

THE BROUGHTON CATHOLIC Charitable Society

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2023 ANNUAL NEWSLETTER Introducing the Society's 235th President

Welcome to the Broughton Society's Annual Newsletter which includes Membership Info and booking forms for all social events during 2023 including Whitsun AGM & Lunch on 30 May (Page 4), Presidents Mass on 8 October (Page 12) and Christmas Lunch on 10 December (Page 13)

Mr John A. Holland will be taking over from Mr Stephen Evans as President of the Society for 2023/24 at the AGM to be held on the 30th May 2023 (See Page 4). John, a

twin, was born a Cumbrian in Whitehaven on 5th May 1951, the eldest of four children. His father's work meant he attended schools in Yorkshire, Somerset and several in Lancashire. At the age of 16 he entered the hospitality industry, studying at Lancaster, Kendal and Brighton Colleges between 1967-1972, as well as working in Chorley and the Lake District. A 32-year career with Sodexo in operational management and commercial accounting followed, in various posts and locations ending as the UK Commercial Director. In 2005 John set up his own consultancy business working with AXA, Xchanging HR Services, BAE Systems, East Coast Railway and RWE npower, to name but a few. Although now retired, John has been the Bishop of Lancaster, the Rt Rev. Paul Swarbrick a Linkability Trustee for over 11 years as well



Auxiliary Bishop of Southwark, the Rt Rev. Philip R. Moger, Titular Bishop of Glastonia, inset is John with who was also attending the episcopal ordination.

as assisting other local organisations. John and his wife Mary are active at St Joseph's, Chorley, but still find time to spend with daughters Joanne and Angela, grandsons Matthew and Tyler and Juno, a young "wonky" bichon frise, plus travelling and cruising.

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MEMBERS SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2023/24 ARE NOW DUE FROM ALL EXCEPT PRIESTS* AND LIFE-MEMBERS*

Membership is open to **any person** who subscribes to the Roman Catholic Faith and who was born in or has resided in the Diocese of Lancaster, Liverpool, Salford, Shrewsbury or of parentage in a member diocese.

Fees

On admission to the Society, members shall pay a subscription as follows:

Under 18 - Free,

18 & Over - Annual Subscription of £10.00 + almsgiving donation

*Life Membership - £200 + regular Donations appreciated.

*ALL MEMBERS AND LIFE-MEMBERS WHO CAN AFFORD TO DO SO ARE ASKED TO ADD A DONATION TO THEIR SUBSCRIPTION IN ORDER TO AUGMENT OUR ALMSGIVING, GIFTAIDED IF POSSIBLE.

The Board of Management will review the subscription annually for approval by the members at the AGM.

Please enclose a cheque payable to 'Broughton Catholic Charitable Society' for the total amount and Send to our Secretary at the address below the Form (If you require a receipt please enclose a stamped addressed envelope with your Subscription/Donation) Please do NOT send Cash!

GIFT AID: Please consider Gift Aiding your donation and Membership Fee as this will benefit the Society by a further 25p in the £1 at no cost to yourselves. You must be a UK tax payer though! If you no longer pay Tax please let us know so we do not claim incorrectly!

Wills and Legacies

The Society has been helped over the many years by the very kind donations in Wills and Legacies. The Broughton Catholic Charitable Society would be very grateful if members would remember the Society when they come to review their Wills and Legacies, please speak to the Secretary or a Member of the Board if you can help.

* Paying by Standing Order/BACS

All members of the Society have been allocated a Membership Number, which should be shown on the address label on this Newsletter, If you would like to set up a standing order/BACS to pay your Subscription and/or donation the information is as follows: NatWest Bank, Sort Code: 01-01-35 Account: 04010523 please use your Membership Number followed by the first three letters of your surname e.g. *Ref: 3667Van* so you can be identified.

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THE WHIT TUESDAY

235th Annual General Meeting and Lunch 30 May 2023 (commencing 12 noon for 12:30pm)

In order to ease the administration burden, members and guests are again requested to book and pay for lunches (£25.00) prior to the date of the function.

We require the names of those wishing to attend in order to assist with the seating arrangements. **Please book as early as possible to avoid disappointment**.

Closing date for Bookings: 15 May 2023

AGM Mass at St Mary's Church, Station Lane, Newhouse (near Broughton). The MASS FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS ON THEIR WAY TO GARSTANG will be celebrated at 10:30am on the morning of the AGM, please do your best to attend. Many of our members have remarked on what a privilege it is to share a Mass with fellow Broughtoners.

We do hope that as many as possible will attend, as this Mass will be offered for all the Living Members of the Society.

Priests wishing to Concelebrate should contact: Rev Fr Augustine Obiagwu via email: saintmarysnewhouse@gmail.com or Tel: 01772 862231

BOOKING FORM (2023)

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Please do **NOT** send Cash!

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Minutes of the 234th Annual General Meeting – Tuesday 7 June 2022

The meeting was opened by Mr Tom Ibison who welcomed Mr Norman Prince, Rt Rev Bishop John Arnold and our Toast givers Rt Rev Bishop Tom Williams, Mr Henry Whiteside, Rev Fr Richard Howard, our President for the last 3 years Mr David Tetlow and Mr Chris Jenner who would be leading us in the singing. Prayers were offered for our Holy Father Pope Francis.

Apologies were received from Bishop Paul Swarbrick, Bishop Mark Davies, Bishop Tom Neylon, Archbishop Malcolm McMahon and 8 members and Clergy.

Canon Paul led us in prayers for our 52 deceased members including Rev Fr Peter Fox (Liverpool), former Board member and Mr John Cadden – former President and then led us in Grace.

Mr Chris Jenner then led the singing of God Bless our Pope before lunch was served.

The minutes of the previous AGM had been made available and were proposed, seconded and approved by all.

The secretary's report and treasurer's report were made available to all to read today and were accepted by all.

Mr Mike King introduced two speakers from YMCA Harbour House who have benefitted from alms given by BCCS. Tom thanked them for their talk and asked if there were any questions from the floor. They were also thanked by Mr Mike King who also pointed out how helpful members' donations have been. Tom then pointed out the closing date for submission of appeals for alms to the Society was 21 June 2022.

Mr Tom Ibison and Mr Mike King's terms of office as members of the Board of Management expire at this meeting. After a show of hands Mr Tom Ibison;s continuation on the board was accepted. Tom thanked Mr Mike King for his valuable advice and assistance whilst on the Board. He also thanked Monsignor Stephen Alker (Liverpool), Monsignor John Daly (Salford) and Mr Tim Haley for their service, who have now also resigned from the Board. He then welcomed Rev Fr Mark Harold (Salford) on to the Board. Tom informed the meeting that we will need a Lay representative from the Lancaster Diocese to replace Mr Mike King and two Priest members from the Liverpool Archdiocese. We also need a new Treasurer and he pointed out the urgency of this appointment.

Tom then urged all members to ensure they are up to date with their subscriptions for the last 2 years and said that the Board were not proposing any increase to subscriptions this year. Members were urged to give where they can to the alms giving and to opt for standing orders where possible as this would help enormously. He reminded the membership that we need more Lay and Priest members in order that we be able to continue our good work and to make every effort to recruit new members. Application forms can be downloaded from the website. Everyone is urged to keep hold of the annual newsletter as this contains all the information and booking forms for our Christmas lunch and President's Mass amongst other important information, and for future booking forms and cheques to be sent to the Secretary and not to the Past Treasurer's business address. Please supply an email address if you can to save on printing and postage costs.

Thanks were extended to our writers for the day Mr T Lamb, Mr T Keegan, Mr D Gilmartin and Mr J Begley for taking subscriptions and donations. Tom then thanked the members of the Board, in particular our secretary Peter for his tireless work including the organisation of today's AGM and meal. Tom then thanked the hotel staff for the meal.

Thanks were given to Canon P Embery and everyone who helped with this morning's Mass and to Mr Anthony Donlan our Broughton Society organist.

There then followed the traditional toasts and speeches followed by the election of Mr Stephen Evans as President for 2022/23 and Mr John Holland as President for 2023/24.

Tom thanked everyone for their attendance today and closed the meeting.

Alms Giving

Relief of Hardship 5 year Framework Following the 2019 AGM, The Society agreed to a Relief of Hardship Framework which undertook to fund several Charitable Causes with annual grants over a maximum 5 year period, This was subject to continuing financial support from our members in the form of donations and increasing membership, Unfortunately during the last two years we have suffered from the COVID-19 Pandemic which has stopped the Society from meeting and fundraising via donations etc. The Board of Management has taken the difficult decision to reduce the grants to those Charities by 50% this year and ending thereafter. However we have managed to grant a total of £54,000 to date, below are details of the grants given in 2022-23.

Read Easy (Preston) Following the successful grant to Read Easy (Wythenshawe) we have been able to grant the Preston Group **£500** towards the purchase of reading materials. The Group has just celebrated their 2nd



birthday and were joined by the Deputy Mayor of South Ribble Coun. Chris Lomax and other supporters. An excellent night ensued with displays of equipment recently purchased to help Adult 'readers' improve their reading skills.



Lancashire TAAG are a parent led group formed in 2012 and attained Charitable status



in June 2014, Charity Number 1157535. Lancashire TAAG is a not for profit organization helped along by a lively, enthusiastic group of volunteers. We offer support to parents and carers of children and young people who have a diagnosis of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), Autism Spectrum Disorder/Condition (ASD/C), and Social communication needs by offering opportunities for families to come together and share experiences.

TAAG families have all experienced 'the roller coaster ride' that is the identification/ diagnostic/EHCP process and aim to provide information and signposting onto activities and local services.

Our TAAG Team of volunteers work together in the community to provide support based on real life experiences and aim to raise awareness and levels of understanding locally.

BCCS have granted £1,000 towards the replacement and upgrade of IT hardware to help with the administration of the group.

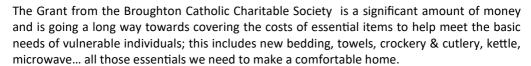
for 2022-23

ACE Project - Assisted Community Engagement

The ACE Project supports ex-offenders to lead stabler lifestyles. It is a specialist programme for people with multiple and complex needs, including people who have been in prison, subject to a community order or convicted of an offence in the past. Using a mix of professional support and peer mentoring it offers participants personalised wrap-around support for all areas of their life.

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- Supporting with life skills & accommodation
- Improving independence
- Reducing reoffending



As part of our **Mental Health and Wellbeing** programme, being able to provide opportunities for people to access outdoor activities such as walking in the countryside, cycling, canoeing, and caving etc... is a lifeline for some of our members. Not only does it build confidence and self-esteem, it enables people to talk openly about their lives in a safe environment and with people who have shared similar experiences. In 2022 we were able to seamlessly relocate without detriment to our level of service from Caritas to Recycling Lives (Social Enterprise) Ltd and continue to support the marginalized to rebuild their lives. I am certain that in contrast to where we were in January last year, being under the Recycling Lives umbrella has greatly increased the likelihood of the project becoming sustainable in the long term.

Our Peer Mentoring Group (MAP) Members after Prison, has picked up to where it was pre covid, successfully delivering workshops throughout Lancashire.

We're reducing reoffending rates significantly – 89% of participants who actively engage with the ACE Project do not return to prison.

I would like to finish by saying that ACE Project team are extremely grateful for the money we received from the Broughton Catholic Charitable Society , your generous donation continues to support service users to alleviate hardship and improve their wellbeing. We would like to say a huge thank you for your ongoing kindness and support.

BCCS has now granted £12,000 to date. With a final £2,000 expected this year.

Alms Giving

YMCA Harbour House Harbour House (Lytham) provides temporary accommodation in 12 self-contained flats for young people aged 16 to 21. Whilst in accommodation they are supported in several ways including support to find employment, access to training and education, cookery sessions and healthy eating.

<u>WIFI Extension:</u> We have now extended the use of WIFI to the entire building. All residents are now able to access the internet when the communal area is not available. They are able to access education and training programmes which have and continue to be delivered online. We also encourage residents to continue to keep in contact with their family and friends thereby promoting positive relationships.



Regeneration of communal cooking area. In order to improve the skills of our young people going out into the world on their own we are looking to run regular cooking sessions but our facilities are run down and dated. We are planning to purchase a new oven and cooking utensils such as pots and pans. We believe everyone in difficulty or hardship should have basic cooking skills and be able to cook healthy nutritious meals on a budget.

BCCS has granted a total of £12,000 to Harbour House to date.

IYF Impact Youth were very pleased to receive support from BCCS to hold a residential retreat at Castlerigg Manor. These retreat weekends are important to the development of young people in their Faith and Catholic Social Teaching, the support covered costs for young people experiencing hardships, for accommodation, travel and some spending money over the weekend.

THEME OF THE RESIDENTIAL 'I DARE TO DREAM' "Follow your dreams. They know the way" -Kobi Yamada. Reflection from young people, over the weekend, "we learnt so much from each other and from ourselves. Our eyes had been opened to new things through the workshops, reflection time, mealtimes and fun times, that we hadn't experienced, seen or been aware of before". "we had a fantastic event. We even had a Zoom meeting with Salesian Family Centre in Los Angles California 1.00pm USA TIME AND 21.00pm UK

TIME, young people connecting with young people across the pond."

We would like to thank everybody for making the weekend a truly special one and the new friends we made, thank you to the Castlerigg Manor, Fr. John and to the voluntary youth workers of Impact Youth Groups. And to Broughton Catholic Charitable Fund for their donation of £1,040 to enable the young people to attend the residential.



for 2022-23

Bolton Young Parents Project provide invaluable support to those young girls who find themselves in desperate circumstances, due to poverty, homelessness, violence or alcohol and drug abuse at the already quite daunting time of becoming a new mum. Bolton girls referred to them can be as young as 16. Pregnant with no family network, and often no option but to sleep rough on the streets of Bolton; life has not been easy for these soon-to-be mothers.

With the help of the 2022 grant, we have been able to continue to support our young people, making positive outcomes our priority. Our average occupancy over this 12-month period has been 96%. We have successfully moved 8 young women and their children into their own tenancy ahead of a new start for them.

We have admitted 9 new people in the last 12 months and have been committed to focusing on the following:

- Economic Wellbeing
- Staying Healthy
- Safety and Security
- · Enjoying and achieving
- Social and Civic Participation

During Support sessions, we have covered Bank accounts, budgeting, debt management, healthy eating, basic cooking skills, healthy relationships, access to training and employment, resettlement risks, physical and mental wellbeing, child's needs, personal hygiene.



Along with the structure we provide around supported living, we always strive to make time for activities that are fun, as the attached photos show.

The Birthday cake was made during a cookery session with a few of the young people.



BCCS has granted a further £2,000 together with £4,000 in 2021, £4,000 in 2020 making £10,000 granted to date.

Chorley Help the Homeless

The generous grant you gave us has ensured that we have been able to supply a food bag to all our clients during a difficult time. We have this year started a 'Bring a Tin to School' campaign with local Primary schools.

During the last 12 months we have had **4,423** visits from our clients, giving out **2,800** food bags, and almost **200** advice appointments. We are finding that we are getting more families asking for help including people from the Asylum Seeker and Refugee community. This of course has an impact on how quickly our stocks go down.

We are continuing with our clothing bank and small household items bank. Our advice and welfare benefits service is also very busy with almost 200 clients on our list, with 80+ of these being new this year.



As demand is rising we are seeking to train more volunteers and considering a paid staff role to cope with this. Last year we moved premises to a larger building on Friday Street where as well as the above we now have a drop in space for our clients to use.

We have toast and hot drinks in the morning as well as providing a hot meal at lunchtime for up to 20 people per day, and it's common for some of our clients to spend most of their mornings with us. We've also now set up a computer and phone for public use as well as phone charging points. During the winter months we had 10 regular street homeless coming in to us and the space was invaluable as we were able to give them a change of clothes and dry out their sleeping bags as well as making sure they had hot meals and drinks.

Our space is used in the evenings by Narcotics Anonymous and Cocaine Anonymous and we are continuing to make links in the wider community to help those in need. Any further funding you are able to provide us with will be extremely useful as we would like to extend our hours during the winter months, if only for the street homeless.

We continue with our staff training and will continue this over the next 12 months.

On behalf of the Trustees, staff and our customers, I would like to thank you and your organisation for your support. We are all very proud of the work we are able to do and very grateful for the funding which enables us to do it.

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To our Priest Members...

From Lancaster, Salford and Shrewsbury Diocese and Liverpool Archdiocese (the old County of Lancashire)

Please may I remind you of the Mass to be said on or about the Commemoration of All Souls for all the Deceased Members of the Society, especially for all those mentioned on the obituaries page. Our Priest-Members may be aware that, unless we are informed that you are unable to say Masses for recently deceased Members, we will continue to send Mass requests (including stipend cheques) to you on a rotational basis.

We would like to welcome:

Rev Fr Francis Marsden Canon Aidan Prescott VG

to the Board of Management representing Liverpool Archdiocese

DO PLEASE TRY TO ENROL YOUR YOUNGER BRETHEREN IN THE SOCIETY. At present we have 172 Priest-Members. Some older priests, however, are no longer able to celebrate Mass.



Broughton Society Annual President's Mass in October

The 2023 President's Mass, for all Members, families and friends will be celebrated at 4:00pm on Sunday, 8 October 2023, at:

St Joseph's RC Church, Harpers Lane, Chorley, PR6 0HR

Priest Members wishing to concelebrate should inform the Parish Priest Canon Peter G Stanley on <u>01257 262713</u>

Immediately following Mass, light refreshments will be served in the Parish Centre, there is also a cash bar. The 'Presentation Cheques' will be handed to the successful recipients of this year's almsgiving by our President Mr John A Holland.

President's Dinner following Presentations

For those members who are joining the President for Dinner following Presentations, this will be a 3-course Dinner at £28.00 per head, this will be served from 6pm for 6:30pm at:

Shaw Hill Golf and Country Club,

Preston Road, Whittle-le-Woods, Chorley, PR6 7PP

Details of the menu choices will be available when booking.

IF YOU WISH TO ATTEND THE MASS AND STAY FOR DINNER, PLEASE CONTACT:

President: john@jmhconsulting.co.uk 07770 226925

Or

The Secretary: Peter on 01772 655772 ASAP to facilitate Hotel planning, by 11 September 2023 at the latest.

Broughton Society's Christmas Lunch

ALL PRIEST MEMBERS, LAY MEMBERS, FAMILIES AND FRIENDS ARE INVITED TO THIS YEAR'S CHRISTMAS LUNCH WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE AT

GARSTANG COUNTRY HOTEL & GOLF CLUB GARSTANG ROAD, BOWGREAVE, GARSTANG
ON



SUNDAY, 10TH DECEMBER 2023

ATT.

(COMMENCING 12.30PM FOR 1.00PM)

As in previous years, the meal will be a traditional Christmas Lunch with a glass of wine and festive entertainment, the cost of which will be £24.00 per person, £11.95 for children under 10 years of age). In order to ease the administration burden, members and guests are requested to book and pay for lunches prior to the date of the function. The names of those people wishing to attend are also required in order to assist with the seating arrangements.

In order to avoid disappointment, please book by completing and returning the booking form below to our **Secretary Peter Van Parys** (address over page) by **27th November 2023**

CHRISTMAS LUNCH 2023 BOOKING FORM

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On Behalf of the Sons of Divine Providence Missions:

Mr. Joseph Tipping will again be selling his bulbs and accepting donations at the Christmas lunch. Last year Joseph raised £174.00 for the poor children in Kenya, India and Philippines! which helped towards building 5 water wells in Philippines, 3 in Kenya, each costs £12,000 to build! Pease

support this very worthy cause.



NEW MEMBER/SUBSCRIPTIONS/DONATIONS:

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OBITUARIES



Your prayers are requested for the following deceased Members whose deaths have been reported since the publication of last year's Newsletter.

Each Priest Member has been requested to offer Mass for all the deceased Members of the Society, on or about the Commemoration of All Souls.

Mr Francis Dennis Brown, Fleetwood Mr Stephen Walmsley, Haslingden Mr John Towers, Catterall Miss Pauline M Noblet, Lytham St Annes Mr Gerard Caldwell, Bolton Mr David A Carus, Pleasington Mr Frederick R Anderton, Chorley Miss Margaret M Rawcliffe, Preston Sir Cyril J Anderton, Sale Mr Sylvester Marshall, Haslingden Mr James Carney, Bolton Mr Francis Beswick, Blackpool Mrs Jean Aspden, Preston Mr William G Houghton, Longridge Mr Patrick Felix-Vas, Blackpool Rev Fr John K Ashton, Liverpool Archdiocese Rev Fr Desmond Power, Liverpool Archdiocese Dr John E Leneghan, Frodsham

Mr Raymond M Walker, Longridge Mrs Winifred Edgerton, Formby Mr John Noblet, Scarborough Mr Thomas Wareing, Broughton Mr Denis Ibison, Broughton Mr Terence J Carter, Allithwaite Mr Derek Checkland, West Derby Mrs Muriel Arkwright, Chorley Mrs Mikki K Boardman, Maghull Mr Michael J Hull, Wigan Mr Thomas J Power, Bury Mr Gerard J Waddingham, Preston Mr Anthony Bold, Pitlochry Rev Fr David Duane, Lancaster Diocese Canon Albert W Shaw, Liverpool Archdiocese Rev Fr Bernard Eager, Liverpool Archdiocese

Board Member of the Society

REQUIESCANT IN PACE

If you know of any other person who has died in the past year whom you believe to be a Member of the Society, please inform the Secretary.





NEW MEMBERS OF THE BROUGHTON SOCIETY

We welcome the following New Members and New Life
Members who have joined the Society since the publication
of the 2022 Whitsun Newsletter

Unfortunately we have not gained any new members this year!

Please look to your Friends and Family for New Members to help keep your Society going!

Only £10 per year!

PRIEST MEMBERS JUBILEES DURING 2023

We offer our warmest congratulations to all Priest-Members who celebrate their jubilees of Priesthood this year.

AD MULTOS ANNOS

New Member of the Board of Management



We are pleased to announce that Dr Eric Bolton PhD, FRCPath has agreed to join the Broughton Society - Board of Management as our **New Treasurer**. Many of you may remember that Dr Bolton has previously spoken at our Whitsun Lunches in 2016 & 18, Eric will be a great asset to the Society and is very warmly welcomed.



Pictured at last years BCCS AGM 2022

L-R Secretary Peter Van Parys, Vice President John A Holland, Rt Rev Bishop Tom Williams Aux Bishop of Liverpool, President Stephen Evans and Chairman Tom Ibison