



## **Freckleton Parish Council Newsletter**

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#### **The Chairman's Letter**

I attended the Villa in Wrea Green in September along with my wife, to see all the pupils of Carr Hill High School get presented with their awards for a very successful year. Many will be going on to University. We had a very enjoyable evening seeing how the people of tomorrow will enjoy the education they have received and use it to the best of their ability.

Freckleton can be proud of their village which has once again won the award for First Place in the Best Kept Large Village.

The most notable event since I last wrote was the commemoration of the Seventieth Anniversary since the terrible disaster when an American aeroplane crashed on Freckleton Church of England Primary School. I would like to congratulate all those who organised the remembrance service in the Church yard. It was a credit to them.

**Louis Rigby - Chairman  
Freckleton Parish Council**

#### **Freckleton Allotments, Sports Field and Rawstorne Sports Centre**

Freckleton's long term residents will be aware of the history but for new members and some not as aware a brief history is provided. Since 1901 various beneficiaries have willed land or money to the residents of the village, all of which are vested in The Parish Council as Trustees.

These consist of:

- The Croft Butts Allotments – in 1908 – Charity number 221986 arising from an indenture dated 1901 by William Sagar Hodgson
- The Hodgson Playing Fields and allotments (more commonly known as Bush Lane Playing Fields and allotments), Charity number 221987, arising from an indenture made by William Sagar Hodgson in 1910
- The Rawstorne Trust in 1975, Charity number 508396

From these gifts, The Croft Butts Lane Allotments, the Bush Lane Allotments and the Bush Lane Playing Fields, as well as The Rawstorne Sports Centre have been established. Additionally the Parish Council established the All Weather Surface (AWS) for tennis, netball, five a side football and the cricket club obtained a grant to establish the cricket nets.

We have very successful Football, Cricket and Youth football Teams, as well as catering for the Youth Club every Wednesday evening. The Rawstorne Sports Centre Management Committee is always looking for new members and new sports sections, as well as trying to refurbish the Rawstorne Sports Centre Club House. The AWS is unfortunately underused, despite the Council obtaining £10,000 funding to resurface it in 2010.

**Rawstorne Sports Centre Membership** - The Centre is a members club, and the bar is run by the Cricket Club. The Club caters for 125 adult members, who pay a subscription of £10 per annum, social members pay £5 per annum. Home team supporters of the Cricket and football clubs need to register as Social members if they are to use the bar.

**The Function Room** can be hired with or without the bar. The cost to hire the function room is £10 for members and £20 for non members. To hire the function room by organisations for seminars, the cost is £30 for half day, 9am – 1pm, or 1pm – 5pm, or £40 for a full day 9am – 5pm, Monday to Fridays only. Please contact Cllr. C Robb, Chairman of the Rawstorne Sports Centre, or Cllr Mrs Gillian Cowell, Membership Secretary.

### **Freckleton In Bloom**

Freckleton in Bloom has achieved exceptional success and this is credited to the team of volunteers who work alongside Golden Leaf who together make our floral beds and displays around the village so beautiful. Credit is also due to all those who supported with displays and came to meet the judges, showing them a huge community spirit. The announcement and awards are due as you receive this issue from the North West in Bloom judged in July and RHS Britain in Bloom in August. Freckleton has won best Large Village, which is exceptionally good news. Whatever the outcome the teams have enjoyed showing our village off in its floral glory and particularly with the poignant WWI and 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Air Disaster commemorative displays. Our Front Garden Competition this year was independently judged and won by Dennis Attack of Croft Butts Lane, Mrs Drinkall of Summit Drive (second prize), and Mrs Butcher of Croft Butts Lane (third prize). Congratulations to all and thanks for all your creativity and hard work on behalf of the Parish Council and your village.

### **WWI Commemorative Plaque**

A special event took place on the 4<sup>th</sup> August - the unveiling of a plaque to commemorate the brave men of Freckleton who fought in WWI. The plaque was placed on the outside of the Cenotaph railings for those men who fought and returned to Freckleton 'in recognition of their service to this country by the men of Freckleton in The Great War'. The idea was proposed to The Parish Council by Freckleton resident Mr Andrew Norris and they were pleased to sponsor such a worthwhile and important commemoration.

### **Freckleton Church of England Primary School - 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

In Autumn 2014, Freckleton Church of England Primary School acknowledged 175 years of providing primary school education to the village of Freckleton. A book has been published about its remarkable history. Within its 175 years history, the school has been known as 'Trinity School', 'Memorial School', and latterly Freckleton Church of England School.

### **Freckleton Air Disaster 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

A special service in commemoration of the Freckleton Air Disaster was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> August, with all churches. Hundreds of people chose to attend the service held at Holy Trinity Church in the churchyard. It was a very moving event and particularly relevant to all those families in Freckleton and the USA who are affected. Historical displays were provided in both the Church of England Primary School and Village Hall in respectful commemoration.

### **Freckleton`s Last Night of The Proms**

The Freckleton Club Day Committee held a successful Last Night of The Proms Event on Sat 30<sup>th</sup> August with Freckleton Brass Band, Guest Soloist Nicola Howard and Starfish. The rain held off and a most fantastic night was had and all were treated to a spectacular firework display at the end. Congratulations and thanks must go to the Club Day Committee and the musicians and singers for providing wonderful entertainment.

**Over 60's** - Supported by volunteers every Third Tuesday of the Month (Jan & Feb excepted) there have been very successful evenings held this year. In Sept the theme 'Magic' with Jason Rea was provided. On October 15<sup>th</sup> Freckleton Brass Band entertains, November 18<sup>th</sup> will be Frances King talking about her work on the Mercy Ship followed by December 16<sup>th</sup> with a Christmas Party,



**Freckleton Library, Preston Old Road** – Continues with an excellent programme of activities for all ages and interests. 'Autumn Talks' have begun with '*Henry IV*' in Sept by Lancaster Castle historian Colin Penny. Oct 16<sup>th</sup> is '*Metal Detecting*' – a talk on this interesting hobby by James Oliver and Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October sees Wicked Workshops present '*Wannabee a Ghost Hunter Workshop*' in the morning, followed by a *Beatrix Potter Children's Event* in the afternoon. Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November is '*A Lancashire Garland*', the history of Lancashire and its dialect in songs, stories & poems – a talk by Sid Calderbank. Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November delivers '*How to trace Your WW1 Ancestors*' a talk by the Library Community heritage team. Some events are free other attract a small charge of £2 with refreshments provided. Please contact the Library for more details.

**Forthcoming Events**  
**Remembrance Service**

This years Remembrance Service will be held on 9<sup>th</sup> November at Holy Family RC Church followed by a Service at The Cenotaph. Please note that only those actively involved in the Service provision will be able to gain access into the Cenotaph.

**Tree Lighting Service**

This years Christmas tree lighting service will be held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 7pm. The procession will take place from The Memorial Park with access into the Cenotaph again only by those actively involved in the Service provision. Light Refreshments will be served afterwards in The Village Hall.

**Parish Council Meetings**

**October 2014**

07/10/14 (Tue)– Full Council - starting 7:00pm (FBC meeting on Mon 6/10/14)  
13/10/14 – Planning Committee - starting 7:00pm  
20/10/14 – Open Spaces Committee - starting 6:30pm  
20/10/14 – Fabrics Committee – starting at 7.00pm

**November 2014**

03/11/14 – Full Council – starting at 7:00pm  
10/11/14 – Planning Committee – starting at 7:00pm  
17/11/14 – Finance Committee – staring at 6.30pm  
17/11/14 – Rawstorne Trust Fund – starting at 7.30pm

**December 2014**

08/12/14 – Full Council – starting at 7.00pm  
15/12/14 – Planning Meeting – starting at 7.00pm  
15/12/14 – Communications Committee – following the planning meeting

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<http://www.freckletonparishcouncil.org.uk>

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