

Heptonstall Newsletter

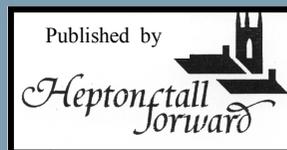
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Covering events and issues for everyone living within
the Parish of Heptonstall

Heptonstall Parish Council

Short and sweet. No, not me. I am talking about this article given that I am just looking at one topic on this occasion.

Within a couple of weeks of writing my last contribution to the Newsletter all our lives were turned upside down by the collapse of the main road which bypasses Heptonstall Village – Lee Wood Road. This article concentrates on this one aspect.

It is fair to say that no-one in our parish has been unaffected by this event – and for most people notably so. Our parishioners either live in or immediately adjoining the village itself, through which all traffic, out of necessity, traverses. Another sizeable group live on the ‘top side’ of Heptonstall (Slack, Colden, Widdop Road) and have no option but to travel through the village in each direction. And do not forget those who live in the Cross Lanes/Lee Wood area who are also severely hit by the closure of Lee Wood Road.

The highway is, of course, the responsibility of Calderdale Council but I must make two comments about their actions :

Firstly the speed at which the initial response to close the road and arrange for signage to be swiftly put in place.

Secondly the speed at which Calderdale's officers and councillors sought local opinion from the Parish Council.

It was obvious the remedial task was going to be huge both in cost terms and also in timescale, and workable solutions needed to be put in place for temporary traffic management and thence the long term. None of these were ever going to be easy decisions and avoiding traffic through the village, whilst considered by some to be desirable, was never going to represent either a sensible or workable solution.

This has all come at, coincidentally, a time when the Parish Council was already looking at issues relating to traffic and has therefore highlighted many important aspects.

You can be assured your councillors have been, and still are, in current dialogue with Calderdale Highways who have been most helpful in recognising the daily problems.

I want to make two important comments on all of this difficulty :

Many, many thanks to those parishioners (you know who you are) who have helped with traffic direction etc when particular difficulties have occurred. Your help has been invaluable and shows the true spirit of community involvement.

PLEASE show patience in the face of the current problems. Those travelling through the village have few sensible options and don't appreciate being glowered at by irritated residents. Equally please make sure you do not exceed the 20 mph speed limit when passing through.

Finally.....It will soon warm up with months and months of sunshine guaranteed (remember – we used to have these – it's a phenomenon called summer!). We might all feel somewhat uplifted at that stage.

Do enjoy your summer – or whatever comes in its place.

Roger M Greenwood, The Clerk, Heptonstall Parish Council

St Thomas' Parish Church.

Spring Bank Holiday is the time for our Spring Fair Trade Event.

This year we begin on Friday 24th May from 7pm-9pm when cheese and wine will be served.

On Saturday 25th May, Sunday 26th and Monday 27th Church will be open from 11am-5pm each day.

There will be a large selection of food, gifts and clothing all fairly traded. This gives a fair return to the producers and also a fair trade premium enabling community projects to be created in their locality.

Light refreshments will be served throughout the weekend.

Spring Bank Holiday is also the date for the Pennine Spring Music Festival and concerts will be held in Church on Tuesday 28th, Thursday 30th and Saturday 1st June. (See separate article for details)

Saturday 22nd June is the annual barbecue at Everill Shaw, Colden.

Services are held every Sunday at 9.15am. The first Sunday of the month is an all age service and in the months with five Sundays the fifth Sunday is a service using the order of service from Iona Abbey. This year these Sundays

Heptonstall Methodist Church, Northgate Heptonstall

Minister: Rev A.E. Buglass B.A M.TH

Glen Carr 55 Caldene Avenue Mytholmroyd HX7 5AJ

Tel: 01422 881706 E-mail: tonybuglass@tiscali.co.uk

Services and Sunday School at 10-45 each Sunday.

Contact :Miss Margaret Coupe, senior steward. Tel: 01422 842550

The ladies Evening will meet in the Sunday School in May and June, please see members for details. All ladies welcome.

Saturday 18th May 10 mile sponsored walk and tea. Meet at the Sunday School at 1:00pm.

Saturday 8th June at 10am : Coffee Morning at the home of Mrs Jessie Breeze 5 Southfield, Heptonstall.

Sunday 16th June at 10.45am : Sunday School anniversary to be led by Mrs Susan Watson. A warm welcome to all.

Pace Egg 2013

Despite the traffic currently clogging up the village, the Pace Egg – of course – went ahead on Good Friday, 29th March. The day was at times bitterly cold, but – of course – this didn't deter the hardy band of *actors*...

This year was a time of change; Ray Riches hung up his St George clogs and Stuart Hought ably took up the sword and crown. The youthful new Hector, Rowan Carter, made the role his own, showing a fine comedic flair. We were treated to all our favourite bits – scary big knives wielded by Neil Collins as he introduced proceedings and ensured correct levels of audience participation in rendition of 'Mince Pies Hot..', Bold Slasher's suicidal 'falls' onto the cold gritted cobbles and his rejuvenation following multi-doses of the good Doctor's Nip Nap, the Black Prince's swirling hips and politically correct antics, the loving slobbery dalliance between the majestic King of Egypt and his demised son. And of course Tossopot's excited kisses with lovely lasses in the audience.



As per tradition each performance 'mellowed' as the day progressed, giving us a variety of versions dependent upon the time that had been spent in the pub.

The Calder High performance was also particularly strong this year, powerful and funny, with youthful confidence and exuberance equalling the mature, measured performances of our local players (?)



Thanks to all the Pace Egg performers for another great day in Heptonstall, with crowds of very cold, but very happy onlookers enjoying the fun, the pubs, and the village.

Date for your Diary

This years Festival will be held on 21st September

Next Newsletter: Aug 2013 Contributions by 8th July to :
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Pennine Spring Music

All evening concerts are held in Heptonstall Parish Church
Something for everyone. Come and enjoy

Tuesday 28 May 7.30 Orchestra and Chorus,

Schubert : Rosamunde Overture
Mozart : Piano Concerto no.24 in C minor – soloist Iyad Sughayer
Haydn : Insanæ et Vanæ Curae
Schmann : Symphony no.4

Thursday 30 May 7.30 Chamber Concert, *Strings*

JS Bach : Orchestral Suite no.2 BWV 1067
Choir
Chilcott : Singing by Numbers
Sans-Saens : Les Fleurs et Les Arbres Op. 68 no.2
Calme des Nuits Op. 68 no.1

Woodwind

Gounod : Petite Symphonie for Wind
Weber : Clarinet Quintet – soloist Rachel Gibbons

Saturday 1 June 7.30 Orchestra and Chorus,

Brahms: Symphony no.2 in D
JS Bach: Magnificat

soloists include: Louisa Stirland (BBC Chorister of the year 2012)
Heather Lupton (Alto) and Rob O'Connell (Bass)

*Tickets £8, (£5 concessions), £1 (under 16's) to all concerts.
Available on the door or bookable in advance at Hebden Bridge, Todmorden
and Halifax Tourist Information Offices.*

Full Programmes will be available at the Post Office, Tourist Information
Office, Libraries and several outlets locally.



Have you fallen? Are you afraid of falling?

Does it stop you doing the things you'd like to do? The Falls Prevention Team may be able to help. You can ask to be seen at home by them. They have a Physiotherapist on their team and if it's needed can ask a doctor to review you.

All you need to do is phone

Calderdale Council's Gateway To Care 0845 1111103.

Heptonstall Forward Report April 2013

The Group has met once since the last newsletter and was pleased to receive updates from all of the voluntary groups that are active in the community. They work very hard to make the quality of life in Heptonstall Parish better, whether improving signage and information boards, addressing traffic and parking issues, making the place look bright and attractive with lights, plants and flowers, seeking supportive links for the elderly and disabled, or ensuring that both residents, visitors and anyone interested, can keep abreast of what is happening in our diverse and vibrant community - the new look newsletter is great, as is the website!

The only area which has not got off the ground since the consultation in 2011 is the Community Enterprise & Environment Group. This is a pity as it is the area in which most interest was shown by residents. If a group were to form Heptonstall Forward would be pleased to assist them in getting up and running, and BEAT, who currently hold their meetings at the Social & Bowling Club have offered their assistance on environmental matters. So.... Is there anyone out there prepared to get the ball rolling in organising a group? If so please contact the secretary of Heptonstall Forward: hepforward2000@talktalk.net

Below is the update on the activities of the Voluntary Groups. You may feel you would like to become involved in them or to join Heptonstall Forward it self (details of the latter's AGM are in this newsletter).

Reports From Voluntary Groups March 2013

Annual Parish Event (Mary Livesey)

No further progress with participating in a community supported event at Heptonstall School. Awaiting information from Head teacher with regard to whether they intend to do Maypole dancing.

Communications Group (Jacky Kelly written report)

The newsletter: A review of a year of producing the newsletter and how to move forward is about to take place (25:03:2013) The February edition was published with a coloured cover. **The website:** the group are happy with how things have gone and at the above meeting will review the year and look at ways to move forward. They will report further when this has taken place.

Neighbours Group (Phil Kelly written report)

Not a lot to report by way of an update. The group has acknowledged that there is very limited take up with respect to both the Community Car Service and the Age UK Good Neighbours Schemes –in our (very) local patch. It has been agreed to continue to seek to promote both – as well as luncheon clubs/shopping bus etc- via stalls at local events e.g. Pennine Spring Festival.

Signage Group (*M Livesey from verbal report by Chris Scarborough*)

As has been previously reported the first stage of this project has been implemented and the information boards are in place. There remains the installation of the finger posts, the commissioning of which has been delayed by Calderdale MBC. The group are now liaising with CMBC to assure progress on this final aspect of the project. CMBC would like an official 'celebration' of the project but this cannot be arranged until a completion date is in sight.

Heptonstall Traffic, Parking & Road Safety Project Group (*Roger Greenwood reporting on behalf of John Scarborough*).

Two meetings have taken place so far with CMBC to set out what would be needed for widening the Traffic Orders for speed limits. The outcome was that the requirements would be detailed and expensive.

CMBC also made it clear that any further advice sought from them would be subject to a fee. This information was conveyed to the Traffic Group at their March meeting.

The closure of Lee Wood Rd has inevitably shifted the focus of the group in addressing priorities. The Parish Council is in discussion with CMBC as to how the situation is going to be after the repairs have been completed. There is concern that motorists will have become used to using the route through the village, and that HGVs might also present a problem. It is to be suggested that CMBC put in speed limit arrangements (i.e. four speed tables, -these are like the speed controlling measures in operation outside Colden School).

The group still intends to explore the options for speed limits in the Parish and the Parish Council is to be requested to sanction the purchase of expert specialist advice with regard to the options available.

With regard to parking in Heptonstall village, John Scarborough has been in discussion with CMBC and has been informed that there may be planning issues with regard to the use of the Delph as a car park. However planning permission for parking off Valley View Road (an area formerly suggested by Nigel Pickles) may be more appropriate. A meeting is to take place with planners at which car park options will be discussed and the possibility of leasing arrangements.

HELP Heptonstall Flowers & Lights Group (*Eleanor Worley written report*)

Activities in the last three months:

- Second churchyard clear-up.

Christmas Lights switch on in Weavers' Square, where funds were raised by having a raffle and handing out mince pies for a donation. We also put lights at Colden and paid for additional lights in Hepton Drive to supplement those provided by CMBC.

Forthcoming activities:

A further churchyard clear-up from 11.00 -1.00 March 24th.

No other activities are planned, however the next meeting is on March 25th when planting in the churchyard will be discussed and trying to make progress on organising containers and planters for the village.

Gearing Up To Cycle Across Cuba in Cancer Challenge.

Heptonstall resident Amanda Cox is getting on her bike and taking positive action in the fight against breast, ovarian and cervical cancers.

Amanda is part of a group of women tackling the third Women V Cancer challenge. She will be challenging herself as part of a women only team of cyclists riding through Cuba to support the work of three charities: Breast Cancer Care, Jo's Cervical Cancer Trust and Ovarian Cancer Action. A donation will also be made to support cancer care in Cuba.

Amanda is cycling on 21 – 29 October 2013. The group will cycle around 400km over five days – both on and off road – through rural Cuba away from the usual tourist trails. It will be a journey of fun, friendship and incredible support as women of all ages and from all walks of life come together to challenge themselves for a great cause.

"I took up cycling to take part in the first Women V Cancer challenge in February 2012 cycling 400kms through the Rift Valley in Kenya. It wasn't easy – tarmac full of large potholes, extremely hilly and temperatures reaching the mid 30's. A lot of the women cyclists were themselves cancer survivors and incredibly inspirational. This challenge raised £1.6 million for the cancer charities as well as donated clothing, games, writing and drawing equipment to several schools along our route and the smiles this bought about were heart warming."

As well as training hard Amanda needs to raise a minimum of £2900 by 8th August to support the work of the Women V Cancer charities. She is paying her own costs so any donation goes directly to the charities.

Fundraising events will be advertised in the village Post Office and tearooms or to support Amanda's efforts you can make an online donation at:

<http://www.justgiving.com/amanda-CycleCuba>

For further information about the Women V Cancer visit www.actionforcharity.co.uk or telephone Action for Charity on 0845 408 2698 or 01590 677854

BREAST CANCER CARE:

Every year 46,000 women and men receive the devastating news that they have breast cancer. The money we raise will help this charity to be there for each and every one of these men and women by providing expertise, emotional support and practical advice.

JO'S CERVICAL CANCER TRUST:

This charity is the only UK charity dedicated to supporting women affected by cervical abnormalities and cervical cancer. Nearly three women die every day in the UK from cervical cancer, with eight more being diagnosed with the disease.

OVARIAN CANCER ACTION:

Ovarian cancer is the biggest gynaecological killer of women in the UK. 12 women die each day from the disease in the UK. It has one of the lowest rates of survival in developed countries. The money raised will support this charity to raise awareness of the disease and research how to increase the survival rate.