

Lancashire Constabulary

Police and Communities Together (PACT) Meetings take place the first Tuesday of each month.

If you see any crime report it to Crimestoppers on:

0800 555111

Contact local Police on

0845 1253545

Wrong Connections

Is your home polluting Chorley's watercourses?

Action Douglas and Yarrow, in conjunction with the Environment Agency, is aiming to raise awareness of problems caused when domestic appliances are wrongly connected to the drains.

A wrong connection is most likely to occur if a homeowner has added an extension or a downstairs toilet, sink, washing machine, or dishwasher. Quite often these are plumbed into the rainwater drain meaning that wastewater could end up in local rivers polluting the water and harming local wildlife instead of being directed to the wastewater treatment works.

For more information contact:

United Utilities 08456 020406

Environment Agency
08708 506506

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Parish Council meetings are held on the first Tuesday in alternate months (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep and Nov), in The White Coppice Rooms, St Barnabas Church, Chapel Lane. See Parish Council noticeboards at the junction of Blackburn Road with the A574, the end of Coppice Lane (by the junction with Hollin Lane) and the War Memorial Grounds (visible from Kenyon Lane) for details.

All members of the public are welcome to attend.

Heapey Parish Council Newsletter



September 2007

Heapey in Bloom!!

As residents will have noticed, the raised flower bed at the junction of Blackburn Road and the bypass is in full flower. Doesn't it look great?

Walking down Blackburn Road into the village there are lots of very colourful window boxes and hanging baskets. Wouldn't it be good to extend this colour to the grass verges and bus shelters?

The Parish Council really wants to build on this small beginning and have more flowers around the place. If you would like

to get involved, or have any suggestions please contact the clerk to the council - your ideas will be gratefully received.



Picnic Table

The picnic table at White Coppice has finally been replaced and, according to local residents, has already been well used by visitors to the area.

It is hoped the replacement table will prove as popular as its predecessor. The next item scheduled for replacement in the near future is the adjoining wooden litter bin which has also seen better days.



Bus Shelter Seat

The bus shelter by the Red Lion has seen a very welcome improvement. A seat has been installed courtesy of Chorley Council, as a result of a request made at a site meeting with their representatives.

Residents attending a Parish Council made the suggestion and we would like to thank Keith Allen and Malachi Gallagher at Chorley Council, for their assistance in implementing it.



Chairman's Report

The flower bed on Blackburn Road has done us proud with its display of blooms despite the poor weather we had this summer. The red roses in the centre were a "happy accident" and will be replaced with another pink bush but I have had lots of positive comments from residents and visitors alike for the enhancement of this corner of the Parish. A seat in the Red Lion Bus Shelter was fitted at the request of the Parish Council. This seems to have been well received especially by older residents. We asked for your thoughts about designs for replacement bus shelters at the top end of Blackburn Road and will be firming up plans for these when we discuss the precept for next year at our November and January meetings so there is still time for you to put forward any suggestions you might have. The Parish Council has completed the installation of a picnic seat at White Coppice and as this has come under budget there will probably be enough money to pay for a new litter bin as the existing one is rather old and rotten.

The Parish Council plans to enter the Britain in Bloom awards next year and will be looking for areas to enhance with plants, trees and flowers. Again your suggestions would be welcome. I have already made a start with my own "wild flower area" in the garden. (Well It rained so much I got behind with the weeding) This has been colonised by rather boring looking willowherb plants but I have been spectacularly rewarded by the arrival of an Elephant Hawk Moth Caterpillar. It is a beast! - 60mms long and with two sets of purple eyes. I have been able to terrorise visitors for the last few days with this glorious creature. According to the www it will emerge from its crystal as a moth with a 70mm wingspan in beautiful shades of pink. What a payback for a bit of benign neglect!

Let us know if you see any interesting wildlife in your garden.

Janet Ross-Mills

Broadband Connection

A number of residents have contacted the Council regarding the broadband service in the area - generally complaining about the speed of connection.

If anyone in the village is currently enjoying a decent broadband service please let us have the details of your service provider.

Community Forum

The next Chorley Council East Area Forum Meeting takes place on Wednesday 14 November 2007, 7.00pm - 9.00pm at The Pines Hotel, Clayton-le-Woods.

Chorley Council, Central Lancs Primary Care Trust, Lancashire County Council, parish councils and the Police will be attending.

Weapons of Mass Distraction (contd.)

Last summer we reported of property developers threatening people objecting to planning applications with libel action.

Recently, a local case was resolved with the complainant dropping the case shortly before a hearing in the Royal Courts of Justice. The complaint generated a legal expenses bill of almost £40,000 and the court awarded a sum of around £33,000 to the defendant. There have been a number of similar cases around the country as libel law requires the accused to prove their innocence which can be a costly exercise.

Anyone wishing to object to a planning application is strongly advised to check they have the appropriate legal expenses cover on their home insurance. You can make representations through the Parish Council in the strictest confidence.

Village Hall Lottery Bid

In April this year, the Village Hall Committee put together an application to the Big Lottery Fund for money to re-furbish and develop the Village Hall.

The bad news is that this application was unsuccessful! The good news is that there are other sources of funding out there – not such large amounts as the lottery – but every little helps.

The committee will continue to apply for grants and hold fund raising events in order to progress the improvements.

If you want to get involved in any Village Hall events or management, contact the Committee Chairman, Joan Geddes on:

01254 831522

or at:

william.geddes@virgin.net

Village Fete

The Fete, one of the Village Hall's major fund raising events, had to be moved from Black Lion Field into the Village Hall as the rains had left the field unsafe for the children's races and schools' football competition.

A bouncy castle went up in the backyard, alongside the burgers and hotdogs, and stalls appeared in the big hall.

The races, The Thirsty Three and The Gallop, were on the Field as usual and, despite the problems, a good time was had by all and £1,000 was raised for the Village Hall funds!!

The committee would like to thank all who helped. Without those willing workers the fete would cease to exist. And to all of you who supported the event THANK YOU!!

Joan Geddes