



PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

July 2016

Dear parishioners and fellow councillors.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all the people who spend their time volunteering in our community—they are the people that help make Wheulton a pleasant place to live and work. A big thank you to you all!

This year sees the Centenary of the battle of the Somme, July 1 to November 18, 1916, one of the 'bloodiest' battles of any conflict and it is a poignant time to reflect on young lives lost. As we often reflect, during the Remembrance Day service in November, let us never forget that many gave their lives "for our tomorrow".

Too often we criticise LCC and Chorley Council and rightly so if they are not doing what is legally required but on this occasion we should praise them for maintaining the 24 bus service of an evening. Whilst the 24A is a limited service it has been subsidised by Chorley Council and does provide public transport where needed. Remember, if we don't use it, we may lose this service!

Safety throughout the Parish is particularly important to us all - safe passage for residents, bus services and emergency vehicles so they and you can reach your chosen destination and that cars are parked safely and considerately not forcing pedestrians to have to walk in the road.

Unfortunately, we are having a spate of dog fouling throughout the parish. Clearly, if caught by Dog Wardens, owners could potentially face up to a £1000 fine. Particular problem areas include the green opposite the Village Hall, where there are signs prohibiting exercising of dogs, Whins Lane, the walkway from Millbrook Close to Victoria Street and along the bypass. Last time we had such an outbreak in the area Chorley Council used CC TV to help prosecute some residents. We also know that many of these issues occur during the hours of darkness, so we would ask residents to be vigilant.

I thank all my councillor colleagues for the time they put into our community on your behalf.

May I on behalf of the Parish Council wish you a restful and hopefully warm summer?

Terry Dickenson Chairman

Dog fouling is becoming a nuisance again in all parts of Wheelton

This unwanted activity by irresponsible dog owners can lead to a fine. Non-payment of the £75* fine can lead to court action. Remember it is not the dog that is irresponsible! Please clean up after your dog and bin the offending item.



But, fortunately, 99% of dog owners in Wheelton are responsible and do clean up after their pets. As already highlighted in a previous article some irresponsible owners use the cover of darkness to try to escape detection and prosecution-that may change soon, so watch this space.

To all those responsible owners, thank you; to those who are not plans are afoot to deploy CCTV.

Coun Paul Walmsley, who tackles dog fouling for Chorley Council, said: "We work very closely with our PCSO colleagues to clamp down on dog fouling because it is clearly something our residents tell us is a real problem. The vast majority of dog owners are responsible and do clean up after their pets. It is just a few extremely selfish and irresponsible ones who allow their dogs to foul and don't clean it up. ***"

* Chorley Council Fixed penalty

** Extract from article from 2015

Jobs in the garden for June

Hoe borders to keep down weeds
Position summer hanging baskets outside
Mow the lawn once a week
Plant out summer bedding
Stake tall or floppy plants
Shade greenhouses to keep them cool



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1st Wheelton Brownies



1st Wheelton Brownies have been enjoying learning about the different cultures around the World. This included, making Rockie Road from America, making a Chinese Drum and learning a new international song and dance. We have also been busy on unit activities including Mother's Day and Easter Crafts

We have recently been for a Nature Walk around the village and canal and are currently undertaking challenges as part of the Mission Spectacular Senior Section Challenge. Senior Section is for girls and Young Women aged between 14 – 26 and this Section is a 100 years old in 2016.

We have taken part in Heapey Moor District St Georges Day Service and look forward to taking part in other District Events.

Nikki, aka Tawny Owl and her husband welcomed into the world in January, Joshua and Lily and after 3 months maternity leave she is now back working within the Unit. Congratulations and best wishes to you all.

Our Unit Helper, Simone, has decided she would like to become more involved within the Unit and is now a Leader in Training, welcome Simone, aka Elf Owl

If there are any girls, aged 7 – 10 who would like to join the Brownie Adventure and placed on the waiting list, as places are limited, please contact Jacqueline Berry, jberry.brownie@hotmail.co.uk

We are looking to set up a Rainbow Unit in Wheelton, for those girls aged between 5 – 7 years old, who currently have to travel into Chorley to enjoy the fun of Rainbows. However, to do this we need volunteers to help run the Unit. If you are interested in your daughter becoming a Rainbow or would like to Volunteer to help, please contact Jacqueline Berry, jberry.brownie@hotmail.co.uk

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Forthcoming Dates of the Parish Council

Meetings are held on Mondays at 8.00pm in Wheelton Village Hall



No meeting in August
5 September 2016
3 October 2016
7 November 2016
5 December 2016
9 January 2017

Public participation is welcomed, just contact the Clerk at least 14 days prior to the meeting so that the matter you wish to raise can be researched and added to the agenda.

Advertising in the Newsletter

We are seriously looking at ways of raising revenue for the Play Ground (Trust) and are considering, for the first time, advertising by local businesses in the Parish Newsletter.

What's your view on this?

If you have any ideas you would like to share whether for or against then please can you contact the Clerk or email tdickenson@tesco.net
If we can help in any way we will!

Are you a member of a local club and would like to have a write up of club events or forthcoming events? Please advise the Clerk so that we can include something in the next edition.

Latest update about temporary change to emergency department at Chorley Hospital

The Emergency Department at Chorley Hospital was temporarily replaced by an Urgent Care Centre on 18 April 2016. Staffed by a wide range of medical professionals, the centre is able to provide a variety of treatments for many minor injuries, and residents of Chorley and the surrounding areas can access this service whilst plans are being put in place for the reinstatement of the emergency department.

The urgent care centre is able to treat:

- Minor nose bleeds
- Minor cuts, bites and stings
- Burns and scalds
- Infections (including abscesses)
- Foreign bodies in wounds, ears and noses
- Muscular sprains and strains to shoulders, arms and legs
- Fractures to shoulders, arms, legs & ribs
- Dislocations of fingers, thumbs and toes
- Minor eye conditions including conjunctivitis and foreign bodies
- Minor chest, neck and back injuries
- Minor head injuries with no loss of consciousness or alcohol-related
- Minor allergic reactions
- Some minor ailments such as coughs, colds, flu symptoms, sore throat, earache, urinary tract infections and sinusitis
- Diarrhoea / constipation
- The UCC can also provide emergency contraception

The centre is open 8am to 8pm, seven days a week. Outside of these hours, patients should phone 111 for advice or 999 in a life-threatening emergency. The change has happened because Lancashire Teaching Hospitals doesn't have enough of the right type of doctor to safely staff its emergency departments.

Professor Mark Pugh, Consultant Anaesthetist and Medical Director of Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust said, "We are continuing to do everything we can to recruit and retain the additional

staff required to reinstate the emergency department at Chorley in a safe and sustainable manner.

“Whilst recruitment activities are ongoing, along with our partner agencies we’ve mobilised the urgent care service. We have made changes at Royal Preston Hospital to accommodate any additional patients and we will continue to provide safe and effective care.”

Discussions continue to take place to ensure the safe and timely reinstatement of the emergency department. The System Resilience Group (SRG) met again this week to agree the staffing position that needs to be achieved to deliver a safe and sustainable service and enable the reinstatement of the department at Chorley Hospital. 14 middle grade doctors are needed to safely staff the emergency department. It has been agreed that the department can be reinstated once Lancashire Teaching Hospitals has a workforce that consists of at least 10 permanent staff, with the gaps covered by locums who have successfully completed a trial period. These requirements will ensure a safe and sustainable service can be delivered, and there is enough capacity to respond to changes in the workforce.

Professor Pugh added: “When these staffing levels have been reached, there will need to be a short period of testing the stability of that workforce. Once we are confident the level can be sustained, we will be able to plan for the reinstatement of the emergency department at Chorley Hospital.”

Dr Dinesh Patel, Clinical Chair of Greater Preston Clinical Commissioning Group and member of the System Resilience Group said: “The SRG is liaising weekly with Lancashire Teaching Hospitals and other stakeholders to gain assurances that the process for recruiting staff and reinstating the emergency department at Chorley Hospital is progressing. We want to see the emergency department reinstated as soon as possible, but we will ensure that it is only reinstated when the agreed level of staffing can be sustained.”

For more information about the temporary change, visit:

www.lancsteachinghospitals.nhs.uk/temporary-changes-to-chorley-emergency-department

Meals on Wheels



Chorley Council has teamed up with a local company, Lancashire Fayre, to provide a Meals on Wheels Service seven days a week. It includes a hot meal delivery and assistance with small jobs, such as taking rubbish bags out and posting letters. There is also a “Safe & Sound” check available where relatives can be contacted to let them know all is well. The cost of a main meal and dessert is £4.25 and Chorley Council will subsidise up to 3 of these meals per week to reduce the cost to £3.65 per meal. There are certain eligibility criteria to qualify for the subsidised service.

For further details contact; Lancashire Fayre – 01257 367630
Chorley Council 01257 515151

Be a know it all

Find out what's really happening in your area - receive regular crime updates, information on road closures and learn about what your local neighbourhood policing team is doing.

In The Know is the free messaging service brought to you by Lancashire Police where you decide when and how you are kept informed about the issues that matter to you.

Visit: www.stayintheknow.co.uk

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New early diagnosis dementia campaign

A new Lancashire-wide campaign has been launched to raise awareness about the early signs of dementia and encourage people to visit their GP for a memory check.

The campaign is aimed at friends and relatives who may have noticed changes in the memory or behaviour of someone they know, to help them spot the signs and start a conversation. It is being delivered by Lancashire County Council and is supported by Alzheimer's Society.

Cllr Azhar Ali, Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing at Lancashire County Council said: 'We all misplace things from time to time, forget names or have changes in our mood. But this campaign is about helping people notice if it is beginning to disrupt everyday life, and letting them know that the sooner they get it checked out the better.

"It can be difficult to start a conversation with someone if you are concerned that they may be showing signs of dementia or other memory related condition. But those who get help earlier have a better quality of life for longer, so it's important that they go to their GP at the earliest sign of any problems."

Dr Sakthi Karunanithi, Director of Public Health and Wellbeing, added:

"There are currently over 10,000 people in Lancashire who have been diagnosed with dementia, but it is estimated that the actual number of people with the condition is much higher. These are people who may have dementia but are not aware of it and therefore are not getting support to help them live well with the condition."

For more information, advice and support visit www.lancashire.gov.uk/dementia

Don't forget to check our website
www.heapeyandwheelton.org

Switchers save hundreds of pounds

People across Chorley are saving hundreds of pounds a year on their household fuel bills thanks to a service being run by Chorley Council. The council launched its energy switch advice service in June 2014 and since then 286 people have switched energy supplier saving a total of £69,871. One person saved an amazing £603 a year just by switching supplier, and the average saving to customers who have switched is £244.50 a year.

Councillor Graham Dunn, who oversees people's welfare for Chorley Council, said: "This free service we offer really is helping people make great savings on their annual energy costs as these figures are showing. Residents are realising more and more that there are savings to be had by switching energy supplier - according to the independent energy watchdog Ofgem the number of households who switched their energy supplier rose by 15 per cent in 2015. However, not everyone feels confident enough to go through what may seem to be quite a complicated process, which is why we launched our service. We have an independent advisor who will 'hand hold' people through the whole process, find the right tariff for their needs and will help them to switch supplier if they choose to do so."

The scheme, partially funded by Lancashire County Council through its Affordable Warmth Grant, also operates a call-back system to make sure the switch goes smoothly and so should there be any issues at all, they can be resolved quickly and easily. For those people who want to learn more about the internet and to find out how to switch, the council's advisor can teach them which sites to use with confidence and help them get the best deals using their own laptop or tablet.

Appointments are available at the council's Union Street offices on a Monday and Tuesday. Councillor Dunn added: "I would urge people to give us a call on 01257 515151 or email contact@chorley.gov.uk and book an appointment - it costs you nothing but an hour of your time and it could save you a fortune on your energy bills!"

Bin Collections

From the end of March food waste can no longer be composted with garden waste in the brown bin and will need to go in the green refuse bin. This is because as Lancashire County Council seeks to make savings, the indoor composting facility at Farington Waste Technology Park which uses a controlled temperature necessary to kill bacteria in food is closing.

The garden waste collected in your brown bin doesn't need this high temperature treatment and will now be taken to an outdoor composting facility. LCC's figures show that of the mixed food and garden waste collected, less than 2% is food and therefore expense of treating food waste compared with garden waste cannot be justified. The waste facility at Farington operated on LCC's behalf is remaining open but will no longer process garden waste and refuse. Chorley Council will continue to deliver its waste to the facility but it will be transferred elsewhere for treatment.

Stickers about the changes to food waste collections will be distributed by the Council's waste contractor Veolia from 7 March for a fortnight on brown bins presented for collection advising residents of this change. Information will also go on our website and via social media.



Don't forget to check our website
www.heapeyandwheelton.org

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