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SUNDAY 10TH MARCH



On Saturday 17th February, Ynot Aspire held their annual fundraising ball at Accrington Stanley's 1968 Lounge. Ynot Aspire are an award winning grassroots charity, working with young people in Hyndburn to promote positive mental health and wellbeing and raise aspirations. They offer a range of activities, including one-to-one mentoring for young people with low-level mental health issues.

This year, their fundraising ball was in memory of their former Chair of Trustees and well-loved local man, Tony Dobson, who sadly passed away in 2020. Tony was a former Mayor of Hyndburn, Leader of the Conservative Party and served as a councillor for over 20 years. As well as this, he was a local businessman, school governor, sat on the board of local charities and was a friend and mentor to many. He did so much for the borough, always ready to lend a hand to those in need. In the early stages of the pandemic, Tony delivered shopping to vulnerable people across the borough. He was an incredible and caring man who gave of himself selflessly.

The fundraiser was a huge success, seeing many of his friends and colleagues come together to celebrate his life and raise funds for Ynot Aspire. An amazing £6800 was raised on the night. As a grassroots charity, every penny of this goes to supporting young people in the borough that Tony gave so much of his life and himself to. Many thanks to everyone who supported the event.

To find out more about Ynot Aspire, their work and how you can support them, please visit www.ynotaspire.org.uk



Thank You to David Sherburne for the wonderful Painting on the Front Cover observed from the Library. This is the last of the wonderful Paintings showcasing our lovely Memories of times gone by in Accrington and surrounding towns of Hyndburn.

See the special feature this month on 100 years past to present on Oswaldtwistle

If you have any photographs of old or if you are a business that would like to advertise on these special pages the next one will be on Clayton Le Moors..

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Don't Forget

In the UK clocks go forward 1 hour at 1am on Sunday 31st March when British Summer Time (BST) begins.



Hyndburn Centennial Lions Club 7th charter anniversary lunch

Held at the Dunkenhall Hotel in Accrington the event was attended by 50 guests to celebrate the Hyndburn Centennial Lions Club 7th Anniversary of its formation in 1917.

Lion President Malcolm Davison and his wife Lion Sandra welcomed lion members from 12 other clubs which included local ones and from as far away as Llandudno.

Principal guests included the Mayor and Mayoress of Hyndburn Councillor Terry Hurn and Jean Hurn, Lions District Governor Barry Prior and Debbie Prior from the Douglas Valley Lions Club (Parbold area of Wigan) as well as a special guest speaker ex Lancashire Police detective sergeant Mr Mark Whelan MBE and his wife Heidi. Mr Whelan gave a presentation about his time on the police force and how he formed and led the counties Engage Team, working to combat child exploitation, for which he was made an MBE.

Other speeches included one from Lion President Malcolm Davison detailing what fundraising activities the club had been involved with since the last charter as well as the donations that had been made.

District Governor Lion Barry Prior, on behalf of the International Association of Lions Club, thanked the club for the excellence work they had been involved with and the support they had given to the community. He was also pleased to make a presentation to Lion Jane Flegg of a 15 years service chevron.

The Mayor of Hyndburn spoke to thank the club for the invitation to the charter and on behalf of himself and the Mayoress said how much they had enjoyed the event.

Lion President Malcolm then made some presentations, firstly he gave the Mayor a club banner and a cheque donation for the Mayors Charity Fund for Millie's Smiles Charity.

He also then made a presentation to District Governor Barry of a banner and a cheque donation for his partner Debbie's appeal for Brain Tumour Research.

Hyndburn Centennial Lions are looking forward to another interesting year raising funds and helping the local community.

If anyone is interested in finding out more about the club or about the Lions organisation then please contact them on telephone 0345 833 2803 or email hyndburnlions@gmail.com

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Six ways to sleep better for National Bed Month

Achieving a good night's sleep is a problem for an awful lot of people, so to mark National Bed Month this March here are top six ways to help you drift off into the land of nod.

1. Invest in your sleep with a comfortable, supportive bed.

Yes it might be National Bed Month, and yes the focus is on beds, but what you sleep on plays a huge part in how well you doze. A bed with the correct support, comfort and space will ensure you wake less, move about less, aren't disturbed by your partner as much and are less likely to wake up feeling tired or aching. Remember, if you're not comfortable in bed your sleep won't be as deep.

2. Avoid clock watching.

Instead of staring at the clock and stressing over how many lost hours of sleep you've had, hide the bedside clock or cover it with something. Checking the time only increases stress.

3. Don't focus on how much sleep you're getting.

There's no ideal quota and one size doesn't fit all! Instead look at how you feel the next day. Too many people focus on sleep quantity but what's important is that the sleep you do get is of good quality so make sure you regularly assess that and your comfort levels.

4. Write a to-do list before bed.

Worry and anxiety are a key player in what keeps us awake at night. Often, we get into bed with our mind racing or buzzing with the things that are troubling us or what we need to get done. Keep a notepad and pen by your bed and write down worries or jobs that need to be tackled. It really does help to clear the mind for sleep.

5. Watch your diet.

Avoid over-eating before bedtime and choose foods with sleep-promoting chemicals such as chicken and turkey, pumpkin and sunflower seeds, peanuts, beans and milk. Equally, limit stimulants such as alcohol and caffeine which reduce sleep quality and prevent you feeling rested.

6. Establish a bedtime routine.

Our bodies thrive on routine so establish and prioritise a bedtime routine and, where possible, stick to it. This could be something as simple as putting PJs on, washing your face and brushing your teeth. A bed time routine signals the brain that it's time for sleep.

Like proper nutrition and exercise, sleep fulfils a vital role in keeping us healthy and happy. We need a good night's sleep to ensure we're feeling fit, thinking sharply and generally to give us the appetite and enthusiasm to make the most of everyday living.

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Mayors viewpoint: Councillor Terry Hurn

It has been wonderful this month for the Mayoress and I to get back into the swing of things and attend such a diverse range of engagements following the festive season. The weather may have been on the colder side, but a little snow here and there could not keep us away from spending our time meeting with the hardworking and dedicated members of the Hyndburn community that help to make these events and engagements a reality.

Last month's engagements kick started with a warmly received invitation from the Hyndburn Centennial Lions Club's 7th Charter anniversary lunch. It was fantastic to be invited along by Past District Governor and Club Treasurer – and my former Lancashire Ambulance Service colleague - Tony Clarkson to celebrate the anniversary of the club's formation with a meal and speeches in what proved to be a great afternoon.

The Mayoress and I also had the pleasure of attending The King's Award for Voluntary Service Award Ceremony, held at Preston County Hall. This event was a brilliant recognition of all the outstanding hard work by local volunteer groups to benefit their communities. We would like to extend a huge congratulations to all the groups who were recognised at this wonderful evening, including our own Official Accrington Stanley Supporters Trust (OASST).

In an out of the ordinary engagement, the Mayoress and I had the opportunity to join Accrington Christians Together (ACT) Street Angels this month on one of their late night Accrington town centre patrols to help with their fantastic work of looking after vulnerable people. The group of volunteers meet regularly from 10pm to 2am to provide assistance within the town centre to anyone who may need some help, whether that be first aid, bottles of water, a listening ear, or something else.

We also enjoyed a wonderful afternoon at Accrington Town Hall for a charity fundraising concert in support of NSPCC. 2nd Rossendale Scout Group & Band and The Houghton Weavers created a fantastic event, and I am certain that their fundraising endeavours were well-received by the charity. Well done to everyone who took part and thank you for creating an afternoon of fantastic performances for all who attended.

Unfortunately, the Mayoress and I had to say goodbye to our former St Oswald's Ward Councillor and Honorary Alderman, the late Doug Hayes. It was an honour to attend his funeral in a Mayoral capacity and it was heartwarming to see so many turn out to extend their sympathies to Doug's family and loved ones. Doug was a much-loved, well-respected Councillor, and my thoughts are with all those near and dear to him during this difficult time.

I would like end by extending a heartfelt thanks to all who invited the Mayoress and I to share their special moments last month, from my fellow civic dignitaries like the Mayor of Blackburn to our brilliant community, volunteer-led organisations. It has been a pleasure meeting with you all and it is always such an honour to partake in these events.



Hyndburn hosts its first Alumni Event

At the beginning of 2024, Hyndburn hosted the first of hopefully many alumni events. People who have made a huge impact in their industries were invited to return to their hometown to learn about the transformational projects happening in Accrington and give their input on the future vision.

The event was hosted at Haworth Art Gallery amongst the world class collections of art and Tiffany Glass, with each alumni invited to give a talk to the group about their own journey and how the local area shaped who they are and what they have achieved.

Representatives from Hyndburn's Culture and Heritage Investment Panel, industry professionals, County and local council officers and elected leaders also attended to listen to the talk and take part in the Panel Q and A session.



ACT Street Angels is a special project run by trained volunteers. The aims are to aid the vulnerable, help reduce crime in the nighttime economy of Accrington, and along with the police and emergency services make

Accrington a safer place.

We are now out every Saturday night, some Fridays, and at special events in the Town Centre. We are based at St James' Church on Cannon Street. Look out for the orange jackets and friendly faces.

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The group heard all about the journey over the last few years, where over £60 million of funding has been secured to transform Accrington Town Square and most recently, the news of plans for a brand-new heritage and culture venue in the heart of the borough within Market Chambers (opposite Accrington Market Hall).

The panel included: David Aspen, principal violist of the Orchestra of Opera North, Julie Hesmondhalgh, esteemed actor and writer, BAFTA nominee, Silas Birtwistle, artist, sculptor, designer and son of composer, the late Sir Harrison Birtwistle and Sir John Tomlinson, world class opera singer who has performed across the globe.

Throughout the event the Panel members shared their own experiences of growing up in the borough, reflected on the incoming investment, and highlighted their commitment to supporting local Heritage, Culture and Arts for the next generation. Julie Hesmondhalgh, Actor and Writer:

"I was born, grew up and was educated in Accrington. This is such a chance to celebrate what we have and build it for future generations... I am absolutely committed to being part of this conversation and I am so grateful to be here today."

David Aspin, Principal Violist of The Orchestra of Opera North:

"I feel very strongly that you get a lot of bang for your buck from arts institutions. The sector at the moment is running on empty and we are still getting that output. I just want to give a call out to our sector and how important it is that we have this investment in the culture of Hyndburn... I can't tell you how thrilled I am to be standing here."

Videos of the full panel talks are available for people to watch on the Accrington Square website in the 'our community' section, alongside news and updates of the wider transformational projects. www.AccringtonTownSquare.com

2024 Events Announced

Accrington Food & Drink Festival

Accrington Town Centre | **Saturday 1st June**

Eco Fest

Accrington Town centre | **Saturday 8th June**

Oswaldtwistle Carnival

Rhyddings Park, Oswaldtwistle | **Sunday 9th June**

Connecting Cultures

Haworth Park, Accrington **Sunday 16th June**

Hyndburn Sound Live Music

Town centre, Accrington **Summer**

Food & Craft Fete

Town gate, Great Harwood **Summer**

Horticultural & Craft Show

Bank Mill House Great Harwood **Summer**

Plug & Play Live Music

Outside Mercer Hall, Great Harwood **Summer (Saturdays)**

Rishton Festival

Rishton **Summer**

Soapbox Challenge

Town centre, Accrington **Saturday 24th August**

Lancashire Day Celebrations

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Accrington Xmas Lights Switch On

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Oswaltdwistle **Ossie! Ossy! Gobbinland!**

Voted no 1 in Lancashire has the 'Happiest place' to live. (Lancashire Post by its own readers.)

Now try asking an Ossy person if they are a Gobbin or not! This will bring either an emphatic 'yes' or an equally emphatic 'No.' 'Gobbin' (which has overtones in Lancashire dialect as 'slow' or even 'dimwitted') comes from 'gob' meaning waste from a coal mine or quarry. The lamp which is situated at Oswaltdwistle Library on Union Road, above this level on the main road was partly made of this waste so that people living above this point was called Gobbins.

Ossy is full of life and character. Local sayings abound - such as the term 'sneck-lifter for one's first drink of the evening. In poorer days one had just enough for one's first half pint - this lifted the sneck and got you into the pub!

Once a small agricultural village in the 19th century, it expanded during the rise of the Lancashire textile industry. Nowadays Oswaltdwistle is a traditional Shopping area and has an array of unique businesses and services with its former cotton mills being put to good use selling a range of products selling furniture, homewares, soft furnishings and fashion and an array of Beauty Parlours & hairdressers.

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There are plenty of cafes and restaurants which offers traditional home cooked food as well as foods from around the world.

So when you decide where to go shopping why not give Oswaltdwistle a visit where a warm welcome with a big smile awaits you.

Gobbinland is the area of Ossy "above t' lamp". The lamp is the one outside the Carnegie Library on Union Road. The western boundary is the bridge over Cocker Brook. The northern and southern boundaries are probably the fields past White Ash and Duckworth Hill Lane respectively.

What is a Gobbin?

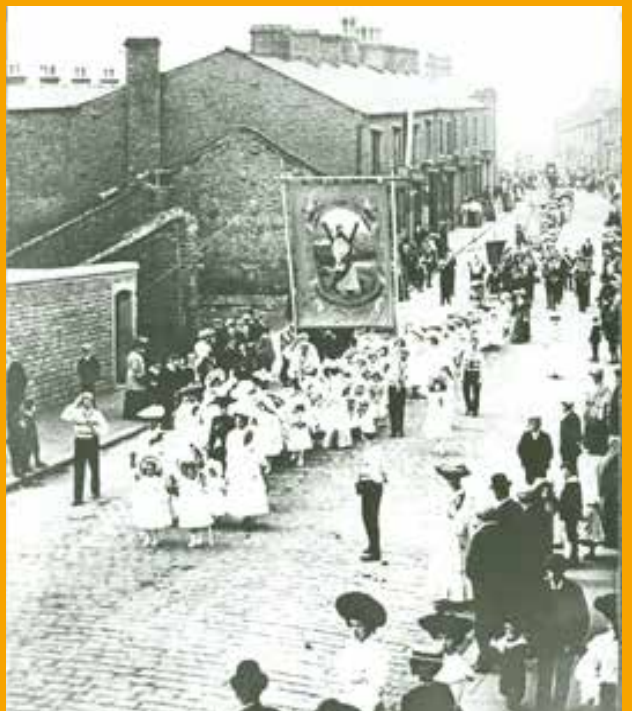
One answer is that a gobbin is an old Lancashire dialect term for a lump of coal. Let's dispel the myth that Gobbins are stupid people once and for all. The myth probably came about because most people worked down the mines or in the mills from an early age and had no education. But not being able to read or write does not necessarily mean someone is stupid. The myth is probably being kept alive by non-Gobbiners who are perhaps jealous, bear a grudge, think they're clever or whatever. Tell the world - Gobbiners are great!



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Team Whittaker's is now in the safe hands of Jack, Chris Andy, Stuart and John will still help when required.

What is your story



Many of us will have memories of looking at photo albums with our grandparents, along with stories about family members, that have been passed down the generations. All of them will usually have an element of truth but may have slightly altered, been embellished over the years or even attributed to a different person. That is why as family historians we believe we should always try to get 3 sources which support and help prove the facts you find. Census, Parish, Birth, Marriage and Death records or newspaper records are all ideal.

Albums are no longer the first choice to store photos, with mobile phones and computers now being the most popular. Often the names of the people and events are not recorded and stories will no longer be handed down to future generations as they were in times past.

What can we do to ensure that our past and present is recorded for the future? Why not write your family's story for your family and their descendants?



It is so easy to assume that your family is "just ordinary - nothing special" but it is amazing what information may come to light once you begin your research. Accidents, transportation, bigamy, murder, and exhumation are all there to be revealed. Inquests and death certificates can also indicate health issues still being problems today. War records can show acts of bravery that our ancestors performed as well as Prisoner of War records. All these things will be forgotten unless we take steps to record them for future generations.

Much of this information can be viewed on line but local libraries and family history societies still hold lots of information which their members have not yet transcribed and uploaded.



If you choose not to research your past at least consider recording your present and make sure that information about your own lives and the lives of your children and grandchildren will be there for the future. Also consider making a hard copy which several people can then view it together – just like we did when we were young. A great legacy for your family.

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1938 Tommy Lomax



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About this gentleman of whom we are very proud,
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Margaret S Taylor - 8th January 2020



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1. Protect New Spring Shoots from Slugs
2. Plant Shallots, onion sets & early potatoes
3. Plant Summer flowering bulbs
4. Lift and divide overgrow clumps of perennials
5. Top dress containers with fresh compost
6. Mow the lawn on dry days (if needed)
7. Cut back cornus (dogwood) and Salix (willow) grown for colourful winter stems
8. Hoe and mulch weeds to keep them under control
9. Start feeding fish and using the pond fountain, remove pond heaters
10. Prune bush and climbing roses.
11. Continue to deadhead winter-flowering pansies and other winter bedding. Pansies will carry on into the spring and even to early summer, if attended to frequently.
12. Remove dirt and algae from walls, paving and patios. Pressure washers can be rented if necessary.

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Many of the original volunteers of the shop are still found working in there each week and it's famous window won the Best Charity Shop in Hyndburn Christmas Window award in December.

Shirley and Marie plus their founder partner Ken all retired at the start of 2020 when the pandemic began leaving the door open for a new team of volunteers to take over the reins.

Within a year Heritage opened its second shop on Whalley Road and a year later a third store in the Arndale centre.

In the past four years since the cost of living crisis began to hit we have reduced our prices accordingly. The vast majority of our children's clothing is priced at either 50p or is totally free.

Adult clothing is also very affordable and there has been no price rises in the past four years and none are planned.

During June 2022 we decided to start giving away school uniforms from our shop in the Arndale Centre. This became such an instant success that the shop could not cope with the vast number of donations or demand for the uniforms so we were forced to open our fourth shop which is located next door to our existing shop in the Arndale in November 2022.

Since the school uniform idea was borne, we have given away free of charge over 22,000 items of uniform to families, many in desperate financial need. We are also receiving a growing number of referrals from schools and children's services to help struggling families throughout Hyndburn and occasionally beyond our area.

Although we do not have a till in the uniform shop and so it has never taken a penny in takings the shop is still subject to the normal rent, rates, utility bills etc and so is wholly subsidised by its sister shops.

In addition to subsidising the school uniform shop Heritage has also been able to help a large number of families throughout Hyndburn signposted to us by local Foodbanks who we enjoy a close working relationship with. Major monetary donations have also been made recently to local sports clubs to invest in junior development, local branches of national charities, local churches, a nursing home and others.

Our three main shops are open Monday to Saturday with the uniform shop opening weekday mornings.

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The Tramway To The Griffin

— by Ellison Street

In February 1904 a plan was discussed for a tramway from opposite the Peel's Arms (now the Broadway), to the Griffin's Head Hotel in Huncoat. There would be passing loops at points between Addison and Arago Streets, opposite the Old Bank Brewery beyond Alice Street (Burnley Road gardens) and halfway between the last named and the terminus. This would also be laid as a double track. The single track sections would not be entered by cars unless they were observed as being clear.

Following electrification the first section opened on October 26th 1907. Linked to the Oswaldtwistle section, trams working off that route would continue on through Peel Street. From the top of Peel Street the line followed that of the Clayton section on double track until it reached the foot of Burnley Road. There it turned east and continued for just a few yards before being singled opposite the end of Moore Street. It then continued on an incline for just over one mile to the Hillock Vale terminus, with short passing loops now situated at the end of Cambridge Street and by the Whitaker's Public House. A longer section of double track started at the Christian Scientist Church and ran to the foot of Peel Park Avenue. Although it could be worked by double-deck cars, it was almost exclusively the preserve of saloons with the exception of 'special' cars.

In December 1907 correspondence received from the Clerk to Huncoat Parish Council, requested that the tramway be extended to the Griffin Hotel at the corner of Highergate Road. For some considerable time it had been debated that the tracks on the Burnley Road section should be extended to reach Huncoat, in order to generate extra revenue to make it more profitable. Indeed plans for the extension were actually drawn up during 1905, from a passing loop just beyond the Hillock Vale adjacent to the reservoir, to the next loop opposite Brown Birks Farm. There would have been a single line some 396 yards long, (at the top of what is now Bolton Avenue), which would have continued for a further 132 yards to a third loop just 66 yards short of the single line terminus at the junctions of Highergate Road/Kings Highway only yards from the Griffin's Head public house. The extension would have a total distance of approximately 650 yards. It was resolved to ask the Town Clerk to reply that the Council could not see their way to granting this request 'at the present time'.

The distances were; -

- Market Place to Hillock Vale terminus on Burnley Road, 1,672 yards.
- Market Place to the Griffin's Head Hotel, Highergate Road, 1 mile + 1,056 yards.

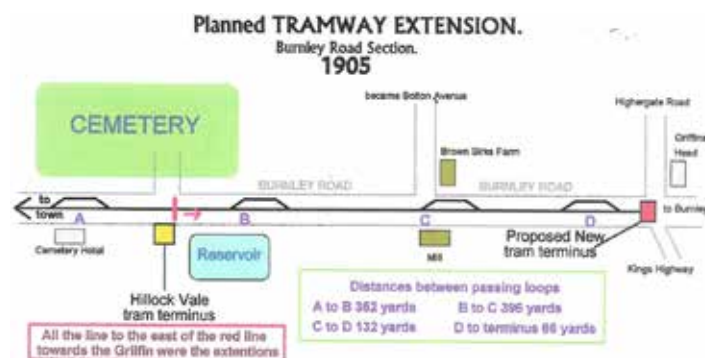
There was huge disappointment that this line was not further continued east to meet with the lines of Burnley at Rose Grove.

It must be noted that from 1921 when Accrington Stanley played at Peel Park in the newly inaugurated Third Division North, and at times throughout the Lancashire League cricket season, double-deck cars would be employed on this section to cope with the estimated crowds. They operated only as 'specials' and did not work through to Oswaldtwistle. The most significant 'private hires' however were for cars to convey mourners attending funerals. The Hillock Vale terminus in the Huncoat Parish was opposite the then main entrance to the town's cemetery. Possibly the only reason why this section remained in operation at all, was the popularity of these 'funeral' trams running to the cemetery and back to town.

In 1931 the conclusion was that any severely reduced tramway system would lose money, so the entire system would be closed. All was not plain sailing as due to a delay

in the delivery of buses, this tram service continued until January 6th 1932. Ironically this was the least profitable of the tram routes, only seeing good takings on the days when Stanley were at home or when the cricket team was playing in the Lancashire League, (access to the ground being via Whitewell Road).

Motor buses took over from trams on January 7th, when the final route between the town centre and the Cemetery terminus was closed. The replacement bus service commenced its journey in St James Street, and was extended to the Griffin public house with some departures going through to Huncoat Railway Station.



A car at Hillock Vale with the reservoir in the background, courtesy of the late Robert Rush



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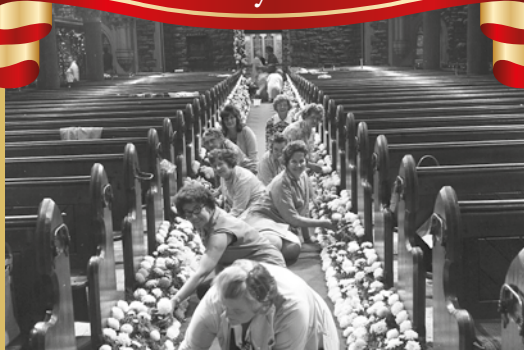
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Working with BFC in the Community the Burnley FC players met with a number of students, shared personal experiences, and shed light on their various journeys to becoming top athletes. This exclusive interaction allowed the students to gain a deeper understanding of the commitment, resilience, and sacrifices required to reach the top of their chosen profession.

The visit was not just about showcasing football prowess; it also emphasised the importance of education and preparation for life beyond sports. Nelson & Colne College, known for its commitment to holistic student development, offers a range of courses designed to prepare students for employment and equip them with the skills needed in the employment world.

During the visit, students had the chance to discuss their career aspirations with the Burnley FC players and learn how education plays a crucial role in achieving long-term success. The players shared anecdotes from their journeys, emphasising the significance of a well-rounded education and how a focus and lessons learnt in sport can also translate to focus and achievement in other areas of work and employment.

Nelson & Colne College is focused on its industry-oriented approach to education, with courses created in collaboration with employers to ensure students are best equipped for the job market. This unique approach not only provides theoretical subject expertise but also develops practical skills that truly align with industry needs.

Ste Buckley, Head of Sport at Nelson & Colne College expressed gratitude to BFC in the Community and the Burnley players for their visit, stating: "Having the Burnley FC players here was amazing for our students. It showed the importance of a well-rounded education as well as excellence in sport, matters. Our courses are well-thought-out roadmaps - they don't just lead to uni but also to jobs. This visit really drove home how what we teach is useful in the real world."

NCCG collaborates closely with Burnley FC in the Community (BFCinC), providing an exclusive opportunity for 16-18 year-olds considering a future in sports. Their unique offerings include the BFC Shadow Youth Team, a dynamic post-16 girls' football team, and netball and cricketing academies - all in partnership with BFCinC.

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It's been a busy start to the year for members of the Official Accrington Stanley Supporters' Trust (OASST) with all sorts of activity going on.

The shop is now established in the Arndale Centre, and on Monday January 15th, Peter Leatham, Ken Jefferson, Debra Phillips and Josh Adcroft represented the Trust at a ceremony at County Hall, Preston where they were presented the King's Award for Voluntary Service by the Lord Lieutenant of Lancashire, Mrs Amanda Parker JP.

Sticking with the awards theme, the Trust has also established the Dave Hargreaves Memorial Shield which will be awarded to Accrington Stanley's top league goalscorer every season. The shield is a fitting tribute in memory of Dave 'Haggis' Hargreaves who sadly passed away in 2018, and the awards have been back dated to the 2017/8 promotion winning season when the winner was Billy Kee. All the relevant shields have been inscribed with the top league goal scorer each season.

Dave or Haggis, began his career with Stanley in 1974, and scored 56 goals in 44 appearances in the 1975-76 season. He signed for Blackburn Rovers in December 1977, and returned to Stanley after a couple of seasons, where he remained until 1985. In his time with Stanley, he scored a total of 309 goals in 322 games, which is the club record.

We've also been working with the Community Rail Lancashire team to improve the signage at Accrington train station for fans who travel by trains to games. We've worked together to create a couple of posters directing fans from the train station to the Wham Stadium whether walking, by bus or taxi. The posters should be in place by the end of March.

These days in football, testimonials, a mark of long term service to a particular club, are a rare thing, however this season at Accrington Stanley, we've got two! Our club captain, Seamus Conneely, and Sean McConville have both been granted testimonial seasons for the 2023/24 season and we've been helping in organising a series of events throughout the season to celebrate and recognise the contribution both players have made to the club over the years. For more details, there are specific links from the home page at please visit <https://onstanleyon.com>

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Ladies Extra Time Hub

Accrington Stanley Community Trust are set to launch their Ladies Extra Time Hub at Stanley Sports Hub. Starting Friday 8th March.

The Ladies Extra time Hub is a chance for ladies aged 50 and over to get together for a catch up over a cup of tea or coffee and take part in some fun, friendly activities. The group will meet weekly, each Friday 10am-12pm at Stanley Sports Hub, Thorneyholme Rd, Accrington, BB5 6BD. There is no need to book you are welcome to simply turn up, everyone is met with a smile and a brew! If you do want to phone ahead or require more info please call 01254 475013 or email info@stanleytrust.co.uk

The launch of this session follows on from the creation of a successful Men's Extra Time Hub aimed at tackling social isolation. As this ladies session is brand new we would really appreciate your feedback and ideas so we can develop this project and make it as engaging and as fun as possible. The first session is Friday 8th March so why not come and have a nousey?



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