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YOUR PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Resident,

**As the newly-elected chair of the Parish Council, I am delighted to welcome you all to the Winter edition of the newsletter.**

As 2016 draws to a close, we have never been busier on the council, whether it is working to protect bus routes and the library or regenerating the parish-owned woodland off Back Lane. Some of our plans for next year include: renewal of the Gough Lane play area in Clayton Brook and the provision of hanging basket displays along Clayton Brook Road as well as Preston Road. If you have any ideas about work that could be done to improve your neighbourhood, please contact us.

We have recently revamped our web site. Check it out at [www.claytonlewoodsparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.claytonlewoodsparishcouncil.org.uk). Please let us know what you think of it using the online contact form.

May I take this opportunity to remind you that the Parish Council operates the only bowling green in the area. All are welcome to use the facility, whether on a casual basis or by joining the bowling club.

It may seem to the casual observer that sometimes things move slowly on the Parish Council, but I can assure you that this is not the case. It is a by-product of democracy and as Winston Churchill once said: "Democracy is the worst form of government, apart from every other form of government."

**Councillor Ray Ormston** Chairman of the Council



## Your Parish Council

### Who are we?

Parish Councils are civil Local Authorities, being the lowest, or first tier of local government. Clayton-le-Woods is a large Parish within the borough of Chorley and has a long history, being established in 1894. It consists of 15 voluntary Parish Councillors who are elected for a four year term of office to serve and administer to the needs of the residents of Clayton-le-Woods village. It employs a Clerk to the Council and funding is raised by a precept on each residential property in the Parish, via your Council Tax. This allows us to carry out our duties to both improve and maintain the area in which we live.

### What do we do?

The Parish Council owns a number of assets, including the Community Centre on Spring Meadow; Back Lane Woods; several Play Areas and the Skate Park near to Asda. The maintenance and improvement of these areas remains high on our agenda, as does the appearance of the area. We employ Lengths Men from Lisieux Hall to help keep the area litter-free and we maintain many of the flower beds around the Parish. Hence, we believe that Clayton is one of the prettiest and tidiest parishes in the whole of Chorley. We hope you agree!

If you have any ideas to improve the area, we'd be pleased to hear from you – just contact your local parish councillor or the parish clerk.

## CLAYTON LE WOODS PARISH COUNCIL

### PROPOSED ORDINARY MEETING DATES 2017

- Monday 16th January 2017
- Monday 20th February 2017
- Monday 20th March 2017
- Monday 10th April 2017
- Monday 15th May 2017
- Monday 19th June 2017
- Monday 17th July 2017
- No meeting during August
- Monday 18th September 2017
- Monday 16th October 2017
- Monday 20th November 2017
- No meeting during December

**Annual Parish Meeting**  
Monday 24th April 2017

**Annual General Meeting**  
Monday 15th May 2017  
(Prior to Ordinary Meeting)

#### You are welcome!

Why not drop in to see us at one of our meetings to see how we work on your behalf.

If you want to speak about anything at the meeting, just let the clerk know before the meeting.

# Meet your local Parish Councillor

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Charlie Bromilow



Jean Elizabeth Cronshaw



Stephen David Cross



Stephen John Fenn



Michelle Mayson

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Gail Ormston



Rosemary Constance Boyd



Glenda Charlesworth

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Mark Clifford



Eileen Whiteford



Alison Whitham

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# 2016

## What have we done this year?



### WE CELEBRATED THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY

Over the summer, Clayton-le-Woods Parish Council gave Birthday Commemorative Medals to pensioners living in the Parish and to school children. The Council had these medals specially-made to mark Her Majesty's 90th Birthday.

Ray Ormston, Chairman, said:  
**"We thought this would be a fitting way to celebrate the Monarch's special anniversary."**

One Clayton resident to receive a medal was Isabella Daley who celebrates her 90th birthday in December '16. Everyone calls her the Queen of Clayton Brook. She spent her evacuation years in Aberdeenshire on the estate of Glen Tanar, who was a cousin to the Queen.

*Pictured above: Isabella Daley receiving her commemorative medal from Cllr. Michelle Mayson at Clayton Brook Community House and Year 6 pupils at Clayton-le-Woods C. of E. Primary School with their commemorative medals*



### Grow to share garden grant-aided by the Parish Council

The Parish Council financially supported the creation of a 'Grow to Share' garden outside Clayton Brook Village Hall. The grant was given for the building of four raised beds planted with a variety of fruit and vegetables; the purchase of two wheelbarrows and two cold frames and the purchase of fruit bushes. The 'Grow to Share' group have plans to encourage the community to help maintain the newly-planted areas to provide a sustainable source of fresh fruit and vegetables for years to come. The group also plans to train local people in food growing skills with the support of Lancashire Adult Learning College, and have drop-in sessions and skill sharing sessions from local people to encourage others to grow and share.



### New Benches & Bins for Old

The Parish Council is in the process of replacing tired-looking benches and bins that are past their best. So far this year, we have replaced benches at the entrance to Cuerden Valley Park; at Back Lane opposite Swansey Garage and at Clayton Green Library.

The council owns a number of bins located throughout the area and we pay Chorley Council to empty them. Over the year, we have been replacing these bins with bins that are suitable for dog waste and cigarette stubs, as well as litter. If you see any bins in need of replacement, please let the clerk know.

# 2017

## What are we planning to do next year?

### Have your say on play area...

Plans are in hand to refurbish the play area in Clayton Brook. This was the first of a number of play areas installed by the Parish Council over 17 years ago. As it is now in need of a complete make-over, the Parish Council has budgeted for this work to be done in 2017.

Any ideas about what new pieces of play equipment we should put in for toddlers and older children would be welcome. Please contact your local Parish Councillor or the Clerk with your ideas.

### Hanging Baskets to be extended

For a number of years, the Parish Council has provided hanging baskets within the parish over the summer months. Plans have been agreed to increase the numbers of baskets and to extend the locations to include Clayton Brook Road.



### Planting Beds to be revamped

Next year, a number of planting beds within the parish will be revamped to provide year-round colour.

### Play Week 2017

Plans are underway for Play Week 2017. Each year, the parish council sponsors a play week for the under 5's during the first week of August to give an opportunity for play, education and interaction.

The Play Week is led by the Happy House Play Group which has all the necessary Ofsted / Child Protection clearances. This play group is well known in the community for high quality care of the under 5's age group.

Further details about next year's Play Week will be on the website at the beginning of the year.

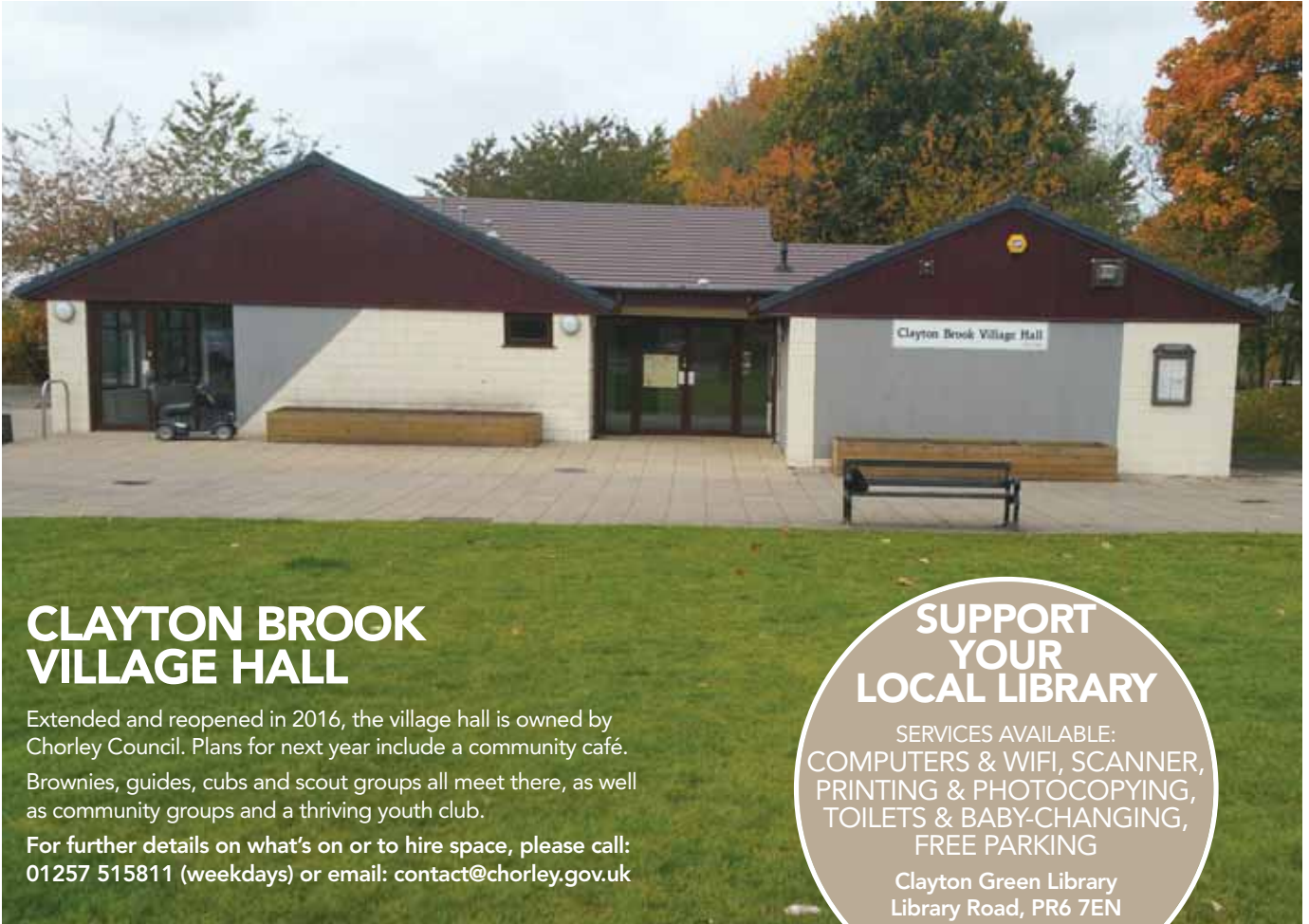
### Community Woodland to be improved

Plans are in-hand to carry out some environmental improvement works at Back Lane Woods next year. These plans include improving access to the woods; work to increase bio-diversity and pond refurbishment.

**Back Lane Woods** are owned by the Parish Council and we would like local residents to get involved in looking after them. There are a variety of tasks that we need help with, such as practical conservation work like clearing Himalayan Balsam and path laying. You could also help by litter-picking and reporting any fly-tipping to us. Full training would be given and conservation work would be carried out by small groups of volunteers.

If you live nearby and have a few hours to spare each week to help us, we'd love to hear from you. We plan to set up a group of Friends of Back Lane Woods to help care for this special place for residents to enjoy.





## CLAYTON BROOK VILLAGE HALL

Extended and reopened in 2016, the village hall is owned by Chorley Council. Plans for next year include a community café. Brownies, guides, cubs and scout groups all meet there, as well as community groups and a thriving youth club. For further details on what's on or to hire space, please call: 01257 515811 (weekdays) or email: [contact@chorley.gov.uk](mailto:contact@chorley.gov.uk)

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## Spring Meadow Community Centre

This parish council-owned community centre, located in Spring Meadow, is home to a variety of activities, including: Happy House Play Group; Rainbows, Brownies and Guides; Kick Boxing; free-style martial arts; the Women's Institute and Clayton Christian Fellowship. A Play Week takes place in first week in August each year, subsidised by the parish council.

There is a small and a large room available to hire for meetings and functions. Contact For Hire Charges & Bookings: Tel. 01772 451931

## Community Bowling Green

Why not make it a New Year Resolution to take up a new activity in 2017 – play bowls. It's great fun and good exercise. Even better, as the bowling green is just next door to the Ley Inn, you could treat yourself to a drink or a meal at the pub after your game. The Parish's Community Bowling Green will reopen for the next playing season in the first week in April. Any resident can book to play and it only costs £2.50.

## Grants

The parish council gives out a number of grants each year to enhance the environment and for community initiatives. For example, grants are given for the Upkeep of the War Memorial and grounds and for the Children's Play Week.

**If you have an idea for a community-based project that you need some money to kick start, just contact the clerk to see whether you would be eligible for a Parish Council grant.**



## PUZZLE TIME!

If it takes 6 council workers 1 day to dig a hole, how long would it take 4 men to dig half a hole?

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# CLAYTON IN BYGONE TIMES

Until the mid-1970's, the Ley Inn in Back Lane was a working farm that had been in existence since the late 1700's. It was called Higher Wood End Farm and was one of the original buildings in the village. It was the birth place of John Clayton (born 1778), a Nonconformist minister of note and pastor of the Weigh-house Chapel from 1778 to 1826. So it is a building of some historical interest, being mentioned in 'A History of the County of Lancaster: Volume 6'. (Originally published by Victoria County History, London, 1911).



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## UPDATE ABOUT TEMPORARY CHANGE TO EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT AT CHORLEY HOSPITAL

On Monday 18 April this year, the emergency department at Chorley Hospital was temporarily replaced by an urgent care service. This change was made because Lancashire Teaching Hospitals was not able to staff its emergency departments, and continuing to provide a service in these circumstances is an unacceptable risk to patient safety.

**The Urgent Care Centre at Chorley Hospital is open 8am – 8pm seven days a week.**

It provides an excellent service without the need to travel to Preston. No appointment necessary.



### – WELCOME TO – THE BEAUMONT

The Beaumont is a pub at the heart of the community in Clayton-le-Woods. Whether you're after a quiet drink, a place to eat good food, somewhere to watch the big game or a place to share great times with friends and family, the Beaumont can cater for your every need.



#### GET SOCIAL WITH THE BEAUMONT IN CLAYTON-LE-WOODS

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This includes things like toasters, shavers, hairdryers, kettles. Chorley Council offers a free collection for such small electrical items. Just go online at

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to check what items can be collected free of charge and to book a collection.

# MEET...

## ...your new councillors

Alison Whitham and Ray Ormston have recently joined the Parish Council, following resignations of 2 serving councillors.

Alison has lived in Cuerden on the border of Clayton-le-Woods for 15 years and works as the receptionist for The Wildlife Trust for Lancashire, Manchester and North Merseyside, which is situated at The Barn visitor centre in Cuerden Valley Park.

Alison said:

'I heard there was a vacancy for the Clayton-le-Woods Parish Council and decided to apply. It's not something I have ever done before, but I am enjoying learning about the community and the area. I know I can be part of making a difference and working with my fellow parish councillors, to the benefit of the residents of the parish.'

Ray Ormston has lived in Clayton-le-Woods for thirty years and is a teacher by profession. At the Annual General Meeting in May, he was elected as Chair of the Parish Council.

Ray said:

'I have served as a Parish Councillor for Clayton-le-Woods before and I am very much looking forward to working to bring about improvements to the area for our residents.'

## ...our team of volunteers

We have volunteers who give their free time to looking after the trees and the ponds in Clayton-le-Woods. If you have a concern about a tree or pond near you, please contact one of the volunteer wardens.

### Tree Wardens

Mr J. Norris, 191 Chorley Old Road, Whittle-le-Woods.

Mr C. Jackson, 4 Woodside Avenue, Clayton-le-Woods.

### Pond Wardens

Councillor Mrs Rosemary Boyd, 58 Back Lane, Clayton-le-Woods

Mr C. Jackson, 4 Woodside Avenue, Clayton-le-Woods.

## Ever fancied being a parish councillor?

### Well now's your chance...

Following the resignation of a serving councillor last month, there is a 'casual vacancy'. This means that the Parish Council may co-opt a resident (or someone who works in Clayton-le-Woods) to become a Parish Councillor before the next elections are due, in order that the council has the full number of councillors.

Parish Councillors work in a voluntary capacity to serve their community. As a minimum, it involves attending formal Full Parish Council meetings every month, plus attending additional Committee meetings. These meetings are held in Clayton Green Library in the evening.

If you would be interested in being considered as a candidate for this vacancy, contact the clerk (tel. 07715 637345, email: [clerk@claytonlewoodsparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@claytonlewoodsparishcouncil.org.uk)).