



## **GREAT GRIMSARGH FIELD DAY CELEBRATES FIFTY FABULOUS YEARS**

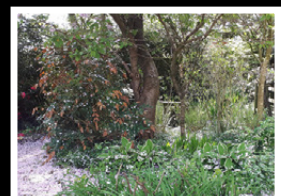
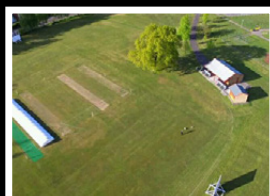
Saturday 23rd June is a date for your diaries. Having reached its 50th Year, the organisers of Grimsargh Field Day are hoping that the crowds will come out in force to celebrate this much loved, quintessentially English village event. Chairman of the Field Day Committee, Keith Middlebrough, said, "This is a very special year for us. We hope that the sun shines and the villagers continue to support us. The committee has worked very hard to ensure that the community enjoys a really traditional Field Day."

This year will see the crowning of 12 year old Libby Gibson, who will succeed the current Rose Queen, Katherine Mangan. Listing her pastimes as music,

socialising and adventure holidays, Libby lives in Grimsargh with her mum and dad, Paul and Sarah Gibson and her Labradoodle, Ollie. Libby also enjoys swimming and martial arts. A student at Broughton High School, she is delighted to have been chosen to be this year's Rose Queen and is very much looking forward to her big day.

Stephanie Willan is co-ordinating the retinue this year, having taken over this demanding role from Penny Thompson, organiser of the Rose Queen and retinue for 17 years. Both Penny and her husband Kevan, who also compered the Field Day for many years, have retired from their Field Day roles to focus more on travelling.

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## WHAT IS NOT TO LIKE ABOUT GRIMSARGH FIELD DAY?

Grimsargh Field Day has something for everyone. There will be the usual Fancy Dress Parade, marching bands, vintage vehicles, "The Great Grimsargh Dog Show", "The Great Grimsargh Bake-off", "The Pendle Dog Agility Show", "Lancashire Hawks and Owls", Children's and Adults' Races, stalls, "Children's Football Tournament", donkeys, BBQ, "Grimsargh Community Choir", folk singer Kenyon Yates, pop bands, a fun fair and who cannot resist a cup of hot tea and a delicious piece of homemade cake from the WI Tea Tent?

## ITINERARY

The procession starts to assemble at 12 o'clock at Grimsargh Village Hall. Floats should assemble at Alston Lane Primary School from 12 o'clock, leaving Alston Lane playground at approximately 12.45pm. The main procession leaves the Village Hall at 1300 hours, wending its way through the village to Grimsargh Green, where the crowning ceremony takes place at approximately 13.30, followed by the judging of the Fancy Dress Competition. Entrants to the Fancy Dress Competition do not need to register their entries. They can just turn up to the Village Hall car park at 12 o'clock, where they will be directed to the relevant classes.

## SCARECROW

This year, given that it is the 50th anniversary, the Field Day Committee is inviting villagers to enter scarecrows with the theme of, "My Favourite Person or Character from the Last Fifty Years". The scarecrows will be judged in the week preceding Field Day. Keith Middlebrough added, "We want as many scarecrows as possible this year. We know that Grimsargh will pull out all the stops to make this special anniversary, a Field Day to remember!"

## APPEAL

If you can enter a vintage car, know of a band that can walk in the procession or you just want to help in any way, please call Keith on 07795 527429.

# LANCASHIRE BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 2018

We have entered the Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition again this year, hoping to feature somewhere in the results after last year's dire performance.

It's not about being pretty (although that helps) or having lots of stunning floral arrangements (that helps too) but about how well we look after the village on an everyday basis. Litter free, weed free, graffiti free, street furniture spick and span, and all our gardens neat and tidy will do the trick. And as it's the 50th anniversary of Grimsargh Field Day, what better year to look our very best?

Judging begins on 9th June - so let's get to it!



# GRIMSARGH WETLANDS

Membership of the Trust is now open and the first Annual General Meeting of members is to be held at The Village Hall on Wednesday 4th July at 7.30 pm. Several members of the Parish Council have become personal members and the Council holds corporate membership, represented by Councillor Terry Cryer. Do consider joining – not only will your modest membership fee help to fund future work, but you will have a direct say in how the Wetlands develops, along with other member benefits such as guided walks, email updates, and access to social events.

If you'd like further details, email the Secretary Jayne Woollam, [jaynewoollam@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jaynewoollam@hotmail.co.uk)

The Trust has already made vast advances in a short period. The regular volunteer days have been very successful, and the gradual transformation of a long neglected site is a joy to behold. If you haven't been up there lately – go and see for yourself.



This will be the last bulletin from us – it's well and truly over to the Trust now. The easiest way to contact the group is via Jayne (see opposite) or via their facebook page [www.facebook.com/grimsarghwetlands](http://www.facebook.com/grimsarghwetlands) - there, you can follow the progress and have a daily dose of the most beautiful wildlife photographs taken by volunteer Richard Moss. And listen out for Chairman of the Trust, local author and ornithologist David Hindle, who often speaks on Radio Lancashire about The Wetlands.

## SPOTLIGHT ON GRIMSARGH VILLAGE STORE

Our general store and Post Office has undergone a major expansion, transforming it into a much bigger store – around 3 times the present floor/wall space - with a much wider range of products.

Since Jaz and his wife Nav arrived last year they've concentrated on listening to their customers and planning to stock more of what we have asked for. So you can now see an increase in locally sourced produce; more fresh fruit and vegetables, fresh baked products, more meal options, and local beers including Bowland Brewery. Meat from local butchers Andertons will still be available and may include barbecue packs for those rare sunny days when you have nothing in. And a fresh ice cream machine for the kids!



Future plans include a bike rack and dog hooks on the outside wall; enabling us to walk or cycle to our local shop with ease. Jaz is keen to keep on working with the community, so if there is anything you'd like to see that is viable for him – tell him about it!

# MUM, I'VE FOUND ONE!

Pebble Art has been a great hit around the village over the past few weeks, however this is not the shout of joy as another pebble is found, this is the cry of despair, as another child stands in dog excrement. Our most complained about topic. There are a lot of dogs in Grimsargh, 11 on my street of 13 houses alone. A very large percentage of these are looked after by responsible owners who religiously clean up after their pets.

So where does the problem come from? Unfortunately, there are some people who just ignore the fact that their dog does what it does. There are also responsible owners who get caught short. How many have been out with their dog, and it has done 1 more poo than you had bags in your pocket - It happens.

You go out at night and forget your torch and can't find the product - It happens.

It's school holidays and the kids are walking the dog. They don't like picking it up, and hope no one will notice - It happens.

You are just walking along in your own dreamworld, and don't notice - It happens.



So how do we counter the problem which as described above will always exist at some level? As a Parish Council we have installed a poo bag dispenser on Old Railway Walk.

As dog walkers we can try and be as diligent as possible and as a radical solution how about if we see other excrement on our walk or near where your dog is pooing use one of your extra bags and pick it up. If every dog walker picked up 1 extra per walk the problem would soon be much less.

As a non-dog walker, even more radical if you are on Old Railway Walk and there are poo bags in the dispenser don't just moan but if its practical pick it up. There is a bin nearby.

Obviously, dog walker responsibility is the best solution, but let's all work as a community to help keep **Grimsargh clean!**

## PARISH COUNCIL GRANTS

Did you know that Grimsargh Parish Council gives small grants to support worthy causes in the Parish? We are always pleased to hear from local groups that benefit the residents of Grimsargh and we will try and help where we can. If you would like to apply for a grant you can either write or e mail the Clerk, Sue Whittam, or alternatively you can download our small grants guidelines and the application form direct from our website at [www.grimsarghparishcouncil.org](http://www.grimsarghparishcouncil.org)

We recently gave a grant to Grimsargh Cricket Club to help them fund an extension to their changing rooms so they can comply with the rules in Division 1A (promotion)!!!! We are lucky to have a Cricket Team that are doing so well ...so please support them. You can look at information about the team and their fixture list for the season on their website at [grimsargh.play-cricket.com/](http://grimsargh.play-cricket.com/)



# PLANNING UPDATE

Since our last newsletter Preston City Council have agreed outline planning permission for an 'Older Persons Village' to be built off Preston Road between St Michael's School and the Nellie Carbis Woodland. It comprises 20 bungalows, 60 apartments and a 60 bed care home, along with a GP surgery.

Although we presented objections to the scheme, mainly on the basis of size and impact on traffic through the village, we were aware that there were also some residents in favour and that in the results of our Questionnaire for the Grimsargh Neighbourhood Plan (referred to in a separate article) people have identified a need for bungalows and provision for older people.

We will be keeping a very close eye on the next stage - 'reserved matters' where fuller details are put to the Planning Authority - particularly in relation to the proposed GP surgery, the position of the proposed road crossing, the entrance/exit, the on site parking provision and the overall visual effect of the development.



## AND IT'S GOODBYE TO PC CHRIS BANKS

We are sorry to have to say that PC Chris Banks will be leaving the village in June. After 14 years of working in our village and being a familiar face, he is now heading to Garstang! We are sorry to see him go but wish him well in his new role. We understand that three Police Officers have moved to Broughton Police Station and will be covering our villages including Grimsargh.

# NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING LATEST STATUS

As reported in our December newsletter, we employed a professional analysis firm to study the questionnaires and compile an assessment of their contents. The results of that are available on the website:

<https://www.grimsarghneighbourhoodplan.org/questionnaire-and-results/>

It is not particularly surprising to read that the majority of residents are not in favour of more development and also traffic is an issue in our village. However, it cannot be ignored that 18% - nearly 1 in 5 of respondents do think there is a need for new housing in Grimsargh. Affordable, smaller homes, bungalows and retirement properties are all the most favoured, with almost no support at all for larger properties.

In order for a Neighbourhood Plan to be passed and to carry any weight in terms of planning policy it has to “plan positively to support local development and should not promote less development than set out in the Local Plan or undermine its strategic policies”. Now we know the Local Plan, as it currently exists, does not set out any specific development for Grimsargh, though supports small scale development and “infill”. We are guided by our planning consultant to be of the view that it would be extremely advisable to consider including one or two small sites for development within our Neighbourhood Plan. So it is highly likely we will be looking to evaluate possible locations - that could best be used to meet the limited desire that exists for affordable,

smaller homes, bungalows and retirement properties, whilst at the same time using the clear feedback from the residents to strengthen the case against any further sizeable developments of larger properties and to make clear statements on particular sites not considered suitable for development at all.

The next phase would be to start working on policies and to draft a “vision statement” to summarise our interpretation of your feedback of your wishes and desires. However - a complication in the process is that there is considerable review taking place of planning policy - both at government and local level. Due to changes in government policy, the Local Plan is to be fully reviewed. That is going to include a new “Call for Sites” sometime towards autumn, or later. We are engaging with Preston City Council in reviewing what this means for us and our Neighbourhood Plan process - and it is likely to mean a delay in our progress.

A couple of interesting observations from the text of some of the completed questionnaires - one person made the observation that it would be good if all the Parish Councillors lived in the village - err, we do! Also a number of people wanting Yoga and Pilates - both of which already take place at the Village Hall. So one point we are going to try to look at is improving knowledge and communications.

Watch this space.....and the Neighbourhood Planning website.....



# BIN ON THE MOVE...

We were asked by some local residents if we could provide a bin on Blackleach Avenue near the path through to the Redrow development. We have looked at our bins in the village and agreed with Preston City Council, who empty the bins that we can move one of our bins from Old Railway Walk to Blackleach Avenue. This will be moved shortly. We know that Preston City Council are currently reviewing all bins and two of the old red bins have recently been removed from the village.



## ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH EVENTS

### **Garden Party**

**Saturday 16th June, 1pm.**

### **Car Wash**

**Saturday 30th June, Morning**

### **Open Gardens**

**Saturday 14th July**

### **Family BBQ**

**Saturday 28th July, 2018**

If you need any further information about the above events please contact Jayne Woollam on 07749 934 208.



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## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Meetings are usually held on the first Thursday of each month. We meet in the village hall and start at 7.30 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. Our meetings will be held on the following dates:

**Thursday 7 June 2018**

**Thursday 5 July 2018**

**Thursday 6 September 2018**

**Thursday 4 October 2018**

**Thursday 1 November 2018**

**Thursday 6 December 2018**

A copy of the Agenda is available 5 days before the meeting on our website at  
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