



**Freckleton Parish Council
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The Chairman's Letter

On Club Day Saturday at 5:30am it was raining and the forecast from the BBC was for rain, but the sky started to turn blue. The sun came out between the fair weather clouds and a strong westerly wind made the day cool but bright. The children's Sports and the Local Adult Sports went off without a problem.

The Half Marathon was very well attended with over 800 numbers given out. The fun-run was sold out. The Sunday afternoon was a very enjoyable family day, well done to all the Club Day Sports Committee Volunteers.

The "North West in Bloom" judging did not go as well as it should, not due to the Freckleton in Bloom Committee or the Golden Leaf team. Fylde Borough Council got the timing wrong, and a dog had fouled the pavement on the route of the judging. It had not been picked up by the dog owner.

On the 2nd August the judges for the "Britain in Bloom" competition came to the Village Memorial Hall for a delicious buffet lunch, provided by the "Freckleton in Bloom" Ladies. Displays from the schools and other voluntary organisations had been setup for the Judges to get the feel of the Village.

Holidays will be over by the time you see this letter. Please look at the Parish Council Notice Board or the Web site for up and coming events.

St. John Greenhough, Chairman, Freckleton Parish Council

Freckleton In Bloom

Freckleton in Bloom has been enjoying a very busy few months with judging by North West in Bloom in July and the RHS Britain in Bloom in August. The group has been busy deadheading and weeding throughout the village in the run up to the judging days and were very grateful to all who came out to help with the clean ups on the evenings before judging.

The North West judges spent a couple of hours touring the village and both schools on the 18th July and were very impressed with our efforts. They also gave us some very useful tips for the forthcoming visit by the RHS judges.

On the 2nd August Freckleton gave a very warm welcome to the Britain in Bloom judges; Jon Wheatley and Brendan Mowforth, starting with a lovely lunch prepared using local produce: they were particularly impressed with the edible RHS flower dish! We were also joined by many of our friends and supporters who took the time to come along to meet the judges and wish us well and there were numerous presentations from many Freckleton organisations on display in the hall, showing the judges how important community is to our village. They were extremely interested to meet representatives from all these organisations and we would like to thank Freckleton Band, the Sports & Social Committee, the Horticulture Show, Lamaleach Caravan Park, Strike Lane School and Freckleton CE School for taking the time to put the displays together. Harry Hall also did us proud and put together a very impressive display showing what we in Freckleton in Bloom get up to throughout the year.

Following lunch the judges awarded prizes to the winners of our Front Garden Competition; certificates and garden centre vouchers were presented to Dennis Attack, Croft Butts Lane (1st) and James Cookson, Lower Lane (2nd). Third prize went to Mrs. J Holman, Summit Drive, who unfortunately was unable to join us on the day. The Memorial Hall then stayed open during the afternoon to allow people to view the displays. After lunch we took the judges on a

tour of the village, taking in Balderstone, the allotments, the Memorial Park, the War Memorial and both schools as well as outlying areas. The judges were very interested in what we do, the village heritage and the way residents and businesses support us; asking many questions and taking lots of photographs, their comments were very encouraging. All in all, the weather was brilliant, the tour relaxed and we all had a lovely time.

We won't know any results until autumn but whatever the outcome, we in Freckleton in Bloom have enjoyed showing off our village at its best and thoroughly enjoy being part of a group that can contribute to making our village look so spectacular. We will let you know how we get on as soon as possible and we are looking forward to the awards ceremonies in Southport (North West in Bloom) and Cleethorpes (Britain in Bloom) later in the year.

Front Garden Competition 2013

Freckleton in Bloom congratulates our well deserved Front Garden competition winners. Blooming brilliant gardeners overcame the cold spring and hot dry summer to triumph in Freckleton's Front Garden Competition 2013.

After short listing twelve lovely gardens from throughout the village our independent judge, Mrs Helen Taylor, chose the top three finalists and the well deserved winners were:

- 1st - Mr D Atack, Croft Butts Lane
- 2nd - Mr J Cookson, Lower Lane
- 3rd - Mrs J Holman, Summit Drive

Mr Brendan Mowforth, RHS Britain in Bloom judge presented Denis and James with their certificates and garden centre vouchers when they visited Freckleton as part of the Britain in Bloom campaign in August; unfortunately Mrs Holman couldn't be with us on the day.

Pictures are shown on the council web site:- <http://www.freckletonparishcouncil.org.uk/freckletoninbloom.html>

A Brief History Lesson

(Freckleton Allotments, Sports Fields and Rawstorne Sports Centre)

Freckleton is very fortunate in that 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.

- A. The Croft Butts allotments, in 1908, Charity No 221986, arising from an indenture dated 1901 by William Sager Hodgson.
- B. The Hodgson playing fields and allotments (more commonly known as the Bush Lane playing fields and allotments), Charity NO 221987, arising from an Indenture made by William Sager Hodgson in 1910
- C. The Rawstorne Trust in 1975 Charity No 508396

Arising 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 etc on the Bush lane playing fields, and the cricket club obtained a grant to establish the new cricket nets.

The current situation is that the Parish Council, as trustees of these indentures/gifts, has to abide by the terms of these presents and also by the rules of the Charity commission, this means that only bon-fide residents of the Parish of Freckleton can use/benefit from these facilities.

It is unfortunate that the allotments are currently oversubscribed and the Parish Council is actively looking for more land within the Parish to establish additional facilities for both horticulture and husbandry allotments.

As regards the Bush Lane playing fields/Rawstorne Sports Centre we now have a very successful cricket club, a new Freckleton football club and Youth Football teams, as well as catering for a youth club every Wednesday evening.

The Rawstorne Sports Centre management Committee is looking for new members and new sports sections, as well as refurbishing the Rawstorne Sports centre Club house, but without new members and sections this refurbishment becomes impossible

Unfortunately the AWS is underused, in spite of the Parish Council obtaining funding of £10,000 to resurface it three

years ago. To put it simply the situation is arising where it is becoming a case of use it or lose it!

The Frecklestone Project is aimed at improving the facilities at the Bush Lane playing fields by introducing a sports hall, but again without the support of new sections and members this becomes an uphill task.

The membership fees for the Rawstorne sports centre are £10 per annum for a full member and £5 per annum for a social member. If for example a tennis section was established they would be entitled to use the club house for changing facilities and section meetings free of charge and a nominal fee of £20 for private events. Surely better value for money than the local fitness centre's, plus the facilities are on our doorstep.

So please come along and get involved, we really do need your support. If anyone is interested in forming a new section to play tennis, netball, 5-side football please contact any member of the management committee, their names are on the notice board outside the Rawstorne Centre.

Item provided by Cllr. C. Robb Chairman of the Rawstorne Sports Centre.

Remembrance Sunday

This year the Remembrance Sunday service will be held in the Holy Trinity Church, on the 10th of November.

This will be followed by a second service at the Memorial at 12.15pm. As in previous years the procession will start from the memorial park and only those actively involved in the service will be admitted to the memorial gardens.

Christmas Tree Lighting

The Christmas tree lighting will take place on the 3rd of December, at 7.00pm. As in previous years the procession will start from the memorial park, and only those actively involved in the celebrations will be admitted to the memorial gardens.

Following the lighting, refreshments and a small gift for the children will be available in the memorial hall.

If the weather is poor, the proceedings will be held in the Memorial Hall.

Early Christmas greetings

As this is the last Newsletter before Christmas, the Parish Council wish you a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Forthcoming Events

October '13

07/10/13 – Full Council - starting 7:00pm

14/10/13 – Planning Committee - starting 7:00pm

(21/10/13 – Open Spaces Committee - starting 6:30pm

(21/10/13 – Fabrics Committee - starting 7:00pm

November '13

04/11/13 – Full Council - starting 7:00pm

10/11/13 – Remembrance Sunday, 12.15pm

11/11/13 – Planning Committee - starting 7:00pm

(18/11/13 – Finance Committee – starting 6:30pm

(18/11/13 – Rawstorne Trust fund – starting 7:30pm

December '13

02/12/13 – Full Council - starting 7:00pm (*FBC full Council meeting*)

03/12/13 – Christmas tree lighting 7.00pm

(09/12/13 – Planning Committee - starting 7:00pm

(09/12/13 - Communications group – starting directly after planning meeting

January '14

06/01/14 - Full Council - starting 7:00pm

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Communication

Advance notice of all the Parish Council meetings are published on the council web site and the Councils notice board located on the footpath outside the Coach and Horses car park.

The minutes of all the Parish Councils meetings are published on the Councils web site and are held in a folder in the Library.

The Parish Councils web site is:-
www.freckletonparishcouncil.org.uk.

Please visit this web site to keep up to date with the Councils business. All minutes, Agendas, Newsletters, and other information are published on the web site.