

# CARNFORTH EXPRESS

Carnforth Town Council – Working for you

September & October 2023



## Carnforth celebrates 20 years of Bon ami!

A 22 strong contingent of members of the Carnforth & District Twinning Association, together with the Town Mayor, Councillor Jim Grisenthwaite (a longstanding member of the Twinning Association) have recently returned from northern France where they celebrated 20 years of twinning with the town of Sailly-sur-la-Lys.

On arrival, the Town Mayor and Carnforth Twinning Chair, Lesley Simon, presented the Mayor of Sailly, Monsieur Jean-Claude Thorez and Sailly Twinning President, Rachida Bounoua with a key to the Town of Carnforth and a commemorative plate made specially by local potter, Alvin Irving. Also on the visit was June Barton, widow of Frank, who was the Town Mayor of Carnforth when the twinning first started in 2003.

It is testament to the mutual respect and friendships that have been maintained over the years that Rachida, Lesley and June together with a number of other members have been involved from the very beginning.

Hosted by members of the Sailly twinning association, the guests from Carnforth enjoyed three days of historical and cultural visits to Dunkirk (Fort Des Dunes and Operation Dynamo Museum) and the chateau of Chantilly (Conde Museum art gallery, Horse Museum and equestrian show) and the Castle at Sailly which has recently been bequeathed to the town and turned into an impressive multi-purpose venue.

The visit ended with an evening of entertainment to celebrate the 20 year history of the twinning between the two towns and included a buffet and music from a local rock band. Madame Bounoua explained, how in 2003, the Council at Sailly sought a town similar to their own to twin with. They sent over 1,200 letters to prospective English towns which eventually produced a short list of four. A deputation from Sailly then visited each of them in turn including Carnforth which was subsequently selected unanimously as their preferred option!

It was my first visit to Sailly since joining Carnforth Town Council five years ago. Thanks to the spirit of what the Twinning between our two towns means I have become instant and firm friends with over 30 people who I had never met before.

The genuine friendliness and sincere interest in our communities together with the wonderful hospitality of our hosts has reminded me of the importance of face -to-face interaction for our wellbeing and understanding.

There is no doubt that these few days in Sailly have enriched me as a person, helped me to make new friends and provided lasting memories, and laughter, that I will cherish.

I sincerely hope that the twinning can continue for the next 20 years and beyond, creating a new set of friendships and opportunities that enrich us all.

Carnforth Town Mayor, Jim Grisenthwaite, , said: *'The value of this type of cultural exchange should never be underestimated. Seeing first-hand how ordinary people live their everyday*



*lives in another country is fascinating. It certainly helps to dispel stereotypical images of "foreigners" as odd or different. The relationship between the residents of Carnforth and Sailly that has developed over the last twenty years has demonstrated that very few things – apart from the Channel – separate us. We make light of language differences, making ourselves understood with a sign or gesture when necessary, which is usually the occasion for a good laugh. In fact, the abiding memories everybody takes away from our visits are of warmth, humour and, above all, genuine friendship.*

The Carnforth & District Twinning Association is a charity and relies on donations to maintain this cultural link with Sailly. Its members cover all of their own travel costs and raise funds to facilitate the bi-annual visits of their French counterparts to Carnforth. For more details about the Association and how to join contact Lesley Simon at [lesleysimonedit@hotmail.com](mailto:lesleysimonedit@hotmail.com)

**Bob Bailey, Town Clerk**

## Is on-street parking in Carnforth, an unsolvable problem?

Carnforth Town Council is frequently contacted by residents concerned about indiscriminate parking outside their houses by shoppers, tourists and rail travellers.

While the streets around the railway station bear the brunt of the problem, it is not confined to them as residents of North Road, Hawk Street, Bridgeside and Bloomfield Park will attest.

With the advent of recharging bays for electric vehicles a couple of years ago in New Street, Preston Street and Market Street, local residents have seen yet more pressure on parking spaces in the immediate vicinity, so, can anything be done?



**A possible solution:** One possible way of relieving the pressure would be to introduce a resident parking scheme but for it to stand any chance of being effective it would need to cover all of central Carnforth from Pond Street and Hunter Street stretching up Haws Hill to Stanley Street and Oxford Street, then along North Road to include Bloomfield Park, Bridgeside and Hawk Street.

We have recently been in discussion with Lancashire County Council representatives about the feasibility of introducing a resident parking scheme to Carnforth.

Why the County Council? Because it would be the County Council who would be responsible for setting up, maintaining and enforcing such a scheme.

Typically, elsewhere in Lancashire where residents' parking schemes have been introduced, residents pay £25 a year. Until the scheme is officially considered the number of permits per property in Carnforth would be unknown.

Often it is 4, comprising 2 vehicle specific permits (requiring residents to register their vehicles) together with 2 visitor permits **but deciding the final figure would be an outcome of the design process of the scheme.** While a parking permit does not guarantee a resident a space outside their front door, it frees up spaces taken by random parkers and encourages the latter to use off street parking spaces at supermarkets and railway stations.

**Our View:** Carnforth Town Council wishes to make it clear that we are not arguing for or against the introduction of a resident parking scheme to the Town, but we do want to hear your views, particularly if you live in or immediately next to any of the streets within the area mentioned above. If there is a majority in favour of progressing with the idea, we will ask Lancashire County Council to begin a detailed feasibility study. If on the other hand a majority of respondents feel that such a scheme would be too costly or would have little impact, we will drop the idea and not take it any further.

**What to do next?** All you have to do is let us have four pieces of information for our survey, being: Your name; Where you live; Whether you have a car and are against or for the introduction of a resident parking scheme in central Carnforth?

Respond by: clicking on the link: <https://forms.office.com/e/6a5TVD6bDB> ; sending an email to [clerk@carnforthtowncouncil.org](mailto:clerk@carnforthtowncouncil.org) or writing to: Bob Bailey, Town Clerk, 46 – 48 Market Street, Carnforth, LA5 9LB. **Closing date for responses is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023**

More information on resident parking schemes in Lancashire can be found at [www.lancashire.gov.uk](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk) , just search for "Residents Parking" on the home page.

**Town Mayor, Councillor Jim Grisenthwaite**

**Taking Pride in their patch:** When a concerned resident of Carnforth reached out for support to clean up Back New Street we were delighted to be able to offer our help. The clean-up was led by three residents assisted by Carnforth Town Council and the Rotary Club. After two days of hard work, weeding, litter picking and clearing some fly tipping, Back New Street has been transformed.

The tidy up was also supported by Nancy and Bonnie who subsequently received their Carnforth Citizens of Merit Awards from Councillor Chris Smith, who said *'Nancy and Bonnie are a shining example to the young people, and adults of Carnforth. Taking pride in where we live makes Carnforth a more pleasant place for us all and improves everyone's well-being.'*

*We hope that all residents that live in properties that open on to Back New Street like its 'new look' and will join with Nancy and Bonnie in keeping it looking great'.*



**Before**

Whether it be individuals, groups or organisations helping in the effort to prevent litter, dog fouling, fly-tipping and discarded chewing gum, taking pride in our own patch makes a huge difference in our neighbourhoods, parks and open spaces.

There is a lot of great work being done in and around Carnforth but there is still more to do.



**After**

We are always interested to hear about citizen led projects and will provide support and guidance where we can as part of our 'Take Pride in Your Patch' campaign.

**Councillor Chris Smith**

**Taking charge of our energy:** Carnforth Town Council was pleased to support a partnership between Lancaster City Council and with local energy saving experts Green Rose Community Interest Company to deliver an energy saving workshop aimed at helping residents reduce their energy bills this winter.

Georgina gave an extremely informative presentation on a range of subjects including really understanding those energy bills and simple and practical ways in which small changes can make big savings in energy usage and our pockets!



**Town Mayor, Cllr Grisenthwaite & Georgina Sommerville**

Green Rose is a social enterprise company offering households free advice and support with energy issues to help people stay warm and well, and make homes more sustainable!

The event was held at Crag Bank Village Hall – look out for more workshops or visit their website at: <https://greenrose.org.uk/> **Bob Bailey, Town Clerk**

**Help needed for our flying Doctors:** Recently, I had the great pleasure of



visiting the North West Air Ambulance Charity at Manchester Heliport, Barton. After a warm welcome, I and other guests were shown around the facility and given an opportunity to have a detailed look at one of the two helicopters based there. Our very knowledgeable guide, Rob, one of the charity's Critical Care Paramedics explained how the two aircraft based in Manchester together with another helicopter located in Blackpool, provide enhanced pre-hospital care to over 8 million people in the North West of England.

Surprisingly, and despite the fact that the service costs £12 million a year to provide, it receives no government funding and is not part of the NHS. Donations are crucial to the continued existence of the lifesaving service the North West Air Ambulance Charity provides. In the year ended December 2022, it flew over 2,800 missions at an average cost of £4,000 per mission.

The helicopters, in their bright yellow livery, are leased from a company called Babcock and, as part of the leasing arrangement, the company also supplies the pilots, all of whom have considerable flying experience and many of whom have a military background.

All of the medical staff must have a minimum of 5 years' experience to join the service. The dedication of the entire team is beyond question and they go about their business with a quiet and modest professionalism that is inspiring.

Many people in the North West owe their lives to the intervention of the Air Ambulance Charity who were able to provide essential pre-hospital care to those who were critically ill and injured.

Hopefully, most of us will never need to call upon the North West Air Ambulance Charity for their help but that is no reason why all of us shouldn't support them so that they can continue providing this wonderful lifesaving service for many years to come.

For more information about how to donate to the North West Air Ambulance Charity please contact: [fundraising@nwairambulance.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@nwairambulance.org.uk) **Town Mayor, Councillor Jim Grisenthwaite**

## Carnforth Town Council Presents:

Our regular Film night and live theatre events...coming soon!

**SEE HOW THEY RUN at CARNFORTH CIVIC HALL. DOORS OPEN AT 6:30pm**

**On SATURDAY 14th OCTOBER 2023.**

**TICKETS £10 (including food) available at**

<https://www.trybooking.co.uk/CORQ>



In 1953 London, Agatha Christie's play The Mousetrap celebrates its 100th performance, and sleazy American director Leo Köpernick has been hired by producer John Woolf to direct the film adaptation.

After Köpernick's drunken behaviour towards the female lead leads to a fistfight with her husband and co-star, Köpernick is killed backstage by an unseen assailant.

The film stars Sam Rockwell, Saoirse Ronan, Adrien Brody, Ruth Wilson, Reece Shearsmith, Harris Dickinson and David Oyelowo.

It was nominated for Outstanding British Film at the 76th British Academy Film Awards.

**DR FRANKULA'S CASTLE AT: CARNFORTH CIVIC HALL (now fully licensed)**

**DOORS OPEN AT 6:30pm On SATURDAY 25th NOVEMBER 2023**

**TICKETS £10 (including food) available at <https://www.trybooking.co.uk/CRIR>**

**Drinks available to purchase at our fully licensed bar**

A fast-paced comedy show written by and starring David Findlay, with Matt Panesh, those daring guys who brought you 'The strange case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde.'

Jonathan Harker goes to Transylvania and meets a plethora of Monsters in this fast paced humorous homage to the Universal studios creature features.

This anarchic comedy has 2 actors play 200 monsters featuring, amongst others, Dracula, Frankenstein, The Wolfman and The Mummy. **Bob Bailey, Town Clerk**



## Help us Remember them

Remembrance Sunday is on 12<sup>th</sup> November. Every year, Carnforth Town Council takes great pride in organising the annual Remembrance Day Parade & Service and we know that it is always popular with residents and our local community groups and organisations. Plans for our 2023 event are underway.



We have an existing database of contacts that we know needs updating. We also want to make sure that every opportunity is given to our wonderful community groups / organisations to take part in the Parade and to lay a wreath in the War Memorial Gardens. To help us please provide details of the person who should be contacted within your community group/organisation and we will get in touch with further information.

You can contact us through Facebook Messenger or email Leah at:

admin@carnforthtowncouncil.org.

We look forward to hearing from you. **Bob Bailey, Town Clerk**

## Around our communities: Carnforth Cricket Club's Women's and Girls' teams

continue to go from strength to strength with the news that the Girls' team have won the Super 8s Lancashire Hardball League. Carnforth started with defeat to Shireshead and Forton CC, losing by 35 runs. However, they bounced back in emphatic fashion with a crushing 132 run victory over Garstang CC. A hard fought 17 run triumph at Morecambe CC followed which meant that Carnforth Girls could secure the title with a victory over Carnforth Women down at lodge quarry.



The Girls edged out their senior counterparts with a 31 run win, securing the title and the bragging rights in the process.

This is the latest in a series of highs for the women's cricket scene at Carnforth, which started back in 2019. Their first outing as a team was at the Lancashire soft ball tournament – a competition they won resulting in them being given the opportunity to provide the guard of honour to Lancashire Cricket Club!

Carnforth has continued to enter various softball and hardball tournaments over the past five years, including hosting there in 2021 – the Girls' side was victorious that day too!

This is the first year Carnforth has had a girls' only team and the rewards have been encouraging. The girls, aged 14-16, continue to keep improving with some now going for trials at Lancashire. Others have made their senior debuts this season, playing for Carnforth's XI team in the Westmorland Cricket League. If you would like more information please message the Carnforth Cricket Club Facebook page.

**Carnforth Bowling Club** have had another successful season with the B team being promoted to Division 2 of the Lancaster League. In August Alan Swindlehurst won the Morecambe League President's Day Trophy beating off tough competition from members of several other clubs. Ray Russell and Keith Lowther competed in a close fought final to win the Jim Oswald Memorial Pairs Tournament. New members are always welcome whatever your experience. If you are interested contact Linda Murie 07521-231561.



## Welcome To Crag Bank Under 5s

Our setting aims to work in partnership with parents to help children learn and develop, add to the life and well-being of the local community, and offer children and their families a service that promotes equality and values diversity.



We have been established for over 30 years and we aim to provide high quality care and education for children below school age (two to four years). We are flexible with our sessions to suit the needs of each individual family. We provide a safe and friendly environment to allow all our children to learn and develop through play.

**EXPLORE OUR TODDLER GROUPS** held on Tuesdays 9:30am until 11:30am (each week has a separate theme) and Thursdays 1pm until 3pm (for music and messy play).

Come and have a drink and biscuits and a chat with other parents, grandparents, and childminders. Sing along to your favourite nursery rhymes and let your toddler explore. We also offer a baby area set up.



**EXPLORE EARLY YEARS.** Our provision is guided by the early years foundation stage. We introduce each child to lots of exciting new experiences and our aim is to help them gain lots of new skills. Each day is full of new adventures! All our staff are NVQ Level 3 and fully first aid trained, and we always maintain the correct ratio of adults to children. We pride ourselves on giving time and attention to each individual child, and we talk with the children about their interests. Our aim is to make sure each child experiences all the activities we provide, and that they learn to become confident and independent. We want children to explore and be adventurous.

We are open four days a week during term time, Monday to Thursday 8:30am until 4:00pm with sessions to suit your needs. We want your child to feel happy and safe with us. Our daily learning is planned according to specific topics, the children's interests, and having lots of fun. We embrace every child's individual needs, and our diversity makes us unique.



**For more information**  
call 07870 816771  
or email [cragbankunder5s@gmail.com](mailto:cragbankunder5s@gmail.com)

**Rotary**  
Carnforth

Presents  
**An AUTUMN CONCERT**

featuring  
**KSHOES  
MALE  
VOICE  
CHOIR**

**FRIDAY 13th OCTOBER**

at: ST. OSWALD'S CHURCH, 92 MAIN STREET, WARTON. LA5 9PG

7.00 for 7.30pm

TICKETS £13.00

ALL PROFITS TO LANCASTER MEN'S HUB.

A local charity that supports men in the Lancaster area with their physical and mental wellbeing, through a variety of activities.  
Their goal is - Wellbeing Through Doing.

For more information/tickets  
Tel: Cliff Randall 01524262619  
Contact: Trevor Blease tgbrotary@yahoo.com  
OR scan the QR code for our SumUp page



**Rotary**  
Carnforth

**Is walking a mile for**

**END  
POLIO  
NOW**

**Saturday 21st October 2023,  
11:30am start at The War Memorial  
Carnforth**

The Rotary aim is to raise as much awareness and money as possible. The money raised will be tripled by The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

- Each Rotarian to walk 1 (one) mile only.
- A sponsor is only permitted to pay £1. Larger donations may be made.
- The mile can be sponsored by as many sponsors as possible.

## Coming Soon!

Date	Event	Venue
14 October 2023	<b>Film Night: See How They Run.</b> <a href="https://www.trybooking.co.uk/CORQ">https://www.trybooking.co.uk/CORQ</a>	Carnforth Civic Hall
15 October 2023 & 5 November 2023	Trash & Treasure Fair	Crag Bank Village Hall
12 November 2023	Remembrance Day Service & Parade	Market Street/North Road/New Street to War Memorial Gardens
18 November 2023	<b>Film Night: Fisherman's Friends: One &amp; all</b> <a href="https://www.trybooking.co.uk/CORU">https://www.trybooking.co.uk/CORU</a>	Carnforth Civic Hall
25 November 2023	<b>Live Theatre: Dr Frankula's Castle</b> <a href="https://www.trybooking.co.uk/CRIR">https://www.trybooking.co.uk/CRIR</a>	Carnforth Civic Hall
16 December 2023	<b>Film Night: Your Christmas or Mine?</b> <a href="https://www.trybooking.co.uk/CORV">https://www.trybooking.co.uk/CORV</a>	Carnforth Civic Hall
27 January 2024	<b>Film Night: Allelujah.</b> <a href="https://www.trybooking.co.uk/CORW">https://www.trybooking.co.uk/CORW</a>	Carnforth Civic Hall
24 February 2024	<b>Film Night: The Outfit.</b> <a href="https://www.trybooking.co.uk/CORX">https://www.trybooking.co.uk/CORX</a>	Carnforth Civic Hall
23 March 2024	<b>Film Night: Three Thousand Years of Longing</b> <a href="https://www.trybooking.co.uk/CORY">https://www.trybooking.co.uk/CORY</a>	Carnforth Civic Hall
<b>If you would like your event to be promoted here, please email Leah at: <a href="mailto:admin@carnforthtowncouncil.org">admin@carnforthtowncouncil.org</a> or call Bob on 07828 254149</b>		