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## Toy Soldiers

Poem by *Natasha Harewood*

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 our boots heavy with remorse.  
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 always moving forward.

Did we stutter? Yes.

In those darker days; our voices caught in whimpers  
 on the choking breeze.

It rushed our lungs and froze them;  
 each word a guttural laceration through spindled limbs  
 and tender flesh.

We called ourselves alive and that was the price we paid.

And in time, that's what we became.

Though the veins ran cold and hearts ceased to beat,  
 we never stopped.

Toy soldiers battling a lost cause,  
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We cursed our days with bitter breath,  
 reaching for a thread of futile hope.

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## Special Christmas Edition 2020

A strange year for all of us!

I have had the wonderful opportunity of sending you my Christmas Edition all around the Borough of Hyndburn, so 26,000 more homes and readers will be seeing this for the very first time instead of my usual 11,000. I would like to thank all my advertisers and readers for their support this year as without you this would not be possible, please support your local businesses throughout the borough!

As of going to print we are in lockdown again with only essential shops and takeaways open and the request of working from home if you can. Hopefully our businesses will be re-opening on 2nd December and we have showcased many that you will see in this special Christmas edition.

Please wear your facemasks and make sure you follow the government guidelines:



We don't know yet what the guidelines will be in December as they are changing on a daily basis. Hopefully we will have the new vaccine available as indicated in the coming weeks.

*I would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year in 2021! Season's greetings, from Tracy Simmonds, Peter Jones, Vember Ormerod, the distribution team and Printworthy would like to send the community our best wishes.*

*Stay safe over the Christmas period and look out for family, friends and neighbours who may be on their own.*

Tracy Simmonds

Editor of Acorn Community News



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# Hyndburn tops the Lancashire tables once again with nine green flags

We have relied on our local parks more than ever in 2020, for exercise, meeting friends and generally looking after our wellbeing during the pandemic.



Rhyddings Park, Lowerfold Park, Cutwood Park, Oakhill Park, Mercer Park, Gatty Park, Peel Park & the Coppice, Accrington Cemetery and Crematorium, and Wilson Playing Fields and Woodlands, are among a record-breaking 2061 UK parks and green spaces that will receive a prestigious Green Flag Award – the mark of a quality park or green space.

This international award, now into its third decade, is a sign to the public that the space boasts the highest possible environmental standards, is beautifully maintained and has excellent visitor facilities.

Cllr Paul Cox, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Parks and Open Spaces said; "We are absolutely delighted to once again receive nine Green Flags for Hyndburn's Parks and green spaces! All this is only made possible by the hard work and dedication of the many staff and community groups who have worked long and hard to achieve them. We are blessed here in Hyndburn to have many community groups who give their time and energy so freely."

Cllr Cox added; "A massive well done and thanks to the Friends and other support groups associated with the parks; Hyndburn Green Spaces Forum; PROSPECTS, Hyndburn Athletics Club, Residents Associations, the Local History Society and our dedicated parks and cemetery staff who all worked so hard to make these nine sites reach the high standards to get Green Flag status."

Cath Holmes, Chair of Hyndburn Green Spaces Forum said; "For a many years, it's been a pleasure to meet and welcome the Green Flag Judges, to show off the Borough's Parks & Open Spaces, promote the many volunteers, their groups and achievements. Despite Covid the Green Flag Awards have continued, albeit in a different way this year. We have a fabulous Parks Team, who have all continued working through the pandemic to keep Hyndburn's Parks looking marvellous, in addition to working on various projects, submitting funding bids and supporting volunteers. I'm sure this year, more than ever, our Parks & Open Spaces have been a very welcome place to visit for many"

International Green Flag Award scheme manager Paul Todd said; "It's fantastic that we have more Green Flag Awards in the UK than ever before."

"Each flag honours the thousands of staff and volunteers who work tirelessly to maintain the high standards demanded by the Green Flag Award. We congratulate each and every winner on their fantastic achievement!"



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# Driving a Bus – That's Women's Work!

But it wasn't always the case. When these photos were taken by Garth Dawson, women driving buses and cabs was considered newsworthy. This was 1979, four years after the Sex Discrimination Act, and a year before women could apply for a bank loan without their husbands' approval. If you can identify these drivers by the way, we want to hear from you!

Women's Work, a Hyndburn Heritage Lottery Funded project, highlights local women's workplace experiences in the early days of equality. Run by History In Action CIC, their voices are brought to life through community performance and school workshops. Already 20 women have come forward and their recorded interviews will be available on a local heritage website and embedded into a talking chair to be installed at Accrington Library.

Mick, History In Action's playwright is calling for local actors and writers to get involved. "We have to think outside the box at the moment, it could be a series of short films or a play. Whatever it is, we want to put local people at the centre."

History In Action's historian, Trizia Wells said: "The project helps today's young women to understand what their mums and grandmas experienced. Some stories are shocking but there is a lot of humour too!"

Although many stories have already been recorded, Women's Work is on the lookout for more as well as any photographs or documents they can borrow for the project. They especially want to hear from anyone who can identify the cab or bus drivers in the photographs.

**If you can help, or want to get involved, email [trizia@historyinaction.net](mailto:trizia@historyinaction.net) or [mick@historyinaction.net](mailto:mick@historyinaction.net) or ring 07903300386 or 07923523867**



Accrington Bus Crew 1979



Mac's Cabs 1979

# Lions Toy Appeal

Accrington Lions Club has had to cancel its Boxing Dinner for the first time in its 53 year history due to the coronavirus regulations. As this is the Club's main source of income for funding the charity, it has had impacted the annual Toys and Teens Christmas appeal due to take place on December 12th. Lion President May Edmundson said "Covid 19 restrictions have had a devastating effect on every single event we had planned for 2020 and this has had a knock on effect for our toy appeal as we use any funds raised to buy gifts for the age groups with little or no donations. We are unable to accept donations unless brand new and we realise it's a big thing to ask but if anyone could please consider a small cash donation we will then be able to buy gifts. Last year we had over 200 local children referred by schools and Children's services and we are expecting a huge increase in numbers because families have seen their income cut as many have been furloughed for over 6 months".

**If you are able to help in any way please contact the club by emailing [accrington.lions@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:accrington.lions@yahoo.co.uk) or calling May directly on 07806 093068.**



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*Hello everyone and greetings from Cardiff.*

I'm a long way from home as I write this: filming a BBC six part drama, *The Pact*, until mid-December. I am one of the very fortunate people in my industry who are working right now, in these most uncertain of times. We were supposed to start on the job at the beginning of lockdown and we've managed over a month so far, with a dedicated Covid supervisor (an award-winning playwright in her other life, but known as "Covid Jen" on set, poor thing),

regular testing, daily temperature checks and masks on all the time, even in rehearsals, up until the actual take. Sometimes at a distance you catch a glimpse of a crew member's unmasked face as they eat their lunch and it's always a surprise. You find yourself imagining the bottom half of people's faces, and the reality is often very different ("Ooh I did NOT imagine that nose below those eyes" etc).

It has been a whole new world and a not unchallenging one, but we're a good five weeks in and no one has tested positive yet, so something is working. We will continue to film, in spite of the Welsh lockdown, because we're classed as Covid-safe. And of course, we can't work from home. My family were due to come and visit during half term but we've cancelled the trip naturally. We all have to do the right thing as much as we're able, and however inconvenient and upsetting.

I feel that people are really struggling at the moment. The second wave, the worsening weather, the increased restrictions, the confusion, the end of furloughing. And of course for those who are, and have been, shielding throughout, it must be particularly stressful. I might be wrong but I feel we've lost a little bit of the incredible community spirit that emerged from the first lockdown and which I wrote about in my last column for Acorn News. As the rules relaxed, and some of us drifted back to work and to school and to the pub, we could on occasion kid ourselves that there was a bit of normality returning. Please let's try to continue to check in with our elderly and vulnerable friends, family and neighbours.

Restrictions will inevitably cause some loneliness and isolation, and that little check-in phone call or casserole on the doorstep could really make a difference, especially as the nights draw in and the festive season approaches. Christmas can be such a difficult time for so many, bombarded as we are by images of fun and togetherness in the lead up. And this Christmas, many families look set to be unable to celebrate together.

Looking after our Mental Health, as well as keeping physically well, has never been more important. If you're struggling, please don't suffer in silence. There are many organisations, who are there for you; who are dedicated to providing support and a friendly ear for anyone who feels lonely or sad, or worse. I have listed some at the end of this article.

There are also lots of online resources providing help and advice on how to look after our mental and physical wellbeing in these anxious times. A good general guide is the Five-a-Day for Mental Health:

- 1. Stay active:** according to your ability, of course. From going for a run, to getting out down the avenue on your new walker (mum!), from a full online yoga session to some gentle stretches and deep breathing in your armchair. When you feel down, you don't often feel like it, but it really, really helps. Chemical things happen in your brain! On really rainy days I've taken to putting on some old favourite tunes and dancing round my kitchen, like I'm at the Lar-de-dars in 1985!
- 2. Learn something:** there are so many great podcasts, audiobooks, streaming documentaries out there. Pick a subject and enter a world you knew nothing about before. I've enrolled on an online British Sign Language course this year and am struggling through my level 1 at the moment. The time absolutely flies by when I'm deep in concentration trying to memorise the signs, and, I'm loving it. It has given me a real sense of achievement. You don't need to enrol or anything, you can learn so much from YouTube these days. From DIY, to how to play guitar, to languages.

- 3. Connect:** make that call, send that email, write a letter! Again, sometimes you can end up feeling so out of sorts that you can't be bothered, but we're humans, and we need other humans as much as we need food and water. And you might make someone's day. Ask someone how they are and really listen to their answer. Letting someone talk about their feelings is one of the greatest gifts you can give. But equally, don't be afraid to reach out and tell someone if you're struggling. It's okay not to be okay.

- 4. Put something back:** is there something you can do for someone else? Ask a neighbour if they need anything when you go to the shops? Plant a few spring bulbs somewhere for passers-by to enjoy? Make a cake for a friend? Write a letter to your MP about something that you think could be better in your community? Make a little donation to a cause?

I help run an organisation called 500 Acts of Kindness. Every week 500+ people (it's more like 1000 now) donate a pound by standing order, and any contributor is free to nominate a person, family, group or organisation in need to receive £500 from us, no questions asked. We have been going for two years now and have given over £30,000. The breadth of those we've helped is astonishing. For example this week we contributed to an electric wheelchair for a little boy with muscular dystrophy; bought a new laptop for an ex-prisoner who discovered writing in prison and who was changing his life in amazing ways before his computer was stolen; donated to a group supporting refugees; and provided a tumble dryer for a man bringing up 3 children alone in a two bedroom flat. Every week our regular contributors tell us how much joy the weekly update gives them: knowing that their £1 is doing such huge things, changing people's lives and allowing people to breathe a little easier. All for less than the price of a cup of coffee. All of us feel we get more than we give being part of this group. It feels like a little beacon of hope in these dark times.

- 5. Be in the moment:** it's all we have right now. Who knows what will happen in the coming days and weeks? Who knows where we'll be at by Christmas? Try not to worry about the future, but focus on right here and now, with your full attention. Look out of your window; notice the changes taking place in the natural world as autumn turns to winter. Take some big deep breaths and ground yourself, just for a minute, especially when you feel yourself spiralling off. And remember, it's okay to feel whatever you're feeling. Be kind to yourself. Try and do something you enjoy. Put on that album you've not listened to in ages, watch an old favourite film; plant some seeds. But just be here now. One day at a time.

Sending lots of love and warmest wishes to you all. Stay safe and look after yourselves and each other.

Until next time,

*Julie xx*

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# Prepare your home for Christmas

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The same applies with furniture and large electrical goods that require delivery and installation. Take our tip and act fast. By the time you are reading this it is already November and less than two months from Christmas.

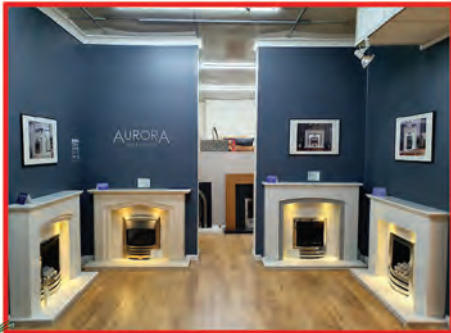
Here are a few tips courtesy of the Daily Mirror to help you plan a great Christmas:

- 1. Light it up!** - It's the darkest time of the year so make your home sparkle with some clever lighting. Everyone loves fairy lights on the tree but adding them to your mantelpiece or wrapping them around your stair banisters creates a festive glow that can flow from room to room. Drape them across the tops of shelves or even above cornicing for a gorgeous glow.
- 2. Tree to the max** - If you're bored of just a large Christmas tree stuck in one corner every year, why not think about getting a few smaller trees to dot around the house? Artificial, smaller trees are great for adding festive cheer to other areas of your home such as the hallway, upstairs landing and even your bedroom!
- 3. Use your little helpers** - Get the kids involved in making home-made decorations such as wreaths and fireside ornaments. Wreaths - simply twist a wire coat-hanger into a round base for the wreath, then wrap branches of greenery around them such as pine and fir, securing with wire. You can then glue in fir cones or plastic red berries. Kids will love decorating their own fir cones. Simply bring a few back from a muddy walk, clean up and spray with gold or silver glitter spray and dot around your fireplace or under the tree.

- 4. Fake it** - Nothing says Christmas like candles. But, with kids and tipsy relations milling about they can be dangerous. Invest in some flameless battery-operated flicker candles. Many have scents like the real thing. Pop them in your window to give a festive glow - without the worry of any accidents.
- 5. Santa stop here!** - Make sure Santa doesn't miss your house by using fun signs and placards. A 'Santa stop here' sign looks great outside the house or by the chimney - and it's a good way to bribe the kids into behaving well by reminding them Father Christmas is on his way.
- 6. Change the colour** - Everyone associates Christmas with colours such as red and gold. But why do the same? A tree covered with different shades of blue baubles and decorations, for example, gives a modern edge - you can complement this with blue accents in your garlands and even hang up different coloured blue stockings by the fire.
- 7. Pick a theme** - Perhaps you're tired of your usual decorations so why not pick a theme this year? Victorian Christmas decorations look stunning in any home - think Mistletoe balls hanging from ribbon, and small toys, dried fruits and nuts hanging from the tree for a truly historical Christmas.
- 8. Dine in style** - It's the most important meal of the year. So don't let your table decorations let the turkey down. A selection of different coloured and sized baubles in a clear vase make a great quirky centrepiece. Handmade placecards cut into shapes like Christmas trees or sprigs of holly will make your guests feel extra special.
- 9. Show your cards** - Bored of simply stuffing your cards in the windowsill, only to knock them down every time you pull the curtains? Why not choose a more inventive way to display them. Cards hanging from strips of ribbon at different heights makes a pretty display, or why not peg cards around a wreath on the wall? Another way is to hang an empty picture frame with string in lines inside it - hang your cards from the strings to create a 'painting' of cards on your wall.
- 10. Don't forget outdoors** - If you want more than just a few lights hanging from the exterior of your house, why not invest in some freestanding rope lights in festive shapes such as reindeers and Santa to give a festive edge to your front lawn? Or, instead of the usual wreath on your front door, get one with LED lights that will glow in the darkness, welcoming your guests to the perfect Christmas...

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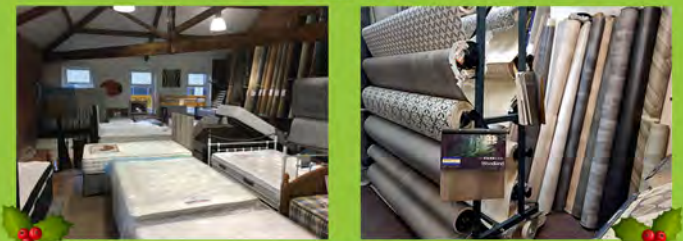


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# Christmas Time in Hyndburn 2020



## *Welcome message from Cllr Miles Parkinson OBE, Leader of Hyndburn Borough Council*

I'd like to wish everyone reading this all the best for the festive season. Normally December would include our Christmas lights switch-on and other events, helping our town centres to thrive. This year the emphasis has to be on keeping ourselves and our fellow residents safe. I'm proud that the Council has done such a good job getting grants and other support out, in line with Government criteria. I was also determined to make funding available to ensure that nobody in Hyndburn needs to go hungry this winter. If you need support with food or essential items, please contact the Hyndburn

Hub. This organisation brings together the Borough Council with many fantastic community organisations, harnessing so much talent and willingness, meaning the support available can be truly responsive to what people need.

Hyndburn businesses have been there for us during these months of restrictions. I urge everyone to Think Hyndburn and shop local. Let's collectively spend our money where it can make a difference to our friends and neighbours, right here in Hyndburn.

*Miles*



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# Season's Greetings...



## Welcome message from Cllr June Harrison, Mayor of Hyndburn

I've missed not getting out to see groups and individuals around the Borough as I'd have done in normal times, but I couldn't be prouder of Hyndburn for the fantastic spirit, resilience and, perhaps most of all, kindness they've shown to their community. As we continue to have restrictions placed on us, I'm confident that we'll continue to see great examples of this. I've visited lots of our local shops, proudly displaying their Hyndburn shop logos, and I'm looking forward to supporting some of them as I look to get my Christmas shopping once they reopen or where I can click and collect! I am thrilled that through the

Mayoral Charity Fund, we have been able to provide direct practical support through the Hyndburn Hub. If you would like to make a donation to the Mayor's Charity Fund, please make cheques payable to The Hyndburn Mayoral Charity Fund and send it to The Mayor's Office, Scaitcliffe House, Ormerod Street, Accrington, Lancashire, BB5 0PF.



*June*

## Welcome message from Cllr Sara Britcliffe, MP for Hyndburn



I'd like to wish everyone in Hyndburn all the best for this Christmas season as we find different, safe ways, of celebrating in line with the national guidelines. I will look back on 2020 as a difficult year but one where the community came together to help in so many ways. I'm so proud

of being from Hyndburn and representing the area as your MP. The government has provided support to businesses and individuals throughout the pandemic and if I can help anyone to access this or in any other way, please don't hesitate to get in touch. Please continue to follow all the guidelines, in particular the hands, face, space message, and we will get through this. Finally, please support our great local businesses where you can and #ThinkHyndburn.

*Sara*

## Welcome message from Cllr Marlene Haworth, Leader of Hyndburn Conservative Group

It was a pleasure to support the #ThinkHyndburn campaign through these difficult last few months. After the first lockdown was lifted, I was very reassured to see the measures that local businesses had put in place to safeguard customers, meaning we could return to something more like normal life. I'd like to thank Council staff for ensuring that the business support funding provided by the Government has reached its intended targets so quickly and this was rightly recognised at

one of the Number 10 daily briefings. Locally we've worked really well as a team throughout the borough's different community groups and political parties, focussing supporting the people of Hyndburn. Well done to everyone who's played a part in this.



*Marlene*

## Welcome message from Paul Cox, Deputy Leader



I was delighted to see so many local businesses embrace our #ThinkHyndburn campaign, showcasing the amazing range of products and services available right here in our Borough. I've seen the work that they've put into making shopping as safe an experience as possible, helping to keep the economy going while looking after our more vulnerable residents. I urge everyone to shop locally

over the winter – let's make sure our well-earned money is spent locally supporting Hyndburn shops, because that way we all benefit. Whether you're shopping for Christmas, any other celebration, or just for the basics, you really can't ask for more than what's available locally on our high streets and Markets. Thank you to everyone who's helped in any way, from a friendly chat with a neighbour to more formal volunteering through one of our Hub partners you really have shown what real community is.

*Paul*

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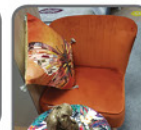
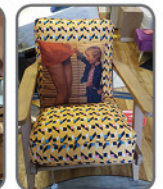
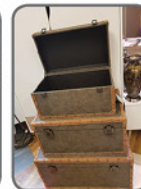
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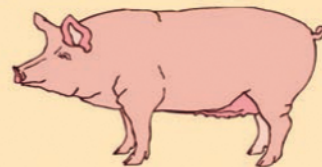
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...from all your local businesses in Baxenden

## Baxenden Advent Windows

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There was lots of interest from the community and the magic began earnestly!

Participating local homes and businesses are each assigned an Advent 'number'. This year the community has been so inspired there are 48 taking part, with 2 sharing an advent number each. They decorate a visible window of their home in any theme n time for the start of advent, including the number or letter in the display. It's a wonderful community effort to create a fun and friendly activity for local families. Some participants even pool creative resources and 'share' a number with their neighbour for a larger display!

This year, even more home and businesses have come together to celebrate this way. Families are encouraged to walk or drive around the village following a map to check off what numbers and letters they can spot in windows. A festive treasure hunt that delights kids.

Last year, favourite displays included Kevin the Carrot, Elves, The Grinch and the magical "Northern Lights" theme. It's set to become a community tradition for Baxenden.

One participant jokes "My kids are meant to help me with decorating but, in reality, I secretly enjoy it more than them".

For more information or a map to follow the trail, please visit Baxenden Village Advents Windows page on Facebook, or text 07970 762595.

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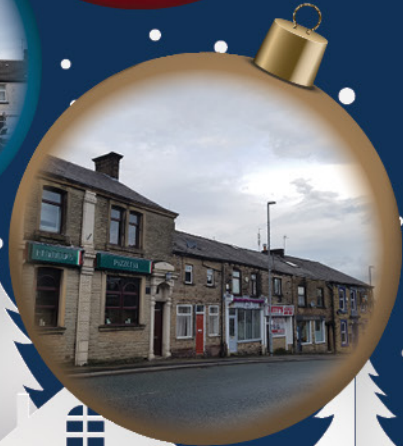
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- 1 large free-range egg, beaten
- Milk, to glaze



### Method

1. Lightly butter a 12-hole pie or patty tin. Tip the mincemeat into a bowl and stir so that the liquid is evenly distributed.
2. Place the flour, sugar, almonds and butter in a food processor and process briefly until resembling breadcrumbs, then slowly add the egg through the feeder tube. (Or rub the butter into the dry ingredients by hand and stir in the egg.)
3. Bring the mixture together with your hands, wrap in cling film and chill for an hour or so. Thinly roll out the pastry on a floured surface. Cut out 12 circles with a fluted pastry cutter, large enough to fill the base of the prepared tin. Press gently into each hole, then fill with the mincemeat.
4. Cut out another 12 slightly smaller discs and use to cover the mincemeat. Press the edges together to seal. Make a small slit in the top of each, then brush lightly with milk. Chill for about 30 minutes. Meanwhile, preheat the oven to 200°C/400°F/Gas 6.
5. Bake the pies for 20 minutes until golden brown. Remove to a wire rack and serve warm.

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¾ cup sugar  
2 cinnamon sticks  
3 whole cloves

1 tsp grated nutmeg  
1 vanilla bean  
1 star anise  
1 sliced orange  
1 sliced lemon

### Method

Combine the ingredients in a saucepan and simmer for 25 minutes. Let it sit overnight if possible (in the refrigerator is fine). Strain out the fruits and other non-drinkable ingredients and serve it warm in glass mugs.



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# The Gordon Shelter by Ellison Street

Ever since the advent of public transport in Accrington, the focal point for boarding and alighting steam trams, electric cars and buses had been on Peel Street. The Market Hall was opened on October 23rd 1869 and an 'outside or open' market occupied an area on the Peel Street side of the main building. With no shelters provided for tram passengers during bad weather, they used to congregate under the canvass canopies of the stalls. This was not a problem on the non-market days, but it gave great annoyance to market traders and stall holders when potential customers could not get to the stalls for people sheltering, who when asked to move on, then crowded into the entrance of the Market Hall itself. This problem had obviously come to the attention of Thomas Gordon JP, a resident of Mount Cottage on Whalley Road, who was a successful businessman in Accrington.

Born in Burnley, Thomas Gordon worked for a time at the Howard & Bullough Factory in Accrington, before becoming a Director of Lang Bridge Engineering.

He was a devoted Baptist lay preacher and amongst his other interests, a benefactor of Accrington Victoria Hospital. On retiring in November 1919, he wished to leave the town a gift that would be of some lasting use. So the town council received correspondence from him, offering a donation of £230 in two instalments of £150 and £80, towards the erection of a tramway shelter and waiting room on Peel Street near the Market entrance. This was quite a considerable amount of money then, so it was resolved to offer the council's cordial thanks to Mr Gordon for this gift.

The Glasgow firm of Walter McFarland & Co. were asked to construct a building with a cast iron frame at their Saracen Foundry. In May 1920, the town council met when the Mayor announced they were in receipt of a further cheque for £400 from Mr Gordon, which was the balance of the cost of erecting the tramway shelter. It was resolved to approve the Borough Surveyor's plan to have it erected directly in line with the central doors on the Peel Street side of the Market Hall. The Market Superintendent was authorised to serve notice on the tenants whose stalls would be displaced and to do his best to find these stall-holders alternative accommodation. At its official opening during the autumn of 1920, Thomas Gordon, its patron said "He hoped that it would be of value to the general public". The structure itself was divided into two equal parts by a central passage, each furnished with wooden slatted benches. Not long after opening four destination boards were put up, two each side of the exits, to encourage the formation of orderly queues. The finishing touch came in the form of a clock, which was suspended from the ceiling.

The Gordon Shelter was much appreciated by passengers, but after withdrawal of the trams in 1932 and the subsequent dispersal of bus stops, the shelter began to lose its importance. In September 1936 the Town Clerk reported he had been in discussions with a representative of the British Automatic Company Ltd, with regard to the drop in revenue from their machines where parcels were weighed before transit. He stated that with the approval of the Company, he had agreed to an increase of charges from £3 to £4 with respect to the machine situated in the Gordon Shelter.

By January 1938, it was resolved that this (now) bus shelter on Peel Street, would not be incorporated into any new bus station scheme. It was decided the question of its future use should be deferred to the Transport Committee for consideration, following consultations with the representatives of the donor.

The plan to convert part of it to a transport office, first mooted in July 1949, had been shelved as it was never intended to be annexed by the Transport Department, even though facilities for the supervision of buses were far from satisfactory. However, it was stated that the Gordon Shelter had now become the regular meeting place for an old folk's club. In September, the town council met and a resolution

was passed to allow a part of the shelter to be requisitioned as a bus inspector's office. There was vociferous opposition from Mr Tetlow, whilst Alderman Johnson enquired as to whether there were any legally binding conditions attached to this bequest. The Town Clerk replied that following extensive investigations no trace of any agreement had been discovered, but from the correspondence on this matter, it




became obvious that Thomas Gordon had specifically intended it to be for the exclusive use of the general public. Councillor Barnes urged the adoption of a proposal for the change of use on two counts. The first was that this shelter was so to speak, "on the right spot", which was where the majority of the bus services started from. Secondly, there were now other shelters available to the public whereas before there had been none. The minutes for the change of use were passed by 16 votes to 7.

In June 1953 the General Manager of the Transport Department, Harry Eaton, sought the instructions of the Committee

with regard to the future of the shelter. The council proposed to remove the structure, a decision which caused a furore with the public and in the press. In a compromise move the Transport Committee offered to retain the structure, so long as half could be occupied by the Corporation Transport Department as an inspector's office, but a vociferous opposition would not shift from their stance. In August, at a meeting of the General Purposes Committee it was ultimately resolved to have arrangements made for it to be demolished.

In February 1954, workmen moved in and demolition began. In March, George Walker criticised the council's Planning Committee "For not providing alternative accommodation before taking it down, and treating the elderly with great contempt." Replying for the committee, Councillor Mrs Ridehalgh said, "It was out of concern for the old folk that they had searched for a more convenient site". Mr Walker said, "He hoped that this was a priority". However, following an enquiry into the County Council's plans to demolish property in the Infant Street, Davy Street, Bridge Street and Bank Street areas for the establishment of a dedicated bus station, this was now abandoned. So this piece of iconic town centre infrastructure a well-loved Accrington landmark was gone for ever.

Thomas Gordon passed away in St Annes-on-Sea at the age of 85. He had also been a director of the North Pier in Blackpool.



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A Will is also an opportunity to put in place tax or care fee planning measures.

## I don't need a will because my spouse / partner get everything anyway?

Not necessarily. Married spouses do inherit a part of your estate but in some cases not 100%. In the case of unmarried couples, the notion of common law marriage doesn't actually exist so there is no automatic entitlement for that partner regardless of how long you've been together or whether you have children together. A Will is the only way to ensure that your assets pass to your chosen beneficiaries.

## What is inheritance tax?

In general terms, the government sets a threshold (the 'Nil Rate Band'). Any amount above this threshold is taxable at 40%. A Will is an opportunity to consider this position and

put in place appropriate planning to avoid this tax.

## Why should a solicitor draft my Will?

The language of Wills can be confusing as it is formed on historical precedents.

Whilst Wills can be bought "off the shelf" the wording used in Wills is extremely particular and in some instances a homemade Will could be found to be invalid, or fail to distribute your assets correctly. This can lead to family disputes and in some cases lengthy court proceedings.

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Whether there are any specific gifts (such as household items) or cash legacies you wish to leave to specific friends, family members or charities.

## Your Property and Assets

### What happens to any land or property you own?

You should finally consider what you wish to happen with everything else you own (ie: your savings / bank accounts).

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*Good luck in your search!*

St Mary's RC Primary School, Clayton-Le-Moors have enjoyed spending this half term designing and making fairy doors at their after school club for people to enjoy in The Woodlands. After being approached by Town Crier Rawden Kerr to join this great community project

the staff and children got designing, making, painting and varnishing the fairy doors; each unique in their own way.

Here the children can be seen placing their beautiful fairy doors on the trees in The Woodlands in the hope of bringing a smile to the faces of our local community while out walking.

The children can't wait to start creating more next term and we are all extremely proud of their creativity!

Other schools are taking part have been slowed down by the virus.

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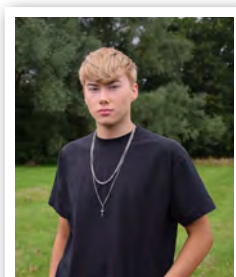
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**Triple success in first Concept Hair Magazine Apprentice of the Year competition**

Nelson and Colne College Group has proved it is a cut above the rest - enjoying a triple success in the first ever national Concept Hair Magazine Apprentice of the Year competition.

Ryan Mossop, 18, who has just achieved his Level 2 Pre-Apprenticeship in Hairdressing at Nelson and Colne College, made history by being named as the overall Concept Hair Apprentice of the Year.

Ryan was selected by the judges as having shown the most technical skill and creative flair out of hundreds of competitors who entered the competition. The former Blessed Trinity RC College student also won the competition's Colouring category with a top-class modern colouring look, and he is now completing an Apprenticeship at Art House Salon in Burnley.



Ryan Mossop

Meanwhile, fellow Nelson and Colne College Level 1 Hairdresser Rabia Khan Muhammad, formerly of Marsden Heights Community College, was also successful in the Concept competition winning the Styling award for her 1920s themed professional makeover.

As well as developing high quality skills in the College's salons, both students were part of Nelson and Colne College Group's Transitions Programme, which aims to build additional skills such as resilience,

confidence and communication. The programme has just been endorsed by a national employer forum, made up of industry leaders including Neal and Wolf and awarding skills body City and Guilds.

Ryan said: "I put in so many hours towards the competition and I feel like it's really paid off. I didn't know what to expect. When you go to a live competition you can see what other people are doing. But with the online final, I had no idea what the outcome would be, so it's a really nice surprise.

"The recognition and support from this is going to be so beneficial in helping me get that step further. My confidence has gone up massively. I didn't expect to win in my first competition, so it's been amazing.

"I've really enjoyed my time at College - I've developed my skills, had supportive tutors and enjoyed fantastic opportunities such as this competition." "In the future I would love to be a salon owner and take on Apprentices of my own."

Rabia, 19, said: "I just can't believe I won. I'm in shock - it's the first competition I've ever taken part in! I'd never done a 1920s look before and after researching it I settled on the look I was going for. I had to do the hair, make-up, jewellery and outfit.

"Some of the credit for my win must go to my tutors who are the best - I could not have achieved this without their help.

"I want to go onto Level 2 and Level 3 to continue improving my hairdressing skills and this will help me a lot. In the future I'd like to have my own salon after university."

Celebrity Hairdresser Andrew Barton, who helped judge the final, said: "The standard of entries from all of the categories was outstanding. It's great to see the future of hairdressing in such talented hands.

"The overall winner of the first ever Concept Hair Apprentice of the Year, Ryan, blew us away with his ability to fulfil, understand and interpret exactly what the category brief was asking for and deliver this in a truly amazing colour transformation."

Claire Pye, Head of Division for Hair and Beauty at Nelson and Colne College Group, said: "Ryan and Rabia have demonstrated exceptional skills to win the awards they have, against strong competition.

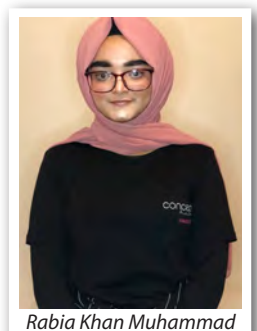
"This is the first year we have had a competition class as part of the Transitions Programme for our Pre-Apprenticeship Level 2 students. To come away with three national accolades is a brilliant result, and it is not only testament to the talent that our students possess, but also an endorsement of the high-quality professional and personal skills development they receive from our College Group teaching team."

Nelson and Colne College Group achieved a 100% Advanced Vocational pass rate in 2020 and offers Hairdressing and Beauty courses to 16-18 students at two campuses - Nelson and Colne College and Accrington and Rossendale College - with Accrington and Rossendale College having completely new salons for the 2020-21 academic year.

Students are also benefiting from a new curriculum from this academic year, featuring improved technical qualifications, which are better aligned with industry demands and needs. These include programmes in Beauty Therapy, Hair and Media Make-up, and Hairdressing and Barbering, enabling progression into more specialised vocational Hairdressing or Beauty pathways at Level 2 and 3.

In addition, the College Group's adult provision has been revised. On offer are part-time courses to support retraining while still working, as well as fast track barbering and make-up courses for those looking to upskill quickly.

**For more information about Nelson and Colne College, please visit [www.nelson.ac.uk](http://www.nelson.ac.uk), and for Accrington and Rossendale College, please visit [www.accross.ac.uk](http://www.accross.ac.uk). To apply, or for application support, contact the Admissions Team at [admissions@nelsongroup.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@nelsongroup.ac.uk) or call 01282 440272.**



Rabia Khan Muhammad

## Community Award Winning Rugby League Club Is Open To Join

Accrington Wildcats are a local amateur rugby league club. The club consists of a development group for ages 4-6, teams for under 7s, under 11s, under 13s and under 15s, as well as an open age group team. We welcome everyone of all abilities, BOYS AND GIRLS from Hyndburn, Burnley, Blackburn and the surrounding areas. Whether you are a rugby fan or you just want to keep fit and make new friends please come along. Everyone who wishes to play for the team in a match will get the chance to play in every single match. We pride ourselves on being totally inclusive, friendly, and welcoming.



The Wildcats are proud to be the current holders of the Hyndburn and Lancashire Community Sports Club of the Year award. We play matches most Sundays from March to October and are based at Wilsons playing fields in Clayton-le-Moors. Currently we are doing winter training at Accrington Academy 6pm-7pm for Development (age 4-6), under 7s, under 11s and under 13s, and 7pm to 8pm for under 15s and open ages. Please feel free to come along just to see what it is all about. If you like what you see and wish to join, boys or girls, your first two sessions are free. From there it is monthly subs dependent on age. We hope to see you down there and help us build on this already fantastic club.

For more information find us on Facebook, visit the website - <http://www.accringtonwildcats.co.uk>, email us on [accywildcats@gmail.com](mailto:accywildcats@gmail.com). Alternatively, you can contact Rachel on 07581845510 or Axel on 07817577090.

## Accrington Stanley Community Trust Awarded £40,000 Grant to Help Hyndburn during Pandemic

Accrington Stanley Community Trust has been awarded £40,000 from the National Lottery Community Fund and Government towards its efforts in delivering community projects during the on-going COVID-19 pandemic.



As part of the funding, Accrington Stanley Community Trust will set up new employability provision in Hyndburn to help those who now find themselves unemployed.

Martin Fearon, Accrington Stanley Community Trust's Chief Executive, said:

"We are delighted to announce that the National Lottery Community Fund and Government have awarded us a grant of £40,000 to help our Charity restart projects and create new employability provision. It's a difficult time for people in Hyndburn and we will do our utmost to support our community through a range of different projects over the coming months."



Further information will be released on the new employability provision in the near future. For more information please contact us on 01254 475013 or email [info@stanleytrust.co.uk](mailto:info@stanleytrust.co.uk)



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