

# THE CLAYTON CIRCULAR

YOUR PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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### Message From Your Chair

**Dear Resident,**

I'd like to welcome you to the Autumn/Winter edition of the Clayton Circular and wish a warm welcome to those who have recently moved to our beautiful village. Its certainly been a busy six months at the Parish Council as we have carried on our rolling programme of improvements to our area and here is where you can read about what has been done and also what is planned for the next few months.

After another fabulous Summer Event we look forward to seeing you at our Christmas Light Extravaganza on Saturday 30th November, which is sure to be an event not to be missed. For more details please see inside.

I would also like to invite you to attend our Parish Council meetings where you will be assured of a warm welcome and don't forget to get in touch with your local councillors if you have an issue or suggestion to make our village even better.

**Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.**

*Mark Clifford*



### Your Parish Council

#### Who Are We?

Parish Councils are the lowest 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, 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 remain 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 notice boards 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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## Four Casual Parish Councillor Vacancies in North, West and East Wards

Have you ever considered becoming a Parish Councillor?

There are currently 4 vacancies to be filled by co-option, two vacancies are in the North Ward and one in the East Ward and one in the West Ward. The vacancies have arisen due to the resignation of councillors. Parish Councillors represent residents in their local area: attending monthly Parish Council meetings and help make decisions about what facilities are provided in the area. You don't need any qualifications or specific experience to be a councillor; however, you must be over 18 years old and live and/or work within 3 miles of the parish boundary.

If you care about this area and think you could serve the community: we would like to hear from you.

**For further details please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council.**

## Meet Your Local Parish Councillors



Mark Clifford



Sheila Edwards-Williams



Glenda Charlesworth



Carole Billouin



Charlie Bromilow



Jean Cronshaw



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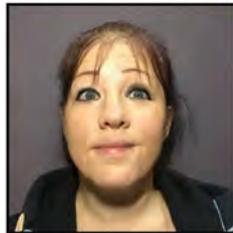
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# Christmas Extravaganza

On Saturday 30th November from 6.30 P.M we will be holding our Christmas Light switch-on evening. We would like to invite you to a great evening of seasonal merrymaking taking place at our Christmas Tree by the Lidl roundabout and afterwards at The Lord Nelson pub, Sandy Lane.

The evening starts off with carol singing by the tree and music performed by Chorley Silver Band. Keep an eye out for Father Christmas who will be popping by to say hello. After our countdown the tree will be switched-on and it's sure to delight all. Make sure you collect your vouchers by the tree for your free mulled wine, mince pie and pizza slice at the Lord Nelson, where we will then carry on our festive evening. Chorley Silver Band will also be performing at the pub before International Singing Sensation Gemma-Louise Doyle will amaze you with a variety of exquisite songs old and new. Cllr Mark Clifford our events manager says "Don't miss out on this great evening, it's a wonderful time to meet up with old friends and make many new ones. I hope to see you all there". We always like to have fun in Clayton-le-Woods and following these great performances we will have a fantastic Disco to finish off the evening.



*A sneaky photo of this year's tree!*

# A Update On The Landfill Site

The Clayton Hall Landfill site operated by Quercia continues to be a concern for local residents and the parish council still monitor the site. Cllr. Mark Clifford continues to Chair the Liaison group which is attended by representatives 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. Although there was a blip in issues caused by the active tipping at the site in late July and early August things are still looking much more positive than 18 month ago. Complaints are still coming in but generally at a much reduced rate.

Capping and restoration of the areas of the site that are no longer being used to tip is continuing. Though not as fast as planned due to the heavy rainfall in recent months

Very welcome is a statement from Quercia that the temporary cap that was installed during the major incident will remain permanently in place and is to be covered over as those sections of the site are filled or restored. The Environment Agency are keeping Clayton Hall as a top priority in Lancashire and Cumbria.

by Cllr David Clough

If you would like more information about the ongoing improvements please contact [mark.clifford@claytonlewoodsparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:mark.clifford@claytonlewoodsparishcouncil.org.uk)

If you have a complaint contact Quercia on 01257 273311 and log your complaint with the Environment agency on 0800 807060



## Keeping Clayton-le-Woods "Spic and Span"

Our weekly community litter pickers brave all weathers to keep Clayton-le-Woods tidy! Every Tuesday at 1pm they assemble ready to tackle that week's litter hot spot! This means that over time they are able to get at all the worst affected areas.

All equipment is supplied and what is more you will also get one Tempo Time Credit for every hour spent volunteering.

Volunteers are always welcome, many hands make light work! So if you do want to find out more please contact Councillor Mark Clifford on 07944 891011 or email him on

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You can also find out what is happening and information on the next litter pick location by checking out the Parish Council Facebook page; [www.facebook.com/claytonlewoodscouncil](http://www.facebook.com/claytonlewoodscouncil)

## Dog Bag Dispensers



So, how often do you find that you have run out of "poo" bags when taking your faithful friend out for a walk? Very rarely, if ever, if you are a responsible dog owner. However, it appears that a small minority of dog owners are not responsible and do not clean up after their

dogs. It is an increasing bane for pedestrians as well as a health risk for humans. The Parish Council have noticed that the complaints have been increasing, particularly in some specific locations.

In an effort to reduce this anti-social behaviour, Clayton-le-Woods Parish Council have decided to provide Doggy Bag dispensers at four locations across the Parish. This is a pilot to see whether it works in reducing the amount of dog fouling in these areas and if so, the Councillors will look at whether the pilot can be extended to other locations across the Parish.

Cllr Mark Clifford says "These dog bag dispensers have proved to be very popular around the country where fitted and have improved the environment for all."

### The areas chosen for the pilot are:

Cunnery Meadow Play Area; Carr Brook Linear Park at the exit onto Birchfield; Wood End Road, opposite Lord's Croft; Knebworth Close at the top of the pathway into Whittle Spinney.

Work is underway to progress this installation of these dog bag dispensers, and updates on progress will be available on the Clayton-le-Woods Parish website and on our Facebook page: [www.claytonlewoodsparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.claytonlewoodsparishcouncil.org.uk) [www.facebook.com/Claytonlewoodscouncil](http://www.facebook.com/Claytonlewoodscouncil)

## Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch 2019

The annual Christmas Lunch is a very popular event for the older residents of Clayton-le-Woods. This year the Christmas Lunch will be held on December 9th at The Halfway House on Preston Road.

Places are limited, if you wish to book a place contact the Parish Clerk on 01257 264854 or email [clerk@claytonlewoodsparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@claytonlewoodsparishcouncil.org.uk)

# Summer Fair 2019

The third Clayton-le-Woods Parish Council Summer Fair took place on Saturday 22nd June 2019 and was a great success.

What a wet year we are experiencing, and we were lucky that the big day remained dry for everyone to enjoy. There were many new stalls this year to peruse and great live entertainment on stage and in the show arena.

The Parish Council would like to thank all the contributors, stall holders and volunteers who were there on the day and 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 27th June 2020 at Manor Road School playing fields. If you would like to help by volunteering on the day, or book a stall, Cllr Mark Clifford would be very pleased to hear from you.

He can be contacted on 07944 891011 or email [mark.clifford@claytonlewoodparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:mark.clifford@claytonlewoodparishcouncil.org.uk)



## Summer Fair Raises Funds For Local Charities

At the Clayton-le-Woods Summer Fair this year charity stallholders attended to raise funds. Thanks to the fantastic generosity of the people in Clayton-le-Woods the charities had a great day of fund raising.

The Clayton Green scout group raised over **£380** from their sponge throwing activity and other competitions. At one stage the sponge throwing was so enthusiastic the scouts had to relocate the fun to avoid drenching the singers on stage in the marquee!

Marie Curie raised over **£230** on their tombola which has gone directly to providing nursing care in a patients own home.



Marie Curie's Stall

The Guide Dogs for the Blind made **£199** from their stall and had a great day. The photo below shows the volunteers, Lynda and Gillian and their dog manning the stall.



The Guide Dog's Stall

The MS Society had a fabulous fund raising day day too, they have sent us more information to share with you all.

**"What an absolutely amazing day we had at the Summer Fair in Clayton-le-Woods. The sun was shining all day for us. Here we are with some of our wonderful members' children waving flags and giving us the thumbs up. A fabulous event enjoyed by all. Thank you too to our amazing volunteers. You are all superstars."**



The MS Society's Stall

Rosemere had a great day too, raising over **£250** from their tombola and from the sale of knitted baby clothes that were knitted by patients receiving cancer treatment.

# Scarecrow Festival

Clayton le-Woods and Whittle-le-Woods Parish Councils joined forces to run the Scarecrow Festival this year. Fabulous entries were received from business, schools and individuals across both parishes. You can see the high standards of inventiveness, originality and amusing entries from the photographs!

The winners were:

**Overall Winner:**

Whittle Methodist Church Preston Road

**Winner Business and Organisation:**

Whittle Methodist Church Preston Road

**Winner Over 16yrs:**

Joanne Lane

**Winner Schools and Organised Groups:**

Whittle and Clayton Scout Group

**Runner Up Business and Organisation:**

Cuerden Valley Trust

**Runner Up Schools and Organised Groups:**

St Bede's Primary



Chorley and Whittle Scout Group



Joanne Lane Winning Scarecrow



St Bedes Primary School

## Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL for short!)

We reported in the Summer Newsletter on the process for obtaining a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) grant from the Parish Council.

CIL is a levy that property developers pay to Councils when they build new housing estates. This money is to enable the Council to provide more services to meet increased needs as a result of more people living in an area. The funds are to be used only for permanent facilities/infrastructure which benefit the community as a whole.

Chorley Council have given some of this money to the Parish Councils where they have new housing being built and voluntary groups and organisations can apply to the Parish Council for a grant from the CIL funding pot to help them provide amenities and services in the local area.

In the Summer Newsletter we asked for your views on the applications received for the July funding round, and the Parish Council have subsequently awarded the following grants:

- Back lane Woods - Development into Community Nature Reserve/Forest School: Subject to Full Costing it is planned that the project will proceed early next year
- Lisieux Hall: Outdoor Classroom
- Lancaster Lane Primary School: Outdoor exercise and fitness facilities
- Defibrillator Provision: One defibrillator provided outside Clayton Brook Village Hall/Community Centre
- Cunnery Meadow Footpath: Lighting provided for local footpath in partnership with Chorley Council



**Applications for CIL grants in 2020 will be detailed in future Newsletters and on the Parish Council website and Notice Boards**

## Parish Council Grants

**D**id you know that the Parish Council have a grant policy which is designed to assist voluntary, community projects and groups. The Parish Council set the overall budget for Grant Application each year in January.



**The budget for this year is £4,000.**

If you wish to apply for a grant and would like some more information on this, you are able to find this on the Parish Council website at: [www.claytonlewoodsparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.claytonlewoodsparishcouncil.org.uk) During 2018 the Parish Council have given grant funding to: Clayton le Woods Singers, Clayton Brook Scouts, Clayton Green Scouts and Clayton Green Library.

## Bugs and Cubs

**C**layton Green Cubs are not squeamish or worried by creepy crawlies, they are doing their bit to promote a healthy planet. Insects provide many benefits to the ecosystem through pollination, nutrient cycle, and as a food source for birds.

The cubs have built environmentally friendly hotels for bugs! The Cubs have had great fun creating these hotels which they have placed in the Two Trees Community Garden at Back Lane.



## Cunnery Meadow Play Area

**I**n the Summer edition of this newsletter we reported that we were progressing work to improve the play area at Cunnery Meadow. Work began on site in July this year and it was expected that the play area would be finished in early September.

Our contractor, Wicksteeds, battled very unseasonable wet weather which delayed the installation work as heavy rains fell in August and September and as a result the site was often flooded.

At the time this newsletter was going to print the play area hadn't been formally handed over to the Parish Council due to the ground conditions still requiring work. However the playground equipment is all installed and all safety checks have been undertaken and passed.

The Parish Council will be organising an opening ceremony once the formal handover is completed.

Following this refurbishment the Parish Council plans to carry out work to upgrade the Manor Road play area in conjunction with Chorley Council. Further information will be posted on the Parish Council website.

You can see from the photographs the journey to complete the new play area.



**July/August - The site is cleared**



**September - New equipment is being installed**



**September - Pathways are going in**



**October - Pathways are completed**



**October- The play area is ready, but still muddy!**

# Cuerden Hall, Cuerden

The lands at Cuerden, where presently stands the large, red brick building, known as Cuerden Hall, can be seen on records dating back to 1199. These lands were owned by the Molyneuxs; a very affluent and powerful, Sefton family, who were made Lords and gifted them, by Roger de Poictou; a favoured Baron of William the Conqueror.

Through subsequent marriages and inheritances of the wealthiest families in the region - too long to chronicle in this article - the manor house was passed to the Parkers, an important family, originally from Extwistle Hall in Burnley. Having said that, I must mention an early occupant named John Cuerden who did lease a smaller manor house on the same plot in the mid 1500s, when owned by the Banastres of Bank Hall. There are no early pictures of this earlier house, but records of John Cuerden's possessions, on his death can be found listed in his will of 1603. This manor house was demolished by Banastre Parker and rebuilt by him in 1717.



Robert Townley Parker of Cuerden Hall 1857  
by Philip Westcot (Harris Museum & Gallery)

Hall he commissioned Lewis Wyatt to design and build the Hall, plus the parklands surrounding. It is really thanks to him and the subsequent work by Cuerden Valley Trust, that we now have the extensive, 650 acre, beautiful Cuerden Valley Park for the public to enjoy.

The most well known inhabitant of the Hall was Robert Townley Parker born 1793 who was the son of Thomas Townley Parker and Susannah Townley Parker, nee Brooke, of Astley Hall in Chorley. Susannah Townley Parker later became known as Lady de Hoghton after marrying Philip de Hoghton, of Hoghton Tower, three years after the death of her first husband in 1794.

The portrait opposite was commissioned by Robert's constituents in 1857 on his retirement as an MP. He was one of the first MPs in Queen Victoria's new parliament at the age of 24 years. He died at the age of 86 after a long political and remarkable life. During his time at Cuerden

Cuerden Hall was bequeathed to Reginald Tatton, a great nephew of Robert Townley Parker in 1904, as his son and heir, Thomas, was childless. Reginald carried out some alterations to the hall, but these were not extensive. Changes were mainly made in the stables to accommodate his passion for Daimler cars, although as an engineer by trade, he developed a better water supply from the lake and introduced electricity to the hall.

Reginald and his wife Winnifred had a son Thomas who eventually sold the hall to the Army in 1950 plus the vast estate and buildings in a private sale, before moving to Devon. After the Army moved out in 1977, it was taken over by the Central Lancashire Development Corporation, who passed the parklands to the Cuerden Valley Park Trust in the mid-1980s..

The Hall has been used by the Sue Ryder Foundation as a nursing home for young adults with neurological conditions since 1984, but, at the time of writing, I believe they are having a new home built in the north of Preston area, as the Grade II\* listed Hall has been found to be no longer suitable for their needs.

**Alison Whitham**  
Cuerden Sept 2019



Cuerden Hall today. (Photo from Wikipedia)

## Whittle-le-Woods & Clayton-le-Woods War Memorial

In 1925 a local resident left in her will a plot of land to Whittle-le-Woods and Clayton-le-Woods Parish Councils. The land was situated just off the A6 Preston Road close to the boundary between the two parishes, for the purpose of erecting a War Memorial to remember the soldiers from both villages killed in the 1914 – 1918 First World War. The first meeting of the newly constituted War Memorial Committee was held in March 1926. To this day three representatives from each Parish Council meet regularly to ensure that the War Memorial itself and the grounds that surround it are maintained to a high standard for the benefit of the Community.

At the end of the Second World War the War Memorial was engraved to commemorate the soldiers from Whittle-le-Woods and Clayton-le-Woods who were killed in the 1939 – 1945 conflict.

The War Memorial Ground has flower beds and seating areas ideal for those members of the public who wish to visit and reminisce, or even just sit quietly and enjoy the air of tranquility. The War Memorial itself is seated at the top of the grounds. Access is from Preston Road, or Kem Mill Lane, the adjacent car park also is part of the War Memorial grounds. If you live in our villages and have not yet paid a visit please take a look.

Each year on Remembrance Sunday a service is held at the War Memorial. We meet at 2.15 in Whittle-Le-Woods Primary School playground before proceeding down Preston Road to the War Memorial accompanied by a Brass Band, local Scouts and Guides, the Mayor and Mayoress of Chorley, Councillors, British Legion and local organisations and members of the Public. The service is conducted by the Reverend Philip Venables from Whittle St. John's Church assisted by Clergy from St Bede's RC Church, Whittle Methodist and St Chad's RC Church.



by Cllr Carole Billouin



## New Cleaning Barrow for Clayton Brook Lengthsmen

Clayton Brook is kept clean and tidy thanks to the work of the lengthsmen who go out in all weathers to sweep the area around the shops and community centres.

It may strike you as a peculiar term to use to describe someone who is responsible for street cleaning as a lengthsmen, but the term is an old one, dating back to the middle ages and referred originally to someone who keeps a length of road free of muck and rubbish; lots of it about in medieval times.

In modern times lengthsmen are usually employed by a Parish Council to keep areas clean and tidy, and Clayton-le-Woods Parish Council employ five part time lengthsmen at Clayton Brook.

The Clayton-le-Woods Parish lengthsmen use a cleaning barrow to transport the bins and brushes that they need, and over the years this barrow has worked hard! In the last few months it became clear that it was getting to the end of its useful life and the lengthsmen desperately needed a replacement. The Parish Council contacted Places for People about the issue and thanks to their generous donation, the Clayton-le-Woods Parish Lengthsmen are now the proud owners of a brand new barrow!



From L to R: Alex Gardiner, Places for People; Cllr Mark Clifford, Clayton-le-Woods Parish Council and Jon Ireland, Lengthsman

## Defibrillators in Clayton-le-Woods

Defibrillators are very important aids to save lives if someone suffers a cardiac arrest.

If you need a defibrillator in an emergency, the 999 call handler will often know where one is and tell you, so you can ask someone to get it. By performing CPR and using a defibrillator, you'll give someone the best possible chance of survival.

The Parish Council installed a defibrillator in the old telephone box on Preston Road at Bankside last year, and to ensure the public know that it is there the Parish Council painted the telephone box yellow! This has proved an online advertising success with other bodies who are considering installing a defibrillator, as Chorley Council have reported over 1900 hits on their website and other providers following suit!

A new defibrillator has been installed in the north of Clayton-le-Woods, attached to the community centre/village hall at Clayton Brook. The Parish Council are looking at providing more defibrillators across the Parish and if you have a suggestion for a suitable location please contact the Parish Clerk.



## Wildflower Meadow

Summer seems a long time ago now, earlier this year Clayton-le-Woods Parish Council had several wildflower meadows planted and they turned out to be stunning. Cllr Mark Clifford who is also Chorley Council's Champion for the Environment and Green Space says:

**"Wildflower meadows are not just beautiful to look at, they play a crucial role as a food source and habitat for a vast array of wildlife. With many species under threat it's vital we do all we can to protect our environment and hopefully you will see many more meadows planted over the coming months and years."**

As a memory jogger here are some photographs of the beautiful wildflower meadows. Hopefully this will cheer you all up in the long winter nights!



## Back Lane Woods

The planned works to enhance bio diversity and the creation of a community nature reserve have now gone to tender. Several companies have been asked to tender for the contracts to improve the woodland by creating a community nature reserve and also manage the reserve over the coming years.

The decision to award the contract will be taken in early 2020 with work to commence shortly afterwards. Cllr Mark Clifford says:

**"This is a great opportunity to enhance the woodland and to educate future generations in the need to protect our environment."**

# Milestones in History

Our milestone was repaired last year after part of it was found lying on the pavement. It is situated on the pavement on the corner of Preston Road /Swansey Road.

On the A6, which runs through the Parish of Clayton-le-Woods, stand milestones, which tell us the distance between the local towns of Preston and Chorley.



Originated by the Romans, one of the oldest measuring stones is situated near Ribchester. However, by the end of the 17th century, our measuring system was not right. Travellers complained of the long miles found in Yorkshire! With the era of mapping - started by John Ogilby, whom it is said laid the ground for the increasing wide use of the statute mile - 1760 yards. Over the next three centuries turnpike trusts, groups and individuals set out milestones, followed by local councils.

In 1888, highways and their signage became the responsibility of the new county councils. Milestones remain public property. Look out for them.

# St Bede's Nursery

Preston Road, Clayton Green, Chorley, PR6 7EB

St Bede's Nursery opened in 2018 and we have been overwhelmed with the response so far! At St Bede's there is an emphasis on discovery learning and outdoor play. Children are able to spend their time indoors and outdoors, exploring, creating and learning to appreciate the natural world. We are continually working to improve our standards of high quality education for our young children and our Early Years Team has recently been awarded the Early Years Quality Mark.



**We offer full day, morning and afternoon sessions for 3 and 4 year olds.**  
**Monday to Friday 7.30am – 6.00pm (term time only)**  
**Weekly Forest School sessions!**

We still have a few places remaining. If you would like to visit St Bede's Nursery please contact the school office to book an appointment.

t: 01772 335861 or e: [nursery@st-bedes.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:nursery@st-bedes.lancs.sch.uk)

# Tea Dances at Chorley Town Hall



Our Councillor, Jean Cronshaw, has been helping to run tea dances at Chorley Town Hall for the past few years. She is helped by Jason Robinson who was one of the first professionals in the first season of Strictly Come Dancing and by Chris Hopkins who plays the organ

at Blackpool Tower Ballroom; and others who all want to see more people from Clayton dancing the light fandango!

Previously the dances have been held on Tuesdays. Now they are moving to Mondays, with the next one being held on December 2nd, 2019. As it is the Christmas Dance there will be free cakes and mince pies! There's lots of car parking and a good bus service from Clayton.

The cost of the afternoon is £5.00 and the dances start at 1pm



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## Dates For Your Diary

**Saturday November 30**  
Christmas Lights Switch-On  
**Monday December 9**  
Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch  
**Saturday June 27**  
Clayton-le-Woods Summer Fair



Scheduled Parish Meetings take place at 7pm at Chorley Business and Technology Centre East Terrace, Clayton-le-Woods on the following dates:

**Monday November 18th**  
*No meeting during December*  
**Monday January 20th**  
**Monday February 17th**  
**Monday March 16th**  
**Monday April 20th**  
*(this date will also incorporate the Annual Parish Meeting)*  
**Monday May 18th**  
*(this date will also incorporate the General Meeting)*

## Useful Information

**Clayton Green Library Opening Times**  
Monday: 9am to 5pm Tuesday: 9am to 1pm Wednesday: 9am to 7pm Thursday: 9am to 5pm Friday: 9am to 5pm Saturday: 9am to 1pm Sunday: Closed

**Local Policing Teams**  
Chorley Police: Tel 01257 246225

**Clayton-le-Woods Policing Team**  
PC Craig McCabe, PCSO Michelle Appleton and PCSO Catherine Flett

**Clayton Green Sports Centre**  
Tel no: 0300 0200136

**Opening Times**  
Mon to Fri: 7am to 11pm  
Sat and Sun: 8am to 9pm

**Parish Council Meeting Dates**  
The Council meets at Chorley Business and Technology Centre, East Terrace, Euxton, PR7 6TE on 3rd Monday of the month at 7:30pm. There is no meeting in August and December.

**Clayton Hall Landfill Odour Issues**  
Environment Agency 0800 807060  
Residents' Helpline (Quercia) 01257 273311

**Chorley Borough Council**  
Tel no: 01257 515 151  
Chorley Borough Council out of hours number:  
01257 515 142 Sat and Sun: 8am to 9pm

## Clayton Green Library Events

There are loads of activities going on each week at Clayton Green Library. Do you fancy joining the Lego and Board Games sessions on Saturdays at 10:30? Too young for that?...well how about Toddler Rhyme Time on Mondays at 11am. You can also brush up on your digital skills on Mondays at 10:30 and "Get Online". Many more events take place, so checkout the library website at:

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

Make a big note in your diary for the Saturday 7th December when the library will be hosting their Winter Wonderland with the Model Railway display, carol singers and a children's activity. So come along between 10am and 12 pm to join in the fun.



## Changes To Recycling

Did you know that from the 1st October this year you have been able to recycle clean plastic pots, tubs and trays? These can go into the blue bin along with all the other plastics and glass you already recycle. It is easy to see whether you can recycle plastic by checking the number stamped on to it, so anything numbered 1, 2 or 5 within the recycling triangle should go into your blue recycling bin.



The colour and shape of the plastic doesn't matter but please give it a rinse before disposing of it as will cause problems during the recycling process if it has food waste on it and may not be recycled at all!

To learn more about recycling in Chorley go to the website:  
<https://chorley.gov.uk/Pages/AtoZ/Waste-and-recycling.aspx>

## GPs Surgery Update

Earlier this year Chorley Council bought the land at St John's in order to facilitate the construction of a new GPs surgery. I am delighted to say that progress is being made with this scheme. The Council have a proposed funding structure in order to facilitate construction of the new surgery and this will be submitted for approval to the Council's Executive Cabinet on Thursday 17th October. Subject to approval being given it is anticipated that demolition on St John's club will begin before Christmas. I am delighted with the progress being made and remain committed to ensuring that we have a new GPs surgery which is fit for purpose in serving the needs of local residents. I will keep you informed of further developments. In the meantime if you have any other issues you would like to raise with me please get in touch.

Best wishes  
**Mark Clifford**