

Heapey Parish Council Newsletter

December 2007

Award

Our Raised Flowerbed, marking one entrance to the Village, received a commendation in this year's Chorley Civic Society Awards.

Our gratitude goes to Dave Hodson-Maughan of Classic Narrowboats Ltd, for donating the stone, Jamie Phillips for the construction, Raymond Smith, for stocking the garden, Bill and Audrey from Ryefield for helping with the weeding and general tidying and Wheelton Parish Council for its financial contribution to the project.

Best Kept Village Competition

The Judges Report for the Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition 2007 mentioned that 'on the whole the private properties in the village were well cared for with pleasant gardens. St. Barnabas Church was well maintained, as were the grounds, and to a high standard, despite this being a difficult task.'

White Coppice Cricket Club was also praised for being in good condition but the road leading to it was not satisfactory.

The Judges thought we were let down by the picnic table at White Coppice (which has since been replaced), a derelict car on Copthurst Lane, and the grounds of one of our local hostelrys were found to be untidy in one visit by the judges.

News from the Village Hall

Events

Once more the Hallowe'en Disco held at the Village Hall was a great success. There was drinking, dancing and costumes and good time was had by all.

The annual Through the Villages Race was held on the 4th November and raised £1,600 for Village Hall funds. A big thank you to the organisers, all those who marshalled, made hotpots or helped in any way.

What are you doing at New Year? Would you like to welcome in the new year with friends but can't get babysitters and don't want to stay up too late?? The answer - come along to the Village Hall. Bring friends, drinks and your children. There'll be music and socialising and when it's midnight in Egypt, Greece, Russia and Zimbabwe, we'll raise a glass to 2008!!! (7.00pm - 10.00pm).

Toilets!!

The Village Hall Committee is currently obtaining quotes for the re-furbishment of the toilets and the provision of toilet facilities for the disabled. Building work will start as soon as the appointed contractor can programme the job. Something to look forward to for future events!!

Joan Geddes

Christmas Carols

Come along and join in with members of Heapey and Wheelton Parish Councils at the Annual Carol Singing on Christmas Eve at 5.30pm by the War Memorial. Come along and see the new Christmas lights. Sherry (for those of a suitable age) and mince pies will be provided and local children will supply musical accompaniment.

White Coppice Women's Institute

White Coppice WI have met in the village for over 50 years, first at the day school and then for the past 25 years at the Meeting Room. They have now moved, appropriately to the White Coppice Room, at Heapey Parish Church and meet on the second Tuesday of every month at 7.30 p.m. They enjoy many speakers and demonstrations on many subjects, and have supper and a good chat. The next meeting is on January 15th and is to be a presentation called "From Muck and Music to Stones and Roses" given by Raymond Smith which is the history of his family farm leading to the creation of the garden at White Coppice Farm. All are very welcome.

White Coppice Cricket Club

New players are required for the 2008 season, for the two Senior Teams playing in the Moore & Smalley Palace Shield League. Indoor nets commence in the new year at Parklands High School.

Junior players, under 15 years of age on 1 September 2007, are also required. A qualified coach will host sessions on Monday evenings, during the summer, at no cost to the players. All coaches, the Manager and Umpires are CRB checked. Contact Cindy Dixon, Club Secretary, on 01257 410130 for details.

Local companies or individuals are invited to sponsor a game or match ball. New non-playing members or 'Friends of WCCC' are also very welcome. For further details of membership and sponsorship options please contact Club Treasurer, Geoff Haydock, 'Coppice', 78 Carrington Road, Chorley, pR7 2DQ. Tel: 01257 274241.

Chairmans Report

It has been a busy year for Heapey Parish Council. Our Raised Flowerbed won an award and several members of the Council have taken up the offer of training. The resurfacing at the back of the Village Hall is complete and, in conjunction with our colleagues at Wheelton Parish Council, we hope to have new Christmas lights in place around the War Memorial Clock, so do come and join us for Carol Singing on Christmas Eve.

I would like to say a big "thank you" to all the members of Heapey Parish Council and the Clerk for their hard work during the year, and an even bigger "thank you" to all the residents who have inspired and motivated us during 2007.

With All Good Wishes for a Happy Christmas and New Year.

Janet Ross-Mills

Heapey Chase

Chorley Council has begun the procedure for the adoption of the land at the entrance to Heapey Chase. Once this is completed we will be seeking permission to erect a noticeboard which will, hopefully, keep residents, forming a significant part of the parish, informed of the Council's activities.

Postal Voting

The Council would like to remind residents of the availability of postal voting in elections within the Borough. If you find it difficult to get to the polling stations within the parish please consider using this option.

Call Chorley Council on 01257 515151 for details or to register.

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Parish Council meetings are held on the first Tuesday in alternate months (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep and Nov), in The White Coppice Rooms, St Barnabas Church, Chapel Lane. See the Parish Council noticeboards at the junction of Blackburn Road with the A574, the end of Coppice Lane (by the junction with Hollin Lane) and the War Memorial Grounds (visible from Kenyon Lane) for details.

All members of the public are welcome to attend all Council meetings.

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