



**Freckleton Parish Council
Newsletter
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Chairman's Report

The village has once again looked lovely this year, our heartfelt thanks must go to all Freckleton in Bloom volunteers and also Freckleton parish council open spaces committee who work in tandem with the contractors, Austin & Co, Jenny, David. All are to be thanked for their diligence on behalf of us all.

It is pleasing to note that the library, now opened is being used by various groups who would all welcome new members, there has also a Friends of Freckleton library group formed and they would also like to welcome new members. All details at the library.

We have two new members of the clergy, at the Methodist church the Rev Stephen Heath and at Holy Trinity the Rev Jane Greenhough, we hope that they enjoy their new parishes and soon become villagers.

The children's playground in the Memorial park has won more awards this year and we thank the Friends of the Memorial Park for their sterling efforts to keep improving the playground.

Club day this year was disappointing with the weather and it was sad that the children's sports had to be postponed until Monday. We all owe a vote of thanks to the Club Day Committee who work hard all year round to make the day and the half marathon on the Sunday such a success.

Special mention must be made for the junior section of Freckleton band, they played on the Sunday afternoon at the half marathon and were absolutely splendid and much enjoyed by all. We are a fortunate village to have so much young talent.

As the festive season approaches may I on behalf of the Parish Council, wish everyone a very happy and healthy Christmas and New Year.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs M Whitehead,
Chairman, Freckleton Parish Council.

Remembrance Sunday

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the end of the Great War, which formally ended at 11.00 a.m. on 11th November 1918. To mark this, the Freckleton act of Remembrance will be held at the Village Cenotaph at this same hour on Sunday, 11th November 2018. Assembly for the service of commemoration which will start at 10.30 a.m.

Freckleton Library News

Following re-opening of the library in January 2018, Love Freckleton Library Friends Group, has been established with the following aim, as defined by their mission statement:

"Love Freckleton Library Friends Group endeavour to work with Freckleton Library and supporters to make a positive social impact on our local communities. We aim to develop Freckleton Library and its facilities by providing activities, entertainment and learning opportunities for all ages, abilities and interests."

A range of activities are already planned by the volunteers, which are advertised on social media and via the Library, with more to follow as the group develops and the activities are expanded. Please look out for information on these events on social media and village notice boards. As from 1st November 2018 all council meetings will be held in the Library.

From November 2018, Freckleton Parish Council meetings will be moved to Freckleton Library, to utilise the central location in the village and support the Library in its development of activities.

Your Retailers Need You

Freckleton village is fortunate in having a wide range of businesses offering products and services to meet most daily and weekly requirements. Unfortunately, a slow-down in trade is now being seen and if this continues, some will have no option but to close. Fewer people will then use the village for shopping resulting in even more closures and the end of the village retail community. Please give as much support as possible to ensure that your local shops and businesses are able to continue to serve you. Freckleton can then claim to be the village of music, flowers and SHOPPING !

Over 60 club

We are actively seeking new members to come along and join us at our get together in the village Hall every 3rd Tuesday of the month from March to December (excluding August). Food and entertainment is supplied. Please keep your eye on the Village notice boards for details of what is happening or contact Bernard Whittle on 632566.

Note for Dog Owners regarding the use of Footpaths and Fields

As noted in the last Parish newsletter, all public footpaths in the village, even when crossing apparently empty fields, lie across someone's land. Please always keep to the public footpaths and keep dogs under control. This is particularly important when crossing fields, even when they appear to be empty. When the fields are used by either dairy or beef cattle herds, then unremoved faeces can cause abortion in cattle, which not only loses a calf but can render the cow sterile.

Dog faeces left behind in the grass create the risk of bovine neosporosis, an infectious disease of cows caused by a parasite transmitted in dog faeces. The cycle is maintained by a dog eating the after-birth or birth fluids from livestock and leaving its faeces in the grass. This can be then ingested by un-infected cattle, either directly by grazing the field or indirectly, when the grass is cut for winter food.

There is no effective treatment or vaccine for the condition which also can affect dogs, both as older adults and as puppies.

The risk can be reduced by:

Not allowing dogs to eat fallen stock, after birth or birth fluids from livestock

Collection and removal of faeces. Regular worming of dogs with a suitable treatment as recommended by your vet. By farmers promptly removing fallen stock or afterbirth materials

For further reference, please see BBC Country file, October 30th 2016.

Thanks to all for your assistance in controlling this distressing disease.

BAE Systems News

The main news from BAE Systems liaison meeting in September concerned the confirmation of the order for new Typhoon and Hawk aircraft by the state of Qatar. This will help safeguard employment over the medium term.

Christmas Carol & Tree lighting service

This will take place on Tuesday 4th December, at 7.00pm, followed by light refreshments in the village hall and goody bags for the children. The Order of Service will be published on the Council's web site towards the end of November.

Rawstorne Centre

We would like to make you all aware of the facilities and activities available at the Rawstorne Sports Centre:-

Youth Club - Wednesday 7pm - 9pm

Junior Football - Training Wednesday 6pm - 8pm

Adult Football Saturday morning.

Cricket when in season.

There is an All Weather Surface that is available for hire, for tennis, football or other sports @ £12.00 per hour.

The function room and bar is also available for private parties and family functions. For further information please contact

Mrs Carol Thomas tele: 07966831660. Or email carolthomas23@hotmail.com.

Contacting the Police

We would like to remind residents' that if they have an issue which is not an emergency they should contact the Police on 101.

We are assured that dialling 101 will not only get a response but each report helps the Police to build a picture of events that are of a repeat nature and help them to deal with offenders more effectively.

As this is the last newsletter for this year the Parish Council join together in wishing you and yours a Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Forthcoming events.

November '18

05/11/18 – Full Council - starting 7:00pm
12/11/18 – Planning Committee - starting 7:00pm
19/11/18 – Finance Committee – starting 6:30pm
19/11/18 - Rawstorne Trust fund – starting 7:30pm

December '18

03/12/18 – Full Council - starting 7:00pm
10/12/18 – Planning Committee - starting 7:00pm

January '19

07/01/19 - Full Council - starting 7:00pm
14/01/19 – Planning Committee - starting 7:00pm
21/01/19 – Fabrics Committee - starting 6:30pm

February '19

04/02/19 – Full Council - starting 7:00pm
11/02/19 – Planning Committee - starting 7:00pm

March '19

04/03/19 – Full Council - starting 7:00pm
11/03/19 - Planning Committee - starting 7:00pm
18/03/19 – Open Spaces Committee - starting 6:30pm

April '19

(01/04/19 - Annual Assembly – Meeting of the electorate - starting 6:30pm
(01/04/19 – Full Council - starting 7:00pm
(08/04/19 – Planning Committee - starting 7:00pm
(08/04/19 - Communications group – starting directly after Planning meeting 15/04/19 - Open Spaces Committee - starting 6:30pm
22/04/19 – Fabrics Committee - starting 6:30pm

May '19

(13/05/19- Annual Parish Council meeting - starting 6:30pm
(13/05/19 - Full Council - starting 7:00pm after the Annual Parish Council meeting
20/05/19 – Planning Committee - starting 7:00pm
27/05/19 – Open Spaces Committee - starting 6:30pm

Communication

Advance notice of all the Parish Council meetings are published on the Council's web-site and notice board (this is on the footpath opposite the Cenotaph and by The Coach and Horses car park).

To view the approved council meeting minutes please visit the Council's web-site www.freckletonparishcouncil.org.uk

Public Participation

There is an opportunity for public participation at full Council meetings. The aim is to enable any member of the public to raise issues of local concern or observation and this should be addressed through The Chairman. Unless time permits, questions and statements will be limited to 3 minutes each (the length of time permitted is at the discretion of The Chairman).

Your Parish Councillors and telephone numbers are:-

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Councillor T. Threlfall 01772 633964
Councillor St. J Greenhough 01772 634638
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Freckleton West Ward

Councillor Mrs N Griffiths 01772 631870
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Councillor L. Rigby 01772 634111
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