



*Christmas Greetings from
The Owen Owen Trust
December 2021*



Dear All,

I do not understand how December always manages to creep up on me – perhaps we are still so busy adapting to the new world in which we live that some of the day to day rituals have become less meaningful. However, I hope that you are all looking forward to a better Christmas than 2020. In spite of all the worrying news that the media love to bombard us with I am determined to rise above it and enjoy the festive season (in a socially acceptable sort of way of course) and I hope you will too !

I am sure that you are pleased to see the return of some of the Trust events this Winter. By the time you read this letter we will have had get togethers in Chester, Doncaster, Coventry, Southampton, Kidderminster, Wirral, Preston and Liverpool. However, if you are not yet ready to socialise, rest assured that there will be teas and lunches you can join in your area when you feel ready to do so.

I am sad to report that our visitor Pat Goodwin has died. Pat was 85 and volunteered for almost 20 years, in the Liverpool area. Pat came from Age Concern and didn't actually work for Owen Owen, but her family recalled how much she loved her time with the Trust - whether visiting people on our behalf or attending our many teas and events. She will be much missed by all who knew her.

Karen and Paula are still working between the office and home. In spite of the obvious issues the Trust work continues uninterrupted. The Trustees continue to meet on Zoom, and the grants panel meet online to consider your applications for additional grants. As you know you can apply for an additional grant once a year, and they can be for many household items – including repairs, decorating, carpets, white goods and electrical items. If you need to replace an item, or need some urgent work doing, please speak to your visitor or call the Trust office and they will guide you through the process. Please also make sure that you stay warm as the temperature plummets. We are all used to putting on extra jumpers and wrapping up in a rug but it is sometimes important to turn on the heating as well.



This fabulous photograph is of George Humphreys (his wife Mary is visible in the doorway). George's great- great granddaughter Jan, found it whilst researching her family history.

George was the stable foreman at Kempson Street and is listed on the 1901 and 1911 census as living over the stables with his family.

Jan's 92 year old father recalls visiting the stables as a young boy.

Thank you for sharing this Jan, it's a wonderful image.

The website www.owenowentrust.org.uk, is proving popular - many photographs have been shared and we always welcome your input. We post all of our events on the website and Facebook, so it's an easy way to stay in the loop about local teas and lunches. If you have something to share please call Karen or Paula and they will assist. However I know some of you do not use social media so if you prefer telephone, paper and pencil or pigeon post that is absolutely fine - we want to stay in touch with you by whatever means suit you best !

Fingers crossed that this holiday season brings you a chance to be with your family and friends. I send sincere wishes from all at the Trust for a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful, healthy and happy 2022.

Best Wishes

Kay Eggleton, Chairman of the Trustees

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