

Parish Council Annual Report

The Village Hall Committee began the year with a huge effort to apply for a Grant from the National Lottery for improvements to the Hall. Although the application was unsuccessful the plans drawn up will guide work on the Village Hall for many years to come. A smaller grant from Awards for All was used to resurface the rear yard and the gates were replaced. Thanks to all involved in these projects.

Roadside advertising signs continue to litter the local area but, following liaison with County and Borough Councils we hope to see these removed shortly.

500 daffodil bulbs were planted in the Parish. These were donated by Chorley Borough Council and are now in flower adding to the attractiveness of the neighbourhood, and the raised flowerbed put on a long-lasting show of blooms and attracted an Award from Chorley Civic Society.

Parish Council members are developing plans to upgrade the play area and provide a new notice-board at Heapey Chase.

New Christmas lights at the War Memorial Clock were much appreciated by local people, and we hope to add further improvements to the Winter scene at this location.

It has been another busy and productive year for the Parish Council and I would like to thank the Clerk and Councillors for their efforts on behalf of the people of Heapey.

Our congratulations to fellow Parish Councillor, Julia Berry, who was elected onto Chorley Borough Council at this years May Elections and replaces Mary Wilson who sadly passed away earlier in the year.

Janet Ross-Mills

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Parish Council meetings are usually 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 the Parish Council noticeboards at the junction of Blackburn Road with the A674, 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 all Council meetings.

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Heapey Parish Council Newsletter

June 2008

Financial Report for the Year Ended 31 March 2008

Opening Balance	13100
Income	
Parish Precept	8920
Agency Work *	774
Interest	542
VAT Reclaimed	49
Sundries	650
Total Income	10935
Sub total	24035

Expenditure	
Staff Costs	2682
Administration	597
Insurance	350
Donations	1100
Grounds maintenance	2574
Repairs/replacements	536
Subscriptions	157
VAT	128
Sundries (ii)	71
Total	8195
Closing Balance	15840

* grasscutting carried out on behalf of Lancashire County Council

Lancashire Constabulary

Residents are reminded to always:

Secure sheds, garages and other outbuildings with a lock.

When leaving your home always lock doors and windows - 30% of burglaries occur via insecure entry points.

When leaving your car unattended always remove property from display. Mobile telephones and Satnav's are a prime target.

Please don't hesitate to report suspicious circumstances to the police. You can call the non-emergency reporting number at any time. 08451 253545 or report in confidence to CRIMESTOPPERS on 0800 555 111.

If a crime is in progress, please call 999.

PC 802 Chris Evans

White Coppice Cricket Club

The Club will be holding its 6th Annual Sportsman's Dinner on Friday September 19th in St Peter's Parish Club, Eaves Lane, Chorley. The main guest speaker will be ex Liverpool star, Alan Kennedy, who is best remembered for scoring the winning goals in the two Liverpool European Cup victories in 1981 and 1984. Alan always brings his cup medals to his speaking engagements. The comedian for the evening will be the ever popular Jed Stone.

Various sponsorship packages are available to include tickets and complimentary wine or beer. Details can be obtained from Geoff Haydock on 01257 274241. Tickets are also available at £25.50 each, and the club would also welcome the donation of prizes for the Grand Raffle on the night, with all donors being entered into a free draw for £25.



Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall

Work on the new toilets started in earnest on 19th May and is going very well. Unless there are unforeseen problems, they should be completed towards the end of June. They might even be finished in time for....

The AGM

This will take place in the Village Hall on Tuesday 24th June, starting at 7-30pm. This is your chance to have your say and maybe get involved in the running of the hall.

The Village Fete

Yes! It's that time of year again!! The fete will be held on Sunday, 6th July. Weather permitting, it will take place as usual on Black Lion Field. There will be plenty of stalls, the very popular Tombola, refreshments and, of course, the 2 races - The Thirsty Three and The Gallop. Plenty of fun for all!!

As always, volunteers are needed to help deliver leaflets, set up on Sunday morning and run stalls. If you would like to get involved, phone me on 01254 831522. There are plenty of jobs to go round!!!

Don't forget, all proceeds go to Village Hall funds and new toilets don't come cheap!!!!

Joan Geddes

Heapey Chase Noticeboard

We are hopeful the end is finally in sight.

Having received the go ahead from the landowners to site the noticeboard at the entrance to Heapey Chase we are now liaising with Lancashire County Council to come up with a mutually acceptable location which will be convenient for residents to view the noticeboard, but not affect the vision of drivers exiting Kittiwake Road.

The 'Village Playground Trust' (Heapey and Wheelton)

A joint project has been established by Heapey and Wheelton Parish Councils to refresh and revitalise the playground in front of the Village Hall in Wheelton. The Parish Councils presently fund the maintenance of the Playground and are aware that improvements need to be made in line with some elements of the Parish Action Plan.

A Working Group, currently made up of members of both Parish Councils, has been meeting to consider the options for the Village. We are aiming to provide a safe but challenging and fun facility in keeping with the local environment. This will mean replacing some of the current equipment and selecting and purchasing some additional items. We are also aiming to renew the fencing and safety surfacing. Plans and quotes have been sought from several suppliers to date.

Whilst Heapey and Wheelton Parish Councils have made some provision in their funding precepts for 2008-2009 we still face a real fundraising challenge to meet the **£33,000** required to make any real improvements to the present facility. This is an ambitious target, however with the support of the local community we feel we can and will achieve it!

We are intending to erect a small display together with the unveiling of our fundraising 'Swing' at the Village Fete on the 5th July.

Anyone interested in becoming more involved with the Working Group please contact either of the Parish Council Clerks:

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