

CARNFORTH EXPRESS

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Carnforth Remembers them!

Once again, the residents of Carnforth turned out in large numbers to share in the Town's Remembrance Day Events – even the weather was kinder to us this year!

This year the Salvation Army Band had the privilege of leading the Parade and playing the Hymns in the Remembrance Service. The Service was conducted by Father Stephen of the Parish Church and Councillor Major Malcolm Watkins (Retired). The Town Council aims to involve all the Town's Church Leaders in the various Civic Services that are being held throughout the year.

It was good to have 'one of our own', Rebecca Stretch, playing the Last Post and Reveille and to have the support of the Air Training Corps, the Army Cadet Force and the Fire and Rescue Service Cadets and their leaders. The event was also supported by the local Fire and Rescue Service personnel and the Police.

The Mayor, Councillor Kath Bromilow, laid a wreath on behalf of the Town and she was supported by the laying of some thirty-one other wreaths on behalf of a great cross section of local organisations and community groups. The Mayor 'took the salute' at the Council Offices as a mark of respect to all those uniformed groups who gave of their time to support the occasion.

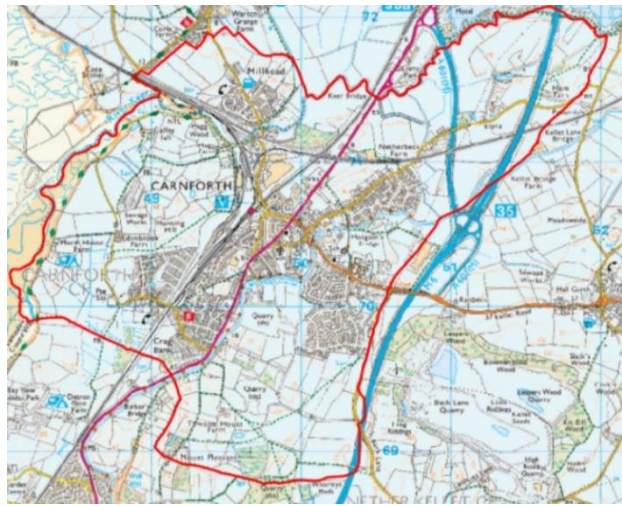
Those attending the event will have noticed that the Police no longer provide traffic management whilst the Parade and Service were taking place. This is now a permanent arrangement and the Town Council are very grateful to the Carnival Committee and their volunteers for stepping in at relatively short-notice.

It was truly wonderful that so many of our local community wished to give remembrance to former residents of our town and all brave men and women who gave their lives so that we might continue to live in a free world.

Councillor Malcolm Watkins



- To support sustainable development which reflects housing needs and preferences of the local community considering affordability, type and mix and the use of previously developed land. The size, density and design of these dwellings should reflect the town's character;
- To ensure that existing habitats and green infrastructure networks are protected and enhanced through sensitive development to encourage local habitat improvement and creation;
- To ensure that new developments plan for and mitigate climate change;
- To promote, preserve and support opportunities for community events.



Your comments count: This is your plan that will influence the future of the town for years to come.

We will be consulting regularly as the plan develops to give you the opportunity to comment before the plan is finalised and formally submitted to Lancaster City Council. All views will be

considered, and comments received will help refine the plan before it moves forward.

After all consultations have been completed the plan will be submitted to a government inspector appointed to forensically review the plan. If the inspector passes the plan, all residents and the local community will be asked to vote for or against the plan in a referendum. If approved, the plan will be formally adopted as a statutory part of the Local District Development Plan.



Councillors discussing the Carnforth Neighbourhood Plan Vision and Objectives and Policy Themes with residents

Bob Bailey, Town Clerk





Carnforth Community Emergency Plan: On the 3rd November there was a widespread power cut in Carnforth and Crag Bank. This gave us the opportunity to trigger and test our local Emergency Plan.

As soon as we became aware of the power cut, we started the emergency generator in the Civic Hall, giving us power to light and heat the hall.

By the time the plan had been triggered there were already posts on the local Facebook page 'Carnforth and Surrounding Villages'.

We used this page to start alerting people to the fact that we were considering opening the Civic Hall for affected residents to use. We were about to post on the Town Council Facebook page and website when the power was restored. Under these circumstances we decided to stand down and close the hall.

We were subsequently commended by Lancaster City Council's Civil Contingencies Officer and emergency responders for the speed with which we invoked the emergency plan.

We are now entering the winter period and so it's worth familiarising yourselves with how our plan works.

In the event of a local emergency (such as a wide spread power cut, flooding or other disrupting event) the Town Council will consider triggering the Emergency Plan. This is a judgement call but in principle we will want to act early and stand down rather than act late and try and recover a worsening situation.

We will communicate what we are doing via Facebook and our website. You can also ring the following telephone number to check at any time whether the plan is active - **01524 732197**.

We will run an event for the community early next year to give everyone the opportunity to come and see our emergency facilities and ask questions about the plan.

The links below offer some useful advice on getting 'winter-ready'.

<http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/weather/warnings-and-advice/seasonal-advice>

<http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/weatherready>

Cllr Chris Smith



ADVERT: Archer & Eakhurst Foot Health – Standard Foot Care & Treatment £25.

Call Bronte on 07885587913 or email: BRONTE-ARCHER@OUTLOOK.COM

Visit them at Lyne Riggs Estate, Lancaster road, Carnforth. (next to the Canal Turn)

News in Brief: Carnforth Town Council has been discussing several issues with County Highways. With the much-appreciated support of County Councillor Phillippa Williamson, it seems that positive things are starting to happen! Such as:

- The disabled parking bay at the side of the Royal Station Hotel is to be realigned as the current bay impedes access to the rear of the Hotel. In the meantime, if you do use this bay please park considerately;
- The crossing point in front of Greggs on Market Street is to be redesigned as the new electric vehicle charging point is affecting line of site for pedestrians crossing and vehicles travelling up and down this busy road;
- We have asked that road markings be painted outside of the entrance to the new development at the rear of the Queens Hotel. Until this is done, we would encourage drivers approaching the traffic lights to avoid blocking the entrance to the new properties;
- We are seeking to have the traffic controls re-instated on the canal bridge crossing and we hope that very soon the system of demand activation of the lights will be restored;
- As part of our air quality strategy we are looking to reduce vehicle idling on Market Street and have asked that the County Council looks at the phasing of the traffic lights at the Market Street / A6 junction;
- Look out for resurfacing works on Lower North Road and for the guardrail planters being re-located around the town

Several other actions are being followed up and we hope to have further news on these in the next edition of the *Carnforth Express* **Councillor Chris Smith**



Speed Management: On behalf of residents the Town Council, with the support once again of County Councillor Williamson raised serious concerns about the speed of traffic on Warton Road between Carnforth and Millhead.

As a direct result of our intervention the road was subsequently assessed for average vehicle speeds and the actual and risk of injury collisions in that area.

Following this assessment, the Speed Management Group, a partnership between Lancashire County Council and the Police, considered the data and information

compiled as a result have included this stretch of road in the *Lancashire Speed Management Programme*.

The programme targets locations where casualties and speeds are higher, and looks to to introduce appropriate measures, which may include police enforcement, installation of temporary signs, community road watch, engagement and education.

Initially, Lancashire County Council will be providing temporary signing on Warton Road between Carnforth and Millhead over the periods January to March and July to September 2020 the purpose of which will be to remind drivers to drive appropriately in this location.



Any further action after then will be published as a downloadable document on the Lancashire Insight pages of the County Council's website setting out proposed responses and timescales for implementation.

Bob Bailey, Town Clerk

Around the Community:

On Friday, 22nd November, Carnforth Rotary held their third **Junior Schools' Choir Competition** in Carnforth High School. The aim of the competition is to help promote musical performance through choral singing. This aim matches that of our sponsor, the Peter Jackson Charity.

This year, for a variety of reasons, only three local schools entered the competition - St Luke's School, from Slyne-with-Hest, Wilson's Endowed School from Over Kellet and Carnforth Christ Church School. Notably, in each of these choirs there was a wide age range, which is a great credit to the schools who encourage these children to join their respective choirs.



Each choir had to perform the set piece *"Ain't gonna a let nobody turn me around"* which is a traditional Negro spiritual, requiring part singing and with a strong beat. They then performed their own choice with a Christmas theme.

St Luke's choir gave a confident performance of the set piece and then sang, very movingly, their own choice *"Peace be with you"*.

Next to perform was Wilson's Endowed choir, who brought well-choreographed movement into their performance of the set piece, enhancing the strong beat. Then with great clarity and good tone sang *"Sing out with joy"* which had a fine ending *"Alleluia - Amen"* emphasising the joy.

Carnforth Christ Church choir sang the set piece, emphasising the beat with suitably choreographed actions. Then they performed their own choice *"Angels singing"* beautifully interpreting the song with their hands and smiles.

In between performances the MC, Rotarian Ivor Davies, kept everyone entertained with his jokes and riddles allowing the judges some deliberation time. Then he invited all the choirs to join together and sing *"Ain't gonna a let nobody turn me around"*. They filled the hall with a great sound to round off an enjoyable event.

The three judges had a very difficult task in placing the choirs based on such well-presented performances. The decision was eventually made, and the places were as follows:

- 1st place - Carnforth Christ Church School Choir;
- 2nd place - Wilson's Endowed School Choir;
- 3rd place - St Luke's School Choir.

The Mayor of Carnforth, Kath Bromilow, M.B.E, presented the shield to Christ Church School Choir which they will keep for one year. Rotary President, Pete Lambson, presented certificates to the three choirs and gave his closing remarks. Each choir member was presented with a participation certificate.

The appreciative audience mainly made up of the choir supporters, really encouraged each choir by their applause. The performances of all three choirs showed how much time had been spent in rehearsals.

Carnforth Rotary gratefully acknowledges the efforts of each school in preparing to enter the competition.



Carnforth, Lancaster Loyne and Lancaster Rotary clubs joined together to take part in the **Wrap Up Lancashire project.**

Collection boxes were situated in several venues around the local area to collect clean, warm coats which have now been distributed to local charities to give to people who can make good use of them.

Many thanks to all supporting venues, Carnforth Cricket Club for storage and sorting space,

everyone who kindly donated the items and everyone who helped in any way with the project.

Carnforth Rotary President, Pete Lambson, officially opened the **Charity Fair** on Saturday 9th November which was held in Carnforth Fire Station.

The fair was organised by Carnforth Rotary, to give locally based charities an opportunity to network and raise funds for their needs. Our thanks go to the Fire Service for providing the venue, the Fire Cadets who did a splendid job making tea and coffee for the stall holders and Carnforth rotarians for a job well done.





Carnforth Community Swimming Pool



Christmas Raffle

Its time..... time for Carnforth Swimming Pool MEGA raffle! One not to miss out on!

Prizes include.....

- A years Swim pass worth £140 (1 swim per week).
- A small inflatables pool party worth £75.
- A 10-week block of swimming lessons worth £50.
- X4 Family swim passes.
- Christmas Hamper.
- Christmas Cake.
- Sweet Wheels Voucher.
- £25 Diva Bouquet Voucher

And much more.....!

£1 per ticket, £2.50 per strip.

To be drawn Sunday 22nd December, and all to support the pool.

Please see a member of staff for tickets.

Christ Church Christmas Services: Christmas Eve - 4.00pm Children's Crib Service; 7.30pm The Mass of Christmas Night (with Blessing of the Crib) followed by sherry & mince pies. **Christmas Morning:** 8.00am Mass of the Dawn; 10.00am Sung Mass of the Day (children invited to bring a present to show);

Further details from 01524 732948 of stephenjones17@hotmail.com



Carnforth Film Night at the Civic Hall: Our Film Nights continue to be popular. Our next offering is ***Sometimes, Always, Never* on Saturday 14th December.**

As well as a blockbuster film, each Saturday Film Night now follows the tried and tested format of food supplied by local caterer, On a Roll, and drinks provided by local community groups, who keep the profits to support their community work!

Doors open at 6.30pm with the evening's film starting after supper has finished. Please note that tickets for each screening should be booked and collected in advance from Bob Bailey, Town Clerk.

To book call into the office at 46 – 48 Market Street, Carnforth; telephone: 07846 256 006; email: clerk@carnforhtowncouncil.org

Dates of film nights in 2020 are:

11th January – Downton Abbey; 8th February – Mrs Lowry & Son; 14th March – Red Joan; 4th April - Judy; 9th May – VE Day Weekend Special and 13th June – film to be confirmed

Did you know? You can hire Carnforth Civic Hall at very competitive rates - Main Hall £15 per hour; Large Front Room £12 per hour.. These apply Monday to Sunday with free use of the kitchen* and free wi-fi use. (*An additional flat rate of £5 per session is charged when the kitchen is used for cooking)

A drinks machine is also available where a range of quality hot drinks can be purchased for just £1!

To make a booking please contact our Civic Hall Manager, Rik Marsden. **Call 01524 732197** or email: civichall@carnforhtowncouncil.org

2019/2020: We all know that great things happen in this town, but it can be helpful to know when they are – well, worry no longer! We have produced a handy booklet of important meetings and events planned for the remainder of 2019 and in 2020. Go to:

<http://carnforhtowncouncil.org/town-events-2019-2020/> to download a copy or call into the Council Offices.