

Parish Council Annual Report

This has been another year of progress for Heapey Parish Council with more planting of spring bulbs, an additional parish noticeboard, and recognition of our efforts by the judges in the Best kept Village awards. I was very proud to accept the Lancashire Federation of Women's Institutes silver cup for the Most Improved Hamlet.

We were sorry to accept the resignation of Raymond Smith from the Council, but welcomed Peter Church who has already made valuable contributions to meetings.

Although not within the parish boundary, new traffic lights on the A674, long campaigned for by Heapey Parish Council and others, seem to have been effective in slowing down traffic and hopefully will make the roads a lot safer through our area.

The Village Hall has had a number of improvements and this year's Village Fete looks set to be a bigger and better event than ever. This is all thanks to the efforts of a small number of determined people who are willing to give freely of their time and skills and our thanks are owed to them.

I would like to thank the Clerk and Council Members for their efforts this year.

Janet Ross-Mills, Chairman 2008-09

Councillor Vacancy

We are extremely sorry to lose Dianne Greenhalgh and thank her for her past efforts and wish her well for the future.

Following Dianne's resignation there is now a vacancy on the Council and anyone requiring further information, or who wishes to apply should contact Alan Platt, the Clerk to the Council (details on back page).

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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 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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Financial Report for the Year Ended 31 March 2009

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

PACT (Police and Communities Together) meetings are held at Wheelton Police Station on the first Tuesday of each month, commencing at 7.00pm.



Between 11.50 and 12.00 on 9th May an unknown offender has thrown a lump of coal through the front window of a dwelling on Blackburn Road and overnight between the 29th and 30th May stone flags were stolen from a house on Tithe Barn Lane. Anyone with information should contact the Police on 0845 1 253545.

Blue Bins

Now the blue recycling bins are with most of us it seems like a good opportunity to remind residents of what to place in them - glass bottles and jars (all colours), empty plastic bottles like pop, water, milk, shampoo, household cleaning products, **(the type of plastic we can recycle is usually marked with a recycle logo and numbers 1, 2 or 3)** and all metal food and drink cans, and metal foil. Please rinse out bottles and cans.

LCC Highways Budget Allocation

For the past couple of years parish councils have been asked, by the County Council, to submit a small number of items of work, which would not normally be carried out, from an additional budget. This year we have asked for a bus stop sign to be painted on Blackburn Road, for the stop up from the Red Lion and for the pavements to be 'reclaimed' (from vegetation and soil etc at the foot of the hedges) between Ryecroft and the top of Blackburn Road and on Chapel Lane.

Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall

The **AGM** this year will be held on Wednesday, 24th June at 8.00pm in the Village Hall. All the residents of Heapey and Wheelton Parishes are welcome to attend. This is your chance to find out more and have your say about the running of the Village Hall.

The new storage facility (better known as the shed!) has been erected at the Village Hall and over the next few weeks it is intended to install shelving. It will then be possible to rationalise and facilitate storage for all the users of the hall.

The **VILLAGE FETE** will be held on Sunday, 5th July. We need volunteers to deliver leaflets, collect donations and help on the day but most of all we need you to turn up, enjoy yourselves and spend loads of money!!! All the proceeds go towards Village Hall funds and, since we are in desperate need of a new heating system, we need all cash we can get!

If you can help, or want more details about anything, I'm on 01254 831522 or william.geddes@virgin.net

Joan Geddes

Help Direct

Help Direct is a new service for all adults (18+) in Lancashire. Help Direct aims to be the first port of call for practical support, guidance and information on items including health and fitness, home and garden, learning and leisure, managing finances, mobility and transport, community groups and involvement, getting the right help and support and much more.

Contact the Chorley Office, at 61-63 St Thomas' Road, Chorley, PR7 1JE, on 0303 333 1000 (low cost rate) for details.

All Change at the Top

At the Parish Council's Annual meeting in May Councillor Julia Berry was elected Chairman, with Peter Church being elected Vice Chairman.

The Council would like to thank Janet Ross-Mills, our Chairman for the past three years, and Dave Berry, who has been our Vice Chairman since May 2003, for their efforts.

White Coppice Cricket Club

Please support Village Cricket at White Coppice.

Various sponsorship and advertising packages are available from as little as £10, which include complementary refreshments from our Pavilion to be taken at any time during the summer. Make a donation of any value and become a 'Friend of White Coppice CC', become a Non-playing Member, (annual subscription £5, or £7 per couple living at the same address) or join our '150 CLUB', which runs from July to June the following year. Annual subs are £10, with two £25 prizes each month, with £100 in December and £200 in June. If more members can be attracted the prize money will increase.

The **7th Sportsmans Dinner** takes place on Friday 18 September 2009 in St Peter's Parish Club, Eaves Lane, Chorley. The Guest Speakers are Dave Watson (ex-Everton FC and England) and Lea Roberts (Comedian). MC for the evening is Ken Davies. Tickets cost £26.00 each and dress code is lounge suits. Tickets, and all other information, are available from the Club Treasurer, Geoff Haydock at 78 Carrington Road, Chorley, PR7 2DQ or telephone 01257