

Chairman's Report

It is an honour to have been chosen as Chairman of the Council for this year and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Janet Ross - Mills for her invaluable efforts as Chairman for the past three years, and Dave Berry, who was Vice Chairman for six years.

On behalf of the Council, I would like to welcome Margaret Osborne who joined us in September. We look forward to working with Margaret in the future.

I would also like to congratulate the organisers and helpers of the Village Fete on their efforts for this year. It was a marvellous event enjoyed by all who attended and, for this year, even the weather almost seemed to smile on us!

Julia Berry

Digital Switchover

The Digital Switchover in the Granada TV region begins on 4 November 2009, when the analogue BBC2 signal will cease. On 2 December the remaining analogue channels will also be switched off.

Residents with Freeview, Top Up TV or BT Vision will need to re-scan programmes regularly from 30 September 2009.

All non-digital TV's and recorders will need a digibox to receive the channels and these can be obtained for around £20 from most major supermarkets or electrical retailers. You will NOT be able to record one programme whilst watching another, even with a digibox.

Most homes will not need replacement aerials so don't fall for any sharp sales practice from TV aerial suppliers.

Help is available for the over 75's - call Terry Dickinson at Age Concern Lancashire on 01257 233200 for free advice and assistance.

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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 the Parish Council noticeboards at the junction of Blackburn Road with the A674, the junction of Coppice Lane with Hollin Lane, the entrance to Heapey Chase 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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Community Survey

The Parish Council was recently asked to submit sites for community use for the Local Development Framework (LDF). Sites for possible development for housing and commercial use have already been submitted and the latest consultation is for sites for other types of use.

Sites nominated were Black Lion Field as a possible location for allotments, and the piece of land at the rear of Ryecroft where we might be able to create an area for light exercise and relaxation for the local residents.

Welcome Margaret!

At its September meeting the Parish Council welcomed Margaret Osborne, who has filled the vacancy left by Dianne Greenhalgh.

It's Arrived (at last!!)

After what seems like an eternity the new Parish Council noticeboard has finally been erected at the entrance to Kittiwake Road.

We would like to thank Mr Swallow and Mr Taylor, at Persimmon Homes, for allowing us to site the board on their land.

Lancashire Constabulary

Contact the Neighbourhood Policing Team on the non-emergency reporting number:

0845 1 25 35 45 or via email at

Police Sergeant Andrew Bramhall
andrew.bramhall@lancashire.pnn.police.uk

Community Beat Manager - Chris Evans
christopher.evans@lancashire.pnn.police.uk

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News from the Village Hall

The central heating boiler in the hall is in urgent need of replacement and, earlier this year, the committee received a grant to investigate "green" methods of heating the hall and conserving energy. This is currently being carried out by consultants and it is hoped that the report will be completed in the near future.

We hope to produce a planned maintenance programme for the building soon, as well as a plan for re-organising the kitchen, which is in desperate need of re-furbishment, and providing more storage for the user groups.

This work, including organising the events, is done by the Village Hall Committee, who would welcome new members to lighten the load. If you feel you could spare some time for this important community facility, please contact me on 01254 831522 or at william.geddes@virgin.net

Joan Geddes

Hallowe'en Disco

Yes! It's nearly that time of year again. Last year's disco was a fantastic family event so watch out for details for this year. It will probably be some time around the 31st October!!!

Want to use public transport but not sure where to get information?

There are many ways to obtain timetable information for bus and train services in Lancashire and beyond.

Call Traveline, 8.00am - 8.00pm 7 days a week, on 0871 200 22 33 (calls cost 10p/min + network extras) for personal journey planning from the Lancashire based call centre or, to plan your own journey online, use the online journey planner at www.traveline.info

Local bus timetables can be downloaded from the website www.transportforlancashire.com

Other useful information about bus services can be found on www.lancashire.gov.uk, A-Z index, 'B' for buses.

With our bustxt service you can get the next bus times from any stop in Lancashire direct to your phone. Text the bus stop code you want to leave from to 84268. For details visit www.transportforlancashire.com/Bustxt

If you have mobile internet on your phone, you can view the next bus times on your web browser, visit www.mytraveline.mobi from your mobile phone and follow the instructions.

Plan longer journeys outside the county at www.transportdirect.info or, for up to date rail timetable information and to buy train tickets visit www.nationalrail.co.uk

You can also pick up free copies of bus timetables and maps from your local County Information Centre, library or interchange.

If you are interested in cutting your carbon footprint and would like to find out more about public transport, walking, cycling and car sharing visit Lancashire County Council's TravelWise website.

Village Fete

After two years in a row, when the fete had to be held at the Village Hall because of the rain, it returned, this year, to its usual venue, Black Lion Field. And what an enjoyable day it was!! The sun shone apart from the short spell of torrential rain and wind part way through the afternoon. The warm weather meant that the ice cream sold out and the cooling rain helped the tea tent to sell out also - what more could the treasurer ask for?!!

The Tombola was as popular as ever and all the stalls enjoyed a roaring trade. The races were well supported as were the games and rides. Then there was the Tug of War! Hotly contested by several local pubs and eventually won by The Lock and Quay.

A total of just over £2,000 was raised towards Village Hall funds, so a big thank you goes out to all who helped in any way and also to those of you who came and spent your hard earned cash.

Joan Geddes

White Coppice Cricket Club recommended by Sunday Times for a day out!

In a list of 50 days out, across the whole of the UK, featured in the Sunday Times on 16th August, White Coppice Cricket Club was described as follows:

Watch cricket Lancashire: nestled below Great Hill on the edge of the West Pennine Moors lies the White Coppice cricket ground, a place of blissful, timeless beauty that's known to few, but treasured by anyone who's played here.

Visit wcoppice.play-cricket.com

For details of membership etc contact Geoff Haydock on 01257 274241