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I would like to express a HUGE BIG THANK YOU to everyone who has been so kind in your anniversary wishes i couldn't fit them all in so over the next 2 editions i will publish them as part of my journey i am very humbled at your comments..

In September i held a small gathering in which the Mayor & Mayoress attended and invited guests and distributors,

thank you to Open All flowers a lovely surprise for your floral gift and testimonial when i arrived and also for the cards, wine and flowers gratefully received.

Over the next 2 editions I will be reflecting on some of the incredible features that have been showcased over the years with the help from our local libraries in this edition i showcase some wonderful pictures from the past 100 years which made my front covers.

Now that organisations are getting back meeting together, If you like me to attend with a presentation talk about the journey of the Acorn give me a call.

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Here is to another decade keep your stories coming in!

**Tracy Simmonds Editor** 

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# All change at care home after 55 years

When Nestor Lynskey decided to retire at the age of 71, it was the end of an era. Nestor has worked in care homes since the age of 16, when her mother bought Wellfield Care Home on Whalley Road. Seventeen years later, the family acquired a second Care Home called Henley House – a former Children's Home - on the same road, and since her mother retired, Nestor has been the owner of both.

It very much became a family affair with her sister and two daughters also working there. Now the family have sold the properties on and have all left along with Nestor. Sister Jill left recently and Nestor's two daughters, Sarah and Katie are both pregnant, so although Nestor may have retired from work, she could soon be busy helping with her Grandchildren.

Nestor's husband Peter is looking forward to spending more time with his wife, and holidaying in their caravan; although Nestor will be sad to leave after so long, her life will still be pretty busy.

The staff presented Nestor with an array of gifts, including flowers and chocolates and said she was like a second Mum to them all.

New owners, Venkat and Govan congratulated Nestor on her fantastic achievement and sent her their best wishes for the future.

Acorn News proprietor Tracy Simmonds who lives in the vicinity of the two homes said that she will really miss Nestor who she saw quite often and has many a good chat with, but also wishes her all the best for the future.

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We will read each submission and publish or follow up with an interview, if we deem it warrants inclusion.









# **The Civic Arts Centre** & Theatre is back!

After a long 18 months of closures and restrictions, The Civic Arts Centre & Theatre in Oswaldtwistle has finally reopened its doors.

The venue, on Union Road in the town, has recently launched their autumn/winter programme and is looking ahead to their busiest time of year.

After a successful launch night in September, the new comedy club, Friday Night Live, is back on November 19th. This month's line-up features Patrick Monahan, Mick Ferry, Isma Almas and Tony Vino as MC.

Also part of the programme is The History of Rock, a jaw dropping night transporting you through the golden ages of rock! Featuring the music of artists such as Led Zeppelin, Cream, Guns n Roses, AC/DC, Queen and many more.

For the younger audiences, there is Sleepy Head (suitable for under 5's) an interactive storytime experience brought to life through lullaby, movement, puppetry and sensory props and Harry Panto, a spoof panto-style show this October half-term.

The star of the programme is of course the annual pantomime, brought to the theatre by TaleGate Theatre Company. This year's production, Aladdin, runs from Saturday 27th November until Sunday 5th December, with both afternoon and evening showings. School performances are also available but very limited – enquiries should be sent to emma@civicartscentre.co.uk

The Christmas period will also feature an 80's Disco on Friday 10th December and The Accrington Pipe Band will be hosting their annual Christmas Concert at The Civic, on Sunday 19th December.

The Civic is also home to Dramatic Annie, a theatre school offering session in drama, dance and musical theatre for children aged 3-16 years.

For more information on events or session, please visit the website www.civicartscentre.co.uk or visit our social media pages.



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### Sue Chief Officer, Homewise said:

"Congratulation to Tracy and Team in your 10th Anniversary. Acorn Community News is a well-presented, high-class brochure with valuable and relevant community information. Your support to Homewise over the years has very much been appreciated and we wish you all the very best for the next 10 + years."





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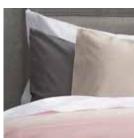






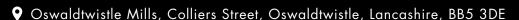






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I was very pleased to recently welcome fellow Mayors from across our region to one of our cultural gems here in Hyndburn, Haworth Art Gallery. It was wonderful to invite the guests for a tour of the gallery's collections and learn about the history from manager, Gillian Berry. As a councillor for Baxenden I am very familiar with our fantastic gallery, it attracts visitors from all over the world to view the Tiffany Glass Collection and it was great to hear about people also enjoying the on-site restaurant over recent years.

I would like to encourage families and people who live in Hyndburn to visit, the exhibitions change regularly, and the gallery has been chosen as a location to host an exhibition for the British Textile Biennial in October. The timing of this is very special as Haworth Art Gallery has just celebrated its own centenary as a Gallery too.

Haworth Art Gallery will be hosting an exhibition named 'Cloth Cultures', which tells stories of movement, migration and making through pieces chosen from the Gawthorpe Textile Collection. Fashion Historian, Amber Butchart, is presenting this exhibition and will tell stories through wool, linen, cotton and silk. The exhibition is open throughout October, Wednesdays to Sundays, 12pm – 4:30pm and is completely free.

As the weather changes and we enter the Autumn months it is even more important for our wellbeing to stay active and healthy. With places like Haworth Art Gallery, Oakhill Park and The Coppice right on our doorstep we are spoilt for choice. Let's wrap up warm and explore Hyndburn.

# Making a Start on your Family Tree.

In the last article about starting your FH Tree, I provided a list of kit and how you can make a start, in a simple way. In this one, we'll look at the basic sources of historical records.

First best and most reliable records are those held by the family: Birth, Marriage and Death Certificates, Baptismal Certificates, School certificates, place of work documents, military service documents, all provide clues to work with – dates, places people lived, worked and worshipped.

Holiday photos can provide links to folk too. Look on the back off photos and captions in photo albums. Those fabulous Sepia photos of Great Granny and Grandad might tell a lot. Look closely at the photo and see if there are any other clues, uniforms, dress, or occasions like wedding, family get-togethers, places, landmarks, jewellery that might have been handed down.

When it comes to official records many are online and many are free. If you have information to confirm or have clues about an individual, you might try Googling 'FreeBMD' to search for life event details or confirmation of clues. Google 'LancsOPC' may also help if the place you are looking at is a Parish in Lancashire. Once you have details, you can apply for Birth, Marriage and Death Certificates, if you need to.

Social Media can also help with providing basic information of lost family contact. A question on an appropriate of personal Facebook page can help too, if you are happy to share information with possibly, millions of strangers. I set up a Facebook page just for my nineteen cousins, which has proved helpful.

Members of the family who died in the two World Wars can be found at: 'CWGC.org'. Bear in mind that the information may be limited. Later, it may be possible to get hold of an individual's Service Records. A ready source is the local War Memorial, which may provide more clues. Remember that individuals might appear on several memorials found in schools, workplaces, clubs and societies.

The local branch of the Lancashire Family History and Heraldry Society will also hold records or transcriptions of records, especially at its Research Centres at Oswaldtwistle and Chorley, where there will be people on hand to help with searches too. Lancashire Archives in Preston will also hold all manner of documents, as will most local libraries.

Just don't forget - ask Family first!



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# Rotarians are recognised for their service.

The Rotary Club of Church and Oswaldtwistle has recognised the contribution of four of its members.

Rotarians Michael Hindle, Richard Wallwork and Cath Heap were awarded the Paul Harris Fellow Award, which is given to Rotarians in recognition of outstanding service to their club and community. Additionally Rotarian Dawn Taylor was recognised as Rotarian of the Year for the work that she had done in support of Rotary over the past year.

Rotarian Cath, the immediate past President of the Club, was awarded her Paul Harris Fellow Award for the marvellous work and effort, guiding our club through one of the most difficult periods in its history. Through her efforts she kept the club together by organising projects, challenges and generally keeping everyone interested within the club. The 10M step challenge was just one of the many projects, raising - \$3,248, and after the Bill Gates Foundation contribution the total amount raised was \$9,744.

Past President Cath paid tribute to the work of another recipient Richard Wallwork, 'Throughout lockdown I feel that one member of our club has been a shining light. He has worked nonstop, arranging zoom meetings week after week, each one highly entertaining or informative. Like the old radio quiz programme there was (and I hope I've got this right!) no hesitation, deviation, or repetition throughout the whole lockdown period. But not only did he go to such great lengths to keep the spirits of the club high, but he was also incredibly worried about the members of our 'Friendship group' and, for many months, the Friends of Rotary also, putting together even more Zoom meetings to keep them from isolation and loneliness. He has been the Community Team Leader, and with them, accomplished wonderful things in our local Primary Schools, providing Kindle Fires and learning packs to all who needed them for home-schooling, and working tirelessly with the team to source grants and extra funding. Its my great pleasure, and last act as outgoing President, to present you with a Paul Harris Fellow Award.'

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# **Apologies!**

The Acorn would like to apologise last month we printed that the winner received the small business award and not the Creative business award they won.



# Euro Competition Winners



Mrs Dady of Warmden Avenue, Baxenden.

Won £50 of Acorn Community News Vouchers



Mrs Threlfall of Burnley Road, Accrington

Won a hamper which consisted of vouchers from Cafe 88, Brie Mine & gifts and vouchers from Acorn Community News and a selection of Fudge from the Finest Fudge Company.



Mina Anwar said: "10 years of Acorn news!
Congratulations. Now more than ever we need community and connection and Acorn news has provided that in abundance for many years to its readers. I'd like to personally thank Peter Jones for such huge support of my acting, singing and directing work over the years. Your reviews are brilliant and honest and long may they continue. Happy 10th Anniversary from this proud Accringtonian."



# open all flowers



### Open All Flowers, Clayton Le Moors said

"What or more importantly who is the Acorn Community News? Well its probably easier to say what it is not first: It's not a big, distant, uncaring, grab your money and go publication, it's not a "I'm here today gone tomorrow Sales Person, It's not printed out of town publication, with no knowledge of what's happening locally. So what is it? It's a direct to your local customers door, every month, and verified as delivered by a local trusted delivery team, locally focused magazine, that promotes local businesses and local news, It's choc full of Hyndburn's finest businesses who trust in the Acorn with their advertising, It also champions local good causes and many hidden gems you may not have heard of. As for who is it and why you should consider it. It's local lady Tracy Simmonds who for 10 Years has been the beating heart of her magazine the Acorn I've tried it for my business and it works, because Tracy works to maximise your business. Its as simple as this, folk read the ACORN and then they call your business."



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Pictured - Paul and Sarah Barton (owners of Barton & Hallworth FS) and Mark Porteous - SAIF National President, With Terry Tennens - SAIF Chief Executive, kind enough to take the photo.

Paul and I were honoured to recently receive a visit from SAIF's (The National Society of Allied & Independent Funeral Directors) top brass - their Chief Executive Terry Tennens and their National President Mark Porteous.

They both popped in to have an informal chat ahead of the North West Regional meeting being held at Howe Bridge Crematorium in Atherton

The conversation was largely about the impact and implementation of the new Government legislation that came into effect on the 16th September, where funeral directors in England must now by law display a standardised price list in their premises and also in their display windows, luckily for us, we have always kept our prices as low as we can to help families, in the way of providing All Inclusive packages with no hidden extras. Another of the requirements is also for funeral homes to now clearly display the ultimate ownership of their business and although we now have the grey hair to prove it, most people know that our company at B&H, is owned and run by us. We were also fortunate during the pandemic to bring in the second generation of Bartons to help out, our sons Matthew & Oliver.

We also chatted about other things currently happening in the funeral sector, such as the delayed time frame for death registration post pandemic in Lancashire, which we are hoping has now been resolved thanks to County Councillor Peter Buckley who voiced our concerns, as well as the likeliness of local restrictions coming back.

Paul & Sarah



Market Street, Church



**Peel Street** 



Black Dog Inn



**Oswaldtwistle Library** 

Christine, Hyndburn Ramblers said: "We would like to say thank you for printing the Hyndburn Ramblers walks programme for the last few years. It has been helpful in promoting the programme and encouraging new walkers. The important thing is to let people know what our walks are and that they are open to everyone. The walks are a good way to enjoy our beautiful countryside, get healthy exercise, meet new people and make new friends. Best wishes."

### Gregs Bacon and Cooked Meats said:

"We at Gregs Bacon and Cooked Meats Accrington wish Tracy and her team all the very best and continued success at Acorn Community News. Ten years has flown by, and Tracy has provided an excellent and informative publication. Many thanks helping us to keep and widen our advertising through a super community monthly. Well done Tracy"

### Julie at Barbara Kays Shoes and Accessories said

"Congratulations to Acorn Community News! 10 years, WOW!! The biggest congratulations go to Tracy, you produce an informative and interesting magazine which you are as enthusiastic about today as you were 10 years ago. Thank you Tracy for ALL you and your Acorn Magazine do to promote our Independent Businesses, Charities and Events. Julie xx"

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On Saturday, August 21st, the Great Harwood Civic Society hosted a Charity Fair on its Town Hall Square. Local voluntary groups took the opportunity to raise funds and publicise the good work they do in the area.

The Great Harwood Town Crier "Cried the Fair", a tradition going back to 1338 when King Edward III granted the town its Charter.

The Mayor of Hyndburn, Councillor Kathleen Pratt, and the Hyndburn MP, Sara Britcliffe, presented the Town Crier, Rawden Kerr, and the Civic Society Chair, Maureen Tomlinson, with trophies won by Rawden in a national competition organised by the Loyal Company of Town Criers reported in the June edition of the Acorn.

The Civic Society would like to thank the voluntary groups for taking part and the people of Great Harwood for braving the rain and showing their support for this annual event









# Annual Horticultural and Craft Show

The 2021 Great Harwood Horticultural and Craft Show, on Saturday, September 4th, gave an opportunity for local residents to show off their growing and handicraft skills once again. The annual event, organised by the Civic Society, was held at the town's Bank Mill Centre for the very first time and this proved a popular venue both for those entering and for those who just came along to view the excellent exhibits on display.

The Mayor of Hyndburn, Councillor Kathleen Pratt, ably assisted by Town Crier, Rawden Kerr, presented the trophies in the ten sections and the special awards went to:

Keith Armer for gaining "Most points in the Show"

Trevor Bullen for his painting of a young lady's face being judged "Best in Show"

Maureen Douglas whose money raising efforts for local charities earned her the cup for "The 2021 Exceptional Contribution to Great Harwood" – the Civic Society Chair, Maureen Tomlinson, handed over a cheque for £135 from one of these efforts to the Mayor for her 2021 Charity Fund.

The Civic Society would like to thank all those who entered the Show, the Judges, the visitors on the day and its own members for making the Show a success.

# Great Harwood District WI Meeting September 2021

Many members of the Women's Institute attended their first formal meeting at the Bank Mill Centre since February last year, on Wednesday the 8th. The lovely, sunny day lessened the number attending but four visitors were welcomed, the meeting was well received and there was time for social chat. A Christmas meal has been arranged for the end of November.

The next monthly meeting will be held at 2pm on Wednesday, 13th October at the Bank Mill Centre and will be the A.G.M.



Hyndburn U3A held its first monthly meeting of 2021on Friday 10th Sept at Trinity in Great Harwood. Members were delighted to be back together and Dave Parkes entertained all present with tales from his career in Education. At its heart, the U3A believe that continuing to learn, develop your interests, make friends and try something new, is a life-long passion.

The motto is "Learn, Laugh and Live".

If you are over 55 years and no longer in full time work or raising a family - we call it your third age. The U3A gives you opportunities to develop your interests, make new friends and have fun. It's local, social, friendly, low-cost and open to all.

How do we work? There is no formal learning as such, however the members join in mutual interest groups. These Groups are the life blood of U3As. At the start of 2020 there were 16 groups - Theatre Group, Book Group, French Conversation, Walking, Beginners' Spanish, Let's do Lunch, Quilting, Science/ Geology, Beginners French, Creative Writing, Circle Dancing, Ukulele, Beginners Ukulele, Drawing, Architectural and Industrial Heritage

Members can form a group whenever they find a mutual interest. In the past we have had Bridge, Canasta and Using Ipads, smartphones etc. Once a month there is a Film Night held at Bank Mill Community Centre in Great Harwood.

The monthly meetings are held on the second Friday of the month at TRINITY in Great Harwood at 2.00pm. Visitors are welcome to come and see what goes on. For further information visit https://u3asites.org.uk/hyndburn or ring 01254 883517 and leave your name and number. Or why not come along to our monthly meeting?



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Coaching Inns were built specifically to service teams of horses and accommodate and refresh passengers. At the turn of the eighteenth century, Accrington had four of these establishments. First opened in 1815, the principal of these was the Red Lion on Abbey Street, the others being the Hargreaves Arms on Manchester Road, the Bay Horse on Church Street and the Commercial Hotel on the corner of Blackburn Road and Church Street. Of these, only the Bay Horse is no longer in existence.

A coach bearing the name of 'The William IV' was the oldest of the regular stagecoach services through Accrington, connecting Clitheroe with Manchester and calling at the Red Lion. It went south at 07:15 making use of the turnpike to Haslingden that opened in 1791, returning north at 19:00 on the 1794 extension of this road to Whalley. 'The Perseverance' called every morning except Sunday at the Red Lion at 06:30 on its way from Blackburn to Manchester, returning in the evening also at 19:00. There was great rivalry between these two coaches as to which could reach Accrington first when returning in the evening.

Another early coach that passed through Accrington was 'The Bowring', although little is known about this coach. It was named after Sir John Bowring a member of the Anti-Corn Law League who, along with Richard Cobden, gave speeches in Accrington for its repeal.

In 1818 there were two coaches serviced at the Red Lion. Both 'The Highflyer' and 'The Rocket' had their horses fed and watered in the yard off Black Abbey en route between Clitheroe and Manchester. In 1824 'The Traveller', as the

coach running between Manchester and Clitheroe was known, was calling at the Red Lion. From 1815 to the coming of the railway in 1848 this was the most prosperous of the inns in the town, making Jacob Lang the most successful of the innkeepers. It brought newspapers from the city to be read out by a literate person to the gathered assembly, the only means at the time of the inhabitants learning the news. This service operated on every day of the week except Fridays, via Bury, Haslingden to Whalley, going north in the morning and returning to Manchester in the evening.

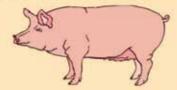
Up until 1811, one driver of stagecoaches was Thomas Hull, who then became the host at The George, on the corner of Warner Street with Abbey Street, (in 1825 renamed the Black Horse).

In 1845 seven coaches made daily return journeys through Accrington, three of which stopped at the Red Lion, 'The William IV' between Clitheroe and Manchester and 'The Trafalgar' between Manchester and Blackburn. 'The Perseverance' called at the Hargreaves Arms en route to Blackburn and at the Red Lion on its return journey. Another utilising the facilities at the Hargeaves Arms was 'The Royal Mail', whilst the Bay Horse played host to 'The Wonder'. 'The Shuttle' from Halifax operating during the summer months called at the Commercial Hotel at 10:30 en route to Lytham and at 15:00 on its return,

By 1848, there was a coach from the Red Lion to Manchester every day except Friday, with Ann Lang (the landlord's daughter) the driver between Accrington and Blackburn, whilst every day with the exception of Mondays, Leonard Hacking was the carrier between Accrington and Manchester. On Mondays the onward carrier of 'The Royal Mail' between Accrington and Burnley, was a resident of Warner Street called Joseph Booth, whilst Richard Taylor, who lived in Abbey Street, was the coachman to Manchester on Tuesdays and Saturdays. On arrival the mail was taken onward by messengers to Enfield and Church. Of the other coaches calling at the Bay Horse Hotel, there was 'The Invincible' at 11:45 en route to Burnley and at 14:00 to Preston. Other operators included, Joseph Booth of Warner Street, who operated a service to Burnley from Accrington every Monday and Thomas Taylor also of Warner Street, who ran every Friday to Preston Railway Station (the nearest one at that time). Every Tuesday and Saturday there was a service to Manchester, operated by Richard Taylor who lived on Abbey Street.

As an aside, the Railway Hotel was renamed shortly after the coming of the railway and the landlord John Stevenson, also ran two Stagecoaches to Blackburn on Wednesdays and Saturdays in competition with the railway, which during the summer season, he extended through to Lytham, then the closest resort on the Fylde Coast. Johnny West was the Coachman at the Railway Hotel stables and drove these excursions, the one to Lytham taking the whole of a day.

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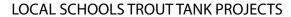
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# **Grant Award Supports Trout Tank Projects**

The Rotary club of Church and Oswaldtwistle are delighted to be awarded a grant from both the Prospects Foundation and the Windfall Trust in support of their 'Rivers in the Classroom' projects at two schools. This will support the work Rotary do, in conjunction with the River Ribble Trust to incubate 100 trout eggs in a classroom based fish tank.

The children care for the eggs and the subsequent hatched fish until they are released into a local river. There is then a field trip where the children learn about water safety and also study the wildlife in and around the river, before letting the fish go. The project is very worthwhile as caring for the trout involves many subjects including ecology, the environment, maths, English and art. The lessons the children learn stay with them for many years, and for some is their first

The projects will start in December this year at St Andrews and Hippings in Oswaldtwistle where we have our Rotakids groups.



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## Dorothy Westell. Hyndburn Over 50's Forum said:

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To celebrate Libraries Week (4th and 10th October) some of the groups and activities are restarting at Accrington Library, here are the groups that are relaunching that week and continuing throughout October:

**Monday 10am Storytime** – a half hour session of stories and songs for pre-school children, places are limited so call into the library to book your slot

**Tuesday 1:30pm Knit and Natter** – join our friendly group of knitters and swap ideas, techniques and patterns whilst having a brew and a social chat

**Friday 10am Baby bounce** – a half hour session of songs and stories for babies and younger toddlers, places are limited so call into the library to book your slot

More activities and groups will be recommencing over the next few weeks, call in to see the latest listings and book your slots

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# Film screening of women's work a huge success at **Accrington Market Hall**

More than 120 people gathered at Accrington Market Hall on Saturday 25th September to view a film screening which brought to life stories of Accrington's working women from the 1940s, 50s, 60s and 70s.

Women's Work showcased the experiences from a generation of women whose voices are long unheard and whose stories often go untold, with the lives they lived helping build the more equal society which we have today.

The culmination of 12 months' work during lockdown recording interviews, community actors and students from the Oswaldtwistle Arts Centre and Burnley College were used to represent the encounters experienced by these women.

Funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund, the History in Action (CIC) project included two screenings at Accrington Market Hall, both of which were very well attended.

Project Co-Ordinator Trizia Wells commented: "It's been absolutely great and the feedback has been really good, including how fantastic it has been for people to remember those times."

"We've had a lot of people staying afterwards to share their memories with us and we will be contacting them in the near future to conduct some more interviews which can be used on our website and to keep as part of our records."

Playwright Mick Martin said: "You always know when something has struck a chord with people because they don't want to go home. We've had lots of people wanting to stay and talk to us afterwards which is really warming and uplifting for us."

For those that missed the film screening, there will be plenty of opportunities to listen back to the funny but also sometimes shocking experiences from Accrington's working women.

Trizia said: "The film is now available to view on the Stanhill Village Website and all the women's stories will be available to view on there within the next few weeks."

"From November there will also be a talking chair at Accrington Library. By sitting in the chair, you will activate this audio loop of extracts from the interviews which we have conducted with these

If you want to share your experiences from living and working in Accrington from the 1940s to 1970s, email trizia@historyinaction.net and visit the Stanhill Village website http://www.stanhillvillage.co.uk/ to tune into the inspiring film.

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# Sports News



# **Disability Football sessions**

"It makes me smile" – that's what Keeley says about the Disability Football sessions hosted by Accrington Stanley Community Trust.

The Trust have hosted the Thursday lunch-time five-a-side kickabouts for around eight years.

They can have up to 20 people attending the sessions, usually coming from day care centres to meet up and play football.

Head of Sport at the Community Trust Lee Walsh said: "It's a weekly session which is open to all, we have been running it for around eight years.

"We now are running it at the hub outdoors on a brand new facility so it's really good. We have people who come from local day care centres and have individuals who come with parents or carers to join in every week.

"It covers a broad range of disabilities, from people with moderate learning difficulties, people who are visually impaired or those with Down's syndrome. We always say come and give it a go no matter what your ability and see if it's for you.

"It's nice to see the looks on their faces when they have a ball at their foot or in a game. We always end the session with a penalty shoot-out which gets competitive, fighting over who has won! Everyone really gets into it.

"We have a team, Accrington Stanley Disability FC, that competes in the LFA Ability Counts League, we go over to Bolton once a month to play and there are around five teams in the north-west involved.

"We like to think we have a session for everybody at the Community Trust. We are inclusive, and lots of people who come to the Trust sessions are Accrington Stanley fans so it's nice to see them involved with the club in a different way."

Keeley, 34, is a relative newcomer to the sessions but looks forward to them: "I feel happy coming here, it makes me smile."

Javid, 44, has been a regular at these sessions for many years and also supports the Reds: "I like to go and watch Accrington Stanley, they are the best team."

Mark, 41, admits he loves being between the sticks: "I save a lot of goals, I am a goalkeeper."



A new facility is now open in Milnshaw Park, Accrington, for families and people of all ages to try out their cycling skills. The pump track, the first of its kind the area, provides opportunities for people to put their skills to the test.

Nestled amongst mature trees and extensive outdoor space, the pump track is ideal for riders of all abilities and age. The 'Adventure Trail Track' is suitable for the very young, perfect for young children on balance bikes, whilst the 'Intermediate track' is ready for advanced riders to showcase their skills.

Cllr Paul Cox, Deputy Leader of Hyndburn Borough Council said: "It is a wonderful facility that allows people to test out their skills and also progress up the tracks as they become more confident. Not only will this new pump track be valuable to local people, it will also attract people from all over Hyndburn and beyond to visit."

The new cycling facility has been made possible following British Cycling awarding Hyndburn Borough Council a grant of £37,500.00 as part of their 'Places To Ride' programme.

Paul continued: "I am proud of Hyndburn Borough Council and our partner organisation's achievements to provide a range of facilities in Milnshaw Park over the past few years, especially at a time when our parks have become more important than ever for people to enjoy. This latest addition to the park will provide enjoyment to all who visit for many years to come."

Local charity, the Hyndburn Green Spaces Forum, working with Hyndburn Borough Council have also been awarded a grant of £30,000 from the Lancashire Environmental Fund towards the project with a further contribution from Lancashire County Council through their 'Connecting East Lancashire' initiative.

Cath Holmes, the chair of the Hyndburn Green Spaces Forum, said: "It's wonderful to see this pump track finished and to see several partners working together to fund it. A fabulous new facility for children and families who visit Milnshaw Park for years to come. We've seen a lot of improvements and transformation in the park over the past few years – play area, outdoor gym and a multi-use games area – which are all very well used - and now the pump track which is proving as popular. Architrail Velosolutions UK have done a cracking job. HGSF thank them and HBC Parks Teams for their hard work and part they played in delivering it."

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