



BLACKO NEWS SPRING 2012

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BLACKO GEARS UP TO CELEBRATE THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE

THE DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATION in Blacko is set to be one with something for all the community.

On the evening of Saturday, 2 June Blacko Events Committee is holding a dance in its marquees on the recreation ground. There will be dancing to local band, Switch, and a disco, and a buffet meal. As there will be no bar, it will be a "bring your own" occasion. Tickets, priced at £15, are available from committee members or by ringing 616562.

The following Monday evening (the 4th and the actual day of the Jubilee) should be an exciting one, as a beacon on Blacko Tower (by kind permission of Mr John Kay) will be lit as part of the chain across the country to the accompaniment of a firework display and music by Jenny, the vocalist, who performed at the dinner dance at Stirk House. The marquees will still be there, and everyone is encouraged to bring a picnic supper. Admission is free.



The Events Committee, thanks to the great support it has received over the years, is to subsidise the Jubilee programme. And on top of all that, on behalf of the people of Blacko, the committee has donated money to the Parish Council for it to purchase a replacement bus shelter at the Rising Sun. The old shelter was demolished by a hit-and-run driver in 2009. However, this one will be an attractive oak one, very similar to the one in

the centre of Higham, and will bear a plaque to mark the Jubilee. Of course, the village will also be entered in North West in Bloom, with a Jubilee *red, white and blue* floral theme for its planters. Therefore, if householders wish to do likewise, it should create quite an impact for the judges and those from the Best Kept Village Competition. As always, there will be the annual Frontage Competition, but added to that is a special Jubilee competition, details of which are inside.

It had been hoped that on the Sunday, Her Majesty's "Big Lunch" would be staged, but the Events Committee felt that it had enough on, and volunteers are still being sought to run it. Of course, the marquees and furniture will be available.

In view of all the work involved with the Jubilee, not least the erecting of the marquees, there will be no Family Fun Day this year, but the Horticultural & Crafts Show aspect of it is being planned.

WHAT'S ON AT A GLANCE!

<p>Sunday 20 May "Beating the Bounds" family walk Meet Rising Sun 10am</p>	<p>Saturday 2 June Celebration Jubilee Dance</p>	<p>Monday 4 June Lighting the beacon picnic</p>	<p>Thursday 21 June "The Merry Wives of Windsor" Recreation Ground</p>
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ALL SMILES IN BLACKO!

Above left Colin Ford receives the Peter Reed Cup from Roy Fewster, Chairman of the Parish Council, at the presentation evening at the Cross Gaits on 31 October.

Above right Blacko School Choir entertains at the Over 70s' Christmas Dinner on 13 December at the Moorcock.

Left Father Christmas visited Blacko's Carols Around the Tree on 19 December.

Below Face painting *left* and *right* the Blacko Hospice Committee's stall at the Christmas Fair on 4th December in the school. Since the last *News*, the money raised by our hard-working committee has reached just under £5,000. Watch out for the date of the T at 3 in August, and a big "Thank You" to all its supporters.

Bottom left All the excitement of the Dicey Races at the Moorcock on 17 March

Bottom right The Events Committee's annual New Year Dance was a great success, and saw a new venue, Stirk House, on 28 January.



Champion village again this year?

THERE'S NO REASON WHY NOT! A new smart wooden bus shelter, lamp posts painted black, stone planters replacing the time-expired wooden ones, more walls repaired, new benches near to the Barber's Shop and a village looking well-cared for by its residents all add up to Blacko being in with a very good chance in the Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition.



The painting by Lancashire Life artist, Gordon Wilkinson, presented to Blacko

As we won the Champion Village Class last year, we stay in that class for four years, and we know that the hard work pays off. The Adopt-a-Spot volunteers did a magnificent job, as did the army of often un-sung litter-pickers, and those specifically coming forward to do jobs, such as fence and gate painting. The Lengthsman Scheme is safe for the time being, meaning Dave Bridge can carry on his good work around the Parish.



Could this happen again this year? Peter Hesketh and David Ashworth swap over the BKV plaques

On top of all that, there's North West in Bloom, which goes hand-in-hand with BKV. Two successive years have seen Blacko being awarded a Silver Gilt, one below Gold.

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besides the villagers who kindly make donations, and special thanks are due to **Salterforth Nursery & Garden Centre** for supplying plants and acting as consultants.

All change at the Gaits

POPULAR mine hosts, Andrew and Andrea Duxbury, have moved on to Nelson Golf Club after several years at the Cross Gaits. They were great village supporters in many ways from staging events, such as the annual Awards Evening, to hosting Blacko Events Committee meetings.



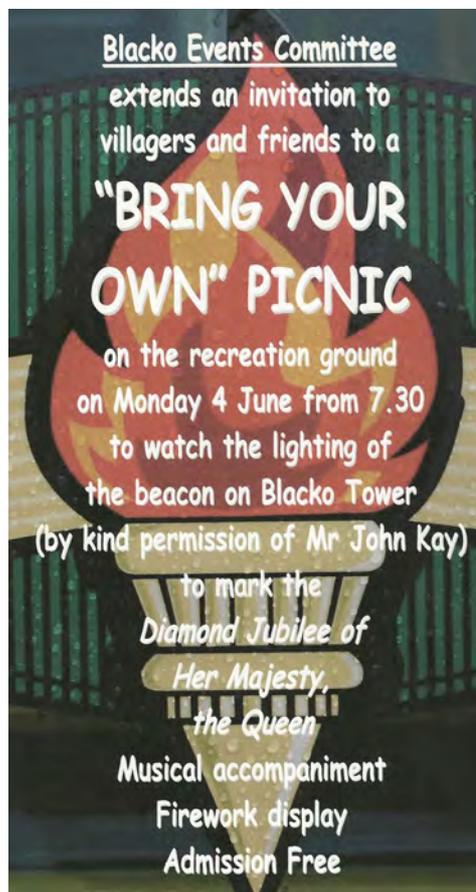
Their successor is local man, **Sean Evans**, and Blacko extends a very warm welcome to him at the pub renowned for "Good Ale Tomorrow for Nothing". He told Blacko News that he's a great believer in traditional pubs, especially those at the heart of the community, and doesn't believe in change just for change's sake.

DIAMOND JUBILEE GARDEN COMPETITION

As part of the events there is to be a competition to decorate your front garden with a Jubilee theme. **ENTRY IS FREE!**

Just decorate your **FRONT** garden in any way to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee. There are no rules; just let your imagination run riot. All gardens should be completed by 10am on Saturday, 2 June. There will be no entry to any gardens, so they must be able to be viewed from the road. There will be prizes of £25, £15 and £10.

To enter ring Catherine Fewster on 616676 by 6.30pm on Friday 1 June. Judging will take place on the following day and results will be announced at the dance on the recreation ground that evening.



MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!

Without its army of volunteers, the Events Committee could never stage the popular Village Show & Family Fun Day, and that will apply also to the Jubilee celebrations. The biggest task is the getting of the marquees out of store and put up (and taken down). Would you like to take a leaf out of Country File's book and lend a hand? Those who do so already will testify that it's good fun. Please ring Vivienne on 616562.

OIL CO-OPERATIVE

There has been a request from a resident to look into the possibility of setting up a central heating oil delivery co-operative with one of the main suppliers. Several surrounding villages are operating such schemes, which result in a discounted price for those taking part. In order for it to work, the oil needs to be delivered in a large tanker, which may limit the options for delivery where only smaller tankers can gain access. If you are interested, then please contact the Parish Council Chairman on 616676.

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OFSTED LATEST

BLACKO'S Headmaster, Mark Harrison, reports.

As I'm sure most of you know the school got a phone call from Ofsted on January 2nd (our first day back at school). This meant that we were one of the first schools in the country to be inspected with the new Framework, of which so much has been spoken about in the media.

The new inspection framework is much tougher than the previous. We were hoping (expecting) to be awarded outstanding as the overall grade for the first time ever. However we had to accept Good in three of the four categories, with behaviour of the pupils and safety awarded outstanding. This is the first paragraph of the Ofsted report: 'This is a good school that continues to provide good quality education for its pupils. The provision to promote pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is excellent and their behaviour and safety are now outstanding. Pupils have a mature understanding of risk, are polite, thoughtful and collaborate exceptionally well. Parents and carers are delighted with the school's provision and they provide it with good levels of support. Pupils describe it as, 'amazing, friendly and fun.'

At least this proves what we already knew, that the pupils of Blacko Primary School are very well behaved. When the children go on school trips we are often complemented on how well behaved they are. However, we are not complacent and I would like to take this opportunity to ask residents of Blacko to inform me if ever any of our pupils let themselves or the school down with bad behaviour in and around the village. We are very proud of our good reputation and I will take any complaint very seriously.

TOUCH OF BLACKO CULTURE

AFTER last year's great success of "Twelfth Night", Dean Taylor Productions return with "The Merry Wives of Windsor" on Thursday, 21 June for matinee and evening performances. The Events Committee will have a champagne bar.

Ring 01772 466256 to book and for more information.

BLACKO CHAPEL

**extends a cordial invitation to everyone to
its Sunday Service at 10.30am and the
Tuesday Coffee Club at 2pm**

A Luncheon Club for Blacko?

THE Possibility of holding a regular Luncheon club in the village is being explored. Kelly and John at the Rising Sun are keen to get involved, and once finalised, details will be circulated.

USEFUL NAMES & ADDRESSES

Blacko Allotment & Horticultural Society

Mr Tony Harulow, 16 Beverley Road, Blacko, BB9 6LX 697765

Blacko Independent Methodist Chapel

Mrs Katrina Harulow, 16 Beverley Road, Blacko, BB9 6LX 697765

Burnley & Pendle Hospice Care, Blacko Committee

Mrs Jean Kippax, The Meadows, Beverley Road, Blacko, BB9 6LX 612264

BLACKO PARISH COUNCIL meets at 7.30pm in the School (Beverley Road entrance) on the fourth Wednesday of every month (except July), and members of the public are invited cordially to attend

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Mr Roy Fewster, East Stone Edge Cottage, Barnoldswick Road, Blacko, BB9 6RE 616676

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Ring Blacko School on 616669

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