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January

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| 4th | Margaret Middlehurst | 2004 |
| 10th | George Eric Howard | 1997 |
| | Edith Batty | 1999 |
| 18th | Richard Charnley | 1978 |
| 20th | Doris Charnley | 1980 |
| 21st | Geoffrey Pearson | 1967 |
| 23rd | Frederick Morris-Ashton | 1995 |
| 25th | Frank McDade | 2002 |
| | John Maurice Jones | 2017 |
| 26th | Robert Millward | 2005 |

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

Life Events



December

Holy Matrimony:

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| 11th | Derek Raymond Turnbull and Lynsey Ellen O'Brien |
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Funeral:

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| 7th | Martin James Platt, service and committal at Charnock Richard Crematorium |
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Church Flowers

The flowers in Church for January are in memory of Elizabeth Evans and Cherith Cheesebrough and are provided by:

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| 2nd | Christmas Flowers |
| 9th | Jenny Evans |
| 16th | Jenny Evans |
| 23rd | Fred Cheesebrough |
| 30th | Fred Cheesebrough |

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.



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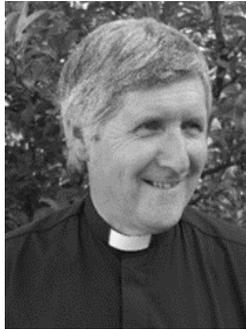
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Wired to the Moon



Dear Friends,

May I begin by wishing you all a blessed New Year.

I have just looked back at WTTM from January 2021 and with a few

exceptions I could cut and paste the piece and it would be relevant for us all now.

We were in a partial lockdown; Christmas services had been disrupted and the future looked uncertain to say the least – albeit the vaccine programme had commenced and brought a glimmer of hope.

It was mid-December this year when I was reminded by a dear parishioner that last year I pronounced we would be back to normal in 2021. Never trust a man with a clerical collar.....!!!

Last years Text was from Romans 12

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit”

So where was the joy and peace in the year past? How could we overflow with hope?

Well, it depends on what we hope for. It depends on how we perceive joy and peace.

Our hope is not to be directed to earthly things rather our hope is in God – Father Son and Holy Spirit. The God who has endured all we have to deal with and much, much more – so that suggests God has empathy with us and not sympathy for us. He is the one who has sustained us through the trials and tribulations of the past year and He is the one who will continue to bestow His peace and assurance.

The text for this year is from Isaiah 41:

***Do not fear, for I am with you,
do not be afraid, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you, I will help you,
I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.***

Isaiah 41:10

Words from the prophet who foretold the coming of the Saviour. The verse prior to the text says “You are my servant; I have chosen you and have not rejected you”

In context, the people to whom Isaiah is speaking, are reminded that just as God had control over their enemy and had led His people to safety, so God will continue to lead us and sustain us

as during 2022 we face our ‘enemies’. By that I am suggesting our enemy is something that will challenge us and cause us to experience negative emotions.

I trust this verse offers comfort and reassurance as together we move into 2022. A year of transition and a year of opportunities – a journey into the unknown perhaps, but a journey in which our ever-present God will be with us. He will not fail us.

The Christmas celebrations took place albeit scaled back to deal with the threat of Omicron.

The Junior school came to Church to perform their Christingle service and as ever a very accomplished performance was well received by the parents able to attend. The Junior Choir, readers and intercessors were so clear and dedicated in their presentation.

The infants had offered the Nativity a few days earlier and that was such a joy to see gifted young folk present the Christmas story with such innocence, awe and wonder. There is a whole bundle of talent in our Primary School and we are truly blessed to have Mrs. Austin, the dedicated staff and Governing Board who ensure that our pupils develop within a safe learning environment.

Our Sunday School offered a Nativity using puppets in the pulpit and it was really good! The Rector was supposed

to tell the story however, just before that he was in the kitchen making a cup of tea and was mysteriously locked in by someone (he suspects a grandson) So, the two puppets told the story in a most glorious way using good Lancashire accents.

As Grandad was telling James the story of Christmas, the main characters came on stage at the appropriate time. We had the most fantastic Angel Gabriel who quite literally ‘shone’. Eventually the Rector escaped just in time to say thank you to everyone attending and for the magnificent efforts of Sunday School leaders and the parents for making this all possible. Not forgetting the ‘army’ of volunteers who erected and dismantled the stage! A splendid team effort.

Nine Lessons and Carols proceeded using suitable excerpts from Spotify and the very able readers from the parish family. We appreciated Sarah playing the pieces that would have been sung by the choir had we not taken the very difficult decision to suspend singing during the recent increase in Covid cases.

We welcomed the new born King at the midnight communion. At the Christmas Morning service we were called to worship by our wonderful team of bell-ringers. In the service, the Rector continued to be amazed (and jealous) of the variety of gifts that the children brought into church. A Rubiks

Wired to the Moon (continued)



Cube with microprocessor; Guinness book of records x 2; a Robot Arm; watches; a Santa fidget toy - to name but a few. A joy as ever.

Throughout the Christmas Season, so many of the parish family contribute in many and varied ways and to name names would not be appropriate. To anyone who has supported the work please accept my deepest thanks.

So we continue to be the family of God here at Brindle St James', serving and worshipping, guided by The Holy Spirit, responding to words found in the Benedictus, "to do that which is righteous in His sight"

Be assured of my continued prayers and commitment and finally:

May you each know the Grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ; The Love of God and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit throughout 2022 and beyond.

Amen,

Services

January

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| 2nd | Holy Communion | 10.30am |
| 5th | Service of The Word | 6.30pm |
| 9th | Service of The Word | 9.00am |
| | Holy Communion | 10.30am |
| 12th | Service of The Word | 6.30pm |
| 16th | Holy Communion | 10.30am |
| | Holy Baptism | 2.00pm |
| 19th | Service of The Word | 6.30pm |
| 23rd | Service of The Word | 9.00am |
| | Holy Communion | 10.30am |
| 26th | Service of The Word | 6.30pm |
| 30th | Holy Communion | 10.30am |
| | (with Christingle) | |

February

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| 6th | Holy Communion | 10.30am |
| 9th | Service of The Word | 6.30pm |

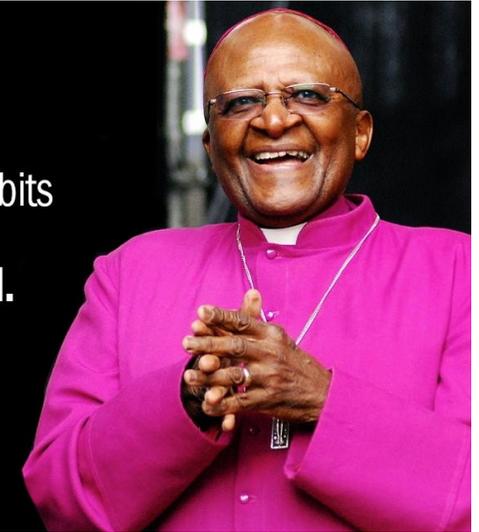
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Do your **little bit of good**
where you are; its those little bits
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that **overwhelm the world.**

– Desmond Tutu

AZ QUOTES



Supporting Over Darwen Food Bank

If you wish to support the food bank with donations of food, please leave them at the back of church for collection or contact Jenny Ashworth **jennyking8@aol.com**

who is now delivering your donations. Any tinned, bottled, dried goods or toiletries are very welcome. Please do not include fresh food items.

Thank you for your continued support.



February Edition

The deadline for items to be included in the **February** edition of the Brindle Voice is:

Sunday 23rd January

Please email your articles to:
brindle.voice@brindlestjames.co.uk

Comments, suggestions, recipes, gardening tips and local photos will be very gratefully received.

Little Cuckoos – In January at Church we celebrate 'Epiphany' this is the time when the three wise men made their special trip to worship baby Jesus and bring him gifts.

The Story of the Three Wise Men

When baby Jesus was born, three wise men were traveling on their camels. One night they noticed an unusual star in the sky. They knew this star meant that the King of the Jews had been born and they set off to find him.

When mean King Herod heard about this, he got very worried that everyone would like baby Jesus more than him and that he might lose his throne.

So King Herod told the wise men "As soon as you find him, tell me, so that I can go and worship him." But really Herod did not want to worship baby Jesus, he wanted to kill him.

The wise men went to find the baby. They followed the star in the east until it stopped right over the very place where Jesus lay, cradled in Mary's arms, and they bowed down and worshipped him.

They gave baby Jesus expensive gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, the sort of gifts you would offer to a King!

That night, as the wise men slept, they each had the same dream. The dream warned them that King Herod was jealous of baby Jesus and wanted to kill him. So the wise men went home another way, so that King Herod would not know where the baby was.

Joseph was also warned about King Herod's evil plan. An angel spoke to him in a dream. "Get up," said the angel "take Jesus and Mary and go to Egypt. Herod is going to search for Jesus to kill him."

Joseph, Mary and baby Jesus set off to Egypt in the middle of the night, so no one would see them.

The family were safe in Egypt, and when King Herod died an angel appeared to Joseph and told him to move to a place called Nazareth, which is where Jesus grew up.

Why not colour in the Three Wise Men and their camels on the page opposite.



And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was.

Matthew 2:9



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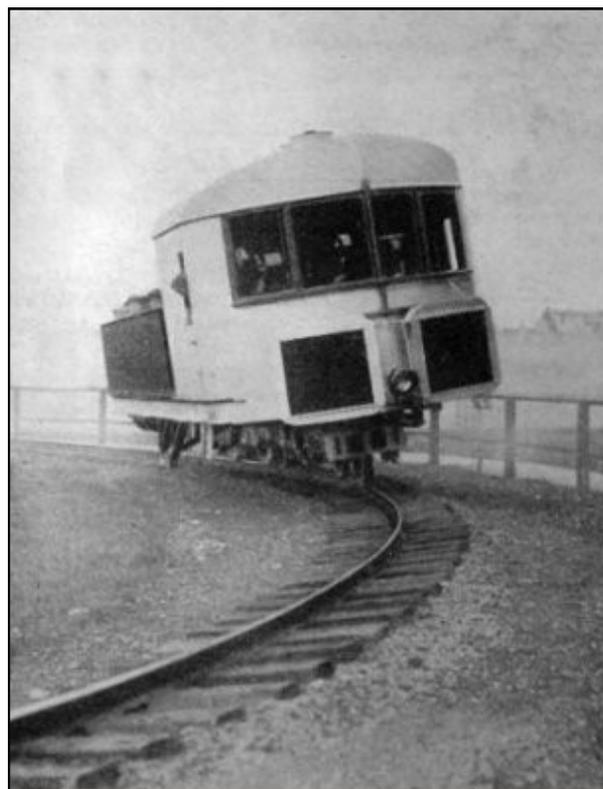
Brindle Historical Society

No-one was quite sure what the talk from Dr Dave Southall would be like prior to his visit on Monday 15th November. It was entitled "Technological dead ends – ideas which have gone nowhere" which sounded promising, but the organisers were concerned that a talk from a professor of Electronic Engineering at the University of Manchester might be a little too technical. We needn't have worried, because from the first sentence it was clear that this was going to be a very entertaining evening.

Dave initially justified his qualification to speak on this topic by briefly running through his CV. After an engineering apprenticeship and a degree from Manchester University, he undertook a PhD and then became a lecturer at the university. After 18 months, he detected falling academic standards and being unable to change 'the system', he ran away to join a circus! He was an acrobat and developed an act where he appeared to walk across Niagara Falls using elaborate props incorporated into a high wire. He soon became noticed as a chap who could build anything, and started making different mechanical props for fellow performers.

After 15 years of this, he returned to the university to become a lecturer once more whilst continuing to build unusual machines in his shed. He became fascinated with single wheeled machines and the talk to the Society was primarily about such

machines, which had great potential but never achieved commercial success. We learned of a gyroscopic monorail train first patented in 1903 by an Irish-American engineer, Louis Brennan, which potentially had much reduced costs and greater manoeuvrability. This was never commissioned because people didn't believe it would work despite a working model being demonstrated in 1909, which carried 32 people. In later life, Dave completed a Master's degree in 3D design and became involved with Stoke Mandeville hospital, developing a device, which harnessed brainwaves to control a wheelchair. Hard to believe, but it is indeed possible, using an electro encephalograph.



Brennan's Monorail

Many of the inventions Dave described never gained widespread acceptance due to a phenomenon known as Cultural Acceptance, which basically means that 'people only like what they already like'. Any radical concept too different or unusual is treated with mistrust to the point that commercial acceptability is never achieved.

All the audience were enthralled by the talk which lasted far longer than scheduled, and Dave spent a good half an hour answering questions before he could begin his long journey back to Glossop, where he was later on duty as an on-call fire-fighter, the latest entry in his fascinating CV.

The 2022 programme for the Society is largely finalized; but the first talk by Dr Javad Hashemi on 17th January is entitled 'A Picture of Afghanistan' and will introduce us to a realistic image of the country and its people. Before Christmas we had thought that the speaker might present via Zoom and that attendees might come to the Hall or connect from home; but at present it looks as though the talk will be by Zoom only with attendees remaining at home. As usual though the talk will start at 7.30 pm and, if in the Hall, will be free to members and just £3 for guests including refreshments. We will confirm the position on the website and Facebook as soon as we can where up to date details will appear. Members please note that, as usual, our 2nd meeting of the year, on 21 February 2022, will be our AGM.

Bernie Kellett

Brindle Parish Council: Local Information

Hi, everyone! Here's the latest crop of scams:

SCAM OMICRON MESSAGE

There is a scam email currently doing the rounds which claims to be from the NHS and asks you to 'Apply now for Omicron PCR test to avoid restrictions'. The scam message suggests the PCR test kits on offer will detect the Omicron variant and preys on people's concerns about getting ill. A link within the email leads to a fake NHS website that may ask for payment or bank details. Get a free PCR test to check if you have COVID-19 at www.gov.uk or by calling 119.

COLD CALLERS SELLING HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

Ex-offenders have been cold calling in the West Lancashire area offering kitchen wares and household goods. The doorstep salesmen can be very pushy, heading to the back of the property if the householder does not answer the door, making residents feeling ill at ease. Please be aware that neither the Council nor the Probation Service run schemes where ex-offenders call door to door selling such items. Often items offered for sale on your doorstep can be expensive and of low quality.

COLD CALLERS OFFERING ENERGY MEASURES

Reports are being received from the Chorley area about cold callers offering free energy measures such as free loft insulation, cavity wall insulation and boiler replacement. Please be aware the measures may be free to some households, but eligibility criteria do apply around receipt of benefits, low income and fuel poverty. If you wish to enquire as to your eligibility or for further information on energy saving measures, contact Cosi Homes in Lancashire (CHiL) via www.chil.uk.com or 03306 061 488. CHiL is a partnership set up by the 15 local authorities in Lancashire. Concerns about participating businesses can

be made via the Green Deal Oversight and Registration Body (www.beis.gov.uk) who manage the authorisation scheme and to OFGEM who administer the scheme.

SCAM EMAIL TARGETING EBAY SELLERS

Ebay sellers please be aware of an email from a scam purchaser. The email is misspelt and from an incorrect PayPal address. It states that the seller has been paid but that, because of a new PayPal policy, the seller must send the purchased goods before the money can be released by PayPal. Sellers and buyers on Ebay are advised not to carry out transactions outside the safeguards of the platform itself.

BT SCAM TELEPHONE CALL

Please be aware of a phone call alleging to be from BT that requests that software called Any Desk is installed to fix faults. Whilst the software itself is genuine, the scammer will then remote onto the customer's computer in an attempt to get payment for fixing the non-existent fault and for possible access to personal information.

BIT COIN SCAM SELLER

Residents are warned about a bitcoin investment scam currently doing the rounds, after a Lancashire consumer lost almost £500 following a personal recommendation on a friend's Facebook page (the friend had been hacked). The resident clicked on a link to a personal recommendation and article supposedly from billionaire Elon Musk and several other articles from around the world about the benefits of Bitcoin. She was then contacted by phone and advised on the benefits of Bitcoin investment and led through a process of making a Bitcoin wallet, using a shared screen showing balance, equity and profit, with scam security features. She was completely unaware that the screen

was not set up in her name, and when she went to sign in at a later time, she was denied access. The traders appear to be based outside the EU, and she cannot now get in touch with them.

ADVANCED FEE LOTTERY SCAM

The City of London Police is warning people to be aware of lottery scams. Lottery fraud occurs when criminals use fake messages and calls to convince a person that they have won a lottery or a prize draw. The victim is then informed that there is an advance fee payable in order to receive the winnings. Victims are commonly asked to pay these advance fees by purchasing gift cards and relaying codes to the fraudster. In some instances, victims have reported being asked for personal and financial information in order to obtain their 'winnings'. Some victims reported providing their bank details thinking they would be sent a small payment to verify the account. In reality, criminals use these details to steal the victim's money.

That's quite enough scams for this month. Keep safe and well!

Brindle Parish Council



Swans over Withnell Fold Nature Reserve
by Graham Ryding

Brindle Over 55's (BOFFS)

Meeting of BOFFS held on 6th December 2021

This would have been our Christmas meeting so it was agreed due to covid, to keep it low key. Committee members and some members provided cakes and mince pies.

Entertainment was provided by Johnny Norton an accomplished singer and guitarist who played lots of, mainly sixties and seventies songs which took us back to our youth. He also added a bit of comedy and some folk songs.

A brief meeting followed a great tea and cakes spread and members were updated on the group. It was decided by the committee to just have one meeting a month and with the covid uncertainty John had only booked speakers to March.

The next meeting will be on 10th January 2022 and will be a talk by Norman Harris on Hong Kong. All are welcome.

Brindle Parish Council: Meeting Minutes

MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 6th DECEMBER 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 on items on the Agenda at these meetings

THE PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE: -
WWW.brindlepc.info

The Parish Council considered the following matters:-

FORMER COUNCILLOR T. SHARRATT:

The Chairman (Councillor D. Cranshaw) referred to the recent death of former Councillor T. Sharratt. All present observed a minute's silence as a mark of respect and offered their condolences to his family.

THE POLICE AND CRIME PLAN 2021 - 2025:

Lancashire Police and Crime Commissioner, Andrew Snowden, has set out his four-year plan detailing how he will lead the fight against crime in the county. The Police and Crime Plan 2021 - 2025 announces the largest investment into Lancashire Police in living memory, with a £300m, 10-year commitment to overhaul police critical infrastructure, including sustainable new fleet, police stations and training facilities, digital and cyber capabilities, alongside hundreds of extra police officers delivered through the Government's uplift programme. The Police and Crime Plan is required by law and outlines the needs and priorities of the people of Lancashire in relation to policing, crime and criminal justice. The top priority is to get tough on anti-social behaviour, with £1.2m announced for a new problem orientated policing command and taskforce. Other priorities include disrupting and dismantling

organised crime, cracking down on burglary and robbery and targeting dangerous drivers. A dedicated rape and sexual assault unit will be created to target offenders and to ensure better outcomes for victims. To support these priorities a Safer Lancashire Neighbourhoods Scheme has also been announced to invest up to £5m into initiatives that tackle crime hotspots. Lancashire will see increased asset seizures and high-profile operations to take the fight to criminals. The plan is grounded in the work the Commissioner has already started, including the reopening of police station front counters and the disestablishment of the hybrid model, creating dedicated neighbourhood and response teams for every area. Its publication follows extensive and wide-ranging consultation and will be used to hold the Chief Constable and the police service to account on behalf of residents of Lancashire.

The Plan can be viewed on the Police Website.

HIGHWAY MATTERS:

FLOODING - WATER STREET:

The County Council has been asked to carry out further investigations into the cause of the flooding

Flooding was also reported at Denham Lane and Pippin Street.

WITHNELL FOLD NATURE RESERVE:

At the site meeting with the County Council's Countryside Officer on Wednesday 29th September 2021 it had been agreed that the County Council would undertake some work at the site. The Parish Council would look into the improvement of the public footpath from Water Street to the nature reserve in conjunction with the landowner.

A copy of an information leaflet on the footpath was circulated.

Members of the Parish Council would carry out an inspection of the footpath to decide what work was required and meet the landowner to discuss his involvement in the proposals.

GINNEL SMITHY CLOSE:

Following an inspection of the Smithy Close and Sandy Lane ginnel it was considered that it did not need complete re-surfacing. There were two potential trip hazards around the manhole and the concrete around a fence post that needed attention. A contractor would be contacted and asked to carry out the repairs suggested.

STREET SWEEPING:

Chorley Council has been requested to sweep Duxon Hill, Sandy Lane and Water Street.

CHORLEY COUNCIL REPORT:

The Parish Council was reminded that the Neighbourhood Projects scheme was now in operation.

PLANNING REPORT:

(A) Decisions:

The following decisions have been made since the last meeting of the Parish Council:-

1. Prior approval application under Part 3, Class Q(a and b) of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) for proposed change of use of agricultural building to dwelling house and associated building operations Pippin Fold Pippin Street (App no 21/01202/P3PAO). - Granted.
2. Single storey rear extension 9 Smithy Close (App no 21/00574/FULHH). - Granted.
3. Erection of agricultural livestock building

and agricultural storage building Tullis Farm Sandy Lane (App no 21/00610/FUL). - Granted.

(B). Applications:

The following applications have been made to Chorley Council since the last meeting of the Parish Council:-

1. Application to discharge condition no. 6 (bird and bat boxes) of planning permission 21.00375/FUL (Conversion of existing barn to dwelling) Pippin Street Cottage Pippin Street, (App no 21/01301/DIS).
2. Application for a certificate of lawfulness for a proposed detached outbuilding Windmill Hill Farm Sandy Lane. (App no 21/01369/CLPUD).

PLANNING ENFORCEMENT:

The Planning Enforcement Officer has been asked to investigate developments at Thorpe Cross, Oram Road and Breworth Lane.

GRANT:

A grant of £150.00 has been made to the re-formed BOFFs.

PARISH POUND:

The Christmas tree lights have been replaced.

DAFFODILS:

Chorley Council has donated a supply of daffodil bulbs for planting in the Parish and these have been distributed to various organisations.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Restrictions permitting Monday 10th January 2022 at 7.30 p.m. at the Community Hall Water Street Brindle. **ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.**

T. Harkness

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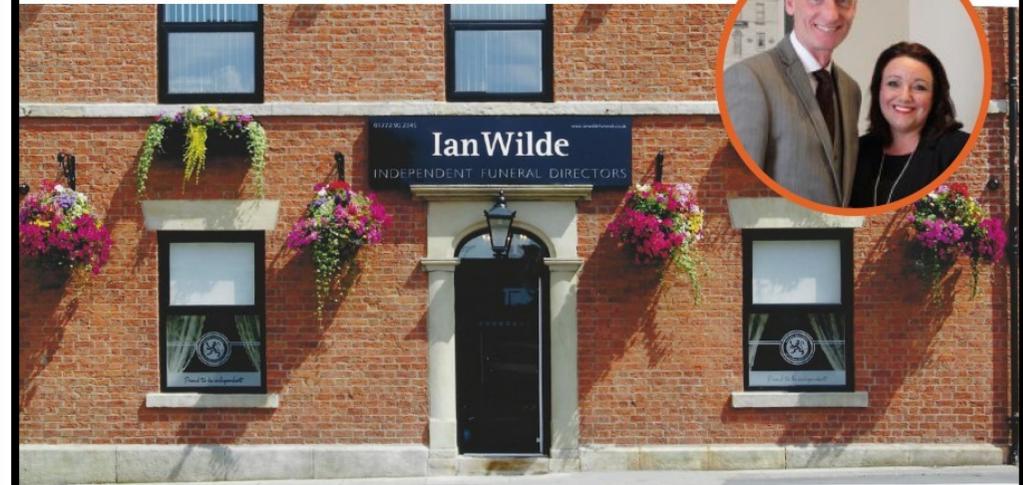
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