pilling 01257 794325  
 Councillor John Taylor 01257 269938  
 Councillor Ellen Walmsley 07756 355376

### CRICKET CLUB

Contact Harold Heaton 01257 791312

### FOOTBALL CLUB

Contact Ian Holland 01257 794288

### AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Qualified carers, lots of fun and activities.  
 Contact - The School

### SCHOOL

Children are usually admitted in the year of their  
 5th Birthday. Names can be put down in advance.  
 Contact Head Teacher - Mrs H. Brooks 01257 791490