

# Wilpshire Parish Council

## Spring Newsletter 2017



**This is the former Wilpshire Train Station, two storey Station House, with a single storey Waiting Room.**

### **QUESTION**

The Railway Line Blackburn to Chatburn opened in 1850.

In what year did the passengers services stopping at Wilpshire Station shown on the above photograph cease?

In what year were passenger services reinstated with the station now located to the rear of the Bulls Head and known as Ramsgreave/Wilpshire.

Answers to Lesley Lund, Clerk to the Council on Tel: 01254 248289. £10 prize for the first correct answer.

David Briffett



## WILPSHIRE PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the 2017 edition of the Wilpshire Parish Council Newsletter. Our Parish Council Newsletters seem to be appreciated by residents which is pleasing. We hope that you will find this edition useful and informative.

Our Newsletter is published annually and contains information about local organisations, public transport, useful contacts etc., as well as articles relating to the local area.

As ever, the breadth and accuracy of the information is only as good as that supplied to us by the groups and individuals concerned. We have invited as many organisations as we know of to submit information and have included all which has been submitted. Our thanks go to those who have responded.

Residents too have been invited to submit articles be they recollections of by-gone Wilpshire, poems, commentaries on modern Wilpshire, Wilpshire connections etc. So please contribute to next year's edition and send articles to our Parish Clerk, Mrs. Lesley Lund, 5 Hollowhead Close by the end of January 2018. Letters must contain an address. Has anybody got any old photographs of Wilpshire – views, events etc. – we would like to publish them.

Further information about the work of the Parish Council can be found on the Parish Council Noticeboard outside the Right At Home office (former Post Office) and on our website at: [www.wilpshireparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.wilpshireparishcouncil.org.uk) The Parish Council is always interested to hear the views and suggestions of residents and has a fifteen minute public participation session before each meeting for this purpose or, if you prefer, you can write to the Parish Clerk. The Annual Meeting of Electors will be held on Wednesday, April 19th at 19.30 at Wilpshire Methodist Church Hall. You are invited to attend.

Finally, can we extend a warm welcome to new residents of Wilpshire Parish and hope that they enjoy living here in this pleasant part of Lancashire.

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### **2016 QUIZ ANSWER**

Wilpshire Post Office had a number of locations including numbers 15 & 34 Whalley Road and either 8 or 10 Ribchester Road. The following information was also received from Peter Johnson who was born in Wilpshire and has lived here all his life:

1. From the early 1930s (at least) the PO was the house at the bottom of Hollowhead Lane
2. Sometime before or during WW2 it moved into Jack Stott's grocers on Ribchester Rd (where Angella Redfern's hair salon is now)
3. Around this time it was also in the current Right at Home premises for a while
4. Then for a short time it moved to the newspaper cabin at the old Wilpshire Station.
5. Next it went to Penny Post Cottage situated on Ribchester Rd just below the Wilpshire pub. A lady called Kathleen Thompson sold wool and sweets here, then she took in the PO when no-one wanted it.
6. Back to the Right at Home premises.

### **2016 CROSSWORD COMPETITION**

Five correct entries were received and the overall winners pulled from the hat were Andrew & Margaret Nicholson of Sunnyside Avenue. Answers to the 2016 Crossword can be obtained from the Parish Clerk

## Chairman's Message

Parish Councils were created to represent and enhance their local communities and in relation to both these tasks Wilpshire Parish Council has had a very active, productive and positive year. Indeed, in the ten years I have been a member I can't remember a busier one.

Back in February last year the new adventure trail was added to the Durham Road Play Area and this has proved popular with our local children. The Parish Council intends to purchase a further section to add to this trail in the coming year. Early last year, in association with Blackburn Rotary Club, we were able to purchase and fit a defibrillator outside the office of Right at Home on Whalley Road. Thanks go to Julie Foote for allowing us to place this potentially life-saving equipment in a central location. Another defibrillator is located at Salesbury Memorial Hall.

Our Public Footpath Improvement Programme continues apace with work completed on the well-used path beyond the golf course towards Little Snodworth Farm. The surface of this path had deteriorated markedly in recent years but is now transformed. Likewise the path from Vicarage Lane to The Hazels has been upgraded. The Parish Council hopes to arrange for more improvement works to be done in the coming months.

Our Parish Lengthsman, Chris Walton, has worked hard to keep the Parish tidy and is in constant battle with litter, most of which is thrown out of vehicle windows by thoughtless drivers and passengers. My thanks go to Chris for his diligence and hard work. Sometimes the activities of a few people can transform a locality, as witnessed in neighbouring Langho, where volunteers have created floral displays in neglected corners. Are there any potential volunteers in Wilpshire who might like to do the same for our local area?

The Parish Council has continued to raise issues with and make representations to Lancashire County Council and Ribbles Valley Borough Council relating to highways, bus stops, litter bins, proposed housing development and planning applications to name but some. As a result of many years of representations, speed calming measures are to be introduced on Knowsley Road and, additionally, 20mph speed restrictions introduced on most side roads in Wilpshire. Whilst not universally popular, these should help to make our local roads safer. County Councillor Alan Schofield has worked hard to get these measures in place and his efforts are appreciated. I also wish to thank my fellow councillors for the vigilance in looking after the interests of Wilpshire and for their proactive approach to all kinds of issues and should also like to thank our Parish Clerk for her sound advice and support. Sadly, one of our longest serving councillors, Philip Bradshaw, tendered his resignation in December and I wish to take this opportunity to thank him publicly for his contribution to Wilpshire Parish Council across the years. As a result of Philip's resignation we have a vacancy for a councillor so if any resident is interested in joining us then please contact the Parish Clerk for more information.

As ever, I ask all local residents to be vigilant, to report issues which are of concern to the relevant authority. The Parish Council's public sessions at the beginning of its meetings have been used by residents on a number of occasions this year to express concerns, raise issues or to seek advice and guidance. The Parish Council welcomes ideas and suggestions to improve our local area.

Craig Ward

## **Wilpshire Parish Council**

### **Clerk:**

Lesley Lund  
5 Hollowhead Close  
Wilpshire

Tel: 01254 248289

### **Members:**

Cllr C Ward (Chairman)  
19 Hollowhead Avenue  
Wilpshire

Cllr J Bremner  
92 Whalley Rd  
Wilpshire

Cllr D Briffett  
94 Whalley Rd  
Wilpshire

Cllr T Gaffney  
16 Vicarage Lane  
Wilpshire

Cllr James Foote  
45 The Hazels  
Wilpshire

Cllr A Lund  
12 Railway View  
Billington

Cllr Julie Foote  
Right At Home  
15 Whalley Rd  
Wilpshire

Vacancy

### **Borough Councillors:**

Cllr S Bibby  
34 Beaver Close,  
Wilpshire

Cllr S Hirst  
29 The Hazels  
Wilpshire

### **County Councillor:**

Cllr A Schofield

### **Parish Council Meetings 2016-2018**

**January 18<sup>th</sup>, March 1<sup>st</sup>, April 19<sup>th</sup> (Annual Meeting of Electors). May 17<sup>th</sup> (AGM),  
June 26<sup>th</sup>, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, September 20<sup>th</sup>, November 1<sup>st</sup>, December 6<sup>th</sup>, January 10<sup>th</sup>,  
2018, February 21<sup>st</sup>, March 28<sup>th</sup>, April 18<sup>th</sup> (Annual Meeting of Electors), May 23<sup>rd</sup>  
(AGM)**

## What Your Parish Council Did in 2016

### Your Parish Council.....

- met on ten occasions
- attended meetings with other local bodies to represent the area
- maintained the Parish Council website
- reported numerous problems on the local highway and public footpath networks to the relevant authority
- joined the LCC Parish Paths' Partnership to enable the Parish Council to be more proactive in improving the local footpath network and used some of funding to clear vegetation on Public Footpath 25 leading up from Wilpshire Gien towards Hollowhead Avenue
- provided funding to carry out resurfacing work on Public Footpath 12 (west of Little Snodworth Farm towards Wilpshire Golf Course), FP 19 (Vicarage Lane to The Hazels) & FP 21( Knowsley Rd to Whalley Rd via Wilpshire Old Station).
- maintained the Durham Rd Play Area
- maintained the garden area at the traffic lights
- provided funding and a volunteer to maintain the floral planters at Ramsgreave & Wilpshire Station
- provided a wreath on behalf of residents on Remembrance Sunday at Wilpshire Methodist Church
- provided funding for our Parish Lengthsman
- provided a donation towards the installation of a defibrillator outside Right at Home, Whalley Road. Funding also came from Blackburn Rotary Club.
- funded and produced the Parish Council Newsletter which is distributed to households in the Wilpshire Parish Council area
- organised a Parish Walk
- scrutinised local planning applications as received from RVBC and commented where appropriate
- set a Precept of £15 759 to cover its expenditure

## What is a Parish Council?

Parish Councils in England are the first tier of local government and are responsible for areas known as civil parishes i.e. not connected to a church parish. They can deliver a wide range of services at local level depending upon the type of locality and budget. As first tier councils they try to respond to the needs of the communities they represent – delivering the services or representation they most need. Parish Councils are statutory bodies and members are elected for a term of four years. They are funded by an annual precept which is added to Council Tax. They do not receive funding from central government.

## **Report from Parish Liaison Committee**

### **Boundary Commission Reviews**

There are two reviews in progress which affect Wilpshire :-

**Parliamentary Constituency Boundaries.** These are being redrawn nationally and the initial proposal is to split the Ribble Valley between two new constituencies, one being Clitheroe and Colne and the other North Lancashire. RVBC has objected strongly to the new proposals as has our MP. It is felt that, if split, our area and its interests could not be well represented in Parliament. There would also be administrative complications arising from such a split and the task of representing the new constituencies has many practical difficulties for both of the new MPs.

More information is available on [www.bce2018.org.uk](http://www.bce2018.org.uk)

**Local Government Boundaries.** The Ward boundaries within the area served by RVBC are being reviewed because imbalance in electors represented by Ribble Valley Borough Councillors has developed beyond the tolerance permitted.

More information can be found on [www.lgbce.org.uk](http://www.lgbce.org.uk)

### **Local Plan Update**

There needed to be an update to the Local Plan as the second stage of RVBC Planning Core Strategy.

Part of this process is to reassess the boundaries of the 'settlement areas' - these areas are defined for planning purposes only and are not used for any elections. The wider settlement area named "Wilpshire" (not confined to Wilpshire Parish) is the settlement area particularly short of its target for new housing numbers, news on how this might be addressed is expected in 2017.

### **BT phone boxes**

BT has notified RVBC about a consultation on a programme of removing 50 public payphone boxes in the Borough. A response by the Planning Department has been submitted. There is concern about many of these closure, even where there is low usage, because of the need where there is no or an unreliable mobile phone reception and also for use in an emergency.

### **Green waste clarification**

Following the decision by LCC to close/mothball the Farrington recycling centre, from July 2016 residents were instructed not to include any food waste in the green bin. For some residents there is an overlap between food and garden waste. Because the recycling centre now used cannot take any 'food' waste due to possible cross contamination from kitchen worktops or cooked food and as they do not know if the waste came from the garden or kitchen they are not able to take any food waste at all. *The grey area between food and garden waste can perhaps be summarised as "anything in the green bin must clearly have come straight from the garden" i.e. "avoid anything that could be considered by the recycling centre as having been near a kitchen".*

### **Homewise**

This Charity seeks to serve the whole community of Hyndburn & Ribble Valley by providing a "comprehensive, impartial help and advice service on all aspects of home improvements, adaptations, repairs and maintenance, with additional support for older and disabled people". Access to the service is not means tested though funding for some work may need assessment or proof of entitlement to Benefits. There is help and advice for all, including a list of local reputable tradesmen who have been recommended by local people. For those in greater need there is more help including assessment for and provision and/or sale of Aids for the disabled. Please see more information elsewhere in this Newsletter.

### **Changes to GP services**

The East Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group has been consulting about proposed changes to improve access to GP services. This involves the use of Hubs outside normal surgery hours. More clarity is needed on how this will work for residents who live in one area but whose GP is in a different area as is common in the Ribble Valley including many of us in Wilpshire.



## USEFUL NUMBERS

### AGE UK

Ribble Valley Insurance and Information Office: 18A Castlegate, Clitheroe

Tel: 0300 300 1234

Information available on; Insurance, Benefits, Sheltered Accommodation, Home Care, Aids for Easier Living.

Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9.00 a.m.– 12.30 p.m.& 1.00 p.m. to 2.30 p.m.

### PRESCRIPTION COLLECTION & DELIVERY

An excellent service for the sick and housebound.

Brownhill Pharmacy, 782 Whalley New Road, Brownhill, Blackburn

Tel: 01254 249016

Langho Pharmacy, 1a East View Terrace, Whalley Road, Langho

Tel: 01254 247750

### NHS DIRECT

Tel: 0845 46 47 Advice on illness and emergency, and also on healthy living. 24hours a day, 7 days a week.

### POLICE

For non-urgent calls please telephone 01254 51212 and leave a message on the answerphone. TELEPHONE 999 ONLY IN AN EMERGENCY. The Neighbourhood Police Team for Wilpshire are PC 697 Lee Forshaw, PC 2833 Wendy Waterhouse & PCSO 7721 Jules Ragen who can be contacted on 01200 458766

E-mail: RibbleValley.NPT@lancashire.pnn.police.uk

### CRIMESTOPPERS

This charity enables anyone to pass on information anonymously about any crime or criminal activity. FREEPHONE 0800 555 111

### TRAVEL INFORMATION

National and local travel information may be obtained from Clitheroe Interchange, Railway View Road. Tel 01200 429832. Northern Rail 0845 600 1159. Transdev (Buses) 0845 2 72 72 72

CITIZENS' ADVICE BUREAU Admin Tel: 01200 427336

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL Tel: 01200 425111 E-mail: [www.ribblevalley.gov.uk](http://www.ribblevalley.gov.uk)

## 'Report it-Lancashire County Council'

Online reporting facility:

Report a pothole, highway faults, broken streetlight, flooding on the highway, blocked drain, broken stile, blocked public footpath etc.

Simply type in the postcode nearest to the fault, zoom in or out or move the map to the problem area. Then click/choose from the problem menu, click on the map at the location of the problem and briefly describe it on the drop down fault details facility and make a note of the reference number issued.

## **LCC cuts**

**Bus Services.** There has been a drastic cut in Bus Services throughout the Ribble Valley because of the withdrawal of subsidies by LCC. There is great concern about the effects of the lack of services on communities. Some services have managed to be re-instated but much is on a trial basis and may not continue.

**LCC serviced properties closures.** The area has suffered a significant number of closures of libraries, Young People and Children's centres and Adult Day Care provision. RVBC put forward a strong case against these closures but with only very limited success.

The whole issue of access to services within the Borough is of great concern and thought is being given as to how the impact on residents can be reduced.

## **Highways**

The poor condition of the roads continues to be a concern as is the number of blocked gullies. Members of the public can report problems via the following link <http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/fault-search.aspx>

There is to be a roll out of 20mph speed limits in Wilpshire in line with those already in place in the rest of the Borough. In addition there are to be speed cushions installed on Knowsley Road

**Japanese Knotweed** The floods of Winter 2015-6 have exacerbated the spread of Japanese knotweed. Residents are reminded that the only way to deal with this effectively is by chemical control. Attempts to control it by digging or cutting will only spread it more and should not be attempted.

## Wilpshire Shops and Businesses

The following is a list of shops and businesses open to the public.

### Wilpshire Hotel

Along with cask ales and tapas, there is the opportunity to enjoy playing darts and snooker (small table) in the bar. There is also Sky Sports and BT Sport. Free WiFi is available.

David and Sharon Halstead host special events details of which are on their notice board. Small parties can be catered for.

Additionally, they provide outside catering for parties.

### *Opening Times*

Monday	3pm - 10.30pm
Tuesday	3pm - 11pm
Wed & Thurs.	3pm - 12.30am
Friday	2pm - 1am
Saturday	Noon - 1am
Sunday	Noon - 11pm

### Angella Readfern Hair Salon, 5 Ribchester Road BB1 9JH

In her unisex hair salon Angella offers a personal service in all aspects of hairstyling.

### *Opening Hours*

Monday	Closed
Tues	9.15am - 7pm
Wed & Thurs	9.15am - 8pm
Fri	9.15am - 7pm
Saturday	9am - 4pm
Sunday	Closed

Tel. 01254 248143

[www.angellareadfern.co.uk](http://www.angellareadfern.co.uk)

### Get Fresh Sandwich Bar 9 Whalley Road, BB1 9LQ

Sandwich bar featuring hot and cold food, cold drinks and barista coffee.

### *Opening Hours*

Monday – Friday	7am – 2pm
Saturday	8am - 2pm

**Beech's Butchers**, 11 Whalley Road, BB1 9LQ

Local butchers, distributors of meat, poultry and vegetables. A wide range of new dishes, ready meals and home-made pies is now available.

***Opening Hours***

Monday to Friday	7.30am - 6pm
Saturday	8am - 4.30pm
Sunday	10am - 4pm

Tel. 01254 246612

[www.beeches.co.uk](http://www.beeches.co.uk)

**Right at Home**, 15 Whalley Rd, BB1 9LQ (formerly Wilpshire Post Office)

Domiciliary care in the comfort of your own home.  
All levels of support from personal care and assistance with day to day tasks, through to complex conditions and care needs. A 24/7 live in service is also available.

***Office Opening Hours***

Monday to Friday 9am – 5pm

Tel. 01254 658899 office hours 24/7 out of hours mobile: 07715446095

Email: [Julie.foote@rightathomeuk.com](mailto:Julie.foote@rightathomeuk.com)

[www.rightathomeassistance.com](http://www.rightathomeassistance.com)

**Jeremy Makinson's Ribble Valley Studios**, 23 Whalley Road BB1 9LQ

Family portrait photography, in the studio or on location.

Contact details for an appointment are:

Tel. 01254 248838

[www.ribblevalleystudios.co.uk](http://www.ribblevalleystudios.co.uk)

[www.jeremymakinson.com](http://www.jeremymakinson.com)

**Post Office Services**: The nearest counters are now at Swindlehurst's Newsagents, Whalley New Road and Spar, Portland Road, Langho.

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**Snodworth Road, Langho BB6 8DS**

**Free Horse Manure – as required**

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## Public Transport Update 2017

The past year has witnessed a number of changes across our local public transport networks.

In the early part of last year Lancashire County Council decided to withdraw its funding to all subsidised bus services. Following a public outcry, a number of services were funded and reinstated including our own route Blackburn to/from Ribchester & Longridge using Knowsley Road in Wiltshire. From January this service has been improved to run hourly between Wiltshire/Salesbury and Blackburn and now provided by Service 35 running at two hourly intervals to/from Longridge and Service 15 running at two hourly intervals to/from Brockhall Village via Copster Green. The two services run along Ribchester Road and Knowsley Road until early evening. How long the service will be funded will depend upon the county council's finances and the level of patronage. A packed Parish Council meeting in January last year saw around fifty residents making their case for retention of this service so they plus their neighbours in the area must use it regularly or it will be under threat again. Blackburn's new bus station opened last year and it certainly offers much better facilities than those that went before.

Meanwhile, our local train services were taken over by Arriva last May and are now branded 'northern' instead of 'Northern'. The new franchisee has made bold promises relating to new and refurbished trains and more frequent services but we shall have to wait until December 2017 and beyond for many of the changes to occur. In the past few months our local train service to/from Manchester has suffered an increase in cancellations and delays for all kinds of reasons. This unreliability has had an effect on the number of passengers using Ramsgreave & Wiltshire Station and, for the first time since it opened in 1994, there has been a slight fall in patronage. The coming year may offer more uncertainty as electrification works begin between Bolton and Manchester. The removal of car parking spaces behind The Bull's Head hasn't helped though these may return when the former public house is converted into a Co-op convenience store in the coming months. Poor connectional times at Blackburn for Leeds and Preston and return don't help either.

Since last May there has been a noticeable deterioration in the general tidiness of our local station due to it becoming a rendezvous for local youths and also reflecting the fact that there are less volunteer station adopters helping to keep it tidy. The railway company only sends its contractors out to clean once a week. Wiltshire and Ramsgreave Parish Councils provide funding and a volunteer to maintain the floral displays on the platforms.

Ticket barriers are likely to be installed at Blackburn Station in the future and the former café/shop has been turned into a branch of Subway. A study is being undertaken of the potential use of the rest of Blackburn Station entrance buildings to find new uses for underused spaces. One outcome of this may be that the ticket office will be moved back downstairs. A new train maintenance depot is being constructed on the former coal sidings on The Wrangling just west of Blackburn Station. It will open in the coming year. This might have a significant impact on the reliability and development of local services in the future – only time will tell !

### Local Bus & Rail Timetables

Timetables for Transdev buses are available from their website. Other bus timetables are available at Clitheroe Interchange or from Blackburn Tourist Information Centre now relocated to Blackburn Market. The website: [www.traveline.org.uk](http://www.traveline.org.uk) will enable you to plan a journey by public transport, including sections on foot, from Wiltshire to any destination in the UK

Rail timetables are available from manned stations and Clitheroe Interchange. Local line timetables are best downloaded from the Ribble Valley Rail website at [www.ribblevalleyrail.co.uk](http://www.ribblevalleyrail.co.uk) This website also gives details of actual train running from Ramsgreave & Wiltshire Station enabling you to check before leaving home if your train is on time. Go to the website, click on 'Timetables' then on 'Train Running', then click on 'Northern' and find your relevant station and train departure. The website has lots of other useful information about the local rail network as does the website [www.communityrail Lancashire.co.uk](http://www.communityrail Lancashire.co.uk) Our local station also has Help Points so that you can call Northern or British Transport Police.

Travelling further afield in the rest of Europe by train is easier than you may think despite an annoying absence of through services from the north of England. As well as the excellent [www.seat61.com](http://www.seat61.com) website, which provides comprehensive information about connections from London St Pancras to most European countries, the website [www.Loco2.com](http://www.Loco2.com) will give you times and fares from Ramsgreave & Wiltshire or Blackburn Stations to many other stations in Europe.

### Fare Bargains

Northern have introduced Advanced Tickets on the service between Blackburn and York including to Halifax, Bradford Interchange, New Pudsey, Leeds and Garforth. These tickets must be booked in advance up to 18.00 the previous day. As a result, if travelling from Ramsgreave & Wilpshire it may be cheaper to book a Day Return to Blackburn and book an Advance Ticket from there to your destination in Yorkshire. Advance Tickets usually require the passenger to travel on specific trains. Advance Tickets are also available from other Northern stations to other destinations. Visit the Northern website for more details typing in 'Northern Advance Tickets'

Season tickets offer major savings to regular users – roughly four days for the price of seven. Two people travelling together Off-Peak (after 09.00) should purchase a Duo Return which entitles one person to travel for half fare providing two people return together. Duo Tickets to some destinations from Ramsgreave and Wilpshire were withdrawn last year. Just ask the conductor when buying tickets. NB Restrictions apply to Duo journeys at weekends to Manchester in December

There are numerous Day Ranger and Rover Tickets covering Lancashire and the rest of NW England. One of the best value tickets for those travelling across Gtr. Manchester and into parts of Derbyshire and Cheshire is the 'Wayfarer' – a ticket available for purchase at Clitheroe Interchange and other manned stations in Gtr Manchester and Lancashire. It is also possible to buy Wayfarer from conductors on trains. A Wayfarer is valid from Darwen and can be used on all **trains, buses and Metrolink** after 09.30 and all day at weekends across a wide area e.g. to Matlock (train to Buxton then bus), Edale and Grindleford (near Sheffield), Leek, Northwich and Macclesfield to name but some destinations. Pick up a leaflet and map from Clitheroe Interchange or Manchester Victoria giving full details. Wayfarers cost o **£12 with those aged 60+ paying only £6!** There is also a Group Ticket for two adults and up to two children. See the Ribble Valley Rail website section – 'Promotions' for further savings' deals.

For longer journeys it is always worth checking for savings by breaking up your journey into shorter sections e.g. travelling to the West Country it can be cheaper to book to Birmingham and then again from there to your destination. Travelling to London can be significantly cheaper travelling via Manchester Piccadilly. Season tickets on local buses can be bought from the driver.

### DalesRail and Guided Walks

The DalesRail train will run every Sunday from May 21<sup>st</sup> to September 10<sup>th</sup>. It calls at Ramsgreave & Wilpshire then continues via Clitheroe and the Settle-Carlisle Line to Carlisle calling at all stations en-route. From the train passengers can join guided walks of varying length from an easy stroll to a strenuous fell hike, take a town tour or wildflower ramble or a connecting bus to, for example, Wensleydale or down Swaledale, or simply do 'their own thing', or just enjoy one of the world's great railway journeys. The Settle- Carlisle Line will be reopening all the way to Carlisle in March. For further details visit [www.dalesrail.com](http://www.dalesrail.com) . The Community Rail Partnership also organises a programme of guided walks from stations on our local lines in NE Lancashire during the whole year. Visit their website [www.communityraillancashire.co.uk](http://www.communityraillancashire.co.uk) for further details.



## Wilpshire Public Footpath Improvements

Since the last Newsletter publication the Parish Council has improved three more footpaths:



Little Snodworth-FP 12, was a particularly badly maintained path, and is located on the eastern side of the wind farm above Carr Hall near to the boundary of Langho.

The Parish Council organised and paid for the delivery of 60 tonnes of stone on to the path by a contractor and has now been substantially improved. Permission to improve was obtained from the landowners of Snodworth Farm/Livery and Parsonage Farm and thanks are offered to them. This path forms part of a route through the golf course from the top of Hollowhead Lane and across Wilpshire Moor; return via Little Snodworth, past Carr Hall and the A666.

Little Snodworth-FP 12



Little Snodworth Path before improvement.



After improvement.

Another path that WPC has improved is the Railway Underpass path (FP 21), situated between the bottom of Knowsley Road and the A666, via the underpass, near to where the old Wilpshire Railway Station was once located.



Railway Underpass path-35 tonnes of stone delivered on to this path to make such a difference. Upgrading of the Railway Underpass path has increased local usage and from Woodcrest has provided a hard surface for residents onto this short cut to Knowsley Road.



Finally about 5 tonnes of stone was used to upgrade the Hazels to Vicarage Lane path (FP 19)



## Durham Road Play Area Improvements



The Parish Council is undertaking a planned programme of improvements to the Durham Road Play Area for which it has responsibility. In February last year adventure trail equipment was installed at an approximate cost of £5000. A grant of £3000 towards this sum was received from Ribbles Valley Borough Council. The Parish Council intends to extend the adventure trail in the coming year. New signage will also be erected to ensure users are aware of their responsibilities when using the play area.

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*Salesbury Explorers' Group*

*[www.segs.org.uk](http://www.segs.org.uk)*

*Salesbury Walking Group*

*-monthly walks of about 7 miles in the company of mostly local people. Please follow the above link for the current walking programme. All welcome!!*

## **A Life-Saving Defibrillator for Wilpshire**

You are probably aware that early basic life support and defibrillation give the best chances of survival for a patient who suffers a cardiac arrest. To this end, Wilpshire's first public access defibrillator has been installed. The life-saving equipment is kept in an external cabinet situated on the front wall of Right at Home's office building at 15 Whalley Road (formerly Wilpshire Post Office).

The provision of the defibrillator was arranged by Blackburn Rotary Club in conjunction with North West Air Ambulance and further donations from Wilpshire Parish Council, Beech's Butchers and Right at Home helped to pay for it.

The public can access the defibrillator at any time of the day or night. They will need to call the ambulance service first should it be required in an emergency and people will be directed to its location, given the code to open the cabinet and instructed on what to do.

Parish councillor and Right at Home owner Julie Foote commented "This is of great benefit to the community. Of course we hope we never need to use the equipment but if it helps save one person's life then it has been worthwhile."



The location of the defibrillator outside Right At Home

## Parish Walk 2016



The group near Copster Hall Farm with Longridge Fell as a backdrop

Nineteen people joined the 2016 Parish Walk on a sunny April afternoon. The party headed down to Copster Green by fieldpaths, discovered some of the history of that hamlet before continuing on the public footpath via Copster Hall Farm towards Dinckley, once popular with people heading from Wilpshire Tram Terminus towards the ferry across the River Ribble and on to Hurst Green. At Dinckley Grange our party returned towards Chapel Lane and the A59 before crossing the railway line and heading back across the fields back to Wilpshire.



Heading back to Wilpshire

This year's Parish Walk will take place on **Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>** starting from Wilpshire Methodist Church at 13.30 and will follow local footpaths in Wilpshire some of which have been improved recently by the Parish Council. We will also visit the trig pillar on Wilpshire Moor (see article). Come along and enjoy some fresh air and exercise whilst discovering your local footpath network and meeting some fellow residents.

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN

THE WILPSHIRE PARISH WALK

**BY TIPPINGS, TURBINES, TOPS AND TRIG**

SUNDAY, MAY 7th 2017

A moderately easy five and a half miles' walk

**MEET OUTSIDE WILPSHIRE METHODIST CHURCH AT 1.30 P.M.**

On our walk we will:

- follow Vicarage Lane to Tippings Farm
- climb to Wilpshire's tops via Carr Hall
- drop into Dean Clough from Fish Moor
- visit Wilpshire's trig pillar
- use some of the parish's newly improved routes
- learn some more about the local area

All of this using the parish's local public footpath network

Come and meet some of your fellow residents and parish councillors

WEAR BOOTS, WELLINGTONS OR STOUT SHOES – the route may be wet and muddy in places

BRING A WATERPROOF, DRINKS AND A SNACK.

N.B. unsuitable for pushchairs

## **Wilpshire Lunch Club**

Wilpshire Lunch Club celebrated its first year's anniversary in October 2016.

The Lunch Club is thriving with almost 30 regular attendees currently and still room for more!

We have had some delightful meals such as Beech's Butchers' delicious steak pie with vegetables and mashed potato followed by sticky toffee pudding with custard, or in summer perhaps lasagne with salad and garlic bread followed by fresh strawberries and cream. All followed by tea or coffee whilst David Atwood, one of our stalwart members regales us with hilarious stories and jokes. Everyone leaves having had an excellent meal, pleasant company and a good laugh to send us on our way.

We also had a visit from Salesbury School's Year 6 choir in the summer, who charmed everyone with a medley of songs. On another occasion Sue Duerden played guitar and we all sang along.

In December we had a traditional Christmas lunch which was provided free of charge to attendees. Salesbury School choir came along again with a new Year 6 and a different, hugely entertaining repertoire.

We are grateful to our kind and willing volunteers, without whom the Lunch Club couldn't run.

The Lunch Club meets at Wilpshire Methodist Church, Ribchester Road on the first Thursday of each month at 12.30pm. The cost is £3.50 for a main course and dessert followed by tea or coffee.

If you would like to attend, or you know anyone who would, please call Right at Home on 01254 658899 to book. Transport may be arranged if required.

We will be delighted to see you!

Julie Foote  
Wilpshire Parish Councillor

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## **Salesbury Memorial Hall**

Salesbury Memorial Hall was built as a memorial to the 36 members of the Parish who died in the First World War. It was opened in 1928 and is managed by the Management Committee comprising representatives of user organisations and other members of the community. The Hall hosts a large number of regular events, ranging from the Ribble Valley Creative Stitchers to various keep fit classes. There are tennis courts and the Hall is home both to the Salesbury Bowling Club, which boasts a floodlit bowling green, and Wilpshire Wanderers Football Club, a successful club for children's and young people's football.

We are in the process of improving our internal decorations and more details will be in the next newsletter or call into the hall and have a look!

The hall can be booked for private events. For further details on hiring the hall please contact Barbara Craven on 01254 249425



**“ Food, friendship and  
good company ”**

**Our next meetings are on the following dates**

Thursday 2 March

Thursday 6 April

Thursday 4 May

Thursday 1 June

**Cost: £3.50**

Location: Wilpshire Methodist Church, Ribchester Road

*To book your place and discuss help with transport, if needed*

**Contact Right at Home**

**on 01254 658899**

*SALESBURY MEMORIAL HALL*

***Rooms available for hire***

*CHILDREN'S PARTIES*

*QUIZZES*

*DISCOS*

*BEEFLE/WHIST DRIVES*

*DANCES*

*MEETINGS*

*JUMBLE SALES*

**DISABLED ACCESS  
CAR PARK**

**MAIN HALL-GROUND FLOOR**

**2 MEETING ROOMS UPSTAIRS**

**KITCHEN**

**ALL ENQUIRIES**

**MRS B CRAVEN**

**TEL**

**01254249425**

**16<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

## SALESBURY MEMORIAL HALL

# ACTIVITIES

		Main Hall	Upstairs
Healthy Life Style Latin/Ballroom Sequence dancing	Monday	10:15am 11:30am	
Guitar Group	Monday		6:30pm
Metafit	Monday	6:30&7pm	
Kettlercise	Monday	6&7:30pm	
Ladies Badminton	Tuesday	1:30pm	
Metafit	Tuesday	5:45&6:15pm	
Zumba	Wednesday	6:05pm	
Senior Badminton (18+)	Wednesday(ex4 <sup>th</sup> in month)	7:30pm	
St Peter's Salesbury Mother's Union	4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday in month	7:45pm	
Salesbury under 5's (mums& toddlers )	Thursday	9:30am	
Pilates	Thursday		6:00pm
Metafit	Thursday	6:30&7pm	
Kettlercise	Thursday	6&7:30pm	
Pat Eaket's school of Dance & Drama	Friday	4:00pm	
Ribble Creative Stitchers	3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday in month 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday in month	7:30pm 10:30am	

## *Tennis Courts*

Parish Council Meetings

**ROOMS AVAILABLE FOR HIRE**

***ALL ENQUIRIES-MRS B CRAVEN***

***TEL:01254 249425***

*16<sup>th</sup> November 2016*





## **SALESBURY MEMORIAL HALL TENNIS CLUB**

***Get fitter with your family and friends playing at your local courts  
in Salesbury – conveniently located behind the Memorial Hall on  
Ribchester Road***

**You can join individually, for you or your children, or get a  
family membership and play together.**

### ***Discounts for New Members***

**Family Membership (must incl. an adult)**

***Discounted Price Just £50***

**Senior Membership (16 years and over)**

***Discounted Price Just £25***

**Junior Membership (11-15 years inc.)**

***Discounted Price Just £18***

**For Membership or further information contact:**

**Marguerite Webb**

**1 Vicarage Lane**

**Wilpshire BB1 9HX**

**Email: [margueritewebb1@gmail.com](mailto:margueritewebb1@gmail.com)**

**Tel: 01254 240804**

**Payment: Cheques made payable to - Salesbury Memorial Hall**

## All Change at Wilpshire Methodist Church

The Methodist Church works with a group of Churches working with a number of Ordained Ministers who work together within the Circuit but usually have specific responsibility for a number of the Churches in the Circuit. Wilpshire Methodist Church is now part of The West Pennine Moors Circuit which takes in the Methodist Churches in Accrington, Blackburn, Darwen, Haslingden and Oswaldtwistle. Since the beginning of Methodism, under the guidance of Rev John Wesley, Ministers have been known as "Itinerant Ministers", currently this means appointments to Circuits are usually for 5 years, with the option of a re-invitation for longer if this is felt to be right for Circuit and Minister. Hence, at the end of July Rev Albert Gayle moved from his appointment in the West Pennine Moors Circuit, which included being responsible for Wilpshire Methodist Church, to the Bradford South Circuit and Rev Stuart Smith moved to the West Pennine Moors Circuit with particular responsibility for Wilpshire, Lammack and Mellor Methodist Churches.

When Stuart moved to Blackburn ready to take up appointment on the 1<sup>st</sup> September it marked 30 years since he and his wife Sandra left Accrington to begin Ministerial Training at Wesley College, Bristol. He notes that a lot of changes have occurred for them and the place of their birth since then – even questioning "were the roads so steep when we left?" Change is something we can't stop; change can be for good or bad depending on your view.

Stuart argues that it is good that the itinerant nature of Ministry means that Ministers get to experience different places and people, which they feel they have over the years. This time they have been glad to accept an invitation from the much changed and now named West Pennine Moors Circuit. It has been said to Stuart that he is being sent home and he can see that in a way that is right, but in another sense he says that home has always been where we are wherever that happens to be.

Stuart grew up involved with Spring Hill Methodist Church in Accrington, there he was also in The 1<sup>st</sup> Accrington Boys' Brigade Company, as a teenager Sandra became part of Cambridge Street Methodist Church, also in Accrington, where they married in 1984. In 1985 their first daughter, Michelle, was born in Blackburn, and in 1986 they left Accrington for three years in Bristol. A second daughter Rosalyn was born there in 1987, one of 7 in the College community that year!

From there Stuart's first appointment was to the Bury & Heywood Circuit where a third daughter, Cheridan joined the family in 1990. Stuart comments: "Having detected a trend Blackburn, Bristol, Bury a second appointment took us to the Colwyn Bay & Llandudno Circuit, phew it didn't begin with a "B", but then we found out that the local maternity unit was in Bodelwyddan!" Three girls had completed the family though and further moves have seen time in the Runcorn Circuit and the Stretford & Urmston Circuit since. Sadly, in that time both of Sandra's parents and Stuart's mother have all died but Stuart's father is in nearby Leyland, still a great support. The girls have all left home now and are currently residing in Barnton and Northwich, Cheshire and in Sheffield.

Stuart has enjoyed using drama and illusion in his ministry and has had a variety of chaplaincy roles which have complemented Church life. Stuart and Sandra enjoy visiting European cities and he also enjoys cycling. Some call the football ground in the Stretford & Urmston Circuit the "Theatre of Dreams" however for Stuart there are only two league grounds worth regular attendance and they are both located in the West Pennine Moors Circuit.

Stuart says: "After 12 years in one Circuit the thought of moving was both daunting and exciting. As we have always done we trust that God is guiding our path and we look forward to getting to know a whole new set of friends as we journey forward together in His name."

## Wilpshire Methodist Brownies

Wilpshire Methodist Brownies began in January 1979 and is still going strong. Over the years there have been a varied number of members from 30 to the present day 9. Many of the Brownies have left and moved up to our Guide pack where they have continued in guiding until the age of 14. As you may have read recently in the news that young people who have been involved in youth groups such as guiding are more rounded adults being able to deal with the stresses and strains of modern life easier.

Over the last year we have involved in community projects including collecting food over the Lent period for the local food bank who sent a representative to give a talk on who is eligible for the food. This made the girls think how lucky they were. We made hundreds of paper flowers to decorate the Church, they were so admired they were used by the Luncheon Club at a later date to decorate the tables. Before the summer break, over a period of several weeks, we completed the Discovering Faith Badge. This involved creating Tibetan prayer flags, touring the Church with youth worker Charlotte Rumble and a trip to a Blackburn Mosque, where there was a warm welcome with lots of treats. We were joined by a group of girls of a similar age from the Mosque for the tour all got on really well. Towards the summer we had a successful trip to Clitheroe where we had a chip supper followed by a treasure hunt round the town before returning by train. This was, surprisingly, the first time some Brownies had been on a train.

On return from the summer break the Brownies completed their Agility Badge over a few weeks. Then they worked on the Harvest story which had the theme of water and decorated the Church for the Harvest service with rainfall facts and large prayer raindrops. At the beginning of December we went to Waddow for an overnight stay which was brilliant and stretched the Brownies in the activities they took part in. One was crate stacking where they were attached by ropes and pulleys in a harness and climbed crates as they were built into a taller and taller tower, the maximum was 13. Some didn't want to take part or go too high so jumped off when they felt comfortable. Another activity was the 'Cave' where at the start there was many a tear but in the end all took part and then couldn't get them away even when lunch called. Our last meeting was a party when the Brownies brought a friend and we said goodbye to our older members who were to move up to our Guides in January.

If there is anyone who would like to join our group please contact via the website [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk) or pop in any Tuesday evening between 6:15 and 7:45 and check out what we are up to.

Shirley Ward, Margaret Chapman and Freya Ward – Brownie leaders

Den-building	Nature Watching	Food Creating	Wellie Wearing	World Investigating	Charity Supporting
Creative Writing	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Salesbury Church of England Primary School</u></p> <p>We are set in lovely, rural surroundings in the Ribble Valley and offer a bespoke, creative curriculum with a distinct Christian ethos. We work in partnership with St. Peter's Church and other local schools. If you would like to visit our school, please do telephone 01254 244580, visit our website <a href="http://www.salesbury.lancs.sch.uk">www.salesbury.lancs.sch.uk</a> or join our online community at <a href="http://www.facebook.com/salesburyceprimary">www.facebook.com/salesburyceprimary</a>. Our children have tried to describe our school using Kennings (a two word phrase) and you can read these around the border. Joseph Booth, a pupil in Year 6, has also written about our school below.</p> <p>This year, at Salesbury, we have had some very exciting people come to school. One example is Olympia, Samantha Murray, she came to school and explained what she had to do in her sport and where she had learned it from. She competes in the modern pentathlon which comprises of show-jumping, swimming, shooting, running and fencing. She learnt to swim at Clitheroe Dolphins. This was just one of our amazing visitors here at Salesbury. We also had a visit from the Bethany Choir – their singing was amazing!</p> <p>We have done a couple of fundraising events and all of them have been fun. We did 'Children in Need Day' where we brought in £1 to wear sports, yellow or look like Pudsey Bear. A special event for a lot of people was the 1200 lights concert. This concert raised awareness for foster carers needed. Children sang songs that gave out a special message for parents involved in foster care. 1200 lights were turned off in the North West – the Liver Building, Blackpool Tower, Blackburn Cathedral and many more – it was quite scary in the cathedral when the lights went off.</p> <p>In our class we have had a number of school trips. Our latest was part of our topic on Crime and Punishment. We went to Burnley police station. They gave us a tour of some of the cells and the equipment they used. They showed us the armed response team, traffic team, custody suite and took our finger prints. They arrested our teacher for supporting Burnley Football Club.</p> <p>Another exciting trip was the Pendle Sculpture Trail. We did lots of work on witches, making witch sculptures and for our homework we made fantastic spider webs. In art, we made replicas of the sculpture trail. On the trail, we found all the sculptures, including the one our teacher could not find when he went there.</p> <p>Coming up this year in Year 6 are some very exciting events. One I am excited about is the visit to London including a visit to the National History Museum, sight seeing and a visit to the West End. Another big trip is our PGL holiday with all the children from Year 6 going, I suspect we will have some great adventures.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Joseph Booth, Year 6, Salesbury C.E. Primary School</p>				Music Making
Fire Burning					Fairtrade Thinking
Outside Cooking					Jesus Following
Architectural Shaping					Thoughtful Voting
Careful Observing					Sum Calculating
Acrylic Painting					Football playing
Problem Solving					Worship Reflecting
Cathedral Singing					High-5 Celebrating
Sculpture modelling					Worship Planning

## Langho in Bloom! Wilpshire in Bloom?

If you drove through Langho last year you couldn't fail to notice the transformation of neglected corners of the village with flower beds, benches and planters of all kinds. Even the embankment on the Whalley side of the railway bridge now boasts a 'LANGHO' sign in plants together with an old wheelbarrow placed to create a visual impact.



Small garden area created outside Langho Pharmacy

All this work has been done by a team of volunteers of local residents who decided to make their community more attractive. They set up an organising committee, applied for funding from different sources including Langho & Billington Parish Council, and scrounged plants from fellow residents. Local businesses also joined in. The result – neglected areas beautified, community spirit encouraged and a more attractive environment than existed before.

So if the residents of Langho can do this, can the residents of Wilpshire also rise to the challenge? Are there Wilpshire residents out there who would be interested and willing to create a similar group of volunteers to spruce up neglected corners or create new floral displays in our local area?

Whilst the parish council can't organise such a group, members would be willing to offer advice, provide details of useful contacts and consider funding. If you are interested then please come to the Parish Council Annual Meeting held at Wilpshire Methodist Church on Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 19.30 or pass your name and contact details to our Parish Clerk, Lesley Lund.

## A Wiltshire Landmark

Wiltshire is hardly noted for its landmarks – no tower, folly or ancient building. Perhaps the only landmark of note, other than the wind turbines which overshadow it, and probably one many have never seen, is the trig pillar standing atop Wiltshire Moor marking the highest point of the parish at 236 metres or 771 feet.

2016 marked the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Britain's humble trig pillars, the squat little obelisks that are familiar to walkers throughout the country. These distinctive landmarks can be found at the summit of many hills and mountains as well as in less obvious locations but why are they there and what is/was their purpose?

Collectively, they form the heart of one of the world's most significant 20<sup>th</sup> century map-making projects. Between the 1930's and 1960's, some 6500 plus triangulation pillars were erected across the British Isles creating the basis of the Ordnance Survey (OS) Maps we use today. On the morning of April 18<sup>th</sup>, 1936 a group of men gathered around a rather strange looking pillar in the middle of a field in Cold Ashby, Northamptonshire. Their purpose was to start the greatest undertaking by the Ordnance Survey since the 19<sup>th</sup> century: the Re-triangulation of Great Britain. The task took twenty six years.

The trig pillars allowed surveyors to map the shape of the land. Triangulation is basically a mathematical process that enables accurate map-making. It works by determining the location of a point by measuring angles to it from known points at either end of a fixed baseline and, in this case, the known points were the trig pillars. Out in the countryside a theodolite was secured to the mounting plate on top of the pillar from which accurate angles between pairs of nearby trig pillars could be measured.

For the next twenty six years, with a break during WW2, teams of surveyors worked to build and measure from the network of trig pillars. Building them took much effort especially on remote mountain peaks as materials had to be carried up them in the days before helicopters and quadbikes. On June 4<sup>th</sup>, 1962 the final calculation of the retriangulation of the mapping system was carried out at Thorney Gale, Westmorland.



An OS team at work in the 1950's – note their outdoor gear – gabardines and duffle coats

Today, technological advances have rendered the trig pillars redundant although they still act as a beacon for walkers. A few hundred have been lost to housing development, farming and coastal erosion or simply fallen into disrepair. The modern equivalent of triangulation is

the OS Net network of 110 Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) receivers. These are used to position instantly new map details to an accuracy of a few centimetres. What took many hours at Cold Ashby in 1936 can now be done far more accurately in just seconds. The hard work across the years has paid off as the UK is the most comprehensively mapped country in the world and the familiar OS Maps are, without doubt, the best maps in the world.

As ever, there are people who collect trig pillars or, rather, 'bag' them by visiting them – a very healthy pursuit ! Rob Woodall from Peterborough claims to be Britain's top trig pillar 'bagger'. On April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016 just two days before the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Rob walked to the top of Benarty Hill in Fife to 'bag' his final trig pillar having visited all still in existence. He began his quest in 2002. His first trig visit was to one at Little Ouse in the Fens which is actually one metre below sea level. Of course, the highest is on Ben Nevis at 1344m. Fancy 'bagging' them too? There's reckoned to be 6200 surviving!

People not only 'bag' trig pillars, they also adopt them and help maintain them. Indeed, our very own trig pillar in Wilpshire has been maintained by the Parish Council since 2005 and receives a coat of white paint occasionally with the permission of local farmer, Mr. Wilson at Parsonage Farm on whose land it stands. Mr. Wilson has also put a wire fence around it to protect it from his animals.



Wilpshire's trig pillar on top of Wilpshire Moor with its 'Restoration Plaque'

Wilpshire's trig pillar was constructed in 1948 and cost £13-8s-0d (£13.40). It was last maintained by the Ordnance Survey in 1980. Comments left by visitors on the website: Trigpointing UK include: October 2015 – 'All freshly painted, restored and maintained by the local parish council since 2005. Councillors we salute you, we need another category of excellent! If only all parish councils would do the same.' If you wish to visit the trig pillar you must ask permission at Parsonage Farm or, better still, join this year's Parish Walk on May 7<sup>th</sup> as we are making a visit in connection with this article.

QUESTION: Do you know the location of the next nearest trig pillar to that in Wilpshire?  
Clue: Look left between The Spice Lounge and the Blackburn with Darwen Boundary. It's not adopted and not in as pristine condition as ours is!

*Article adapted from that in Walk Magazine (Summer 2016)*

## Mystery of the Signs Solved



Signs like that above began to appear on Whalley Old Road last year causing people to query their purpose -- directions to an industrial museum, markers for the winter gritting teams? No, their purpose is to mark part of the new strategic cycle network for East Lancashire. These particular signs are related to Blackburn with Darwen's section which has been given the name: Weavers' Wheel, hence the spinning jenny symbol on the signs.

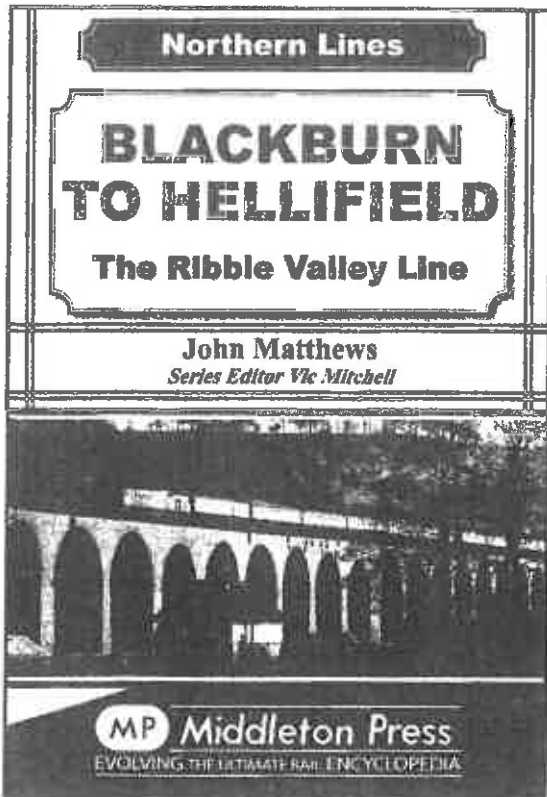
Funding for the network's development has come from the Lancashire Local Enterprise Network as well as local council coffers. The Weavers' Wheel will be a 26km route encircling Blackburn town centre and inspired by Preston's Guild Wheel which already attracts 100 000 cyclists to it each year. Whether the much hillier Blackburn 'Wheel' will attract such numbers is a moot point. Currently, only 0.72% of traffic entering Blackburn each day is accounted for by cyclists.

As well as the main wheel there will be spurs and spokes giving a total of 92km of cycling routes. These will radiate out to key employment locations such as Salmesbury and Whitebirk as well as to nearby countryside and neighbouring towns. Unfortunately, as with so many cycle schemes, much of the network will use existing public roads with all their inherent dangers though the Leeds-Liverpool Canal towpath and River Darwen Parkway will be also included in the scheme. Even on local roads, such as Whalley Road, where dedicated cycle lanes have been marked out a lack of maintenance has seen the markings disappear and the lanes are often obstructed by parked cars. In contrast, in many of our neighbouring continental countries miles of off road dedicated cycle paths have been constructed which are much safer and of greater attraction to a wider variety of cyclists.

For more information Google 'Weavers' Wheel'.

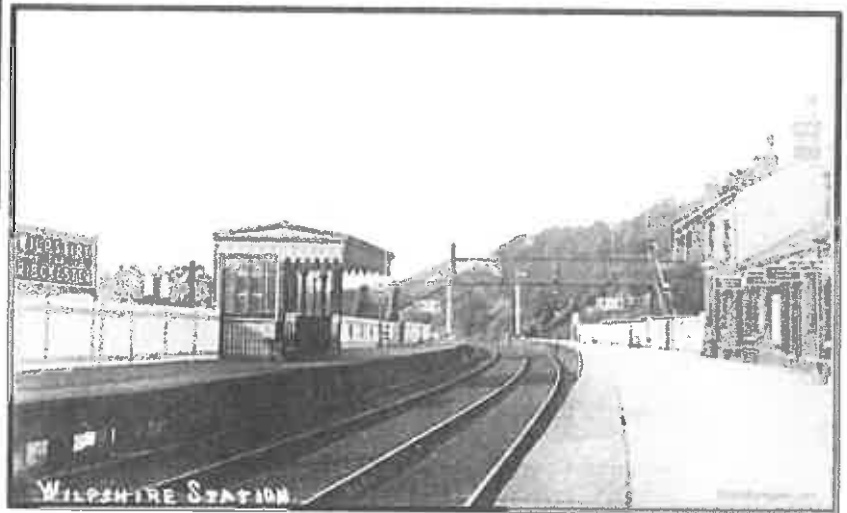


## New Book with Local Interest

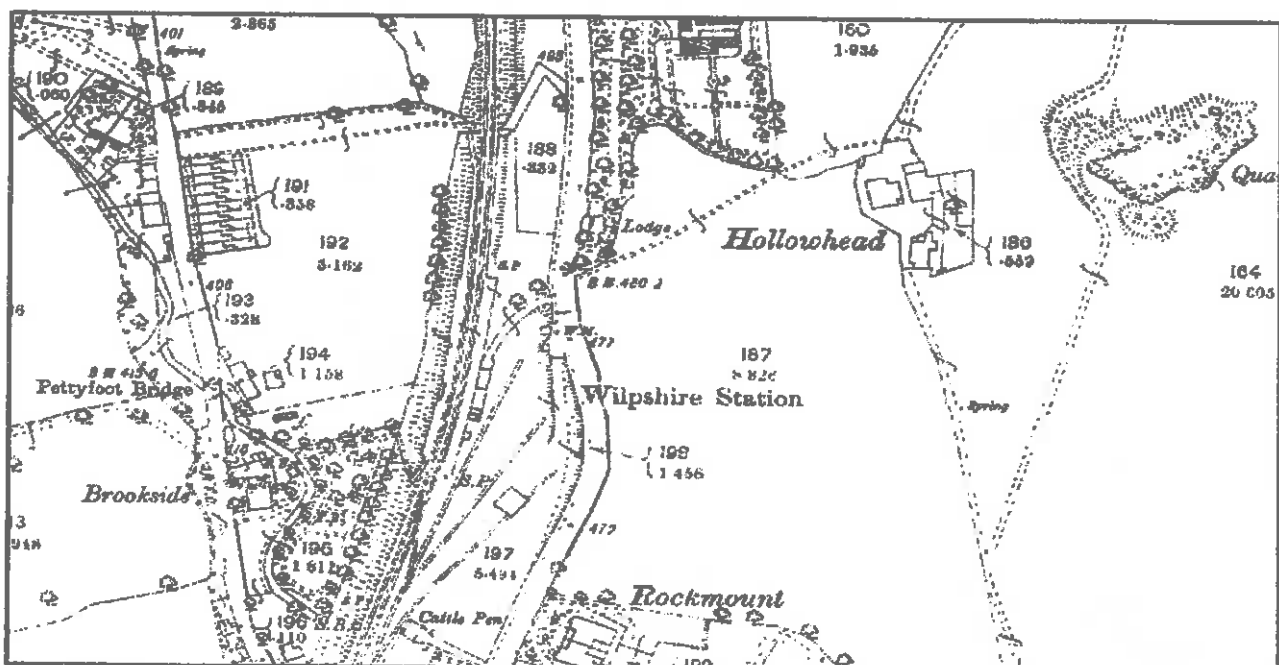


Our local railway line features in a recently published book by the Middleton Press. This is the first time that a book relating solely to the Blackburn to Hellifield Line has been published. It gives a succinct account of the Line's history and is lavishly illustrated with photographs of stations and goods yards etc., including some rare views of the old Wilpshire Station and its surroundings. Some of these were taken by Ken Roberts who is currently Station Adopter for the modern Ramsgrave & Wilpshire Station but in his younger days was an avid chronicler of the local railway scene.

A view of old Wilpshire Station or, 'Wilpshire for Ribchester' as it was actually named in the years before it closed in 1962. This view, probably taken in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, shows the original wooden shelter and wooden platform on the Clitheroe bound platform built in wood because of the steep embankment behind. These plus the oil



lamps were replaced and modernised in 1954 with a concrete shelter and concrete platform complete with new gas lighting. Eight years later they were redundant. The concrete platform remains to this day, but abandoned, together with the posts for the gaslights. The book is priced £18.95 and available from Waterstones and the book shop in Clitheroe.



A map of Wilpshire's old station from the early 20<sup>th</sup> century

# A Lancashire Crossword Competition

The crossword below has many clues relating to the County Palatine of Lancaster which is within the pre 1974 boundaries. Completed crosswords should be sent to the Parish Clerk by Saturday, July 1<sup>st</sup>. Please attach your name, address and telephone number to your entry.

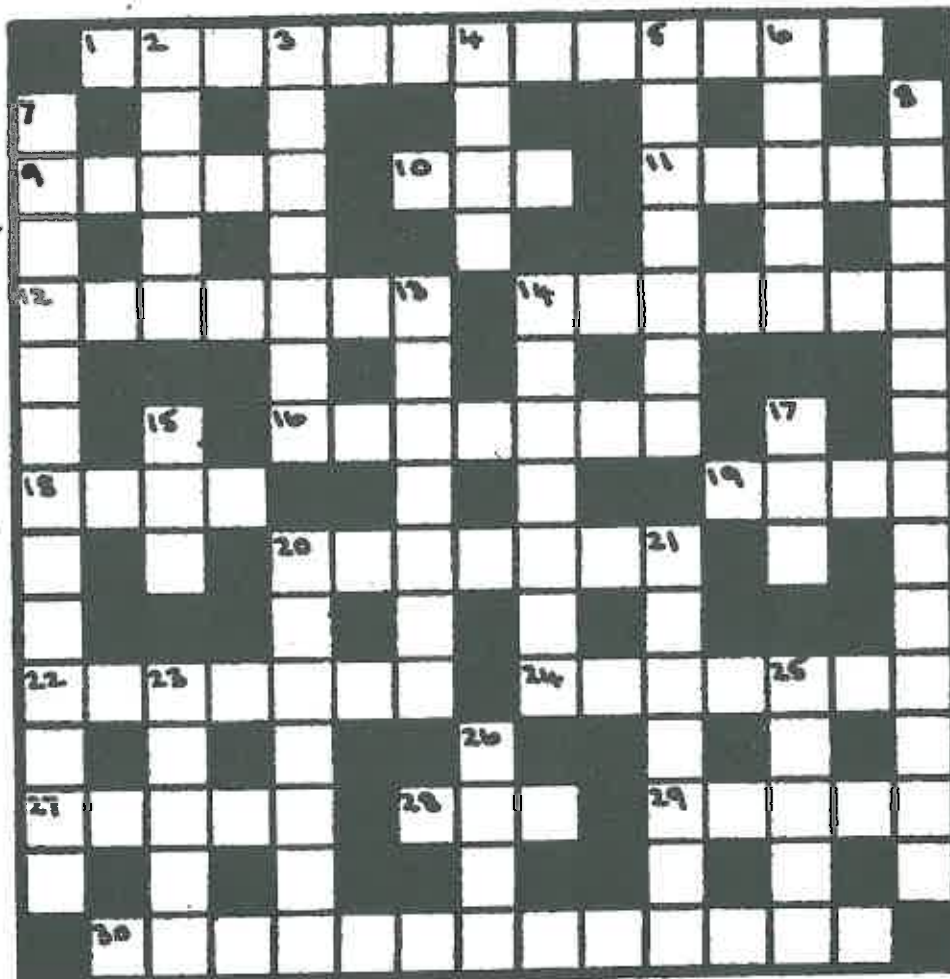
A prize of £10 voucher will be given to the first correct entry drawn out after the closing date

### CLUES ACROSS

1. The engineer who built the Bridge-water Canal. (5, 8)
9. At an end. (3, 2)
10. A beck and a fell in Ribblesdale. (3)
11. The cry of a horse. (5)
12. Skelmerdale was designated this. (3, 4)
14. It brought disaster to Wallace Hartley, Colne bandmaster of the Titanic. (7)
16. A well known Blackpool ballroom and venue for dance championships. (7)
18. Townley Hall has a fireplace in this style. (4)
19. Fylde hamlet whose church has probably the oldest font in Lancashire. (4)
20. A small village not far from Turton. (7)
22. Arbitrators in Lancashire cricket? (7)
24. A term used for a word opposite in meaning to another. (7)
27. A donor — such as Lord Leverhulme. (5)
28. A popular beverage — they make a good cup in Lancashire. (3)
29. A sticker? (5)
30. A cotton town linked to Accrington. (13)

### CLUES DOWN

2. Permit. (5)
3. Investigate — Lancashire caves perhaps. (7)
4. Hail above the North bank of the Calder. (4)
5. They are an attraction on Lancashire holiday beaches. (7)
6. Banishment. (5)
7. The Preston church dedicated to her has the tallest spire in the county. (5, 8)
8. An entertaining part of Blackpool promenade. (3, 6, 4)
13. Male relatives. (7)
14. A state of sluggishness. (7)
15. A Pendle witch's familiar. (3)
17. A bitter herb. (3)
20. Northern Italian region. (7)
21. Stinging plants — used to make Heysham beer. (7)
23. Lays down concrete slabs. (5)
25. Ernest Rutherford of Manchester University was awarded this prize in 1908. (5)
26. A natural fuel from some Lancashire mosses. (4)



## **Wilpshire Golf Club**

The golf course at Wilpshire Golf Club continues to be well respected within the local and extended golfing fraternity. The course is excellently maintained by dedicated green staff consistently producing excellent year round playing conditions.

Attracting new players to the sport remains the industry's biggest challenge and Wilpshire is no different in this regard. The club has a range of membership options available in all categories and welcome applications to join the club particularly from ladies and juniors. The Lancashire Golf Academy operated at the club by Head Professional Scott Connor and his assistant Helen Searle provide a range of teaching options using the latest state of the art equipment. The Professional's shop is well stocked with a wide variety of clothing and equipment to suit all tastes and abilities.

The excellent golf course is equally complemented by the impressive off course facilities in the recently refurbished bar and lounge area. Members enjoy discounted bar prices to complement food excellently prepared by Head Chef David Campbell. The facility has gained an enviable reputation as a venue for a variety of social functions including christenings and wedding receptions. The venue is also increasingly used as a business meeting facility with free Wi-Fi available to members, guests and delegates.

To promote the excellent course and facilities, Wilpshire Golf Club is offering full membership to new members for £430.00 until October 2017. Please contact Club Manger Ian Procter for further details on 01254 248260 or [Manager@wilpshiregolfclub.co.uk](mailto:Manager@wilpshiregolfclub.co.uk)

