



# THE BROUGHTON CATHOLIC CHARITABLE SOCIETY

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England's Oldest Catholic Charitable Society

## 2018 WHITSUN NEWSLETTER

### THE WHIT TUESDAY

### 232nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND LUNCH

Will be held at The Garstang Country Hotel & Golf Club, Bowgreave Drive,  
Garstang, PR3 1YE

On Tuesday 22nd May 2018 (12:00 noon for 12:30pm)

*See Page 4 for details and Booking Form*

Welcome to the Broughton Society's 2018 Whitsun Newsletter which includes Membership Info and booking forms, our History, Information on our Alms Giving for 2017-18, The new Data Protection regulations, AGM Minutes, new Members in 2017-18 and our Priest Member Jubilees.

We hope you enjoy the new format.

#### **Broughton Society Presidents**

We would like to thank our outgoing President Mr John Cadden (left) for all his help and support over a very successful year and take this opportunity to welcome Dr John Leneghan (right) who will be our President for 2018-19



#### **Christmas Lunch**

The Annual Christmas Lunch was thoroughly enjoyed by Members of the Society at Garstang Golf Club. Carol Singing by Peter Fegan and Anne Williams and generosity with raffle prizes lent to a most enjoyable day. Mr Joseph Tipping was again on hand to sell his bulbs in aid of SDP and Alison provided Olive Wood Cribs from Bethlehem and Cards

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# **MEMBERS SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2018/19 ARE NOW DUE FROM ALL EXCEPT PRIESTS\* AND LIFE-MEMBERS\***

Following the Rule changes approved at the 2015 AGM, 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 £5.00 + almsgiving donation

\*Life Membership - costs £60.00 (Spouse included for Spiritual Benefits)

**\*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**

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** (If you require a receipt please enclose a stamped addressed envelope with your Subscription/Donation)

**GIFT AID:** We encourage all Members who are taxpayers, to date and sign the enclosed form and return it with their contribution if they have not already done so previously. For every £1.00 that a person Gift Aids, the Society can claim a further 25p from the Inland Revenue.

## **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.

**\* See Page 6 and Page 7 to see how we have used your Donations \***

**NEW MEMBER/SUBSCRIPTIONS/DONATIONS:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

I'm happy to receive BCCS Newsletter Electronically \_\_\_\_\_ YES / NO

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Post Code \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Tel. No \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

I enclose my *new/membership/subscription* of £ \_\_\_\_\_ for 2018-19

I enclose my donation of £ \_\_\_\_\_ Gift Aid \_\_\_\_\_ Yes/No (please sign if Yes")

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**PRIEST MEMBER FORM**

(I am / I wish to become) a Priest-Member of the Broughton Catholic Charitable Society

Title \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

I'm happy to receive BCCS Newsletter Electronically \_\_\_\_\_ YES / NO

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Post Code \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Tel. No \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to offer two annual Masses as a condition of my membership.

I am able to accept Mass intentions when my turn comes on the rota. YES/NO

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**TO: Mr Tim Haley (BCCS Treasurer) C/O Haleys Business Advisers, Thomas House, Meadowcroft Business Park, Pope Lane, Whitestake, Preston, Lancashire, PR4 4AZ,**



**THE WHIT TUESDAY**  
**232nd Annual General Meeting and Lunch**  
**22 May 2018 (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 prior to the date of the function. We require the names of those wishing to attend in order to assist with the seating.

THE MASS FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS ON THEIR WAY TO GARSTANG this year will again be celebrated at St Mary's, Station Lane, Newhouse, Barton, (near Broughton) at 10.30am on Whit Tuesday. Many of our members have remarked what a privilege it is to share in 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 the Parish Priest, Rev Canon Timothy Sullivan (Tel: 01772 862831).

**BOOKING FORM**

I wish to reserve \_\_\_\_\_ Lunch(es) at £20.50 each. I enclose a cheque for £ \_\_\_\_\_ Payable to Broughton Catholic Charitable Society

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Post Code \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. No \_\_\_\_\_

The name(s) of those attending are: (use separate sheet if needed)

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# The History of the Broughton Society

According to tradition, the Society came into being after a smallpox epidemic had ravaged that part of the Fylde, just north of Preston sometime in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. Many small farmers fell victims, leaving widows and often small children. The women and girls who milked the cattle seemed to have gained immunity through having caught cowpox. In true Christian charity, the rest of the farming community subscribed to help the bereaved families with money and also by working their lands for them. From this the idea grew of meeting regularly to help the living, who were in want and to have Masses and prayers said for the dead. At first, these meetings were in farmhouses some of which had been Mass centres in penal days. From these informal meetings arose the idea of forming a permanent Society, and as the Golden Ball at Broughton crossroads offered a central position, the first meeting was held there on the 6<sup>th</sup> May 1787.

One of the prime movers in the new Society's foundation was its first Secretary Peter Newby, who ran a school at Haighton House, Fernyhalgh. Newby, a former student at Douai, who had served for a time as steward on a slave ship, was a gifted poet and scholar. His hand is evident in the framing of the first rules. The sole surviving copy shows that the society's original subscription of 6s 6d, in those days equal to a labourer's wage for 3-4 days. Members shared in Masses for the living and the dead, and those of one year's standing could petition for alms on behalf of some needy person or family.

Membership was open to all Catholic Priests and laity who were Lancashire born, or resident in Lancashire, or of Lancashire stock. While ladies could join in their own right, a husband's subscription gave full spiritual benefits to his wife, and allowed her to continue the membership if he should pre-decease her. Though most of the original members came from the Broughton area, the society had such wide appeal that by the 1850s it had spread to every part of Lancashire.

It has met in the Broughton - Barton - Garstang area without a single break on each Whit Tuesday since its foundation. Broughton itself is at the very heartland of Lancashire Catholicism. No fewer than seven of the Lancashire martyrs came from the surrounding area, Blessed Richard Hurst from the village itself. The Whit Tuesday gatherings have long been famous for the wit of the after dinner speeches. Records show that in the 1920s and 30s these annual dinners proved so popular that up to 700 members were dining together in a huge marquee. Recent innovations now include the annual President's Mass, the Pilgrimage to the Shrine at Ladyewell, Fernyhalgh and the Christmas lunch which fills the Garstang County Hotel to capacity.

Enjoyable though these occasions are, the Society's aims are not forgotten: the spiritual benefits of the members and the relief of hardship wherever it is encountered. Instead of paying subscriptions, Priest-members offer Masses for all living members on or about Whit Tuesday and for all deceased members on or about the Commemoration of All Souls. Those Priests who are able to do so accept Mass intentions when their turn comes round on a rota.

The business of the Society is conducted by a Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Board of Management comprising of two Priests and two laymen from each of the three Lancashire Diocese, plus the President, the Vice-President and the President-Elect. The Chairman, who presides at all the meetings of the Board and at the Annual General Meeting is traditionally a Priest while the President is always a member of the laity. We urge all members to seek new priests and lay recruits to ensure the Society will continue to prosper.

# Alms Giving

## Young People's Holiday Camp - Lancaster Catholic College



To take 10 of our most disadvantaged young people on a Charitable, Religious Holiday during the summer and it's aim is to provide a safe, welcoming environment where they may grow in confidence, resilience and be centred through their faith - Photo: Head Teacher Helen Sedden receiving a Cheque for £1,000.

## Bore Hole Project - Village of Mayimayam Nigeria

To provide a second Bore Hole in the neighbouring village of Mayimayam, this bore hole will save the villagers from water borne diseases and give them decent and healthy living allowing more children to attend school regularly, initial bore hole provided by BCCS in 2009. Photo: Mrs Rose McCrave receiving cheque for £3,500 on behalf of Fr Habila Daboh.



## Tanzania Schools & Clinic Project - Thornleigh College

A project with a network of Schools in Moshi, Tanzania to send 12 students, from a variety of backgrounds over a 4 week period during summer holidays to help with various initiatives from transforming a local orphanage, training local Moshi teachers in Maths and Science and funding the education of two catholic Tanzanian Students. Photo: Recent visit by Students, Cheque for £1,000 presented to Mrs Alison Burrowes Headteacher

## SDP Daily Meals for Children in Lucena, Philippines

Project to provide daily meals for 50 malnourished children over a period of 240 days, children attend school as part of this project and gain help with nutrition, education and livelihood skills. Photo: Mr Joseph Tipping and Father Stephen Beale receiving a cheque for £3,500 on behalf of Fr Martin Mroz. Joseph has supported this Project for many years by selling bulbs at church and BCCS Christmas Lunches.



# for 2017-18



## Peruvian Amazon Classroom Project - Oakhill School

Staff and Students are visiting Iquitos to complete the building of Classrooms and Chapel and assist at a local orphanage with their education, travelling at their own expense, the money is to help fund building materials. Photo: Mr Tony Baron receives the Cheque for £1,000 on behalf of the Project.

## Child in Need - Lancaster Diocese

Mum Marlena and sisters of Dominique were very happy to have their picture and story in the newsletter, the grant has helped the family with ongoing personal expenses relating to medical and social care. Marlena particularly wanted to tell the Society how much this means to her at a time when she felt no one was listening.



## Catholic Mission of Becedi Ivory Coast

To assist with the purchase of medicines and educational materials for the School and Clinic where children and babies with severe disabilities are treated. Cheque for £1,000 was presented to Sister Catherine Deeley by Mr Damien Collins on her recent visit back to the UK. Members were shown a slideshow on the work carried out by the Sisters of Our Lady of Evron.

## Child in Need - Lourdes

Following an appeal by a Priest Member, the Society funded the cost to sent a young girl to Lourdes following a bereavement in the family. It was felt that this was a great opportunity for her faith and for her as a person to grow and to heal. A cheque for £1,000 was provided.



# **GDPR**

**DATA PROTECTION** - Data protection law is changing. The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) will come into force in 2018 and will have immediate effect in the EU including the UK. The Trustees of BCCS have taken steps to ensure it is ready for the new regime.

## **The Broughton Catholic Charitable Society (BCCS)**

### **Privacy notices**

As a 'data controller' the BCCS must give to members certain information, commonly called a 'privacy notice' about the sort of data they hold, the purpose for which it is used and individual's rights in relation to their data.

The BCCS Privacy Notice reads as follows-

### **The Broughton Catholic Charitable Society (The Trustees) - Version 1**

The BCCS need to collect and use personal information about our members and potential beneficiaries. This privacy notice sets out how we collect, use and protect your personal information and your rights in relation to your information.

Personal information is information, or a combination of pieces of information, that could reasonably allow you to be identified.

#### **1. PERSONAL INFORMATION WE USE**

We hold or will collect personal information about you from information provided by you directly.

What information may we collect directly from you?

The categories of personal information that we collect directly from you include:

- a) personal details (e.g., your name, date of birth, spouse);
- b) your contact details (for example, your address, telephone number, email address);
- c) information relating to the payment of annual subscriptions/life-membership and any donations made;

#### **1.2 How we use your personal information and why.**

The ways we use your information include:

- a) communicating with you;
- b) identifying you and your survivor and making sure your details are up to date;
- c) providing you with the twice-yearly News Letter publication via direct mailing;
- d) using images of groups at BCCS events for possible publication in the News Letter & and on the website;
- e) Without your personal information the BCCS may not be able to meet its legitimate interest/obligations under our Charitable Trust Deed.

We must have a legal reason for us to use your personal information which is, to meet our legitimate interests to administer the Society;

## **2. INFORMATION SHARING**

We may share personal information with a third-party printing company.

## **3. SECURITY AND STORAGE**

We have in place measures to protect the security of your personal information and keep it confidential. These measures will be kept under review to make sure they are appropriate.

When sharing your information with a third-party we will make sure that they also have measures in place to protect it and keep it confidential and agree to use the personal information only for the purpose we set out.

We will keep your information for as long as we have a relationship or need to communicate with you or your survivors. Only if requested to do so, will we delete all reference to the data we hold for an individual.

## **4 YOUR RIGHTS**

You have rights regarding your personal information, including the right to access, correct, delete or object to the use of it. We encourage you to let us know if your personal information changes or if you think the information we hold about you is out of date.

## **5 CHANGES TO THIS POLICY**

We may update this privacy notice from time to time. You will be able to see when we last updated the notice because we will include a revision date. Updates are effective from the date on which they are posted on the BCCS Web site.

## **6. HOW TO CONTACT US**

6.1 The Trustees are the “data controller” responsible for the collection and use of your personal information. If you have questions or concerns, please contact the BCCS Secretary at:

Peter Van Parys  
13 Tanglewood  
Fulwood  
Preston  
Tel: 01772 655772  
Email: [bccssecretary@gmail.com](mailto:bccssecretary@gmail.com)

# Minutes of the 231st Annual General Meeting – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2017

The meeting was opened by Mr Tom Ibison who welcomed Special Guest Mr Jimmy Cricket, Apologies were received from 7 Members and 10 Priest Members. Prayers were said for the Holy Father, Pope Francis followed by the singing of God Bless our Pope – Led by Mr Chris Jenner. Grace was said by Fr David Elder and Lunch commenced.

Tom proposed the toast to the Queen and everyone joined in with Singing ‘God save the Queen’ led by Chris Jenner. Minutes of the last AGM 17 May 2016 have been circulated to all members. Moved, seconded and accepted by all.

Tom Ibison welcomed the new secretary Peter Van Parys who has taken over from Frank Pearson who was thanked for all his work over the last several years and wished him well in his retirement. Also introduced new Treasurer Tim Haley who has taken over from John Hadfield and thanked him for over 20 years of service to the society.

Secretary’s report and Treasurer’s Accounts were made available to read today. Moved and seconded and accepted by all.

Alms and Petitions – Tom Ibison invited members to confirm their agreement to the Board’s proposal that there should be no limit set this year on the amount given for the relief of poverty and spiritual benefits - this was unanimously agreed. He also encouraged members to seek out needy people in their own communities who might be suffering from hardship in the present financial crisis and that petitions should be sent to the secretary no later than 20 June 2017. Particularly smaller societies just starting out or are struggling or helping disabled people, dementia etc as we would like to help people in our own area as there is a great need out there and our members should come forward with petitions ideally supported by the Parish Priest. Please particularly think about those in our inner cities where we know need is great.

Board of Management – Mr Tony Baron and Mr Mike Bradley’s term of office as members of the Board of Management expire at this meeting. Both have been invited and confirmed their agreement to be re-appointed for a further term. Accepted by show of hands. Also Fr Mark Madden from English Martyrs, Litherland has been asked to join the Board as Priest representative from the Liverpool Diocese. Also accepted by show of hands.

Tom made a proposal to the meeting that the annual membership fee should be increased from £3 to £5 per annum to help with increasing costs and the continuing need to provide alms to those in need. The fee has not been increased for a long period of time. Moved, seconded and accepted. Reminder for members to give a donation to the society as we do give a lot of money away to deserving cases and continued funds are needed in order to continue doing this.

Leo Casey has now retired from the role of Bereavement Officer and the board and society thanked him for his very many years of considerable service to the society remembering his previous role of secretary and his conscientiousness and hard work. Thanks were also expressed to Mr S Evans, Mr P Felix-Vas and Mr T Lamb, our writers for the day.

Membership – is still falling and we are becoming an aged society. Appeal to all to recruit new members including younger members and ladies, as members are the lifeblood of the society. Ladies have always been entitled to become members in their own right and it is pleasing to see a number of ladies with us today.

Application forms can be downloaded from the society's website, which is constantly being updated and maintained. Please supply the secretary with your email address where possible in an effort to save on postage and remember to check the website for updates.

Mr Jimmy Cricket proposed a toast to the "Success to the Broughton Society" who stated that he really enjoyed coming to such events and considered it an honour to be here. He entertained the attendees with his own particular brand of comedy, with some timely interjections from his son Father Frankie, which was very well received by all. The reply was given by Mr Mike Finley who congratulated Jimmy on his Papal Knighthood and recounted fond tales of past school and working days of Jimmy and his son.

Mr Chris Jenner then led the meeting in the Broughton Song.

Mr Tony Godden proposed the toast to "The bishops and clergy of Lancashire" who recounted some tales of his time as Grand President of the Catenians, and the appreciation of the help they give to us all. The reply was given by Fr Peter Hopkinson who rose above his nerves to talk about his Priestly life.

The toast to the President of the year was proposed by Fr Frankie Mulgrew who made everyone laugh with tales of his everyday life and the reply was made by Mr Mike Bradley who informed everyone of how much he has enjoyed his year of office and thanked everyone for their support.

Election of President for 2017-18 is Mr John Cadden and Dr John Leneghan was nominated for 2018-19. this was unanimously agreed and accepted.

Tom closed the meeting after the singing of Faith of our Fathers led by Mr Chris Jenner.

## **ALMS GIVING FOR 2018-19**

### **Petitions for Alms for the Relief of Hardship will be being accepted in the two weeks following the Whitsun 2018 AGM**

The Rules of the Society are that Petitions for Alms should be submitted to the Secretary from a member of the Society and should also be supported by a Priest who is familiar with the charitable cause.

## **COULD YOU ADVERTISE HERE!**

Each of these Newsletters cost over £1 to print and post for each member, we have nearly 1000 members!

Members and Businesses are welcome to either sponsor a page or place an advertisement in our Whitsun and Autumn Newsletters

## NEW MEMBERS OF THE BROUGHTON SOCIETY

We welcome the following new members who have joined the Society since the publication of the 2017 Whitsun

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| Mr. J Chesworth  | Mr W O'Donnell  | Mr J Mills     | Ms M Purcell    |
| Mr. A Whipp      | Mr J Russell    | Mr. M Atherton | Dr R Button     |
| Mr A Lynch       | Ms G Darbyshire | Mr. B Keyworth | Rev Fr M Harold |
| Rev Fr P Newbold | Rev Fr M Onuoha |                |                 |

## PRIEST MEMBERS JUBILEES DURING 2018

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

### **Platinum Jubilee of Priesthood (1948-2018)**

### **Diamond Jubilee of Priesthood (1958-2018)**

### **Golden Jubilee of Priesthood (1968-2018)**

Fr David Elder – Lancaster Diocese

Fr Francis Ferns—Liverpool Archdiocese

Fr Brian McMahon—Lancaster Diocese

### **Ruby Jubilee of Priesthood (1978-2018)**

Fr Christopher Lough – Salford Diocese

Fr Philip Nathaniel - Salford Diocese

Mgr Stephen Alker—Liverpool Archdiocese

Fr Francis Ball - Liverpool Archdiocese

Fr Brendan Curley - Salford Diocese

Fr William Simpson - Liverpool Archdiocese

### **Silver Jubilee of Priesthood (1993-2018)**

Fr Anthony Dutton – Salford Diocese

Fr David Featherstone - Salford Diocese