



PARISH COUNCIL NEWLETTER OCTOBER 2007



12 Christmas wishes from the Parish Council We hope for:



1. Safer use of the A674 throughout Wheelton by commuters and reducing traffic problems
2. Safeguarding of our Post Office, shops and amenities
3. Remaining a village without encroachment from Chorley or along the M61 corridor
4. Better sporting, social, cultural and recreational facilities
5. Improved use of the Village Hall and upgrading the facilities
6. Access for all users of our pavements whether they be those with disabilities, young families with prams, or older people
7. Development of our rural economy without compromising our “village” characteristics
8. Implementation of the Parish Plan
9. Supporting our local Police in all they do
10. Improved public transport
11. A cleaner environment free from litter
12. That everyone has a Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year

PARISH PLAN UPDATE

At the July meeting the Parish Council set out the action priorities from the Parish Plan. The areas chosen for immediate focus are:

- Children and Young People: improve the play area
- Roads, Traffic and Transport: enforce speed limits and parking restrictions throughout the Parish; improve junctions and speeding problems on the A674
- Sport, recreation & leisure: Develop and improve the Village Hall; improve car parking and facilities at the Sand Quarry

We are continuing to work with Heapey Parish Council as appropriate on areas of mutual interest. If you want to see a copy of the Heapey and Wheelton Parish Action Plan it is available from the Clerk or for you to download from www.heapeyandwheelton.org

POLICE MATTERS

Monthly **PACT** (Police and Community Together) meetings take place the first Tuesday of each month at St Josephs RC School, Bury Lane, Withnell at 7pm.

To report a crime contact Crimestoppers on 0845 555111.

To contact local police call 0845 1253545.

Village Hall Lottery Bid



In Spring this year the Village Hall Committee put together a bid to the National Lottery's 'Big Lottery Fund' for money to refurbish the Hall. Unfortunately this application was unsuccessful. However, the Village Hall Committee will continue to search for other sources of funding to move the plans forward, albeit at a slower pace!

If you have any spare time or skills and you want to get involved with the Village Hall Committee, or indeed help at events and fundraisers, please contact Joan Geddes on 01254 831522 or email her at willaim.geddes@virgin.net

Traffic Problems on the A674

In the last Newsletter we praised the help and support of residents at Higher Wheelton in highlighting the major traffic concerns, they, we and the Police had about speeding and dangerous driving.

PC Chris Evans was able to help solve one of the issues about Waste-drive using the A674 as the route to the landfill site at Abbey Village—he reminded the operator that they should not be using the route through our village!

They have thankfully used the designated route of the M65 and then the A675.

We have not been so lucky in persuading Lancashire County Council to be more efficient and deal with a number of issues at Higher Wheelton. Initially we met one of LCC officers, who was leaving his job to return to Yorkshire, but who promised faithfully to let us have a copy of that report.

Many, many months on, LCC cannot let us have that promised copy because it is still sitting on the back seat of the officers car somewhere we **presume** in Yorkshire—sounds as if LCC can't organise!!!!!!

Village Hall Events and What's On!



October 2007

- Saturday 27th -Halloween Family Fancy Dress Disco, 6-10pm ,Disco, Bar and hot pot supper

November 2007

- Sunday 4th—24th Sweatshop/Dressers' Arms/ Mizuno Through the Villages' Race starting at 10.30 am
- Sunday 11th—Remembrance Service—War Memorial 12.30 pm

December 2007

- Monday 24th—Carols around the Tree—War Memorial 5.30pm—Festive Carols, mince pies and a glass of festive cheer!

Forthcoming meetings of the Parish Council take place on:

Monday 5th November 2007
Monday 3rd December 2007
Monday 7th January 2008
Monday 4th February 2008
Monday 3rd March 2008
Monday 7th April 2008

Time devoted to Questions from the Public at each meeting

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