

CARNFORTH EXPRESS

Carnforth Town Council – Working for you

November & December 2021



Glorious Day of Remembrance! On a beautiful Autumn day it was wonderful for our town to join together once again to remember the fallen on Remembrance Sunday. The popular Remembrance Day Parade was back too with representatives from local youth and community groups, Town, City and County Councils, Armed Forces and first responders marching in perfect time from Upper Market Street, along North Road and New Street to the War Memorial Gardens. After only being able to watch the Service streamed live last year, hundreds of residents attended this – all there to pay their respects in person and to mark 100



years of Remembrance. For the first time, and by popular demand, the Town Council arranged for Market Street to be closed for the duration of the Service – which added to the solemnity of the occasion and was the better for it! We are grateful to the Carnforth Carnival Committee and volunteers for helping with traffic management so expertly and to everyone who contributed to another successful and safe event.

The Service was led by Father Stephen Jones and Councillor Major Malcolm Watkins. The Town Mayor, Councillor Larry Branyan and Deputy Mayor Chris Smith contributed with Prayers and Readings and Envoy Gay Tonks read the names of the local fallen in all conflicts. Councillor Rebecca Stretch, played the Last Post and Reveille and two Cadets from 2246 Squadron timed the lowering and raising of the Union Flags to perfection. The Town Mayor ably accompanied by Cadet Sgt Jacob Cooper laid a wreath on behalf of the

Town Council followed by representatives from 28 other organisations.

The Men on the Monument – World War Two



Wallington has been over Italy, (see Jack Astley

2nd Lieutenant 124707 **Thomas Collin Gault** of
2nd Lt, Kings Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. He lived at
Bowley, Anna Bank House (now 96 Kellard Hill) with his parents,
John and Mary Gault. He was killed on action on 24 June
1941 in Syria. He is buried in the Damascus Commonwealth
War Cemetery, Ref: C 28.

Lieutenant 020873 **Harold Edmund Hale** of the
Lancashire Fusiliers. He lived at 2 Alameda Rd., with his
parents, George and Mary Hale. He was killed on action on
27 February 1945. He is buried in the Reichswald Forest
War Cemetery, Germany. Ref: 48. F 13. He was 24 years old.

Infantryman 338249 **Anthony Siddall Jackson**
of the 5th Army. He lived at 24 Market St., with his
parents, Dr. Edward and Mary Jackson. He was killed on
action on 13 January 1944 during the US invasion of
the Philippines. He is buried at Arlington Cemetery, Virginia, USA.

Lance Bombardier 0737034 **Thomas Jenkinson**
of 3 J Bty 6th A.A. Regt., Royal Artillery. He lived at 9
High Street Terrace with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Keith. He
was killed in action against the Japanese on 14 February
1942. He is buried at Kronj War Cemetery, Syria. Ref: 34. E 9-16.

Lance Corporal 1784024 **Eric Stanley Lawton** of the
East Yorkshire Regiment. He lived at "Whitcomb", 4
Plymouth St., the sons of Mr. and Mrs. George Lawton. He
was killed in action in Burma (now Myanmar) on 29 May 1945. He
is buried at Rangon War Cemetery, B.E.F. He was 24 years old.

Flight Sergeant 1403315 **Norm. John James Martin** of
83 Sqn, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. He lived at 27
Lodge Rd, Westmead, Cheshire with his parents, Arthur
and Emily. He was shot down and killed on 29 January
1944 while returning from a raid on Berlin. At the time of his death,
83 Sqn was based at RAF Mildenhall with his parents, Arthur
and Emily. He was killed in action on 29 January 1944. He is
buried at Ramstein American Airfield Cemetery, Germany.
Ref: M196, Plot, Row 4, 22. He was 22 years old.

Gunner 109164 **John Alfred Prossdale** of 4 Field
Regiment, Royal Artillery. He lived at 1 Prince Ave., with
his parents, William and Mary Prossdale. He was killed
on action in Burma on 6 June 1942, aged 21. He is buried at
Knightsbridge War Cemetery, Aachen, Lobs. Ref: 11. C 11.

Gunner 938110 **Edward Marguerite Stout** of 137
Field Regiment, Royal Artillery. He lived at 122 Kellard Rd
with his parents, James and Mary Stout. He was killed in
action in Greece, near Kalamata. He died in Burma on 30
May 1942. He is buried at Thanlyinmyar War Cemetery, Myanmar.
Ref: 84. O. F. He was 24 years old.

Lance Corporal 3270991 **James Watson Widdowson** of
141st Regiment, Royal Tank Corps. He lived at 26 Hillyer St.
with his wife, Mary, and three young sons. He died of his wounds in France on 18 September
1944. He is buried at Colleville St. Pierre Military Cemetery, St. Pierre
des Calais, France. Ref: 3. E 11. He was 29 years old. He was
the son of James Widdowson whose name appears on the Conifort
Memorial at First World War.

Plying Officer 151300 **Henry Walker** as flying
instructor in the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. He
lived at 79 Market Rd with his parents, George and Mary
Walker. He was killed, aged 29, on 11 November 1943, while
in a flying accident, caused by a faulty compass on 18 November.
1943. He was based at RAF Treston near Market Drayton. He is
buried in Privet War Cemetery. He was 20 years old.

Private 3710669 **Henry Carpenter** of the Royal Army
Chaplain Corps. He lived at 100 St. Albans Road, in
Lancaster. Grounding of 9 April 1941, at the time of his death
he was living at 92 Albernay Rd in Lancaster,
and is described as "Time of death: 1941". He was 24 years of age
at the time. He was killed on 22 March 1941 in Egypt. He is buried in the
Cairo War Memorial Cemetery, Ref: 7204. He was 26 years old.

*** There was no location for Private Henry Carpenter shown on the map so he was not a resident of Conifort at the time of his death and therefore
is not included in this book.

Squadron Leader Robert Bagguley joined the RAF at the age of 16. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for his part in a daring daylight raid on a strategically important mine in Norway in March 1943 and was killed a few days later when returning from another raid in France.

Second Lieutenant Thomas Garth served with the King's Own Royal Regiment and was killed in action in 1941 fighting against French forces in Syria at the little-known battle of Merdjayoun.

Last of the more detailed stories is perhaps the most poignant. Infantryman Anthony Jackson of the US Army was born in Carnforth, the son of a local doctor and an American mother and was educated at Sedbergh School. He emigrated to the USA in 1940 and was drafted into the US Army in 1943. He died in the early stages of the battle of Luzon in the Philippines in February 1944 aged 19. He is buried, along with President JF Kennedy, in Arlington cemetery in Virginia, USA.

Commenting on the leaflet, Councillor Jim Grisenthwaite said: *'The work that Steve Richmond has undertaken in researching the stories of each of these men illustrates the fact that while – to the passer by – they may just be names on a memorial, each of them lived a life, however brief, and they were loved and cherished by their families and their friends. They gave their lives so that we could be free and for that reason we should remember and honour the memory of all of them.'*

The leaflet is free and is being distributed to local schools and churches. Copies are also be available by arrangement with the Clerk & Proper Officer, Carnforth Town Council: email: clerk@carnforthtowncouncil.org; Carnforth Library and several local businesses.

Councillor Jim Grisenthwaite

The Road ...to Nowhere?

Regular readers of the *Carnforth Express* will be aware of Lancashire County Council's plans to repair and refurbish most of the five bridges along the one-mile length of the A601(M) between Junction 35 on the M6 and the A6 at Pine Lake. However, it is intended that one of the bridges, the road bridge that carries North Road over the A601(M) towards Borwick, is not to be repaired but is to be completely demolished and replaced with an *at grade* (low level) junction on the A601(M) itself. This has led to growing fears amongst residents in North Carnforth that North Road and Carnforth Brow will become a rat run for traffic to and from Carnforth particularly when there are traffic hold ups on the motorway.



Before any bridge work can begin, Lancashire County Council needs to seek the approval of the Department of Transport to downgrade the current motorway status of the A601(M). The process has just begun with a six-week public consultation period. The views of residents and local organisations are being sought about the down grading of motorway status (or declassification) of the A601(M) as a necessary step to secure Government approval. Only then will the County Council be able to proceed with the bridge works. Given that the Department of Transport has already awarded the County Council £9.2 million towards the cost of the bridge works, it would appear that the granting of approval for declassification is a mere formality.

There will be a further period of public consultation in the New Year regarding the bridge works themselves. Lancashire County Council's Cabinet Member for Highways, Councillor Charlie Edwards, is quoted as saying that declassification of the A601(M), down grading it to trunk road status, *will have direct savings with no tangible disbenefit to residents*. That's one point of view, but the bridge works that will inevitably follow declassification may have a more profound impact on residents.

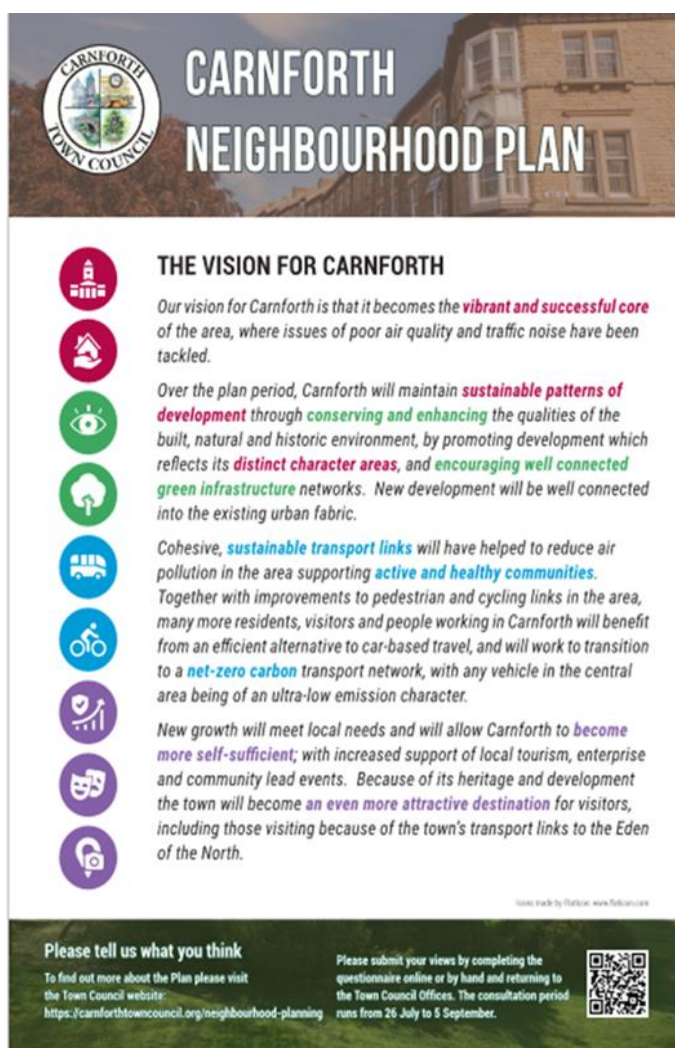
It is fair to say that the County Council is aiming to carry out essential works that will safeguard and upgrade the dual carriageway for years to come but in so doing there may be unintended consequences. Will North Road become a rat run into and out of Carnforth and will green belt land to the north of the A601(M) be opened up and earmarked for residential or industrial development? You have an opportunity to voice any concerns you may have about what the County Council's Highways Department is proposing before the bulldozers and diggers move in. We will keep you informed when we have more details of when the public consultation will begin.

In the meantime, if you want to express your opinion about the declassification of the A601(M) **and its implications**, you should contact Councillor Edwards, Cabinet Member for Highways, PO Box 78, Lancashire County Council, County Hall, Preston, PR1 8XJ.

Councillor Jim Grisenthwaite

Carnforth Neighbourhood Plan showcased at COP 26!

Organisations across the North West were recently encouraged to submit their 'Carbon stories' to inspire other organisations to act in the global fight to tackle the climate emergency, with the best of these to be showcased during the UN Climate Change Conference (COP26) in Glasgow. Carnforth Town Council was delighted that their submission on the Carnforth Neighbourhood Plan was put forward. The plan, which has recently undergone extensive consultation, and is on schedule to be adopted in 2022, is one of the first in the country to include aspirations to be carbon neutral by 2031.



The submitted case study stated that: *'From the beginning, it was clear that the people of Carnforth are acutely aware of the impact of climate change and were looking for this to be addressed through the life of the plan. The Plan is set out in the context of the 'Climate Emergency' declared by Lancaster City Council in January 2019 but the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group wanted to go further and so they successfully commissioned a report through Manchester University that sets out the case for introducing walking and cycling measures that can contribute towards better health, social and environmental outcomes.*

After this report was published, the local community were consulted on the suitability of social and technological innovations to decarbonise transport in Carnforth, and more recently the whole plan has been subject to the statutory consultation, with all its policies, including those aimed at tackling climate change, receiving overwhelming support.

Our draft Neighbourhood Plan supports sustainable development that reflects the distinct local character of the town and delivers cohesive, sustainable transport links that will help reduce air pollution and support active and healthy communities.

Together with improvements to pedestrian and cycling links, many more residents, visitors and those working in the town will see suggestions for an efficient alternative to car travel.

The Carnforth Neighbourhood Plan clearly demonstrates the town's commitment to tackling the climate emergency and in supporting our principal authorities to do the same across our district.

There are many aspects of our Neighbourhood Plan that can be duplicated and we hope that our experience, reflected through the Case Study we have submitted to COP26, highlights how neighbourhood plans can support climate adaptation and mitigate its impact'.

Bob Bailey, Clerk & Proper Officer

Be smart - stay safe

Modern smart phones can help emergency services identify emergency contacts and see what medication you are on. This information could be lifesaving.

Here is how to set up your phone.

Follow these steps to set it up: **iPHONE**

1. Open the Health app on your phone.
2. Select the "Medical ID" tab.
3. Select "Edit" at the top of the screen.
4. Make sure that the "Show When Locked" slider is green.
5. Below, fill in the various fields. If there's a section that isn't relevant, such as "Medical Conditions" or "Allergies & Reactions," it's a good idea to write "N/A" or "None" instead of leaving it blank to avoid any confusion.
6. At the bottom is the "Emergency Contacts" section; tap "add emergency contact" to create a new contact. Note that you need to have this person's name and number saved in your phone's contacts list in order for the app to pull it in.
7. Once you've selected a contact, indicate their relationship to you.
8. You can add more than one emergency contact; continue repeating steps six and seven until all your emergency contacts are added.

To test that your Medical ID contains all the information you added, lock your phone and then wake it back up to reveal the Touch ID/passcode lock screen. Tap "Emergency" in the corner to bring up the SOS keypad — you'll see the "Medical ID" link in the bottom left. Press this to bring up your ICE info as well as emergency numbers that can be tapped and dialled directly from that screen.

There are a couple of ways to set up **In Case of Emergency** contact information on an **ANDROID** phone. First, you can add your info to the emergency information feature:

1. Open the "Settings" app.
2. Tap "User & accounts," then "Emergency information."
3. To enter medical information, tap "Edit information" (you might have to tap "Info" first, depending on the version).
4. There's a separate section where you can enter emergency contacts; tap "Add contact" to add a person from your contacts list (you might have to tap "Contacts" first)

Once you have set this up, anyone can find your ICE information by swiping up on the lock screen and tapping "Emergency," then "Emergency information."



Another option is to add your ICE info directly to the lock screen. Android lets you put any message you want on your lock screen:

1. Start by opening the "Settings" app
2. Tap "Security & location."
3. Next to "Screen lock," tap "Settings."
4. Tap "Lock screen message."
5. Enter the information you want displayed, such as your primary emergency contact and any medical conditions, and tap "Save."

Some versions of Android may let you add emergency contacts and your medical information directly through the Contacts app. There, you can add contacts to your "ICE - emergency contacts" group and edit your own profile to include vital medical information.

Other Phones might have similar features for displaying ICE information on the lock screen. But even if yours doesn't, there's an easy workaround as long as you can set a custom lock screen image.

1. Open any note-taking or image app that allows text.
2. Type the ICE information you want displayed. Keep in mind you'll need to account for other text that displays on the lock screen (like time and date) and ensure the text fits on one screen.
3. Take a screenshot of the message you created.
4. Set that image as your lock screen wallpaper.

Unlike with other emergency information apps built directly into the phone, your lock screen won't allow emergency responders to dial directly. Even so, it's better than having no information available at all. **Councillor Chris Smith**

Carnforth Community Primary School: We have had a really busy term so far. At the beginning of the month we organised an 'Aspirations Afternoon' with Carnforth Integrated Care Community and welcomed several local businesses and agencies into school to talk to the Year 5 and 6 children about their roles and the routes they had taken to get there – through school, college, apprenticeships, university etc.

The whole school enjoyed Outdoor Classroom Day on 4th November – a global movement that aims to make time and learning outdoors part of every child's day.



Applications for Primary School places for September 2022 must be made online at Lancashire County Council and close on January 15th 2022. If you would like to come and visit our fabulous school please phone and make an appointment with Mrs Hudd on 01524 732435.





Town Mayor 'unveils' Carnforth community NHS and Keyworkers commemorative bench

A commemorative bench in the War Memorial Gardens at Carnforth has been dedicated to all NHS and Key Workers in the area who have worked throughout the coronavirus pandemic.

The specially commissioned 'rainbow bench' has been funded, and will be maintained by, Carnforth Town Council on behalf on the community of Carnforth.

Dr David Wrigley, staff from Ashtrees Surgery, Carnforth Integrated Care, Northwest Private Ambulance Service and Lancaster City Council joined Town Mayor, Larry Branyan, Councillors and Council staff for the formal 'unveiling' on Tuesday 9th November.

Speaking on behalf of the Town Council, Councillor Malcolm Watkins, whose idea the commemorative bench was, said *'This is a unique and special occasion for our town. We hope this bench will be a constant reminder of how much we owe to the amazing NHS staff and other key workers for their care, compassion, and resilience during a very challenging time. As the plaque fixed to the bench says we encourage all residents and visitors to take a moment out of their busy daily lives to 'Sit, enjoy, share and relax'*

Howe's that! Great to join the incredible Mary White and Steph Kilgallon and the Gummers Howe Committee and residents as they handed over cheques to their chosen charities - NW Air Ambulance and RNLI Morecambe Lifeboat. We heard how much both of these amazing charities rely on the support and generosity of the public. Well done all!





Emily Longhorn – Senior Customer Services Advisor

City Council's Community Hub on tour!

Lancaster City Council's Community Hub pride themselves on their flexibility in being able to go out into the community offering advice and support to residents and they had now taken customer service on the road to make it easier and more convenient for everyone to access council services. By offering a face-to-face service, they aim to reach out to communities across the District and be accessible for those who need them most. They can assist with enquiries regarding council services, and signpost to relevant departments and other community and organisational support.

Throughout the pandemic the team has been at the forefront of providing essential COVID-19 advice and information to parish and town councils and directly collaborated with our Town Council on a range of matters to support residents and businesses during those challenging months. This has cemented an already good relationship into one that is delivering essential and lasting outcomes for our local community.

Regularly seen on Ashtrees Way you can check their fixed weekly timetable and a range of variable locations on their social media platforms (Facebook / Twitter) and their website: <https://bit.ly/3vUHy0c>. **(FOOTNOTE: Emily Longhorn is the Clerk's eldest daughter!)**

Christmas at Christ Church

24th December 7.30pm

Christmas Morning 10am

Sunday 26th December 10am

New Year's Day 10.30am

Mass of Christmas Night

Mass of the Day

Mass - Feast of the Holy Family

Mass

Sunday 5th December at 11.00am

Sunday 19th December at 5.00pm

Christmas Coffee Morning and Grand Draw

Top Ten Carols with sherry and mince pies

Community Carol Service:

Good news the Community Carol Service is back – and everyone is invited! The open-air service will be held at the **War Memorial Gardens**, Carnforth on **Friday 24th December** starting at **4pm**. **Don't miss the opportunity to all get together at Christmas!**

