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Welcome Back!

Tracy is still recovering from her accident back in October but her customers and readers have encouraged her to get better to full fitness whilst she is still having lots of physiotherapy in her hand and shoulder.

We are glad that Acorn Community News is now back up and running and we will hopefully get a May/June edition out later in May.



Look who is reading the Acorn! Gordon Burns

Tracy had the pleasure of being a VIP guest at the Manchester United v Leicester City FA Cup game in February courtesy of her friend Eddie from IMEP to cheer her up. She had the pleasure of meeting retired BBC newsreader Gordon Burns. Lots of conversation and reminiscing on her time when she did the Krypton Factor Course for charity in her Ju Jitsu days at Holcombe Tower back in 1987.

Gordon was host of the Krypton Factor for its original 18 year run and was the chief anchor man for the BBC regional news programme North West Tonight from January 1997 to October 2011.

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Gordon Still grooming hair at 80

When Gordon Kenyon started at Crawshaws on Abbey St (now known as The Crafty Fox) at the age of fifteen, I wonder if he ever envisaged that he would still be cutting hair as an Octogenarian?

Well, on April 1st this year, Gordon turned 80 and that is where he still finds himself. Gordon's remarkable story saw him join the army next. At the age of 19, he married Marilyn. Together, they just celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary. That, in itself, is a remarkable milestone these days, with couples tending to marry much later.

When he left the army, Gordon decided to open up his own salon on Bank Street, moving to Abbey Street. He is still in Abbey Street but moved across the road to number 33 and larger premises.

His business is called Plus 2 and now caters for male and female styling.

Gordon's first apprentice was Clive Wallwork who is featured in our picture, who then owned his own place across the road from Gordon, before retiring earlier this year.

Indeed, Gordon was responsible for training a good number of the town's current hairdressers and is still highly respected within the trade.

Gordon's talents don't end with hairdressing. He was also a member of the local band The Warriors in the 1960s, and when he left, he was replaced by Jon Anderson, who went on to global acclaim fronting the band Yes. Jon was reported as saying that he owed his career to Gordon.

Between them, Gordon and Marilyn have two children; Maxine and Philip, who is also a hairdresser.

Although Gordon is only working full time on Thursdays and Fridays now, and half-days Wednesdays and Saturdays, he is still in demand. Why not pop in and see what he can do for you?

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Oswaldtwistle Sick & Poor Fund is a local charity established shortly after World War One. Contributions to the fund were made by local companies and dignitaries. The money was initially intended to offer support to soldiers returning from the war and to remunerate the nurses involved with their care. The fund was revised in 1956 and is still in operation over 100 years later. It now has six new Trustees who have brought the constitution into the 21st century. We are supporting those people in the locality of Oswaldtwistle who are vulnerable or in need. We can also award small grants to young people who may need financial assistance to make progress.

Donations have recently been made to the Sea Cadets, Church and Oswaldtwistle Rotary, Scouts, Air Cadets and Ossyfest.

Glyn Rees, Chairman, says 'It is an honour to continue the ethos of this fund and support the people of Oswaldtwistle and district. We can make small donations to worthy causes and organisations who are addressing the needs of those requiring support.'

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Mayors viewpoint: Councillor Terry Hurn

What a wonderful start to spring we've enjoyed this March and April so far, filled for the Mayoress and I with both glorious sunshine and a wide array of events hosted by local organisations and charities. This may be the season of new beginnings but it's hard not to reflect on the incredible sense of community that has always thrived in our borough, and nowhere is that more obviously highlighted than the generosity, compassion, and commitment of our residents who kindly included the Mayoress and I in their celebrations.

Our month began with invitations to several community Iftars, including those hosted by Hyndburn Academy and East Lancashire Hospice, where we were honoured to join local families and friends in breaking fast during Ramadan. These evenings were true coming together for all cultures and faith to celebrate Ramadan as one Hyndburn community.

Next, we had the pleasure of attending the Church & Oswaldtwistle Rotary Club's 75th Charter Anniversary dinner, as well as the Accrington Rotary Club's Centenary charter night later in the month. At both of these milestone events, it was inspiring to hear about the clubs' long-standing commitment to community service and the positive impact they've made over the years.

At CHARM's Interschool Talent Night, we were amazed by the young talents from local schools across the borough. It was an evening filled with energy, creativity, and promise that took me back to many of the reasons I became a teacher. Thank you to the students and staff for reminding us all of the bright future ahead for our younger generations.

Another highlight this past month has been attending several events hosted by our fellow civic dignitaries as Mayors across Lancashire have hosted charity fundraising occasions. The Mayor of West Lancashire, Mayor of Rossendale, and Mayor of Blackburn with Darwen all hosted fantastic evening affairs, where we joined our friends from across the county in celebrating their respective achievements and raising funds for worthy causes.

In a similar vein, our Mayoress, Christine, was also invited to the Chorley Mayoress Afternoon Tea. It was a lovely occasion, filled with delightful conversations and a wonderful tour of the historic Astley Hall and Coach House.

Attending the Lancashire Fire & Rescue Kings Trust Presentation, where we celebrated the hard work and personal development of all those who have taken part in The King's Trust programme, was certainly an inspiring engagement. The programme works to modify behaviours and change attitudes by working directly with young people to grow as upstanding citizens. Congratulations to all those who participated and best of luck for your future endeavours.

As always, each of these events has reinforced the strength of our community, reminding us that, no matter the challenges we face, we are always stronger together. Looking ahead, we are excited to continue supporting and celebrating the people and organisations that make Hyndburn such a special place to live.

Finally, my last fundraising event will take place on Saturday 9th May at the Poplar Club in Accrington. The evening will include music from the Houghton Weavers and a pie & pea supper. Tickets cost £15 with all proceeds going to East Lancs Hospice. Tickets can be purchased by calling 07801313991.

Thank you, as always, for your warm welcome and your continued support. We look forward to what the coming month holds!



1921 Census

The year 2025 has commenced favourably for family historians with the availability of the 1921 census on the Ancestry website. In contrast to Findmypast, where research on this census required an additional payment, it is now possible to search the 1921 census on Ancestry as part of your standard membership fee. The census is among the most valuable resources available to UK family historians, offering extensive information critical for building a comprehensive family tree.

The 1921 census provides essential details such as your ancestors' age in years and months, their address, and place of employment. For those who do not subscribe to Ancestry, free access is available at your local family history research centre located at 2 Straits, Oswaldtwistle BB5 3LU.

When the census was taken in 1921 there were nine houses at the Straits and No 2 was occupied by Thomas Freeman, aged 61, his wife, Jane (62) and their son James (30). They were corn and provision dealers. Did your ancestors made use of this business?

Over the years, our volunteers have developed several techniques to locate "missing" individuals. Therefore, if you have an elusive ancestor, consider visiting us to see if we can assist you—our services are provided free of charge. The research centre has been operating in Oswaldtwistle for over ten years, during which we have successfully helped numerous individuals start their family trees and supported others in extending their family history across several generations.

The research centre is run by the Lancashire Family History & Heraldry Society (www.lfhhs.org) and is opened each Thursday and 1st Saturday of each month 1pm – 3pm. At 2 Straits, Oswaldtwistle BB5 3LU. You can follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/LancashireAncestors/

Celebration of World Down Syndrome Day!

The Community came and helped to celebrate World Down Syndrome Day in March at Mount Carmel High School. There was live music, dancing and was even attended by Imperial Alliance Star Wars Characters to help raise funds. Lots of local businesses attended as part of the craft fair.

Eva Lorente & Shauna Hogan both known for Holly Oaks fame as part of the cast was around for many photo opportunities. Organiser Caz Moreton would like to Thank the organisations and artists that took part

Mount Carmel High for hosting us again and their wonderful staff and PTA., Az Kabile with Totally Tribal, Stevie D Dance Academy Kathy Sings, Drop Dead Red, Paul Lorente Imperial Alliance, Shauna Hogan, Eva the Diva, MC Richard Gibson, Trisha Hawke Photographer.

The brilliant volunteers from East Lancs Down Syndrome Support Group special mention to John Kevin .

All our brilliant stall holders including some who have supported us for the last 8 years.

The rest of my family who I have to drag down with me kicking and screaming!

Every last person who donated a raffle prize, supported our stall holders or just came along for the day.

We raised £592 which is fantastic. #downsyndromeawareness





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Alex Norris MP Visits Elmfield Hall to Support Community Ownership Fund Bid

Alex Norris MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Housing, Communities and Local Government, and Sarah Smith MP, Hyndburn and Haslingden, visited Elmfield Hall on Thursday to show support for the Community Ownership Fund grant received by Hyndburn charity Community Solutions North West.

The visit highlighted the charity's efforts to help safeguard the future of Elmfield Hall, a vital community hub in the heart of Hyndburn. The Community Ownership Fund supports local initiatives and important community assets to ensure they continue to serve the needs of local residents for years to come.

The Community Ownership Fund was established by the Government to provide financial support for communities looking to take ownership of local assets at risk of closure. The grant, will secure the future of Elmfield Hall and allow it to continue hosting essential services, events, and activities that benefit the local community.

Community Solutions North West representatives attended the event, to showcase their plans for the hall's revitalization and the positive impact the funding would have on the area.



New Accrington Youth Hub Launches at Elmfield Hall to Empower Local Young People

Community Solutions North West (CSNW), in partnership with the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP), proudly announces the launch of the Accrington Youth Hub, situated within the historic Elmfield Hall in Gatty Park. This initiative is designed to support young people aged 16–24 in Hyndburn by providing tailored employment, training, and wellbeing services in a welcoming, community-focused environment.

The Youth Hub aims to serve as a central resource for young individuals seeking guidance on employment opportunities, skills development, and personal growth. By collaborating with local employers, training providers, and community organisations, the Hub will offer a comprehensive support system to help young people overcome barriers to employment and achieve their career aspirations.

Maggie Moody, CEO of CSNW, expressed enthusiasm about the project:

"The launch of the Accrington Youth Hub marks a significant step forward in our commitment to empowering young people in our community. By providing accessible resources and personalised support, we aim to inspire confidence and open doors to new opportunities for our youth."

Sarah Smith, MP for Hyndburn and Haslingden, highlighted the importance of the initiative:

"Before I got into politics, I spent time volunteering as a youth worker, so I know just how important a youth hub like this can be for our young people."

We are lucky to have groups like Community Solutions here in the constituency. They do brilliant work every single day, helping people build confidence, learn new skills, and get the support they need."

I am fully committed to backing our volunteers and working with the government to give young people the tools they need to succeed. This isn't just good for them, it's good for our local workforce and a big step towards helping young people in Hyndburn and Haslingden reach their full potential."

The Accrington Youth Hub is now open and welcomes referrals through Jobcentre Plus. The Hub offers a range of services, including career counselling, skills workshops, and mental health support, all aimed at facilitating a smooth transition into employment or further education.

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As young adults, we've witnessed firsthand how Hyndburn, Lancashire, and our country have been left broken. We've seen the elderly suffer in cold homes while billions are spent on 'net zero' policies as well as both Labour and the Conservatives make promises they have no intention of keeping once elected. As the Reform UK candidates for Great Harwood, Rishton, Clayton, and Altham, we are committed to fixing the broken system and ensuring that Hyndburn and Lancashire become places where residents feel safe and supported.



Joel Tetlow

Accrington North

I'm not a career politician; I'm simply a local resident who's fed up with how this country is being run, both locally and nationally. As a father, I am deeply concerned for the safety of our children, especially with migrants crossing the channel and entering our country illegally. Reform UK is the only way forward to keep our community safe. The Conservatives and Labour will promise anything to win your vote, only to neglect those same issues once elected. As your Reform UK candidate for Accrington North, I will hold the opposition parties accountable and work tirelessly to address the pressing issues facing our community.



Ashley Joynes

Accrington South

Having spent much of my adult life in Lancashire, I have witnessed a steady decline in our community. Our streets are becoming increasingly unsafe, the elderly are struggling to get by, and the state of our roads continues to deteriorate. Both the Conservative and Labour parties have failed us, leading to a situation where Lancashire County Council now faces nearly £1.2 billion in debt, making it harder than ever to meet the needs of the public. As your Reform UK candidate for Accrington South, I will tackle the wasteful spending and ensure that resources are allocated where they are most needed.



Gaynor Hargreaves

Oswaldtwistle

As a concerned local resident of Hyndburn, I am deeply troubled by the failure of both the Conservative and Labour parties to take meaningful action in protecting our precious green spaces. As a supporter of the Stop The Cemetery movement, I remain committed to advocating for the preservation of our natural environment and standing firm against proposals that threaten to destroy it. Our community's quality of life is at risk. To protect our green belt from irreversible damage, we must take action. I urge everyone to vote for Reform UK on May 1st and ensure that our voices are heard.



Isaac Cowans

Oswaldtwistle Central/Accrington West

Growing up in Hyndburn, I've witnessed the lack of care shown by both the Conservative and Labour parties in protecting our most vulnerable community members, particularly the elderly and those living with disabilities. Under the current Labour government, pensioners have been stripped of their £300 winter fuel allowance, leaving them vulnerable to cold homes during the winter months. As your Reform UK candidate for Oswaldtwistle Central and Accrington West, I will fight to ensure that our most vulnerable are given the support and protection they need.



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The Timeless Appeal of Bespoke Kitchens & Bedrooms

In an era marked by mass production and uniformity, the resurgence of bespoke kitchens and bedrooms stands as a testament to the enduring allure of craftsmanship and personalised design. Made-to-measure fitted furniture is not merely a trend, it is a conscious choice that transcends fleeting fashions, offering a timeless and unique solution to homeowners seeking both functionality and aesthetics.

The term "bespoke" itself implies a level of craftsmanship that goes beyond the ordinary. Each piece is meticulously tailored to the client's specifications, ensuring a seamless integration into the existing space. This attention to detail results in furniture that not only maximizes utility but also becomes an essential part of the home's identity. In bespoke kitchens, every cabinet, worktop, and drawer is a manifestation of the owner's taste, transforming the heart of the home into a personalised masterpiece.

Beyond the kitchen, bespoke bedrooms carry this commitment to individuality into the realm of relaxation and rejuvenation. Fitted furniture designed with precision considers the spatial dynamics of the room, seamlessly merging storage solutions with aesthetic elements. The result is a harmonious space where every element aligns with the homeowner's vision of tranquility and comfort.

The allure of bespoke design lies not only in its aesthetic appeal but also in its sustainability. By investing in furniture crafted to exact specifications, consumers contribute to a reduction in waste and promote a more eco-friendly approach to living. Unlike mass-produced alternatives that often fall short in quality, bespoke furniture is built to last, fostering a culture of sustainability through longevity and durability.

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With input from leading pet and vet professionals throughout the month, we'll share simple but effective steps to keep your animal companions healthy and thriving.

Running from April 1 – May 1, this year's campaign will shine a light on how to find the right pet for your lifestyle, support good behaviour and training from the start and make responsible choices when it comes to pet health and wellbeing.

Throughout April we will explore the five key welfare needs – Companionship, Behaviour, Diet, Health and Environment – through advice, #NPMLive on social media and inspiring stories.

- Companionship Week from April 1 – 7: Highlighting the joy of rescue pets, how to find the right pet for your lifestyle and the trend of pet-friendly workplaces and retail spaces.

- Behaviour Week from April 8 – 14: Understanding pet behaviour, early training and how to support pets through change.
- Diet and Health Week from April 15 – 21: Promoting healthy eating habits and low-cost ways to keep pets active.
- Environment Week from April 22 – 30: Exploring how to create safe, enriching spaces for pets and how owners can be more environmentally responsible.

We'll also mark World Animal Vaccination Day on April 20 by raising awareness of the importance of vaccinations in preventing disease and keeping our pets healthy.

The campaign kicks off with our first #NPMLive show with UK Pet Food and NOAH on March 17, streaming via our social channels, where we'll share a sneak preview of what's to come.

Throughout the month, we'll be spreading #PetPawsitivity and #VetPawsitivity stories and pics. So, whether you want to celebrate your pet or thank a veterinary team, tell us about it so we can include you and your pet.

How to get involved

- Share your pet stories and pictures using #NationalPetMonth, #NPM25 #PetPawsitivity and #VetPawsitivity.
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Keeping Your Dog Safe in Summer

Warm weather can be lovely, but summer brings added risks for our dogs. Unlike humans, dogs don't sweat to cool down—instead, they rely on panting and a limited number of sweat glands in their paws. This makes them especially vulnerable to overheating. Here's how to help them stay safe and comfortable.

Walk Smart

Avoid walking your dog during the hottest part of the day, typically between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Instead, head out early in the morning or later in the evening when it's cooler. Always check the pavement temperature—if you can't hold the back of your hand to the ground for five seconds, it's too hot for paws.

Hydration and Shade Are Key

Make sure your dog always has access to fresh, cool water. Outdoors, provide plenty of shade—trees, umbrellas, or pop-up tents work well. A paddling pool or damp towel can offer extra relief, and indoors, use fans or keep curtains drawn to reduce heat.

Never Leave Dogs in Cars

Even on a mild day, the inside of a car can become dangerously hot within minutes. Leaving windows open or parking in the shade doesn't make it safe. If dogs aren't allowed where you're going, leave them at home.

Cool, Calm and Enriched

Avoid intense exercise in hot weather. Instead, focus on indoor enrichment: food puzzles, training games, scentwork, or frozen Kong's filled with dog-safe treats. Grooming also helps keep dogs cool by removing dead fur and improving airflow through the coat.

Know the Signs of Heatstroke

Heatstroke is serious and can be fatal. Look out for excessive panting, drooling, weakness, vomiting, or collapse. If you suspect heatstroke:

- Move your dog to a shaded, cool area
- Offer small amounts of water
- Wet them with cool (not cold) water
- Call your vet immediately

Final Thought

Summer should be enjoyable for everyone—including our dogs. By adjusting your routine, staying aware, and making simple changes, you can ensure your dog stays safe, cool, and happy all season long.

By Marcia Ashworth, BA (Hons) IMDT

Aims and objectives

- Promote responsible pet ownership
- Make people aware of the mutual benefits of living with pets
- Increase public awareness of the role of pet care specialists
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- Encourage fundraising for UK pet welfare charities and organisations

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In the past 2 years Tracy has been searching through archives to find old pictures of all the different areas in our townships, She noticed that the majority of the pictures are from 1906/7 of business owners stood outside their businesses. She had took current pictures of the businesses here now and she will be donating them soon to the library once the project has finished all the pictures she has taken for future generations to look at.

Here are just a few from the start of Whalley Road in Accrington.



Whalley Road Accrington c1910



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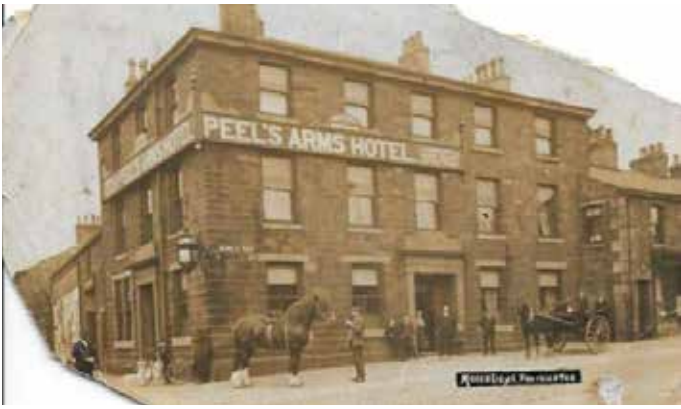
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Not long after entering service in October 1907, electric car number 2 received extensive damage to its side when a horse-drawn cart backed into it on Union Road in Oswaldtwistle. It was out of service for a week. Car number 2 was unlucky, for having been damaged in the previous year it was involved in another collision this time with car number 3 on a single track section, again on Union Road. There were parts of this road where passing was impossible if another tram was occupying the single track. Both cars were damaged with the motormen sharing the responsibility due to negligence. This prompted a system of automatic signalling to be installed at those on this section.

On the night of November 11th 1911, an accident occurred on Accrington's rails involving two of Rawtenstall's cars. It would change the way trams were controlled and sound the end of the system of regenerative braking used on tramcars. The Tramways Inspector revealed a failure of the armature mechanism which had cancelled a brake application. This caused car 14 to gain speed approaching the passing loop on Manchester Road, at the junction with Harcourt Road. Reaching 25mph it derailed on the points and struck Rawtenstall car 11 standing in the loop knocking it off the rails. It was a miracle that no one was killed or seriously injured as car 14 was completely de-roofed. Fourteen passengers received injuries, the worst being those of the driver of 11. Gangs from Rawtenstall worked through the night to re-rail the two cars. The wreckage was stored at Bacup Road sheds before returning to the factory of the United Electric Car Company in Preston. Both cars were completely rebuilt with a system of magnetic braking.

The most serious accident occurred in dense fog on March 12th 1916. With visibility down to about 10 yards two cars collided head-on on the single line along Whalley Road, whilst working the Clayton service. Car number 15 was heading towards Clayton-le-Moors, whilst car number 7 was on its way back having just left the Sydney Street passing loop. The force severely damaged both leading ends, with car 7 coming off worst. Both motormen were seriously injured driver Crabtree dying some three years later having not fully recovered. The driver of car 15 William Holland, had both his legs broken, and although he recovered sufficiently did not drive again.

An incident occurred during dense fog in November 1922, when a Rawtenstall car completely missed the terminus of the Rossendale Valley services near the railway arch on Blackburn Road. The driver reached the Commercial Hotel in Church

before realising his error. He overran the crossing where trams could turn, so had no alternative but to proceed over Blackburn's tracks before he could reverse. Fortunately the next crossing point was before the lines went under the low railway bridge at Blythe's, otherwise the top deck of his car would have been lost.

A serious accident occurred on Whalley Road in December 1929. On the morning of the 17th, the rails had become iced-up on the steepest section. Approaching the bridge, the tram driver John Entwistle applied the brakes, but at the end of Owen Street the wheels locked and the car began to slide. The roadway levels off beyond the Castle Public House and he hoped that he would be able to regain control at this point. Unfortunately a heavy lorry was in the way. Its driver attempted to accelerate but could not do so sufficiently to avoid an impact. The car hit the rear of the lorry shattering the front of the tram and seriously injuring Entwistle and four passengers, all of whom suffered cuts and bruising. The lorry driver Thomas Castle from Clayton-le-Moors who was commended for his actions, eventually brought the runaway to a stand. Entwistle returned to work, following hospitalisation.

I recall a story told to me by my colleague the late Jack Wallwork. He was an apprentice compositor with Broadley in Clayton-le-Moors. Broadleys had a shop/office on Blackburn Road between School Street and the Railway Hotel, and Jack was given the task on his way home on his six working days, to deliver printed matter there from the factory. For this he was paid an additional six pence (6d) per week. The problem was, that travel beyond the Market Place to the terminus at the foot of Eagle Street cost an extra penny (1d) in fares. So Jack was carrying out this task "for now't"!



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Event organiser Richard Wallwork said: *"We're thrilled to be working with local schools and community groups to encourage healthier lifestyle choices. The recipe book competition, which invites schools to submit their favourite healthy recipes, has really captured the imagination. Our world record attempt will add another layer of excitement, and we can't wait to see families and friends joining in."*

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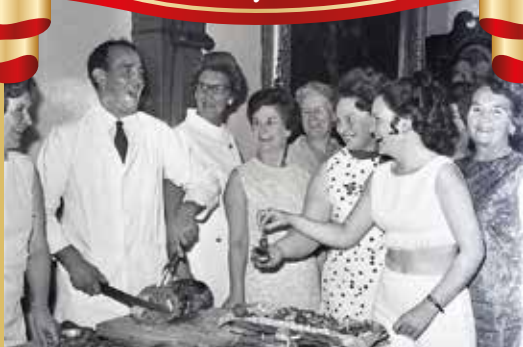
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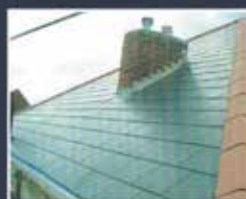
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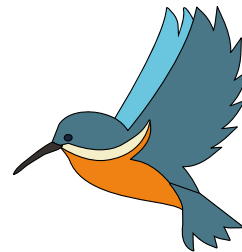


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Town Square Site Update



Recent works on the Accrington Town Square site include significant progress at both the Market Hall and Burton Chambers. At the Market Hall, teams are actively replacing the celestial roof glazing panels, rainwater gutter, repairing the stonework which supports the bell and repairs to the chimneys, with final facade repairs being completed, checked and signed off as the scaffold is taken down. The large green doors are nearing refurbishment, with final decoration and adjustments underway.

Meanwhile, at Burton Chambers, new windows have been installed on the upper floors, which have recently been inspected by building control to confirm they meet the required standards and decoration to key external architectural features is nearly complete. Replacement external steel doors are due to be installed shortly and remedial works to the ground floor front wall are almost complete. This will create a strong platform allowing the new shopfront curtain walling to commence installation. Piling works for the new stairwell are complete.

Looking ahead, at the Market Hall, teams will finalise stonework repairs and other roof works as the scaffold starts to come down. At Burton Chambers, progress will continue on the stairwell foundations, which will support the next phase of the staircase work. Final preparations for the shop front installations continue as manufacturing is finished and they are delivered to site for installation.

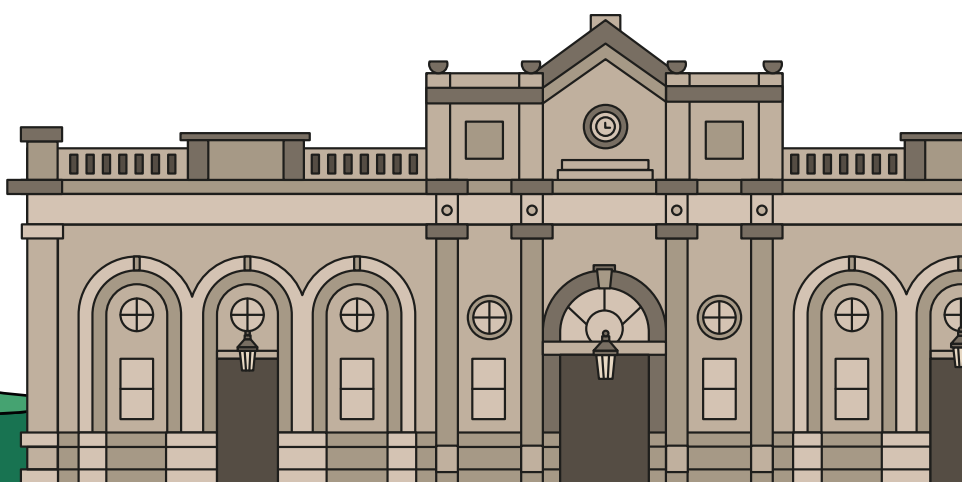
As the scaffolding is coming down on the Market Hall and Burtons Chambers buildings, it will reveal the newly cleaned/ repaired iconic architecture as we prepare the sites for the internal fitting-out phase of the project. The current estimate for the opening of both buildings is likely to be later this year.

Once the fit-out tenders are returned in May the Council will have a fixed price and end dates for completion of the projects.

Operators have now been confirmed, with the appointment of Northern Lights Group as the new operator for the Market Hall. 2-Work were appointed as the new operator for Burtons Chambers last year.

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A very belated Happy New Year! Whilst Acorn News has unfortunately been offline for a while, work hasn't stopped for the OASST, in what's been a busy start to the year.

The year started off with Accrington Stanley playing Liverpool at Anfield in the FA Cup 3rd round. In what was arguably the highest profile game in the club's entire history, the Trust worked with the club organising coach travel to transport an army of fans to Liverpool for the game. Whilst we organise coach travel to pretty much every away game, this is usually a single coach, so getting a convey of 20 coaches together took some organising and we can report that the 1000 or so people that gathered at the Wham Stadium on a frosty Winter's morning to travel with us all got there and back safely.

The project to instal a mural of the wall of the Crown pub, which is next to the Wham Stadium, has moved on with the funding secured, so we're now in a phase to gather ideas. The mural will become a local landmark and with so many memories made since Accrington Stanley were one of the original 12 founders of the Football League in 1888, there are certain to be key moments that people would like to showcase. The mural is planned to not only be a work of art, but will also depict the club's rich history and celebrate Accrington's heritage, creating a sense of place and civic pride.

Workshops will be held with local schools, volunteers and community groups, with opportunities for the general public to be involved on what the mural should contain. If you've an idea or suggestion, visit amazingaccrington.co.uk to make sure it's included as the more ideas we have, the more the artist will be inspired by them.

And finally, a couple of reminders. The monthly Club 1968 draw has increased the prize money each month to £1750 with a lucky winner netting the main prize of £1000. If you'd like to be in with a chance of it being you, you can sign up for just £10/month at onstanleyon.com or the Club 1968 FaceBook page.

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