

## Chairman's Report

Heapey continues to be a great place to live and I would like to thank the Council Members and Clerk for all their work during the year.

We are looking forward to the Spring to see the results of the bulb planting recently carried out by Myerscough College Students and, if this proves successful, will be looking to repeat the planting in other areas of the village.

On behalf of the Parish Council I would like to wish all residents a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

*Julia Berry*

## Recycling

**With Christmas approaching residents are asked to recycle as much as they can.**

The large amounts of cardboard packaging from presents will be collected by Chorley Council, as will the empty wine, spirit and beer bottles, cans and paper and, don't forget, many supermarkets offer Christmas card recycling facilities.

Lancashire has one of the best recycling rates in the country but large amounts of plastics still go to landfill because we are unsure which can be recycled - so here is a quick guide (not a comprehensive list so check packaging for the recyclable sign). Lancashire currently has facilities for recycling the following categories of plastics:



PET (polyethylene terephthalate) - fizzy drinks bottles, oven ready meal trays



HDPE (high density polyethylene) - bottles for milk and washing-up liquids



PVC (polyvinyl chloride) - food trays, cling film, squash bottles, mineral water, shampoo

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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.

Members of the public are welcome to attend all Council meetings.

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## Lancashire Constabulary



It's the time of year for opportunistic thieves again. Take care of the gifts you buy this Christmas. Don't leave them on view in your vehicle - lock them in the boot, and ensure your vehicle is secure at all times. Also, once you get them home keep them out of sight and ensure your doors and windows are locked. It only takes a second for a thief to enter a house through an unlocked door and steal property.

We will soon have the problems of icy roads - please slow down and don't drive too close to the vehicle in front of you. When defrosting your cars, do not leave engines running and the vehicle unattended. Most insurance companies won't pay out on thefts of cars stolen in this way!

Finally, whilst on the subject of motoring, please enjoy your Christmas but remember, if you intend to celebrate, please leave your car at home - **Don't drink and drive!**

**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  
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## Red Lion

We were very pleased to hear the Red Lion will be open during the Festive period and would like to extend a warm welcome to Beth Worrall, who is taking charge temporarily.

## Bulb Planting

**Students and Lecturers from Myerscough College have planted 2500 English Bluebell bulbs, purchased by the Parish Council, and a couple of sacks of Daffodil bulbs in the grass verges at the Millennium Way entrance to the village.**

Our thanks go to all who took part, with a special mention to Heapey Resident and Lecturer at Myerscough, Jon Hoole, for making the arrangements, and providing one of the sacks of Daffodil bulbs.

We look forward to seeing the fruits of their labours in the Spring.

## Pavement Clearing

As a result of the Parish Council's request Lancashire County Council has 'reclaimed' the pavement on Blackburn Road by Black Lion Field. Years of overgrowth has been scraped from the surface where both the grass verge and the hedge had crept onto the pavement. It is quite staggering to see just how wide the pavement actually is now.

## Parking Restrictions

Lancashire County Council is consulting on proposals for additional parking restrictions around the junctions of Kenyon Lane with Blackburn Road and Millbrook Close and Blackburn Road with Victoria Street, Wheelton and along a couple of short stretches of Victoria Street.

Details have been advertised on site and in the local press and anyone wishing to comment should write to LCC, Environment Directorate, Legal Support Team, Winckley House, Cross Street, Preston, PR1 8RD. (quoting ref: HEM/TRO/9/40/CJS) before 11 January 2010.

## Carol Singing

Come along and join Parish Councillors from Heapey and Wheelton to sing Carols around the Christmas Tree at 5.30pm on Christmas Eve at the Clock Tower, Wheelton. Following the Carols light refreshments will be served and a collection will be made on behalf of Heapey and Wheelton War Memorial Trust.

## Internet Access

**The Parish Council has received mixed messages regarding the quality of internet connections throughout the village and would like to see if anything can be done to improve the lot of some of our residents who don't enjoy broadband connection.**

If you currently have problems, which are linked to the actual service as opposed to your equipment, please let the Councillors or Clerk know. Conversely, also let us know if you currently enjoy a decent connection and tell us who your service provider is - between us we may be able to offer some advice or assistance to those less fortunate.

## White Coppice Cricket Club

New Players for the 2010 season are welcome for our Senior and Under 15's and Under 17's teams. Under 15's must be under 15 years of age, and Under 17's under 17 years of age, on 31 August 2009 to play during the 2010 season. Indoor net sessions start mid April - contact Club Secretary, Cindy Dixon, on 01257 410130 for details.

Non-playing members are also welcome. For details of membership contact Geoff Haydock on 01257 274241.

## Village Hall

Thank you to everyone who attended the Halloween Disco - your support is appreciated.