

VILLAGE VOICE

The Forton Parish Council Newsletter

AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2021



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DIARY

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*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

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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 3

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 23*

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

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Parish News

Chairman's Comments

With no Parish Council meeting until September 6th, at 7pm in the Village Hall, a few messages.

*New deliverers are badly needed for Village Voice. PLEASE can you spare some time every two months to help distribute our magazine?

*Links have been established with the Community people at the Hollins Green development. Any ideas for using, in Hollins Lane, some of the money available would be useful. Very few people wanted the development, but as it is there we should work with what is offered. Ideas to me!

*Mike Waites, who lived for many years in Forton, is still running his secondhand book fairs - the next one is September 18th at Glasson Dock.

*United Utilities have given initial information about their Waste Water project. Exhibitions are planned in early September, but if you are experiencing water problems, keep a diary so that you can talk to the staff from U.U.

*Hopefully, the new culvert pipe will be in place by the time you read this and School Lane will be open again.

*In Hollins Lane, we have been told, the speed indicator signs that the Parish Council purchased are "still on their way". We are very annoyed that this important safety device has been so long in being set up.

*The Council are also still waiting for any news on the proposed houses on the school side of the village. Delay in progressing the S106 agreement is apparently a problem.

*Until we get the website fully modernised and up to date, please contact our Clerk and/or any Councillor with concerns - problems will not be solved on local Facebook! Although we have limited powers, we really do try to help.

Janet Huddart

Defibrillators in Forton

The recent collapse of the Danish footballer, Christian Eriksen, during the game against Finland, serves as a reminder of the importance of defibrillators. Eriksen was resuscitated with a defibrillator on the pitch, before being taken to hospital, and is recovering.

We are fortunate to have two defibrillators in Forton. One on the wall of the Village Hall in School Lane and one outside the Methodist Church on Hollins Lane. These defibrillators, sometimes known as an Automated External Defibrillator (AED), can be accessed and used by anyone. The cabinets have a key code lock and the code is obtained by calling 999.

They are simple and easy to use, you do not need any training. There are clear instructions on how to attach the defibrillator pads. It then assesses the heart rhythm and will only instruct you to deliver a shock if it is needed. You cannot deliver a shock accidentally: the defibrillator will only allow you to shock if it is needed.

Forton/Hollins Lane

Are Forton and Hollins Lane two parts of a single village? If not, should they be?

Wyre planners say that we have two villages - or settlements as they call them - in our parish, i.e. Forton and Hollins Lane. Each has its own settlement boundary with a presumption in favour of development inside the boundary: land outside is classified as countryside where development is constrained.

During meetings between Wyre planners and Forton Parish Council - as part of the Local Plan consultations - we were asked if we wanted our two settlements combined to form one. Our response was that while both villages regarded themselves as a single community we did not want them to combine. If they did, then a new settlement boundary encompassing both villages would be needed. This would enclose a large area of undeveloped land which could result in several hundred more houses to add to the major developments that we already know about. It would also mean that Hollins Lane would lose its historic linear form (which it still has to some extent in spite of the new houses being built).

So we proposed an area of separation between Forton and Hollins Lane to prevent this happening. Wyre planners accepted this and so put a new planning policy called a Strategic Area of Separation (SAS) in the Local Plan (see pages 39 and 40). This aims to protect the identities of two neighbouring settlements and to prevent development in an SAS which would cause them to coalesce. This has a similar aim to Green Belt land.

The Local Plan went through extensive examination by a Planning Inspector in 2018, including a full morning in public on Forton Parish. The Inspector approved an SAS between Forton and Hollins Lane and widened parts of it to make it effective. The approved version of the Local Plan can be accessed on the Wyre site and an interactive map shows the detail of our SAS. There are five other SASs further down the A6 all with the aim of preventing continuous development between settlements.

I hope this hasn't been too academic and that this helps to explain the position. Please let me know if you have any questions: peteryoung1221@outlook.com

Peter Young

Forton Village Hall & Playing Field

Playing Field: This is maintained and looked after by volunteers from the village, and we appreciate the time they give. We would like to especially thank Sarah and Leo Askew for their time in helping over the last few months.

We are always looking out for new volunteers to help 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.

Forton Village Hall: We are open to take your bookings now, so if you are a group or run a class, or just need a space to hold a meeting and are looking for premises to rent, please get in touch with Michelle Weir on 07799 370639 for more information.

We are now able to take your booking for parties, so if you are looking for a venue for any occasion such as christening, birthday party, adults or child, please get in touch and book in. Bouncy castles fit inside our Village Hall perfectly and make for a great fun children's party!

Forton Village Hall and Recreational Ground Committee

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1st Shireshead Brownies Helpers needed!

Could you spare a couple of hours a week to join the Owls at the 1st Shireshead Brownies? If so, please get in contact with Snowy Owl Charlotte or Brown Owl Ruth (details below) to find out more.

Back to meetings, outside at the hut has been successful with plenty of space for games and crafting, and we have been fortunate with the weather - Monday evenings have been dry and mild. The Brownies completed their language badge over the last couple of months and Snowy Owl's expertise in French proved very useful. The first National Thank You Day was held on 4th July and the Brownies got busy making pop-up 'thank you' cards to show their appreciation to the many special people who have helped them recently - mums and teachers were especially recognised.



To finish this summer term, we have had a campfire with toasting of s'mores and lots of songs, a talent show (what an amazing and talented group of girls we have) and paddle boarding at Guys Farm. We return after the summer break on Monday, 13th September.

Many thanks to Becky Owl for all her help over the last couple of years - we hope the yellow rose thrives and is a mass of blooms and a good reminder of time helping at Brownies. We wish Erin and Angelica well as they leave the 1st Shireshead Brownies to have lots of adventures with Garstang Guides.

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 and Brown Owl Ruth (tel: 01524 792306).

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Forton Primary School

The summer term has come to a close but a great time was had by all at Forton School, with as many of the usual summer activities as possible taking place.

Term started with an assembly from RNLI and the children learnt lots of top tips about how to stay safe when enjoying playing in water.

Sports day was a huge success with KENT winning overall. It was a traditional sports day with a twist in the Year Six final race. There wasn't a dry Year Six at the end of the day!



Pendle Class were fortunate enough to be able to go on their residential trip to Robin Wood. They were a credit to our school with their manners, their perseverance and their positive attitude. Peter Taylor and Ruth Ross (The Chair and Vice Chair of the Governing Body) joined us

for a day and embraced the opportunity to fly down the zip wire.

Mums and toddlers from the community have been busy 'Down in the Dell' painting, reading, planting and playing together on a Monday afternoon. Many thanks to Ruth Ross for planning and leading the sessions. They have been hugely successful.

Mrs Armstrong will be leading the sessions in September, so keep a look out for flyers with more details to follow ...

Lorna Boase, Head Teacher

Forton Baby and Toddler Group

We have had an enjoyable couple of months back so far and are busy on a Friday morning with a great mixture of grandparents, mums and lots of children enjoying themselves! It is lovely to get together with new and old friends.

We always welcome new families and if you would like to join us, please get in touch on either: jenmetc84@gmail.com or message me on 07850 008428. The group runs from 9.45am to 11.15am every Friday morning during term time at Forton Village Hall.

At the time of writing this (beginning of July) due to the Government advice we ask all adults who attend with their children to wear a face mask and use the hand gels provided in the Village Hall and just one adult attending per child until we are out of the current restrictions, which hopefully is very soon.

Jenna Metcalfe

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Forton Bowling Club

* HALF TERM REPORT *

Friday Night Social Bowling - Proving a great innovation, lots of new members recruited and taking part.

Team Performances - 'A' Team lie fifth in their league, an improved showing from the last season - 'B' Team are undefeated and currently top their division - Ladies have no league matches this season but are enjoying keenly fought friendlies - Veterans have no league fixtures this season.

Volunteers - Clubs like ours could not survive without them, a grateful thanks to you all, you know who you are. The Bowling Green is a great asset for the village and has received many compliments on its appearance and upkeep.

Interested in giving it a go?? - Why not join us on any Friday throughout the season at 7pm, tuition and bowling equipment available as necessary.

Further information or questions about the bowling is available via:
fortonbowlers21@gmail.com

Linda Mallinson

Big Butterfly Count 2021 - 16th July to 8th August.

Butterfly Conservation's Big Butterfly Count runs over the first three weeks of the school holidays. Fun for all ages and away from the main period the Count is open throughout August. Whether you are relaxing at home, on a day out or away on holiday, find a 15 minute period just to see what you can see ... you can do it every day if you like. Last year's top five: Large White, Small White, Gatekeeper, Peacock and Meadow Brown.

There is a chart available to download and other information on the app, or website to help with identification. Your involvement will help with butterfly conservation. It is important to know which species are thriving and which are struggling so that limited resources can be used where most needed. Join in, help out, have fun. Enter sightings on the dedicated website: bigbutterflycount.org or download the Big Butterfly Count app.

Rhona and David Sharp





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Hope you've all been enjoying the recipe printed in the last issue, some of us just can't get enough of those raspberry and white chocolate scones!

This time it is a recipe of a different kind, mixing together friends old and new, good conversation, laughter and sharing then adding interesting topics and new skills and the result is delicious WI meetings that everyone enjoys.

The good news is that we have got the 'green light' to start meeting again. Firstly, we will be having a social get-together at the Village Hall on the afternoon of **August 19th** from 2pm when a warm welcome and cup of tea or coffee will be waiting for everyone.

On **September 16th** we shall be having a proper monthly meeting starting at 7.30pm, when the intriguingly entitled talk is 'Tales from Behind the Chair' from Stephen Molloy, a clue is that he's a hairdresser: it promises to be an entertaining evening.

We shall make sure that any Covid rules are adhered to and look forward to seeing everyone, plus any newcomers who will be made very welcome.

Looking further ahead we plan to hold the Craft Fair as usual on **Saturday, November 6th** - further details nearer the time and Covid allowing. Don't forget Forton WI celebrates 100 years next year, a very special centenary year for us all.

We hope to see you at our meetings and events, we will be doing our utmost to make sure the journey into normality progresses well and everything goes ahead as planned. For more information please contact President Pat on 791580 or Secretary Christine on 793549.

Christine Smith



In our last issue Hollins Lane Methodist Church told us they had joined the 'Through the Roof' network of churches providing disabled access and facilities. The Church has now signed up to their 'Roofbreaker' project which aims to break down the barriers facing disabled people in Christian life. The contact is Margaret Mansfield, 01524 791338. To find out more about the charity or the project directly, their website is: <https://www.throughtheroof.org/> or you can telephone 01372 749955.

Date for your diary - Cockerham Village Show

This year's Show has had to be cancelled after the Covid pandemic made planning difficult to say the least. All our efforts will now be centred on making the 2022 Show bigger and better than ever. The date for your diary is **Saturday, 13th August 2022**. We hope to see you then.

Christine Smith



South American Feathered Friends

...So there we were on the good ship and true Marco Polo (no, not the sensible big one behind, the tiny tub in front of it) ... as those of you who read my Falkland



Islands report a year or so ago will recall (and probably still use to help you get to sleep at night). Almost from the moment we left Bristol, those who clearly had a single agenda for this trip had set up their tripods and cameras at various points around the deck, ably supported by partners who supplied them with flasks and blankets/water and sunscreen (depending on the latitude) and very

often their meals too (just in case they might miss 'The Big One'), seemingly 24/7. It wasn't long before I realised why, and often chatted with them to see what was afoot, 'wildlife-wise'. (You may rue the fact that it is the amateur writing this, and not the likes of them ...)

Flying fish and dolphins accompanied us almost our entire time at sea, and we learned that the reason the former are able to skim across the surface of the water is because they use an elongated tail fin as a propeller. This keeps them out of the mouths of predators from below, but nature - having a sense of humour, clearly - makes sure there are plenty of foes above. The ultimate no-win situation. Sadly, the top prize of 'bagging' a whale eluded me. If there were cries of "Whale!", then I was invariably looking the other way, or possibly - oh, the irony! - attending an indoor lecture about whales. And so I shall limit the rest of this article about (mainly) southern hemisphere fauna, as seen by us on our trip, to the winged variety.

I can't be sure where we picked up our first frigate bird - perhaps around the Ecuador, as we headed towards Brazil's north-east coast? What a marvellous sight! We were still quite a long way out at sea, and for much of the way round South America, there always seemed to be one soaring low over us, matching our speed without beating a wing, occasionally sweeping away to get some food. Huge spectacular looking birds, they put me in mind of pterodactyls whenever I looked skywards to see if our resident one (not the same one all the way round South America, I hasten to add!) was still there



Frigate Bird, Guayaquil, Ecuador

- it invariably was. They share their range with boobies, of which there are a good few varieties (but sadly, I didn't get any pics. of those - curse my complacency! I was probably at an indoor lecture about boobies ...). This is where it got interesting - the frigate birds would steal the boobies' catch, right there in front of our very eyes, sometimes chasing them until the booby dropped its catch or regurgitated its meal. It's a frigate bird thing, apparently. An amazing and soon to be regular sight.

Below - Frigate birds (you can see how big they are - actually flying around the ship, not in front of it!) Manta, Ecuador



Above - Frigate birds Manta, Ecuador



In a park in Buenos Aires we came across this pretty little thing, which I now know is a rufous hornero, aka the red ovenbill, and which I understand is the national bird of Argentina, so no surprise that we saw one, I suppose.

Left - Rufous Hornero, Buenos Aires
Brown bird with reddish, brown tail

Below - Penguins on the shoreline, Falkland Islands



Those valiant readers who remained awake whilst ploughing through my last contribution to VV will know that on the Falklands, Les and I chose the Battlefield Tour over the penguins, but hey, we all know what a penguin looks like. So I hope you'll forgive me for glossing over the only part of the article that you may have been looking forward to. At least you are only several paragraphs in and still have time to walk away! I have to say, though, as we sailed away from the Falklands and saw little dots of them in their colonies on the receding beaches, I did feel a pang of regret that we hadn't gone to see them up close. Being ex-military, our choice at the time seemed a no-brainer (which is also a good description of being ex-military, now I come to think about it ...). I did manage to get a photo or two, however, and in a way these faint images now seem quite poignant.

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Albatross, Cape Horn

Sailing into the chillier waters of the South Atlantic, we picked up the odd albatross, the most iconic of which was the one that glided nonchalantly and effortlessly around us as we briefly dipped our proverbial toe into the Southern Ocean south of Cape Horn, to be scoured by the southern wind that roars incessantly round the globe at those latitudes, having no landmass in its path to break it up, before we scurried back to the safety of the glacial Chilean fjords for our journey north.

I'm tempted to say that brown pelicans, which were abundant on the equatorial west coast of the continent, were my favourite bird, but it's too close to call. They were everywhere at the port of Guayaquil in Ecuador, seemingly just chilling on the quayside, but it became obvious quite quickly that no, they weren't chilling at all, they were watching the harbour waters from their vantage point on the quay, then taking off and diving, over and over again. It was mesmerising! A splash here, another one there, then back to the quayside.

**Below & right
Brown pelicans and
friends, Manta,
Ecuador**



**Below right
Brown pelican,
Panama Canal**



**Above: Female Great-tailed Grackle on deck, feeding on grasshoppers (there were loads of the latter all over the ship that day), Quayaquil, Ecuador
Right: Male Great-tailed Grackle, Cartegena, Colombia**



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In north-west South America (there must be a better way of saying that), we came across great-tailed grackles (thank you, our on-board ornithologist - I just wish I could remember the lady's name! I think it was Sue Roberts). I can't tell you much more about them, I am afraid, except that our ornithologist didn't get too excited about them, but I am sure 'Wiki- something' can help if you want to know more. I understand they are also known as crows or blackbirds, locally.



As we were about to leave Puerto Montt, Chile, a visitor joined us, which was identified as a chimango caracara, a falcon native to the southern half of the continent. It sat there on the masthead quite happily for a goodly while, clearly pleased it had found such a high vantage point, then thought better of it and left us as we got underway.

**Left - Chimango Caracara
Puerto Montt, Chile**

Now, we couldn't go to Machu Picchu (optional excursion [aren't they all?] - altitude warnings couldn't stop us!) without seeing a condor, could we? Nor could we get a decent photo of one, as it turned out, so thank you to a fellow passenger for allowing me to use this one (I could have pretended that I'd taken it, yes, I know that, and had the image been perfect, I probably would have done! But on the plus side, it means that if some bright-eyed bird expert subsequently says that it is not actually a condor, I have the perfect get-out clause).

Below - Condor (allegedly), Peru



One of the biggest and happiest surprises of the entire trip was the Azores: beautiful, green rolling hills, lakes, hot springs - we will be going back to explore some day. In the meantime, here's a little chaffinch that was making busy not so very far from our group, completely unfazed by us.



**Left - Azorean
Chaffinch
(probably)**

*This bird is blue,
where ours are
brown & grey*



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Walks around the village with my dog - contrasts

This walk takes about one and half hours, is approximately two and a half miles long and incorporates both sides of our beautiful village. It's a walk of contrasts as it takes you down our quiet country lanes, over the busy A6 and through some fields, giving you some spectacular views of the Bowland Fells and some 1970s architecture.

I started from the Village Hall and walked north down Wallace Lane. At the tight hairpin bend, there is a footpath signposted through a dark avenue of trees. This is just to the left of the house called Lincluden. This leads you to the grass verge on the A6. Be careful here as it is difficult to cross. Cross straight over and just a few yards to the right there is a metal gate and on the right you will see a stile in the hedge. It can be difficult to spot as there is no footpath sign and the stile takes some negotiating to get over, especially for those with short legs. Once in the farmer's field and keeping the hedge on your left, walk straight towards the gate. There is no stile this time so be mindful of the Countryside Code of leaving farmers' gates as you found them, that is open if they were open or closed if they were closed. Now, with the hedge on your right head towards the farmhouse in front of you. The railway line is clearly visible and the embankment seems to dominate the landscape here. The stile is just to the right of the farmhouse and takes you onto a short track that will take you back onto the road. Turn right here and join the main road, then turn immediately left and go under the railway bridge. Now turn right at Spout House and walk up the steep hill. As you start to reach the top a strange building seems to hover over the hedges and trees: the famous iconic tower of Forton Services reminds me of a flying saucer. All it needs is to be surrounded in mist and it would feel like the movie set of 'Close Encounters of the Third Kind'.

Opposite the service station turn right down White Carr Lane. This scenic, straight country lane is flanked by trees to one side, grass verges spilling over the other side and offers fantastic views of the Bowland Fells. Every now and then there is a fragrance that wafts towards you, so sweet that it was given the name meadowsweet. I think it smells of toasted marshmallows, or cinnamon doughnuts, sometimes honey. It was said that, in Tudor times, Queen Elizabeth I would have her floors covered with this fragrant plant in order to mask the sixteenth century smells. Because of its sweet smell it was also used to flavour the Anglo-Saxon drink of mead. Maybe that's why I think it smells like honey.


As you approach the top of this lane you will see Shireshead Old Church in front of you. Turn right onto Stony lane and head back towards Hollins Lane. This will take you over the railway bridge where you can turn left. Again, take care here as the road is narrow and there is no pavement. Unfortunately cars do seem to come too fast down this road so I always keep on the right side, facing the oncoming traffic. This enables me to get in close to the hedge as cars whizz past. Just beyond Ladycroft there is a footpath signposted up the lane towards Duchy House. This footpath will take you through two fields that lead back to the A6. The last stile to negotiate is interesting and can be difficult to climb down, especially for those with four legs. Once on the pavement, again crossing can be difficult, you can take the footpath directly opposite and head back towards the playing field.

During this walk I have used one of the mindful grounding techniques that is suggested as a good tool for those experiencing any form of anxiety or mental health problems, something I think we all might have experienced during these last 16 months. It has helped me, so as you walk through your daily life just notice 5 things you can see, 4 things you can feel, 3 things you can hear, 2 things you can smell and 1 thing you can taste. There is a lot of truth in the healing power of creation: enjoy all that it brings.

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Often Next Day Appointments

Cat Smith MP



Hello everyone. I hope you've now had one or both of the vaccinations, and if not, I urge you to make an appointment to protect yourself and others around you. We are not 'out of the woods' yet.

It's been a busy time in Parliament since restrictions were lifted and it is nice to have some good news. I am delighted that after three years of hard campaigning, the Government has finally agreed to reform the benefit system for terminally ill people. I lost a close friend to motor neurone disease (MND) and was determined others shouldn't have to

face financial worries while living with a terminal illness. Thankfully, in response to the 'Scrap 6 Months' campaign, the Government has pledged to make it easier for people with a terminal illness to get fast-track access to financial support, including making it easier for clinicians to confirm eligibility. Crucially the Government has said it will reform the rule which stipulated that people must prove they have six months or less to live before receiving fast-track access to the benefits many desperately need. This will make a huge difference to people with life-limiting conditions, easing financial worries in the last months of their lives and crucially allowing people to enjoy the time they have left with the people who matter to them. However, our fight isn't over, we now need to push the Government to implement this change as soon as possible.

Less happy news is the Conservative's decision to abandon the Lancashire 2025 City of Culture Bid. For the last two years across the county, twelve district councils, two unitary authorities, Lancashire County Council, Lancashire Enterprise Partnership and a whole host of other influential, entrepreneurial and creative Lancastrians have worked collaboratively to put together a bid for the 2025 City of Culture competition. 'Lancashire 2025' would have brought millions in inward investment, created thousands of new jobs, reduced the cultural and economic inequalities in our county and been an inspiring and exciting event for thousands of children. But the new Conservative administration at Lancashire County Council has dropped the proposal, which is devastating for all those people who knew how transformational it would have been. Arts Council funding is significantly lower in Lancashire than in comparable counties and cities and there is an inequality in quantity and scale of major arts organisations. Please, if you think this decision is wrong write to Phillippa Williamson, the leader of Lancashire County Council, and ask her to reverse the decision.

I wish you all a sunny and happy summer and, fingers crossed, there won't be any more lockdowns anytime soon!

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St James' Shireshead

Every Sunday, Family Eucharist at 10am.
Sunday School will start in September.

United Reformed Church

August and September services will be posted on the Church noticeboard.

Sunday, 8th August, afternoon, Baptismal service taken by Revd. Irene. Time to be confirmed.

Sunday, 15th August, 2pm, 'Climate Sunday' service.

Sunday, 26th September, 2pm, 'Favourite hymns and readings', the service will be with Denis Yates and Ros Waite.

The Revd. John Gordon is now working alongside Revd. Irene John in the Pastorate and will lead a service on 24th October at FORTON URC.

Forton URC thanks all ministers and musicians for their continuing support.

Hollins Lane Methodist Church

Sundays, morning service is at 10.30am.

Fridays, 10am-12noon, in the Church hall, the Fairtrade stall has a wide range of items for sale. Barbara Drayton is happy to serve you and to answer any questions you may have.

Sunday, 19th September, 10.30am, our Harvest Festival service will be led by the Rev. Emma Holroyd. At the time of going to press, it was not certain if there will be an evening service.

There are no plans yet to start other meetings.



We are signed up to the 'Roofbreakers' project, to welcome people with disabilities, but all are welcome of course. The 'Roofbreakers' chapel contact is Margaret Mansfield (01524 791338).

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