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## R.I.P. RON HILL MBE 1938-2021

We were saddened to hear of the death of Accrington legend, Ron Hill at the age of 82 on May 23rd. Ron was born on September 25th 1938 and became a member of Clayton Harriers before going on to compete in the finals of three Olympic Games. He also set four world records at different distances and became only the second man in history to break 2hr 10 minutes for the marathon. He won gold medals in the 1969 European Championships and the 1970 Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh.

Ron was also a scientist and devised a whole new range of running gear, starting his own clothing company in Cheshire. He also devised his own diet, which enabled him to win the European Championships in 1969, beating some Eastern European athletes who were suspected of using amphetamines.

He was so happy about this diet (now known as carbs loading) that he let it slip in an interview at the time. He was to say later that he should never have opened his mouth, because it started a revolution in long-distance running and no longer gave him that edge.

He received the Freedom of the Borough in 2012, the year of the London Olympics.

He was a phenomenal athlete and arguably one of the best marathon runners in the world at his peak. He also has a formidable record and this is how Wikipedia describe it:

"Hill did not miss a day of running between 20 December 1964 and 30 January 2017 – a total of 52 years and 39 days. Hill defined a "run" as completing a distance of at least one mile at any pace. His streak included workouts after a car crash in 1993 when Hill broke his sternum, and after bunion surgery, after which he used a crutch to cover one mile (1.6 km) in 27 minutes the next day. In December 2013, his streak entered its 50th year; his total logged lifetime mileage was at 158,628. At the end of April 2014 it stood at 159,106.5. On 20 December 2014, Hill completed Manchester's 5 km Heaton Park parkrun, achieving his goal of running at least a mile a day for 50 years."

Peter Jones 2021



## MAYOR OF HYNDBURN ELECTED

Councillor Kath Pratt has been elected as Mayor of Hyndburn 2021/2022 during a ceremony in the Ballroom at Accrington Town Hall on Thursday 22 May.

The event followed strict Covid-safety measures and a further event will be held later this year to commemorate the occasion.

Councillor Kath Pratt, Mayor of Hyndburn:

"It is with pleasure I accept the Mayoral duty and thank you all for this honour. I hope to follow in the footsteps of my predecessor, Councillor June Harrison, who has worked with unwavering dignity and dedication as a wonderful ambassador for our borough.

"I will continue the fantastic work she has done throughout her time in office, working tirelessly to raise vital funds for local charities. I am looking forward to learning more about the people and organisations that form our vibrant Hyndburn community and attending many events, when it is safe to do so.

"Although the ceremony was held differently this year with social distancing in place, it was wonderful to see all the elected members in the magnificent ballroom. After so many months of meetings taking place virtually it was great to have the opportunity to come together."

Mayor of Hyndburn, Cllr Kath Pratt, has been a councillor for Baxenden for 14 years and has worked closely with many charities throughout the years. For her term as Mayor, Cllr Pratt has chosen to support: RNLI, Pioneer Swimming Club, Rosemere Charity and will also choose a local mental health charity.

"There are so many wonderful organisations and charities, it was a difficult decision who to support with the Mayoral Charity Fund. I have chosen charities that mean something to me personally and that I know do fantastic work."

Cllr Kath Pratt is treasurer of the RNLI Hyndburn and Ribble Valley Branch, a Coach and Trustee at Pioneer Swimming Club and will be supporting Rosemere Cancer Foundation, after losing loved ones to cancer.

"I will also be choosing a local mental health charity to support. My previous work experience in Mental Health has led me to be concerned about 'Revolving Door Syndrome' which is where people recover from illness, then relapse. This is a risk to anyone with a mental health condition and something which I feel passionately about helping to combat, especially as the last year has meant many more people are suffering with their mental health."



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## OVER £20,000 RAISED BY HYNDBURN'S MAYOR THROUGHOUT 2019 – 2021

Outgoing Mayor and Mayoress of Hyndburn, Councillor June Harrison and Councillor Joyce Plummer have raised over £20,000 since being elected in 2019.

Councillor June Harrison said:

"I would like to offer my heartfelt thanks to my Mayoral Charity Committee and all the staff who have supported me throughout my extended period as Mayor.

In 2019/2020 we raised £16,000 which was distributed throughout many local charities to help them continue the great work they do in our community.

"Due to the pandemic our term as Mayor and Mayoress was extended for one year and we chose to support the Hyndburn Hub. With events and many of the usual fundraising opportunities being cancelled we chose to set up an online just giving page.

"Over £5,500 was raised through this page and many individuals, businesses and organisations contributed. I am very pleased to announce this money will be distributed amongst the foodbanks in Hyndburn, who continue to help anyone in need in our borough.

"I wish our new Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Consort all the best and know they will do a fantastic job for our district over the coming year."

### 2019/2020 Mayoral Charity Raised:

Play4uz2 - £3646, Clayton Amateur Boxing Club - £4000, Hyndburn Macmillan Cancer Support - £2694, Derian House Children's Hospice £2100, North West Air Ambulance - £2100, Hyndburn Hub - £1000, 1st Oswaldtwistle Scouts - £76, Accrington Sea Cadets - £76, Rotary Club of Accrington - £76, VICS Visually Impaired Children's Support - £76, Hyndburn Over 50's Club - £76, Hyndburn Wheels For All - £76

### 2020/2021 Mayoral Charity Raised:

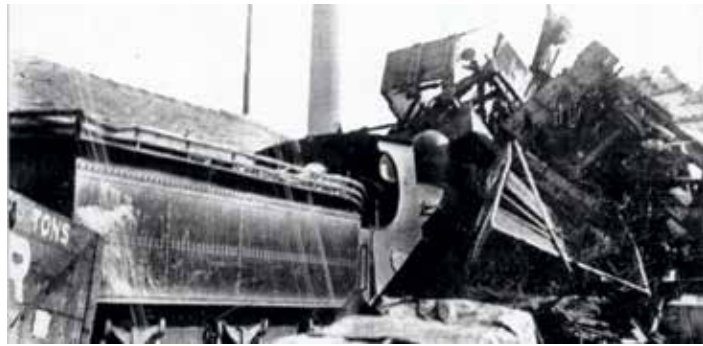
Hyndburn Hub - £5,599.03

### The Mayor and Mayoress also donated:

£100 to Derian House, £100 to Hyndburn Macmillan Cancer Support



# THE RUNAWAY TRAIN CAME DOWN THE HILL, PART 3 – by Ellison Street.



The worst accident to occur on the Accrington Line was on September 3rd, 1860, only a couple of years after the takeover by the Lancashire & Yorkshire Railway. Although not as severe as the incline out of Accrington to Baxenden, coming in the other direction the climb from Stubbins to Baxenden summit had a ruling gradient of 1:78 for almost four miles, steepening to 1:68 just before the top. On this date three well loaded excursions were returning from Manchester to Burnley and Colne. At this time trains were not separated by space in a 'block' system, where no train could enter a section until the proceeding train had cleared, but by a time interval. This system had obvious flaws. However, the first train had safely gone over the top, whilst the second train followed on behind. Unfortunately, as this train reached Grane Road in Haslingden, the coupling between the locomotive and the rear twelve carriages broke. This was before a safety vacuum braking device had become standard, which would have brought the runaways to a halt, so they began to return whence they

had come at an increasing speed. Unaware, the driver of the third train was coming forward, with the result that near Helmsshore Station the inevitable collision occurred. With considerable force the engine was thrown off the rails along with several of the carriages, but their couplings held so this train remained together. Sadly, the carriages that had broken free suffered catastrophic damage, and it was within these that the eleven fatalities happened along with sixty-two injuries. The L & Y had a poor reputation for safety at this period and was severely censured, whilst railway engineers set about finding ways to avoid similar tragedies in the future.

On August 16th, 1924, the 10pm fast goods from Earby to Salford was being banked up Baxenden incline from Accrington, when it began to run out of control after passing the summit. The rails were wet and greasy and the locomotive, L & Y number 444 with 57 loaded wagons and a trailing weight of 600 tons, started to run away. It careered through Haslingden before being spotted by the signalman at Helmsshore. He arranged for it to be directed into a loop at Stubbins Junction, whereupon it struck wagons in Ramsbottom goods yard. The Aspinall 0-6-0 tender locomotive came to rest in the goods warehouse after its telescoping wagons had demolished the permanent way office. Driver Aughton of Newton Heath was concussed and suffered abrasions to his head, whilst fireman Bannister also received facial injuries. It was thought the accident was due to 'Little Egbert' 0-8-2 banking engine, number 1501, not detaching early enough from the rear of the train at the summit, so the brakes on the wagons couldn't be pinned down before the downgrade began. This engine could not have been badly damaged as it lasted in service up until 1953, when it was allocated to Newton Heath Sheds as British Railways 52304.

***These are just a small selection of the problems which occurred on this section of railway. Next time we are 'on the buses'.***



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# Hyndburn Business Awards 2021

THIRTY businesses and organisations have been selected as finalists for the sixth Hyndburn Business Awards, along with two contenders for the Enterprising Person title.

2021

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BUSINESS AWARDS

The awards are organised by Enterprising People and plans are in place for a face-to-face presentation to be held at Accrington Town Hall on the evening of Tuesday June 22. However alternative dates of July 6 and July 20 have also been reserved in case there is any slippage with the easing of restrictions.

Rob Carder, from Enterprising People, said: "I would like to say thank you for the 589 nominations we received for 139 businesses in the Hyndburn area.

"Organisers also received 53 enterprising people nominations and 11 suggestions for the Pride of Hyndburn title making judging quite tricky.

"It is heartening to see how fantastically well our local businesses have done throughout the pandemic.

"They have risen to the many challenges, changed the way they did business and showed true grit and fortitude to survive the pandemic while also helping others.

"Last year we had to hold the presentation virtually, this year we are determined to be back in person handing out the trophies at the town hall."

The overall winner of Hyndburn Business Awards will be presented with a specially engraved Beacon Award trophy at the culmination of the ceremony.

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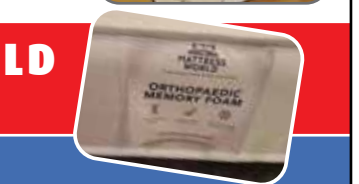
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I look forward to visiting many of our bars, cafés and restaurants to sample our wonderful culinary delights, it has been a long wait for many but still be cautious as we are not fully out of the woods yet.

I also want to congratulate our new businesses that have opened and are due to open in the coming months in the Borough of Hyndburn, Please make sure you Keep Local and shop Local so that our businesses can survive

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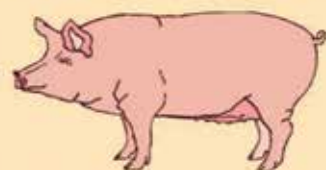
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So what can a Crier do when he can't be heard? In the case of the Loyal Company of Town Criers (one of two of the biggest Crier organisations in Britain,) they turned to quill and parchment and wrote a competition. Town Crying is not just volume. It also involves content and subject matter, so a written competition sounded different enough to be exciting.

One of our membership is involved in a charity that deals with mental health crisis issues. The charity is called Shout. Now what better charity for a Town Crier! Shout! The period commencing 10th May 2021 was Mental Health Awareness Week and their topic for this year is Nature and the Environment, so we decided that would be the subject. There were over seventy members eligible to enter, and Great Harwood was one that took up the task.

No, we didn't win – but we came second. That's pretty good, don't you think, especially when you realise that the winner, from Dorchester, is a former British Champion Town Crier. And to crown it all, Great Harwood won the accolade of most money donated to the charity from proceeds of the "Cry."

If you wish to donate, please do so via the Loyal Company of Town Criers Facebook site.

### OYEZ, OYEZ, OYEZ!!

**Nature is geology and chemicals and weather  
Left to themselves, they all work well together.  
Nature is natural, it evolves all on its own  
And will best use Earth's bounty if we leave it alone.  
Environment, however, is how nature tries to thrive  
We should listen to nature if we wish to survive.  
By changing the Environment, there's the worrying chance  
Of obstructing the pathway of Nature's natural advance.  
It's useless creating energy, for all that it's worth,  
If it means depleting the insides of dear, Mother Earth  
Fossil fuels create gases that blot out the sun  
And before we can shout "OYEZ", global warming has begun.  
So, my cry is for Nature – it's so important we take heed  
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Hyndburn Stray Dogs in Need is a local charity run by former Hyndburn Dog Warden, Stephen Wood. It is a not for profit organisation and relies on its volunteers and the generosity of the public. Stephen takes up the story:

"We have been working as a charity since 2001. We started out of necessity because I as the dog warden I thought it was wrong to put healthy dogs to sleep because of a lack of funds, so a group of like-minded people decided that we should start up a proper registered Charity so we could go about raising money to help pay for the Stray Dogs extra Kennelling, as the Council is only allowed to pay for 8 days in total, we also made it our policy to pay for any Veterinary fees that the Stray Dogs needed. The council were quite happy for us to go ahead as long as we didn't incur any cost to them.

"The Charity was registered with the Charities Commission with the mandate to help any Stray Dogs in Hyndburn and pay for all the extra cost. We have a board of trustees and comply with all of our statutory duties: i.e. sending in accounts every year audited by a qualified Chartered Accountant. Our aim is to raise funds for the Stray Dogs of Hyndburn we do this via our Charity Shop."

I asked Stephen what the public could do to help with this endeavour. He told me:

"The public can help by visiting our shop and donating quality goods for us to sell."

Stephen then told me about all the help needed to run this wonderful charity:

"Everyone involved with the Charity is a volunteer; we don't pay anyone; it's all for the love of the dogs."

I asked if he could share any success stories so far and he said:

"We have had many successes in our 21 years, won many awards but our biggest is the fact stray dogs are being re-homed and not put to sleep."

Here at Acorn News wish Stephen and his co-workers much more success in the future.

If you would like to visit the shop the address is:

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## HYNDBURN RESIDENTS INVITED TO HAVE THEIR SAY ON HUNCOAT PLANS

The consultation is now open for people to get involved and give their views on the 'Huncoat Garden Village' development proposals.

Hyndburn Borough Council have been busy working with their consultants, Arcadis, to develop and build on the previous proposals. The preferred Masterplan has been shaped by ideas from two previous public consultations, which invited the community to steer ideas.

Guiding future development in Huncoat to meet the demand for more new homes in Hyndburn, the Masterplan details a series of proposals for the creation of Huncoat Garden Village. The Masterplan includes proposals for a new village centre, a new road, existing road network improvements and high-quality new homes.

The aim is to promote Huncoat as a location within Pennine Lancashire where people desire to live, work and enjoy.

Mark Hoyle, Head of Regeneration and Housing at Hyndburn Borough Council, said: "I am really pleased the Preferred Masterplan is now available for people to see and have their say on. The information and feedback we have received since 2018 has shaped the journey so far. To the school children who got involved, members of Huncoat Forum, landowners and businesses, those who attended the exhibitions or completed the online forms, thank you for your valuable input and we welcome your views on the preferred option."

Huncoat Garden Village is an opportunity for new high-quality housing in an attractive setting with community facilities, access to employment opportunities and vital improvement to transport connections. Alongside new infrastructure there are also proposals to develop open space and green corridors to improve wellbeing and village life for all. The public consultation is taking place as a questionnaire and is open until 6 June 2021.

Due to the pandemic, the consultation process will be happening in a slightly different way. All the information is available online, including details of the previous consultations, an exhibition incorporating the preferred Masterplan option, and questionnaire can be accessed directly through the website: [www.huncoatgardenvillage.co.uk](http://www.huncoatgardenvillage.co.uk).

Mark Continued: "Hyndburn Borough Council are working to make sure anyone who may struggle to access the online information also has the opportunity to take part. Please help us spread the word, if you know anyone who would like to take part and may not see this information let them know they can also request a questionnaire to be posted to them."

To request the consultation information and questionnaire by post please call **07768 632556** or email [enquiries@hyndburnbc.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@hyndburnbc.gov.uk)

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## WOODLAND REGENERATION PROJECT

Church and Oswaldtwistle Rotary has taken on an ambitious project to regenerate a woodland adjacent to Tinker Brook in Oswaldtwistle. The woodland was planted around 35 years ago but has long been neglected. It has become overgrown and suffers from fly tipping and litter. Rotary has got together with local residents and Ossy Litter pickers to tackle the litter problem, collecting over 100 bags of trash. They have also liaised with the council to try to arrange the removal of the more hazardous waste and with Ribble Rivers Trust to arrange a clear up of Tinker Brook. Once the rubbish has been cleared the trees need attention and the invasive Himalayan Balsam needs clearing. All this will be undertaken with the help of HBC and the Prospects Foundation. Church and Oswaldtwistle Rotary Environmental Team Lead Dawn Taylor said 'This is a really worthwhile project. We want to seed a wildflower meadow in the woodland, attracting bees and butterflies. It will hopefully become a wonderful area for people to walk and enjoy nature'. If any local people would like to help out please contact via [environment@candorotary.org.uk](mailto:environment@candorotary.org.uk) or via the website [www.candorotary.org.uk](http://www.candorotary.org.uk)

## Sports News



## STANLEY FOOTBALL COURSES RETURN THIS JUNE

Our popular Football development centres will return to Stanley Sports Hub on Monday 7th June 6pm till 7pm.

The sessions cater for all children aged 4-10, boys and girls. The sessions are a fun way to learn new skills and help develop your child into a better player; sessions cover a range of footballing topics followed by small sided games.

Head of Sport Lee Walsh explains 'the sessions cater for everybody, whether it's your first time playing football or you're a regular player you will find each week extremely enjoyable'.

The cost of a session is just £3.50 when booked online or £4 if you turn up on the night.

Returning on Saturday 12th June is our football course for 2-4 year olds, Stanley Kickers at St Christopher's 9am till 10am and 10am till 11am.

The sessions are aimed at those children that are taking their first steps into football getting them used to the feel of the ball at their feet.

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## OSSY JOGGERS SETTLE INTO THEIR 'NEW HOME'

After several years of temporary venues, Ossy Joggers finally have a place to call home. Suzanne Brennan contacted us to share the great news. The move took place on Monday May 10th and Suzanne had this to say:

**"As from Monday 10th May, Ossy Joggers are relocating to their new 'Home'...Church and Oswaldtwistle Cricket Club, West End, Ossy. After six years of being homeless and borrowing different venues around Ossy from very generous organisations, we have finally been offered the use of facilities to use as our 'Forever Home'. We are over the moon to say the least and very excited to work with CCC.**

We are planning to meet at CCC for the first time on Monday and launch the new venue with our members. We have a few ideas planned about how to celebrate it.

Suzanne very kindly sent us some pictures of those celebrations as you will see here.



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