

PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



December 2017

Dear villagers, friends and fellow councillors.

It has become apparent that both LCC and Chorley have cut some services, this of course is unfortunate. However, we are pleased to report that Chorley Council has helped subsidise the evening and weekend bus service 24A to ensure the route is maintained in our parish for the 2017/18 year. A request has now been received from the Council for the Parish to subsidise this provision for 2018/19 which would have to be added to the Precept request.

We are looking to replace a worn out piece of equipment on the playground and have already secured a grant from Adactus Housing BIG fund.

Wheulton Parish Council prides itself on working with residents but a key concern needs 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!

Hopefully you have noticed this past year all the Daffodils in the area, this was done with the help of our local Borough Councillors who secured two large bags of bulbs. A big thank you to the Parish Councillors who took on the task of planting in such large numbers. Additional bulbs have been offered this year. Please contact the Clerk if you could assist in this task this year.

2018 sees the Centenary of cessation of World War 1 hostilities and we will be marking this important time, so watch this space!

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

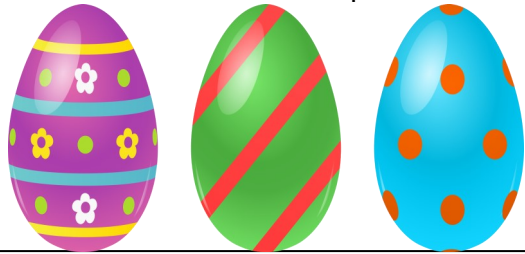
May I on behalf of the Parish Council wish you a Merry Christmas and peaceful New Year?

Terry Dickenson
Chair

Stop Press

Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall are planning another "Easter Egg Extravaganza Treasure Trail" on the weekend of the 10 and 11 March 2018. Please note these dates in your diary! Further information will be available in the New Year. Watch local press for more details or visit the Village Hall website at heapeyandwheeltonvillagehall.org.

The Village Hall Committee would like to hear from anyone interested in making an exhibit for the event or willing to help in any way to make the event a success. Please make contact via the website and mark for the attention of pat Dickenson. Thank you.



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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.

Memories from the Memorial Gardens

One of the names on the War Memorial is Cecil Chadwick. Cecil was born in 1896 and attended the local school. When he left school his work involved making coffins in the village and it was for this reason that, when he joined up, he was selected to be a Sapper in the Royal Engineers.

His Father and Mother, Herbert and Mary Chadwick lived in the village, indeed Herbert was the headmaster of the school and was a member of the committee which raised money for the war memorial. His mother, Mary, was also a teacher at the village school. One of their three sons, Cecil, was killed in the Battle of Passchendaele on 29th September 1917.

Cecil joined the 54th Field Company, part of the 7th Division, and, after training, embarked for France in May 1915. He fought in most of the major battles on the Western Front including the Somme where on the first day near Mametz his Company had to cut our wire before the infantry went "over the top" and then put up wire to consolidate land gained at the end of the day. On the first day of the Somme he was within a few hundred yards of Siegfried Sassoon. In 1916 he was slightly wounded in the thigh. Eventually in September 1917 the 7th Division was moved to the Ypres salient and billeted at Scottish Wood, just south of the town. When Polygon Wood was finally taken, on 27th September the Division was allocated an adjacent section of the front ready for the next attack on 4th October which had no tracks to move supplies to it. The Company started work near Hooze under constant shellfire in a sea of mud to construct a track. On the 29th Cecil and two colleagues were killed by enemy fire.

Cecil's great nephew, Jon Dowick recently visited Flanders and attended the daily Last Post ceremony at the Menin Gate which was attended by hundreds of people. There was a Dutch choir and a Scottish piper to create a great atmosphere. Jon laid a wreath there and also placed a cross by the grave of an unknown soldier at Hooze Crater cemetery. Jon reported that he was almost certain that his remains lie in Hooze Crater Cemetery on the Menin Road but he has no known grave and his name appears on the list of the missing at Tyne Cot as well as the war memorial in Wheelton.



Forthcoming Dates of the Parish Council

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



8 January 2018
5 February 2018
5 March 2018
9 April 2018
14 May 2018
4 June 2018
2 July 2018
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 2017

Come along and enjoy the magic of
Christmas,
mince pies and soft drink/sherry

KEEP IT CLEAN, KEEP IT GREEN

New anti-litter campaign says a community effort is needed to protect our local countryside. Gloves on and bin bags in hand—its time to clean up the land.

Litter continues to scar our rural landscape and it is costing taxpayers almost £1billion every year to clean up the mess. Its time to do something about it and we can all help.

Keep it Clean, Keep it Green is a new initiative that encourages local residents and businesses to do their bit to protect their neighbourhoods. The idea is simple—when you are out walking, take a bin bag with you, fill it with any rubbish you find and dispose of it properly.

Started in Heapey, Chorley by local resident and business owner, Carmen Bowely, the community anti-litter scheme is now being rolled out to other local parishes. Like so many of us, Carmen was sick of the sight of rubbish needlessly strewn in laybys, fields and on footpaths. Now whenever she is out walking her dog, she litter-picks and is encouraging other walkers to do the same. She says:

“My husband and I quickly reached the point where we were coming home with a bag full of rubbish from every walk and realised that we cannot do this alone: a community effort is needed to keep our countryside clean, green and free of litter. It angers me that people are walking, driving and cycling through our beautiful areas, and leaving their waste behind. It shouldn't be down to us to clean up their mess, but if we don't who will?”

So let's all come together as a community to protect our beautiful surroundings!.

Litter in numbers

- Local councils spend almost £1billion every year on cleaning up litter.
- 150,000+ sacks of litter are cleared from motorways and major A roads each year by Highways England. That's 411 bags every day!
- Hundreds of lives are put at risk in collisions caused by items thrown from car windows, which often land in the carriageway or on windscreens.
- Thousands of car tyre punctures are caused by sharp items
- The RSPCA receives 7,000 calls a year about litter-related incidents, from badger cubs with plastic can holders embedded in their necks to hedgehogs with their heads wedged in empty tins.
- If not collected, a plastic bottle can take 450 years to biodegrade.

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

1st Wheelton Brownies



1st Wheelton Brownies are continuing to work on their Brownie Adventure Challenges and have gained their Brownie world culture badges. We are currently working towards various interest badge and learning new skills.

We have enjoyed a fun filled day at Guy's Farm, Forton, joining other Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Leaders celebrating its 30th birthday. Some of the Brownies got the chance to aim for "bullseye" whilst doing Archery and some had a go at Ice Skating and having their face painted.

The Brownies joined with 1st Wheelton Guides to attend the village's Remembrance Service at The Clock Tower in Wheelton.

Our big Brownie adventure has been a sleepover at Charnock Richard Scout Hut where we celebrated Christmas early, including a Christmas Dinner. We made a christmas centre piece for the dining table, painted a decoration for the Christmas Tree and made snowflakes. We also learnt how to make toast, prepare potatoes, carrots and a fruit salad and we also made ginger bread biscuits. In amongst all this fun, we found we needed to work together to put sleeping bags back in their carry bag. We earned 3 badges during our Sleepover, namely Cook, Craft and my 1st Brownie Sleepover.

We will be taking our usual part as tableau for the nativity scene on Christmas Eve at Carols Round the Tree.

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1st Wheelton Brownies



At the moment we have a few places available within 1st Wheelton Brownies. If your daughter is aged between 7 - 10 years old and is interested in joining in the fun or just trying it for a couple of weeks, then please contact Brown Owl, Jacqueline Berry on 07834 069562 or berry.brownie@gmail.com. If your daughter is not quite 7 but is interested, then still please make contact.

Key contacts in case of Flooding

- If there is an immediate risk to life or you are trapped by floodwater call 999.
- To report a flood incident or have concerns your property may be immediately at risk of flooding: Call the Floodline Service on 0345 988 1188.
- If the flooding is from highway drainage, surface water, groundwater or watercourses:
 - Call Lancashire County Council - 0300 123 6780
 - Call Environment Agency - 0345 988 1188.
- If the flooding is from sewers or burst water mains contact your water provider:
 - Call United Utilities - 0345 6723 723.
 - Call Yorkshire Water - 0800 57 3553.

For regular updates on the weather:

www.gov.uk/environment-agency, www.facebook.com/metoffice

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

Shelter please.....

Anyone who witnessed rainmageddon on Tuesday 5th September, and the bedraggled spectacle our scholars made whilst waiting for their buses to High school that morning will understand why an enquiry went in to Lancashire County Council and Chorley Borough Council to see if we could get some form of bus shelter to protect travelers waiting at the bus stop servicing the top of Victoria Street.

It turns out that Chorley Borough have the responsibility of providing and maintaining street furniture such as bus shelters and they are very keen to keep the bus travelling public as comfortable as possible in order to encourage use of public transport. A meeting to assess the location and discuss the potential of shelter provision was arranged for the 14th of September. The outcome of that meeting was agreement the pavement is broad enough to accommodate a shelter; a contractor was approached and has submitted a 'very competitive' quote to provide and install a shelter; funds have been allocated..... and if all goes to plan, we should see the new shelter installed late October/early November. Hopefully there won't be such inundation again before the shelter is in place, and we hope it will serve our community well for the foreseeable future.

This shows that some monies are available for projects to help and enhance our environment. The Parish Council is working on several fronts to secure funding to enhance the village centers; including refurbishment and augmentation of playground equipment. Acquiring and siting an AED (defibrillator) and placing of new benches and seating arrangements. Please contact the Parish Council with any suggestions or requests you may have to enhance this super little parish.

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