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SUMMER 2021 NEWSLETTER

IT'S SCARECROW TIME!

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Message From Your Chair

Dear Resident,

As the newly-elected chairman of the Parish Council, I would like to welcome you to the latest edition of our newsletter and wish a warm welcome to those who have recently moved into the area since our last newsletter.

We look set to exit lockdown measures in June after what has been an extraordinarily difficult time for residents. I would like to thank each and every one of you for the community spirit you have shown throughout the Covid-19 pandemic. The compassion and togetherness I have witnessed over the past year has been remarkable and is a testament to our village. Sadly, we have lost loved ones across the nation and here locally. I hope the families impacted know our thoughts and prayers are with them.

I would like us to find a way to honour them and would welcome any thoughts on the matter which I will put forward to the Council. You can contact me by email: peter.gabbott@claytonlewoodsparishcouncil.org.uk

Unfortunately during the past year we have not been able to hold the events which have previously gone down well with residents but that has not stopped us working hard on projects. We are currently regenerating the Parish owned woodland off Back Lane, we have continued to renew our play areas, most recently Manor Road, and wherever possible we have done our best to improve our village by continuing to award grants to local organisations for the benefit of our community.

On a brighter note, once restrictions are lifted, we promise that we will be back with a full list of events that are bigger, brighter and better than ever for our residents.

The Parish Council ambition is to improve all parts of the village and maintain the area as a place we can all take pride in. We can only do this with the positive involvement of residents.

Please remember we are always here for you! Our Councillors can be contacted by the methods listed opposite. We would love to hear from you and please let us know what improvements you would like to see in our local area.

Peter Gabbott

Cllr Peter Gabbott Chairman of the Council



Meet Your Local Parish Councillor



Carole Billouin



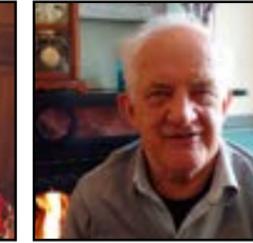
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Your Parish Council

Who Are We?

Parish Councils are the lowest or first tier of Local Government. Clayton-le-Woods is a large Parish within the boundary of Chorley and has a long history. It was established in 1894 and comprises 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.

The Parish Council employs two part-time staff members, the Clerk to the Council, who administers the Parish Council and ensures that the Council conducts its business properly; and a Projects Officer who assists the Councillors in delivering the varied projects across the Parish.

The Parish Council is funded through a precept on each residential property in the Parish through your Council Tax payments. This enables us to carry out our duties to improve and maintain the area in which we live.

What Do We Do?

The Parish Council owns several assets, including Back Lane Woods, several Play Areas and the Skate Park near Clayton Green library. The maintenance and improvements to these assets remains high on our agenda, as does the appearance of the Parish.

We employ Lengthsmen from Lisieux Hall to help keep the Parish litter free and we maintain many of the flower beds around the Parish. This helps to make Clayton-le-Woods one of the prettiest and tidiest parishes in the whole of Chorley. We hope you agree!

If you have any ideas to help improve the area, we would love to hear from you. Just contact your local Parish Councillor or the Parish Clerk. If you wish to get in touch with the Parish Council, you can find all of our contact details on page 12 of this newsletter.

A Brief Introduction To Your Two New Parish Councillors



Hello, I am Lynda Farnworth, a new Parish Councillor.

I moved here as a teenager and I loved it from the very first day. I worked in Lancashire for most of my career, spending time working in London, Dorset and most recently Suffolk. I headed home when I retired, to this wonderful place to live.

As a librarian I always knew that the need to connect and work with local communities, was key to providing a vibrant library service that was so much more than about lending books. I loved the challenge of partnership with local councillors and local people to see how the libraries worked within the community.

I enjoyed seeing communities grow and develop, and despite the challenging times ahead, want to be a small part of this for Clayton-le-Woods.

I hope over the next few months, when hopefully things get back to a more normal way of life, to be actively working in whatever way I can to help. It will be a privilege to give back to a community that has given me, and my family a lovely place to live.

Hello, I am Steve Maddock and I am a new Parish Councillor for Clayton-le-Woods West area.

I have resided in Clayton-le-Woods for 22 years. I am married and have two grown up daughters both of whom are married and still live in the local area.

I was an Engineer and worked in the motor industry for 40 plus years before recently retiring.

In my spare time, I am the Commanding Officer at 92 Chorley Sqn ATS, a youth organisation connected to the RAF for young adults from the age of 12 years (School year 8) up to the age of 20 years old.

I am passionate about outdoor activities, sport and enjoy walking around Clayton-le-Woods area with the family cocker spaniel dog.

I look forward to playing an important role in improving the already pleasant Parish of Clayton-le-Woods.

Please don't hesitate to approach me if you see me out and about in the area and let me know any comments you may have regarding the area so I can share them with the Parish Council.



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Clayton West and Cuerden

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Litter to be vanquished in the Parish

The pandemic put a stop to the regular community litter picking as groups could not gather together.

The Parish Council put out a call on social media and in the Winter Newsletter for volunteers who were happy to get out in their family bubbles to keep Clayton-le-Woods clean and tidy. The response was fantastic, the Parish Council ended up distributing over 30 sets of litter picking equipment. Thank you to all the volunteers, and thanks to the Coyne family who have written of their magical experience below.

Magical Things Happen During Difficult Times

Not many people know it but, during the Covid-19 pandemic, the small village of Clayton-le-Woods (CLW) experienced magical events. So wonderful that the sun shone a little brighter, the birds sang a little louder and the people of CLW felt the magic running through their veins.

It all started in March 2020 when the world came to a sudden halt, the rat race stopped and people began to open their eyes after being in a long blinkered sleep. One family in particular, The Coyne's, used this opportunity to

start adventuring, and oh boy did they like what they found. Aqueducts, Blue Bells, Bull Finches and hills rolling on for miles and miles. They had found Nature!



But hiding within this beauty laid an evil villain; Litter!!

The wicked litter lay scattered between the beauty of the world, causing fracture lines to appear. What once was seen as majestic now had a scar of pollution upon it. However, within the darkest times, a slither of light shines the brightest. The Coyne family, plus many others, saw how they had power within them, started to wave their magic wands (litter picking sticks) and resuscitate Mother Nature.

The two youngest members of the Coyne family, Ety and Maxi, found great joy in seeing how their wands could change the beauty of their village. Ety knew that her small contribution to looking after Mother Nature would have ripple effects and that the Polar Bears she loved would be a little bit safer. Maxi took great pride in seeing how one hour of time could completely change how the Park looked. A warm glow grew in them. People said hello and thanked them as they passed. The small world of CLW had magic growing within it and Mother Nature gleamed with pride.

Community spirit is massively important now more than ever as England starts to open up. We must all make sure that we do 2 things. Firstly; we need to gather together (safely); laugh; celebrate and involve those who might be on their own. Secondly, we must not leave a trace that we have been socialising, celebrating or partying. Pick it up, bin it and watch your magic grow.

Article submitted by Jan Newell



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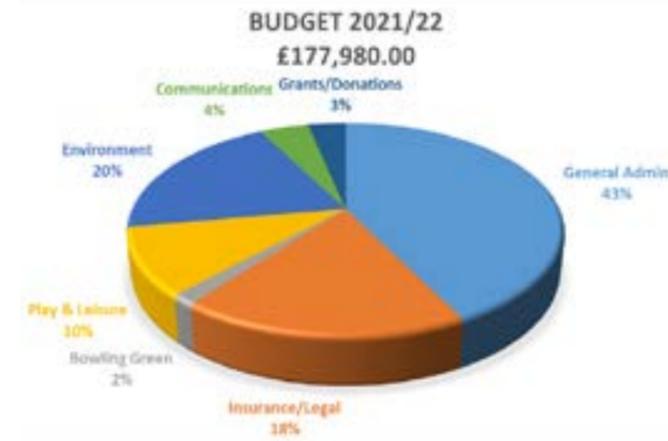
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Finance Information 2021/22

The annual budget was compiled by all the Members of the Parish Council by Committee. The budget was set by the Parish Council in January 2021.

The pie chart gives a representation of the proposed spending budget for 2021/22. Adjustments will be made during the year according to the needs of the village especially during this challenging time.



Precept 2021/22

Once the budget is set, the annual 'Precept' or local tax amount is calculated. The Precept is set by a formula to 'Band D' households which is set at £22.00 for the year 2021/22. The Parish Council have not increased this amount in the past 3 years. Our Precept is collected by Chorley Council as the local authority.

The graph below shows all the precept bandings set in Clayton-le-Woods for 2021/22 (A - H). The Income from the Precept for 2021/22 is £122,049.00 which is made up of £110,591.80 collected from the residents and £11,458.00 deprivation grant.

The deprivation grant is awarded where there are areas in the community that meet the complex criteria set by the government which covers such things as health, income, education and environment.

CIL Funding

In addition to the Precept, the Parish Council receives Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding which is monies that are received from certain new developments within the Parish. CIL funding can be spent on any project which provides a permanent infrastructure within the local area.



Applications are evaluated by the Parish Council in February and July of each year. You can read about some current CIL funded projects in the newsletter. The CIL budget as of the 31st of March 2021 is as follows:



Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Grants - Completed Projects

Brothers of Charity

The Parish Council granted CIL funding to the Brothers of Charity based at Lisieux Hall as a contribution towards the development



of an Outdoor Classroom. The Brothers of Charity are a registered Charity supporting 250+ people with learning disabilities across Lancashire.

The aim of the project was to create an accessible area for people to appreciate the landscape and work out of doors during the summer months.

People with dementia, autism or general mobility issues do not have the confidence to access the outdoors; this area provides a safe place for people to benefit from being outdoors.

The project also created an inclusive working environment enabling our artists with learning difficulties to work with professional designers to create the design of the wet pour surface, a seating and a planted area.

As you can see from the above photograph, a beautiful outdoor classroom has been created.

Leonora Carrington

CIL funding was used by the Parish Council to commemorate the life of the artist Leonora Carrington, who was born in Clayton-le-Woods at Westwood House (now demolished) which stood on a site close to Clayton Green Library. She was a surrealist artist, author and poet and she championed the Women's Liberation Movement in Mexico.

She died in Mexico City in 2011 at the age of 94.

The commemoration takes the form of an information board on Preston Road adjacent to the Lidl roundabout.

Community Infrastructure Levy - New Projects Approved

We reported in the Winter Newsletter that we had supported a number of projects in the Parish using Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL for short) funding, so we thought we would give you an update on some of the new projects that the Parish Council has recently approved.

Chill Out Zone

The Parish Council has granted CIL funding to Manor Road Primary School to enable them to create a "Chill Out Zone". The school wanted to provide an area for older children and community groups who use the area as a space to relax, take time away from the hustle and bustle of the main playground. They will benefit from an area of calm which will help with emotional wellbeing and sensory needs. The school is funding half the cost of the project from PTFA fundraising activity.



Work on the project has been delayed due to Covid-19 but the school anticipates work getting underway soon.

Dog Bag Dispensers

The Parish Council funded a pilot to trial the provision of Dog Bag Dispensers

in six locations within the Parish Council area to assess their effectiveness in reducing dog fouling. The pilot has proved very successful and the Parish Council has agreed to use CIL funding to extend the scheme and provide a further four Dog Bag Dispensers in the area.

Councillor Mark Clifford conducted an online poll on behalf of the Parish Council to find out where residents thought the new dispensers should be located. Residents responded very positively to this and the Parish Council is now progressing further work to assess the feasibility of the suggested locations as not all the sites are on land belonging to the Parish Council. The Council is therefore liaising with Chorley Council to progress this.

The new locations are, at Back Lane Woods; the junction with Mendip Rd and Pendle Rd; Clayton Green Road by the entrance to Cam Wood Fold and at Higher Meadow Ponds.



Speed Indicator Devices

Speeding on the roads within the Parish has been a source of much concern from residents in the area. For a number of years the Parish Council have set up a mobile Speed Indicator Device, known as a SpID, in different locations on lampposts in the Parish area. However, this is only effective as long as the battery remains live which, in some locations where the volume of traffic is high, is only a few days.



The Parish Council has agreed to use CIL to fund the provision of 4 permanent SpIDs at key speeding hotspots in the parish. Work is now underway with Lancashire County Council's Highway's Team so they can assess the suitability of the locations. Once the locations have been finally determined and approved by Lancashire County Council, the Parish Council will progress the installation of the SpIDs.

The locations submitted to Lancashire County are shown below: (there may be changes to these, subject to LCCs assessment).

- Proposed site on the west side of the A6, in the direction towards Preston. Proposed location to be outside the new Doctors Surgery currently being built, or some point along the stretch from the Clayton-le-Woods boundary sign by the war memorial up to the site of the new doctor's surgery.
- Proposed location is opposite the Dog Inn car park entrance on Chorley Old Road in the northerly direction towards Brindle, between lampposts numbered 53 and 54
- The proposed location is on Clayton Brook Road, before lamppost no 5 after the junction with Pines Close
- The proposed location is the stretch on Lancaster Lane from Kent Drive to Levens Drive close by lamppost no 7, heading eastwards away from Leyland.

Should the Library Road Skatepark have a facelift?

The Parish Council is considering whether to set aside some council funding to improve the Skatepark on Library Road near Asda.

Depending on your viewpoint, the Skatepark is either a "retro gem" or an "outdated facility needing new kit". It was installed in the nineties and is still wearing well, but the Parish Council is aware that the equipment may benefit from an update at some point.

The Parish Council want to know what you think, so please send your thoughts and ideas to either the Parish Council

on the email address below or speak with your local Councillor and let them know your views. Once the Parish Council have feedback from the community they can start to create plans.



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Clayton Green Library

We reported in the Winter Newsletter that Clayton Green library had re-opened, however due to the January lockdown the library had to close to visitors, although you could still return and collect books and use the computers for essential use.

It is good to report that the library is now open. It is COVID safe, with measures in place to provide hand sanitisers, screens to protect the staff and public, social distancing and the capture of contact details for track and trace. Face coverings must be worn in the library unless you are exempt.

All returned items are quarantined for 3 days before being put back on the shelves.

Please check online for the latest opening hours by visiting the following website:



<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/libraries-and-archives/libraries/find-a-library/clayton-green-library/> and you can check out their facebook page to find out when activities will be re-starting. <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Clayton-Green-Library/147444048625413>

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Article submitted by Cllr Steve Maddock

The Much Loved Silent Soldier Has Been Restored

To commemorate the centenary of the Armistice which ended the First World War the Parish Council erected a Silent Soldier memorial statue on Sheep Hill Brow.

The soldier stood there until November 11th 2020 last year when it was vandalised on Armistice Day itself.

A local resident Mark Francis, read about the incident in the local press, and volunteered his skills to restore the Silent Soldier. Mark is the owner of MKM Fabrications, a metalwork design and fabrication company in Leyland, which is especially useful if you need to repair a damaged metal

statue.

The Parish Council is very grateful for Mark's expertise in repairing the Silent Soldier and returning it to its place on Sheep Hill Brow.

If you haven't seen this already, keep a look out next time you're going past it.



Clayton-le-Woods Scarecrow Festival 2021

We were unable to run the Scarecrow Festival in 2020 due to the restrictions of the Covid-19 pandemic. It is therefore fantastic that the Parish Council can announce that the Scarecrow Festival will be back for 2021. It will take place from Sunday 4th July to Sunday 11th July, and judging will be on Friday 9th July.

After the challenges and restrictions that we have endured in the last year the Parish Council hope that the Scarecrow Festival will be an enjoyable event and will help to bring the community together.

So, what is a Scarecrow Festival?

Scarecrow Festivals are held all over the world but are especially popular in the UK where the use of Scarecrows to protect the crops from hungry birds dates from time immemorial. Today hundreds of villages bring colour, vibrancy and fun to their neighbourhoods by hosting Scarecrow Festivals.

The last Festival in 2019 was a great success with Scarecrows popping up all over Clayton-le-Woods. This year, to make up for missing the 2020 Scarecrow Festival, it is hoped that it will be bigger and better.

If you wish to take part it is simple, firstly, either download the entry form from the Parish Council website, www.claytonlewoodsparishcouncil.org.uk or telephone the Parish Clerk (01257 264854 or 07715 637345) who will pop one in the post for you. Then decide the category you wish to enter. There are four categories:

- Families or individuals 16 years and over
- Child or children under 16 years (majority of the work to be undertaken by the children themselves)
- Education/uniformed groups
- Business or organisation, such as shops, supermarkets, churches, community groups.

A prize of £25 will be awarded for the best 'Selfie with your Scarecrow!'



Send your entry form in by the deadline of June 25th then build your scarecrow and make sure it is on display outside your premises between July 4th and July 11th. Once you have created your Scarecrow, take a selfie with your Scarecrow and send it to us.



The Parish Council will produce a local map showing where the scarecrows are sited so that residents can go and look at them.

The Best Overall Scarecrow will win £50, with the Winners and Runners Up in each category winning £20 and £10 respectively.

If you want inspiration or guidance on making your scarecrows, you could check out the RHS website, which gives pointers to making a simple scarecrow:

(<https://www.rhs.org.uk/>) or use google or You Tube for loads of help and suggestions.

Good luck and enjoy the fun.

Summer Fair '21 cancelled Summer Fair 2022 planned for Saturday June 25th 2022

The Clayton-le-Woods Parish Council Summer Fair will not be going ahead as planned on the 26th June 2021.



This was a decision that the Parish Council did not find easy to make, but with COVID-19 still amongst us and the vaccination programme not yet fulfilled, the Parish Council felt that it would not be responsible for us to hold the 2021 Summer Fair.

Work is already underway behind the scenes to ensure that our 2022 Summer Fair will be the biggest and most successful yet.

Stay safe, enjoy happy times with your family and friends as restrictions begin to ease and we will see you on the 25th June 2022!

Wildflower Planting

Wildflowers are very important for the environment as they improve bio-diversity, attracting insects and wildlife.



The Parish Council has asked Chorley Council to create even more fabulous wildflower patches within the Parish. This year you will see the displays of wildflowers flourishing in a greater number of locations, These are at Meadowbank, Bankside, Back Lane/Fiddlers Lane, Preston Road opposite Lidl, Sandy Lane, Carr Brook near Cedar Field, Pendle Rd/Mendip Rd and Carr Field/Clayton Brook Rd.

We hope you enjoy the displays.



Manor Road Primary School, do their bit for the community

My Year 6 Class at Manor Road Primary School have been trying to do a lot for our local community.

At Christmas, they made advent calendars over the course of a week in DT for residents in two local care homes. The class pulled out a name from a hat and this name was who they were designing their advent calendar for.

They absolutely loved having a purpose for their learning and this really helped focus them on their advent calendars throughout the week, it was beautiful to see them work so hard for someone else.

They designed their front covers, their doors and used Stanley knives for the first time to do their cutting. Once the advent calendars were finished, the class designed Christmas cards for their resident and wrapped them up in brown paper with a ribbon.

We then arranged to walk them round to the care homes to wave at the residents. It was lovely for them to do this before Christmas and meant we had to work to a deadline and complete our best work for the benefit of someone else.

When the Brookside residents received their advent



calendars, they added pictures to their Facebook page which I showed the children.

They were so excited to see the residents enjoying what they'd made for them.

At the end of March, the class made birthday cards for Rosena at Brookside Care Home as she turned 100 on the 4th April. Brookside had put an appeal on their social media as they wanted her to reach 100 cards for her birthday so as a class, we made 38. Rosena exceeded 100 birthday cards for her birthday so that was lovely to see!

In the last week before Easter, we went out litter picking around the estates near school in small groups and picked up a total of 19 bin bags worth of rubbish!! They're a really caring class and we try and do a lot for people to instil good values like respect and selflessness which we think goes a really long way.

Article submitted by Katy Elford, Year 6 Teacher Manor Road Primary School

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A 'Gem' in the 'Valley of the Hawks!'



If you are wondering about the title of this article, I've been researching some history on the grade 2 listed building, 'Hawksclough' farmhouse next to Clayton Brook on the northern borders of Cuerden Valley Park.

Hawk is obviously the name for a bird of prey and Clough means a narrow valley, so it's an apt name for this lovely historic house, on the edge of the Parklands. The valley is also home to Sparrow Hawks, Buzzards and Kestrels, who are seen regularly in the area.

There is a place called Hawksclough at Hebden Bridge in East Lancs, but why the house was called this, is a bit of a mystery. George Bolton, in his book, *'Clayton in History'* states in his chapter on farms, *'Hawksclough, An interestingly named farm, suggesting great antiquity, but the earliest reference to the name so far is 1733.'* The symbol of the Townley family is the Hawk on their family crest, which can be seen at Cuerden Hall.

George Bolton goes on to mention that a family called the Withingtons lived at the farm in the early 17th Century and the area was an, *'example of a divided tenement.'* The Burgess family, who were descendants of the 16th century bailiffs to the Townleys, were residents there in the early 18th Century - could there be a link here when Robert Parker of Cuerden Hall married Anne Townley in the mid 1700s? Robert Parker became the owner of the farm 1748 and let it out to a Thomas Mather, who sublet it to a Thomas Burgess and Anne Heys.

The Burgess family were thought to have held Catholic masses at the farm due to there being no Roman chapels in the area to worship; most being destroyed by Henry VIII and his pals. Apparently the remains of a 'Priest's robing room' were found at the house. Later the Burgess family became the benefactors of St. Bede's Church at Clayton-le-Woods in 1824.

Hawksclough house has now been sold to a new owner, who is currently in the throes of restoring the house and bringing it back to its former glory, after a long period of neglect. Also the other properties on the estate are also being sold as future dwellings. Its wonderful to see these historic buildings are at last being preserved, as there are not many left in the area.

As a passionate painter of watercolours, I'm sure you'll agree with me that the picture of the house is a forthcoming contender.

*Sources: Clayton in History - George Bolton.

Article submitted by Alison Whitham

Improvements Planned at Cuerden Valley Park

Work is due to start this Summer on a new path which will connect the Visitor Centre at the Park down to the existing main cycle and pedestrian path along the River Lostock.

Thanks to funding from Clayton le Woods Parish Council's CIL fund, along with match funding from Lancashire Environmental Fund, this project will also create 2 hectares of new lowland meadow to support national attempts to restore wildflower meadow habitats and educate the public to their importance.

The new path will replace the existing route from the wooden bridge up to the Pinetum, which is seriously eroded by rainwater arising from surface water flooding.

Simon Thorpe, General Manager explained that:

"It's not practical to replace the existing path to a standard which is fully accessible for all visitors in a gully that acts as a funnel for surface water from the surrounding fields. Visitors will know that the tarmac path often resembles a small stream. This route will be downgraded to an unmade woodland path."

The new path will wind its way up the valley through the field making the gradient suitable for all visitors.

We're particularly excited about using a new material for the path surface, comprising recycled aggregate and recycled rubber from tyres, called Nu-flex. Not only are these recycled products turned into something useful but it is also porous which allows water to drain away reducing flooding.

The wildflower meadow will be sown with varieties found



in other species-rich grassland at the Park and common to this part of Lancashire such as yellow rattle, common knapweed, ladies bedstraw and early purple orchid. Work on the new path is expected to start this summer and it's planned for volunteers and local groups to be invited to help sow plugs of wildflowers in the Autumn.

The field in front of the Visitor Centre was rented to one of our farm tenants to graze cattle. We're grateful to the tenant for the early release of the land back to the Trust so that we can deliver this project for the benefit of the community and nature.

Article submitted by Simon Thorpe, General Manager, Cuerden Valley Park Trust

WORDSEARCH

Unfortunately, Summer Holidays may look a bit different this year, but it doesn't stop us thinking about lots of fun in the sun!

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Complete this wordsearch and see how many of the 10 summer themed items you can find! Answers on page 12.

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OAP Christmas Meal 2021



It has been a very challenging time for all of us, and it is good to look forward to getting back to some form of normality.

To this end the Parish Council is making very tentative plans to hold the annual Christmas Meal in December this year.

Obviously firm plans cannot be made just yet, but notices will be put in the Parish Noticeboards and on the website in October this year to let people know whether it will be going ahead.

It would be brilliant to get together once again but of course our priority is the safety of our residents.

So if you are an elderly resident of Clayton-le-Woods and would be interested in coming along to the Christmas Meal please keep an eye out for the notices later this year.

Clayton Cup 2021

Every year the primary schools in Clayton-le-Woods have battled it out at the Clayton Green Leisure Centre to win the coveted Clayton Cup.

Sadly the event in 2020 had to be cancelled, and even more sadly, the Parish Council have decided to cancel the 2021 Clayton Cup due to the continued risks around the Covid-19 pandemic.

We plan for battle to re-commence in 2022!



Useful Information

Clayton Green Library Opening Times

Please check Lancashire County Council website:

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/libraries-and-archives/libraries/>



Local Policing Teams



Chorley Police - tel: 101
Website: www.lancashire.police.uk/

Clayton-le-Woods Policing Team

PC Christian Seddon
PCSO Catherine Flett
PCSO Michelle Appleton

Clayton Green Sports Centre

Please contact Chorley Council on 01257 515151

Or check the website:

<https://chorley.gov.uk/news/pages/leisure-centre-update.aspx>



Clayton Hall Landfill Odour Issues

Environment Agency 0800 807060
Residents' Helpline (Quercia)
07961 403782

Chorley Borough Council

01257 515151

Chorley Borough Council out of hours number: 01257 515142



How we are helping local families



The economic fall out from the Covid-19 pandemic has been difficult for many in Clayton-le-Woods over the past 18 months.

The Parish Council has continued to help families who have been struggling from the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic.

We have delivered over 100 supermarket food parcels to families in our local area over the past year.

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Dates for your Diary

Dates for the Parish Council Meetings are below:

21st June 2021	19th July 2021	20th Sept 2021
18th Oct 2021	15th Nov 2021	

If you wish to attend or participate in one of our future meetings please contact the Parish Clerk in advance.

Puzzle Answers

Clerks Corner, Page 4:

1. Bankside / Preston Road
2. Wood End Road / Near Oak Croft
3. Preston Road / Radburn Brow

4. Clayton Brook Village Hall / Great Greens Lane
5. Adjacent to Tesco Pendle Road
6. Section at Clayton Green Library (Restrictions Currently in Place)

Puzzle Answers

Wordsearch, Page 11:

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| Beach | Park | Swimming |
| Bikini | Picnic | Vacation |
| | Bucket | Shorts |
| | Camping | Spade |