



**Freckleton Parish Council
Newsletter
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Chairman's Report

Hello everyone.

A very interesting start to my first time as Parish Council Chairman. This year being an election year saw changes brought about by the boundaries commission that were not popular. As a consequence of this Councillor Trevor Fiddler lost his seat on Fylde Borough Council. With his years of experience and knowledge this is indeed a sad loss for Freckleton. I would like to thank him for all the support he has given to Freckleton via the Borough over the many years.

Club Day went very well this year. The Club Day Committee worked as hard as ever to make it the success it was. The Marathon was well supported with in excess of 300 runners. An earlier start time for the race proved successful.

August 23rd saw the 79th anniversary of the Air Disaster. A service was held around the Children's grave. This is the opportunity to tell you that next year being the 80th year, planning is already underway for a special service hopefully with Americans in attendance. Pat Knight is making arrangements and if you feel that you can help her in any way, please offer your time.

The Police now have a Rural Task Force to sort out anti-social behaviour. The idea being that once they are contacted the response should be rapid. This is new and as yet we are unable to report how its working out. It sounds promising. The amount of rainfall is of great concern. Councillor Tommy Threlfall has been pushing Lancashire County Council, United Utilities, and the Environment Agency. I think he has been a thorn in their side but it's paid off as we have seen improvements in places. It would appear that more routine maintenance is required.

The Rawstorne Sports Centre has become a very popular venue for private parties and room hire. The sporting sections are very active. Senior football, Junior Football, Cricket, Netball. If you would like to hire the centre, please contact Mrs Carol Thomas. 07966 831660.

Please remember that anyone of you can become a Parish Councillor. It's a good feeling taking care of the village. Think about it next time the elections come around.

Fondest regards.

Pam Mulholland.

Chairman, Freckleton Parish Council.

Remembrance Sunday

The remembrance Sunday service will be held at the Village Cenotaph on Sunday, 12th November 2023 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 5th 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.

Freckleton Library News

LCC provide Library Services at the Freckleton Library, supported by the local Friends group, Love Freckleton Library. The Library Staff provide a range of facilities, services, including access to the British Library Resources and computer facilities for use by Library users. Special activities are run by both the Library Service and by the Friends Group.

Full details can be found on-line at:

lancashire.gov.uk/Home/Libraries and Archives/Libraries

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Or by searching for Freckleton Library on any search engine.

Activities are also signposted on the Library and Village Notice Boards.

BAE Systems News

Typhoon: Production of new build aircraft for the Qatar Emiri Air Force continues, with 9 aircraft delivered to date. The remaining aircraft will be completed in 2024. At the same time, a number of aircraft are engaged in continuous

development work in support of the aircraft operating in the front line. This includes planned upgrades and response to Urgent Requirements.

FCAS Programme: The Future Combat Air System activity, which includes the development of the new Tempest design is accelerating and is driving an extensive recruitment campaign for both graduate engineers and apprentices, with an identified requirement of approximately 1000 persons per year for the next 4 years. The work will be predominantly at Warton and Samlesbury, but also at Brough and Prestwick.

Facilities: Warton has been subject to major development of facilities on site, relating to drainage issues and to the complete upgrade of the electrical infrastructure which requires major attention.

Access: The Company have categorically stated there is no intention to re-open the access via the south gate of the airfield, which can be accessed via Naze Lane East. The route is not regarded as suitable for the traffic that might ensue.

Freckleton Sports and Social Club

The annual car rally combined with the MacMillan Cancer Support Charity was held on the 26th September 2023. A magnificent sum of £1825 was raised.

A heartfelt thankyou to all that contributed to a wonderful successful day.

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

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 '23

13/11/23 – Full Council - starting 7:00pm

13/11/23 – Planning Committee - starting 6:30pm

December '23

04/12/23 – Full Council - starting 7:00pm

04/12/23 – Planning Committee - starting 6:30pm

January '24

08/01/24 - Full Council - starting 7:00pm

08/01/24 – Planning Committee - starting 6:30pm

15/01/24 – Finance Committee – starting 6:30pm

15/01/24 - Rawstorne Trust fund – starting 7:00pm

February '24

05/02/24 – Full Council - starting 7:00pm

05/02/24 – Planning Committee - starting 6:30pm

March '24

11/03/24 – Full Council - starting 7:00pm

11/03/24 – Communications Group – 6pm

11/03/24 - Planning Committee – Directly after Communications.

April '24

08/04/24 - Annual Assembly – Meeting of the electorate - starting 6:30pm

08/04/24 – Full Council - starting 7:00pm

15/04/24 – Planning Committee - starting 6:30pm
15/04/24 - Communications group
22/04/24 - 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: -

Freckleton Village Ward

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Councillor Mr T.J. Fiddler (Vice Chair)	01772 634889
Councillor Mrs C Thomas	07966831660
Councillor Mrs J Atherton	07766 104074
Councillor Mr K Mc Kay	01772 634345
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

Councillor Mr T Threlfall	01772 633964
Councillor Mr A Smith	07889 447578

Contact point

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

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