

# THE CLAYTON CIRCULAR

YOUR PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN/WINTER 2018



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## Message from your Chair



Dear Resident,

Welcome to the Autumn/Winter edition of the Clayton Circular the newsletter of Clayton-le-Woods Parish Council.

It is my great pleasure and privilege to write this introduction as your new Chairman of the Council and wish a warm welcome to all of those who have moved into the area since our last newsletter.

In this issue you will find articles about events that have taken place within the last six months and also news about the plans we have starting in the next six months.

It is a very exciting time for the Parish Council of Clayton-Le-Woods. We can now take on many more great projects to benefit our residents than we've previously been able to in the past few years.

I would like to invite all residents to contact your local Parish Councillors listed opposite and let us know what improvements you would like to see in our local area and please feel free to come to our monthly Council meetings.

I hope you enjoy reading this edition and I look forward to seeing you soon at the Christmas Light Switch-on evening. This starts at 6.30pm Saturday 1st December by the Christmas Tree on the corner of Preston Road and Clayton Green Road.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

**Cllr Mark Clifford Chairman of the Council.**

## 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 which 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, a 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. 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 to Asda. The maintenance and improvements of these areas 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. Contact details can be found on the front page of this newsletter.

### How to contact us?

As well as the Clayton Circular you can also find news of the Parish Council on our noticeboards and website

[www.claytonlewoodsparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.claytonlewoodsparishcouncil.org.uk)

We are also on social media. Our main Facebook page is [www.facebook.com/claytonlewoodscouncil](https://www.facebook.com/claytonlewoodscouncil)

We have two sister pages for events [www.facebook.com/claytonlewoodschristmas](https://www.facebook.com/claytonlewoodschristmas) and [www.facebook.com/Claytonsummerfair](https://www.facebook.com/Claytonsummerfair)

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## Meet your New Parish Councillors



I am Michelle Gallagher and I work full time for the Environment Agency. I joined Clayton le Woods Parish Council in Spring 2018. Since then I have been involved in lots of projects to support and improve our local community.

In Summer I helped out at the successful Summer Fair at Manor Road School and I have also assisted with

lots of gardening jobs for Clayton in Bloom.

I have attended a SPID training course and assisted in the installation of a speed monitoring device on Huntsfield.

I've also been part of the group of Councillors who have visited all our local primary schools to talk about how important it is not to drop litter. The detrimental impact that dropping can have on our environment was explained to the children and they designed anti-litter posters to raise awareness in our community. Every Tuesday that I am available, I join the Parish Council volunteer litter pickers to keep our environment tidy.

My next project is working with Eco Councillors from Manor Road School to plant 100 primroses in the woodlands on Back Lane.

There's never a dull moment volunteering as a Councillor for the Parish Council.



Hello, I'm your new Parish Councillor for the East Ward of Clayton-le-Woods, my name is Sheila Edwards-Williams.

I adore living in Clayton-le-Woods and I believe passionately that as a community we should all work together to help each other and create a flourishing environment in which to live.

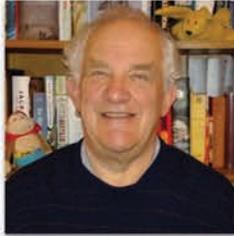
I feel delighted to have the opportunity as your Parish Councillor to be involved in this endeavour.

I have been part of our areas litter picking team for the last 12 months and have enjoyed being involved in keeping our beautiful area as clean and litter free as possible. We also had a lot of fun planting 500 daffodil bulbs at Bankside last November ready for Spring.

During the Summer I really enjoyed helping with the Summer Fair at Manor Road, it was a fun filled day and a great opportunity to meet so many people who live in the Clayton-le-Woods area.

I have recently joined both the Environmental and the Play, Leisure and Welfare Committees. I hope to work alongside the experienced Councillors to maintain and enhance the area I am proud to call my home.

## Meet your Local Parish Councillors



Dave Rogerson



Peter Gabbott



Jean Cronshaw



Gail Ormston



Stephen Fenn



Judith Norris



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Charlie Bromilow



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## Family Fun at the Summer Fair 2018

The second Clayton-le-Woods Parish Council Summer Fair was held on Saturday June 23rd, 2018. The day was warm and sunny. The start of the long hot summer!

There was a host of attractions on offer, including fairground rides, face painting, arts and crafts, food and drink stalls, a dog show, flower arranging, our World Famous Charity Savoury Faggot Flinging Competition, magician, crazy golf and lots of live entertainment.

Over 2000 residents came along to join in the fun and enjoy a great day out.

The Parish Council would like to thank all the contributors, stall holders and volunteers who were there on the day, including Chorley's Angels, Active Nation, Hillcrest Animal Hospital, Lancashire Police, and Clayton Green Scouts. A special thanks to Manor Road School for the use of their playing fields.

Next year's Summer Fair is already being planned and will be held on **Saturday June 22nd** at **Manor Road School playing fields**. If you would like to help by volunteering on the day, or book a stall, **Councillor Mark Clifford** would be very pleased to hear from you. He can be contacted on **07944 891011** or email [mark.clifford@claytonlewoodsparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:mark.clifford@claytonlewoodsparishcouncil.org.uk)



## Date for your diary - Summer Fair 2019



The Clayton-le-Woods Summer Fair 2019 will be held on the playing field at

**Manor Road Primary School**

on

**Saturday June 22nd**

from

**10am to 5pm**

# Clayton is Blooming Lovely!!

Clayton-le-Woods was awash with colour this Spring and Summer. Hanging baskets were decorated along Preston Road, Lancaster Lane and Clayton Brook Road. Different themes were highlighted and brought to fruition by a team of green-fingered residents and Councillors.

At Clayton Bottoms, a flower bed was created commemorating the 100th anniversary of the end of WW1. This features a six-foot silhouette of a soldier representing the brave soldiers who were unable to return. The volunteers also transformed a nearby disused Grit Bin into a floral 'feast', complete with picnic baskets full of eye-catching blooms.

A new 'temporary' flower installation was created at Stonehouse Green, celebrating 70 years of the NHS. With the help of a few folk from the Brothers of Charity at Lisieux Hall, there was a party table with a 3-tier floral cake and party bags galore, overflowing with brightly-coloured blooms.



Planting at Bankside



Cubs preparing the beds outside Manor Rd annex



Parish Councillors and Volunteers at the NHS display

## The suffragettes Came to Town



To mark the 100th anniversary of women obtaining the vote, the flower tower was transformed at the Asda round-about into a riot of green, white and violet, complete with hats, placards and bunting. The colour

as these were the colours of the suffragettes, standing for Give Women Votes. We even had some suffragettes come to visit in July, giving out flowers to passers-by whilst loudly demanding the vote.

<< Suffragettes at the Asda Flower Tower

The "North West In Bloom" judges came along in July to assess the planting and Clayton-le-Woods were awarded a Silver Medal.



Representatives from the Parish Council and volunteers with the Silver Award >>

## Clayton-le-Woods Scarecrow Festival 2018

The second annual Clayton-le-Woods Scarecrow Festival took place this Summer between the 9th and 22nd July.

So, what's a scarecrow festival? Scarecrow festivals are held all over the world, but they are especially popular in the UK. Hundreds of villages around the UK bring colour, vibrancy and fun to their neighbourhoods by organising scarecrow festivals. So, in 2017, Clayton-le-Woods Parish Council thought it was high time our community got involved.

There were four categories for entries into the competition: Business/Organisation; Education/Uniformed Groups; Families & individuals 16 years and over; Child/Children - under 16yrs. A new category was added this year for the most humorous scarecrow/s.

We had entries from all over the village and scarecrows popped up in the most unexpected of locations, including a marvellous display of scarecrows outside the Methodist church on Preston Road and 'Where's Wally' was found in Clayton Green Library. Certificates were issued to the winning scarecrow in each category and these were entered into the competition to find the overall winner, which was "The Greatest Showcrow", created by The Coldham Family.





This year's magnificent Christmas tree growing in the forest!

## Come to our fun Christmas Light Switch-on evening.

It's almost that time of year again!

**Saturday 1st December at 6.30pm** we will be meeting by the Christmas Tree on Preston Road opposite the Pines roundabout. The evening will kick off with Carols being sung around the tree by local children led by International singing sensation Gemma-Louise Doyle. Eccleston Brass Band will be performing too. We will then light the tree up in all its glory. Vouchers will be handed out at the tree for your free glass of mulled wine, a mince pie and pizza slice which are generously being provided by the Lord Nelson Pub on Sandy Lane. Our fun evening will carry on at the Lord Nelson where Gemma will be performing for you followed by a disco on until late. **We hope to see you there!**

### THE LORD NELSON

Sandy Lane, Clayton-le-Woods, PR6 7RD

Visit this Historic Local Family Pub for excellent food and real ales

Good Food, Pizza Oven,  
Sunday Carvery  
Great Beer  
Live Music and Karaoke at weekends



## The Lord Nelson, Clayton-le-Woods



The Lord Nelson is a legendary pub in Clayton-le-Woods. However it has not always been a pub as the building started life as a farmhouse. The oldest part of the building dates back to 1668, as detailed by a date stone over the porch. Although it has been altered over the years many of the original features are still visible, such as mullioned windows and arched doorways.

## Diary Date - Christmas Lights Switch-on Evening

The Christmas Lights Switch On will take place at

**Preston Road (opposite The Pines Roundabout)**

followed on at **The Lord Nelson Pub, Sandy Lane**

on **Saturday 1st December 2018**

Starting at **6:30pm**

### Attractions Include:

- Mr and Mrs Christmas
- Eccleston Brass Band
- Gemma-Louise Doyle
- Carol Singing by Clayton Brook Scouts
- Free mulled wine, mince pies and pizza slices
- Disco

## In The Pipeline...



Parish Councillors Mark Clifford and Michelle Gallagher at Whittle Spinney

### New Footpaths at Whittle Spinney

New footpaths will put an end to slipping and sliding!

Clayton-le-Woods Parish Council are currently having two new footpaths installed to help access into the Whittle Spinney woodlands.

Chairman of the Council Cllr. Mark Clifford says "This is fantastic news for our residents. Residents have been asking me for these paths for quite a while now and it is great to announce that they are now being installed to improve access into the Spinney for all. For too long people have been slipping and sliding whilst visiting from Knebworth Close and also on Birchin Lane. These paths will allow our residents to have a brilliant circular walk and will be great for those with mobility issues"

Chair of Environment Cllr. Michelle Gallagher says "it's great to see these paths and we look forward to working on many more exciting projects that will benefit the community over the coming months and years."

The path work is due to be completed by mid November.

### Sale of Local Landmark

A local landmark in Clayton-le-Woods could be secured to provide much-needed facilities in the community after it was put up for sale by its trustees.

St John's Parish Club, on Preston Road, has been a familiar sight to local people for generations and a group of local organisations is forming a partnership to purchase the site.

Clayton le Woods Parish Council is teaming up with Whittle Surgery and Chorley Council to put a bid together in order to retain the building as a focal point for residents.

The plan is to redevelop the site as a medical centre, community hub and parish council office.

Chairman of the Parish Council Mark Clifford said. "The pressure on the doctor's surgery has been a concern for residents for some time and this plan will give it a long term future and provide enough space for them to grow and continue to meet the needs of the local community."

Chorley Council is backing the plan as it wants to see buildings like this retained for the benefit of the community.

Leader of Chorley Council, Councillor Alistair Bradley, said: "It's great to see the parish council taking a proactive approach to ensure the building remains a focal point for local residents and at the same time supporting the local GP surgery, which is an integral part of the community."

Too often we see buildings like this standing vacant or being used for different purposes but we can see the benefit of supporting this project, which is what local people want to see happen. The move would help secure the future of the surgery and create more space so it becomes easier for people to access."



Leader of Chorley Council, Councillor Alistair Bradley and Parish Councillor Mark Clifford pictured outside St. John's Club

### Landmark Pines Hotel Disappears

In recent months the Pines Hotel was demolished in preparation for a new supermarket and over three dozen retirement apartments. The Parish Council, together with other bodies and local residents fought hard against the proposed development, with our main concern being the increased traffic at an already busy spot.

Many residents will have happy memories of attending wedding receptions, parties and nights out over the years. The venue will be greatly missed.

Here is a photo of the original "Pines", built in 1895 by Mr J.N.Boothman who owned Swansey Mill.



### Do you want to advertise your business in this Newsletter?

The Newsletter is distributed to 7,000 homes in Clayton-le-Woods twice a year, Spring/Summer and Autumn/Winter. The cost of advertising is £25 for an advert 5cms by 7cms or £40 for an advert sized at either 5cms by 14cms or 10cms by 7cms. If you are interested please contact Tracy Morris, clerk@claytonlewoodsparishcouncil.org.uk

## News from the Community

### News from Whittle Methodist Church

During the summer the church has attempted to make its presence more noticeable and welcoming.

The minister stated "We hope that you've appreciated our ongoing, colourful flower displays and our 'prize winning' Scarecrows.

You may have noticed too, our new glazed, illuminated entrance. Watch-out for our decorated Christmas tree over the festive period, which we hope will convey something of the Christmas message and brighten up the main road through Whittle.

Some of you already regularly visit 'Slimming World' in our Church Hall on Wednesday or Thursdays.

New members are always welcome on alternate Monday evenings, when the local 'Women's Guild' meet, to enjoy a widely varied calendar of entertaining events.

Recently we've made links with 'Chorley Silver Band' and on Sunday 16th Dec. they will feature in our 2:30pm Carol Service, which will be followed by free coffee and mince pies.

Each Sunday we meet at 10: 00 am for our morning service, to which you are warmly welcomed.

Think about joining us for our Coffee mornings on the 2nd Saturday of every month, between 10:30 & 12:00.

We extend a very warm welcome to everyone, to join us at any of our activities. More information can be found on our website by following the links from: [chorleyandleylandmethodists.org](http://chorleyandleylandmethodists.org)"



Flower Displays Whittle-le-Woods Methodist Church

### Vera Waters visits Clayton Green Library

Vera Waters visited Clayton Green Library on September 19th to give a talk about her experiences as part of the "Venus Voices" Vote 100 Campaign. The campaign is to commemorate 100 years since some women were given the vote.

Vera has had a distinguished career. She was appointed as the first counsellor appointed to a police force, debriefing officers involved in major disasters. She has worked all over the world and gave a humorous and fascinating talk at the library this autumn. Vera herself enjoyed the event and has written to thank the library for hosting it and the Parish Council for their contribution to funding the event. Vera wrote "There was a lot of humour and laughter, some familiar faces and new people to meet. Definitely a 'Golden Day'. There is something special about Library activities, lots of warmth and interest engendered by the dedication of the staff."

### St John's Church in Whittle with Clayton Brook Community Church

Both churches do all we can to be a friendly and welcoming church for the people of our parish, in Whittle and Clayton. By the time you read this it will be just over a month to Christmas, and we'd love, in particular, to welcome you to our Christmas events. We will post the details on our website, but, briefly: We will hold Carol Services in St John's -on Sunday 16th December at 6pm, and in Clayton Brook on Sunday 23rd December at 4pm. People of all ages are welcome at these. In addition we have a fun Christmas ADVENTure in St John's on Saturday 15th 2-4pm, with some live stable animals! On Christmas Eve we will have a Crib Service at St John's, for children, at 4pm. We'd love to meet you at any of these, or indeed at any other time. And we will pray that everyone in our parish will be blessed with a wonderful and happy Christmas. Philip Venables (Vicar).



### Roads Update

The County Council have been re-surfacing some of our roads, Clayton Green Road, Woodfield, Cloverfield and Huntsfield. However the Parish Council continue to request that more are done.

## Litter Pickers in Action

A massive thank you to all our volunteers who have done a fantastic job of cleaning our streets and green spaces over the past 12 months. Our weekly Community Litter pick which meets every Tuesday has now been going for over 12 months and we can't wait to get stuck in and have a great time over the next 12 months.

Every Tuesday we are out and about on our weekly litter pick cleaning our beautiful area. We always meet at 1.00pm and all equipment is supplied. Just look out for the Hi-Vis vests worn by our volunteers, please come along for a great time.

Clayton-Le-Woods Parish Council offer one Spice Time Credit for every hour spent volunteering with us. You can use the Time Credit as a gift or a thank you to someone else, or at one of hundreds of amazing places across the UK from Blackpool Tower to the Tower of London.

If you've never volunteered with us before there's never been a better time. Please follow us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/claytonlewoodscouncil](http://www.facebook.com/claytonlewoodscouncil) and come along to our next litter picking session. You'll have a fantastic time and meet lots of friendly people dedicated to looking after our beautiful village.



## The Big Community Skip Day

Saturday 6th October 2018 was our Community Skip Day.

With the support of Chorley Council and Quercia Ltd., we had skips placed at Back Lane/ Fiddlers Lane, Mendip Road, and the car park by the shops at Tunley Holme, Clayton Brook.

The day proved to be very popular with the residents.

Please let the Parish Council know if you want to have more skip days arranged.

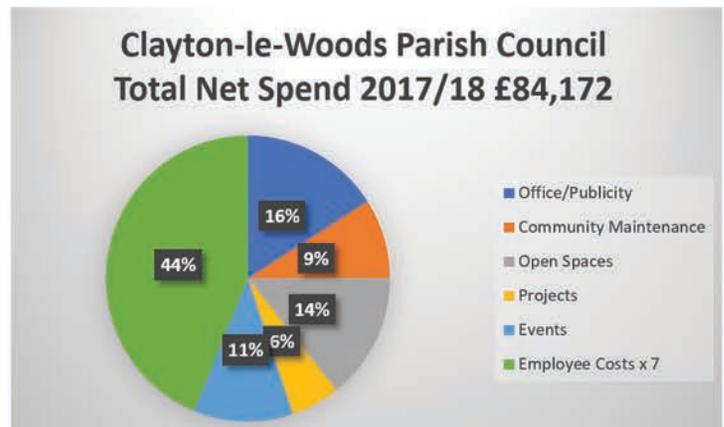
## Anti-Litter Campaigns in our Local Schools

The Parish Council has visited all the primary schools in the area undertaking assemblies and running a poster competition to produce individual school banners.



Councillors were pictured with the pupils at St Bede's RC Primary School displaying their anti-litter banner.

## How Do We Spend Your Money?



## Update on Landfill Site

Clayton-le-Woods Parish Council continue to monitor the Clayton Hall landfill site run by Quercia Ltd. The Chair of the Parish Council, Councillor Mark Clifford is also the Chair of the Landfill Liaison Group who meet regularly at Chorley Town Hall. The members of the group are from Quercia, Public Health England, The Environment Agency, Lancashire County Council, Chorley Borough Council, Clayton-le-Woods Parish Council, Whittle-le-Woods Parish Council and local residents.

The site has been subject to many improvements over the past few months and complaints of foul smells have reduced considerably. If you would like further information about the ongoing works please contact [mark.clifford@claytonlewoodsparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:mark.clifford@claytonlewoodsparishcouncil.org.uk)

If you have a complaint contact Quercia on 07961 403 782 and log your complaint to the Environment Agency on 0800 807060.



## Defibrillator on Preston Road

No, it isn't a yellow Tardis. The Parish Council have found a new use for the previously disused telephone box at Bankside on Preston Road. A defibrillator has been installed, adding to the network of this lifesaving equipment across the Borough. The box has been painted yellow so that it is clear to everyone that it contains a defibrillator. You will be instructed about accessing and using the defibrillator, if needed, following a call to 999.

It is hoped to place defibrillators in other locations across Clayton-le-Woods.



## NHS Advice on keeping well this winter

### Help Us Help You this winter

Winter is a challenging time for the NHS, with more people feeling unwell with seasonal illnesses and a rise in the number of people admitted to hospital.

### Five things the NHS recommend you do:

- Get your Flu jab if you are entitled to it
- Keep your home at 18 degrees C or higher if you can
- Take advantage of financial schemes and discounts to help you pay for heating
- Visit your local pharmacist as soon as you start to feel unwell with the symptoms of a winter respiratory illness
- Look out for other people who may need a bit of extra help over the winter

For more information please visit [www.nhs.uk/staywell](http://www.nhs.uk/staywell).



## Watch Your Speed

We take speeding throughout our village seriously!

Cllr Michelle Gallagher and Cllr Mark Clifford have completed the official training needed to deploy SPID's (Speed Indicator Devices).

The training consisted of classroom and field work. Now we have the ability to deploy SPID's where thought necessary to combat excess speeding.

We will be deploying the SPID at several different locations over the coming weeks and months. We would like to ask residents to contact us if you have excess speeding near you.

SPID'S are battery powered and need charging every few days and we recharge and relocate the SPID on a regular basis.



## A Fitting Tribute...

A memorial bench commemorating the work of the late Parish Councillor Rosemary Boyd has been erected in the Back Lane Woods. The bench was carved by a woodland chain saw artist and has animal carvings of moon gazing hares on the arms of the bench. The bench provides a peaceful retreat within the woods.

## Great Greens Lane Play Area Improvements

One of the big projects keeping the Parish Council busy during Spring was the work to renovate the play area at Great Greens Lane, Clayton Brook. New play equipment and soft flooring were installed creating a fabulous playground for the local children. A grand opening of the newly renovated play area was held in May with a great turnout of children and their families who enjoyed playing in the bright sunshine. The feedback from the families was very positive with more children than ever enjoying playing on the play area. The Parish Council will be renovating more play areas in Clayton-le-Woods over the coming years as part of their rolling programme for play area renewals. At the same time as the Great Greens Lane play area renovations, Chorley Council carried out work to improve the Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) at Clayton Brook.

Great Greens Lane Play Area following refurbishment



## Clayton Cup Winners 2018



The Clayton Cup has been held in the Parish for more than 20 years and Active Nation organised and hosted the annual event at the Clayton Green sports centre on behalf of the Parish Council. This popular event took place on 22nd May.

Around 100 pupils from the local primary schools in the Parish took part in the fun and games at Clayton Green Sports Centre, including Lancaster Lane Community Primary School, St Bede's Catholic Primary School, Manor Road Primary School, Clayton-le-Woods Church of England Primary School, Westwood Primary School, St John's Church of England Primary School and Clayton Brook Primary School.

The event is very competitive, consisting of various sporting team challenges, followed by a Tug of War and finally a relay obstacle race. The school children go all out to win!

More than 250 supporters watched the competition which saw St. John's Church of England Primary School hailed as Clayton Cup Champions for the third year running.

Members of the Parish Council supported the event and presented the awards and trophies to the participating schools.

## Initial consultations regarding the renovation of Cunnery Meadow Play Area

The rolling programme of renewing Parish Council owned play areas is progressing following the success of the Great Greens Lane play area upgrade earlier this year. Much needed work on the Cunnery Meadow Play area is due to start in Spring/Summer 2019 to replace the old equipment and add more play equipment suitable for primary school children. At this stage the Parish Council has started to look at what the play area could look like and consultation with residents and the local schools is planned to take place in the near future.

Please look out for further information about consultation activity in the coming months so you can take part in determining what the play area should look like. The Parish Councillors are committed to improving the Parish Council play areas across Clayton-le-Woods with more improvements planned over the next few years.

If you have any ideas or comments on play area improvements please contact the Parish Council on [clerk@claytonlewoodsparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@claytonlewoodsparishcouncil.org.uk). or contact your local Parish Councillor, whose details can be found on page 3 of this newsletter.

Existing Play Area at Cunnery Meadow



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# Schools Commemorate WW1

To commemorate the centenary of the end of World War1 the Parish Council has provided each of the primary schools in the village with a statue of a First World War Soldier which has been erected in the schools' grounds as a focal point for their commemorations.

**Lancaster Lane Primary School** have been researching facts and information about their grandparents who fought in different conflicts. The children learnt and recited war poems and sang songs relevant to that time in history. Year 6 pupils have also lead a Remembrance Assembly where the Mayor of Chorley was in attendance.



**Manor Road Primary School** pupils pictured above with their Silent Soldier. The school marked the centenary with a week of events; all the children made poppies for the display around the Silent Soldier. Junior classes visited Gawthorpe Hall and took part in WW1 activities, such as writing postcards from the trenches. Families of the children visited school to talk about their experiences in the armed forces. The children learnt about the role of all those affected by WW1, including women and children. On 9th November a special Remembrance Peace Concert was held in school.

**St Bede's RC Primary School** held their remembrance service on Friday 9th November at 11am. The school focussed on remembering and researching soldiers from the parish who lost their lives and created wreaths in remembrance which were displayed around the Silent Soldier in the school grounds.

**Westwood Primary School** planted poppies for the fallen soldiers in WW1, 90 men from Brindle and 84 men for Clayton-le-Woods and Whit-tle-le-Woods. The children also made their own poppies from plastic bottles which were displayed around the Silent Soldier.

**Clayton-le-Woods C of E Primary School** researched the "Roll of Honour" displayed in the school and Parish Councillor Judith Norris was surprised to see her Grandfather's name, James Tuson along with two other family members, Edward and William Tuson, displayed on the Roll. Councillor Judith Norris was very proud to see that her family were honoured in such a way, "It has made being on the war memorial committee even more special for me", she said. "Keeping these brave heroes' memories alive is a privilege, because they fought that we may have a better tomorrow".

# Clayton-le-Woods Remembers

In commemoration of the centenary of WW1 the Parish Council have erected two Silent Soldier silhouette statues at Heritage Gardens, near the Pines roundabout and at Town Brow in the Parish Council flower bed. These have been in place over the summer and were part of the North West In Bloom entry.



## Useful Information

### Clayton Green Library Opening Times

Mon: 9am – 5pm  
 Tues: 9am – 1pm  
 Wed: 9am-7pm  
 Thurs: 9am-5pm  
 Fri: 9am-5pm  
 Sat: 9am-1pm

### Your Local Policing Teams

#### Clayton-le-Woods and Clayton Green

Constable Lisa Hough and PCSO Sarah Noblett

#### Clayton-le-Woods North

Constable Jim Colclough and PCSO Catherine Flett

### Clayton Green Sports Centre

Telephone Number 0300 0200136

#### Opening Times:

Mon: 7am – 11pm  
 Tues: 7am – 11pm  
 Wed: 7am – 11pm  
 Thurs: 7am – 11pm  
 Fri: 7am – 11pm  
 Sat: 8am -9pm  
 Sun: 8am-9pm

### Parish Council Meeting Dates

The Council meets at Chorley Business and Technology Centre, East Terrace, Euxton, PR7 6TE on the 3rd Monday of the month at 19:30. Dates are: January 21st, February 18th, March 18th, April 15th, May meeting to be determined due to local elections.

### Clayton Hall Landfill Odour Issues

Environment Agency 0800 807060;  
 Residents Helpline (Quercia) 07961403782



Silent Soldier at St Bede's RC Primary School

Chair of Parish Council, Councillor Mark Clifford with Westwood Primary School pupils and the Silent Soldier

Lancaster Lane Primary School

Clayton-le-Woods Primary School WW1 Roll of Honour

The Parish Council wish to thank all the contributors to this Newsletter. The next Newsletter will be published in May/June 2019. If you wish to contribute to a future edition please contact [clerk@claytonlewoodsparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@claytonlewoodsparishcouncil.org.uk)

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# The Remembrance Poppy

Have you ever wondered where the symbol of a poppy remembrance originated? In 1915, the Canadian poet, Lieutenant- Colonel John McCrae, wrote "In Flanders Fields the poppies blow/between the crosses, row on row." This prompted the suggestion, after the war ended, that the battlefield poppy be used to honour the dead. YWCA volunteer Anna Guerin took up this idea in her native France, and war veterans and their families made fabric flowers and sold them to raise money for charity. This spread across to Britain and in 1921 the first poppy appeal took place using French made flowers, and by 1922 a British factory had been set up that still runs to this day.

This year sees the commemoration of the end of the "Great War".

On the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month of 1918, the guns fell silent.