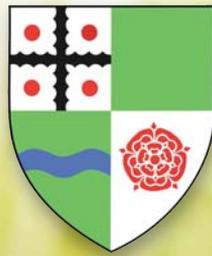


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Dear Resident,

Christmas celebrations in Clayton le Woods were an exciting time for those involved. We have received many favourable comments about both the Christmas tree and the pensioners' lunch held at the Beaumont. So much so that plans are already in hand to expand these events next Christmas.

The Council has also set up an events working party to organise additional happenings at other times of the year and the group would welcome ideas from residents,

Spring will see an expansion of the hanging baskets along Great Greens Lane and Clayton Brook Road following requests from the residents.

The specification for the Gough Lane play area is out to tender as we speak and the Play and Leisure Committee has begun to plan for the next area in the Council's rolling programme of renewal. Look out for the survey in this newsletter and also online as to what you would like to see.

The Parish Council has ambitions to increase the pace of improvements within all parts of the parish. We can only do this with the positive involvement of residents. If you want to volunteer as a pond warden, tree warden, or have skills to bring to a working party, please let us know.

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.



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Charlie Bromilow



Jean Elizabeth Cronshaw



Gail Ormston



Rosemary Constance Boyd



Glenda Charlesworth



Stephen David Cross



Stephen John Fenn



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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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PLANS FOR 2017

Have a Heart

Negotiations are underway with BT to 'adopt' the disused phone box on Preston Road next to the Parish Noticeboard on Preston Road (opposite Swansea Garage). We plan to put a defibrillator in it. This is part of a national scheme to find new uses for phone boxes that are out of use.



Have Your Say!

The Skateboard Park near Asda continues to be a great success, with many young people enjoying the facilities provided.

As part of a long-term rolling programme of planned improvements to the Parish Council's play and leisure facilities, we are planning to refurbish this facility and we would welcome your suggestions. When putting forward your ideas, please remember that whilst the Parish Council owns the site, surrounding land is owned by other parties. This means that expansion of the scale of the facility is not a viable option. Please email suggestions of any improvements you wish to see to; the Clerk to the Council or complete the feedback form on page 2 or visit our website.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

APRIL

Inter-schools Sports Challenge

The annual "Clayton Cup" Competition will be held on Tuesday 25th April 2017 at Clayton Green Sports Centre. Doors open at 4.30pm and the competition gets underway around 6.00pm.

The parish council have sponsored this event, along with Active Nation for several years. Each mixed team taking part consists of 12 pupils representing seven local primary schools. They take part in a range of sporting events in a round-robin format and a tug-of-war event.

On the night, each child receives a certificate of participation and the winning school receives the coveted Clayton Cup trophy. Medals are awarded by the Chair of the Council. Last year the proud winners were Clayton-le-Woods CE Primary School. This is a very popular event, not only for the children but also for family and friends too!

Come and cheer them along – everyone is welcome!

Annual Parish Meeting

You are warmly invited to attend the Annual Parish Meeting on the evening of Monday 24th April. There will be a speaker on a topic of interest and information stands from local organisations. Why not come along and meet your Parish Councillors over a cuppa and a slice of cake.

We'd love to see you there!

The Date: Monday 24th April The Time: 7:00pm

The Place: Manor Road Community Centre

MAY

New for 2017 - Scarecrow festival

In May, a scarecrow festival is to be held for the first time ever in Clayton-le-Woods. These events take place in many other towns and villages every year, including in our neighbouring village of Whittle-le-Woods. It's time we got involved too!

The Parish Council is inviting residents to take part and make their own scarecrow. The cost of entry will be £2:00 and the money will be used to buy prizes for the winning scarecrows.

If you would like to take part, please email the Parish Clerk or check our website for further information nearer the time



JUNE

Family Fun Day

We are planning a community event to take place on the playing fields at Great Greens Lane on Saturday 24th June, starting at 10.00am. .

Further details will be posted on our website soon.



COMMUNITY NEWS



JO COX REMEMBRANCE

In the summer, it will be a year since Jo Cox, was murdered whilst carrying out her work as an MP for the community in Batley. To commemorate her life, her family are asking local communities around the country to organise a community get-together around food. This could be a tea party, a BBQ, a bake-off or a street party. This campaign is being run by the Jo Cox Foundation to send a message 'that there is more that unites us than divides us'. The events are due to take place 17/18 June 2017.

If you would like to get involved, the Jo Cox Foundation has a website to register your interest: Greatgettogether.org.uk

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS AND CLAYTON-LE-WOODS WAR MEMORIAL

Our Cenotaph is cared for by the War Memorial Committee, founded in 1926. It consists of Parish Councillors from both Clayton-le-Woods and Whittle-le-Woods Parish Councils. A primary function of the of the Committee is to manage the maintenance of the War Memorial, surrounding gardens and car park with funding provided by the two Parish Councils.

In November each year, a Remembrance Service is held at the Cenotaph, attended by the Mayor and Mayoress, County, Borough and Parish Councillors, British Legion, Cubs and Brownies and the Police. The service is conducted by local Clergy. Starting at Whittle-le-Woods C E Primary School at 2:30pm, a procession marches along Preston Road to the Cenotaph, accompanied by Brindle Brass Band. The service is conducted by local Clergy and wreaths are laid.

The War Memorial grounds continue to be carefully managed by the Committee who ensure that these are kept in a lovely condition where members of the public can visit or just sit and relax in a quiet environment.



CLAYTON-LE-WOODS COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Community Centre, owned by the Parish Council and located in Spring Meadow, is home to a variety of activities including: Happy House Nursery; Rainbows, Brownies and Guides; Kick Boxing; WI Craft; Haydock School of Dance; 50 plus Keep Fit; Clayton Christian Fellowship and Dog Training. A small and a large room are available to hire for meetings and functions. There is a disabled access and an outdoor Defibrillator is to be installed within the next few weeks which will be situated on the outside wall facing the car park. **For bookings, hire charges and enquiries: Tel. 01772 451931.**



Parish Council Bowling Green

The community bowling green, next to the Ley Inn on Back Lane, is now open for the season and ready to welcome residents for a game of bowls. It costs just £2:50 for a game, plus £1 for hire of bowls or you can make a group booking for £40:00 for the day, Please call the Ley Inn to book – **01772 330215.**

Why not treat yourself to some well-deserved 'liquid' refreshments at the pub next door after your game!

The bowling green is also home to a thriving bowling club and new members are always welcome.

Cost of membership:
 £30 single annual membership;
 £50 joint annual membership;
 £12.50 junior annual membership.

PRECEPT

The parish precept has been set for 2017/18 and in order to balance the budget for expenditure on improvements this year and to meet our legal obligations, the precept is to increase. For a Band D property, it represents an increase of £6 over last year, which equates to just 12p a week.

Grants

The parish precept enables the Parish Council to undertake its statutory duties and to improve our environment and the lives of those it serves. We are undertaking a number of major projects this year, including the renewal of a play area and a community woodland. The Parish Council also gives out small grants on an annual basis to community and uniformed groups to fund projects that will enhance our neighbourhood or will in some way benefit residents of Clayton-le-Woods.

If you think you have something worth supporting by the Parish Council, just contact the clerk to see whether you are eligible for support for that special project or look on our website for the Grants Policy.

Two Trees Community Garden Project

The Parish Council has recently given a grant to the Two Trees Community Garden Group to create an orchard and wildflower meadow in the open space between Back Lane and Bearswood Croft. This work, match-funded by the Borough Council, is to start in April.

Redevelopment Plans for the Pines Hotel site

The Pines Hotel has been closed for about eighteen months now. Proposal are soon to be put to Chorley Borough Council for the development of the site to include a supermarket and retirement apartments. You can make your comments on these plans at: www.mccarthyandstoneconsultation.co.uk/chorley

BRAINBASHER

Last week, I travelled from Clayton-le-Woods to London.

On the first day, I travelled one quarter of the distance.

On day two, I travelled one half of the remaining distance.

On day three, I travelled three quarters of the remaining distance.

Yesterday, I travelled one third of the remaining distance.

I now have 14 miles left to travel.

How far is it from Clayton-le-Woods to London?

See back page for answer



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Image typical of Redrow homes. Help to Buy terms and conditions apply. Details correct at time of going to print.



CLAYTON IN BYGONE TIMES

DID YOU KNOW?

THE RENOWNED SURREALIST ARTIST, LEONORA CARRINGTON, WAS BORN IN CLAYTON-LE-WOODS. 2017 MARKS THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF HER BIRTHDAY – 6TH APRIL 1917.

The Manor House

In medieval times, Clayton-le-Woods once had a Manor House, called **Clayton Hall**, situated in the area near Spring Meadow, not far from the landfill site. The earliest records of a manor at 'Clayton' are mentioned in a Court roll in the time of Elizabeth the 1st 1574. Lords of the Manor were the Andertons and after they left the hall in 1693, the hall was tenanted by such families as the Molyneauxs, the Wrights and the Bootles.

In Victorian times, Clayton Hall was described "as a picturesque, 17th Century two-storey brick built building on a high stone base, with low mullioned windows and stone slate roof. The bricks are a weathered, warm dark red with ivy over the front. The porch has a four centred arched doorway with an old oak nailed-studded door".

Sadly, we can only now view the ruins where this once iconic building stood, for in 1976 the hall became derelict and had to be demolished. There are photographs kept in the archives of the Red Rose Collections at Lancashire County Council that we have permission to reproduce here.

*Photo of hall before demolition & ruins
Photos courtesy of Lancashire County Council's Red Rose Collections*

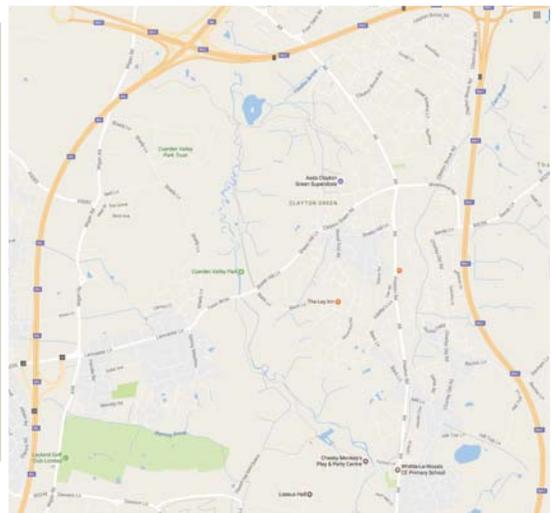
Tell us your story

We'd love to hear from you if you have memories about Clayton-le-Woods and the surrounding area you would like to share.

Did your grandfather work in Swansey mill or at the Quarries in Whittle? Do you have any old photos of your neighbourhood? We'd like to gather some information to put on our website about the history of our parish to share with everyone.

Do you know your boundaries?

Clayton-Le-Woods is the largest village within the borough of Chorley and only Chorley itself has more houses than Clayton-Le-Woods. There are many residents who live in Clayton-Le-Woods and may not realise. The boundaries of the village are largely defined by the motorways of the M61, M65 and M6. Postal addresses can be misleading as we have many residents with postal addresses in Bamber Bridge, Leyland and also Whittle-Le-Woods when actually these houses lie within Clayton-Le-Woods. Confusing matters further are place names, such as Whittle Spinney, actually in Clayton-Le-Woods and Cuerden Valley Park, where around two thirds fall within our village boundary too.



Answer to Brainbasher: **224 miles.**

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