



Freckleton Parish Council Newsletter

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I write this letter, in November sunshine, with Freckleton Brass band playing as we all come together to remember all who have given their lives for us in past conflicts.

Freckleton has achieved awards galore this year, under the watchful eye of the Chairman of Open Spaces Councillor Tommy Threlfall, with the help of Freckleton in Bloom volunteers, and our gardeners, John Garlick and Andy Davies and we thank and congratulate everyone of them for the wonderful achievements gained.

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and it just remains for me to thank all my fellow Councillors for the hard work they do for Freckleton and to wish each and every one of you

A VERY HAPPY, PEACEFUL AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

In friendship,

Councillor Mrs. Maraline E. Foster

Chairman of Freckleton Parish Council.

New co-opted Councillors

We welcome three new co-opted Parish Councilors:-

Cllr. D Chambers, East ward

Cllr. K McKay, East ward

Cllr. P. Walton West Ward

Their contact details are on the back page of this newsletter. They have equal standing to the elected councillors; please feel free to contact them as necessary.

Christmas Tree lighting and Carol Service.

The Council was pleased to see the large number of children that attended the Christmas tree lighting and carol service on 6th December 2011.

However, two of the lanterns, handed out to the children when the procession started, were not handed in at the end of the service. If you have still got one of these lanterns it would be appreciated if you would return it to the gardener at the storeroom at the rear of the Coach and Horses.

Notices on the Cenotaph railings

During the last 12 months it has been noted that there has been an increase in the number of notices and advertisements placed on the Cenotaph railings. At the December '11 Council meeting it was confirmed that notices and advertisement should not be placed on the railings as they are part of the garden of Remembrance.

Therefore it was agreed that, in future, notices will be removed from the railings and the Organisation/Group asked to collect them from the Gardener, at the storeroom, at the rear of the Coach and Horses.

The Council would appreciate your co-operation in this matter and respect the Cenotaph as a garden of Remembrance

Rawstorne Sports Centre

Your Parish Council has been successful in obtaining funding to upgrade the toilet facilities and changing room facilities at the Rawstorne Sports Centre. However this requires the Parish Council to match the funding either by cash or in kind. The Parish Council would welcome voluntary support from qualified tradesmen in providing their service free of charge to help this deserving project, especially as it is for the benefit of the youngsters of the village.

PACT Meetings (Police And Community Together)

As from December, 2011, PACT meetings will be held on the first Monday of each month in the Methodist hall between 6.00 pm and 6.45 pm. Please be aware that there is a Rota for Parish Councillors to attend these meetings. Full details are contained on the Parish Council web site: - <http://www.freckletonparishcouncil.org.uk/communitypolice.html>

New police non emergency number

- 101 is the new number to call police in non-emergencies. In an emergency always dial 999.
- 101 is being introduced across the country and will go live in Lancashire on Monday 12th December 2011.
- 101 will replace the current non emergency number 0845 1 253545.
- 101 is a simple number that should make it easier for people to contact the police to report crime and any other concerns they may have that don't require an emergency response.
- When you call we aim to act on the information we receive quickly.
- Calls will cost just 15p from a landline or mobile regardless of when you call or how long your call is.
- The 0845 1 253545 will remain for at least twelve months when its use will be assessed. If necessary it will be kept for longer.

If you wish to know more, including when you should use 101, the link to the Home Office website has more information on it. The link is as follows:
http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/CrimeJusticeAndTheLaw/Reportingcrimeandantisocialbehaviour/DG_185338

New non-emergency number for the NHS

The NHS have also launched a new free non-emergency number to simplify how people get help and advice on healthcare.

Launched on 29 November, 111 is an easy to remember telephone number for the public, and is to provide advice on appropriate NHS services for minor injuries and illness that need medical attention, but is not an emergency.

The telephone number is free and the key message is 'Call 111 when it's less urgent than 999'.

20MPH limit

In our last newsletter we mentioned that the Parish Council was pressing to retain the 30 MPH speed limit on Lytham Road. Unfortunately Lancashire County Council has rejected this request and it will be a 20MPH limit.

The legal order for Freckleton, (PEM 940619 - 20mph area), has now been sealed and the police now have authority to enforce this speed limit.

A584, Preston New Road.

LCC will be reducing the 70 MPH speed limit on the A584 to a 50 MPH limit in February.

Pedestrian Crossing on Preston Old Road

Progress is being made to install a Pedestrian Crossing on Preston Old road in the vicinity of the library. Work should start in February. This is mainly for the benefit of children attending the Holy Trinity Church of England Primary School, but will also be of major benefit to those who use Tom Crofts car park.

Winter road and path gritting.

Your Parish Council have obtained a supply of grit primarily to grit those areas of the village that do not come under the FBC or LCC gritting services.

The Government has launched a 'Get Ready for Winter' campaign. As part of this, the Direct.gov site hosts a webpage in order to:

- Raise awareness of the need for winter planning
- Highlight some simple and straight forward advice – e.g. top tips for travelling
- Provide a central webpage which will link to further advice and guidance.

It is available on the homepage as a link: <http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/index.htm>

Or you can access it directly through: <http://www.direct.gov.uk/getreadyforwinter>

Lancashire County Council have issued a guide, Getting ready for winter, this can be found at: <http://www3.lancashire.gov.uk/corporate/web/?siteid=5232&pageid=27585>

Freckleton In Bloom

Following our announcement in our October newsletter that Freckleton had won the following Accolades:-

New Fylde Housing Gardening , Best Community project.

Britain in Bloom Silver Gilt in the small Town category

Lancashire Best kept Village Certificate of merit for Lamaleach Park and the Cenotaph.

We can now announce that they have also won Gold in the North West In Bloom Competition.

Certainly over the coming months the Freckleton in Bloom Committee will be looking for new ideas and more volunteers. If you want to volunteer, please contact Cllr T Threlfall.

Olympic Torch

Brian Porter who arranges the Freckleton Club day Marathon has been selected to carry the Olympic torch on Saturday 23rd June 2012. A very high honour indeed for the Club Day committee and the Village as a whole. More details will be available in our next newsletter

Advertising

Your Parish Council is keen to promote local organisations and local activities*.

If you would like us to include an advertisement for your organisation or a three month calendar of your activities for the next three months please contact Julie on 01772 635 778. Our charges are £20 per A5 insert and pro rata for smaller insertions.

The list of Councillors and telephone numbers are:-

Freckleton East Ward

Councillor Mrs. S Delany.....	01772 632349
Councillor Mrs. M Whitehead.....	01772 686436
Councillor T. Threlfall.....	01772 633964
Councillor St. J Greenhough.....	01772 634638
<i>Co-opted members</i>	
Councillor D.Chambers.....	01772 635655
Councillor K. McKay.....	01772 634345

Freckleton West Ward

Councillor Mrs M.E. Foster.....	01772 631184
Councillor T.J. Fiddler.....	01772 634889
Councillor L. Rigby.....	01772 634111
Councillor C. Robb.....	Text Direct 1800201772635814
Councillor Mrs E Willis.....	01772 632777
<i>Co-opted Member</i>	
Councillor P Walton.....	01772 632110

Contact point

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

Please note new number. Tel: 01253 731258

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

January '12

09/01/12 - Full Council - starting 7:00pm

16/01/12 - Planning Committee - starting 7:00pm

February '12

06/02/12 - Full Council - starting 7:00pm

13/02/12 - Planning Committee - starting 7:00pm

March '12

05/03/12 - Full Council - starting 7:00pm

(12/03/12 - Planning Committee - starting 7:00pm

(12/03/12 - Communication group - starting directly after the planning meeting.

NOTE all meetings will be held in the Methodist Hall