

# VILLAGE VOICE

The Forton Parish Council Newsletter

JUNE & JULY 2021



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## DIARY

**FORTON POST OFFICE, Methodist Church Hall, Hollins Lane: OPEN Mon - Fri 9am-1pm**

*All activities & meetings may be paused due to Covid-19 restrictions  
check with organisers*

**Baby & Toddler Group:** Fridays 9.30-10.50am & 11am-12.20pm in term time -  
sessions to be pre-booked, contact Jenna Metcalfe 07850 008428 or jenmetc84@gmail.com

**Children's Judo Club:** Fridays 5-5.45pm (younger group) & 5.45-6.30pm (older group)  
in term time - contact Antony 07738 408731 for further details

**South Lancaster Speakers Club: Methodist Church Hall, Hollins Lane**  
Most 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7.30pm September-May (Contact David Knox 01524 805554)

**Singing Club: St Peter's Church, Scorton**  
Thursdays, 6.30pm - contact Jan Hindle 07730 646581

### **1st Forton Scout Group meet at the Scout Hut on Hollins Lane**

Scouts - ages 10½ to 14 - Thursdays 7.00 to 9 pm  
Beaver Scouts - ages 5½ to 8 - Tuesdays 6.00 to 7.15pm  
Cub Scouts - ages 8 to 10½ - Wednesdays 6.00 to 7.30pm  
Brownies - Mondays 6.00 to 7.30pm  
Please tel 01524 792089 for more information

### **Village Hall - see also page 9**

The Hall is a Covid 19 secure premises, when Government restrictions allow, groups can return to using the hall. We are working to the recommended guidelines and have hand sanitisers throughout the Village Hall, one way system in place, social distancing to be maintained, face masks to be worn where possible etc. If you would like to hire the Village Hall for your group to use or for your own event, please enquire through Michelle Weir on 07799 370639.

**There is no diary of events at the present time.  
Do keep in touch with your friends, club secretaries and organisers.**

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and events on page 21*

*Parish Council meetings are usually  
held on the  
1st Monday of each month at 7pm*

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## Parish News

### Chairman's Comments

Two frequent problems for Forton residents have come to light recently: litter and hedgerows. Vigilant and concerned residents saw that precious hedgerows had been destroyed in Tansy Lane. We are awaiting investigation by the tree officer, but once the hedge is gone, it is gone. We are asking questions as to why it was permitted in the first place and hope to receive some explanation.

Litter is an ongoing problem and we had a useful visit from two Wyre officials. There has been good contact with Moto regarding lids on bins to prevent litter blowing around. Wyre have given us loads of rubbish bags and the loan of litter-pickers. I know there are several people already actively involved - special thanks to Viv - and maybe groups could be organised for a 'village clean-up' at the time of Field Day?. Contact me with ideas, please.

We do urgently need new councillors and with houses changing owners, as well as many new residents for Hollins Lane, now is the time to get involved.

PLEASE COME TO THE NEXT MEETING - JUNE 7th IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7pm and see what we do. No Zoom!

Janet Huddart



### Vacancy for a Forton Parish Councillor

- Do you want to serve your Community?
- Do you have time or expertise which could benefit your Community?
- Do you want to make a difference to all those around you?
- Are you concerned about your local area?
- Do you want to represent the views of local people?

**If you would like to make a difference, and be involved in shaping the future of your local Community, why not step forward and apply to become a Forton Parish Councillor?**

**Forton Parish Council is looking for a new Parish Councillor - specifically someone who is keen to work with the Parish - if you are interested, would like more information or an application form, please contact the Clerk, Angela Nicholls: [fortonparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:fortonparishcouncil@gmail.com)**

**The closing date for completed applications to be with the Clerk is 9am on Wednesday 23rd June 2021**

**To qualify to become a Parish Councillor a person must:** \*be over 18 years old \*be listed on the current electoral roll \* live in Forton, or within 3 miles of its boundary, or occupy as owner/tenant any land/premises therein or have a principal place of work within the Parish \*must not be disqualified from holding office as a Councillor.

## Forton Primary School

The summer term started with great expectations from us all, looking forward to all the things that we would be able to do once again, and so far it hasn't disappointed us.

Getting fit started straight away with multi-skills clubs, field games club and getting back to nature at gardening club. A big thank you to the teachers for organising them.

Children from Nicky Nook, Clougha and Pendle Classes have all represented Forton School at a football tournament in Fleetwood. They played an average of five matches and their footwork skills and positive attitudes 'shone' in true Forton style!



We felt that after the winter lockdown we deserved a treat and so we set off for an additional day at Hothersall Lodge, where children built upon skills developed earlier in the year and climbed, jumped, crawled and canoed all day long.

Children in Reception and Pre-school have loved being outside in The Dell, creating concoctions in the mud kitchen, moving water along drainpipe paths and rolling down the hill. They have carefully watched tadpoles metamorphosing into frogs, and caterpillars into butterflies. Their vegetable garden has also blossomed along with them.

At the other end of the school, years 3 and 4 have been looking after their class pets, five garden snails and a dozen worms, whilst 5 and 6 are busy preparing for their residential trip to Robinwood.

Lorna Boase, Head Teacher

### Field Day

We are sorry to say that we had to, once again, cancel our Field Day for the second year running on what would have been our 70th anniversary Field Day!

Although the Government had given the 'roadmap' out of lockdown, with this working on data and not dates, there was just too much uncertainty to go ahead. As a committee we felt that waiting until next year was the right thing to do to keep everyone safe, we shall be back next year with a bigger and better Field Day on Saturday 25th June 2022.

We have already started working on next year's Field Day, booking in the entertainment, bouncy castles etc. and cannot wait to finally be able to restart our committee meetings and get lots more planning underway.

If you would like to get involved with making Field Day the special family day it is, why not come along and join our meetings, we meet approximately five times a year. We shall advertise our next meeting here in the Village Voice and on the Village and Field Day Facebook pages once the restrictions have been lifted.

Jenna Metcalfe

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### 1st Shireshead Brownies

Hooray! At last, after more than a year of virtual meetings, the Brownies met in person in mid May. It was wonderful to see everyone together again and to welcome our new Brownies: Holly, Katie, Eva, Maisy-Rose and Ayla, in person! Outdoor activities, crafts and games



have been planned through to July and fingers crossed for clement weather. Will Brownie uniform still fit after so many months?

**Pictured:  
Brownies making  
fairy gardens**

Over the Easter holidays we had a Virtual Sleepover with the Brownies meeting together on Zoom in the evening for baking, crafts, stories and hot chocolate, then again the following morning to complete the planting of seedlings, bingo and dance challenges. Completing the activities virtually worked well: the cookies baked were delicious (thanks Becky Owl), hopefully the plants are now flowering in beautifully decorated pots and the dreamcatchers are looking pretty in Brownie bedrooms (... and the leaders appreciated sleeping in their own beds for the night!).

Since Easter the Brownies have worked on their Jobs Badge: this has sparked imaginations and forward thinking in considering their dream jobs and the skills, qualities and experience needed for these. The Brownies wrote job advertisements and were delighted to welcome four parents to a meeting to learn about their jobs: they had some challenging questioning from the Brownies but we all learnt so much about being a social worker, nurse, occupational therapist and a buyer; thank you Mary-Jayne, Ellie, Sue and Emma for giving us your time. We are looking forward to following the future careers of the Brownies as they become teachers, a radiologist, vets, an interior designer, an engineer, a hairdresser, a judge, a mounted police officer and an explorer.

We have space for new Brownies - if you like crafting, playing games, having challenges and making new friends and you are a girl aged 7-10 years, why not give Brownies a go. It's very easy to join and new Brownies would be very welcome. Find out more about the 1st Shireshead Brownies by contacting the Owls: Snowy Owl Charlotte (tel: 07969 436872) or email: [cbaker@lancaster.ac.uk](mailto:cbaker@lancaster.ac.uk) and Brown Owl Ruth (tel: 01524 792306).

### Forton Baby and Toddler Group

Finally, we were able to reopen our group in April and it's great to be back and see how much all the babies and toddlers have grown and changed during the last lockdown! We are hoping we will not have to close again.

Due to the restrictions and demand, we now run two sessions on a Friday morning, 9.30-10.50am and 11am -12.20pm. Currently these sessions are pre-booked, so if you would like to come along and join us please get in touch on either: [jenmetc84@gmail.com](mailto:jenmetc84@gmail.com) or message me on 07850 008428.

We meet at Forton Village Hall and currently, due to the Government advice, we ask all adults who attend with their children to wear a face mask, use the hand gels provided in the Village Hall and just one adult attending per child until we are out of the current restrictions.

Jenna Metcalfe

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## Shireshead and Forton Cricket Club

### Early Season News

One village sage remarked recently how wonderful it is once again to hear the sound of leather on willow across the fields and lanes of the village, accompanied by the distant shouts of expectant appeals for leg before wicket. The spectacle of Clifton Park in the late afternoon, sun reclining in the west and the convivial chatter (socially distanced of course) from the patio is a thing to treasure.

New covers, sponsored kindly by Towers and Gornall of Garstang, a new digital scoreboard, the immaculate outfield mowed lovingly twice a week by Les, and the perfectly manicured 'table' prepared by Bill and Andy define this thriving rural idyll. Indeed, it is the people who make the place. The Shireshead Ladies Team are enjoying Friday evening practice sessions and have a series of matches posted in the cricketing diary. The junior practice sessions have started in earnest and our youngsters are champing at the bit to return to competitive cricket. The under 8s All Stars programme is just around the corner starting on Monday 17th May to Monday 12th July (apart from 31st May) from 5.45pm to 6.45pm. Jonty Collinson's 3rd XI embody everything that the club

is about. Teenagers, Ben Brown and Aiden Weir open the bowling and look every part the first teamers of the future. They play hard and with a smile on their faces and are eager to improve. The 1st and 2nd XIs are a mixture of proven talent (Tom Jacques has started the season in a rich vein of form with bat and ball), and upcoming promise (Joe Oliver and Adam Murphy are leading the way). The 1st XI are kindly sponsored by Paul Concannon Plumbing and Heating, and we are very grateful to him for his support.



**Tom Jacques has started the season in great form**

Please visit our website and look for the 'Contact' section to deliver an enquiry or view details of fixtures, results, and other information such as registering for All Stars.

**Shireshead Ladies enjoying a Friday evening practice session**

### Come and join Forton Village Ladies Section

Practice sessions are on Friday nights from 6.30pm and are open to all participants no matter what experience. You will find a friendly and fun group of ladies who will welcome you in a supportive environment. We play soft ball and sometimes hard ball cricket and new players can choose whichever they are comfortable with. We have some soft ball and hard ball friendly fixtures coming up against local clubs. No special equipment is



needed and the club provides what you need.

Please contact the club through our website 'Contact' section for more information or just turn up at the club on Friday evenings.  
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Mike Park, Chairman

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## Forton Bowling Club



Welcome to summer. We have said goodbye to those cold evenings of spring and we are now looking forward to the remainder of the shortened 2021 season.

Membership is now open for anyone to join us and enjoy the great summer outdoors. Social membership is only £17.50 for the whole year.

While we can't promise wall to wall sunshine, we can offer a warm welcome. If you are new to bowling, please let us know, we can arrange for someone to help you with tips and help to get you going. We even have sets of bowls for you to use.

With the 2021 bowling season being somewhat different from previous years we have only Tuesday evenings when we will be playing league bowls. This means that in usual cases there will be a match most Tuesday evenings at Forton bowling green. Why not come along and watch and see what all the excitement is about. Covid restrictions by June should allow spectators. The teams would welcome some local support.

We are on Facebook Forton Bowling Club, follow us to keep up to date with day to day developments and any new activities.

If you would like to know more about bowling and Forton Bowling Club, please get in touch with Phil at fortontbowlers21@gmail.com: we are not strangers, just new friends you are waiting to meet. See you soon.

*Linda Mallinson*

## Forton Village Hall & Playing Field

Our playing field is maintained and looked after by volunteers from the village, and we appreciate the time they give. However, we are always looking out for new volunteers to help trim and mow the grass, trim the hedges etc. at the playing field. If you feel you would like to get involved, please contact Jenna Metcalfe on 07850 008428.

Play area - we are aware of the lack of equipment currently on our play area and we are working hard behind the scenes on getting our play area updated. We have secured the first part of the funding that we require and are now in talks with Wyre Council and other sources to secure the remaining funding that we need. Watch this space for further updates!

Forton Village Hall - Village halls are starting to reopen from 17th May and we can take your bookings now. If you are a group or run a class etc. and are looking for premises to rent, please get in touch with Michelle Weir on 07799 370639 for more information.

We are also hopeful that from the end of June the restrictions will be lifted, and we will be able to hire our hall out normally again, so if you are looking for a venue for a birthday party etc. please get in touch and book in.

Our AGM will be on Thursday 27th May at 7.45pm in the Village Hall.

*Forton Village Hall & Recreational Ground Committee*

*Stephen Hunt would like to say,  
"how much I have appreciated all the expressions of love for Ruth and care for me, all the cards and messages. Of course it would be difficult for me to respond to everyone individually, but I hope everyone knows how much this has meant to me".*



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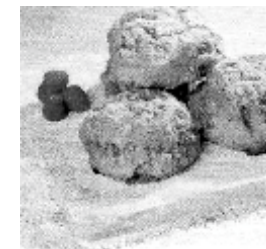
With the easing of restrictions, WI members could soon be able to meet again. Of course a lot depends on the broader aspect of whether people adhere to the rules and regulations aimed at preventing another spike of Covid. We are hoping for some decent summer weather, so that we can organise some outdoor meetings and get together with our friends in person at last.

As we mentioned previously, WI members like to keep busy and crafts, gardening and cooking are at the top of our lists. Summer means ripe fruit and our latest members' issue of 'WI Life' magazine has a super recipe for *Raspberry and White Chocolate Scones* (see below), giving us something good to make with our freshly ripened raspberries and our baking skills will satisfy the taste buds - it's a win-win situation! We hope you will all make some and enjoy joining us in the feel-good factor.

### Raspberry and White Chocolate Scones

(Makes around 10 scones)

- 450g self-raising flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 100g butter, cubed
- 50g caster sugar
- 75g white chocolate



- 40g fresh raspberries
- 1 tbsp freeze dried raspberries (optional)
- 2 eggs
- 75ml milk
- Egg and milk for glazing

#### Method

- 1) Preheat the oven to 200°C/fan 180°C/gas mark 6.
- 2) Line a baking sheet with greaseproof paper, or lightly grease the sheet with some butter.
- 3) Sift the flour into a bowl and add the baking powder: place the butter cubes in the flour and, using your fingers, rub them into the flour until it resembles breadcrumbs.
- 4) Stir the caster sugar into the flour mixture.
- 5) Chop the white chocolate into small chunks, or use white chocolate chips.
- 6) Cut the raspberries into small pieces and place them and the white chocolate chunks into the mixture. Sprinkle in the dried raspberry flakes and gently incorporate the ingredients, without mashing the raspberries.
- 7) Beat the eggs and add the milk, then mix together.
- 8) Create a well in the centre of the dried ingredients, then pour the majority of the wet ingredients into the well, and start to bring the mixture together. Use your hands to ensure it all forms a dough. You may need all the wet ingredients to form the dough but, if not, use the remaining milk mixture to glaze the scones before placing them into the oven.
- 9) Place the dough onto a lightly floured surface.
- 10) Gently roll out the dough to 2cm in depth: use a cutter to shape the scones, then place on the baking sheet and glaze with egg and milk.
- 11) Bake for 13-15 minutes.
- 12) Remove the scones from the oven, leave to cool on a wire tray and enjoy.

We will be in touch with members to let you know what is planned as soon as we have something definite organised. In the meantime we are always happy to have a chat, or for further details about Forton WI, please contact our President Pat (791580) or our secretary Christine (793549). Stay safe and keep well.

Christine Smith

## Field Day - 70 years of memories

With the modern Field Day being established in 1951, this year's event was set to celebrate the 70th anniversary. For the time being that celebration has been put on hold (see page 3). How did it all begin? Well, for the sixtieth commemoration, Terry Mansfield spoke to John Gardner who was there at the start. We thank Terry for providing some of the photos.

John Gardner, born 1929, has a clear recollection of a meeting in 1951 called to consider establishing an annual Field Day for Forton. He was a member of Shireshead Church, and had been invited to attend by the vicar's wife, Mrs Storer. The meeting had been called by the Parish Council, whose Chairman was George Thornton of Holdings Farm. The Parish Clerk was William Robinson, grandfather of the present proprietors of W Robinson and Sons.

At the start of the meeting, Gerald Willcock, officer at the Labour Exchange located at Bay Horse Post Office, questioned whether Mr Gardner could be a member of the committee, because he lived just north of the Forton parish boundary. Mr Robinson supported his membership, proposing that the Field Day should cover both the civil parish of Forton and the ecclesiastical parish of Shireshead. This was agreed and, by enabling Mr Gardner to continue, the committee acquired a major contributor to the organisation of Field Day for its first 17 years.

John recalls the first two events in 1951 and 1952 held in a field belonging to Mr Barton on the west side of Hollins Lane, just before the railway bridge. The event in 1953, in very poor weather, was in the field behind the present URC, and in 1954 Field Day moved to Mr Rowe's field in School Lane which at that time was also used by Shireshead Cricket Club. The first Chairman of Field Day was Mr Breakel of Halliwell Villa, and his wife acted as Treasurer.

John Gardner remembers going around the village asking for contributions in 1951 and Mrs Brockbank of Potters Brook welcomed him with the words, "It'll not last, nothing in Forton ever does, but I'll give you half-a-crown". How very wrong she was!

**John Gardner on the left of the picture, walking in the Field Day parade, 2010.**



Field Days are very popular in the North West, with Gala Days, Walking Days, Club Days and Fêtes all flourishing in this most beautiful of counties, Lancashire.

For all but two of the last 70 years, generations of families have enjoyed our Field Day: parades with marching band, floats and fancy dress, prizes for the best, hot dogs, on the warmest of days, with onions and lashings of relish (at no extra charge) and queues for ice cream on the coldest of days with strawberry topping (at no extra charge). There are stalls for this and stalls for that, let's roll the penny, shy at the coconut and pull your number out of a hat. The youngsters are active with penalty kicks, pillow fights, dunking, Death Ride 2000 and pony rides too. With all this frippery and fun to be seen, the star of the show is still the Rose Queen.



**1961- Ruth Swarbrick 10th Anniversary - the village looked much the same, but that was soon to change. (left)**

**1981 - Melanie Oldham 30th Anniversary - the Field Day was held at the Primary School during this period. (below)**

**2001 - Colin Hunter 50th Anniversary - this special occasion seems to have acquired a Rose King! Seen with 2 Rose Queens from the swinging 60s. 😊**



Field Day has always been a family affair. Carla and Joanne Hunter were in Amanda Carr's retinue in 1989 (see over), pre-dating Dad's debut by 12 years! In a more orderly fashion, in 2015 Abbie Wilkinson, was Rose Queen, 26 years after her mother Amanda.

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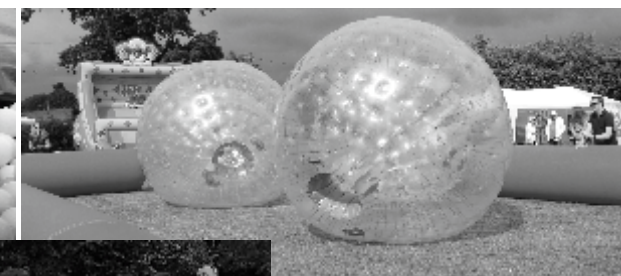
1989 - Amanda Carr (above)  
2015 - Abbie Wilkinson (right)



Continuing the family theme  
← 1980  
Pete and Ros Sharp  
Both now have their own families  
2017 →  
(L to R)  
Bella & Sophia, George & Grace



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## Walks around the village with my dog - overcoming hurdles

As we come out of lockdown and life begins to return to a different 'normal', I am reminded of all the hurdles we have had to overcome. Seeing swallows return to Forton on the 12th April, only two weeks later than last year, I am humbled: they can fly over 200 miles a day, some with a total migrating distance of 6000 miles. Impressive. As I write this, I am still waiting for the swifts to return: they arrived in the first week of May last year. With this in mind I set off for our daily walk with my four-legged companion and see how far we get.

Our walk starts along quiet country roads, so facing the oncoming traffic as the Countryside Code suggests, we come across our first hurdle - a stile into the farmer's field. I realise this will be tricky for those with short legs. She sits and patiently waits as I manoeuvre into the correct position and clamber over. With one easy leap, she's over: four legs better than two obviously! We set off along the edge of the farmer's field as the Countryside Code suggests. I wonder if I will see a hare as I can't remember the last time I saw one, or hear the lilting cry of a curlew for that matter. Maybe in the next field? She sits and waits patiently at this next hurdle, with her quizzical look. How are we going to get across this stile? With one rickety post to hold on to and a wobbly plank helping you

over some wire, this seems impossible for four legs this time. So with one command she leaps into my arms and holding on to dog, post and some dignity we manage to get across. Trying to keep to the edge of this field is proving difficult as the farmer's crop comes right to the edge, leaving very little margin for our wildlife to cling to let alone walkers to pass through! We head on. My spirits lift though, as when I enter the next field, left fallow, I see my first red admiral butterfly.

When we get home I am delighted to see that the acorn I collected from last year, and planted, has germinated. I hope I am able to plant it responsibly and leave it to grow as a legacy for the next generation to enjoy.

Heather Moorland

### Acorn

By Robert Macfarlane

*As flake is to blizzard, as*

*Curve is to sphere, as knot is to net, as*

*One is to many, as coin is to money, as*

*bird is to flock, as*

*Rock is to mountain, as drop is to fountain, as*

*spring is to river, as glint is to glitter, as*

*Near is to far, as wind is to weather, as*

*feather is to flight, as light is to star, as*

*kindness is to good, so acorn is to wood.*

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## FORTON 100 YEARS AGO

*Taken from www.britishnewspapersarchive.co.uk*

### FORTON'S WAYSIDE CROSS (The War Memorial)

**The Lancashire Daily Post, Friday 28th January 1921**

Forton's War Memorial, situated at the junction with the main road and School Lane was unveiled by General Sir A. Hunter, M.P. on Thursday, 27th January 1921 in the presence of residents, relatives and schoolchildren, clergymen and landowners. Stephen Simpson of Low Abbey, Bay Horse, gave a speech about the memorial being an additional 'wayside cross' to the others in the area, to remind passers-by of the sacrifices made by the men whose names were inscribed on it.

*The above is a precis. A full transcript of the report will be published in a later edition of Village Voice.*

### GARDEN PARTY AT FORTON

**The Lancashire Daily Post, Monday 21st July 1921**

A garden party was held yesterday at The Hill, Forton, arranged by Mr. and Mrs. John Ball. A large number of visitors spent a pleasant time in the grounds and gardens, and engaged in various pastimes. A ladies' cricket match, the players appearing in fancy dress costumes, proved an attractive feature. A string band played selections of music, and in the evening dancing was engaged in. *(Names of some of the visitors followed.)*

The proceeds were in aid of the Ellet stall at the forthcoming British Empire bazaar. *'The Hill' is now known as 'Duchy House'. Its then owner, John Ball, J.P. (1860 - 1937), ran a successful traction engine and threshing machine business in the village, continued and developed by his nephew and great-nephew. (newspapers and www.ancestry.co.uk)*

### LOST PROPERTY ADVERTISEMENTS

**The Lancashire Daily Post, Tuesday 22nd September 1921**

Lost in Wallace Lane, Forton, on Saturday inst., large diamond shaped Gold Brooch, with an amethyst set in the centre. Finder will be rewarded on returning same to 'Mayfield', Forton.

**The Lancashire Daily Post, Saturday 15th October 1921**

Lost, Forton, Sunday, Silver Cigarette Case initialled 'N.I.'. Reward, Moss Houses, Pilling. *Has anyone seen either of these? If so, please email the editors!*

### A BREACH OF PROMISE CASE

**The Lancashire Daily Post, Monday 7th November 1921**

**Disappointed Bride: Lancaster Nurse's Action Against Poultry Farmer;  
Said his Mother objected to the Marriage. £100 damages for Breach of Promise.**


In two actions for breach of promise and seduction at Liverpool, today: Miss Mabel Prosser, a trained nurse living with her mother in Lancaster, met Arthur Edward Float, poultry farmer, of The Elms, Wallace lane, Forton about 12 months ago last June. In September they became engaged, and fixed the wedding for Easter Saturday this year. As the time drew year he persuaded her to consent to closer intimacy, with the result she became an expectant mother. The couple continued to meet but Arthur failed to turn up for the wedding. The baby was born in September. She sued him for breach of promise and her mother claimed for costs associated with her pregnancy. The jury awarded £100 to Mabel and £150 to her mother *(an abbreviated version)*.

*Arthur Edward Float, (1892-1959), born in London, to parents from the Fylde, served in the army, 1915-19, and then moved to Forton. He married Sarah Johnson in 1927, settling in Ormskirk where they had a daughter. In 1939 Arthur was working as a debt collector. Mabel Prosser (1895-1951) stayed in Lancaster, qualified as a midwife and married in 1930, but separated from her husband two years later over differences about faith. Her son, Arthur Prosser, was a butcher's assistant in 1939 ( newspapers and www.ancestry.co.uk).*

*Janet Nelson*

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### NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

#### Hollins Lane Methodist Church

We are now open for a service each Sunday at 10.30am.



We have joined the 'Through the Roof' network, so that the Chapel has been put on their map to inform disabled people seeking a church that we have suitable facilities for them. Margaret Mansfield is the contact (01524 791338).

#### St James' Shireshead

*\*Services proposed subject to restrictions being lifted:*

Every Sunday, Family Eucharist at 10am with Sunday School.

Sunday, 27th June, Thanksgiving for the end of the Pandemic.

7am, Service of Light at the 'Old Church' - St Paul's, followed by a cooked breakfast.

10am, Family Eucharist with much singing and rejoicing, followed by a Champagne reception.

Sunday, 18th July, 10am, Family Eucharist with Bishop Jill.

Sunday, 25th July, St James' Day Patronal Festival.

10am, Family Eucharist.

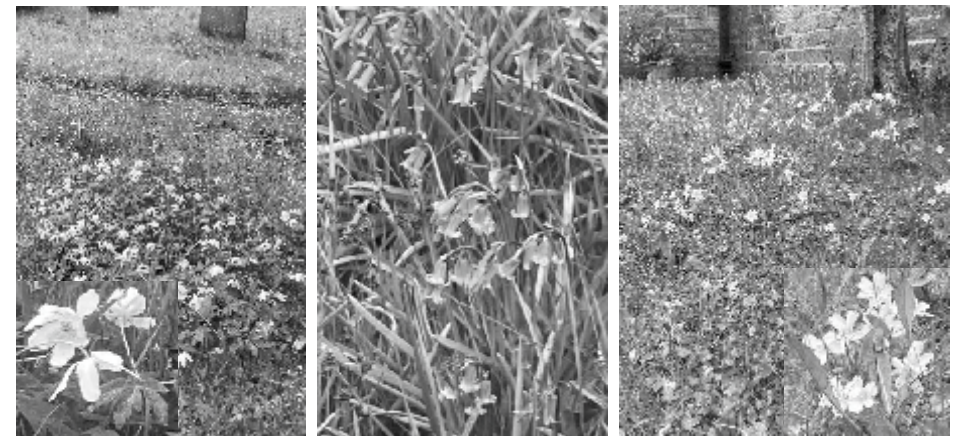
6.30pm, Songs of Praise at the 'Old Church' - St Paul's, with Pilling Silver Band.

#### United Reformed Church

The North Lancashire Partnership, of which Forton is one of the seven churches in the Partnership, is to welcome a new minister on the afternoon of June 13th. The Induction Service will be conducted via Zoom. Revd. John Gordon is joining the pastorate from Surrey but was originally from Cumbria.

Forton URC has been privileged to hold services throughout May and will continue to hold services in church during June and July. All are held observing Government guidelines. For service details, see the church noticeboard.

Meanwhile, the churchyard has carried on its usual array of wildflowers giving joy to all visitors. *Pictured: wood anemone, bluebells and primroses*



**Roman Catholic Churches:** St Thomas and St Elizabeth, Thurnham; St Mary and St Michael, Garstang; St Bernadette, Bowerham. Please contact them for details of services.

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## Cat Smith MP



Hello everyone,

I hope that many of you have now had your vaccinations and are looking forward to the summer. At the time of writing I've again been following up on flooding on Stony Lane and Hollins Lane - flooding which appeared to be coming from the railway line.

I got in touch with Network Rail, asking them to visit the site and resolve any issues. They came back to me to let me know that the

flooding was to do with road drainage problems and not the railway. Network Rail informed me that they would meet with the County Council's Highways Team. The outcome of this meeting is the scheduling of a 12 week timescale to complete these works. If this hasn't yet taken place then it is likely that road closures will be required. I am well aware of the impact flooding has on our communities and I am always pleased to get involved and help out where I can. If you have any further concerns, or if you think I can be of assistance on any other matter, then please email me at: [cat.smith.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:cat.smith.mp@parliament.uk) or telephone 01524 566551.

I can also provide you with a brief update on discussions I have been having with Stagecoach regarding the 40/41 bus service. I recently spoke with the company's Chief Executive, Martin Griffiths, and asked whether the 40/41 could be diverted to serve Forton directly - a proposal which I know residents have long been asking for. Mr Griffiths told me that Stagecoach isn't able to make any changes to routes at present but reassured me that "the option was on the table" if passenger numbers indicate there is demand for it. I will continue to keep pushing for this as I know it'll have a positive impact on Forton. I wish you a happy summer ahead with the opportunity to spend lots of time with friends and loved ones.

Cat

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*Parish Council meetings are usually held on the 1st Monday of each month in the Playing Field Pavilion*

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