

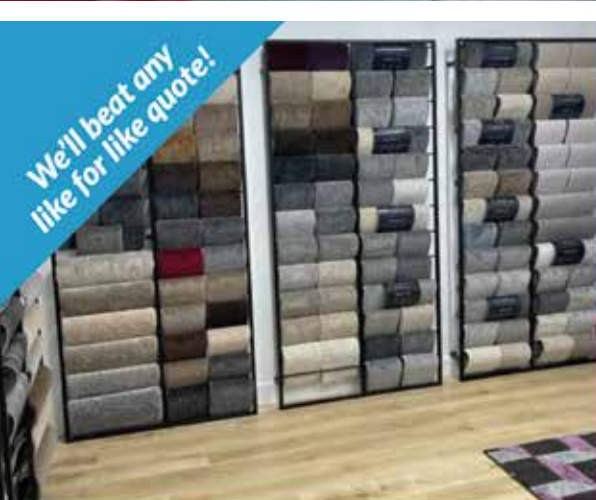


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Jubilee events in Hyndburn

Get the dates in your diary ahead of the celebrations!

May-June

Hyndburn Jubilee Beacon Trail and Bus

This Spring, families in Hyndburn will be able to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee and have a great day out with this augmented reality story-trail.

As part of local plans to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, from April 30th until June 12th, Hyndburn Borough Council has teamed up with High Street Safari to run a free story-trail throughout Hyndburn.

This innovative experience lets family choose what happens in the story and is completely contactless, with anyone with a smartphone being able to take part for free. Players will not only discover cute characters along the route, but they also get to see them burst to life in augmented reality and take selfies and record videos with them!

The idea behind the event is to encourage families to explore Hyndburn with a safe, socially distanced, and ambitious event, whilst also learning about the Queen's historic seventy-year reign.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacon Trail is located at seven stops around Hyndburn to visit, positioned so that families can discover hidden parts of the local parks and green spaces.

Families will be guided on their trip by Sir Barnaby Beacon as he visits seven memorable and magical friends, like Charlie Crown or Theadora Throne, who have come to life from Buckingham Palace and gone on a trip to Hyndburn.



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- Gatty Park, Church
- Oak Hill Park, Accrington
- Haworth Park, Baxenden
- Mercer Park, Clayton-le-Moors

The trail can be completed in more than one visit. It's completely free for families and groups to take part in and they win a free, digital fun pack at the end.

The trail works without the need for families to download or sign up to anything. Not only is the trail an innovative and fun day out for players, but they can also choose to donate to Help for Heroes to support our veterans and their families. Melanie Waters, chief executive of the charity said:

"We're thrilled to be the charity partner for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons Trail and really looking forward to taking part in this innovative, community-based activity, as part of our plans to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee this year."

The trail runs until the 12th June. To find out more about the trail, visit <https://www.hyndburnbc.gov.uk/platinumjubilee/>

Thursday 2 June

Accrington Town Square

- 10:45am Royal British Legion march on the Town Square
- 2:00pm Cry for the Queen from Town Crier
- 4:00pm Fairground rides in Town Centre
- 9:35pm Lone Piper
- 9:40pm Lone Bugler
- 9:45pm Lighting of the Platinum Jubilee Beacon
- 9:45pm Local choirs perform
- 9:50pm Jubilee Fireworks

Rhyddings Park, Oswaldtwistle

- 12:00 - 4:00pm Opening of the Jubilee Gardens with family entertainment

Saturday 4 June

Accrington Market Hall

Join our Jubilee celebrations with family-friendly activities, pop-up stalls, crafts, food and drink. No booking required and activities are free, just come along.

Jubilee themed crafts throughout the day, open 9:00am-4:00pm.

- 10:00am - 2:00pm Free face painting
- 12noon - 12:30pm Live interactive Alice in Wonderland Show
- 12:30pm - 13:00pm Character meet & greet

Great Harwood Agricultural Show

The Showfield, Harwood Lane, Great Harwood

Sunday 5 June

Great Harwood Charter Fair

Great Harwood Town Centre, Queen Street

Street Parties

Organised by the local community, street parties will take place across the borough.

Your Jubilee photo's

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- Friendship Group Project
- Oswaldtwistle Station Project
- Santa's Sleigh in December
- Planting a woodland at Green Haworth
- Litter Picking
- Talking Newspaper and Magazine for the blind.
- Running Rotakids Clubs for age 9-10 year olds in local schools
- Helping with Oswaldtwistle Carnival
- Working with Youth Groups like Police & Fire Cadets
- Sports events – crown green bowling, ten pin bowling, darts, snooker, table tennis, golf competitions, group rambles.
- Social evenings and days out.

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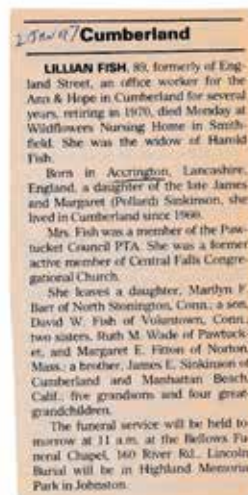
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Newspapers



Newspapers are a useful source when it comes to researching your family history but they are an underused resource until recently when many local papers appeared online. Members of Lancashire Libraries can access the British Library Newspapers 1730 - 1950 via <https://tinyurl.com/2kvnvz3y>

Many of our ancestors moved. Their migration may have to or from Lancashire and those who moved outside of the county are often referred to as strays. They may have strayed to other parts of the UK or abroad. In the USA Fall River, Massachusetts attracted many Lancashire weavers in the 19th century. Our ancestors moved to other parts of North America and from time to time the LFHS received copies of these strays' obituary notices that contain rich information for the family historian.



This is an example and relates to Lillian Fish (nee Sinkinson) who was born in Accrington in 1907. She was the daughter of James Fish and Margaret (nee Pollard). Shortly after Lillian's birth the family sailed to America, arriving there on 18 Oct 1907 and its possible to find them on the censuses up to 1950. She married in the 1930s

Another obituary notice relates to Bernard Leo Woods of Accrington whose birth took place in Clayton-le-Moors. He arrived in Philadelphia on 11 Dec 1906 and ten years later he became naturalised USA citizen and married shortly afterward.

Both obituaries contain information on their lives that cannot be found on the internet, so never overlook checking newspapers as they can contain important information for your family trees.

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All finalists can be viewed on our website.

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Lancashire Adult Learning is Outstanding!

Staff and learners at Lancashire Adult Learning are celebrating after receiving an 'outstanding' rating in a new Ofsted inspection.

The college is part of the Nelson and Colne College Group, which is the first in Lancashire to receive the highest possible Ofsted accolades under the new inspection framework.

The Ofsted inspection team visit a wide range of the community venues in March 2022 that Lancashire Adult Learning uses to deliver its invaluable teaching and learning sessions.

Whilst at these venues the inspectors spoke to staff, students, apprentices, governors and employers.

The team of 10 inspectors confirmed that 'learners and apprentices love being learners at the college' and leaders and management across the group 'provide a high-quality education through which learners and most apprentices achieve their full potential. Learners and apprentices who study at the college do exceptionally well'.

Lancashire Adult Learning, alongside Nelson and Colne College and Accrington and Rossendale College as part of the Nelson and Colne College Group, is now the only college in Lancashire to be graded as 'Outstanding'.

Inspectors identified that 'adult learners benefit enormously from an ambitious curriculum'. They also identified that these learners 'develop their subject knowledge and build resilience and motivation' alongside being 'passionate and highly motivated about their education and futures'.

The inspectors also noted that 'teachers and trainers create highly supportive, calm learning environments in which learners and most apprentices thrive. Learners rapidly build their confidence and produce work of a very high standard. They describe their teachers and trainers as inspirational and knowledgeable'.

Speaking following the publication of the report, Assistant Principal for Adult Learning Andy Parkin said:

"I am beyond proud to be a part of this extraordinary college. The work the teachers, trainers and support teams do on a daily basis is all focussed on our learners and their successes and I am just delighted that Ofsted recognised that in their recent visit."

Commenting on her pride in the report, Principal and CEO of Nelson and Colne College Group Amanda Melton CBE said:

"Our focus has always been to provide the very best education and training to learners and apprentices across Lancashire and now, after two mergers and a pandemic, Ofsted has recognised us as an 'Outstanding' group of colleges."

"This is a phenomenal achievement for Lancashire Adult Learning, given the commitment we have shown to supporting the College since the merger. All of the colleges within Nelson and Colne College Group are now outstanding and this is a true testament to the hard work, dedication and talent of all of our staff and students."

"We hope everyone connected with Lancashire Adult Learning, and the Nelson and Colne College Group will join us in celebrating this success. The college has an exciting future ahead and we remain committed to this level of excellence for all our current and future learners, across all of our colleges."

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Class of 1957-58 Mount Pleasant School

In the May Edition we asked if you recognised yourself on a picture handed in to us. Reader John Thacker remembers most of his class

This is a photograph of the top junior class (J4) at Mount Pleasant School Clayton-Le-Moors, and was taken either in the autumn term 1957 or the spring term 1958.

I believe the children depicted are....

Back row left to right:- Tony Hargreaves, John Baron, Derek Jones, Stancliffe Riley, David McManus, Not known, Keith Jones, Brian Clarkson, Lesley Moore, John Thacker, Not known, Mrs Clayton (Class Teacher).

Middle Row left to right:- Not known, Patricia Hargreaves, Helen Houldsworth, Judith Page, Anne Berry, Not known, Not known, Sheila Ward, Kathleen Smith.

Front Row left to right:- Not known, Linda Carter, Rita Smith, Carolyn Pye, Maureen Holt, Anne Ramsbottom, Patricia Whiteside, Vivian Elliot, Mary Harrison, Not known, Brenda Dearden, Sandra Beardsworth.

Seated:- Stuart Robinson, Ralph Duckworth, Michael Irving, Bobby Breen, Kenneth Anderton.

Michael Irving's family later emigrated to Australia.

There are 37 children in the photograph. This reflected the number of children born in 1946/47, the so-called "bulge year" when a lot of babies were born in the period immediately following WWII.

It must have been a difficult task for our teacher, Mrs. Clayton to cope with such a large class, but we were fortunate that she was our guide to see us through the 11+ examinations, taken in February 1958.

I remember we sat the examinations on a Saturday morning when the school would normally be closed.

The tests covered English Language, Mathematics, and a General Paper.

Mr. Dean (Headteacher of Hyndburn Park) supervised proceedings, and we were given a short break between each test.

Our headteacher, Mr. Wood was presumably, supervising at another school - perhaps a reciprocal arrangement?

I remember Mrs. Clayton's husband owned a Bell & Howell sound projector, and at Christmas he brought it into school, and we were treated to a film show.

I still have a full set of photographs taken during my time at Mount Pleasant (1949 -1958) and it is interesting to see how the tree in the background grew over the years! Sadly it is no longer there.

I am sure the photograph will bring back so many happy memories for all those who were children in Mrs. Clayton's class over six decades ago.

My apologies go to any of the children I can't remember, and for any mis-spelling of names. It was over 60 years ago!

Best wishes, as always. John Thacker.

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Take a Walk on the Wild Side is this Years theme

The wait is nearly over for this year's Oswaldtwistle Carnival being held on Sunday 19th June, the parade, with over 20 participants, ranging from local voluntary and community groups, uniformed organisations, schools, churches and businesses, will start at 12noon on Thwaites Road, before continuing down and along Union Road, making its way to Rhyddings Street and then up to Rhyddings Park, where a family funday will be held. The funday field will have an array of stalls, including charity tombolas, unique arts, crafts and merchandise as well as tasty food, drinks plus a small fairground with inflatables. There will also be live music and dance performances throughout the afternoon. This year thanks to our event sponsors we are also able to provide some free activities for all the family to enjoy.

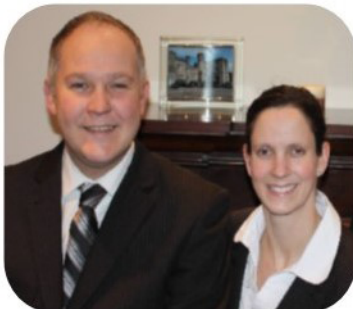
Please help us to spread the word, it's been a long time in the planning, and we hope you can come along and support us on the day. So please put it in your diary - it's not to be missed!!



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Great Harwood District WI Meeting 11th May 2022

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Margaret grew up in a rural Ireland cottage and was always fascinated by hair, cutting hers off with a razor at the age of five. In 1950 she paid £15 to become an unpaid apprentice hairdresser. After doing tasks such as cleaning, the apprentices learned the trade, initially practising on each other or wooden heads. Perming then took hours using metal curlers, shampoo was bought but setting lotion was laboriously made.

But once trained there were no jobs, so Margaret trained as a nurse then moved to Chorley to nurse maintaining her skills with free hair sessions for colleagues. In 1956 she opened her shop buying a perming machine that she still has. Linda detailed how hair styles have changed over the decades and how loyal customers have been. Margaret can still do the old fashion styles when requested such as curly perms and the 1940's finger waves.

Linda had always wanted to write a book and gathered memories from customers on their experiences such as visiting the salon during the 1970 blackouts. Articles in newspapers and magazines led to Graham Liver launching "Shampoo and Set" on Radio Lancashire and more publicity on radio and TV followed. The book is being sold in aid of the Rosemere Cancer Foundation which Linda also supports with her talks.

The next meeting of the Women's Institute will be at 2pm on the 8th June at Bank Mill House.

Theresa Pollard and Jenny Saher will give a talk on the "Roller Coaster of Care" about the emotional experiences of caring for older people.

Visitors and prospective members are welcome.



Loyal Company of Town Criers, in association with Great Harwood Civic Society

Saturday 14th May 2022. The official Championship for the Best Town Crier in Britain was held in the morning at Barnoldswick and in the afternoon at Churchfield Gardens in Great Harwood. The honour of holding the championships here in NE Lancashire was decided by the Loyal Company and the nettle was successfully grasped by the Civic Society. It was an excellent day enjoyed by everyone who came to watch.

Presentations to the winners were made after a delicious evening meal supplied at Churchfield House.

Winners of trophies were:

- Champion Crier:** Terry Ford, Crier for Otley, West Yorkshire
- Second:** Alistair Chisholm for Dorchester, Dorset
- Third:** John Griffiths for Sleaford, Lincolnshire
- Best dressed Crier:** John Griffiths for Sleaford, Lincolnshire
- Best dressed Consort:** Jo Jackson, Malton and Norton, North Yorkshire
- Best dressed Couple:** David & Jo Jackson, Malton and Norton, North Yorkshire
- Best Content of Cries:** Paul Gough, Nuneaton and Bedworth, Warks
- Best Ambassador:** Carole Williams, Bishop's Stortford, Herts

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Local businessman remembers the big day

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations are almost here, and I hope they bring the country together in a spirit of optimism and positivity, particularly after the recent difficult times for many. We are truly blessed to have a Monarch and Head of State that's so respected around the world, and it still feels very special when I reflect upon receiving my OBE (for services to the UK economy) in the Queen's 90th Birthday Honours List in 2016, presented by HRH The Prince of Wales at Buckingham Palace in January 2017. It was a truly wonderful experience, and I regularly remind myself how fortunate I was to be recognised in this way, when so many hard-working people never get such an opportunity.

Tony Bannan

By Royal APPOINTMENT



SO SURREAL

When I got my MBE, it was the most surreal day of my life. Just looking back, as myself, and my family went through the gates of Buckingham Palace, it was a very proud moment. Not just for myself, but for everyone who has helped and contributed. I was just sad that my Mum wasn't alive to see it. She came from just outside Windsor and was a true Royalist.

I still look at the photo of Prince William and I to make sure I had not dreamt the whole day.

Sue Johnson

Volunteer Group Celebrates the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service Recognition

A group of volunteers from local charity Community Solutions North West (CSNW), based in Accrington, have celebrated being honoured with The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, the highest award a voluntary group can receive in the UK.

CSNW currently has over 100 volunteers supporting their charitable work, which helps people who are lonely, socially isolated or in crisis and going through life changes.

Earlier this month 2 volunteers from CSNW were invited to the Queen's Garden party at Buckingham Palace, Rachel Bury and Stephen Laming attended the party to represent CSNW.

If you are interested in volunteering or would like to know more about the work the volunteers do, please call 01254 460080 or email info@csnw.co.uk. More information can be found at www.csnw.co.uk



Councillor Miles Parkinson OBE, Leader of the Council

Former Great Harwood and Colne firefighter was awarded his OBE in 2019. He was commended in the Queen's birthday honours for his dedicated political service to Hyndburn. Miles has served Hyndburn Borough Council as an elected member for 27 years and been leader of the authority since 2011 alongside Councillor of Altham ward.



Accy Rockers visit the Queen

When Accy Rockers received the Queen's Award for services to charity, along with it came an invitation for two of them to attend a Garden party at Buckingham Palace where they would see the Queen. The group nominated Ken McKenna and his wife Mary, who also sings in the group. On their return they were invited to Preston Guild Hall and presented with a plaque by the Lord Lieutenant of Lancashire



The day a local artist met the Queen

Meeting Her Majesty the Queen was a delightful experience for myself and my wife Val.

I was invited by Hyndburn Council to present a painting I was commissioned to paint to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012 on her visit to Accrington.

As I stood next to Queen, I watched her viewing the painting. To our delight, the Queen said that it was lovely; really lovely; a day my wife and I will never forget.

Royal Reflections

by the Local Market Traders

The Sweet Stall - Andrew

Accrington looked at its best; sunshine, packed crowds and everyone smiling and waving.

Seeing Her Majesty the Queen and HRH Duke of Edinburgh tour our market is a memory that will stay with me forever.

Frankies Cafe - Joanne

It was one of the best days of my life; the Queen was stunning. Prince Phillip was very charming and was very interested in the daily running of the market.

It was a great day that brought Accrington together.

Fairbrothers Original Biscuits - John

It was a very memorable day with the Queen and Prince Phillip coming to visit Accrington Market. Fairbrothers have been trading since the early 1900's and it was a pleasure to be involved on the day.

Jass Fashions - Jass

My wife Kokab and I were very honoured to be in the presence of the Queen and Prince Phillip on their visit to Accrington Market. They were both very charming and the Queen looked very interested in the Victorian Market.

Slacks Butchers - Steve and Claire

Claire said that she was stunned as to how tiny the Queen actually was and remembers her beautiful Royal smile and wearing Green. It was a very memorable day.

Tricketts Ice Cream Parlour & Cafe - Russell

10 Years ago it was an honour to see the Queen and Prince Phillip visit Accrington Market. The Duke of Edinburgh jokingly said to Russell:

"You don't seem very busy in here today". Russell replied, "Sir, we will be later on".

The Duke then turned round to the guests in Peggy's Cafe and commented that they all looked penned in. This made everyone laugh.

Pet Mart - Simon and Ben

remarked how lovely the Queen looked and both said how tiny she was, with her lovely beaming smile. It was an honour to be in the Market Hall for the Royal Visit.

Tracy Simmonds - Owner Of Acorn Community News

I was very honoured to be invited along with the late Bernard Scully to represent the Hyndburn Heritage Museum. It was a very memorable day.

I saw the Queen and Prince Phillip speaking to everyone and issued a report at the time. The atmosphere throughout the visit was electric and unforgettable with lots of beaming smiles and memories the town will never forget.



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My three-year old daughter presented the queen with flowers

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Edwardian wedding dress made for the Queens visit by Rachel White of the Sewing Room which was later raffled for Help for Heroes charity



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Accrington's FIRST MOTOR BUSES

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The Habergam loads for an excursion outside the Commercial Hotel



One of William Lober's best on the Ribble Valley run.

Well before Accrington Corporation began to operate bus services, independent companies were already on the scene. Most did not run in competition with the trams, but confined themselves to the surrounding districts. In July 1906, an application was received by the Watch Committee from the Burnley Motor Pleasure Company trading as The Habergam, for a licence to ply for hire in the Borough using their motor bus. It was resolved they should submit vehicles for inspection by councillors, who would then report back. They were successful as one of these vehicles was used for the first recorded outing, from Accrington to York and back. The open top double-decker had a top speed of 16mph, so an early 7am start from the Commercial was necessary, picking

up at the Peel's Arms en route to York via Colne, Ilkley and Harrogate. The fares were 7 shillings, with the option of lunch and dinner for 10/6d. This bus had solid tyres, and it did not arrive back in town until 3am the following morning.

At a meeting of the Committee held in June 1907, a licence was granted to the Rossendale Division Carriage Company to ply for hire with their motor bus. In 1908 it was the first occasion that the Watch Committee was required to licence a motorised vehicle to an applicant resident in the Borough, when the Myers Company registered a char-a-banc with 26 seats. Myers had previously been involved with horse-drawn transportation.

By 1912 a service operated by William H. Lobers was connecting Clayton-le-Moors, Great Harwood and Rishton, in what he 'claimed to be' "the first double-deck bus service in England north of Northampton". (*Widnes Corporation operated the first covered-top double-decker in 1909.)

By July 1913, Lobers were offering day excursions as follows -

Monday 11th Blackpool @ 5/-, 08:30 to 21:00.

Tuesday 12th Southport @ 6/-, 08:30 to 20:00.

Wednesday 13th Morecambe @ 6/-, 08:30 to 20:00.

Thursday 14th Harrogate @ 8/-, 08:30 to 19:00.

Friday 15th Liverpool @ 7/6d, 07:30 to 21:00.

Lobers next purchased a trio of double-deck buses. At a meeting held in March 1914, it was resolved to grant Lobers licences to operate two motor chars-a-banc for 36 and 38 passengers, under conditions: "They were not to ply for hire for journeys within the Borough or to compete with the Tramway". This Committee met again in June, to receive an application from Lobers to operate two Motor Omnibuses to carry 38 passengers, to run on services between Accrington and Burnley and Accrington and Chatburn. These licences were granted provided they did not compete with the trams. Fares on the Burnley service would be 3 pence, on the Chatburn service 6 pence. At an August meeting, it was resolved to grant three licences to Lobers to operate omnibuses, each with a capacity of 30 passengers. These were subject to the previous stipulations, with a minimum fare on the Whalley Road section of the tramway 6 pence, and this should be "strictly adhered to". The Committee met again in September, when another application was received this time requesting permission to charge a minimum fare of 4 pence on the outward journey from Accrington to Whalley, which was granted. In November, a report was received from the Tramway Manager that Lobers were not adhering to the undertaking given by them when these licences were granted.

The Chief Constable reported that licences had been 'provisionally' granted to Lobers for two additional omnibuses, each for 30 persons. It was resolved these licences be granted, subject to the stipulations on which the previous ones were awarded. An application was also received from Messrs Lobers (1915) Ltd, for licences to operate three additional omnibuses. It was resolved these licences would not be granted. He had been keen to expand his services and made an application for the running rights between Blackburn and Accrington, via Great Harwood and Clayton-le-Moors. Accrington Council approved this application but Blackburn refused, only later agreeing for him to operate to the terminus of their tram lines. A similar application had been made to the Licensing Authority at Burnley, but again running would have been restricted to the gap between the Burnley tramway system at Rose Grove and the Cemetery Gates terminus of Accrington's tramways at Hillock Vale. Permission was granted to access Accrington town centre providing he did not pick up or set down on routes covered by the trams. Frustrated by his inability to gain entry into Blackburn or Burnley town centres, he then inaugurated a service from Accrington to Waddington via Whalley and Clitheroe. This service proved so successful that another attempt was made to operate services connecting Clitheroe with Blackburn. Again this was blocked by Blackburn's authorities. The third service to be added to Lobers' portfolio was a short run between Haslingden centre and Helmshore Railway Station.

By the outbreak of the Great War, Mr Lober had eighteen double deck buses, but the War Office in their need for petrol-driven transport ended further expansion of his company. Later William Lobers left for Australia where he established a car distribution business in New South Wales. This he was still managing until the late 1950s.



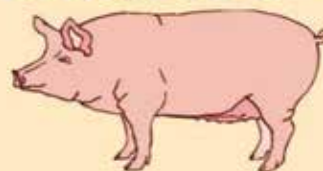
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New CEO hopes to carry on the good work at charity

Maggie Moody is the new CEO Community Solutions North West, which is based at Elmfield Hall in Gatty Park in Church. I went along to ask her a few questions as to what the future holds now that she has taken over the reins from Deborah Clark.

She told me: "As you know, I've inherited this organization from a fantastic leader, Deborah Clark, who was very well supported by her husband, Craig, so I'm stepping into some really big shoes, I feel. "The work we do makes a big difference in the community and I have no intention of changing anything significantly. That being said, we are seeing more referrals coming through and an increase in complexity of issues also, so I do have some plans. "These are primarily around the building and we are looking at the opportunity to develop Elmfield Hall and create more space, so that we can support more people. That has got to be a priority."

Maggie went on to say that because of the huge gap left by Deborah and Craig's departure, there has had to be a complete restructure of the roles of existing staff and some new appointments also.

This effectively came into place on January 1st this year, which is when Maggie, who had previously been there for five years, stepped up as CEO and two new faces: Chris Emmerson and John Weston took over as Business Development Manager and Building manager respectively.

Maggie also said that Deborah stayed around until March to give her guidance. Another person who was there before and has now been given the role of Safeguarding Officer is Katrina and they are all making a great team.

Maggie is working closely in partnership with other organisations including Hyndburn Leisure Trust, the Community Action Network, and the NHS to develop new opportunities to support local people.

All this, Maggie hopes will improve the services that CSNW can offer.

I found Maggie to be very easy to talk to; an essential quality I would imagine in her new role, but also very focused on carrying on the important work of this organisation along with her new team, as we wish them all every success in the future.

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Frank

2nd PRIZE - In second spot came two-year-old spaniel, Jasmine. Jasmine, we are told, loves to chase squirrels and birds, only for them to tease her. Her luscious locks will benefit from a session at Lilly's Dog Grooming.



Jasmine

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Staff and learners at Accrington and Rossendale College are celebrating after receiving an 'outstanding' rating in a new Ofsted inspection.

The college is part of the Nelson and Colne College Group, which is the first in Lancashire to receive the highest possible Ofsted accolades under the new inspection framework.

The college was inspected in March 2022 and saw the inspection team visit the campus, talk to staff, students, apprentices, governors and employers.

The team of 10 inspectors confirmed that 'learners and apprentices love being learners at the college' and leaders and management across the group 'provide a high-quality education through which learners and most apprentices achieve their full potential.

Inspectors identified that 'learners and apprentices embody the outstanding culture of high standards across all of the college sites. They are passionate and highly motivated about their education and futures. They describe their teachers and trainers as inspirational and knowledgeable. Staff are immensely proud to work at the college. Learners and apprentices are equally proud to study at the college. Their behaviour is exemplary.

They also noted that 'teachers and trainers create highly supportive, calm learning environments in which learners and most apprentices thrive. Learners rapidly build their confidence and produce work of a very high standard. Apprentices develop substantial new knowledge, skills, and behaviours'.

Speaking following the publication of the report, Accrington and Rossendale College Centre Principal Morag Davis said:

"I am beyond proud to be a part of this extraordinary college. The work the teachers, trainers and support teams do on a daily basis is all focussed on our learners and their successes and I am just delighted that Ofsted recognised that in their recent visit."

Commenting on her pride in the report, Principal and CEO of Nelson and Colne College Group Amanda Melton CBE said:

"Our focus has always been to provide the very best education and training to learners and apprentices across Lancashire and now, after two mergers and a pandemic, Ofsted has recognised us as an 'Outstanding' group of colleges."

"This is a phenomenal achievement for Accrington and Rossendale College, given the commitment we have shown to supporting the College since the merger. All of the colleges within Nelson and Colne College Group are now outstanding and this is a true testament to the hard work, dedication and talent of all of our staff and students."

"We hope everyone connected with Accrington and Rossendale College, and the Nelson and Colne College Group will join us in celebrating this success. The college has an exciting future ahead and we remain committed to this level of excellence for all our current and future learners, across all of our colleges."

Nelson and Colne College Group achieved the following results in the inspection between 15 & 18 March 2022:

Overall effectiveness	Outstanding
The quality of education	Outstanding
Behaviour and attitudes	Outstanding
Personal development	Outstanding
Leadership and management	Outstanding
Education programmes for young people	Outstanding
Adult learning programmes	Outstanding
Apprenticeships	Good
Provision for learners with high needs	Outstanding

The full Ofsted report can be found here:

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