

The Big Read Goes Local

Inspired by the 'Big Read' campaign, local residents have set up a local book group. Called the 'Flexible Readers', the group aims to read a variety of material, not just novels. The scope includes biographies, travel writing, poetry, plays and "interesting non-fiction". There is a veto on instruction manuals and guide books, however 'interesting'. The group meets in each other's homes and local pubs (except on quiz night). If you want to know more, phone Margot on 01257 241693.

Margot Agnew, Blackburn Road, Heapey

Bikers in Wheelton?

As it's getting to summer time more and more bikes will be dusted down, polished up and appear from garages. On the street for a minute and then off; no more than a sweet sound on the bypass. Discovering that yet another neighbour had a motorbike led to a chat and the suggestion that we see who'd like to meet up for a run. All bikes welcome (so far including an old R80 & a new R1!).

The current plan is to meet at 10.00am on Sunday April 25th, by the clock tower. If you think you may go on this, text me on 0788 0788 909 - it'll help to see if there is any interest and if there are any changes I can then let you know.

Ed Downs, Millbrook Close, Wheelton

Website offer to local Organisations

Are you involved with a local organisation that would benefit from a free page on the Heapey and Wheelton community website? If so telephone Sue Monaghan 01254 830475 or Shelagh Graham 01257 269645 or Email: content@heapeyandwheelton.org

Your News & Views

DO YOU have any articles you would like to see in future issues? Then please contact Bill Geddes, Parish Clerk, on 01254 831522 or Email: clerk@heapeyandwheelton.org

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HEAPEY AND WHEELTON NEWS

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Parish Plan Starts Up

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR VILLAGE TO BE IN 5 YEARS TIME? WHAT WOULD MAKE WHERE YOU LIVE A BETTER PLACE? be undertaken in our communities so be sure to come along to the launch event (date to be confirmed). Also let us know your views through the household survey (which will be finding its way through your letterboxes later this year).

A Parish Plan details this and more - and we would like your help to identify what matters to you. Heapey and Wheelton are embarking upon a joint venture which aims to get views from each and every resident about the future of our communities. The results of this exercise will form the basis of the Parish Plan which will then be used to help secure the resources and funding needed to put the plans into action.

This is probably one of the most important exercises to

Bridleways

Despite opposition from local landowners, it seems that the proposed upgrading of several footpaths in Heapey and Wheelton Parishes to network are supported by the Minister for Equine Affairs. A key factor is safety as the bridleways take horses off the roads and away from traffic. The official notification for the Trigg Lane area has not yet been received so hold your horses.

This is a joint newsletter for Heapey and Wheelton Parishes. Do you have any comments, or would you like something publishing? Contact us - see back page for details.



Village Hall Events

Dates for your diaries!

Sat. 15th May - **Barn Dance with the Morris Travellers**. Time tbc (p.m).

Sat. 12th June - **Lancashire Dialect Society Present Village Outreach**

Show: Deep Lancashire. Time tbc (p.m).

Sun. 4th July – **Village Fete**

Sat. 11th September - **Family BBQ**

Sat. 18th September - **Craft, Produce & Flower Show**

Sat. 30th October - **Family Halloween Disco**

Sun. 7th November – **Though the Villages Race**

Sat. 4th December - **Children's Christmas Disco Party**

For tickets or further information telephone 01254 830883 or 830475. Details of all events will be posted on the website: www.heapeyandwheelton.org

Interested in coming along to the Events meetings where events are planned and mulled over? Red Lion, 8pm on the last Tuesday of each month.

Annual Meeting 9th June

At the Village Hall annual meeting we will be electing committee members, discussing development plans, presenting finances. Come along and find out what the plans are for the Village Hall. Starts 7.30pm. Coffee & cakes provided!

Illegal Parking

The Village Hall's private car park is being used illegally by local residents. This is affecting the viability of the Hall as users struggle to park and we lose bookings. Following discussions with the Police, various actions are proposed. New notices will be

erected and leaflets distributed, which set out the ground rules about parking. The rules are designed to achieve a workable compromise. If these actions fail to produce results, a joint public meeting is planned to explain the further possible consequences of illegal parking.

Events on Email

Want to be kept informed of events going on at the Village Hall? We can add your name to our circulation list and email you with details of individual events as and when they are finalised. Email: events@heapeyandwheelton.org

Where Your Money Goes - Wheelton

Wheelton Parish Council Precept 2004/05

PAYMENTS

	£
Clerk's Salary	4214
Insurance	750
Audit Fees	120
LAPTC Subs	300
Training	200
Donations	100
Village Hall Grant	1800
Rent	176
Village Green/Play Area	998
Dog Bin	150
War Memorial exp	1000
War Memorial Trust	350
Petty Cash	200
Elections	150
Membership Fees	75
Stationery	100
Newsletter	100
Website Fees	0
Planning Fees	0
Total	£10,783

RECEIPTS

	£
Grass Cutting	82
VAT	117
Interest	70
Amenities Grant	1400
Total	£1,669

Summary

Total Payments Required	£10,783
Less Receipts	£1,669
Agreed Precept	£9,114

This represents an increase of £414 over 2003/04 – 4.76%

Wheelton Parish Councillors

Nick Hayes - 01254 830851

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Who is the Best Kept?

Wheelton Parish Council has entered the Best Kept Villages Competition. The first round of judging will happen in our area anytime between 1st June and 14th July, with final judging from the 7th to 21st August, so get those gardens, window boxes and hanging baskets planted up ready for the showdown!

Speeding - A674

Wheelton Parish Council have written to Lancashire County Council to request traffic calming measures on the A674. This follows representations at the December meeting from two Higher Wheelton residents who are concerned about the



reduction in speed limits from 50mph to 30mph with no additional signs to warn drivers of the change, apart from the statutory 30mph limit signs. They are also concerned about drivers exceeding both speed limits. The council have also requested that the Police make more use of speed cameras on the approach to the village and have asked LCC for additional warning signs.

Support Local Post Office - Get Cash!

If you bank with the Alliance & Leicester, Barclays or Lloyds TSB, it's never been easier to get cash out of your bank account when you visit the Post Office.



All you need is your card and PIN. To find out more visit Wheelton Post Office, call the Post Office Helpline on 08457 22 33 44 or log on to www.postoffice.co.uk

Bin Thinking!

Chorley Borough Council will be starting kerbside paper, glass and garden waste recycling services at the beginning of April across the

area. Do your bit for the environment and get recycling.

See www.rethinkrubbish.com for extra inspiration & great ideas. Contact the Waste Management team at CBC if you have any questions on 01257 515548.

Blackburn Road Closure

Many of you will be aware that a section of Blackburn Road (above Wheelton Garage, towards Whins Lane) was partially closed over 18 months ago by Lancashire County Council following subsidence. The future of the road is still not certain and it may be changed to a single track leaving only a pedestrian cycle and bridle way, meaning the loss of valuable parking space to the village. As parking is increasingly a problem in the village we urge you to continue to lobby for full re-instatement of the road by writing to Graham Harding Environment Directorate, Lancashire County Council, Guild House, PO Box 9, Cross Street, Preston PR1 8RD.

Here - at last!!



www.heapeyandwheelton.org

Heapey and Wheelton Go On-line

www.heapeyandwheelton.org

Residents in Heapey and Wheelton can now boast a history which spans from 15th Century water wheels to the world wide web with the launch of our new community website. After a couple of false starts and a lot of deliberation www.heapeyandwheelton.org is now on-line!

Volunteers in the area launched the website on March 31 after securing a Community Champions Fund grant and support from the two Parish Councils.

The community site, which will be among the first parish sites in the Chorley borough, is produced by a group of volunteers and is a non-profit making initiative.

Heapey Parish Council chair Joan Geddes said: "The launch of the website is great news for our two communities

as it will provide residents with on-line, up-to-date information such as What's On, Parish Council meetings, minutes and plans, local Business Directory, local Organisations and clubs - everything you need to know! We're hoping a popular aspect will be a history of the area and we have a photo gallery with pictures of Heapey and Wheelton, present and past. Residents will also be able to post their news and views to ensure it is a truly interactive service which represents the whole community."

Check out the various contact pages: Have Your Say, Classifieds, Noticeboard and the What's On pages, or send us your favourite photo of Heapey or Wheelton and have it posted on the site. We will also be setting up a 'Kids Zone' so

let us know what you would like to see on these pages.

Want the chance to win a DVD Player? 'Search to Win' with the website launch competition on



Juveniles Make a Nuisance of Themselves

The Police have recently received 8 calls about juvenile nuisance problems around Kittiwake Road on the Heapey Chase estate. They are very concerned as this is the highest number of reported calls. The Council Community Wardens have now been asked to visit the area. Our POPS (Problem Oriented Policing) co-ordinator Richard Booth is liaising with the developers about changes to the play area to make it more of a deterrent to youths indulging in anti-social behaviour.

One adjustment is the lopping of

some hedges which will make their activity more visible to other residents. It is expected that high visibility will bring about easier identification of the offenders. The area has also been added to our Community Concern Targeted Patrol. This will involve Police Officers frequenting the area at relevant times and dealing with any anti-social behaviour they may encounter.

The officer to contact is Sgt Evans on 01257 246138 or Email: kevin.evans@lancashire.pnn.police.uk

Calendar Girls!

The White Coppice WI (Women's Institute) meets the second Tuesday of each month at the meeting room at White Coppice and have a full and varied diary of members events. Contact May Clements on 01257 230891 for details or membership particulars. The Lancashire Federation of WI's website is www.lancashirewi.org.uk

Travel the 122

The 122 bus nips around our villages and connects some areas otherwise devoid of a regular bus service. Great for getting out and about or going into town. The 122 services Heapey Chase to Wheelton (via Chapel Lane), Withnell Fold, Riley Green and Brindle (via Brinscall & Withnell). For up-to-date timetable information call

Traveline on 0870 608 2 608, collect a leaflet from the bus station or alternatively log on to the Bus and Train Journey Planner page of www.lancashire.gov.uk. This bus service is very reliable & subsidised by Lancashire County Council so costs of travel are very reasonable – so let's use it, not lose it!

Sand Quarry Purchase Delayed

Chorley Borough Council Executive Cabinet have deferred a decision on the making of a Compulsory Purchase Order in respect of the Old Sand Quarry until a business plan is prepared. Further updates will be given as soon as they are available and details will be posted on www.heapeyandwheelton.org

Where Your Money Goes -Heapey

Heapey Parish Council Precept 2004/05

PAYMENTS

	£
Clerk's salary	2812
Insurance	280
Audit Fees	120
LAPTC Subs	200
Training	100
Prizes	105
Donations	100
Village Hall Grant	1800
Public Seats	200
Rent	60
Play area Maintenance	450
War Memorial exp	900
War Memorial Trust	350
Petty Cash	200
Elections	150
Web Site fees	240
Membership fees	40
Stationery	100
Total	£8,207

RECEIPTS

	£
Grass Cutting	400
VAT	106
Interest	65
Amenities Grant	650
Total	£1,221

Summary

Total payments required	£8,207
Less receipts	£1,221
Agreed Precept	£6,986

This represents an increase of £386 over 2003/04 – 5.8%.

New Parish Councillor for Heapey

At its meeting on 2nd March, Heapey Parish Council resolved to co-opt a new member onto the Council. Her name is Mrs Diane Greenhalgh of Lodge Bank Cottage, White Coppice.

Heapey Parish Councillors

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