



PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



December 2016

Dear villagers, friends and fellow councillors.

The Council would like to take this opportunity of thanking all the people who volunteer in our community-they are the people that help make Wheelton a pleasant place to live, work and play.

We have been very fortunate in having the support of Chorley Council to help provide low level 'marking' lights on the cobbled walkway leading up from Victoria Street. This will help provide unobtrusive lighting throughout the dark nights of winter. Well done Chorley.

Wheelton Parish Council prides itself on working with residents but two key concerns need to be brought to your attention. We still have a significant number of people parking their vehicles on double yellow lines-please be warned that there is a move afoot for the Police and local authority Parkwise service to spend more time in the villages particularly in the evening and weekends. Don't say you haven't been warned!

Similarly of concern are the number of residents who park their vehicles on the Village Hall Car Park, which is NOT a public car park-it is for bona fide users of the village hall. Car parking is a problem because most households have more than one car BUT as one local reminded us all recently "you would have to be blind not to see that there isn't space for all the cars. You know when you buy a house here that is the situation!" If anyone would like to come to a Parish Council meeting to discuss any of the above points you would be made welcome.

I can confirm that because of prompting by our own Chorley Councillors we have secured 1000 Daffodil Bulbs to enhance the area. Hopefully they will be all planted by the time you read this newsletter.

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 Merry Christmas and peaceful New Year?

Terry Dickenson Chairman

“The Village Tearoom at Wheelton”

Martyn & Jackie and all the team at the Village Tearoom at Wheelton wish all our customers a very Merry Christmas & a very peaceful and prosperous New Year.

We look forward to serving you once again with our complimentary homemade Christmas Cake & Mulled Wine on Christmas Eve during the Carol Service around the Clock Tower.



Jobs in the garden for December

You can plant over wintering onion sets, Broad Beans and Garlic. December is a good chance for you to prepare your soil, clear weeds and add organic matter to your soil before winter sets in.

Collect any fallen leaves from your garden especially your lawn, as they act as a blanket that may encourage moss, bag them up and use them as leaf mould next year.

Remember to feed the birds in your garden and provide fresh water.



1st Wheelton Brownies

1st Wheelton Brownies have certainly been on a Brownie Adventure since June 2016.

We have joined other members of Heapey Moor District in our Annual Sports Day held at David Lloyd Sports Centre and more recently on a rather wet and windy Sunday in October an Activity Day where the Brownies undertake activities such as grass sledging, crate building and big games. A brilliant day, but can we have it in summer please.

Some members of the Brownie Unit have gone onto Guides and we welcome 6 new members to 1st Wheelton Brownies and are pleased to welcome a Young Leader to the Unit, who was once a Brownie with us.

The Brownies have been working on the Senior Section Mission Spectacular Challenge Badge, which was a celebration of Senior Section, girls aged between 14 - 25 years old, as they celebrate 100 years since they were formed. The Brownies learnt the uniforms they wore at the beginning and have undertaken challenges that this age group have done over the 100 years. Well done, Brownies

We are actively involved in the village and have taken part in Heapey and Wheelton's Remembrance Service at the Clock Tower, War Memorial and we will be providing the tableau for the Nativity Scene on Christmas Eve for Carols Round the Tree.

We do currently have limited spaces available, and if your daughter is aged between 7 and 10 and would like to join in the Brownie Adventure within 1st Wheelton Brownies, please contact:

Jacqueline Berry, on jberry.brownie@gmail.co.uk

Although we have had many enquiries for girls to join Rainbows, we are still requiring volunteers to help run this unit. If anyone is interested, please contact Jacqueline Berry.

Forthcoming Dates of the Parish Council

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



9 January 2017
6 February 2017
6 March 2017
3 April 2017
8 May 2017
5 June 2017
3 July 2017
No meeting in August

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.

Heapey and Wheelton Parish Council

invite all residents to

Carols around the Tree

At

The War Memorial/Clock Tower, Wheelton



5.30pm

24 December 2016

Come along and enjoy the magic of
Christmas,

mince pies and soft drink/sherry

ADVANCE NOTICE!

Heapey and Wheelton Easter Egg Treasure Trail

The village hall committee are planning an Easter Egg Treasure Trail event on Saturday/Sunday 25/26 March 2017. The trail will start and finish at the village hall where light refreshments will be available. The Treasure Trail will be open to all families and every child entering will receive an Easter Egg for completing the course. There will be further opportunities to win additional prizes for other competitions explained on the day. The charge will be £5 per family of 4, (2 adults and 2 children) and an extra £1 for every additional child.

This letter is to publicise this event and to ask that you put the date into your diary now!

The object of the trail is for each family taking part, to travel around the villages following the trail instructions and make a note of all the named and numbered exhibits found along the way. All the exhibits will be depicting something relating to Eggs!

You can help to make this event a success in a variety of ways. Obviously, firstly you can enter the Treasure Trail competition but there are other ways also. The committee needs volunteers to make the 'egg' exhibits. They need to be large enough to be seen by those walking the trail and can depict anything concerning eggs, can be a play on words contains the word 'egg' or things that you can do with 'eggs'. The exhibits should be colourful, artistic, or/and humourous and the funnier or cryptic they are, the better. They will be displayed outside in most cases, so must be resistant to bad weather..

Other help will be needed at the village hall to help with refreshments etc.

So put your thinking caps on and prepare to get involved in this eggstraordinary, eggstravaganza and make this an eggsellent affair!

Hoping that you and your family will take part.

Let's make this a 'crackin event.

More information after Christmas but please put the date in your diary.

The Village Hall Committee

Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall Committee

**Grand Easter Egg
Treasure Trail**



Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 March 2017

11.00 am to 3.00 pm

Starts and Finishes at the Village Hall

Family Tickets - £5 for 2 Adults and 2 Children (11 yrs or under)

£1 for every additional child

EVERY CHILD TAKING PART RECEIVES AN EASTER EGG

MORE COMPETITIONS AND PRIZES AT THE EVENT

Join the Village Hall Committee for this
'EGGSTRAORDINARY', 'EGGSTRAVAGANZA'

Fracking - the debate.

Wheelton Parish Council invited local Parish Councils to two meetings on the issues regarding Fracking in the area.

We were fortunate to have two separate presentations, one by Frack Free Chorley and the other by Cuadrilla (although they will not be drilling in our area, it's another company).

The first of the meetings concentrated on the potential dangers to the environment, infrastructure post fracking and farming. The second meeting addressed technical issues including earth tremors and monitoring. Both groups presented their cases in a professional way but as you can imagine there exists now contradictory arguments.

We as a Council have to balance up both sides of the argument to come to a logical viewpoint. Since these presentations took place Central Government has issued licences for Fracking in Yorkshire and more importantly for us, in Lancashire.

We will keep residents informed of any developments on this matter as soon as we get to know.

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

Don't forget to check our new website
www.wheeltonparishcouncil.org

Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall Committee

Registered Charity No. 315631

The village hall committee would like to remind all residents that their car-park is solely for use for those attending a function at the village hall. It is NOT a public car-park.



If you are someone using the car-park when not attending a village hall function, please refrain from doing so in the future and find yourself an alternative place to park.

Thank you.

New Website

As part of the new transparency regulations Wheelton Parish Council were awarded a grant for a new website. The transparency regulations are intended to make the business of Parish Councils more visible to the public. The new Website is now up and running and local groups wishing to be included in it are requested to contact the Clerk with their details. Check it out, we hope it will provide all sorts of interesting information.

www.wheeltonparishcouncil.org

Contact your Clerk: Mrs Joanne Carr.
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17 Higher Meadow, Clayton-le-Woods,
Leyland, PR25 5RJ



The Heapey and Wheelton War Memorial Trust would like to thank residents for their donations at the Joint Remembrance Service. A total of £98.30 was raised for the up keep of the Memorial. Once again, thank you.

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