



115 Years of Brindle Parish Council

Darren Cranshaw

Chairman of Brindle Parish Council

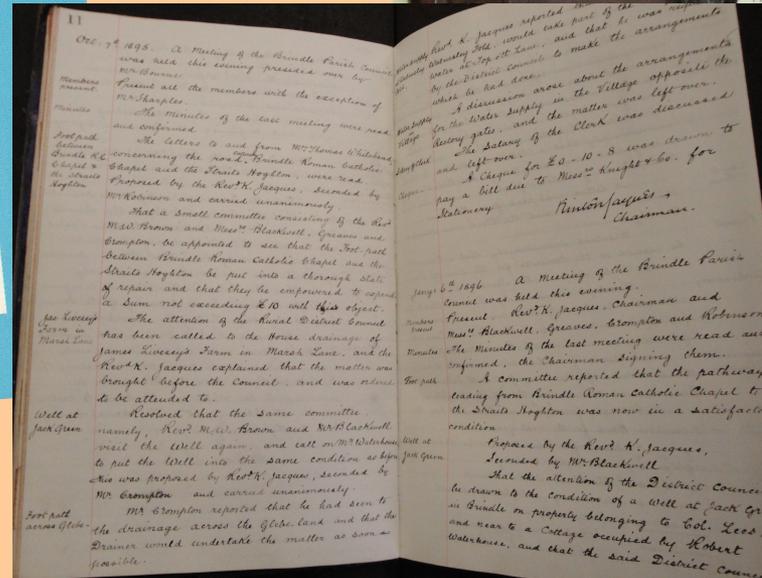
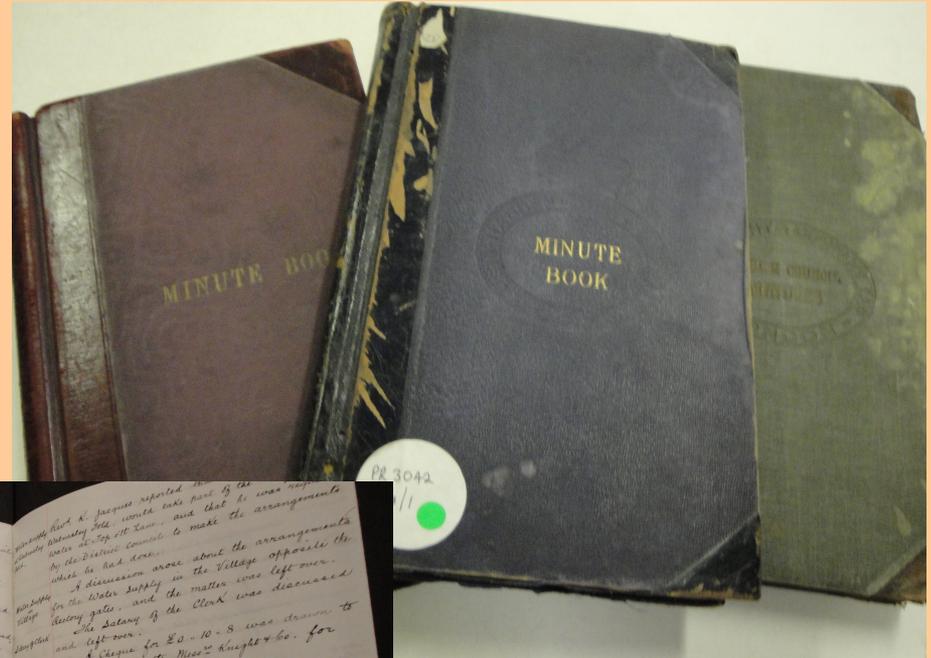
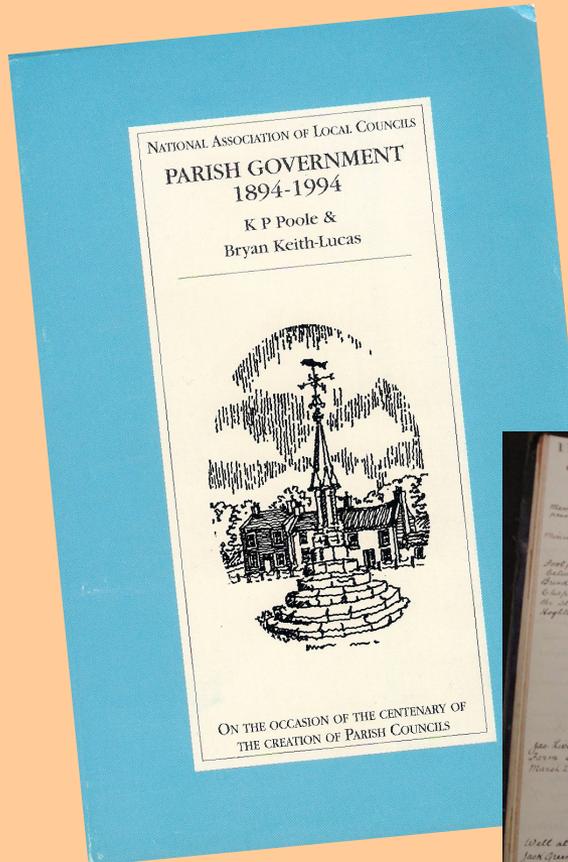
**What are parish
councils?**



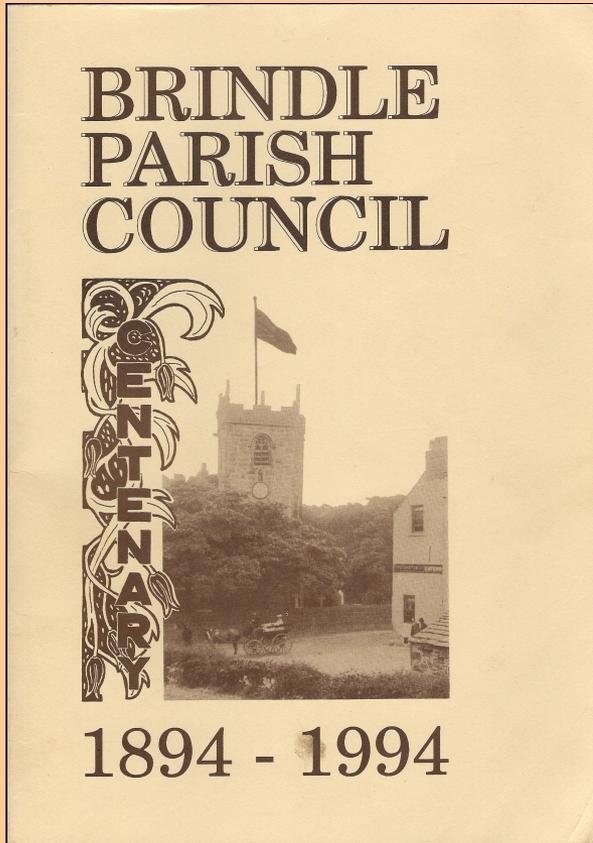
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**What does Brindle
Parish Council do?**

Research for this Talk



Centenary of Parish Councils



What can parish councils do?

Powers to:

- Allotments
- Baths
- Burial grounds
- Bus shelters
- Bye laws
- Charities
- Clocks
- Common land
- Community centres
- Crime prevention
- Drainage
- Education
- Entertainment
- Highways
- Land
- Litter
- Lotteries
- Mortuaries
- Open space
- Public toilets
- Recreation
- Town and Country Planning
- Traffic calming
- Transport
- War Memorials

History of Parish Councils

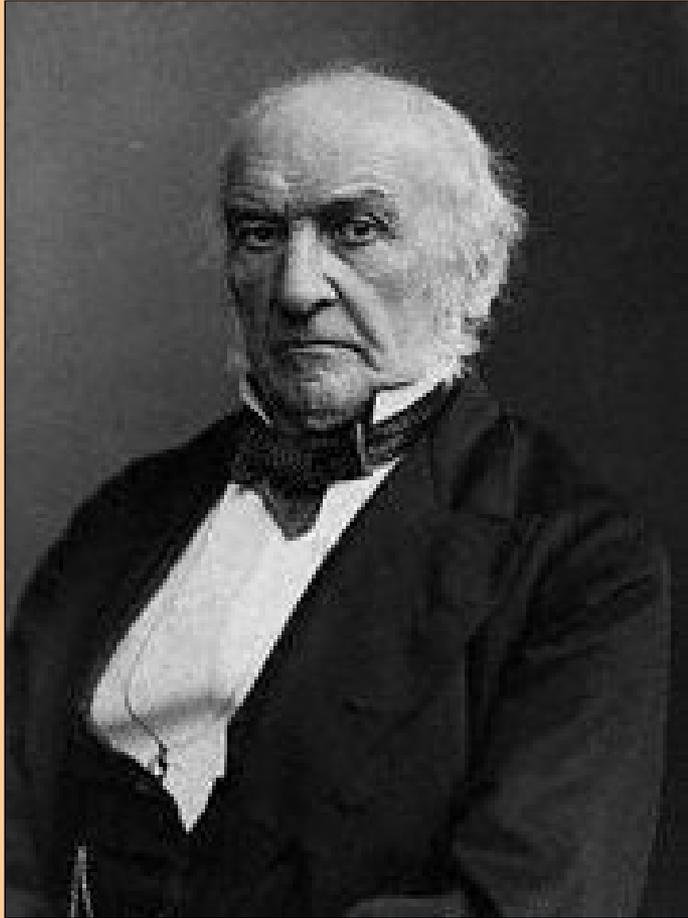
- Saxon and Norman times – Lord of the Manor
- Church Vestry Meetings
- Poor Law Unions
- Various other earlier parish type bodies created

Local Government in 1893

“62 counties, 302 Municipal Boroughs, 31 Improvement Act Districts, 688 Local Government Districts, 574 Rural Sanitary Districts, 58 Port Sanitary Districts, 2,302 School Board Districts... 1,052 Burial Board Districts, 648 Poor Law Unions, 13,775 Ecclesiastical Parishes, and nearly 15,000 Civil Parishes. The total number of Authorities which tax the English ratepayers is between 28,000 and 29,000. Not only are we exposed to this multiplicity of authority and this confusion of rating power, but the qualification, tenure, and mode of election of members of these Authorities differ in different cases.”

Henry Fowler, President of the Local Government Board

Local Government Act 1894

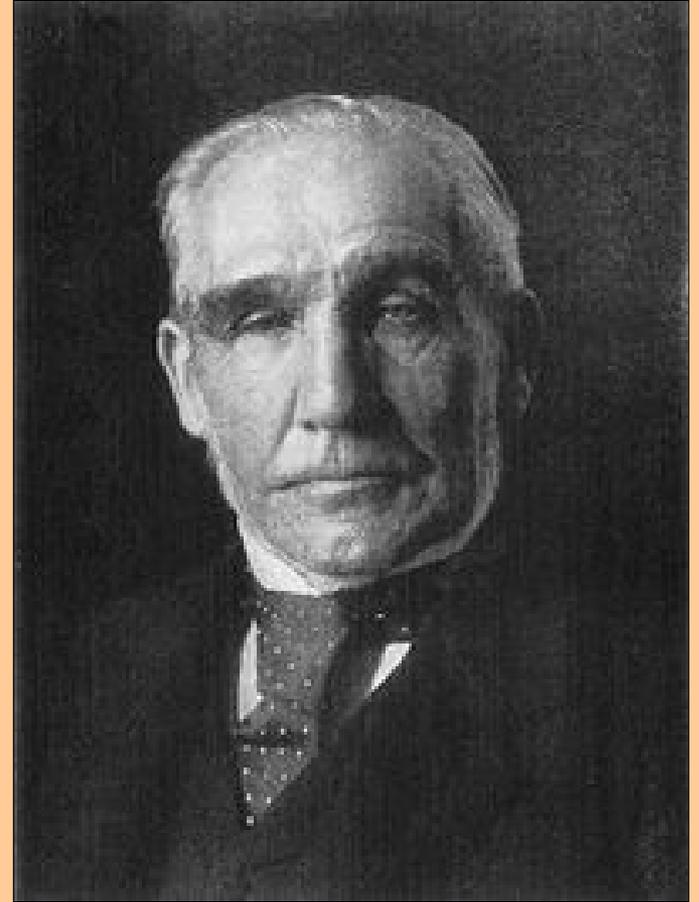
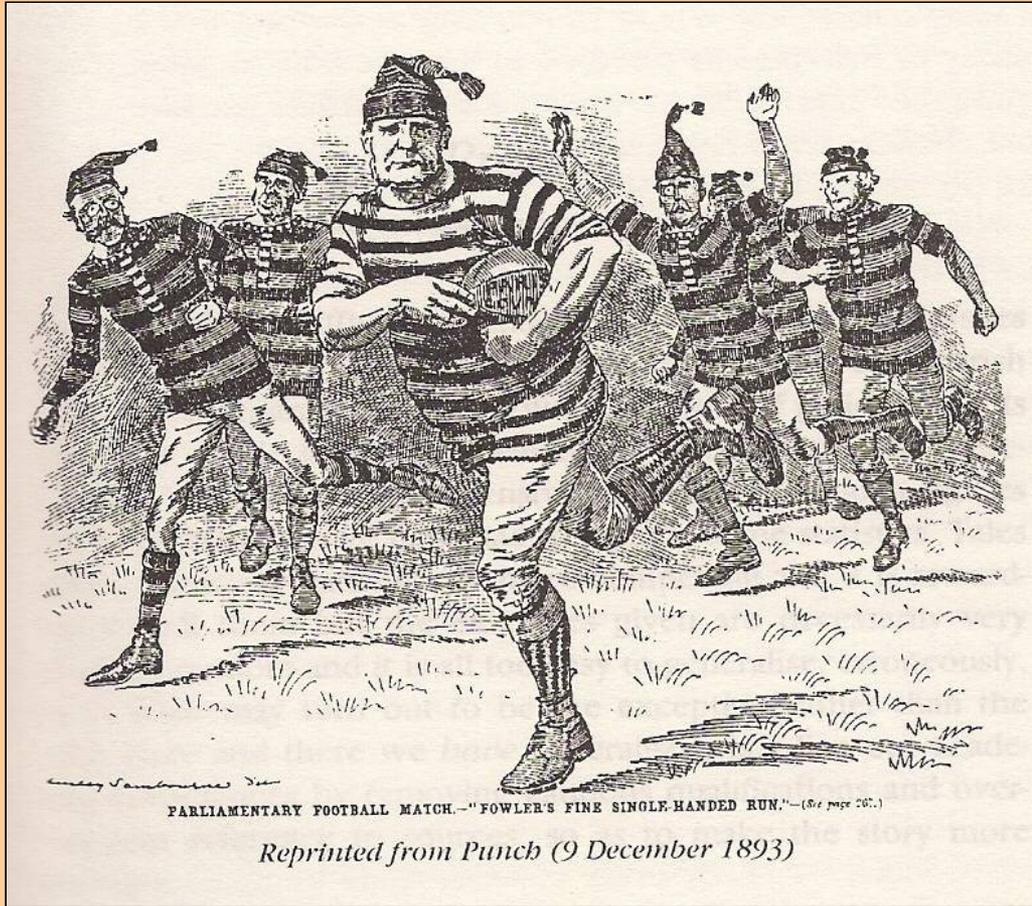


William Ewart Gladstone

(29 December 1809 – 19 May 1898)

Henry Fowler

President of the Local Government Board



The 1894 Act

- Areas with a population of 300 or more a parish council had to be elected
- Membership varied between 5 to 15
- Entire council elected annually
- The parish councils were given the following powers and duties:
- Appointment of overseers of the poor
- Maintaining and repairing closed churchyards
- Holding or maintaining parish property (including village greens, allotments, recreation grounds) for the benefit of the inhabitants
- Election of allotment managers
- The power to adopt, following a poll of the parish electors:
 - The and the Baths and Washhouses Acts 1846 to 1882
 - The Burials Act 1852 to 1885
 - The Public Improvements act
 - The Public Libraries Ac
- Acquisition of buildings for parish purposes
- Acquisition of land for allotments, public walks and recreation grounds

Brindle and the 1894 Act



First Chairman:

Rev Kinton Jacques

1894
Dec. 4th

Brindle first Parish meeting

The Rev^d Kinton Jacques, M.A. opened the meeting with the proposition that Mr. Bourne should take the Chair; this was seconded by Mr. Paine and carried unanimously.

Mr. Bourne thereupon took the Chair at 7.35 p.m. and read the notice convening the meeting, and at once asked for the nominations, giving the necessary time for receiving them, which time expired at 8.15 p.m.

Eighteen nomination papers were then received. Of these nominations two were declared invalid; the nomination of William Livesey being invalid, because the name of one of his supporters (James Dickinson) was not on the Register; and the nomination of Thomas Baxendale being invalid because of the errors contained therein, and the name of one of his supporters was not on the Register.

The Rev^d K. Jacques and Mess^{rs} Greaves and Crompton were each nominated twice

On a show of hands

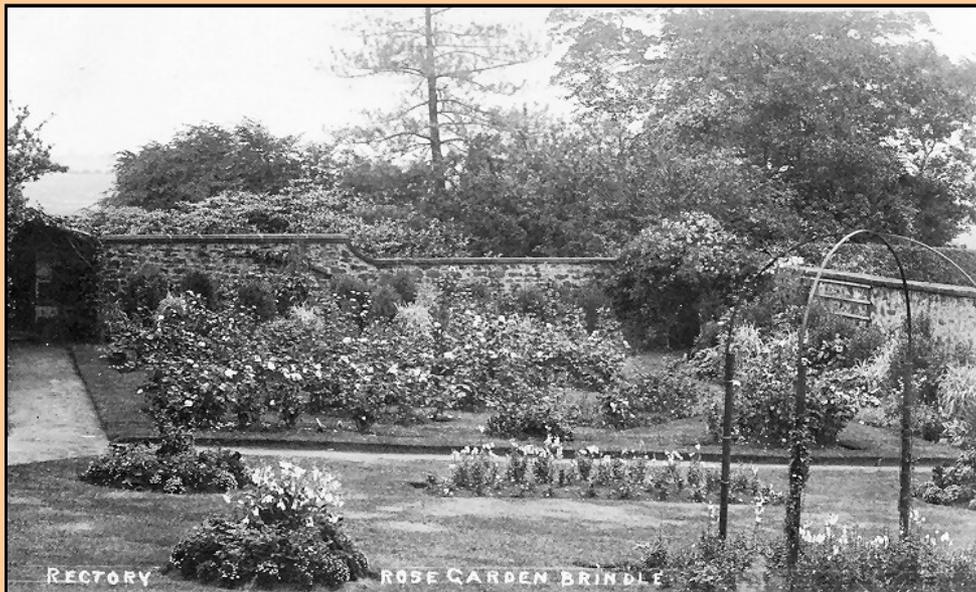
Joseph Blackwell	received 26 votes
Alfred Bourne	" 18 "
Rev ^d Wilfrid Brown	" 26 "
John Crompton	" 30 "
Joseph Greaves	" 33 "
Rev ^d Kinton Jacques	" 16 "
Samuel Marshall	" 17 "
William Paine	" 16 "
Frank John Polding	" 35 "
John Robinson	"

William Sharples received 21 votes
Christopher Webster " 17 "
James Woodcock " 12 "

The Chairman at 8.55 p.m. declared John Robinson, Joseph Greaves, John Crompton, Rev^d Kinton Jacques, Joseph Blackwell, Rev^d Wilfrid Brown and William Sharples to be elected Parish Councillors for the Parish of Brindle, provided a Poll was not demanded before the close of the meeting.

No Poll being demanded the meeting was closed at 9.5 p.m. when the Rev^d K. Jacques proposed that the best thanks of the meeting be given to Mr. Bourne, the Chairman, for his kindness and ability in presiding. This motion was seconded by the Rev^d W. Brown, and carried unanimously. Mr. Bourne thereupon returned thanks and the meeting terminated.

William J. Bourne Chairman



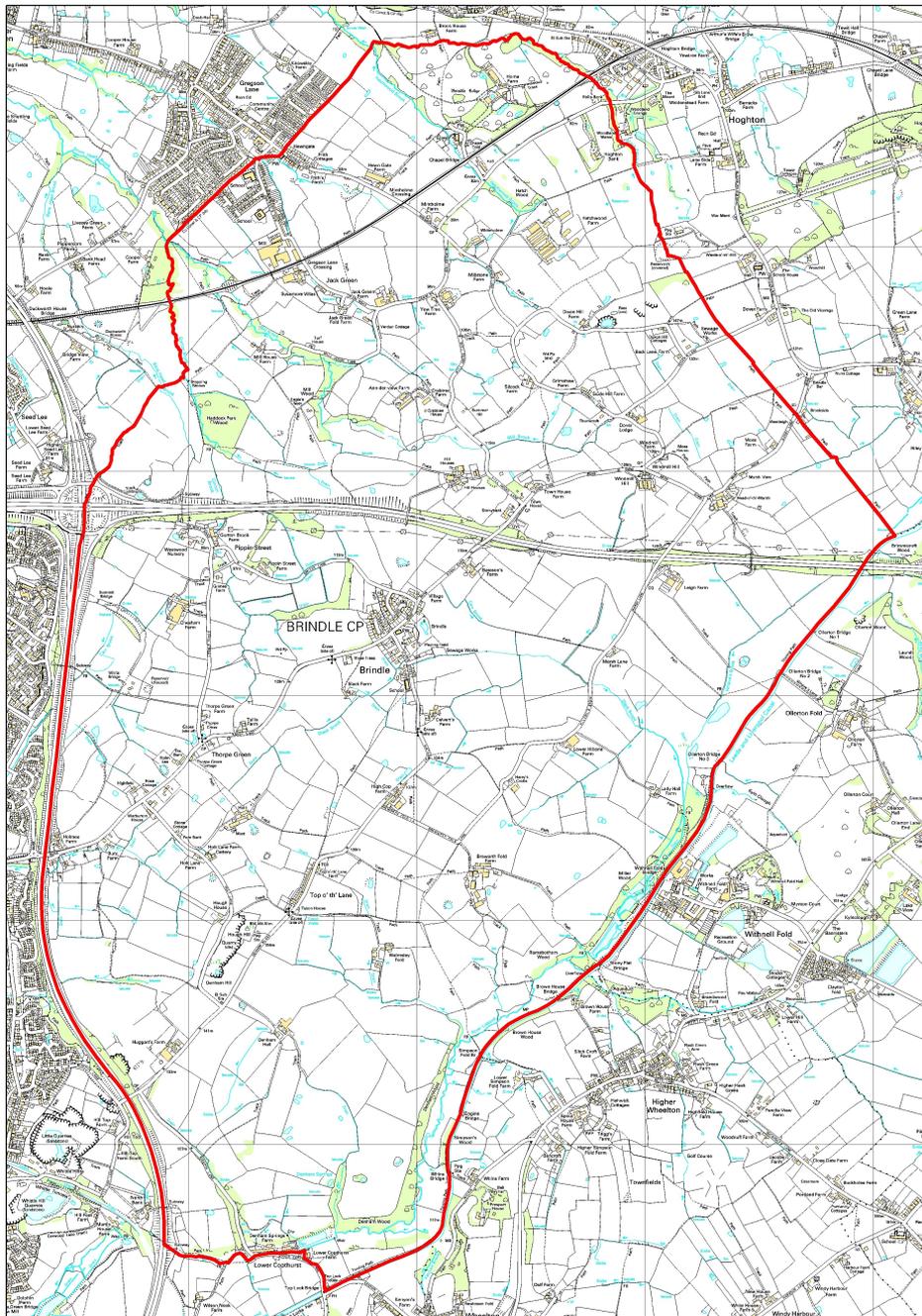
Rector 1889 - 1909

First Chairman of
Brindle Parish Council,
1894

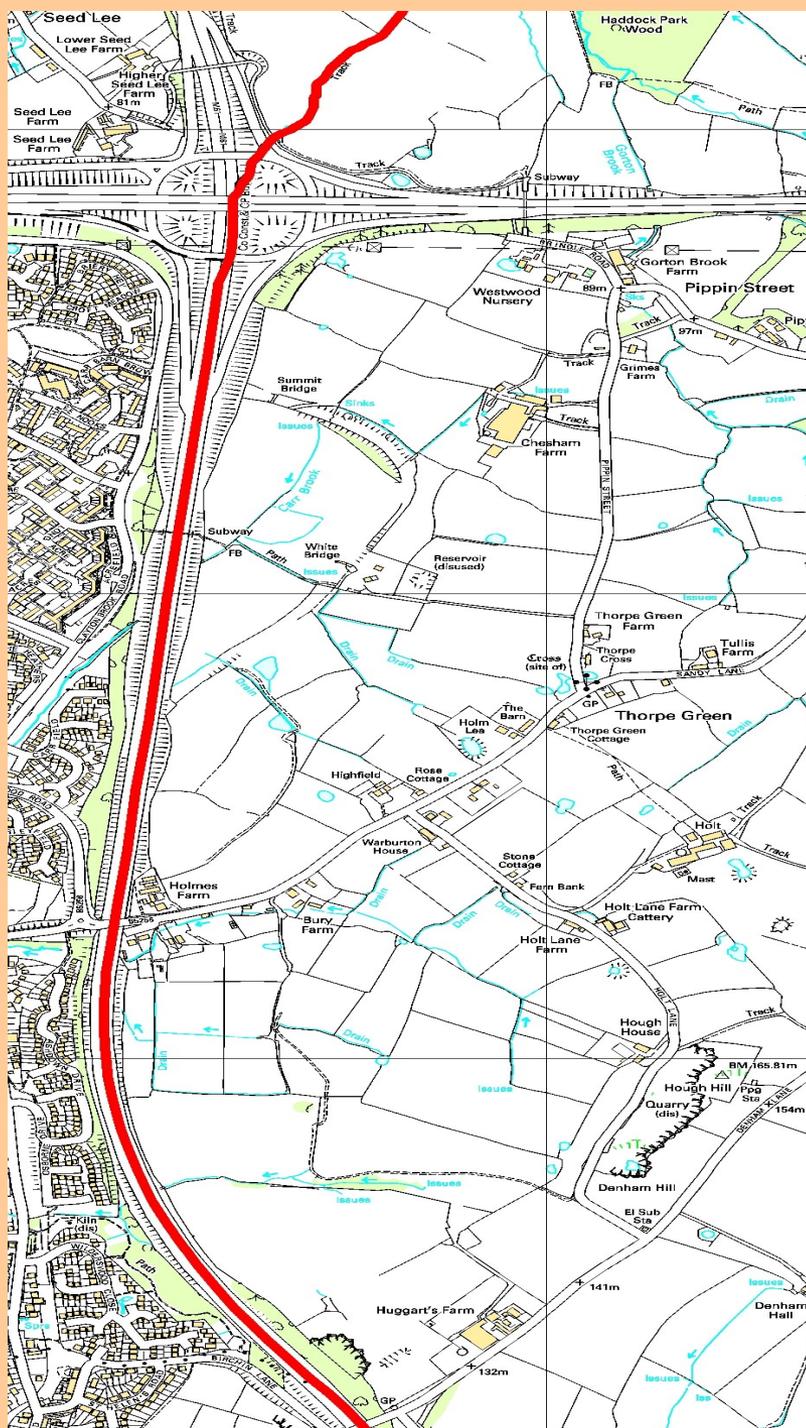
Died 1915

Buried in Churchyard

Brindle Parish Area







Parish Boundary Changes

Parish Councillors

1894 – present

From the Parish Council
Declarations Book

Brindle Parish Councillors

Kinton Jacques	1894-1904
Michael W Brown	1894
Joseph Greaves	1894-1925
Joseph Blackwell	1894-1901
John Robinson	1894-1898
John Crompton	1894-1925
William Sharples	1895
William Bourne	1894
William Livesey	1896-1901
William Ireland	1896
Christopher Webster	1897-1899
Thomas Burton	1899-1919
James Blackburn	1901
Robert Riley	1904-1907
James Blackburn	1901
Robert Raby	1904-1907
Oliver Tuson	1904-1922

Brindle Parish Councillors

James Livesey	1907-1910
William Brandwood Mason	1907
Harry Bourne	1910-1913
Thomas Baxendale	1910-1913
David Sharples	1910-1934
Henry Rhodes	1914-1919
William Pennington	1915-1922
Philip Lancashire	1915
William Holden	1919
James Ormisher	1922
Richard Grime	1922-1925
John Gorton	1925-1931
Thomas H Marginson	1925-1934
John James Rawlinson	1925
Robert Crompton	1928-1934
Thomas Fowler	1928
John V Greaves	1928-1937

Brindle Parish Councillors

John Seed	1928
John Robert Lord	1931-1937
Joseph Aloysius Livesey	1931-1934
Norman Baron	1934
Thomas Scott	1935-1961
John Henry Taylor	1937
William Sharples	1937-1945
John James Blackburn	1937
James Fowler	1937
Thomas Hatch	1940
William G Poynter	1940-1970
Leonard C Ryder	1946
George Raymond Povey	1946-1950
Albert Edwin Ambrose	1946-1953
Herbert Barron	1946-1949
Harold Reginald Mayall	1946-1952
James Thompson Duckworth	1946

Brindle Parish Councillors

James Walter Stopford	1948
Albert Fowler	1949-1961
Joseph William Carpenter	1952-1958
A Brund	1952
Clifford Cheetham	1953
Jack Cranshaw	1955-1988
Thomas Marginson	1955-1961
Richard Bracegirdle	1957
Gerald Wilson	1961-1967
John Gorton	1962-1976
Elsie Stott	1964-1970
L E H Stephens-Hodge	1965-1973
John Dennis Croasdale	1965
Henry Lewis Gray	1967
Margaret Burford	1968
George Gernon	1970-1973
Anthony John Peabody	1970-1976

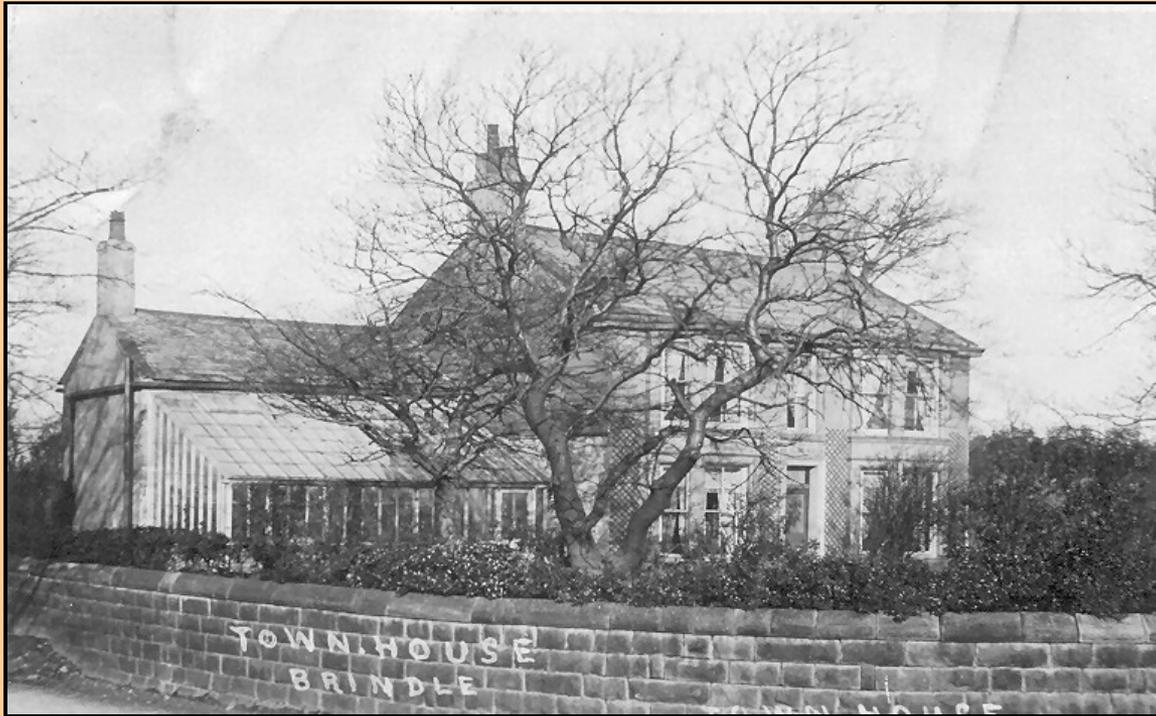
Brindle Parish Councillors

Joan Mary Croasdale	1970
David Malcolm Gregson	1973-1976
Helena Yvonne Gardiner	1973
Albert Ernest Redman	1974-1976
Alec James Burford	1976
Eric Miller-Crook	1976
John Maxwell	1979
John Herbert Charnock	1980-1984
David Michael Darbyshire	1980-1988
Arthur William Greenland	1980
William Quigley	1980
James Alan Raine	1980
Rebecca Mary Bridget Clegg	1984
Christopher Seymour	1984-1988
John Ralph Swann	1988–present
William Charnley	1988-2008
Edna May Kerfoot	1988

Brindle Parish Councillors

Ian Alexander	1992
Thomas Sharratt	1996-present
Ralph McMullen	1996-1999
Ken Charnley	1996-2001
Steve Williams	1996-present
John Baldwin	1996-present
Billy Nelson	2004-present
Stephanie Sibbles-Horridge	2006
Mark Cannon	2003-2006
Jean Wilmer	2000-2003
David Metcalfe	2005-present
Sheila Long	2008-present
Barbara Robinson	2008-present
Darren John Cranshaw	2000-present

William Bourne

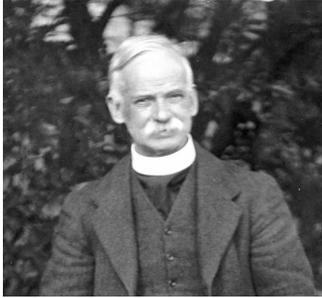




MAKING THE BONFIRE ON DENHAM HILL AS PART OF PEACE CELEBRATIONS, 1919
Extreme right, front row is J. Fowler (b. 1903) and his father is fourth right (hand on lapel);
behind him with rake is Richard Hindle.

Rev William Holden

Rev. Holden *(left & in cockpit, below)*





Dick GRIME of Gorton Brook Farm, Brindle presents an engagement gift to John CHESHAM and Mary MARSHALL at Latimer House, Bucks. on the occasion of their engagement in 1936, watched by Lord CHESHAM, owner of the Brindle Estate



Thomas

Stott

- Parish Councilor 1935-1961
- Lived at Top'oth Lane
- Worked at Withnell Fold Paper Mill
- Approached the Parish Council to build the Parish Institute

BRINDLE INSTITUTE OPENED BY LORD CHESHAM.



committee and workers. Front row (seated) left to right - Mrs. Whitehead, Mr. T. Whitehead (president), Miss Hartley, Lord Chesham, Miss Dalrymple, Miss Tuson. Second row (standing): Mr. R. Cooper (secretary), Mr. J. Moore, Mr. Jos. Greaves, Miss Twist, Miss Yates, Mr. J. M. Rea, Mr. Barden. Third row: Messrs. J. J. Carpenter, H. Blackledge, E. Scammon, S. Langton, C. Power, H. Owen, Ed. Grime (chairman), Mr. ...

Bob Crompton Chairman in 20s and 30s



A Meeting of the Brindle Parish Council was held this evening
Members Present: Messrs R. Crompton J. W. Graves J. H. Margison J. R. Lord
J. A. Lacey and N. Baron were present.

The Clerk then read the minutes of the last meetings which were passed as a correct record.

The Clerk then read to the meeting a letter he had received from Mr D. Shaples, as follows.

Aug 12th 1934.

Re Brindle Parish Council. Nest Hill, Hope Green.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of August 9th I wish to state again that I have no further intention of taking part in what are purely Brindle Parish matters. In these circumstances I feel that no useful purpose would be served by members of the Parish Council calling on me re above. As a member of the District Council it will still be my duty to consider matters relating to Brindle when they come before the District Council just in the same way that it is my duty to consider matters from any other Parish in the Rural Area.

Yours Respectfully
D. Shaples.

Mr J. R. Lord moved and J. W. Graves seconded that a letter be sent to the Houghton Parish Council to say that at a meeting of the Brindle Parish Council on August 17th 1934 the meeting with the deputation from the Houghton Parish Council on August 14th was fully considered, and that they cannot see that any useful purpose can be served by the combination of only two Parishes, but would be willing to consider joining an Association that comprised all the Parishes in the Horley Rural Area.

1934

Houghton tries to take over Brindle!

Mr J. R. Lord moved and J. H. Greaves seconded that a letter be sent to the Houghton Parish Council to say, that at a meeting of the Brindle Parish Council on August 17th 1934.

The meeting with the deputation from the Houghton Parish Council on August 7th was fully considered, and that they cannot see that any useful purpose can be served by the combination of only two Parishes, but would be willing to consider joining an Association that comprised all the Parishes in the Chorley Rural Area.

Brindle says 'NO'!



BRINDLE TENANTS OF LORD CHESHAM visit to Latimer House, Chesham, Bucks (home of Lord Chesham), 1936

Back row (l to r): James CHARNLEY (Lwr. Hilton Farm), Mrs. CHARNLEY; Walter BETHELL (Huggarts Farm); Danny MAYOR (Lower Copthurst Fm.); F?; M?; Mrs MAYOR; Harold WARD's sister; James ECCLES (Hough Ho. Farm); Mary BURTON (Tullis Farm); ? BURTON; Tall M?; William SHARPLES (Little Holt Farm); F?; Mr. HALLETT (Wilcocks Farm); Jessie SHARPLES (later Nelson); Jim FOWLER; Harold WARD; Mrs. BARON; Norman BARON (Hillhouse Farm); F?; M?; F?; Sanitary Inspector?' Wife of Sanitary Inspector; F?.

Centre row (l to r): Robert CROMPTON (Bateson's Farm); Joyce CROMPTON (later Mrs. Trafford of High Cop Farm); Margaret HALLETT (Wilcocks Farm); M? (possibly Marsden Fold Farm); F?; F?; F?; F?; Tom BURTON (Tullis Farm); Jack WARD (Lady Hall Farm); M?; F?; John MOORE (Warburton Ho. Farm); Mr. PARK (Leigh Farm); Sarah? PARKINSON; Nellie? PARKINSON (Chesham Farm); Margaret TUSON (Crabtree Farm); F?; Nellie ENTWISTLE (Top o'th Lane Farm); JIM FOWLER (Top o'th Lane - kept hens in field off Well Lane)

Front row (l to r): Mrs. TILLOTSON; Mr. TILLOTSON (Breworth House); Eileen CROMPTON (Batesons Farm); Mrs. LANCASTER; Harold LANCASTER (Village Hall Caretaker); Dick GRIME (Gorton Brook Farm); F?; Mrs. Nellie CROASDALE [nee Eccles] (nursery opposite Calverts Farm); M?; F?; M?; F?; Mrs. BURTON (Tullis Farm); F?; LORD CHESHAM; Miss Mary MARSHALL (John Chesham's Fiancee); John CHESHAM (son of Lord Chesham); Mr. Rea (J.W. Fair & Rea, Land Agents for Brindle Estate); Jack ENTWISTLE (Top o'th Lane Farm); Maud ENTWISTLE; Mrs. SHUTTLEWORTH; Mr. SHUTTLEWORTH (Walmsley Fold Farm); Violet FOWLER; Mr. BOLTON (Calverts Farm).



John Seed's leaving presentation

February 1931



Mr Mayall – with the School Football team 1930



**Rectory Garden Party with Rev Povey, Mr Mayall and Mr Ambrose
(School Manager, 1930s)**

Leonard Ryder



Lived at Eagles Nest, Brindle

Commanded the Brindle and Whittle-le-Woods Company of the Home Guard during the Second World War

Clerk to Brindle Parish Council during the Second World War

Member of the Parish Council after the Second World War

Rev Povey & Eddie Ambrose



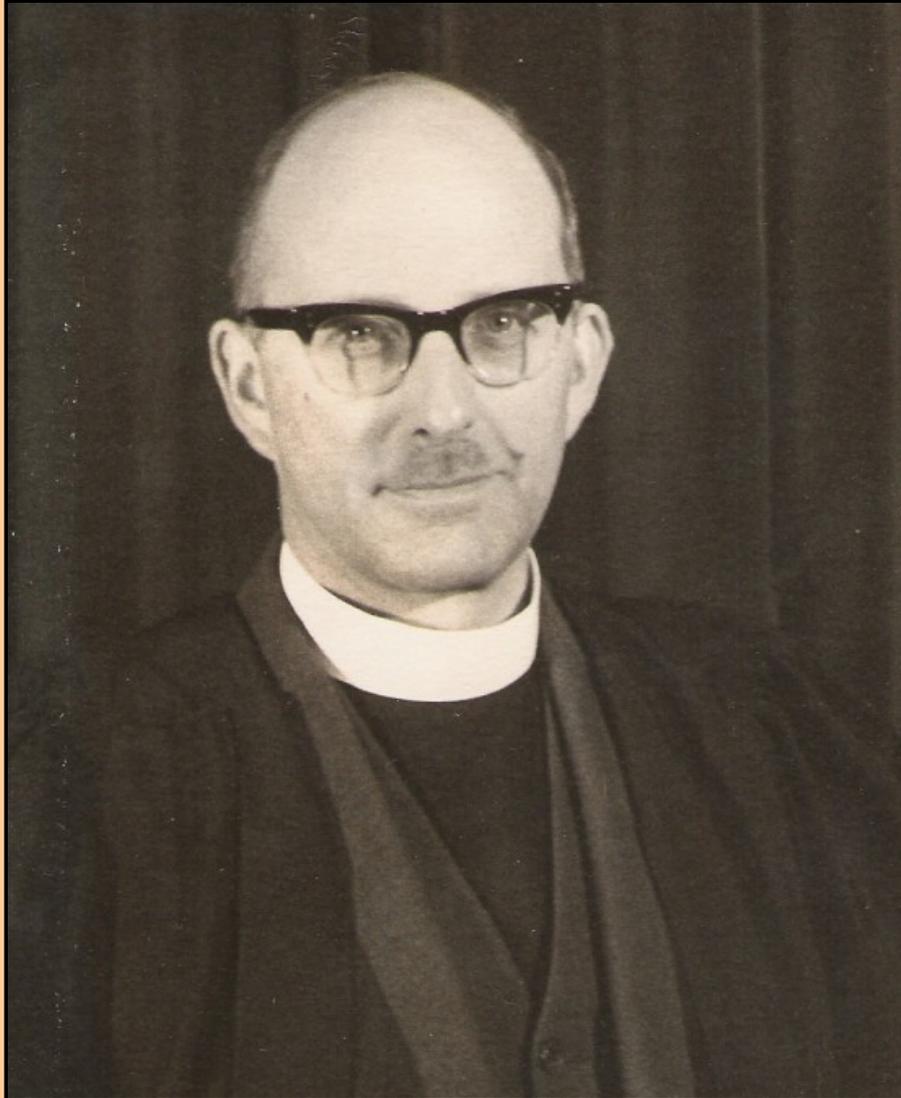
Rose Queen – 1950's



**Eddie
Ambrose**



Rev Leo Stephens-Hodge



Rector 1964 - 1974

Anglican Theologian

Involved in writing the
ASB (Alternative Service
Book)



Jack Cranshaw





Aerial view of Denham Hall Farm, Brindle – 1970s

Tenancy Agreement for Denham Hall Farm - 1953

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AGREEMENT OF TENANCY

Part of AN AGREEMENT made the *Twealy seventh* day of *August* One thousand nine hundred and *fifty three*

BETWEEN *The Honourable John Charles Compton Baron Chesham of Stonewood Park St Petersfield in the County of Hampshire*

(hereinafter called "The Landlord" *by his Authorized Agents J. W. Farr & Co. of Preston.* which expression shall, where the context admits, include his successors and assigns) of the one part and

Jack Cranshaw of Denham Hall Farm Bundle in the County of Lancaster

(hereinafter called "The Tenant," which expression shall, where the context admits, include the persons deriving title under him) of the other part.

WHEREBY IT IS AGREED AND DECLARED as follows :—

1. The Landlord agrees to let, and the Tenant agrees to take as tenant from year to year ALL THAT Farmhouse, with the Farm Buildings, Cottages and Land known as *Denham Hall Farm Bundle* situate in the Parish of *Lancaster* in the County of *Lancaster* containing *171.349* acres or thereabouts described more particularly in the First Schedule hereto and edged Red on the Plan attached (hereinafter called "The Farm") EXCEPT AND RESERVING as set out in the Second Schedule FROM the *second* day of *February* One thousand nine hundred and *fifty three* until determined as hereinafter provided at the yearly rent of *Four Hundred and Thirty Pounds* (£ *430-0-0*) payable in equal half-yearly payments on the *second* day of *February* and the *second* day of *August* the first payment being due on the *second* day of *February 1953* provided that the said rent shall be due and payable in advance if so demanded.

OBLIGATIONS OF TENANT

2. The Tenant agrees with the Landlord :—

(a) (i) To pay on demand to the Landlord any compensation or allowance (excepting compensation for disturbance and damage by game) due or to become due from the Landlord to the outgoing Tenant in respect of the Farm (without deducting therefrom any amount due or to become due from the outgoing Tenant to the Landlord) and the costs and expenses incurred by the Landlord in respect of any Valuation or Arbitration relating thereto.

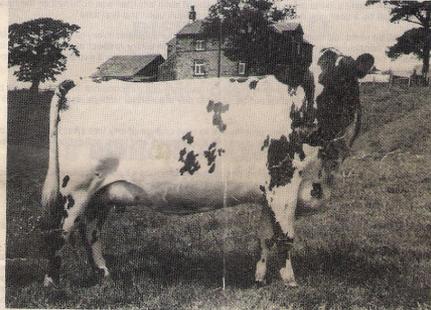
Premises term and rent.

Outgoer's Claim.

DENHAM AYRSHIRES

DISPERSAL

**DENHAM HALL FARM, DENHAM LANE
BRINDLE, CHORLEY, LANCs**



DENHAM SYBIL 8th VG — LOT 19
Sire: PANT INSIGNIA

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WEDNESDAY, 7th SEPTEMBER 1988

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Breeder and Vendor:

Messrs. J. & M. CRANSHAW

Auctioneers:

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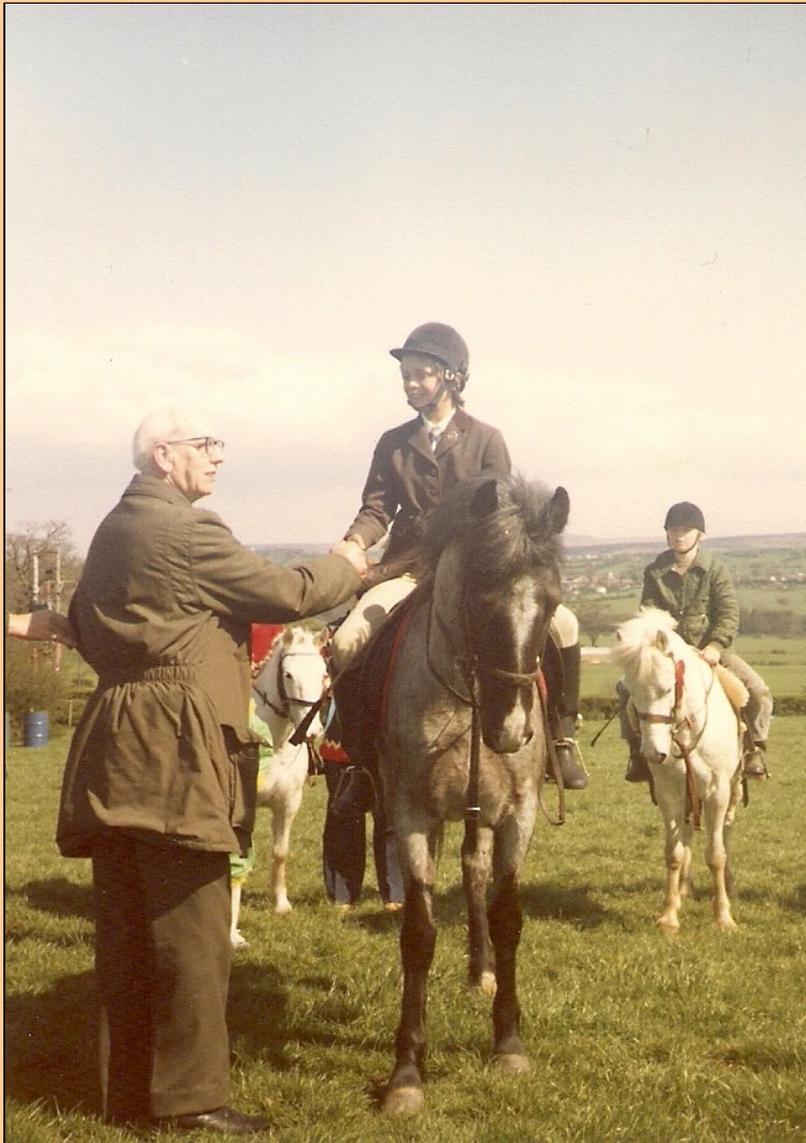
Chorley Rural District Council - 1968



Jack Cranshaw presenting prizes at Brindle, St Joseph's Primary School – 1960s.



Jack was a Governor representing the Parish Council for 30 years.



Above: Denham Hall Farm, 1970s

Left: Pony Club prize giving at Denham Hall Farm, 1980s

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

WI

Brindley

County Federation: Lancashire

Address: Park Cottage, Sandy Lane, Brindley, N. Cheshire

Phone: Houghton 2507 Date: 5th July 1974

Mrs. M. Burford
Jack Green Cottage
Brindley

Dear Mrs Burford,

The President, Committee and Members
wish me to congratulate you on becoming the
first woman to become Vice-Chairman of our
Parish Council.

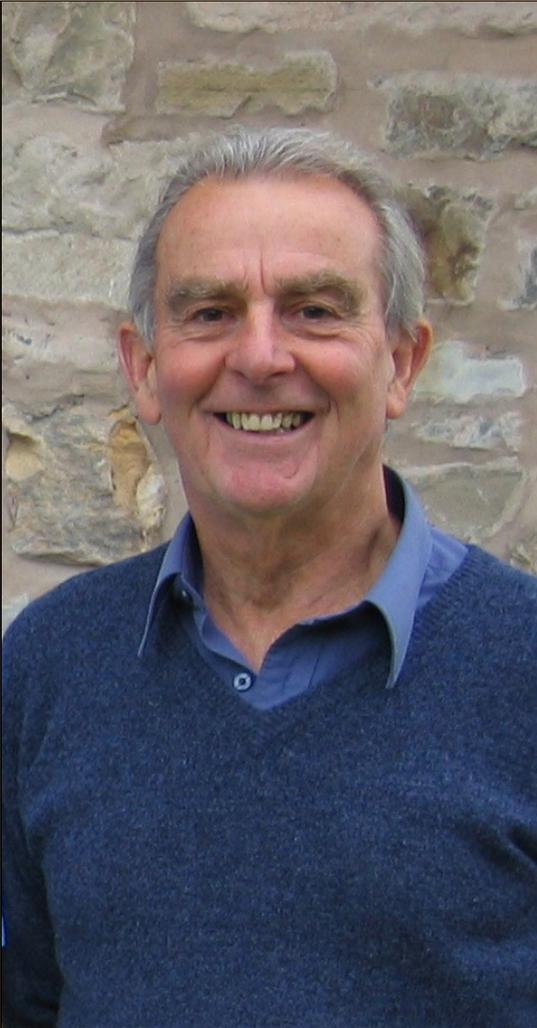
Our best wishes and keep up
the good work!

Yours sincerely
Mrs R. Goldring
(Hon Sec)

acknowledged
3-9-74

Meg Burford
First female
Vice-chair

Chairman 1970's-1980's



Alec Burford

Jack Green Cottage

Chairman of Brindle Parish Council

1976 - 1984

Chairs in the 1980's

- **David Derbyshire 1984 – 1988**
- **Alan Raine 1988 – 1992**

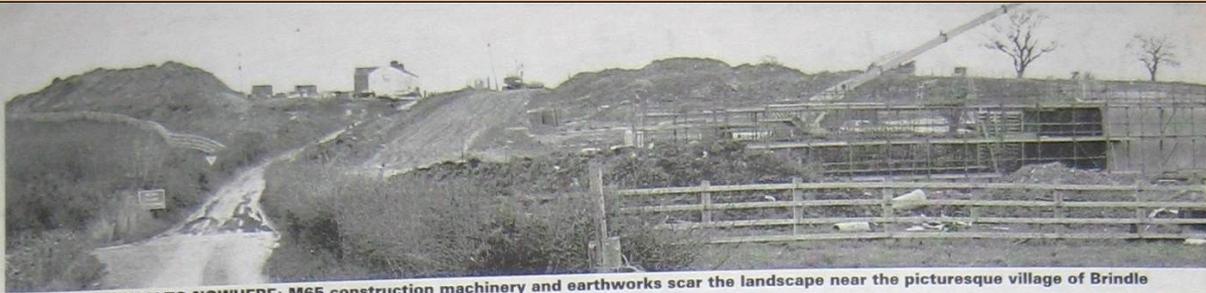
Chairs in the 1990's

- **Bill Quigley**
Chairman 1992-1995



- **Joan Croasdale**
Madam 1995-1999





HIGHWAY TO NOWHERE: M65 construction machinery and earthworks scar the landscape near the picturesque village of Brindle

EURO MP BACKS VILLAGE PROTEST



ACTION: Parish Council chairman Bill Quigley with Mike Hindley, church warden Joan Croasdale and BRAG's Roger Buller

A EURO MP has thrown his weight behind a village campaign to save its environment from the motorway bulldozers.

Brindle, home to buildings and a 12th century church, already faces the prospect of the extension to the M65 close to the village. In addition, a recent planning application was granted by the county council for the excavation of 500,000 cubic metres of earth to be used in constructing the motorway.

Now another application from John Jones,

'Big dig' plan will ruin area

20 listed

By RICHARD SLATER

an excavation firm based in Stockport, wants to alter the terms of the first application and see another 750,000 cubic metres taken out of an adjacent site over 44 acres of farmland.

While the residents accept there will be a

motorway close to their homes, they say the latest application will devastate a large part of the village.

The Brindle Residents Action Group (BRAG) has been set up to oppose the plans and East Lancashire Euro MP Michael Hindley decided to support their efforts after a meeting at the site this week.

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and 12 months Free Credit



ACCESS: The Smithy Lane sign tells all



THREATENED: The lovely village of Brindle

Panasonic SCCH40
• 30wx2 (Din)
• Remote

Panasonic SCCH80
• 35wx2 (Din)
• Remote

Technics SCCH510
• 35wx2 (Din)
• V-Base



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WET, WINDY
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£3,000 worth of Christmas gifts to give away



FIRST WIN IN QUARRY BATTLE

Weaving a Christmas spell



VILLAGERS were today celebrating a major first round victory in their fight to stop motorway contractors ripping open countryside around their home.

By CHRIS HESKETH

More than 650 villagers, who have already signed a petition and a detailed opposition document, as well as securing the support of their MP

and Euro-MP, greeted the news with a huge sigh of relief.

Brindle Residents Action Group chairman Ralph McMullen said: "This is the best news we've had so far in our campaign to block this plan."

"Having secured the support of MP Dan Dover and Euro-MP Michael Hindley, as well as the unanimous support of Chorley's planning committee we are delighted by this decision."

"Now we must hope that when the Lancashire County Council planners come to the site they will be similarly like-minded and put their weight behind our objection to the scheme."

In August permission was granted to motorway contractor John Jones to extract 500,000 cubic metres of sand and clay and restore the original landscape with backfilling from the motorway site.

The new plans extend the present area of quarrying from 20 to 42 acres and would take the site within 100 metres of homes in the village.

Announcing the news that the decision was being deferred until at least February, a county council spokesman said: "The restoration would leave a large water area and would bring only part of the site back to agricultural use."

"The application has raised considerable objections from residents in the area. The proposed site visit would allow members to familiarise themselves with the area before making a decision in February."



● MEP Michael Hindley (centre) pictured with Brindle quarry protesters

MORE than 100 Chorley school children are to perform a fantasy musical.

The production Cobweb Christ Lawrence's CE gives every child a singing chance or a dancing chance.

Characters Inc



● MEP Michael Hindley (centre) pictured with Brindle quarry protesters

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**STARTS
TONIGHT**

Crime File

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M-way quarry gets the go-ahead

ANGER OVER FARM RULING



Angry protesters outside County Hall

A LONG-running battle against motorway bulldozers finally came to the end of the road for angry Chorley villagers today.

County Hall planners have given the final go-ahead for M65 contractors to quarry thousands of tons of sand from farmland at Brindle, near Chorley.

Campaigners say the decision signals months of noise and disruption, the destruction of an ancient road and hedgerows and creation of a vast and dangerous lake just 180 metres from their homes.

Remote

The protest group who turned out in force for today's meeting of the development control committee described the decision as "disgusting and reprehensible".

Brindle Residents Action Group chairman Ralph McMullen said: "We are most saddened by the cynical manipulation of the so-called consultation process."

By CHRIS HESKETH

has been handed by the county council's planning department."

Brindle parish council chairman Bill Quigley added: "I am disgusted but not surprised."

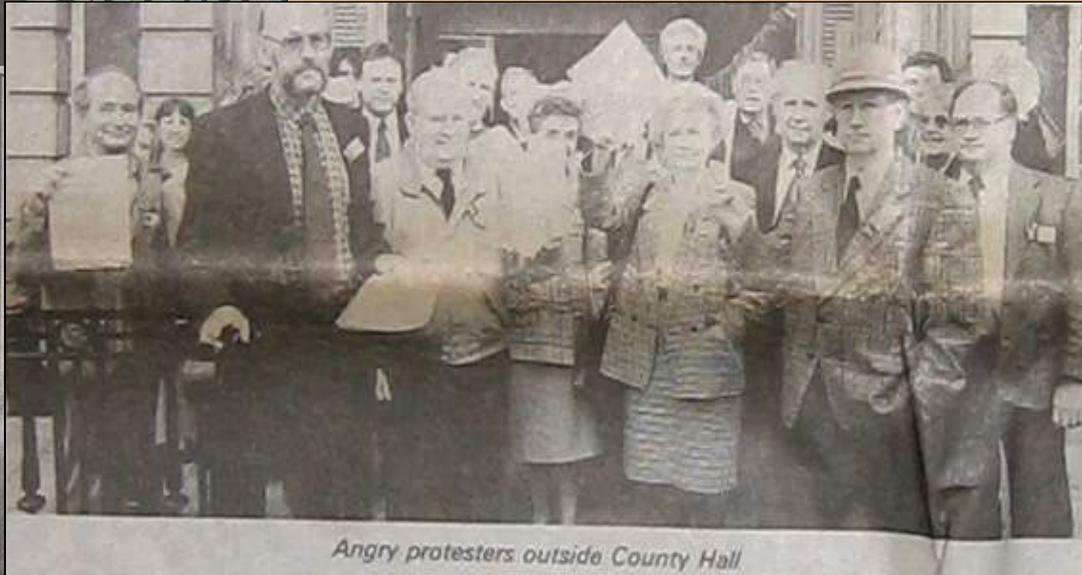
"The fact is that the contractor has bought 40 acres of land in a remote village without even getting planning permission first. We can assure them the matter will not be left to rest here."

Both Chorley North county councillor Margaret Livesey and borough councillor Ken Charnley called on county councillors to reject the plans.

After the decision Coun Charnley said: "Chorley Council was quite unanimous in the rejection of the application. But both that and all written objections from us were ignored and deemed inconsequential. From our point view we are disgusted by the attitude of the county officers."

Before their decision county councillors considered a 22-page document including eight pages of opposition to the scheme from Chorley Council, MP Den Dover, Euro MP Michael Heslop, Lancashire Wildlife Trust and the county council's own conservation unit.

Budding



Angry protesters outside County Hall

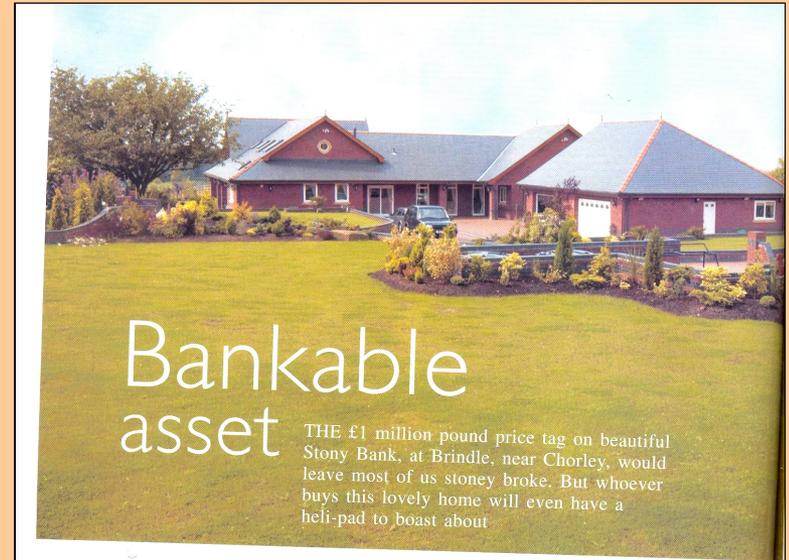
TASTY TREAT... Four-year-olds Yasmine Hammi and a simnel cake for Age Concern members.

CHILDREN from a Preston school played mum to special Easter treat.
Traditional simnel cakes were served to members by youngsters from Fulwood and Cadley County Primary.
Preston Color Gas Centre in Penwortham prom Easter project for the reception class and as a result their aprons and whisked up a tasty treat.

Brindle Parish Council 1999



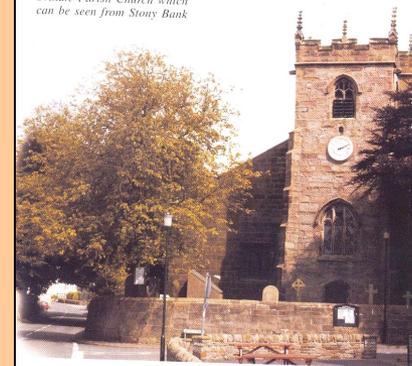
Steve Williams, John Baldwin, John Swann (vice-chair), Tom Sharratt, Ralph McMullen, Will Charnley, Joan Croasdale (Chairman), Ken Charnley, Tony Harkness (Clerk), Eric Miller Crook



Bankable asset

THE £1 million pound price tag on beautiful Stony Bank, at Brindle, near Chorley, would leave most of us stoney broke. But whoever buys this lovely home will even have a heli-pad to boast about

Brindle Parish Church which can be seen from Stony Bank



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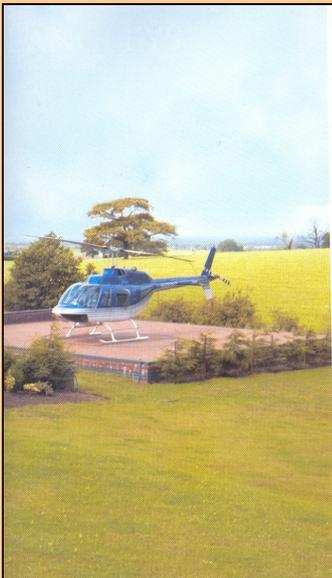
FOR the more affluent house-buyer seeking something special, Stony Bank at Brindle, a huge modern residence with a £1 million price tag, has so much to offer.

There's the helicopter landing pad which means that 'setting off early to avoid the traffic' is a thing of the past for the conscientious businessman or woman. Simply hop in, fly off and watch the traffic jams from above.

But taking a look round this carefully designed home set in three acres, makes one wonder who would want to leave it to go to work?

The present owners created Stony Bank only three years ago and their taste and attention to detail is to be congratulated. It's located in prime Green Belt land in a country hamlet nestling in rolling hills. From one side of the house there is a view of 17th century Brindle Parish Church and surrounding cottages. Even the Lancashire coastline can be glimpsed in the distance because of the property's elevated site.

Stony Bank boasts six reception rooms, its own DVD cinema, a fabulous kitchen, and four major bedrooms each with its own dressing room and bathroom. There's a library and if you should ever be too tired to even read, you could nip along to the whirlpool bath adjoining the master bedroom and be sure that will help you relax.



Main picture: The exterior of Stony Bank with heli-pad

Above: Main sitting room

Left: Dining room

Below: The superbly-equipped kitchen



Through the keyhole **LIFE**



*Above: The exterior of Stony Bank with heli-pad
Left: Hall*



Above: Bedroom

Stony Bank even has a separate apartment for a housekeeper or guest to enjoy. This is a completely self-contained second home with a hall, lounge, bedroom and en suite bathroom facilities.

As befits any truly elegant home, the entrance is impressive. Once through the front door you are greeted by a galleried hall and the immediate sensation is one of unstinting quality of fine

finishes and clever choice of complementary colours. The main lounge is to the left. This is very spacious and bright and features a fireplace from Spain incorporating Cornish stone.

The kitchen is huge and has a 'wow factor' which most of us can only dream about. The units are hand-made and constructed in elegant satin pear wood. The craftsmanship is superb

and conceals fridges, freeze dishwasher and microwave hi-tech at the same time. The size means you could not only prepare a huge dinner party in the kitchen, you could hold them there too.

If the new owners do decide not to travel by helicopter all the time, they'll find there is plenty of room for parking their vehicle in the four-car garage. The garden has been tastefully designed, laid-out. Remote control gates admit – or deny – access to bordering the driveways. Walled terraced gardens stock with variegated plants and perennial trees.

Bairstow Eaves North-West, estate agents handling the sale of Stony Bank describe the home as 'a stunning executive property'.

Their glossy brochure about the home says: 'Yes, it is a big statement, but this property actually lives up to and beyond its phrase. To walk through and view the property is a pleasure and enlightening experience. It must be seen to be believed. What is striking, is the attention to detail. Each room has its own merits, viewed as a whole it just feels right. The choice of wood, stone, silk, glass and brick all work together down to the light switches and door furniture.' ■

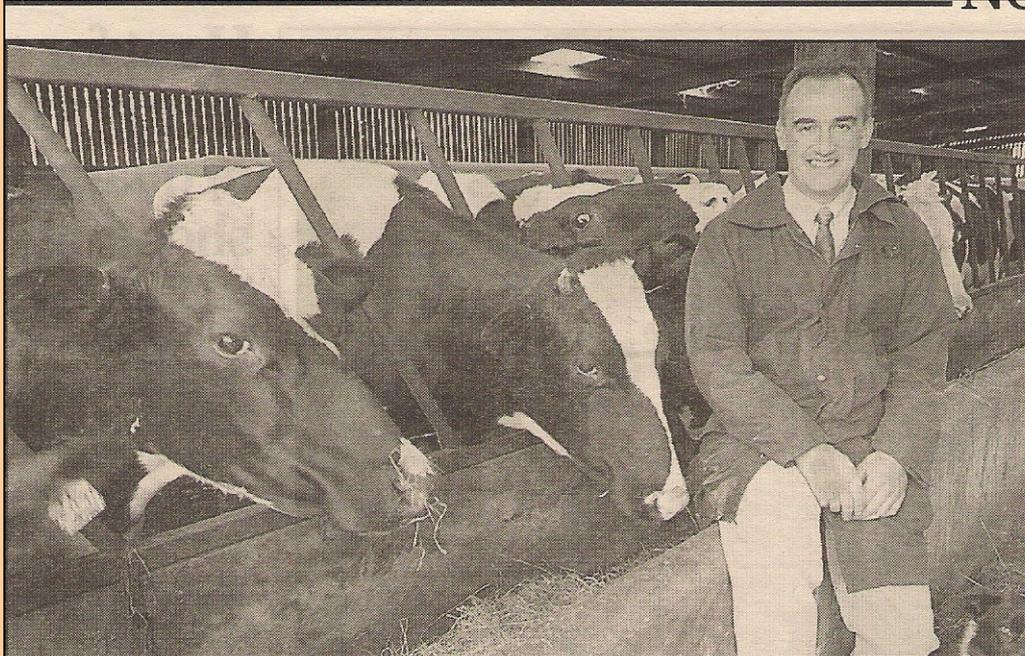
For further details about Stony Bank contact Marilyn Cooks at Bairstow Eaves North West on 01772 768001



John Swann

Huggarts Farm, Denham Lane

Chairman 2000-2004



Local concerns: Dairy farmer John Swann, the new chairman of Brindle Parish Council

Councillor to support farmers

DAIRY farmer John Swann has vowed to continue to represent the local farming community after being elected as chairman of Brindle Parish Council.

John, who has a herd of about 80 cows at his family farm off Denham Lane, is originally from Whittle-le-Woods but moved to Brindle in 1985 and joined the parish council in 1988.

The 37-year-old, who works the farm with his parents, said: "There are also a lot of working farms

By Malcolm Wyatt

in the area and it is not a good time for the industry.

"There is a cause for great concern and it is a national issue that needs addressing locally.

"I have always made it my aim as a parish councillor to encourage other authorities to undertake their obligations too.

"That includes planning, highways and environmental bodies. Sometimes I feel parish councils are only

recognised by other authorities when it suits them.

"But there is still a strong sense of community around Brindle and I think the work we do locally is well appreciated."

Among the areas of concern for John at present are effective screening from the M65 motorway in the parish, and completion of a contentious gas venting scheme on Sandy Lane.

The council has also set up a working party to submit a further Lottery bid for a new village hall, and John praised recent work with

Groundwork to improve facilities at Denham Quarry.

John, a former governor of Brindle St Josephs RC School on Bournes Row, said local traffic problems also needed to be addressed.

Local businessman Will Charnley was appointed vice chairman of the parish council at the annual meeting.

Brindle Parish Council only has seven councillors out of a possible nine at present. Anyone interested in becoming a councillor can contact clerk Tony Harkness on 01772 334596.

Steve spells out vision for village

Rural interests need to be promoted says new boss

By Malcolm Wyatt

A NEWLY elected community leader has pledged to put his village on the map.

Steve Williams is the new chairman of Brindle Parish Council and says he wants to see rural interests better served in Chorley.

He said: "We need to ensure Brindle is properly represented and promoted within the borough.

"We need to increase the profile of what the parish council can do. And we want to send out a clear message – ignore the rural vote at your peril.

"We need a change of direction and an increase in activity."

He added that he also wants to see more police presence in the area.

He said: "We have not seen a policeman at our meetings since last August."

Steve, 51, married to a local farmer's daughter and with two grown-up children, has lived in



New boss: Steve Williams

Brindle for 20 years, and worships at Brindle St James' Church. He is also secretary of Brindle Historical Society

He has been on the parish council for eight years and among other things has been instrumental in a major local fundraising

and marketing campaign for a new village hall.

Steve's vice chairman is Darren Cranshaw, a South Ribble Council officer, while also taking a role is the Rev Mark Cannon, the vicar of St James' Parish Church.

While previous chairman John Swann remains on the council, Will Charnley has stood down after more than 15 years' service.

Steve added: "Mark will be a great asset to the council, and as it happens our very first parish council chairman was Canon Kinton Jacques, again from St James.

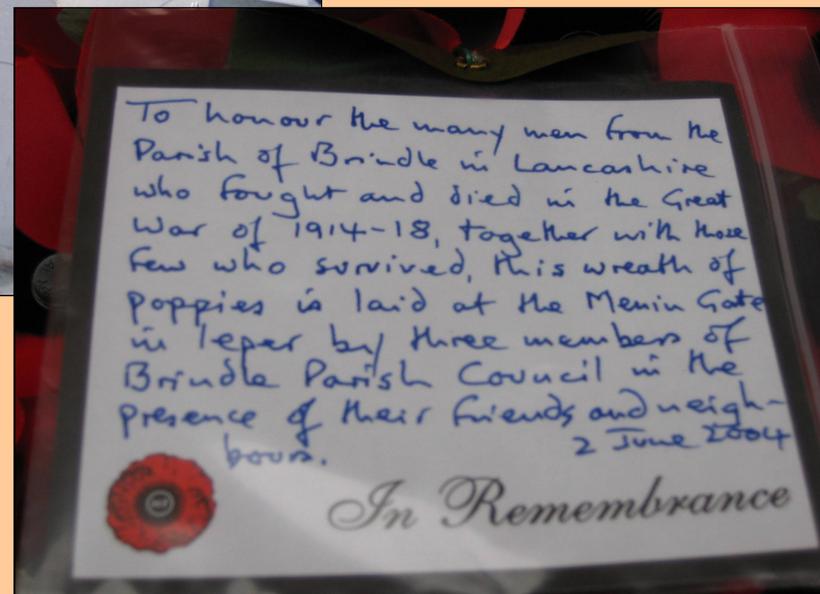
"We also have local businesswoman Stephanie Sibbles-Horridge involved, and the average age of our councillors is relatively young compared to those around us.

"Darren Cranshaw for example, whose grandfather was our parish council chairman for 20 years, is in his mid-20s.

"And we feel the make-up of the new council gives a good reflection of the community."



Parish Councillors Tom Sharratt,
Steve Williams and Darren Cranshaw
at the Menin Gate, Ypres - 2004



Brindle Community Hall
www.brindlecommunityhall.co.uk
1923 - 2006

The Hall over the years...

1.		1923 - 1958	£900
2.		1982 - 2005	£10,997
3.		2006 -	£215,000

Research and History by Brindle Historical Society - www.brindlehistoricalsociety.co.uk



The exhibition board features several informational panels:

- Original Constitution:** A document detailing the hall's early governance.
- The Parish Institute - design 1923:** An architectural floor plan of the original building.
- Photographs over the years:** A series of black and white photos showing the hall's history from the 1920s to the 1950s.
- Community Hall A.C.C. 20th Anniversary 2006:** A photo of a group of people at a celebratory event.
- Other photos:** Various images showing the interior and exterior of the hall at different stages of its development.

Darren, 28, is new parish chief

By **GORDON MCCULLY**

Brindle Parish Council has just appointed its youngest chairman in its 112-year history.

Darren Cranshaw, 28, was born and bred in Brindle and has been a parish councillor for the past six years, the last two as vice-chairman.

He follows in the family footsteps of his grandfather Jack Cranshaw who served on the parish council for 33 years, more than a decade as chairman.

"I'm looking forward to continuing the parish council's tradition of serving residents and improving the local area.

"Transport, road safety and planning are all issues that are of concern to the parish council," said Darren, communications manager at South Ribble Borough Council.

Living on the family dairy farm in Sandy Lane in the village, Darren is a governor at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School and is Brindle Historical Society's archivist, looking after the historical records and documents charting the village's history.

As a member of the Brindle community hall management committee, he has been involved in fundraising for the new state of the art community hall, which opened last month.

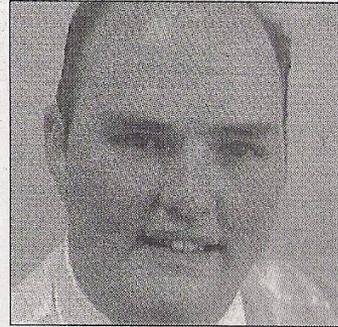
Darren also represents Chorley parish councils on the Chorley Partnership.

Past chairman and local farmer, John Swann, has been appointed vice-chairman.

Joan scoops new car in radio competition

Chorley woman, Joan McLoughlin, has won a new City Rover in 100.4 Smooth FM's latest competition with car supermarket Motorpoint.

She was selected at random and called live during the drive time show with Steve Collins. Joan joined Steve at the Motorpoint showroom to collect her car.



PARISH CHAIRMAN: Darren Cranshaw

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Path go-ahead - 10 years on

By Robert Kelly

A DECADE-long campaign for a footpath to be installed along a dangerous stretch of road in a Chorley village has finally borne fruit.

Brindle Parish Council is celebrating after news Lancashire County Council is to create the footway on Sandy Lane, which leads into the village.

The saga began in 1997 when the M65 was constructed and the parish council asked for a footway along the 100-yard stretch of road.

The parish councillors were concerned about walkers regularly using the road and being forced to walk on the carriageway and on the grass verges to get to Brindle.

Deaf

Years have gone by and calls to install a footway appeared to have fallen on deaf ears until recently when the area surveyor agreed with them.

Vice-chairman of Brindle Parish Council, David Metcalfe, said: "This is a particularly busy stretch of road and is well-used by walkers coming down from the bridge.

"There is obviously a risk of people getting injured by walking on the roads or verges.

"We have been asking for something to be

Coun David
Metcalfe on
Sandy Lane

done for some time and we will be glad when they extend the footpath."

The work to improve the roadside will cost in the region of £7,000 and it is believed it will start in next few weeks.

Brindle resident Steve Williams of Smithy Close, said: "I think that local people are really happy with the decision as it has been a missing link in the road.

"It should make walkers feel safer as with rural roads you always get speeding cars."

A Lancashire County Council spokesman said: "Lancashire Local Chorley made the decision to provide a footway from Bateson's Farm on Sandy Lane to join with the footpath bridge over the M65.

"The improvements will cost approximately £7,000 from extra highways funding allocated to the committee last year."

Work is expected to be complete by the end of March.



25 Years as Clerk



Tony Harkness

Clerk to Brindle Parish Council

1983 - present

Presentation to Tony Harkness to
celebrate 25 years as Clerk to Brindle
Parish Council – 1983 to 2008

Brindle Parish Council



Steve Williams, Sheila Long, John Baldwin, Darren Cranshaw (Chairman), Billy Nelson, Tony Harkness (Clerk), Tom Sharratt, Barbara Robinson, David Metcalfe (Vice-chair) and John Swann inset

Any Questions?

Thank you for listening!