

Freckleton Parish Council



Fylde

Newsletter

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Hello to everyone. My first thoughts, as I write, are for those who suffered in the Air disaster in 1945. The events of that day have been documented on a number of occasions since and last week featured in a BBC programme. I was so moved by the programme and saddened that a commemorative plaque is not in place at the site of the crash. I will endeavour to have one erected, one day.

Since last year, the land at the corner of Bunker St. and Preston Old road has been tidied-up for use as an Open space area. The planters have been re-stored and a seat, donated by Allan Butler, has been installed. It is the Council intention to add additional flowering features to this piece of land to make it a benefit for the whole community.

In addition, the project, to replace some of the trees on Bush lane playing fields with new Maples, has been completed. I feel these should make a colourful display during the Summers and Autumns to come.

Finally, the New Notice board has been installed in the centre of the village. I feel a certain pride to have been involved with this alongside the team from Marquis the Builders. May I express a personal thanks to them and especially to David Marquis for allowing some of the materials from the Balderstone Mill to be used in it's construction.

It is good to see the first signs of Spring. I hope not too early for the frost to blight the brave early flowers of 2007. We look forward to the coming of the summer, where the dark nights are hopefully replaced with days of sunshine.

Best wishes to everyone from myself and the Parish Council,
Councillor Tommy Threlfall, Chairman

Forthcoming Events

5th February 2007 – Full Council meeting

5th March 2007 – Full Council meeting

10th April 2007 – The Annual Assembly, followed by a Full Council meeting.

The New Community Noticeboard.

The new Community Noticeboard has been built and installed, by Dave Marquis the Builders, with guidance from Councillor Threlfall, on the footpath, in front of the Coach and Horses car park. The materials used had been re-claimed from the Balderstone mill.

A section is dedicated for the notices of the Organisations within the village. If you have an event that you wish to publicise please contact **Councillor Mrs. Delany, on 01772 632349** and she will arrange for your notice to be displayed.

Difficulty reading this Newsletter

The Parish Council is considering producing this Newsletter in alternative formats, such as large print, on tape, on CD or Braille, to meet the needs of those members of the Parish who have impaired eyesight.

If you know of any person who would like to receive a copy of the Newsletter, in any of these alternative formats, please inform the Parish Clerk (see over for

contact details), stating your name and address and the preferred format, i.e. large print, tape, CD or Braille.

If the demand warrants it, we will consider printing copies in the preferred format and arrange for them to be delivered.

Dog Fouling

This is a problem that continually is being discussed by the Parish Council. We receive more complaints about this problem than any other, within the Village. In recent months, the problem has been particularly bad on the Bush lane playing fields. On one occasion, the referee refused to start a football match because of the amount of dog dirt on the pitch. The Football section now have to go round and clear up before they can start their games.

As a result, the Police and the Fylde Borough Council's dog wardens are working closely together to try to stamp out this awful blight in our community. To date, two fixed penalty notices have been issued to dog owners who have been caught not cleaning up after their dog has fouled in a public area.

If the situation does not improve, the Parish Council has been advised to consider applying for an Order to ban dogs from these playing fields, because of Health and Safety issues. This area has been set aside for football and cricket, as well as sports on Club day. If the irresponsible dog owners do not take action to keep their dogs under control and clean up after them, then the Council will act.

Bush lane Playing Fields– Trees adjacent to the Road.

This workload has now been completed and the Council hopes that the new trees will be of benefit to all the residents in Bush lane. The trees that have been pruned back will be monitored and if they show signs of distress, they will also be replaced with more bushy and less vigorous trees.

Kirkham & Rural Fylde – Citizens Advice Bureau

Volunteer Advisors are needed.

Anyone who might be interested should contact Mrs. Sheila Neill or Mrs. Kim Cook, on telephone number 01772 673014 for further information.

The list of Councillors and telephone numbers are:-

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Councillor Mrs. M Whitehead	01772 686436
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Councillor Mrs M.E. Foster	01772 631184
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Councillor M/s D. Morriss	01772 633682
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Communication

Advance notice of all Parish Council meetings are published on the three Council notice boards, within the village. One is situated on the footpath in front of the Coach & Horses car park, one on Lytham road, at the junction of Balderstone Road and the other is situated at the entrance to the car park on Preston Old road, opposite the Library.

The minutes of all the Parish Council meetings are held in a folder in the Library and are open to view by anyone.

The Parish Council website

The new website is at 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.