



Freckleton Parish Council

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The Chairman's Letter.

Freckleton has had a very successful summer winning Awards in the Britain in Bloom and North West in Bloom. In the Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition, Freckleton was winner of the Best Kept Cricket Field and Best kept Village Notice Board. Highly commended for the Cenotaph, the Bowling Green and Threlfall's Transport.

The Autumn has started with the football season. A new junior pitch and the senior pitch at the Rawstorne Sports Centre are in full use.

Remembrance Sunday was very well attended at the Cenotaph; it is nice to see the village coming together at these events. The Carol service and Tree Lighting also went well with lots of children, parents and grandparents enjoying the evening thanks to the weather staying fine.

As you will be receiving this letter in January, I hope you all had a merry Christmas and a good start to the New Year.

St. John Greenhough Chairman Freckleton Parish Council

Freckleton In Bloom

SILVER GILT and GOLD Awards – Freckleton does it again!

Community and partnership working were recognised on a national scale and highlighted as the key to Freckleton's success. A huge **thank you** is due to everyone who helped the Freckleton in Bloom campaign over the last twelve months. We won the second highest award of **Silver Gilt** in the national **RHS Britain in Bloom** competition and the highest award of **Gold** at the regional **North West in Bloom** award ceremony.

More information and details can be found on the Parish Council Web site at:-
<http://www.freckletonparishcouncil.org.uk/freckletoninbloom.html>

PACT, (police and community together) meetings.

The police have decided that PACT meetings will no longer be held to coincide with Parish Council meetings. Instead they will be held using the Police Community bus at various locations in the village. Times and places will be announced in January.

Rawstorne Sports Centre

Football Club

The new Freckleton Football club has got off to a good start this season. They are fielding two teams, Freckleton Football club and Freckleton Reserves. There is a match by one or other of the teams every Saturday afternoon, and the centre's bar will be open.

Freckleton FC's 1st Team still remain unbeaten in the Mid Lancashire Football League and are in second place in the table with 5 games in hand.

They also progressed to the 4th round of the Lancashire Amateur Cup; further than any other Mid Lancashire team bar the run-away Premier League leaders Fulwood White Hart. Freckleton missed out on a place in the Quarter-Finals where they would've faced them, after they suffered defeat in the 4th round away to the Lancashire and Cheshire Premier League Champions, Whalley Range FC.

Freckleton FC Reserves are currently 6th in the table and are improving each week. Their full results to date are posted up in the Rawstorne Sports Centre.

Freckleton Cricket Club

Freckleton Cricket Club, which has been in existence since 1910, plays in the Local Palace Shield league.

1st Team in the Premiership with latest successes being Meyler Cup finalists 2011, 2012 and 2013 (winning it in 2012 and 2013) and last year finishing 3rd in the Premiership.

2nd Team promoted last year to division 3, 3rd team maintaining its position in the Sunday division 1 league and 20/20 side reaching our 2nd final in 3 years in 2011 & 2013.

We also run Junior sides currently u13s and u15s and currently expanding to u11s and u17s.

If you are interesting in playing either socially or more competitively please do contact us (Club - Deputy Secretary Jon Goodin – 01772 510122).

Younger years

The younger Years cater for children up to 17 and they meet every Wednesday from 8.00pm to 9.0pm. They are going from strength to strength, current membership is 55 children and 8* adults but are always ready to welcome new members, and adult helpers.

Parish Council meetings

In February 2014, the Parish Council will be transferring its meetings to the Rawstorne centre; this will represent a cost saving to the council tax payers, in that we currently pay in excess of £300 per annum to hold meetings at the Methodist Hall. The Council are members of the Rawstorne Sports Centre and are entitled to hold Section meetings free

Cleaning

Three ladies, Jenny, Leanne and Sue spent a Saturday morning cleaning the centre, and like all henpecked husbands, I as chairman got the brunt of their comments about man clean and female clean, enough said. They did a first class job, and the carpet in the bar area has been cleaned.

AWS

It is a pity that the AWS (which is council run) has had to be closed due to it being unfit for purpose. Council is currently arranging for maintenance work to be carried out to re-instate it.

Fund Raising for refurbishment

Sunday 24th of November saw our first efforts for fund raising for refurbishing the centre with a Table Top sale. A total of £96 was raised. It is hoped to make this a regular event during 2014.

Conference Centre

The management committee is considering opening the centre between the hours of 9.00am and 5.00pm Mondays to Friday as a conference centre for local businesses and organizations. We can provide internet access, projector, flip charts etc as well as self catering facilities, or external catering facilities for a maximum of 20 people.

Membership

The Rawstorne Sports Centre cater for 125 adult members, who pay a subscription of £10 per annum, social members pay £5 per annum and 260 junior members who do not pay a subscription, however, both adults and junior members may have to pay a subscription to the section of which they are members.

It should be understood that the Rawstorne Sports Centre is a members club, and the bar is run by the cricket club. Home team supporters of the Cricket and football clubs need to be registered as Social members in order to purchase alcohol when the bar is open, but supporters of visiting teams need to be signed in by a full or social member.

The function room can be hired with or without the bar, £10 for full and social members and £30 for non members.

Cllr. C Robb Chairman of the Rawstorne Sports centre

Over 60's

The Over 60s Club had a very good year once again thanks to all the Volunteers who turn up and help every Third Tuesday of the Month (Jan & Feb excepted). So it will start again on Tues 18th March with a Hot Pot Supper and there will also be something to entertain you. As always everybody over 60 is welcome, so if you have not been before come along have a good time and make some new friends

Dates for Your Diary for 2014

Freckleton ½ Marathon

2014 marks the 50th Anniversary of the Freckleton ½ Marathon on June 22nd. A full field is expected and bookings are coming in fast. Please could all local competitors please apply for their place on the starting line as early as possible as the numbers are restricted. The organisers would like as many past winners as possible to attend the event. If anyone has any Memorabilia regarding the ½ Marathon please contact Peter Bosley on 01772 635701. Please remember this is the oldest ½ Marathon in the Country, so this is an important milestone.

Freckleton Air Disaster

2014 marks the 70th Anniversary of the tragic events of August 24 1944. The three village Churches are to organise a memorial event, so please keep your eye open for further details.

Time for Tea (Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month)

In March 2014, to raise funds and awareness for **Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month**, The Eve Appeal is encouraging people to **Make Time for Tea**.

The Eve Appeal is the only national charity dedicated to raising funds for world-class research into, and awareness of, all five gynaecological cancers. In March as part of **Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month** they are asking people to get together with friends, family and colleagues to hold a tea party for us to raise money and awareness of ovarian cancer for the benefit of all women.

Ovarian cancer is the fifth most common cancer in women; each year in the UK almost **7,000** women are diagnosed, and 4,300 women die from the disease. The Eve Appeal is determined to change this and by holding a tea party for us you could help save the lives of the women you love. So dust off the recipe books, bring out the tea set, hang the bunting and get ready to eat cake in the name of charity!

The Rawstorne Sports Centre is considering holding an event to support this Charity. More details later on the council web site and the Council Notice board.

Forthcoming Events

January '14

06/01/14 - Full Council - starting 7:00pm

13/01/14 – Planning Committee - starting 7:00pm

February '14

03/02/14 – Full Council - starting 7:00pm

10/02/14 – Planning Committee - starting 7:00pm

March '14

03/03/14 – Full Council - starting 7:00pm

(10/03/14 - Planning Committee - starting 7:00pm

(10/03/13 - Communications group – starting directly after planning meeting

17/03/14 – Open Spaces Committee - starting 6:30pm

April '14

(07/04/14 - Annual Assembly – Meeting of the electorate - starting 6:30pm

(07/04/14 – Full Council - starting 7:00pm

14/04/14 – Planning Committee - starting 7:00pm

22/04/14 – (Tuesday) Open Spaces Committee - starting 6:30pm

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Communication

Advance notice of all the Parish Council meetings are published on the council web site and the Councils notice board located on the footpath outside the Coach and Horses car park.

The minutes of all the Parish Councils meetings are published on the Councils web site and are held in a folder in the Library.

The Parish Councils web site is:- www.freckletonparishcouncil.org.uk.

Please visit this web site to keep up to date with the Councils business. All minutes, Agendas, Newsletters, and other information are published on the web site.