

PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



December 2018

Chairman's Report

As always, the Parish Council has been working hard to address a number of key issues on behalf of residents. Chasing the County Council on issues such as road repairs, working with the Borough Council to protect services and developing facilities within the village. Increasingly planning strategy and pressure from central government to build on the green belt is posing a threat to the character of our village and the surrounding areas. As a council we comment on all plans and we try to make residents aware of any major plans or proposals via our notice boards and website. It is imperative that residents comment on such plans (which are published on Chorley councils planning page, with a link to comment on) in order to add collective weight to the views of residents to ensure we are heard. That spirit of collective is also what is required to help us preserve and develop a thriving community. We ask that should you have any ideas or suggestions to put before the Parish Council that you think could improve life in Wheelton then please contact the council.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who gives up their time to support events in the village whether they are organised through the Village Hall Committee such as the Easter eggstravaganza and the through the villages race, or the War Memorial Trust with the remembrance service and carols around the tree.

I would also like to thank all my councillor colleagues for their time, knowledge and hard-work that they put in on behalf of the community.

Matthew Harper
Chairman

You can help!

As you may be aware six of the trees and tall shrubs in the War Memorial grounds have had to be felled due to them being rotten and dangerous.

This is where you can help should you want!



We are looking at replacing the felled trees/shrubs by a business, individual or an organisation sponsoring one of these. The likely cost per tree is approx £50 and up to £30 per shrub. We are hoping to replace like with like.

If you feel you would like to be involved in this project please contact the Clerk to the Council, Mrs Joanne Carr or Councillor Terry Dickenson. Contact details for them are available at the end of this newsletter."

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Jobs in the garden for Winter

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.

Heapey and Wheelton Parish Council

invite all residents to

Carols around the Tree

At

The War Memorial/Clock Tower, Wheelton



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5.30pm

24 December 2018

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

Forthcoming Dates of the Parish Council

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



7 January 2019
4 February 2019
March 2019
April 2019
May 2019
June 2019
July 2019
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

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Advertising in the Newsletter

We are asking local businesses to consider advertising with us as all money raised will go towards the Playground Trust

If you have any ideas you would like to share whether for or against then please can you contact the Clerk or email tdickenson.td@gmail.com

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.

1st Wheelton Brownies



All change at 1st Wheelton Brownies

We have started our September meetings, which are now held on a Tuesday evening at Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall.

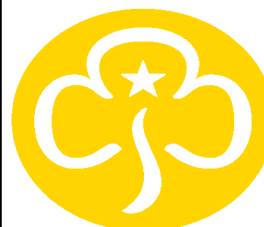
We have welcomed 10 new girls to the unit who have settled in very well and all have made their Promise as a Brownie and we will be saying goodbye to some Brownies who will soon be moving onto Guides.

Our leaders attended a Training Session in Chorley Town Hall for the new programme that has been rolled out nationally for all sections including Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers, giving the girls the choice of activities and badges they wish to pursue.

Our activities this term have included learning how to put up a tent indoors, apple ducking and even toasting marshmallows over a tealight. The Brownies would like to do this again, using different heating methods.

To mark the centenary of the ending of World War 1, we have made poppies to wear and made poppies out of pop bottles, which were arranged and placed on the steps of Heapey and Wheelton's Clock Tower War Memorial. We also took part in the Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service, together with 1st Wheelton Guides, Withnell St Pauls Scout Group and Wheelton and District Royal British Legion .

We have a limited number of spaces available at 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 jberry.brownie@gmail.com. If your daughter is not quite 7 but is interested, then still please make contact.



Girlguiding



Help Us Help You this winter

Winter is a challenging time for the NHS, with more people feeling unwell with seasonal illnesses and a rise in the number of people admitted to hospital. NHS and social care organisations across Chorley, South Ribble and Greater Preston are working together to prepare for this busy period, but there are some things you can do to Help Us Help You stay well this winter.

Protect your health in the cold

- Have the free flu jab if you are over 65, have a long term condition or are pregnant. Children aged 2, 3 and those in up to year 5 in school can also have a free flu nasal spray.
- If you start to feel unwell, even if it's a cough or cold, don't wait until it gets worse. Seek advice from a pharmacist.
- Make sure you have stocked up on your repeat prescriptions or medication during weekends and over the bank holidays.
- Keep warm by heating your home to at least 18C (65F).
Avoid visiting any loved ones who are in hospital if you are feeling unwell, particularly from suspected flu or the winter vomiting bug. Doing so will put your loved ones and other patients at risk.

Know which service to use

- If you need urgent medical advice or treatment, call NHS 111 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The trained operators can offer advice on the correct service to use.
- Visit your local pharmacy for advice on how best to treat minor ailments and injuries.
- Remember, GP practices across Chorley, South Ribble and Greater Preston are working together to offer additional weekday evening and weekend appointments. Phone your surgery to book an appointment, or call 111 out of hours.
- Urgent care centres are available 24/7 at Royal Preston Hospital and Chorley and South Ribble Hospital if you need urgent treatment but it is not a life-threatening emergency.

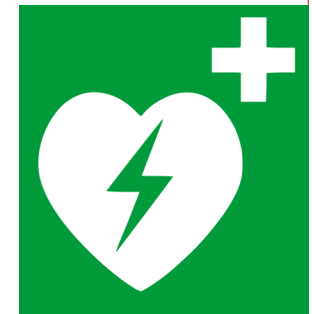
Be prepared for bad weather

- Keep an eye on severe weather warnings issued by the Met Office.
- Avoid slips trips and falls by wearing suitable footwear.
Look in on vulnerable relatives and neighbours during periods of bad weather.

For more information please visit www.nhs.uk/staywell.

DEFIBRILLATOR

The Parish Council, in conjunction with the Chorley Council Eastern Neighborhood Parishes have arranged the installation of a community use Defibrillator outside the Village Hall.



Although It is hoped that this will never need to be used, it will be available to be used in an Emergency whether the Village Hall was open or not and by anyone. The Parish Council are hoping to arrange training in the near future.

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.

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

What's on at Heapey and Wheelton Village Hall

<p><u>Nursery</u> Monday to Friday wheeltonnursery@live.co.uk Tel 01254 832120</p>	<p><u>Wheelton playgroup</u> Thursday 10:00-11:30 Tel 01254 832120</p>
<p><u>Wheelton Parish Council</u> 1st Monday of the month 8pm clerk@wheeltonparishcouncil.org 01772 454836</p>	<p><u>Cheryl's Dance Studio</u> Thursday evening www.facebook.com/Cheryls-Dance-Studios</p>
<p><u>Family FitBop</u> Monday 6:15 pm deldancer@hotmail.com 07753959446</p>	<p><u>Bolton baby sensory</u> Friday morning bolton@babysensory.co.uk</p>
<p><u>Pilates Exercise Angels</u> Tuesday 9:30am 07794 188199 ruth@exerciseangels.co.uk www.exerciseangels.co.uk</p>	<p><u>Buckshaw & Wheelton Goju Ryu Karate</u> Friday 7-8pm Facebook.com/buckshawkarate</p>
<p><u>1st Wheelton Brownies</u> Tuesday 6:00-7:30pm jberry.brownie@gmail.com</p>	<p><u>Post Office Services</u> Friday 2:15-4:15</p>
<p><u>Yogaflow</u> Wednesday 6:30-7:30pm Scott Tel: 07969 309055</p>	<p><u>Didikicks</u> lancashire@diddikicks.co.uk Tel 0800 061 4101 Sun 9:00-12:00</p>
<p><u>Gymini Crickets (coming soon)</u> Wednesday 9:30-10:15 Gymnastics based sports class for all your little ones that can walk but haven't started school yet. We jump, we run and wriggle all over the place. Find us on Face book.</p>	

Heard of the Priority Services Register?

United Utilities is the water and wastewater company that serves over 7 million customers in over 3 million homes right across the North West, and has been doing a lot over the past couple of years to improve their services in giving more support to those who need it most. We all need a little bit of extra help at some stage in our lives. This could be due to age, ill health, a disability, mental health problems, financial worries or even language barriers. By registering for their **free Priority Services scheme**, customers could benefit from **additional free services**, to support particular needs, including:

- A **free phone number** connecting you to a **dedicated, externally trained team**, to listen, help and support
- **Nominate** a carer, family member or even a friend to speak to them on your behalf
- A **knock and wait** service, so if a customer has mobility needs they will always wait, allowing the customer enough time to answer the door
- **Any planned interruptions** to the water supply would be notified
- Bills and letters could be printed in **braille, large print** or even on **coloured paper**
- Add a **password** to the account as added protection from bogus callers
- **Translation services** if English isn't your first language
- ♦ Help and advice if you're **struggling to pay** your water bill

For customers with internet access, there's even an **online accessibility tool**, changing the look of the website to suit your needs. All you have to do is click on the '**Accessibility Help**' button on the bottom right of each page of the website but the onus is on the customer to register, because if they don't know you are experiencing difficulties, they can't help. You don't even have to be the account holder to join and registration really couldn't be easier. You can either:

- Visit the website **unitedutilities.com/priorityservices** and complete a simple online form
- Call our friendly Priority Services team direct on **0345 072 6093**

Also, when someone registers with the scheme, with your consent, they can also add your details to a similar free scheme with Electricity North West (who manage the electricity network in the region). If eligible, this would provide additional support if there was ever a loss of power too – so two for the price of one!

Winter is almost upon us and whilst it is not too cold at the moment, all the emergency services are providing advice on how you can be 'Weather Ready'. They may sound like common sense, but there are some easy steps you can take to get prepared for any bad weather and to keep you and your family safe. Why not read them and then take 15 minutes to do what you can now?

- Have basic supplies and documents in a bag in a safe place in case a storm takes out power, water and/or phone lines.

- Check your pipes are insulated and make sure you know where your stop tap is in case you have a leak and need to turn the water off.

- Consider alternative commuting plans for severe weather and childcare plans if schools are closed.

- Check your heating and that of any older friends or relatives - homes should be heated to at least 18C.

- Don't forget your car - top up screen wash, check your tyres and think about winter kit for it.

If there is bad weather, we will send out alerts via In The Know but you may also want to follow us on Facebook and Twitter if you use them - we are @lancspolice and we will be using the hashtag #lancswinter for all severe weather updates.

Thanks for helping us to keep everyone in Lancashire Weather Ready this winter.



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