



Freckleton Parish Council Newsletter

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The Chairman's Letter

At the May meeting I was installed as The Chairman of Freckleton Parish Council for the fifth time and I am very proud to represent the Council and the people of Freckleton in this way. I took over from Cllr St John Greenhough who carried out his duties with dignity and respect. My first invitation was to hear The Freckleton Singers at The Village Hall where my wife and myself were made most welcome and enjoyed the evening very much.

We have just celebrated another successful Club Day and I hope everybody had a very happy weekend and I am glad that the weather kept fine for us.

Louis Rigby – Chairman, Freckleton Parish Council

Chairman's Annual Report 2013-2014

The Annual Assembly was held on 7th April and the then Chairman, Cllr St John Greenhough, reported on the activities achieved over the last 12 months by your Parish Council.

“Over the last 12 months your Parish Council has:

Supported Rural Splash again, in order to help to keep Kirkham baths open, the junior schools in Freckleton use the baths to teach swimming.

The Football pitches have had some long awaited maintenance. The senior pitch has been verti-drained, and the junior pitch has been levelled and reseeded. This winter both the junior and senior football has been played regularly on the pitches in spite of the rain this season.

The gardens' waste bins have been rebuilt to make recycling of grass and other green waste to be recycled locally, saving the removal by Fylde Borough Council. Borders on the Car Park, the Memorial Park and Greenacres have been tidied up this year.

You will be pleased to hear that we have ordered a blue plaque in memory of all those who served in World War One which will be installed near the War Memorial.

We have continued to press LCC to install bollards on Kirkham road near the shops to stop cars and vans blocking the footpath, forcing parents with prams having to go on the road to pass. This continues.

Freckleton in Bloom and Golden Leaf must be congratulated for a Silver Gilt in the Britain in Bloom. Planning and hard work goes into this award. Well done Indeed!

Due to concerns of people in the village about hydraulic drilling in the neighbouring Parish of Clifton, the Council have prepared a report, available at Hughes & Fiddlers and Village News.

Finally my thanks to Ken and Julie for the support they give to the Chairman and Council and all their hard work over the past year.”

Chairman of Finance Report 2014

The Chairman of Finance Cllr Mrs Marjorie Whitehead also reported at the Annual Assembly the following:

Chairman of Finance's report 2014

- **Precept account (including Open Spaces).**
 - The Councils expenditure for 2013/14 was within the budget of £99,600.

- **Community Development Account**

- The interest on the savings in this account has been reduced considerably due to the reduction in interest rates, as a result of the recession.
- The Council has set up the following Reserve accounts:
 - Memorial Playground Fund £15,275
 - Open Spaces new equipment fund £6,900
 - Tom Croft Car park maintenance fund £5,270

Part of the money for these funds came from the grant from FBC in respect of the Council Tax Reduction Scheme.

In addition, the Council is in the process of selling to United Utilities a part of the Bush lane allotment land where they built the overflow tank. This money will be “ring fenced” for future allotment developments, hopefully to include providing additional allotments for people on the waiting list.

- **Capital expenditure**

- The following capital expenditure has been completed in 2013/14
 - Donation to Rural Splash (for the running of Kirkham Baths) £2,000
 - Upgrade the drains on under the Bowling green £2,800
 - Level and re-seed the junior football pitch on Bush lane sports field £1,800
 - Purchase of new spreader for gritting and spreading fertiliser £619
 - Re-build the waste recycling unit £2,300
 - Upgrade the borders on the car park & Greenacres £2,000
 - New Tables for the Rawstorne Centre £119
 - Improving the lighting at the Rawstorne Centre £500

- **Financial Savings**

- The Council has saved £2,000 by not planting any winter plants.
- The Council has reviewed the Open Spaces workloads and made savings on the litter picking and watering contracts.
- During the financial year, the Council relocated the holding of the meetings to the Rawstorne Centre, saving approximately £300 per annum in rent.
- Due to the diligence of the Clerk to the Council, after negotiations with United Utilities, the water and drainage charges for the Tom Croft Car Park have been reduced from £3,100 to £69 per annum.
- **Proposed Capital Expenditure for 2014/15 - Nil**

2030 Vision for Health and Care in Fylde and Wyre

Feedback was sought from thousands of Fylde people by the Fylde and Wyre Clinical Commissioning Group. Dr Tony Naughton, Clinical Chief Officer, who attended the 7th April 2014 Parish Council Meeting to communicate the long term vision in Fylde and Wyre health and social care. For further information go to the website www.fyldeandwyreccg.nhs.uk or telephone 01253 956400 to request a hard copy.

Freckleton In Bloom

Freckleton in Bloom campaign to ‘paint the village red’ with poppies to commemorate WWI has been fully supported. In addition a huge amount of work continues and FIB rely on community support to carry out their activities. Please contact Chair Sue Lee (Spar Freckleton) on 01772 632384 if you are interested in becoming a Freckleton in Bloom volunteer.

Rawstorne Sports Centre - The Rawstorne Sports Centre AGM held in May reported a steady progress in improving the Centre over the last 12 months. Plans4Sport have submitted a report, requested by the Parish Council, for potential significant improvement which is now under consideration.

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 are registered as Social members.

The Function Room can be hired with or without the bar, £10 for full and social members and £30 for non members. Please contact Cllr. C Robb, Chairman of the Rawstone Sports Centre, or Cllr Mrs Gillian Cowell, Membership Secretary.

Football Club - Freckleton Football Club are fielding two Football Teams, Freckleton Football Club and Freckleton Reserves. They have been successful in receiving a grant from The FA Football Facilities Fund providing 50% towards replacement of the existing goalpost essential to ensure they meet the new safety standards. They won the Mid Lancashire League 2nd Division title, which gained them promotion into the 1st Division and they also won The Shakespeare Cup – a lot of well deserved silverware in their first reformed year! They are always looking for players, also volunteers to help out on match days. Please contact Catherine Martland, Club Secretary on 01772 633530.

Freckleton Cricket Club - Freckleton Cricket Club plays in the Local Palace Shield league. Meyler Cup Champions 2002, 2012 and 2013. This season sees teams represent Freckleton in a number of age groups. They also welcome any fresh talent. Call in to the Bush Lane Ground on a Tuesday or a Thursday evening and members attending the senior nets will be more than happy to help. For fixtures visit freckleton.org webpage or twitter [Freckleton_CC](https://twitter.com/Freckleton_CC).

All Weather Surface - The AWS is Parish Council managed. Maintenance work to re-instate it to an appropriate and safe playing surface has now been completed.

Youth Club - The Youth Club meets every Wednesday night from 7.00pm - Contact Mrs Carol Thomas 07966831166 / 01772679058 or Mrs Slater 07895860247/01772633634 for information.

Freckleton Club Day Sports Committee - The Freckleton Club Day Sport Committee held the annual Club Day Event on 21st and 22nd June and The Freckleton Half Marathon 2014 - 50th Men's and 38th Ladies Classic Freckleton took place on Sunday from Bush Lane Playing Fields. It is the oldest half marathon in the UK. Please visit the Freckleton.org webpage to see the results including news from the 2 mile fun run. Volunteers worked extremely hard to make the event such a success.

Over 60's - Supported by volunteers every Third Tuesday of the Month (Jan & Feb excepted) there have been very successful evenings held this year. The Full Programme for 2014 can be viewed on The Parish Notice Board. 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. Transport can be arranged.

Freckleton Library, Preston Old Road – There are a number of interesting and exciting events scheduled throughout the summer from a Special Trailbrazer Childrens Reading Group to celebrate Children's Book Week to a Kite Making Workshop – a family event. In August help celebrate National Celebration of Stich Day or how about 'Wannabee a Wizard' Workshop or perhaps a 'Dragons and Dungeons' Workshop? There is also an inspiring and emotive talk by a survivor of The Freckleton Air Disaster on 14th August. Other events include a 'Kids Mend Fitness Session', and a 'Monster Hunting' Workshop. These and other events are also published on the Parish Council Notice Board. Please contact The Library on 01772 635321 for further information and booking requirements.

Other Events

Freckleton Church of England Primary School - 175th Anniversary

The 175th Anniversary of the school foundation takes place in August this year.

Last Night of The Proms – 30th August 5pm until 10pm

A night of family entertainment – Bush Lane Sports Field.

Parish Council Meetings

July 2014

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

14/07/14 – Planning Committee - starting 7:00pm

21/07/14 – Open Spaces Committee - starting 6:30pm

August 2014

04/08/14 – Planning Committee – starting at 7:00pm

September 2014

01/09/14 – Full Council – starting at 7:00pm

08/09/14 – Planning Committee – starting at 7:00pm

08/09/14 – Communications Committee – directly after the Planning Meeting

15/09/14 – Open Spaces Committee – starting at 6:30pm

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** Vice Chair

Clerk to the Council

The Clerk can be contacted by phone during normal Council Office hours - 9:00am to noon, Monday to Friday.

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