

-THE- CLAYTON CIRCULAR

YOUR PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WITH US!

EVENING OF 1ST DECEMBER

CAROL SINGING AROUND
THE CHRISTMAS TREE 6.45PM

SWITCH ON 7.00PM

FREE MINCE PIES AND MULLED WINE
& CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT THE
BEAUMONT WITH INTERNATIONAL
SINGING STAR GEMMA LOUISE DOYLE
7.45PM TO 8.30PM & 9.00PM TO 9.45PM

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Dear Resident

Welcome to the winter edition of the newsletter. It was with great sadness that the Parish Council learned of the death of Councillor Rosemary Boyd earlier this year. Rosemary served on Clayton-le-Woods Parish Council for many years. She made tremendous contributions to protecting the environment and preserving the history of our village over the years and she will be greatly missed by her colleagues. A carved bench has been commissioned to commemorate her life and this will be positioned in one of her favourite spots in Back Lane Woods.

On a happier note, the Christmas lights switch-on last year was a great success and we have planned a bigger and better event for this year on the evening of 1st December. The festivities will start with carol singing around the Christmas tree and the lights' switch-on, followed by free mulled wine and mince pies at the nearby Beaumont pub. We also have a Christmas Concert planned with a live singer, with free refreshments served later in the evening.

I hope to see as many of you there as possible.

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 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.

Feedback Form: **Do you have an idea for a community event?**
How would you like to see the Skateboard Park improved?
Do you have any suggestions for improvements to our play areas?

Name:

Address:

Tel. No.

Email:

Suggestions:

Return to: **Tracy Morris, 10 Birch Field, Clayton-le-Woods, Chorley, PR6 7RE**



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Gail Ormston



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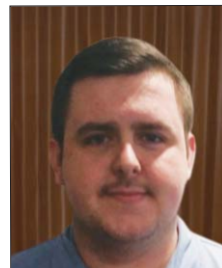
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JUST FOR THE KIDS!



BRAIN TEASER

What are the next two numbers in this sequence?

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Answer on back page.



CLAYTON CUP

The annual inter-schools sports challenge, 'The Clayton Cup' was held on Tuesday 25th April at Clayton Green Sports Centre. Each round of games was fiercely fought, culminating in a battle in the tug-of-war at the end the evening.

This year, St. John's School came through as the worthy winners and received the coveted Clayton Cup trophy from Council Ray Ormston, chairman of the Council. Each participant received a medal and certificate.

If the noise levels were anything to go by, all the families and friends of the children taking part had a great night.

Thanks to 'Active Nation' for running the games and helping to make the night a great success.





ALL THE FUN OF THE FAIR

A good time was had by all at the first-ever Clayton-le-Woods Summer Fair, held by the Parish Council on Saturday 24th June. We had a whole host of attractions on offer for young and old alike, including fairground rides; magic shows; face-painting; crafts; food stalls; and a talent competition.

Thanks to the generous support of our main sponsor, Asda of Clayton Green, we could put on several free attractions throughout the day, including flower arranging classes; face-painting; a live singer and magic shows. Thanks go to other sponsors, including Safe Choice Packaging and Crazy Crepes.

Hillcrest Animal Hospital hosted a fun Dog Show, including classes for the Waggiest Tail and Prettiest Puppy. The owners of our winning four-legged friends walked away with armfuls of tasty treats for their pets.

During the afternoon, staff from Active Nation, Clayton Green Leisure Centre, put on a programme of sporting activities, culminating in a tug-of-war. A Savoury Faggot-flinging Competition was held with the £1 per entrant fee going to Ben Ashworth bowel cancer charity.

Next year's Summer Fair is already being planned and will be held on Saturday 23rd June at Manor Road School playing fields. If you'd like to volunteer to help on the day, Cllr. Mark Clifford would be very pleased to hear from you.

Thanks to all our traders and supporters for their input on the day:

Asda, Clayton Green; Hillcrest Animal Hospital, Chorley; Dedrah Moss, Flower Arranging; Clayton Brook Community House; Old Smokey's BBQ; Churchill Security Ltd; Active Nation; Lancashire Wildlife Trust; Chorley's Angels; Karen Sutton, Body Shop Consultant; CNN Craft; Caldera Coffee; Karen Grundy, Face Painting; Kids Bee Happy Sand Art; Adorables T & B; Brindle Guides; Old Fashioned Beef; Talon's Birds of Prey; Davina Nuttall, Card Reader; Fire Service; Ruth Carney's Cosmetics; McGarry's Funfair; Rachelfelt good; Jeni's Cupcakes; Crazy Crepes; Brian Berry, Magician; Rossi's Ice Cream; Rosemere Cancer Foundation.



HELP KEEP OUR VILLAGE TIDY

To help keep our village looking spick and span, the Parish Council is running Litter Picks around our neighbourhoods. More volunteers are needed and it's good fun (believe it or not!). Full training and equipment is provided. Look out for posters showing when and where they are to take place on the Parish Council Notice Boards. If you would like to nominate a 'grot spot' for a clean-up or would like to volunteer to help, get in touch with Councillor Mark Clifford.



CLAYTON-LE-WOODS SCARECROW FESTIVAL

10th – 16th July 2017

So, What's a scarecrow festival?

Scarecrow festivals are held all over the world but they are especially popular in the UK, where the use of scarecrows as a protector of crops dates from time immemorial. Today, hundreds of villages all over the UK bring colour, vibrancy and fun to their neighbourhoods by organising scarecrow festivals.

So, Clayton-le-Woods Parish Council thought it was high time our community got involved.

The four categories for judging entries were:

- Business/Organisation (i.e. shops, supermarkets, community groups, churches)
- Education/Uniformed Groups (i.e. schools, nurseries, cubs, scouts, brownies, guides)
- Families & individuals 16 years and over
- Child/Children - under 16yrs

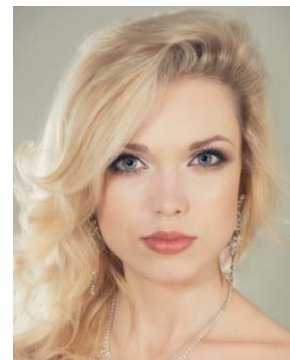
We had entries from all over the village and scarecrows popped up in: Preston Road; Forsythia Drive; Pear Tree Road; Lancaster Lane; Hunters Road; Darwin Drive; Kiln Croft; Rowan Croft; Manor Road CP School and Carr Meadow.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

1st December 2017

Christmas Tree Lights Switch-on Event at 6:45pm
Mince Pies & Mulled Wine
Christmas Concert at the Beaumont at 7:45pm



GEMMA LOUISE DOYLE

May 2018

Scarecrow Festival

Check our website and notice boards for details

23 June 2018

Clayton-le-Woods Parish Council Summer Fair

A fun day out for all the family at Manor Road School Playing Fields

CUERDEN VALLEY PARK

FARMERS' MARKETS 2017

Locally produced foods & crafts
2017

Sun 26 Nov | Sun 17 Dec

2018

Sun 28 Jan | Sun 25 Feb,

Sun 25 Mar | Sun 22 Apr

Sun 24 Jun | Sun 22 Jul

Sun 26 Aug | Sun 23 Sept

Sun 28 Oct | Sun 25 Nov

Sun 16 Dec

10am – 2pm,

Berkeley Drive, (off Shady Lane),
Bamber Bridge, PR5 6BY

Tea shop | free parking | dogs welcome

Entry by donation to the Friends Cuerden Valley Park Trust



COME & CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WITH US!

You are warmly invited to come to the Christmas Tree Lights Switch-On on Friday 1st December at the Heritage Gardens opposite the Pines Roundabout.

The evening will start with carol singing around the tree at 6:45pm with the countdown to the lights switch on starting at 7:00pm. We are hoping to have an appearance from Santa and Mrs Christmas if they can get away from the Toy Workshop at this busy time of year for them.

Then it's over to The Beaumont to warm up with hot mulled wine and mince pies.

The evening's entertainment is far from over! International singing star, Gemma Louise Doyle will perform a Christmas Concert starting at 7:45pm to 9:45pm. Due to the licensing laws, youngsters will have to 'away to bed' at 8:30pm.

The Beaumont are kindly providing the mulled wine and mince pies after the Lights Switch-On, plus sandwiches at the Christmas Concert. The full range of beverages will be available to purchase at the bar throughout the evening. You'll need to keep the vocal cords well lubricated if you want to sing-along with Gemma at the concert!



THE BEAUMONT

The Beaumont is an urban legend. Literally! We're the kind of pub you can party in on Friday night. Watch the match on Saturday afternoon and see a local band on Saturday night. Relax on a Sunday over a champion carvery. Do tea with the kids any day of the week without breaking the bank. And pop over for dinner after work whenever you want a good feed and don't fancy cooking. We do juicy burgers, whacking great grills, pub classics, and plenty of meal deals. Plus all the pub drinks you could ever want, from famously smooth handcrafted ales and draught lagers to fizz and fishbowls. Grab a table or head outside and check out the beer garden.

It's all good!

MEET YOUR NEW COUNCILLORS

Cllr. Peter Gabbott

Hello, my name is Peter Gabbott and I am the newly-appointed Parish Councillor for Clayton West.

I have lived on Pendle Road for 4 years and in Chorley all my life. The reason I wanted to be a councillor was to make the area that we all live in better, ensuring it remains a place we can all take pride in.

I work in St. Helens as an accountant and it is the skills I have learned in my profession that I wish to bring to the council. I am a member of the Parish Council's Finance Committee and I will use my financial expertise to ensure we get 'best value' in our transactions.

I also plan to get involved with other Parish Councillors in organising events, like the Summer Fair we had in June. If you have any ideas for events you'd like to see happening in Clayton-le-Woods, please contact me."



Cllr. Judith Norris

I would just like to introduce myself to the residents of Clayton-le-Woods, especially the residents from Clayton East Ward who I represent. My name is Judith Norris and I am the fifth generation of a local family who originated from Clayton Bottoms and later resided in Clayton-le-Woods. Family members still live in Clayton and my grandchildren attend local school in Clayton and Whittle.

I love and am passionate about our area. I am a firm believer in our community and whilst words are powerful, I believe that actions speak louder. So, before I joined the council, I have been working alongside a fabulous team of councillors on three projects to date; the summer fair; the Christmas Light switch-on event and taking part in the regular litter-picking events around the village.

I am very excited and proud to be part Clayton-le-Woods parish council and promise to work hard on your behalf."



CLAYTON IN BLOOM

Any budding gardeners out there? We are planning to enter the North West in Bloom Competition next year and need green-fingered residents to help plant up our beds and borders.

We are also looking for families who live near any of the hanging baskets on lampposts on Preston Road and Clayton Brook Road to 'adopt' a basket. This would involve watering the basket on a regular basis in the summer. Training and equipment would be given.

We will also be running several 'Bloom' Competitions: Best Hanging Basket; Fabulous Front Garden; Prettiest Pub; Floral displays at shops & businesses.

No garden. Not a problem . . . we also be on the look-out for the doorstep with best floral display.

Please contact Cllr. Gail Ormston now if you are interested in getting involved in 'Clayton-le-Woods in Bloom 2018'.



CLAYTON IN BYGONE TIMES



Ruins of Lower Kem Mill Cuerden Valley Park South, Clayton-le-Woods

- Situated at the very south of Cuerden Valley Park on the border of Clayton-le-Woods and Whittle-le-Woods.
- Historical Bleaching and Dyeing works next to the River Lostock – probably started from early 1700s as a cottage industry
- Lower kem Mill leased By Messrs J Cunliffe and son. Ltd. 1874
- Destroyed by fire in 1914 – cause of fire unknown.
- Remaining buildings after fire used as farm buildings
- Chimney and remaining buildings demolished by Central Lancashire Development Corporation around 1972 after purchasing it from the Waring family
- The Central Lancashire Archaeology Research Unit carried out a number of digs between 1983 and 1987, with assistance from the park ranger and local schools.
- The site was officially handed over to the Cuerden Valley Park Trust in 1992.