



PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

December 2015

Dear parishioners, friends and fellow councillors.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our Councillors and Clerk for all the sterling work they do on your behalf. The Council would like to thank all of the Committee and the helpers of the village hall for the excellent work they do in the community.

We have been approached to help organise with others a celebration for the cessation of hostilities, the centenary, of the end of the Great War. In principle we have agreed but of course between now and 2018 there will be council elections. I am sure whoever is on the council then will fully support this initiative.

Wheulton has been very lucky to have secured funding for the resetting of the walkway between Victoria Street and West View. We hope to have low level lighting installed to complete the project subject to funding. If you feel there is a need for some project work in your locality please let us know.

Throughout the year the parish council has been working hard as always to address a number of issues on your behalf. We continue to be actively involved in resolving problems regarding safety within the area. This includes safe passage throughout the village for residents, bus services and emergency vehicles so they and you can reach your chosen destination and that cars are parked safely and considerately.

Hopefully we will see many of you at Carols around the Tree on Christmas Eve at the War Memorial/Clock Tower. It is a unique occasion drawing hundreds to a really festive feel occasion.

Often we overlook thanking our young people, to them a special thanks because they are a credit to our community.

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

Terry Dickenson
Chair

Forthcoming Dates of the Parish Council

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



4 January 2016
1 February 2016
7 March 2016
4 April 2016
9 May 2016
6 June 2016

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An interesting observation!

Do I have the right to Park outside my own house?

What The Law Says

As long as your vehicle is taxed and you are not contravening any other traffic laws, you are allowed to park anywhere on a public highway (but not on footpaths/pavements) where it is legal to do so.

Parking Outside Your Own House

Etiquette, good manners and common sense are the main ingredients in avoiding parking disputes. Most people would choose to park outside their own home anyway because of the convenience, but what if you have more than one vehicle belonging to a single property and there are no driveways or you have a driveway but there is only enough room for one car?

No Automatic Right to Park Outside Your Home

Basically, it's an unwritten 'rule' that people will generally tend to park outside their own home but it's important to note that **no one has an automatic right to do so**. It's not always possible and, in addition to residents, other road users also have the right to park outside your home providing they are not contravening the Highway Code.

The Council has written on this issue before-Do you remember?

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

Spot scams!

It could be a scam if:

The call, letter, email or text has arrived unexpectedly.

You've never heard of the lottery or competition they are talking about and didn't buy a ticket.

They are asking you to send money in advance.

You're being urged to respond quickly so you don't get time to think about it or talk to family and friends.

They are telling you to keep it a secret.

Stop scams!

CHECK unexpected calls, letters, and online contacts with someone you trust.

GET ADVICE the Citizens Advice Consumer Service 03454 04 05 06 can provide advice and pass details on to trading standards.

REPORT scams or suspected scams to Action Fraud 0300 123 2040 or visit www.actionfraud.police.uk.

TELL a friend, neighbour or relative about any scams you become aware of.

Scammers use speed, surprise and secrecy to catch you out. Take time to talk about scams...

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Heapey and Wheelton Parish Council

invite all residents to

Carols around the Tree

At

The War Memorial/Clock Tower, Wheelton



5.30pm
24 December 2015

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

Please put the right stuff in the right bin!

RESIDENTS in Chorley are being urged to double check the items they put out for recycling as part of a drive by Chorley Council to ensure the 'right stuff' goes in the 'right bin'. This is because loads could be rejected at the recycling plant in Farington if they are 'contaminated' by non-recyclable household waste being placed incorrectly in blue bins, or if items are not sorted correctly. On average the majority of items are correctly sorted and recycled, however recent checks have revealed a number of items wrongly put in the blue recycling bin such as wood, cardboard, textiles, black bags, food waste, toys, CDs and DVDs, batteries, nappies and furniture and ceramics.

Councillor Adrian Lowe, who oversees waste management for Chorley Council, said: "We have an excellent recycling record in Chorley, thanks to everyone's efforts. However, we've found that the number of wrong items being placed in the wrong bin is on the increase. This has not really been an issue before as, unless the bin is badly contaminated with non-recyclable stuff, it has been emptied as usual. But recently rules have tightened which means that the recycling plant could reject loads that are contaminated which would ultimately have an impact on the cost of collections."

The council believes that the reason for increased levels of contamination could be because the current collection system has been in place for six years and most residents believe they know what can be recycled in their blue bin; and the high levels of house building in the area has brought in more residents who may not be aware of what materials are collected for recycling. Most people are aware that the blue bin is for plastic bottles, glass bottles and jars and food and drinks tins. But not all plastics can be recycled, just those marked 1 or 2 which are plastic bottles - not yoghurt pots, butter or margarine cartons, plastic carrier bags or plastic toys. If in doubt, leave it out and instead put it in the green refuse bin which is for all other household rubbish, or take it to the Household Waste Recycling Centre at Lower Burgh."

A full list of items that can be recycled and details of which containers to use can be found on the council's website chorley.gov.uk/bins or you can call 01257 515151 for advice on waste and recycling.

1st Wheelton Brownies

1st Wheelton Brownies have certainly been on a Brownie Adventure since June 2015.

As previously noted, Nikki Sharples, went to Buckingham Palace Garden Party in July as part of North West England Regions Service Team. Nikki had a brilliant time showing guests around. She even met and spoke to Her Majesty The Queen, an honour itself, and other members of the Royal Family. Guiding friendships were formed across the team. A unique experience gained by Nikki through her being a member of Girlguiding.

Some members of the Brownie Unit have gone onto Guides and we welcome 4 new members to 1st Wheelton Brownies. Over the last few months some of the Brownies have been working towards their Traditions Badge and more importantly First Aid, where they learnt how to put someone into the Recovery Position, how to bandage and apply a sling and how to administer CPR. All lifesaving skills that we hope the Brownies will take with them throughout their adult life.

It has been a time for celebration and we are proud to say that our Unit Helper, Mrs Kathleen Berry, who has been a Leader and helper with 1st Wheelton Brownies for over 50 years, has been presented with her 50 Year Service Award to Girlguiding. Kathleen has also been nominated and accepted the position of a Vice President of Lancashire North West County. An honour itself, and testimony to the lifetime commitment Kathleen has given to 1st Wheelton Brownies and the surrounding area. Thank you.

We would also like to celebrate the following news:-

Snowy Owl – Caroline Smith and her boyfriend Stuart, have recently got engaged. Congratulations Caroline and we wish you and Stuart all the best.

Barn Owl – Nikki Sharples and her husband Ryan, are expecting twins due in the New Year. Congratulations Nikki and best wishes to you all at this wonderful time. I am sure there will be no shortage of offers of babysitters, when the Brownies get a bit older

If you are interested in helping or your daughter would like to join 1st Wheelton Brownies, please contact:

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

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!

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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.



Contacting Highways

In February 2015 Lancashire County Council approved the Highways Service Offer as part of the savings the service has to make to contribute to the overall £391 million savings that the county council needs to make.

One key saving was the removal of the Public Realm Manager role as well as an introduction of a new service response time to all highways enquiries; 20 working days.

Highways has been redesigned to work in a more integrated way, with a team based approach to dealing with issues, and to improve efficiencies the Highways Service has introduced a new online reporting tool 'Report It' which is available at www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads

This map based system is the quickest way that reports of defects and faults can be made and be received by the highways officer assigned to investigate / inspect and it is the single quickest way for those defects to be fixed.

The 3 communications channels are:

www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads, highways@lancashire.gov.uk or 0300 123 6780

On receipt of your email it will be allocated to the most appropriate officer dependent upon the nature of the communication. That officer will investigate and an update will be available within 20 working days. Reporting it online will enable you to track the report online.



Cycling is undergoing a renaissance, and with 2 gold medal winning cyclists living close by and the success of the Chorley Grand Prix the local cycling scene is booming. With quiet country lanes and rolling hills for those on road bikes and for mountain bikers there's an impressive network of bridle ways throughout the west Pennine moors and Healey nab with its red and black graded technical trails just under a mile away. but it is not just experienced riders who can enjoy cycling in the area, the canal tow path offers a flatter, traffic free, option for those who fancy a less challenging, but just as scenic ride.

Cycling is not only fun, but a great way to keep fit and if you can cycle for your commute then you also save money on fuel. Planning your own ride from Wheelton couldn't be easier, shorter rides of up to an hour can be had riding round Anglezark, Brindle or Hoghton, and for longer rides head north towards the Forrest of Bowland for challenging hills and beautifully rolling country roads. Head west towards Southport for flat country lanes through productive arable farmland.

Cyclists are a friendly bunch and there are many residents who ride who would be able to help you out with suggestions if you are just starting out, and provide advice on the best cake and coffee shops. Thanks to its location there are also regular rides organised through ride social that meet up at Brindle community hall that cater for cyclists of all abilities and will never leave a rider behind. You can find out more about these rides on goskyride.com. The mountain bike trails at Healey Nab are a community initiative developed and maintained by volunteers. To volunteer or help out on a 'dig' join the Facebook group 'I dig healey nab'.

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