



TRIBUTE TO SIR TOM FINNEY

I feel it is appropriate for the Parish Council to pay respect to the memory of Sir Tom, a true gentleman and tireless fundraiser for various charities.

In 2007, a night to remember with Sir Tom Finney and friends was held in the village hall by the Field Day Committee to help cover the cost of Field Day and towards the Alzheimer's Society, a charity close to Sir Tom's heart.

For myself I can recall several cherished memories of him. As a teenager I remember his fantastic football skills in just about every position on the forward line. My school friends and I had a couple of songs we used to sing celebrating his ability. As a nurse manager I also remember him always smiling and greeting you if you saw him in Preston Health Authority's DHQ on Watling St Road. As chair of the Health Authority he agreed to launch Homestart, an organisation in which volunteers support families experiencing difficulties. I have a lovely photograph of my grandson, Jack with Sir Tom on this occasion and which he gladly signed. I introduced him with one of the songs we used to sing in his heyday! He was also the person, who with Councillor Dick Atkinson closed the doors for the last time of the Preston Royal Infirmary on Deepdale Road.

Rest in peace Sir Tom. I am sure you will never be forgotten by many people. The world is a poorer place through the loss of a true gentleman.

Councillor Joyce Chessell

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION.... IT'S JUDGING TIME!

More important than the X Factor, more exciting than Britain's Got Talent - yes it's the Best Kept Village Competition. Just a reminder that the judges will be out in force between 7 June and 20 July so let's all work together to make sure our beautiful village looks its very best! If anyone thinks there is a particular area that needs a bit of care and attention before judging time please contact Sue Whittam, Clerk to the Council on 01772 863477 or email clerkgrimsarghparishcouncil@gmail.com

FRIENDS OF GRIMSARGH GREEN BY JOYCE CHESSELL, CHAIR OF FOGG

As I write this update, work is in progress on the village green to create a feature on the corner of the green where an overgrown bed, which had not been managed over the years, previously stood. Unfortunately the city council does not have the time to maintain these structures. After making enquiries it became evident that it would be difficult to cut back the Leylandii without losing their shape and appeal so it was decided to create a new feature following the successful bid to the Local member's fund. The QE 11 Playing field plaque will feature as part of the scheme as well as a feature flower bed. Our thanks go to James Wallbank for his help so far.

Recently FoGG have paid for the removal of a large amount of cuttings from bushes/trees which had been dumped alongside the hedge by the nursing home. We would ask anyone who sees people fly tipping to report this to the appropriate authority. It is very difficult in the current economic climate raising funds and it would be nice to spend them on enhancing the green rather than removing other people's garden waste.

During the past few months more bulbs have been planted by Tony Cookson and his family members around the field. Tony and his family have worked tirelessly to

enhance the look around the green.

A race night programmed to take place in Grimsargh Club had to be cancelled due to lack of support. Negotiations are taking place with other organisations within the village and it is hoped to re arrange this event very soon, so please look out for this and support your local fundraisers. All proceeds will be towards your village community.

There are a number of outstanding jobs to be addressed during the coming year and the committee would welcome any help offered for one off jobs, such as pond clearance, litter picking etc before the Britain in Bloom and best kept village competitions in June/July. Just contact one of the committee members if you can help.

There is no further news on the drainage of the football field and any donations and/ or suggestions are welcome.

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NELLIE CARBIS MILLENNIUM WOODLAND

Our thanks go to Lancashire Probation Trust who arranged for the Community Payback Team to help blitz the Nellie Carbis Millennium Woodland. Their hard work over a couple of days in March really made a difference. We are also looking at carrying out further projects with the Probation Trust later in the year. We also had our community clean up event at the woodland on 5 April and some lovely local volunteers helped make it a very enjoyable event in spite of the grey clouds! It just shows that a few days clearing and generally tidying up can make such a difference to a beautiful and peaceful place.



GRIMSARGH HUB

Over the last few months the Parish Council has been in discussion with various organisations within the village to create a community calendar and sharing network, to help avoid clashes and where possible share equipment required for events.

The outcome of this is the creation of the Grimsargh Hub. The idea is that via Google Calendars, two calendars have been created, which will be for the public to see, and situated on the website www.Grimsargh.com. The first calendar will show all the regular sessions, groups or classes in the village and will be edited by each individual group. The second calendar will be for special events and functions and will, at the moment, be maintained by a central administrator to avoid potential misuse.

There has also been established a closed Facebook group called Grimsargh Hub with which members can share ideas, check if anyone is planning something around certain dates, or ask if anyone has any equipment they may require.

If you feel your organisation would benefit from being involved with the Grimsargh Hub, please contact either Councillor Eileen Murray or Councillor Peter Burton on the emails shown at the back of this newsletter.

SPOTLIGHT ON:

REVD. CHRIS HALLIWELL, VICAR, ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH CHURCH, GRIMSARGH

Chris Halliwell was born in Bolton, but most of his childhood and teenage years were spent in rural Herefordshire and the Cotswolds, so country life is in his blood. He is married to Jenny who grew up in Suffolk where her father was the principal of an agricultural college. They have two adult sons (Peter and James).

Whilst studying at Newcastle University, he worked as casual farm labourer on a large Cotswold estate for three long university vacations - learning to drive tractors, combine harvesters, man-handle straw and hay, man the grain store, and a bit of animal work - mainly sheep. After graduating with a degree which included Danish studies, Chris worked for 11 years for large Danish shipping company as an international freight forwarder and transport administrator based in head offices in London, then Copenhagen and finally in the docks at Harwich.

A vocational call into the Christian ministry saw Chris studying at theological college in Bristol in 1989, which was then followed by ordained ministry within the Church of England in parishes that have stretched from the far east of Suffolk, through Leicestershire and most recently, St. Cuthbert's Fulwood until 2011.

Revd Chris Halliwell now works as half-time Vicar of St. Michael's Church, Grimsargh and half-time Rural and Environmental Officer for the Diocese of Blackburn.

Chris says "In Grimsargh, I am involved not only with the usual provision of Sunday services, baptisms, weddings and funerals, but also work alongside St. Michael's Primary School and the wider local community. For the other half of my working time, I work on behalf of the Diocese of Blackburn with rural communities and networks throughout Lancashire, as well as trying to make sure that the church authorities are aware of the challenges and blessings of rural life, helping to inform their decision-making processes for the future. Of particular interest and concern is the need to demonstrate in word and in deed that the church has a particular responsibility in caring for all aspects of creation as precious gift from God. This will involve using a Christian faith perspective to address current serious issues of sustainability against a background of global climate change, energy demands and economic challenge.

In my leisure time, I can often be found playing French horn in local orchestras, or out walking with Merlin my 3 year old border collie".



PRESTON REMEMBERS

With the centenary of the First World War fast approaching, now is a particularly apt time to remember those who gave their lives and look at the wider effect of the devastating conflict across the country.

Preston Remembers is a Heritage Lottery funded, partnership project dedicated to drawing together the activities, projects and exhibitions happening in Preston relating to the centenary.

Part of this project is working with local communities to audit, record and research the memorials across the area with the help of current and ex-service personnel, youth groups and volunteers. We are also looking to work on the care and maintenance of those memorials most in need. Our Clerk, Sue Whittam is one of the volunteers and she is looking at the war memorials in Grimsargh. As most of you will know we have a lovely war memorial on Longridge Road, which is kindly looked after by Mrs Nellie Cowell. We also have a memorial plaque in St Michael's Church. A local historian Penny Pattinson is currently writing a book on the brave soldiers from Grimsargh who lost their lives in the First World War. If anyone has any memories or stories to share about those who are named on our beautiful war memorials please contact our Clerk.

If you are interested in knowing more about this project then please look at the Preston Remembers website - www.prestonremembers.org





WELCOME TO OUR TWO NEW PARISH COUNCILLORS

KEITH MIDDLEBROUGH

I am originally from Kendal and moved to Preston 25 years ago before settling on The Hills estate in Grimsargh in 1998. I am currently employed as Business Development Manager at Preston's College.

I am married to Sian and we both play an active part in the local community. I have been a Grimsargh Field Day committee member for the last 6 years, and I help to run a junior football team, (AC Grimsargh) in the Longridge Friday night league. I have two children, Max and Oscar, who have both attended Grimsargh St Michaels Primary school, before progressing to Longridge High School.

LINDSAY PHILIPSON

I moved in to the village with my husband in January of this year, but have lived in Preston since the age of seven, attending Moor Nook primary school and The Park School. Our daughter and son in law have lived in the village for 10 years and we have granddaughters at St Michaels CE School and pre-school. Our son and his family also moved here in April and his younger son attends Grimsargh Toddlers.

I retired from a career with Lancashire County Council in August 2012; I have extensive experience in the education service and working with schools and for the last 20 years I managed several functions including admissions to primary and secondary schools and school transport right across the area.

I now have a small jewellery design business and was a founder member of Design Platform, a creative collective based at Longridge Station Heritage Centre. I am passionate about shopping small and local, and will do my very best to support the village.

PLANTER JUDGING

There are a number of planters around the village which are really lovely and enhance our village. The Parish Council wish to thank all the people who spend their time planting and maintaining their planters. Their time and efforts are much appreciated.

The planters are once again going to be judged by an independent person and the results will be announced at a Strawberry Tea, to be held in August. There will be a small prize for the top three.

If anyone is interested in adopting a planter, please contact the Clerk for details.



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