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## How exciting!

As we look forward to our 4 day Jubilee Celebrations in June to mark our Queen's Platinum Jubilee, we also have 2 months of local Community activities in store; these are a few dates for your diary.

On Thursday June 2nd in Accrington Town Square, there will be a plethora of activities culminating with Jubilee Fireworks at 9.50 p.m.

At Churchfield House in Great Harwood, there will be Children's activities; in Rhyddings Park in Oswaldtwistle the Jubilee Gardens will be opened with entertainment for the whole family.

On Saturday June 4th there will be family activities and celebrations in Accrington Market Hall.

On the same day The Great Harwood Agricultural Show will take place on The Showground.

On Sunday June 5th Great Harwood will hold its Charter Fair.

On Saturday June 11th, Elmfield Hall in Gatty Park, the home of CSNW, will hold its Summer Fair.

In summary all seven of our local parks will be holding some sort of celebration right up until June 12th, so make sure you are part of it. During this time a Hop on-Hop off Bus will be there to enable you to complete the augmented Reality Beacon Trail.

If all that is not enough, Oswaldtwistle Carnival will take place on June 19th. June will indeed be a month to remember.

Have you ever met the Queen, or been in her company?

Acorn Community News is looking for Hyndburn residents that have had the pleasure of meeting the Queen on her visits to our local area or at Buckingham Palace or any of the other Royal residences.

In our June Edition we would like to publish pictures and stories of the Royal Visit.

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## Exciting project attracts much attention

Once known to locals as "The Fairy Caves," the coke ovens that lit the sky for the last time in 1930 were remarkably brought back to life as part of a project promoting the history of the Leeds-Liverpool Canal.

The coke ovens, which once changed the coal from nearby Aspen Colliery to coke in Oswaldtwistle in support of the local steelworks, and were made of heat resistant brick, were lit temporarily on the evenings of Friday and Saturday April 22 and 23, by way of highlighting the history of this part of the canal.

This project was courtesy of a stunning light installation by artist Jonny Godsmark. It received the full support of Hyndburn Neighbourhood Policing Team. In a message on the In The Know email alert service, Sergeant Karl Dixon was quoted as saying:

"The display was impressive and the support from locals and people further afield was fantastic. It is good to support local projects to bring people to the community."

The whole project is part of the Pennine Linear Park pilot project, which is funded by the government's Community Renewal Fund and delivered by The Super Slow Way.

The next event planned for the coke ovens is organised by Oswaldtwistle Civic Arts and will be between 1 p.m. and 3.30 p.m. on Sunday May 15th.

There will be storytelling "faeries". As people arrive they will be invited to sit inside any one of the "faerie's" houses," and listen to their story before moving on to the next house.

The stories will be suitable for children from five years upwards. In addition, there will be arts and crafts workshops using natural 'found' materials. This will be run by Louise and Liz from Create Yourself; a new local arts organisation Centre and Theatre.

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On Saturday 9th April 11 members and volunteers joined the Great British Spring Clean Campaign to make a difference to Church and Oswaldtwistle Railway Station. We cleared the platforms and surrounding areas and also litter picked along the Hyndburn Greenway Path to Accrington. This path is enjoyed by local residents and there were lots of walkers out that day enjoying the spring sunshine. Many expressed their thanks to us for our good work. We collected 21 bags of rubbish in 2 hours.

Our Environment Team will be starting our Spring and Summer activities at Tinker Brook Woodland and Jackhouse Nature reserve in May. This will include Balsam Bashing and River Cleaning. We welcome anyone who can spare an hour or so to work on caring for our paths and green spaces.

Our Friendship Group continues to meet at lunchtime every Thursday at the Globe Bowling Club. If you are in need of some company or entertainment then come along and join in the fun.

If you would like any further information or want to support our Rotary Group as a volunteer please contact Ken Freeman on 07935 352861 or see our Facebook page or website.

## Lancashire Family History & Heraldry Society



Jeffery Heseltine Bentley was born 24 September 1891, the son of Thomas and Martha Bentley and he was baptised one month later at Immanuel Church, Oswaldtwistle. Seeking a new life, he sailed from Liverpool and arrived at St Johns, Newfoundland, Canada on 12 Mar 1914. On the outbreak of the war he enlisted on 6 April 1916 and joined the Canadian Highlanders (No 690722) and saw service in France. In November 1917 he suffered a gun shot wound in the face. On 30 March 1918 whilst cleaning his rifle he accidentally shot himself with the bullet passing through his left great toe which result in amputation of the toe. The army considered this to be self-inflicted. Jeff returned to Canada 14 May 1919 and was demobbed the following month. The following year he married Annie Green and he died on 21 Aug 1985 at Kirkland Lake, Ontario, Canada



This is one of a collection of photos from Immanuel Church, Oswaldtwistle.

Another image shows F Bentley of the Royal Navy. From his record it is know that that Frederick was born 25 April 1899 and joined the Navy 25 April 1917 and completed 22 years' service, during which time he served on over 20 ships. His first ship was HMS Powerful and at this time he was 5ft 1½ins is height

It is possible that the Lancashire Family History & Heraldry Society can help research your WW1 ancestors. Our Research Centre, 2 Straits, Oswaldtwistle BB5 3LU is open each Thursday and the first Saturday of each month 1pm – 5pm. [www.lfhhs.org.uk](http://www.lfhhs.org.uk)



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# Hyndburn Mayor opens new Specsavers in Accrington following £500k investment

HYNDBURN MAYOR, Councillor Kathleen Pratt, local MP Sara Britcliffe and town crier, Rawden Kerr officially opened a brand-new Specsavers in Accrington on Thursday 7th April.

Specsavers has moved from its home of almost 30 years on Cornhill in Accrington Arcade to the new store on Broadway, which has undergone an extensive £500K refurbishment programme.

At more than three times the size of the former unit, the new store has generated five new job opportunities for the town, including roles for three optical assistants, a contact lens optician and an optometrist.

Featuring the very latest innovations, including a state-of-the-art OCT machine, which enables optometrists to undertake Specsavers' most advanced eye tests to date, giving them the ability to better diagnose a range of eye health conditions, such as macular degeneration. The new store also features nine testing rooms, including two designated hearing rooms.

Commenting on the opening, optometrist director, Jodie Conroy said: "We have all got some great memories of our times at the Arndale, but we started to outgrow the store, especially following the very busy period after the lockdowns.

"We are all so excited about our new premises, we can now expand our offering and give an even better service to our loyal customers. With more space available and everything on one floor, we are confident that our customers will reap the benefits.

"By moving we have also future proofed the business, with so much potential to add even more testing rooms.

"It was an honour to have such special guests to officially open the store. We can't wait to give all our customers the very best service from our brand-new home."

**For more information or to book an appointment visit [www.specsavers.co.uk/accrington](http://www.specsavers.co.uk/accrington)**



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HYNDBURN BUSINESS AWARDS



Sara Britcliffe MP with Small Business Winner from 2021, Little Secrets Clothing Ltd.

# The Hyndburn Business Awards

The Hyndburn Business Awards closed for nominations on 21 April after receiving a record-breaking 968 nominations for 319 different businesses and organisations! Nominated businesses were invited to enter the awards and over 100 applications were received. Shortlisting has now commenced and the 2022 finalists will be announced on Thursday 12 May. Follow [www.facebook.com/hyndburnbusinessawards](http://www.facebook.com/hyndburnbusinessawards) to find out who makes the shortlist!

Finalists will receive one free ticket for the 2022 Awards Ceremony on Thursday 16 June at the Dunkenhalth Hotel. A fizz reception sponsored by the hotel will precede a three course meal plus coffee ahead of the main awards presentation. Jasper Cherry, magician and finalist on Britain's Got Talent, will be entertaining guests at their tables during dinner too. The Mayor of Hyndburn will be in attendance, as will Sara Britcliffe MP.

Ahead of the ceremony, the HBA team is running a free event for local business people at Elmfield Hall on Tuesday 17 May from 5pm-7pm. Come along to meet other like minded businesses and get to know each other. The event will be supported by Community Solutions Northwest, NORI HR and lovelocalnetworking. Refreshments can be purchased from Mr Gatty's on the evening. Free places can be booked at [www.lovelocalnetworking.co.uk](http://www.lovelocalnetworking.co.uk)

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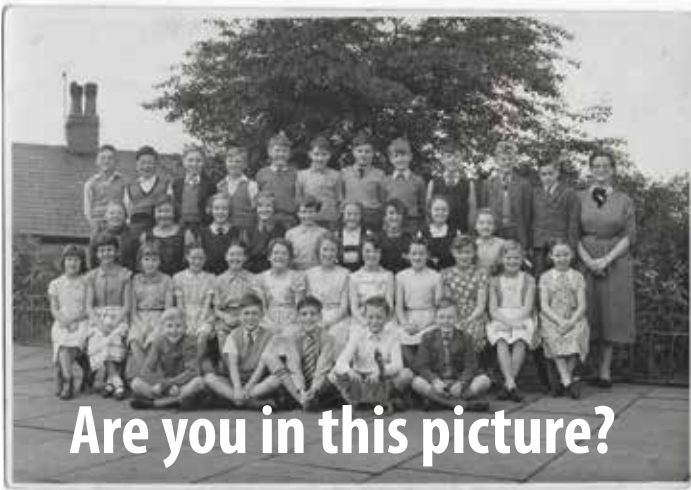
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# Jubilee events in Hyndburn

Get the dates in your diary ahead of the celebrations!

## May-June

### Hyndburn Jubilee beacon trail

#### Thursday 2nd 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 to perform

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 4th June

##### Family activities & celebrations

- Accrington Market Hall

##### Great Harwood Agricultural Show

- The Showfield, Harwood Lane, Great Harwood

#### Sunday 5th 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.



(Image: Just Imagine UK)

## Accrington Market Hall

**Saturday 4th June, 10am-4pm**

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### Friday 3rd June

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# Charter Fair

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- The Ringing Strings – a new U3A group that enjoys entertaining
- The Accy Rockers – popular locally through the Queen’s reign
- Maria – the singer who thrilled us in 2018
- The Samba Band – Juice Life – “What a sound they make!”
- Uke3A - the ukulele group that surprised us in 2018

Also—The Civic Arts Centre and Theatre will perform  
“7 decades in 7 minutes” during the afternoon.

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# Omnibuses and the French Connection

## – by Ellison Street



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About the same time that railways were expanding, this new mode of transport for the working classes was also making an appearance in England. The railways prioritise the movement of goods, but the horse-drawn omnibus was designed exclusively for the movement of people. They differed from the stagecoach in that they had between 12 and 24 seats in an enclosed compartment that was rear loading, although the driver was still sitting outside with little cover from the weather. The motive power varied from teams of one to four and sometimes six horses.

Research suggests that the first British service was operated in 1824 by John Greenwood, a Pendleton-based toll gate keeper. This differed from the stagecoach, in that passengers could board and alight at any point along the set route from Salford into central Manchester, and return without having to make a reservation, space permitting of course. Such

was the success of his operations that several other routes were opened into the city from the suburbs.

It was a task delegated to our local Watch Committee to issue licences to prospective operators of public service vehicles, with the Chairman and Vice-Chair normally appointed to inspect, approve or reject all applications made for operations in the Borough. All licences were granted on a strict understanding that the vehicles did not carry more passengers than their licences permitted.

The very first public transport to operate locally in Accrington and district was provided by private individuals with horse-drawn omnibuses. The earliest reference to a private operator in Accrington was Edmund Riley who lived at the foot of Warner Street and operated a wagonette. In 1871 a Mr George Walmsley was operating a service between Oswaldtwistle and Accrington. In April 1872 Thomas Myers, of 41 Pitt Street Accrington, was advertising Sunday trips by omnibus from Accrington to Clitheroe. The return fares from Accrington to Whalley were 9 pence and to Clitheroe 1 shilling. The equipment and services of Mr Walmsley were taken over by the Accrington Carriage Company in 1874. The following year they commenced running services between Accrington and Blackburn in competition with the Lancashire & Yorkshire Railway Company, from a coach house and offices on Melbourne Street in Oswaldtwistle. These lasted until 1878.

By 1877 an Accrington - Oswaldtwistle service was running hourly. Fares were 2 pence to ride outside and 3 pence to ride inside the saloon. In June 1877, due to lack of support on the hourly 'bus' service, the fare to Church was reduced from 3 pence to 2 pence in order to attract more passengers. With the passage of time competition was increased on the Oswaldtwistle route, with J. Cronshaw starting a rival service in 1878. In 1880 horse bus services were connecting Blackburn with Oswaldtwistle, with one from the New Inn to Accrington that ran on Wednesdays and Sundays only. By 1881 W. Bury was also operating horse buses and wagonettes, to be joined by Joseph Edmundson on this same route during 1885. That same year complaints were made that Mr Bury's omnibuses were obstructing Edmundson's access along Whiteash Lane in Oswaldtwistle. The first horse bus war had begun!

In 1900 the Watch Committee was approached by a deputation of horse-bus operators, for a permanent stand to be established where passengers could board their transports. It was resolved to grant this request, so it was decided that this would be on Dutton Street. However, one condition was that the stands would be 15 yards back from the junction with Blackburn Road and that the heads of the horses should not protrude out into the main road. It was also decreed that if there were to be any violations of this rule, then this facility would immediately close.



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## Great Harwood District WI Meeting 13th April 2022

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Ray described what shops were like then, very different from today with little being prepacked. Then the changes in home life were detailed with refrigerators and washing machines being introduced. What life was like lighting coal fires and using tin baths and outside toilets followed.

The arrival of television with only one station and restricted broadcasting hours was recounted and with the help of the audience many programmes were recalled such as "Double your money", David Nixon and the "Lone Ranger" Other topics covered were the 50's crooners and other singers, Saturday morning cinema for children and the pirate ship radio stations.

Some old sayings finished the talk with some guesses as to their meaning e.g "I'll go to the foot of our stairs".

As it was the Institute's anniversary, cream scones and cakes were then enjoyed.

## Look out for the Acorns Special Edition in June



To help celebrate the Queens 70th Year Platinum Jubilee in Hyndburn we want your pictures to capture this historic moment in time to publish in our July Edition.

In our June Edition we would like to publish pictures and stories of the Royal Visit.

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## Sad passing of Accrington Stanley stalwart and Community Champion

The sudden death of Accrington Stanley stalwart, David Keeley, brought tributes from all over the borough. David died on April 10th from a heart attack whilst playing golf and the news devastated family and friends.

David was chair of Accrington Stanley Trust and a member of Great Harwood Golf Club, but was known in a wider capacity both as a fundraiser and in political circles.

He had previously served as a Labour Borough and County Councillor, was a long serving Justice of the Peace and was involved with the Rotary Club and many local sports clubs. He was secretary of Whinney Hill in the Accrington Football Combination for 45 years and also a keen cricketer. He was also a season ticket holder at Stanley and actually played for the club in the 1960s.

His father Walter was a prominent member of the Stanley team in the 1940s and '50s.

His daughter Michelle Keeley said in an interview with Accrington Observer:

"He didn't stop and was always on the go. He would like to think that he's made a difference to people."

David leaves behind his wife of 30 years, Winifred "Pat" Patricia Keeley, children, Michelle, Maxine and David, grandchildren Grace Wilson and step-grandson Scott,

brother Roger Keeley and his wife Joan Keeley and son Mark Sandiford, nieces Janet Trelawny and Angela Foxall, step-daughters Andrea and Elizabeth, and children-in-law Russell, Shaun, Nikki, and Marc.

David formerly worked as a methods engineer and Health and Safety Manager, but was always looking for ways to help others, often helping to man the Samaritans Helpline.

David was also a Trustee of Age Concern and was a on the Lancashire Police Authority for four years. In his cricketing days he also played as a batsman for Lowerhouse and Baxenden in the Lancashire League.

A minute's applause was observed before Accrington Stanley's Good Friday fixture at the Wham Stadium - attended by David's family - and a tribute was also paid in the Community Trust's section in the Reds' match-day programme, expressing the club's "deep sadness" at his passing.

It went on to say: **"As a former Accrington Stanley Football Club player in the 1960s, and a season ticket holder, David had a keen passion for the club.**

**"He was the son of Accrington Stanley Hall of Fame player, Walter Keeley. David was actively involved in the local community and his experience was invaluable to the charity.**

**"He will forever hold a special place in our hearts. Rest in peace, David."**

Acorn News editor Tracy Simmonds also added her own message for the family.

Tracy said: **"My condolences go out to the Keeley Family with whom I have been very close for over 50 years.**

David was a pleasure to be around and will be sadly missed by everyone who knew him."

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## PFA Community Champion Award

The PFA Community Champion Award has been awarded to Stanley star Ross Sykes for his commitment to community appearances and participation throughout the 21/22 season.

The defender is not only a star on the pitch, his off the pitch work has been exceptional too. Sykes' efforts haven't gone unnoticed as he fully deserved to pick up the award, which is judged by a panel of representatives from both the PFA and Accrington Stanley Community Trust.

His contribution to the community and our initiatives has been unmatched over the last season. Ross is a credit to the club and an exemplary character to look up to. He has been a great role model for the entire community and is a pleasure to have with us.

Martin Fearon, CEO of Accrington Stanley Community Trust, said: "Ross has exceeded all expectations and has proven to be a real asset to the community. He has supported a number of our projects throughout the season, helping wherever he can. His commitment is fantastic and we hope his efforts inspire the local people to do the same".

Once again, congratulations to Ross Sykes on winning the PFA Community Champion Award!

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