



Freckleton Parish Council Newsletter Issue No. 59 – November 2024

Chairman's Report

What an honour and privilege it was to start my year as Parish Council chairman by assisting Mr Ken Snibson in presenting the 60th Anniversary Trophies at the Freckleton Half Marathon, where he received his Lifetime Achievement Award from Freckleton Club Day Sports Committee.

In July I was invited to attend the Freckleton Singers Summer Concert 'A Summer Serenade' in the Village Hall. Where I enjoyed the evening very much. Who knew what hidden talent we had in the village?

Carrying on the musical theme, my Deputy Chairman Liz Willis and I attended 'Joseph and his Technicolour Tea Party' where the music was provided by Heyhouses School Choir in support of the Fylde Mayoral Charities.

The village started to prepare for the 80th Commemoration of the Freckleton Air Disaster. A Call-out for volunteers to assist Pat Knight and her sisters Susan and Diane to tidy up and maintain the Churchyard. Thanks go to all those volunteers who arrived every Friday afternoon and achieved such a wonderful sight.

It was amazing to see so many people attend the Service to remember so many lives lost. At the request of Freckleton History Club a new Blue Plaque has been placed by Trinity Close to mark the Anniversary.

In-collaboration with In-Bloom the History Club have also produced a Heritage Trail Map highlighting areas of historical interest, of which Freckleton boasts many.

September saw the annual Horticultural Show in the Village Hall hosted by Pauline Mitchell and the Memorial Village Hall Committee. Showcasing many homegrown and homemade items, from carrots to cakes (lots of cakes).

Lastly the 'Get Dan Home' Thermometer has been installed by the Parish Council Noticeboard keeping our community informed of their progress. Please look out for upcoming events if you would like to get involved.

As the Festive Season approaches, the Parish Council would like to wish everyone a Happy and Healthy Christmas and New Year.

Best Regards.

Noreen Griffiths – Chairperson.

Remembrance Sunday

The remembrance Sunday service will be held at the Village Cenotaph on Sunday, 10th November 2024 for the service of commemoration which will start at 12:15 pm. The Order of Service will be published on the Council's web site.

Christmas Carol & Tree lighting service

This will take place on Tuesday 3rd December, at 7.00pm, The Order of Service will be published on the Council's web site towards the end of November.

Freckleton Library News

Freckleton library temporary closure – update.

Freckleton library was due to re-open this week but, unfortunately, it will remain closed for further essential repairs until mid-December. Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience. Library Staff will continue to be at the Freckleton Village Memorial Hall at the following times. Every Tuesday 1pm until 5pm Every Thursday 10am until 4pm. Any fines for overdue loans borrowed from Freckleton library incurred while the building is shut will be waived but if you wish to renew your items you can do this online or by phone; more

details are at <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/libraries-and-archives/libraries/library-services/borrowing-renewals-and-reservations/>

Remember that our Digital Library is always open for eBooks and eResources <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/libraries-and-archives/libraries/digital-library/>

Over 60's

We are actively seeking new members to come along and join us at our get togethers in the village Hall every 3rd Tuesday of the month from March to December (excluding August). Food and entertainment are supplied. Please keep your eye on the Village notice boards for details of what is happening or contact is Jill Atherton Telephone 01772 634563

Service of Remembrance

A Remembrance Service was held to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of the Freckleton Air Disaster. The service began at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, 23rd August at the children's graveside. The weather proved mild as those attending included The Right Reverend Philip North, Bishop of Blackburn; Fylde Mayor Karen Henshaw; County Councillor Paul Rigby; members of the Freckleton Parish Council, and representatives of various Village groups and organisations. The US Armed Forces presented a Fly Past. This was followed by the Act of Remembrance where the names of all those who had died on that tragic day were read out. A large cross with ribbons bearing the names of those who had died and flowers was brought to the graveside, followed by the laying of Floral Tributes and the release of 20 doves. The service continued in the graveside church conducted by the Bishop of Blackburn, with hymns played by Freckleton band. At the end of the service, Fylde Mayor, Karen Henshaw, unveiled a new Blue Plaque which was blessed by the bishop. The attendees were then invited to the Memorial Village Hall for refreshments and an exhibition.

To the right is a USAF F-15E from 48TFW RAF Lakenheath approaching Freckleton for the Anniversary.



Rawstorne Sports 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 tel: 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.

Communication

Advance notice of all the Parish Council meetings are published on the council notice board. This is on the footpath opposite The Cenotaph and by The Coach and Horses Car Park. The minutes of all the Parish Council meetings are held on the Council's website www.freckletonparishcouncil.org.uk

Forthcoming events.

November '24

04/11/24 – Full Council - starting 7:00pm

04/11/24 – Planning Committee - starting 6:30pm

December '24

02/12/24 – Full Council - starting 7:00pm

02/12/24 – Planning Committee - starting 6:30pm

January '25

06/01/25 - Full Council - starting 7:00pm

06/01/25 – Planning Committee - starting 6:30pm

13/01/25 – Finance Committee – starting 6:30pm

13/01/25 - Rawstorne Trust fund – starting 7:00pm

February '25

10/02/25 – Full Council - starting 7:00pm (FBC Full Council meeting – 03/02/25)

10/02/25 – Planning Committee - starting 6:30pm

March '25

10/03/25 – Full Council - starting 7:00pm (FBC Full Council meeting – 03/03/25)

10/03/25 – Communications - 6:00pm

10/03/25 - Planning Committee - starting 6:30pm

April '25

07/04/25 - Annual Assembly – Meeting of the electorate - starting 6:30pm

07/04/25 – Full Council - starting 7:00pm

14/04/25 – Planning Committee - starting 6:30pm

14/04/25 - Communications group - directly after Planning meeting

28/04/25 - Open Spaces /Fabrics committee – starting 6:30pm

May '25

12/05/25- Annual Parish Council meeting - starting 6:30pm

12/05/25-Full Council-starting 7:00pm after the Annual Parish Council meeting

12/05/25– Planning Committee - starting 6:00pm

19/05/25 - Open Spaces /Fabrics committee – starting 6:30pm

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 Mrs N Griffiths 01772 631870

Councillor Mrs F Craig-Wilson 01772 632119

Councillor Mrs D Dickinson 01772 633656

Councillor Mrs N Whalley 07715359451

Councillor Mrs E Willis 01772632777

Freckleton Outer Ward

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