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**April
2021**

*'He is not here; He
is risen, as he said'.
Matthew 28:6*

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From the Book of Remembrance

Gone But Not Forgotten, Those We Love But See No More

April

1st	William Alfred Riley	1995
	Albert Roy Peter	2007
2nd	John James King	1993
5th	Sarah Smith	1998
10th	John Bickerstaffe	2012
11th	Mary Ann Charnley	1977
	Eileen Elizabeth Banister	2020
14th	Joan Mary Croasdale	2020
18th	John Robert Stott	1952
	Lena Taylor	1994
	Earnest Taylor	2000
19th	William Lindsay	1957
29th	William Dyson	1979

If you would like to put a name in the Book, please ask for a form from one of the Church Wardens. Thank you.

Church Flowers

The flowers in April are in celebration of Easter and in memory of Eunice Rigby

April

4th	Easter Flowers
11th	Easter Flowers
18th	Jim Rigby
25th	Jim Rigby



Would you like to sponsor flowers for a special anniversary or memorial? All the names are mentioned in the magazine. Contact Joan Hopcraft: 01254 854465

Life Events



March

Funeral:

19th Jeffrey Edmund Callister

Baptism:

12th Michael Roger Hopcraft

Services

April

1st	Holy Communion	6.30pm
2nd	Hour at the Cross	10.00am
4th	Easter Day	
	Holy Communion	10.30am
	Holy Communion	6.30pm
7th	Service of the Word	6.30pm
11th	Holy Communion	10.30am
	Service of the Word	6.30pm
14th	Service of the Word	6.30pm
18th	Holy Communion	10.30am
	Service of the Word	6.30pm
21st	Bishop Philip	6.30pm
25th	Holy Communion	10.30am
	Service of the Word	6.30pm
28th	Service of the Word	6.30pm

May

2nd	Holy Communion	10.30am
	Service of the Word	6.30pm
5th	Service of the Word	6.30pm
9th	Holy Communion	10.30am
	Service of the Word	6.30pm
12th	Service of the Word	6.30pm



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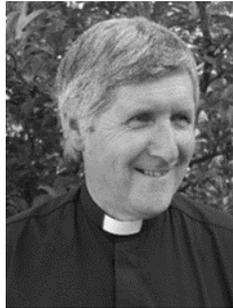
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Wired to the Moon



Dear Friends

Farewell Lent 2021

I do hope you have had a good Lent! If you recall there was encouragement to take up rather than

give up. I failed miserably on the 'giving up' – I lasted but a few days on the chocolate abstention.....

'Taking up' had slightly better outcomes but could have done better.

We also made efforts to 'Draw Closer to God' and develop our relationship with Jesus. I hope that as we travelled through the 40 days of Lent our reflections on forgiveness and repentance we had the opportunity to recognize our weakness but also the hope that on the Cross, God's abundant Love for each one of us allows us to place these weaknesses at the foot of the cross and allow God's forgiveness to flow from the Cross. Being able to see God all around is a source of strength and comfort. Allow me to share an item I read in the parish magazine of St Chad's Poulton-le-Fylde, penned by Rev Martin Keighley.

There is an old story from India about a young boy who told his father that he had decided there was no God. The father told him to find a bowl of water and some salt, to pour the salt into the water, stir it and leave overnight. The next day the father asked the son to bring him the salt but as it had dissolved he was unable to fulfil the request. The father then told him to sip the water and he asked him how it tasted. "Salty" the boy answered, He then told his son to throw the water on the floor. The next day the father took him back where the water had been thrown and with the water evaporated, the salt had reappeared. "Like salt in water, we may not be able to see God directly in our world, but he is there" the dad concluded.

God does not always reveal Himself to us in an obvious way. Rather, like salt water, we need to taste Him and recognize Him all around us. He is in the moments of love, beauty and joy that touch us each day. When we experience these things, we encounter Him and we must open our eyes to see and experience His presence around us.

Hello Easter 2021

As we move through Holy Week and into Easter Day, we can experience through our rhythm of worship, the imagery of Maundy Thursday, the agony of the Cross but the outrageous joy of the empty tomb. I do hope you are able to join in the services, details of which have been published elsewhere.

Easter Day is the pinnacle of hope for the Christian – the significance is never more so than in this, the second Easter of the pandemic. The love, power and glory of the God in the salt water is there and may you experience Him as you journey on in hope

Finally.....

Carolyn and Michael Sands have moved to Cumbria and by now will be settling into their new home. We thank Carolyn, supported by Michael, for her contribution to the choral tradition here at St James and for her generosity of time and talent in the zillions of jars of marmalade, many aprons, crafts and much more. We offer our love and prayers for this transition.

Easter Blessings,



Sharing The Good News Over the Airwaves



Do you ever get chance to listen to the radio? Perhaps at the start of the day, or in the kitchen when preparing a meal; whilst on the move, or to help you wind down after a busy day? If so, do you prefer music, chat or news and current affairs? Or perhaps a mix of these, tuning in at different times of the day and week?

I love listening to the radio and have done since I was a teenager when my parents bought me my own radio. I tune in at the start of each day, then dip in and out during the day, around the home or in the car, depending on what I am doing. Over the years, I have tuned in to Radios 1, 2, 3 & 4, Radio Lancashire, Radio Luxembourg, Classic FM and, in my student days even French radio!

Several years ago, I was encouraged to give the UK Christian Radio Station, United Christian Broadcasters, a try. The lady who introduced me to it said, "It's fab! It's like having church on all day!!" I wasn't too sure what to expect, but I tuned in on DAB radio and now I am a very regular listener, tuning in most days at some point.

In its Vision Statement, United Christian Broadcasters (UCB) describes itself as "a Christian media charity that exists to offer every person, in every place, every moment of the day, the opportunity to hear, watch or read the Word of God in a relevant and engaging way". Here's what David Taviner, Director of UCB Radio has to say about it....

"I remember first hearing UCB radio one Christmas some years ago. I stumbled across it on my car radio. And I thought 'this

sounds good'. "I recall telling someone that the mix of Christian music and presenter chat was so refreshing. In fact, used the word 'edifying'. It restored my faith in humanity because I'd listened to so much radio that was either full of political arguments or superficial music or inane banter from radio 'personalities' who had nothing to say. I had discovered radio that meant something to me as a Christian, that had values that chimed with mine, and yet also challenged my faith and helped me to ask healthy questions about what it means to be a follower of Jesus in this day and age.

"So here we are with two amazing radio stations – broadcasting on DAB across the UK, on the mobile UCB player app and around the world online ucb.co.uk/listen. "What a privilege it is to be able to listen to Christian radio, playing inspiring songs with presenters and guests talking in every day terms about life and faith! The presenters become your friends and UCB becomes part of your family. "You can tune in any time of the day and night all year round and be encouraged, informed and entertained – whether you've been a Christian all your life or you're just asking those questions to make sense of life. "And you have a great choice: UCB 1 plays carefully selected contemporary Christian music and covers topics in a way that's relevant to those asking questions about Christianity as well as those who have made it their life-choice. In contrast, UCB 2 features a fantastic selection of worship songs and includes personal stories and helpful Bible insights for any Christian. "Without the need for adverts and with the freedom to be authentic, fun, prayerful and encouraging, UCB 1 and UCB 2 hit the sweet spot for thousands of listeners. And every day we hear from people about the impact the radio stations have made, whether it's restoring relationships, getting

people back on track or putting them in touch with God. To be honest, it's enormously humbling."

"If you haven't yet heard either of the stations try them out. A recent survey of UCB supporters indicated not everyone has heard of UCB radio-or even realised these national Christian stations existed. If that's you, how about having a listen? You should find, like me, that it does you the world of good."

From my own experience listening to UCB2, I wholeheartedly agree with David. The radio programmes have a mix of inspiring testimonies from ordinary people, across all walks of life, about how God has impacted their lives and changed them for the better. The presenters are passionate about sharing The Good News and encouraging listeners on our Christian journey. There is cheerful chat on the matters of the moment, uplifting songs of worship and praise, exploration of God's word and engaging bible teaching. Time is taken to explore the faith perspective in the stories behind the news and there are opportunities to ask for prayer and to hear answers to prayer. There is a telephone prayerline service and a wide range of online, digital and hard copy resources, to help you, wherever you are on your Christian journey, whatever your age and however you prefer to link in.

Over the years UCB 2 has been there for me in a number of ways, through the good times, the challenging times and the in between times. During times of serious illness in my family, the presenters and/or their guests have shared words of wisdom, either from the Bible or from life stories, that were relevant to me, such that I felt that God was speaking to me personally about my own situation. Those words encouraged me to turn to God in prayer and to hold on

in faith; they sustained me as my family and I journeyed through the dark days and back out into the sunshine.

Hearing many powerful testimonies and reading daily devotionals, has inspired me to reflect on my own relationship with God. It has broadened my understanding of God and how He works. It has deepened my love for God and enriched my faith. One day, I listened to an interesting testimony where the guest speaker had asked God to tell him how He saw him. The speaker painted a beautiful picture of what God had shared with him. That testimony spurred me on to ask God how he saw me.

A couple of weeks later, I was looking for a particular topic in a book a friend had given me. As I found the particular section I was looking for, the following words immediately grabbed my attention:

"You are my servant, I have chosen you and not cast you off; do not fear, for I am with you." Isaiah 41:9-10.

"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine ... You are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you." Isaiah 43:1,4.

Wow! It was such beautiful wording! It lifted off the page! I sensed that this was God's answer to my prayer. I felt moved, humbled, honoured and thankful. In these few words from Scripture we can see how God views His relationship with us.

During Lent we have the opportunity to reflect on our own personal relationship with God. As Lent draws to a close and we journey on to Easter and beyond, I encourage you to give UCB a try. I hope and pray you would find, like me, that it does indeed do you the world of good.

Christine Durber

Bible Verses for Holy Week

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.

John 13:34

We must also consider how to encourage each other to show love and to do good things.

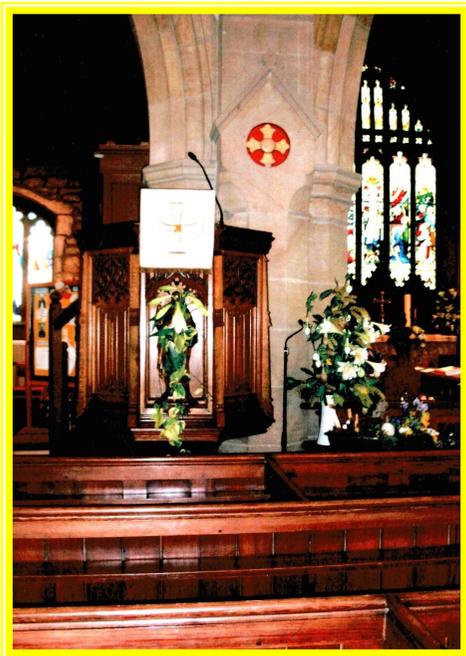
Hebrews 10:24

Bible Verses for Easter Day:

Psalms 118

1 O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! 14 The LORD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

24 This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.



Hymn

Thine be the glory, Risen, conquering Son,
Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won;

Angels in bright raiment Rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave-clothes Where thy body lay.

Thine be the glory, Risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won!

Lo, Jesus meets us, Risen from the tomb;
Lovingly he greets us, Scatters fear and gloom;

Let the Church with gladness Hymns of triumph sing,

For her Lord now liveth, Death hath lost its sting.

Thine be the glory, Risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won!

No more we doubt thee, Glorious Prince of life;

Life is naught without thee: Aid us in our strife;

Make us more than conquerors Through thy deathless love;

Bring us safe through Jordan To thy home above:

Thine be the glory, Risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won!

Left: *An Easter photo by Eileen Banister*



Brindle Historical Society

Monday 19th April at 7.30 pm

Unfortunately due to a misunderstanding, for which I must apologise, our speaker on 15 March, the Rev'd Keith Richardson, was not able to deliver his talk on William Pickles Hartley, jam maker, Methodist, and philanthropist. We have, however, since confirmed with him that he can speak on Monday 19 April at 7.30 pm, the date and time of our next talk in our 2021 programme.

On 15 March we were though treated to an impromptu potted history from Bernard Fleming, supported by Pat Fleming, about Top o' th' Lane and its history. The cottages were originally built for quarrymen and weavers. The weavers were handloom weavers, collecting bales of cotton from barges on the canal for weaving in the cottages after which the cloth was taken to the mill in the bottom at Lower Copthorne for dyeing. Small though they are, there were numerous looms in the cottages; one room, for example, contained 6 looms; at one time there were some 300 people in the cottages. The Brindle Workhouse, although started by the parish in the early 1700's in a small converted mass house for only a few people, later took poor from numerous parishes in the area and became a substantial business housing between 200 and 300. At one time some 80 townships were recorded as sending their poor to Brindle. The conditions were harsh. It was closed in 1872. In 1848 there was a very large meeting of Chartists on top of Denham Hill when a number of thousands of people came from the surrounding area to hear the outcome of a vote in parliament on electoral reform. Post WW2 in the cold war a Royal Observer Corps monitoring post was constructed on Denham Hill. Closed in 1991, this "nuclear bunker" is currently being restored with the aid of a Lottery grant. So there is much of interest at Top o' th' Lane; and it was a busy place. We are considering arranging a walk round during a summer evening to see and hear more.

Our next talk will, as mentioned above, be on 19th April at the usual time of 7.30 pm. As was the case on 15 March, the talk will be held by Zoom. A link to the meeting will be sent to all members in due course and to all non-members who send an email to brindlehistoricalsociety@outlook.com and ask to be sent a link.

Any queries please contact Henry Stone either by telephone (Land line 01254 854290) or by email (henry.stone.t21@btinternet.com).

Please look on our web site or Facebook page for information about the Society's activities.



MONEY MATTERS

Thank you to everyone who is giving by standing order at the moment. It makes a massive difference now that the church is closed, as we have lost the way to receive gifts by envelopes or cash in the collection plate.

Brindle St, James' church bills have only reduced marginally. As a church, Brindle St James relies wholly on donations to operate and provide care and support in the community.

We want to continue and indeed do more, strengthened by the knowledge of our love and fellowship for each other and the love our Lord has for us. We are asking, for the benefit of your church, that everyone considers giving by bank transfer. And if possible, increase giving to sustain our church's mission and ministry at the end of this health crisis.

Thank you.

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Thank you



Spring Term at Brindle St James' Primary School

We have had another busy term in school! In January all families were faced with another national lockdown after Christmas which meant that school was only open to children of critical workers and vulnerable children. This of course meant that our staff and children had to adjust to a new timetable of remote learning which became 'the new normal'.



This did not deter the spirit of Brindle St James' CE Primary School! All of the staff and children worked extremely hard to adjust to this but of course it was not the same as having all of us together in school. We also held Zoom celebration assemblies every week and enjoyed having Sam Nicol to talk to us in worship each month. We would also like to thank our parents and carers for all of their support during this time and for the lovely messages of thanks that we received.

We celebrated 'Children's Mental Health Week' in February, focusing on how we can all look after ourselves by being mindful and remembering that we are all unique! The children wore a colour from the rainbow and we focused on wellbeing throughout the week. In school we have a mindfulness area that the children can use if needed and also for nurture style groups. We have had a new addition to this area, a cat called Precious! She is a therapy toy who even breathes! She will be used for the children to soothe themselves and help them to express their emotions.



Congratulations!

In February Mrs Austin was appointed Headteacher at Brindle St James' CE Primary School. All the staff and children were delighted! Mrs Austin had a lovely surprise the morning after when she came into school to find her office decorated with balloons and confetti! All the staff and children look forward to many happy years with Mrs Austin as our Headteacher.



Easter

We are holding our Easter service via zoom this year. Each class will take part in the service by saying prayers and reading. We will be joined online by our parents, Reverend Ward and Sam Nicol.

Wishing everyone a very Happy Easter, from all the staff and pupils at Brindle St James' Primary School.



Little Cuckoos

In Church we have been talking about the Easter story. How sad Jesus's friends must have been when they saw that Jesus had died on the cross. Jesus's friend Joseph took Jesus's body away and put Him in a stone tomb on the hill.

Two days later Jesus's friend Mary went to the tomb, but she saw that the stone had been rolled away and the tomb was empty, Jesus was gone. Mary saw a man near the tomb and said 'where have you taken Jesus?'. When the man began to speak to her, she saw that it was Jesus! He was alive! Mary ran the tell Jesus's friends the disciples and they were very Happy.



The poem below celebrates the special day when Jesus rose again.

Easter Day

by Evaleen Stein

*Christ the Lord is risen today!
Angels rolled the stone away
From the tomb wherein He lay!*

*Little children, come and sing,
"Glory, glory to the King,
Christ the Lord of everything!"*

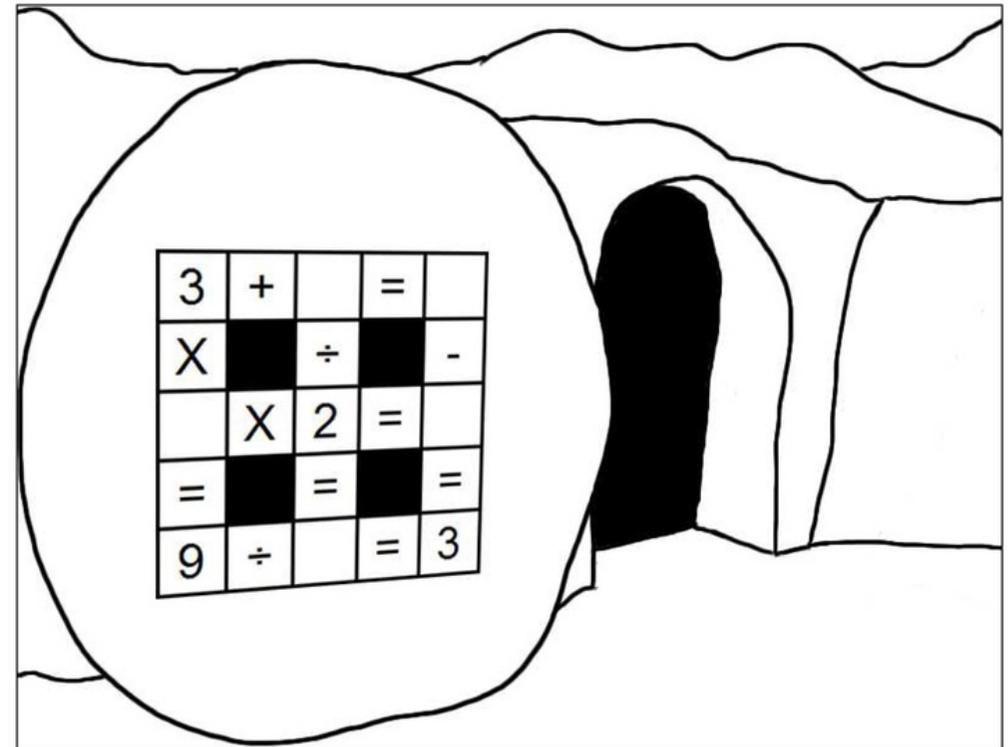


Why not try the puzzle on the page opposite! I'd love to see your work. Please take a photo of your answers and send it to: brindle.voice@brindlestjames.co.uk

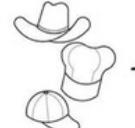
Happy Easter!

Easter Puzzle

Complete the sums on the tomb stone...



... then find the hidden message from Luke 24 v 6

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 B+ -H _____	 -T _____	 + -AN	 -VE _____

NOTICE BOARD

May Edition

The deadline for items to be included in the April edition of the eVoice is **Sunday April 18th**. Please email your articles to:

brindle.voice@brindlestjames.co.uk

Comments, suggestions, recipes and cover photos welcomed!

SCARVES FOR THE HOMELESS CHALLENGE 2021 UPDATE



IN MARCH:- We have received **104 scarves** bringing the total so far to **177**.

THANKS EVERYBODY!

Also, we have delivered **46 to The Salvation Army** and **41 to Creative Housing** this month.

THE PROJECT CONTINUES ALL THE WAY THROUGH TO THE END OF THIS YEAR
KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!!

Suggested size of a **KNITTED** or **CROCHET** scarf is 6" or 15cm wide by 5ft or 1.5m long

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as part of

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EVENT on 18th September 2021**



A Kit comprising a seed potato, a pot and the compost to grow it in are available from **Old Oak Nurseries on Hoghton Lane from 1st April** for a minimum donation of **£5.00**.

The kits are being sponsored by
Peter at Old Oak Nurseries

Judging will take place at lunchtime on **18th September** and the prizes will be awarded by

Bishop Jill for the following categories:-

1. Most potatoes by number
2. Most potatoes by weight
3. Biggest individual potato
4. Fewest potatoes



The other challenges will be **Abseiling** from the tower, a **Scouts challenge Trail** and the **best decorated biscuit or cake** with the theme of "The Scouts 50th birthday".

The event will be at **Holy Trinity from 10am -3pm**.
More details in due course.



All proceeds from the challenges will be divided between the 2 churches

For any enquiries, please email

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Brindle Parish Council: Meeting Minutes

THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 11TH JANUARY 2021

The Parish Council wishes to remind everyone that their meetings are open to all residents and that there is opportunity to raise issues affecting them at these meetings.

THE PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE: - WWW.brindlepc.info

The Parish Council considered the following matters raised by Members of the Public:-

PC CARL EXLEY

PC Exley is the new NHPT member for the Chorley rurals area, which includes Brindle, Hoghton, Brinscall, Abbey Village, Withnell, Wheelton, Higher Wheelton, Heapey, Withnell Fold, White Coppice, Adlington, Anglezarke, Rivington and Heath Charnock. He can be contacted by email at 3932@lancashire.pnn.police.uk

His aim is to try and help with the issues in the area. He is trying to obtain as much information about the area problems, and is doing this through a police system called 'In The Know'. This allows local residents to tell us their issues, and allows us to contact them via text or email telling them of what we have been doing. He is a firm believer of bobbies back on the beat, and will try to do this in the next year. Other Matters dealt with by the Parish Council included:-

HIGHWAY MATTERS:

FOOTPATHS:

The County Council Public Rights of Way Team are still experiencing a large backlog of over 300 reports awaiting inspection and they are down 2 officers.

FLOODING:

Flooding has been reported to the County Council at Pippin Street, at Water Street and at Copthurst.

The County Council say they are stretched on the front line with government lockdown restrictions, social distancing, covid cases and trying to keep essential services running. But they will investigate as soon as resources allow.

GRIT BINS:

The County Council is currently assessing the need for grits bins at Hillhouse Lane particularly near the level crossing and at the grass triangle near the junction of Hillhouse Lane and Oram Road.

PRIVATE ROAD:

The County Council are still carrying out repairs to sinkhole near Holly Bank on Private Road. They are unable to say when the work will be completed. The road remains closed to traffic.

They are also investigating the drainage near St. Joseph`s Church Hall on Private Road.

DUXON HILL:

Duxon Hill has been swept.

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES

i. SMITHY LANE:

Smithy Lane will be closed from 0800 hours to 1700 hours from Monday 8th March to Tuesday 16th March 2021 to allow Cadent to install a new gas main. The diversion route is via Sandy Lane and Pippin Street.

ii. MINTHOLME CROSSING:

The level crossing will be closed from 2330 hours to 1530 hours on Saturday 11th April to 0700 hours on Sunday 12th April 2021 to allow Network Rail to carry out annual level crossing works. It will be closed again on from 2330 hours on Saturday 8th May to 0730 hours on Sunday 9th May 2021 to allow them to undertake rail corrosion inspection works. The alternative route on both occasions is via Gregson Lane - Daub Hall Lane - The Straits - Blackburn Old Road - Hoghton Lane - Sandy Lane - Hillhouse Lane and vice versa.

iii. HILLHOUSE LANE:

Hillhouse Lane will be closed from 0800 hours until 1700 hours on Tuesday 13th April 2021 or until completion of the work. This is to allow British Telecom to carry out customer connection service works. The diversion route is via Hillhouse Lane - Gowans Lane - Windmill Lane - Sandy Lane and vice versa.

CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:

Details of the actions taken by the Council in relation to the Pandemic were reported

the arrangements for the proposed 2021 National Census including details of possible scams. A new website has been introduced and notice was given of the local Elections on 6th May.

PLANNING REPORT:

Applications have been granted for developments at Pippin Fold and Gowans Lane and for tree works in Water Street since the last meeting of the Parish Council.

Applications for two separate developments at Bournes Row, together with developments at Pippin Fold, Smithy Close, Gregson Lane, and Hillhouse Lane had been submitted since the last meeting.

PARISH POUND:

The Parish Council has accepted an estimate for the improvement work to the Parish Pound and it is hoped work will commence shortly.

In the meantime additional features have been added by the local residents Group.

WELCOME TO BRINDLE SIGNS:

The County Council is being consulted on the location of the signs with the view to avoiding clutter.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION:

The the competition in 2020 was postponed because of the Pandemic.

The Competition Organisers have decided to run the Competition this year based on the entries from last year. It was agreed that the Parish should participate. The Clerk would write to the Community Hall, and the Cavendish Arms to see if they wished to enter the Certificate of Merit Section.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 17th May 2021 the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30 p.m. to be followed by the Parish Council Meeting. **ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.**

T. Harkness MARCH 2021

Brindle Parish Council: Local Information

Welcome to April's Parish Council alerts. The 2021 Census has just taken place so be aware of follow-up visits. There are also a lot of scams as usual. We have included some information about a new Police operation in Chorley and there is advice to parents of babies about safe sleeping.

CENSUS INFORMATION

In March, the Office for National Statistics carried out the Census across England and Wales and census officers will be knocking on doors following up non-respondents. All officers will carry identification cards and a critical worker's letter. The card will have a photograph and the officer's name. The officers will not call before 9am or after 8pm. They will never ask for any money or bank details. More information about the Census is available at www.census.gov.uk.

SCAM: FLYER OFFERING PROPERTY EXTERIOR CLEANING SERVICES

A resident of South Ribble reported receiving a flyer offering to paint the outside of his property. The flyer claimed that reducing the moss and dirt from the exterior of buildings can help prevent the spread of Coronavirus (untrue) as well as providing a water-repellent coating for the walls. The trader was offering a free, no obligation quote and special rates for OAPs. As always, do your own research and be cautious about using traders via advertising flyers. Trading Standards always advise using known local traders. The Safetrader scheme can help you find a trader in your area. Contact 0303 333 1111 or go to www.safetrader.org.uk.

SCAM: COVID GRANT

Beware, unsolicited text messages purporting to offer a Covid - 19 grant. The text includes a link to claim the grant that starts with the words 'GOV.UK' and ends with 'govuk.com', suggesting the text message has been sent by the Government. Do not select the link. The aim is to steal your personal details. Delete or block the number if you can.

SCAM: COURIER FRAUD

A Lancashire resident was targeted by a fraudster who phoned and told him there was fraud on his account. He was advised to withdraw cash at his nearest branch, which a courier would later collect. Thankfully, the bank managed to intercept this incident and no cash was handed over. Victims of courier fraud are usually asked to withdraw around £6,000, so that the

numbers on the bank notes can be checked in line with the apparent investigation. Offenders encourage victims to stay on the phone during the bank transaction, before taking the cash home. Within the next hour, a 'courier' attends the address to collect the bank notes, usually quoting an agreed password, in an attempt to appear legitimate. Please note that the police or the bank will never phone you and ask you to withdraw funds for inspection. They will never ask you to transfer funds to a safe account and they will also never send someone to your home to collect cash, pins, cards or cheque books.

SCAM: AMAZON PHONE CALL

Beware receiving an automated message alleging to be from Amazon that states 'We have noticed a suspicious transaction from your account for the purchase of an Apple iPhone 11 for the sum of £1,400. If you wish to stop this transaction press button 1 or to speak to an Accounts Manager press button 2'. Do not continue with the call.

Note that the Telephone Preference Service (TPS) will help to reduce unsolicited sales and marketing calls and is a free service. The TPS will never ask for payment. To join TPS contact them on 0345 0700707 or go to www.tpsonline.org.uk.

SCAM: BREXIT TEXT

Beware of a phishing scam which uses the UK's exit from the EU as a cover for stealing personal information. The text message reads: 'We need to verify your identity to keep up with EU standards'. The message then instructs the recipient that 'to avoid restrictions' they must visit a website to upload their personal details. If you get this, just delete it. If you are the victim of a scam, you can report this to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or at www.actionfraud.police.uk.

POLICE NEWS

An operation has been launched in Chorley and South Ribble to address the illegal and nuisance use of off-road motorbikes, mopeds, scrambler bikes and quad bikes across the area. Codenamed Operation Seizure, officers will patrol areas which residents have highlighted as an area of concern and will seize any bikes that are being used illegally and prosecute those committing offences. As part of the operation, a dedicated email address has been set up. Officers are asking the public to report any anti-social activity or nuisance riders to Opseizure@lancashire.police.uk. Reports can also be made on 101 – or, if there is an imminent danger, 999.

Sgt Harrison said: 'We have set up a dedicated email address to make it easier to report motorcycle nuisance to us. We will collate and examine any information sent to us and treat it with confidence. People can also submit photographs and dash-cam footage to help us identify those responsible but we must stress that images should only ever be taken if it is safe to do so. By reporting incidents to us, you will help us to build a picture of who the repeat offenders are and where the problem areas are. We will then be better placed to tackle this long-term problem, making Chorley and South Ribble a safer place for all.'

SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SYNDROME (SIDS)

You might have heard about Safer Sleep Week in March. Advice was offered about how to avoid Sudden Infant Death Syndrome.

The safest place for baby to sleep is in their own cot, crib or Moses basket.

Babies should sleep in the same room as the adult who is caring for them, for every sleep, for at least the first 6 months of life. Speak to your midwife or health visitor if you need support or more information.

Note that there are some circumstances in which bed sharing with your baby can be dangerous.

If either you or your partner smokes, even if you do not smoke in the bedroom, NEVER share a bed with your baby.

If you are extremely tired, NEVER share a bed with your baby. If your baby was born prematurely (37 weeks or less) or was born at a low weight (2.5kg or 5½ lbs or less) NEVER share a bed with your baby.

NEVER sleep on a sofa or armchair with your baby, this can increase the risk of death by 50%.

If either you or your partner has drunk alcohol or taken drugs, including medications that may make you drowsy, NEVER share a bed with your baby. Drinking alcohol/taking drugs before bed can make you fall into a deep sleep and become less responsive.



Finally, for your information, there is a temporary road closure on Gregson Lane from 10/04/21 to 11/04/21 to allow Network Rail to carry out annual level crossing inspection works.

Keep safe and well!

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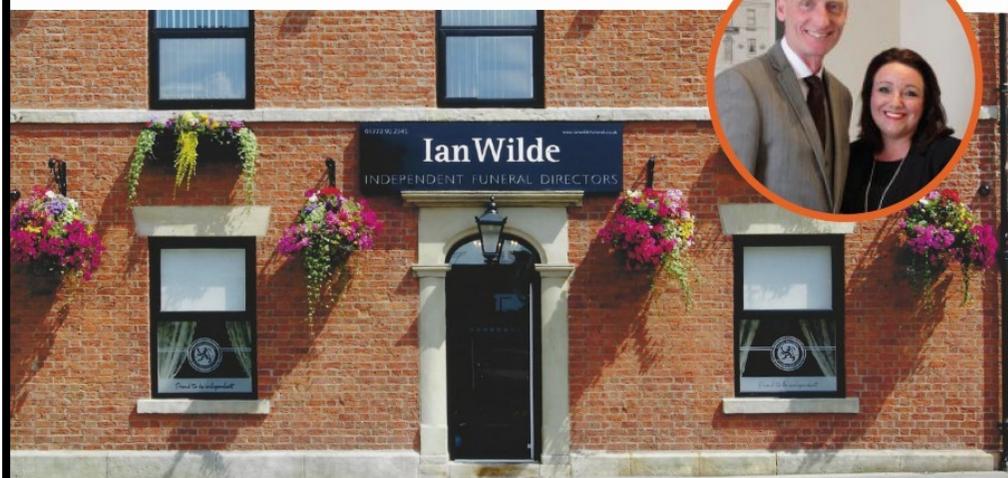
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