



Freckleton Parish Council Newsletter

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Since moving into Freckleton some 20 years ago, I have noted the many organisations, managed by volunteers to whom we have to say a very big thank you. So many people in large towns, are lonely, afraid to leave their homes, never speaking to even their next door neighbour; it is only when a person comes and lives in a village, you realise how blessed we, in Freckleton are.

Club Day was one such event, from the procession, to the crowning of the Rose Queens, to the activities on the playing fields. The Family Fun Run and the ½ marathon being a testament to the dedication of our Club Day Committee, and volunteers, when over 680 runners took part from all over the country and even Canada.

By the time this newsletter is delivered, judging of our village, on the 28th July by Fylde in Bloom, and 3rd August, by the Royal Horticultural Society will have taken place. Over the years our Freckleton in Bloom volunteers have shown a real pride in their village, as is proved by the many trophies we have received. If you could give some of your time to volunteer, your help would be much appreciated. No matter what the outcome; although we always hope for the best, we have to say a big thank you to everyone who has helped Freckleton in Bloom Volunteers under the Chairmanship of Councillor Threlfall. Also our two gardeners John Garlick and Andy Davies, who take great pride in the work they do for the village. Everyone, confirming the statement on the sign which says 'The Village of Music and Flowers'.

On 4th September Freckleton will be holding our Civic Sunday in Holy Trinity C. of E. Church.

Our Horticultural Show, in September, in the Memorial Hall will once again bring everyone together to show off their many produce and crafts, again, a time for us all to celebrate living in a vibrant thriving community.

I hope you all have a lovely summer, and the weather will continue to be kind to us.

Sincerely yours in friendship,

Councillor Maraline E. Foster Chairman

Warton Typhoons (Football)

The Council representatives have met with Warton Typhoons and they have agreed to use the football pitch and the two new junior pitches for 6 of their sides. In addition, they will now become a section of the Rawstorne centre and use it as their base. This should generate some additional income for the centre.

As over 70% of the members are resident in Freckleton, they are considering changing their name to reflect this

Drainage of the Bush Lane Playing fields

The Contractor started installing the new drains on the Bush lane Sports field during July. By the time this newsletter is issued work should be complete. However, it may take 3-4 weeks for the soil to settle and all the areas will remain closed until the excess top soil has been removed.

(At the time that work started the residents that back onto the Sports field were informed that the area being worked on will be cordoned off during the "work in progress", including a section that runs the full length of the field adjacent to their rear fence and they would not be able to gain access from their rear gate.)

Children's Playground equipment.

The council is considering a re-vamp of the Children's Playground equipment.

Funding is available to community groups, (not the Parish Council) and the Parish Council is asking for volunteers to form a community group to seek the best way forwards and progress the funding.

If you would like to volunteer or if you have any comments on the type of improvements you would like to see please contact the clerk@freckletonparishcouncil.org.uk, or any councillor.

Andy Scarisbrick

As you may already be aware Andy Scarisbrick is moving to new duties. Freckleton will have a new beat manager, but due to the cost cutting exercise the new beat manager will likely be covering Newton / Clifton as well.

Andy has served Freckleton well over the years and we are very sorry to see him go. We wish him all the very best in his new duties.

Parish Council meetings

Due to the noise level in the main Hall of the village Hall the Council has decided to move all council meetings to The Methodist Hall, for the foreseeable future.

Introduction of 20MPH speed limits.

Lancashire County Council will be introducing 20MPH speed limits in Residential areas throughout Lancashire on an area by area basis. Fylde area yet to be covered. The following is taken from the Lancashire County Councils web site
<http://www3.lancashire.gov.uk>

20mph speed limits are being introduced to residential areas and outside schools as a response to your road safety concerns.

By working with communities and motorists we want to reduce the speed of drivers to make our streets safer places for everyone and reduce the number of road accidents, particularly those involving children and young people - but we will need your help to achieve this. Lowering speeds can make our streets safer for activities like walking and cycling, our neighbourhoods quieter, better places to live and improve the quality of life for all Lancashire communities.

We recognise that this will not happen overnight and we need to work together to change attitudes and behaviour towards driving. Our aim is for everyone in Lancashire to understand the benefit that driving more slowly and safely in residential areas has for them, their family, and their neighbours and, where necessary, to do their bit to help influence other people to reduce their speed.

We know it's important to keep traffic moving, so the new limits will only be considered for roads that aren't busy routes which lots of people regularly use to get from A to B and will be controlled by signs, rather than with traffic calming measures such as speed humps and chicanes

Publication of the Council Newsletter

Future issues of the Council Newsletter will be issued in
October (was November)
January (was February)
April (was May)
July (was August)

This will enable us to give more up to date information about forthcoming events and will better reflect current news/events.

The list of Councillors and telephone numbers are:-

Freckleton East Ward

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Councillor Mrs. M Whitehead01772 686436
Councillor T. Threlfall01772 633964
Councillor St. J Greenhough.....01772 634638

Plus two vacancies

Freckleton West Ward

Councillor Mrs M.E. Foster.....01772 631184
Councillor T.J. Fiddler01772 634889
Councillor L. Rigby01772 634111
Councillor C. RobbText Direct 1800201772635814
Councillor Mrs E Willis01772 632777

Plus one vacancy

Contact point

The Clerk to the Council is Mr. K. M. Armistead

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The office is open between 9:00am & noon, Monday to Friday

Email: clerk@freckletonparishcouncil.org.uk.

Communication

Advance notice of all Parish Council meetings are published on the Council's web-site and the Council notice board, situated on the footpath in front of the Coach & Horses car park. The minutes of all the Parish Council meetings are published on the Council's web-site and are held in a folder in the Library.

The Parish Council website is:-

www.freckletonparishcouncil.org.uk

Please visit this web site to keep up to date with the Council's business. All minutes of meetings, Agendas, Newsletters and contact points are available.

Forthcoming events

August '11

08/08/11 – Planning Committee - starting 7:00pm

September '11

05/09/11 – Full Council - starting 7:00pm

12/09/11 – Planning Committee - starting 7:00pm

12/09/11- Communications Committee – starting directly after the Planning meeting

19/09/11 – Open Spaces Committee - starting 6:30pm