

CARNFORTH EXPRESS

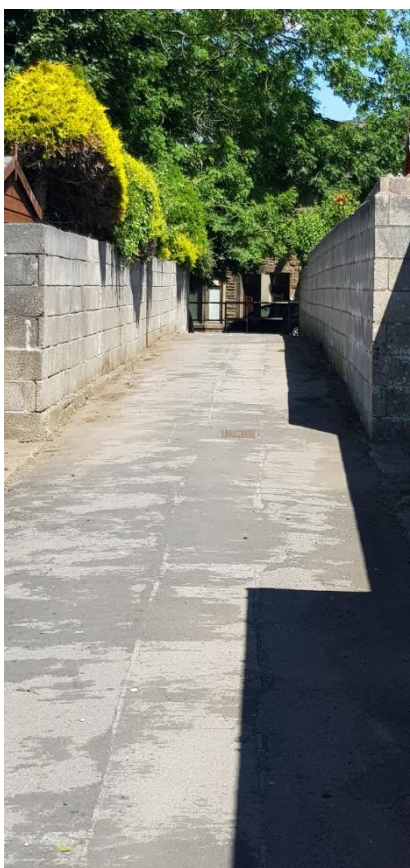
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Taking a pride in our town!

The Town Council is regularly being asked about how it can help to make a difference in our local community. We mentioned in the last edition of the *Carnforth Express* how a local group of people, led by Joann Hogg took it on themselves to hold 'weeding parties' to clean up alleyways in the town...and had a great time doing it. All the equipment on these occasions was loaned

by Lancaster City Council who also collected and disposed of the many bags full of weed and vegetation. We know of other residents, including Cllr Parker, who set to with a friend one morning to clear the path between Haws Avenue and Haws Hill, achieving amazing results in just three hours as the photographs below clearly demonstrate!



The Town Council wants to do more to support people who take a real pride in where we live. We have already taken steps to support residents who do a fantastic job maintaining the open space at Alexandra Park. We are also in the early stages of establishing a community group of residents who want to make improvements to the Crag Bank Play area and its surroundings.

On their behalf we have made an application for funding from the City Council's *Making Spaces Fund*, which has been

introduced specifically for community groups who want to improve existing public spaces or want to create new ones. The Making Spaces programme has been set up to make it easier to pitch ideas, get support, access some seed funding, or get match funding for bigger projects.

Whether you want to make a difference by doing some litter-picking or have ambitions to improve a small local park or community area, allotment site or children's play area or think that you can turn a patch of grass into a vibrant public space – the Town Council wants to hear from you and do all that it can to support your aspirations!

Our Lancashire - Community Champions: The Town Council has recently signed up with Our Lancashire and the Lancashire Volunteer Partnership to establish the uniformed community champions aimed at volunteers who have a desire to be at the heart of the local community and to be a visible point of contact in the town.

The uniform is a simple 'polo' shirt and a fleece jacket, so it looks very different to police uniforms. The role is about building resilience, encouraging social action and empowering residents to help each other and resolve local issues of concern. Full training will be provided, and the Town Council will fund any out of pocket expenses.

Over the coming weeks you may well see Jonas Bartle, the Community Champion Community Engagement Officer in local shops and supermarkets. If you are interested in what the scheme has to offer why not go over to Jonas to find out more? Alternatively, you can call the Town Clerk for more information or check details on our website www.carnforthtowncouncil.org



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FEEL CHAMPION.**

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The Lancashire Volunteer Partnership also provides opportunities for people who are looking to make a real difference in their local communities and aims to match their skills and experiences with people who may need a little help and support.

From visiting people who may be feeling lonely or supporting those who are struggling to get out and about independently, to giving a carer some respite, volunteering alongside the neighbourhood policing teams as a Special Constable, at a children's centre or as a cadet group leader, the Lancashire Volunteer Partnership volunteers are truly amazing!

Full details are on the website <https://lancsvp.org.uk/> including available volunteering opportunities and descriptions on what necessary training and vetting the different volunteer roles need.

Town Events - 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://carnforthtowncouncil.org/town-events-2019-2020/> to download a copy or call into the Council Offices.



VE DAY 75! Did you know that next year will see the **75th anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day on 8 May?** The day itself in 1945 marked the end of the Second World War in Europe although hostilities did not come to

an end until the Japanese surrender in August. Victory over Japan (VJ) Day was 15 August 1945. To mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day, the Government announced earlier this year that the May bank holiday in 2020 would be moved back four days to Friday 8 May. Three days of celebrations are planned nationally across the weekend and local communities are being encouraged to take a full and active role in these celebrations.

Carnforth Town Council is keen to encourage local groups, schools and individuals to come up with original ideas about how we as a community can mark this significant anniversary.

Perhaps you may want to organise an event such as a street party for the young or arrange a nostalgia session with memories and contemporary photographs for our more senior citizens. Whatever your ideas, we're keen to hear about them and we'll be offering small cash prizes of up to £100 for the best ideas to help with their production.

We'll be holding a **VE Day celebration launch event at the Civic Hall on 29 October**. If you think you've got a winning idea and would like some financial assistance to get it off the ground, come along and discuss it with us.

The Eden Project North – what part can Carnforth play?

The proposal to bring the Eden Project to Morecambe has generated a huge amount of excitement since it was announced last year. Several large organisations including Lancashire County Council, Lancaster University and Lancaster City Council have lent their support (and their financial backing) to the project and momentum is growing locally and regionally.

The project offers a once-in-a-generation opportunity to re-invigorate and develop Morecambe and the surrounding area culturally, educationally and economically bringing with it jobs, visitors and investment. The backers of the project have already been lobbying and promoting it in the media and on the ground. A detailed public and stakeholder consultation is due to start soon, and Eden aims to submit a planning application for the project in spring next year (2020). Eden began the planning process in June this year by submitting its Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Report to Lancaster City Council. It is planned that the attraction will open in spring 2023, following a two-year construction period.

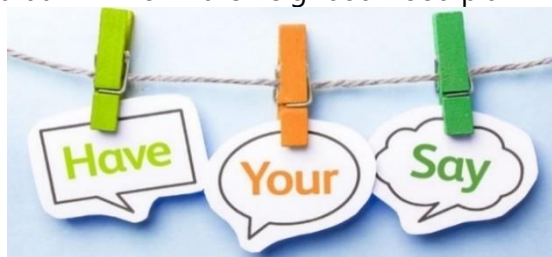
There is a window of opportunity open to Carnforth to play a part in the development of this project for the benefit of the town, its businesses and its residents - but to take maximum advantage the town must speak with one voice and with clear objectives. If we allow factional interests and different objectives to prevail then we will simply dissipate effort, waste the opportunity and leave the window open for other communities to exploit.

Carnforth Town Council is holding a public meeting at the Civic Hall in November (date to be confirmed) and cordially invites those individuals and representatives of local organisations and businesses who believe that Carnforth has a part to play in this important development to come along and share their ideas. Our aim is to produce a proposal(s) that not only appeal to the Eden Project North backers but also to the residents of Carnforth. Please come along to the meeting to share your ideas. **Further details can be obtained from Bob Bailey, Town Clerk Tel: 07846 256 006; email: Clerk@carnforhtowncouncil.org on our website <http://carnforhtowncouncil.org/> and on social media.**

Carnforth Neighbourhood Plan:

Development of the Carnforth Neighbourhood Plan is progressing well. A detailed and important Housing Needs Assessment (HNA) is nearing completion and we have been successful in securing more expert technical support that will inform the neighbourhood plan and include a 'shopfront design guide'.

At the end of September, we had two drop-in sessions giving our local community the opportunity to comment on our revised Carnforth's Vision and Objectives and policy themes that will be a key feature of the final neighbourhood plan.



It was great to see a number of people take a keen interest in the developing plan and the long-term future of the town. Much of what people told us was in line with the policies that will be developed going forward, including important matters such as maintaining the heritage and character of the town, reducing traffic congestion, improved parking and better recreational facilities.

We are now directly asking our local businesses for their views through a survey available on our website <http://carnforthtowncouncil.org/carnforth-neighbourhood-plan-business-survey/> and in paper form on request from the Town Clerk. The information/data received from this survey will be strictly confidential and will be vital in informing local policy. There will be further consultation in early 2020 when we hope to have a first draft of the Carnforth Neighbourhood Plan published.



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

Out and about: The Town Mayor, Cllr Kath Bromilow, Councillors Gardner, Grisenthwaite, Reynolds and Watkins and the Town Clerk Bob Bailey, joined the Secretary of Carnforth Business Network, Philip Watts-Charnley, at the North Lincs Expo in September at Lancaster Brewery. We had a very successful two days sharing with businesses and consumers all that is all that is great about living, working and visiting Carnforth. It was also a fantastic opportunity to network with businesses and organisations across North Lancashire. We are already looking forward to next year!



So long Don and thanks for everything!

In August, after 5 years as the Town Council's Outdoor Maintenance Operative, Don Astley decided to hang up his trowel and watering can and take a well-earned retirement! Don always provided a high quality of service and the flowers and plants around the town, including the recently acquired 'Brief Encounter II' at Crag Bank, have always brought a sense of pride to the local community and joy to visitors to the town. Don has moved back to his roots in Leyland and we wish him a long and happy retirement!



Don Astley and Terry Allum at 'Brief Encounter II'

Don is succeeded by Terry Allum, who lives in Crag Bank, and has a wealth of landscaping and gardening experience behind him. Terry is already making his own furrow in the town and we look forward to supporting him keeping our town looking beautiful.

Carnforth (Egg) Laying Competition : Regular readers may recall that in our May/June edition we asked for information about the Carnforth egg laying competition or test, an event so prestigious that its winner in 1922 was presented with a gold medal made by the celebrated Fattorini & Sons of Bradford and Birmingham. We are grateful to local historian, Steve Richmond, who has supplied the following information:

"It appears as though these contests, took place over the laying season with awards being handed out at the end. Judging by the number of eggs laid, I suspect that each team involved 3 birds for this particular competition.

The winner would sometimes turn up in an advert for a local feed supplier shortly afterwards though I can't find any evidence that our winner did so.

They appear to have been something of a staple for local papers between the wars and (perhaps astonishingly to our eyes) they would commonly be updated on a weekly basis. They seem to fade away as you get towards the war, and there are very few mentions afterwards".

The results that led to the presentation of the medal that I was shown were published in the *Morecambe Guardian* on Saturday 19 August 1922:

CARNFORTH DISTRICT NEWS. CARNFORTH AND DISTRICT POULTRY ASSOCIATION.

The best records of the egg-laying competition at Leighton Hall, for ten months ending 7th, August, is as follows: G. Harling, White Leghorns – 409; E. Richards, Wyandottes – 414; Miss Woodburn, Leghorns – 439; A. Leeming, Leghorns – 493; G. Harling, Wyandottes – 431; R. Gardner, Wyandottes – 451; J.T. Moore, Leghorns – 447; J.T. Moore, Buff Orpington – 546; T. Metcalfe, White Wyandottes – 456; M. Mason, White Leghorns – 441; Miss Brockbank, White Leghorns – 416; F. Schofield, White Leghorns – 419; G. Harling, White Leghorns – 431; G. Harling, White Wyandottes – 435; D. Kay, White Leghorns – 461

Almost a hundred years on, the rustic echoes of our local heritage merely serve as a reminder of a world with which our forebears were familiar but which we have now lost forever.

Councillor Jim Grisenthwaite



Carnforth Film Night at the Civic Hall: Our Film Nights continue to be popular. Our next offering is ***Yesterday* on Saturday 16th November**, followed by ***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!

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@carnforthtowncouncil.org

Dates of film nights in 2020 are:

11th January; 8th February; 14th March; 4th April; 9th May and 13th June

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@carnforthtowncouncil.org**



Proud and emotional visit: Whilst on a cycling holiday recently, I visited the city of Ieper (Ypres) where I proudly laid wreaths on behalf of the Town Council, Salvation Army Corps and the Twinning Association. I was assisted by my friend Philip Wilson who laid the Town Council Wreath in memory of his late mother Jean Wilson, a former Town Council Chairman (Mayor).

At the Ceremony at the Menin Gate, I was extremely honoured to recite The Exhortation in front of approximately 700 onlookers before laying the wreaths. A mixed Choir performed at the Service and at the conclusion of proceedings they gave an impromptu rendition of 'All Through The Night' in a nearby Inn for us and other visitors. This was another wonderful visit to Ieper and another very proud moment in my life!

Councillor Roly Parker

Around the Community

Gummers Howe Community Centre were recently presented with a defibrillator and outside cabinet that is available for anyone to use. Performing CPR and using a defibrillator when someone is having a cardiac arrest will give them the best possible chance of survival. It is important that the defibrillator is used quickly – for every minute it takes for it to reach someone and deliver a shock, their chances of survival reduce by up to 10%! Thankfully, anyone can use it as there are clear instructions on how to attach the defibrillator pads. The unit assesses the heart rhythm and will only instruct you to deliver a shock if it's needed - you cannot deliver a shock accidentally; the defibrillator will only allow you to shock if it is required! Carnforth Rotary and the Town Council each



Peter Landsom, presents Gummers Howe with a defibrillator

gave £500 towards the cost of the public access defibrillator – the balance will be funded by profits from a Craft Fair in Gummers Howe Centre on Saturday 23rd November from 11am – 4pm. Please show your support and attend this event! Gummers Howe recently raised £225 for Motor Neurone in memory of young Robert Hockham – a bench in his memory, funded from local events, will soon be placed in the War Memorial Gardens.



Did you know **Citizens Advice** hold advice sessions at Ash Trees Surgery every Thursday afternoon? You can make an appointment by contacting the surgery on 01524 720000.

Citizens Advice can help with a range of matters, including:

Benefits – your entitlement; help with making a claim; problems with an existing award;

Finances and debt - help to alleviate a crisis with your finances or, if you are already in debt, they can provide you with support right up to insolvency;

Housing problems - particularly if you rent your home – in an emergency they will also represent you in court;

Employment – help with being treated fairly at work and whether you are getting everything you are entitled to;

Energy - help with saving money on your gas and electricity supply and to ensure your supplier gives you the support you are entitled to.

If you are not able to get into the Ash Trees Surgery (or either of their main offices in Lancaster and Morecambe) you can try call the Adviceline number - 0344 488 9622

If you have a few hours a week to spare and want to join the Citizens Advice team, they will provide you with a full programme of training. Give their office a call on 01524 400404.

Carnforth GriefShare Support Group: It hurts to lose someone, but you can find help at GriefShare, a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. Sometimes grief can cause people to feel very lonely as others may not want to talk about it, but you don't have to go through the grieving process alone.

The group starts on **Wednesday October 30th** with a session on "Loss of a Spouse", then **every Wednesday until February 19th 2020**. All sessions start at 7pm and are at Carnforth Free Methodists Church, Hunter Street Carnforth. All ages and backgrounds are warmly welcomed. For more information contact carfnorthgriefsgare@gmail.com or telephone Elspeth on 01524 702966. Website: www.griefshare.org

Carnforth Library: It's all happening at our library and this is being reflected by the number of visitors with the projected figure for the whole of 2019/20 of 32,750 - an increase of 12.99% on 2018/19!

Here is a list of events that visitors have/can enjoy:

- National Libraries Week 7th – 12th October – demonstrations of Virtual Reality headsets;
- Get Online Week 14th – 20th October. - digital drop-in sessions & promotion of the Learn My Way courses;
- Code club every Saturday morning;
- Construction Club also every Saturday morning;
- Class visits – approximately 2 per week;
- Nursey/childminder visits - approximately 2 per month;
- Baby Bounce and Rhyme sessions – weekly;
- Lancashire Adult Learning Courses – monthly;
- Free loan service for reading groups – 2 local groups use Carnforth Library as their collection point



There are plans to set up a Scrabble Club – if you enjoy Scrabble why not go along?

There will be staffing and volunteer opportunities at the Library with Amy the Library Officer and Anna the Library Assistant both going on maternity leave - temporary recruitment for both posts will start soon.

Jill Mason, Library Assistant, is due to retire on 31st December and will be finishing work around the last week in November – there will be a permanent recruitment to this post. Volunteer opportunities are also available covering a range of library services. If you are interested call into see the staff for an informal chat - you will be most welcome! One of these, is the **Home Library service** which is available to anyone who is unable to get to the library due to their age, disability or ill health. A friend or relative can collect books, CDs or DVDs chosen by library staff or by request. Volunteers will deliver your loans if you can't arrange for someone to collect them for you. One of the volunteers will soon be visiting a local care home to promote the service and sign up new users! For more information call the library service on 0300 123 6703 or email: library@lancashire.gov.uk

Carnforth does not currently have a **Library Friends Group** - if you would like to start one, please get in touch with the Library Team.

Mobile Library Service: Lancashire County Council has a fleet of six mobile vehicles based at Whalley, Heysham, Garstang, Brierfield, Clayton Green and Ormskirk. Across the County they make a total of 780 stops!

Mobile libraries carry a selection of books suitable for all ages, including large print, and in some cases talking books as well. Any item in stock anywhere in Lancashire can be provided on request. Internet access is not available from mobile libraries.

Every mobile library is fully accessible, with a lift for people with mobility impairments. Because of the limited space available, the vans are not suitable for large motorised wheelchairs.

To find out where your nearest stop is contact the library service on 0300 123 6703 or email library@lancashire.gov.uk. Following a recent consultation Lancashire County Council are planning to making further improvement to the frequency and delivery of the service including proposals on new routes that will be consulted on and then implemented in 2020.