

Ulnes Walton Parish Council - June 2011

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Message from the Chairman & Parish Council

It is a great pleasure to serve again as Chairman of the Parish Council. The Members of the Council are here to serve the community of Ulnes Walton and do its best for the neighbourhood. If you have any problems or issues you would like to raise or indeed have any ideas you wish the Parish Council to investigate, please let the Clerk know and we will try our best to help you.

We are pleased to introduce three new Members to our Parish Council; John Dalton, Pamela Sloan and Nicola Watkinson and I personally welcome them all and look forward to working with them over the next four years. Thank you also to our past Members who have all greatly contributed to our community.

A great amount of activity is taking place within the village with clubs, groups and information courses all catering for local residents. We do hope that you will join in the many community groups and gain benefit from them.

Our Parish Assembly was held on 9 May 2011 and the Annual Parish Report for the year ended 31 March 2011 was presented. Included in this newsletter is a copy of the Annual Report which provides a full financial summary together with an update on Council activities during the past 12 months.

The Parish Council is pleased to announce that it will shortly be sub contracting the services of two Village Lengthsmen from a neighbouring Parish Council. We have recently received a grant to run this service for a year. The lengthsmen will help with litter control around the village and general maintenance of parish council owned property. The service will provide many benefits to the village, not least of all by improving the tidiness of the parish, but improving the wellbeing of its residents as everyone is sure to be impacted by this good work. We also hope this scheme will attract other funding sources enabling the parish council to carry out other services and small projects. We are currently putting together a route for the Lengthsmen to take. If your part of Ulnes Walton needs particular litter attention or a tidy up, let the Clerk know and we will be sure to include in the scheme. You can email the Clerk on ulneswaltonpc@yahoo.co.uk.

We are looking for a new location for a Parish Council Notice Board on Southport Road and would welcome your suggestions. Again please email the Clerk with your thoughts and suggestions.

Cllr Dorothy Todd

Chairman of Ulnes Walton Parish Council



**Action for
Ulnes Walton**

Ulnes Walton Historic Prayer Cross

This project as described in the last newsletter is finally coming to fruition.

On Friday 15th July at 1.00pm the Cross will be unveiled at the Old School to the sound of music from "Tapestry of Music", a group dedicated to playing instruments and singing music from Medieval Times. A time capsule containing information about Ulnes Walton, some modern artefacts, and contributions from local schools will be buried.

We shall have representatives from local councils, local schools, and the press. The guest list may grow before the time as well.

As all residents of Ulnes Walton are members of Action for Ulnes Walton you are all invited to the restoration of this historic monument.

Parish Council Meetings

The Parish Council normally meets on the second Monday of each month. Meetings commence at 7.30pm and are held at the Old School, Ulnes Walton Lane.

Forthcoming dates include: -

11 July 2011

12 September 2011

10 October 2011

All residents are welcome to attend.

Ulnes Walton Summer Gala Sunday 28th August

Tarleton Brass Band, Beekeeping,
Morris Dancers

NEW Farmers Market NEW
Craft Stalls, Tombola, Side Stalls,
Bouncy Play Area, Face Painting,
Grand Prize Raffle, Barbeque and
Refreshments

and Much, Much More

**Come along and have
a great afternoon**



The Old School, Ulnes Walton Lane
12 Noon to 4pm

Presented by Ulnes Walton
Community Group with
assistance from Skills for Care

VISIT OUR WEBSITE www.ulneswaltonpc.co.uk



**Lancashire
Constabulary**
police and communities together

The residents of Ulnes Walton are invited to attend Police PACT Meetings to discuss policing issues that affect the village. The next scheduled PACT meetings are: -

- Saturday 2 July @ 5.00 pm at Croston Police Office
- Monday 12 September @ 7.00 pm at Ulnes Walton, Old School
- Monday 3 October @ 7.30 pm at Bretherton School
- Sunday 6 November @ 6.00 pm at Croston Police Office
- Monday 12 December @ 7.00 pm at Ulnes Walton Old School

Please note the local community police team run and organise these meetings. If you need to get hold of a member of the local community police team in the mean time, they can be contacted on Tel: 0845 1 253545.



Call anonymously with information about crime



**Ulnes Walton
Women's
Institute**

We hold a monthly meeting on the third Wednesday of the month (except December) at 7.30pm. and have a good programme of speakers and activities, but above all tea, cake and friendship.

We are active in local events with time and financial help.

If you are interested in attending our meetings we would be delighted to welcome new members.

If you require further information please telephone Julie on 01772 431427.

Lancshires Best Kept Villages

As reported in the last Newsletter, the Parish Council has entered Ulnes Walton into the 2011 Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition.

Villages all across Lancashire have been entering this prestigious competition since 1958 and we are pleased to confirm we have entered Ulnes Walton into the small village category. The main aim of the competition is to encourage community effort and involvement in keeping Lancashire's villages and their facilities tidy and well maintained.

Judges visited our village in June and will come again in July with final judging in August and results published in September.

All private property will be judged from the road or footpath. The judges may take a closer look at public buildings and their surrounds, but will not enter any private property.

We hope all residents will actively engage in this initiative in community spirit and make Ulnes Walton truly a proud place to live.

Young People's Services Ulnes Walton

The LCC YPS Bus will be visiting Ulnes Walton (Wymott Social Club) on Friday 1 July, 15 July, 22 July, 29 July and 5 August. If you are between 13 and 19 why not take the opportunity to meet workers from the Young People Service and come and join in fun activities. Contact Karen Livesey for more information on 01257 470201.



Ulnes Walton Community Group

Funding

The group is pleased to announce that our bid for village wide funding to Skills for Care has been successful and we shall be receiving money shortly for distribution to all village community groups to fund their own nominated projects. From the Community Groups' point of view it allows the Gala to go ahead without fear of financial concerns. A condition of the bid is that we work closely with Skills for Care to enable them to produce a blueprint for the organisation and skills required to implement a village community group. Ulnes Walton Community Group is one of only two participants of this project in Lancashire and we are rightly proud to be involved.

Beetle and Bingo Night

Our thanks to all those who joined us for the event in April. We had more children this year, of all ages, and going on for a ton of chocolate must have been won with people now walking the calories off until the next night in December.

Gala

As you will see from the flyer this years event promises to be better than ever. The addition of a farmers market is a great achievement. With produce ranging from sausages to bread, sweets, fruit and veg., and much more, we hope that it will become a regular attraction.

Tarleton Brass Band are new to us and promise to give us an afternoon to remember, as do old favourites, Leyland Morris Men. So pray for good weather on Sunday 28th August and come along and have a great afternoon.

Other Matters

The Community Group is also pleased to be able to support the WI in their Over 65's lunch projects. Computer classes are still continuing at the Old School, albeit at a reduced level, so if anyone is interested to participate in future please let us know.



Action for Ulnes Walton

Action for Ulnes Walton received a grant from Central Lancashire NHS trust to enable it to print its popular walk leaflets. The project was aimed at promoting both physical and mental health and hard copies can be usually available from the Action for Ulnes Walton Information Point outside of the Rose & Crown, the Royal Empire Caravan site, The Original Farmers Arms Eccleston, and The Travellers Rest on Southport Road.

Yarrow Valley Walk

Approximately 6 miles

2 Hours 40 Minutes

The Yarrow is particularly picturesque here and you walk through beautiful countryside. The route is relatively flat on grassland grazed by cattle and sheep and on traffic free tarmac farm tracks. Only a very short time is spent on the road. Stiles and bridges are well maintained. It can get muddy in the winter but for the remainder of the year going underfoot is good. There is a pub serving food at the halfway point.

The Two Rivers Walk

Approximately 6 miles

2 Hours 15 Minutes

Relatively flat, through deep countryside, a large part of the route is beside beautiful rivers often with no sign of human habitation. With well maintained stiles/footbridges, a short distance on road with pavements. Largely good going most of the year but heavy in winter. A footbridge (Marked?) is missing so walk along Holker Lane until you pick up the route again.

Ridley Lane Walk

Just under 4 miles

1 Hour 30 Minutes

Ridley Lane is a tarmac road walkable in the wettest of weathers. It is virtually traffic free, and apart from one short muddy stretch the rest of the route is well drained and passable for most of the year. There is one gentle climb over a low hill, otherwise it is flat.

M.O.S. Depot on Ulnes Walton Lane

CAN YOU HELP WITH INFORMATION IN RELATION TO THE FORMER M.O.S. DEPOT (DUMPS), ULNES WALTON LANE

Jack Smith is a local historian and serves on the Council for British Archaeology, North West Region, Industrial Archaeological Panel. He was a founder member of the Chorley and District Historical and Archaeological Society, now its Present who lectures throughout the country. He has had several books published, including one on Leyland and a history of the Royal Ordnance Factor (ROF) at Chorley.

The ROF at Chorley had some connection with the Depot in Ulnes Walton Lane and Jack is researching this at the moment. He would like to hear from anyone who worked at the site or had family members work there. He has already conducted some interviews locally and is amassing information. If enough material is obtained a book about the site could be produced.

The Depot was open from the start of the war, circa 1939 or 1940 until about the late 1960's. He would like to know details, however small, as to what was done there, what was kept there, how many were employed, etc. In fact anything at all relating to the site. Does anyone reading this appeal for help have any information or has any personal or family connections with the site.

Do any photographs of the site exist or not? Does anyone know about the social side of activities at the Depot Canteen where I hear dances were held occasionally. Who drove the locomotives and/or trucks at the Depot. How did the coming of the Depot affect the local farming community with compulsory purchase of land, etc.

Did the United States Army personnel have any contact with the Depot in the war years? There is a huge amount of missing information. Can you help to fill the gaps in the history of this site.

If you can, Jack Smith would like to meet you. Jack lives in Leyland and he can be contacted on email jack_smith.0035@yahoo.co.uk or by telephone on 01772 624125.



Chorley Council is joining forces with Chorley & District Gardening Society to find the Borough's Best Kept Front Gardens that are making Chorley Smile.

We're on the hunt for front gardens that are brightening up the Borough's towns, villages and communities and we need people to nominate a garden they think is making Chorley smile.

Rules and Information

1. You can nominate your own garden, a neighbours garden or a garden you have seen in the Borough but you must have the homeowners permission first.
2. Gardens and displays can be of any design or size but must be visible from the road or pavement.
3. Initial judging will be done from photographs taken from the pavement or road with the homeowners permission and a detailed description of the garden if appropriate.
4. An expert panel will judge each entry and draw up a shortlist to be judged in person in July.

Prizes

First Prize

£120.00 worth of gardening vouchers, the 'Best Kept Garden' competition trophy presented by Chorley & District Gardening Society and a Framed Certificate

Second Prize

£80.00 worth of gardening vouchers and a Framed Certificate.

Third Prize

£40.00 worth of gardening vouchers and a Framed Certificate.

All vouchers have been kindly donated by Birkacre Garden Centre.

All entries should be sent to Best Kept Garden Competition, Chorley Council, Civic Offices, Union Street, Chorley, PR7 1AL

**Closing Entries by
Friday 8th July 2011**

**Ulnes Walton
Charitable Fund**

(Reg Charity
No 225833)



If you would like information about the Old School, hire arrangements and availability, or the Ulnes Walton Charitable Fund which manages it, please contact:

John McKie, Secretary/Treasurer
Ulnes Walton Charitable Fund
11 The Stables, Rufford New Hall
Rufford, Park Lane, Rufford,
L40 1XE
Tel: 01704 821350

All the projects associated with the Old School have the full support of the Parish Council and we are grateful to the Trustees for their efforts on behalf of this essential village asset.

The VIP Coffee Morning

Villages in Partnership is
hosting a Coffee Morning
on Friday 8th July at
9.30am until 12 noon.

It will be held at Croston
Community Centre,
Castle Walks, Croston,
PR26 9RH.



Registered Charity No. 1111237
www.villagesinpartnership.org.uk
Tel: 01772 603591

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Chorley Council



Chorley Annual 50+ Games

With the Olympics coming to the UK in 2012, this is a chance for residents of Chorley to take part in their very own 50+ games with a twist.

Wednesday 7th September from
10.00 am to 1.00 pm at Clayton
Green Sports Centre.

Teams of 4 – 6 can compete in a fun and varied selection of games which include Boules, Jenga Connect 4 challenges, Egg and Spoon races, and many more fun games.

We are looking for people aged 50+ to enter teams from the Chorley area. Are you a community group or organisation that like a fun competition or a group of friends that enjoy sports and games that all abilities can try.

For more information or an application form to enter please call 01257 515151 or email

michael.rushe@chorley.gov.uk



The Chorley Older People's Forum was set up by government to provide a way members of the public over the age of 50 could give their views on services, how they are planned, how they work, how effective they are and how they might need changing. Although funded largely by the County Council the Forum is completely independent. Membership is open to all residents in the Chorley area over the age of 50 and is completely free. Learn more about Chorley Older People's Forum by contacting them on Tel: 01257 231741 or visit their website on www.chorleyopf.org.uk

International Older People's Day Saturday 1st October 2011

Chorley Older Peoples forum and partners are organising a wide range of activities to celebrate International Older Peoples Day 2011. The forum are looking to host an information event based at All Seasons Leisure Centre and a free Chorley Town Centre Pedometer challenge event were people aged 50+ can aim to see how many steps that they can achieve.

As well as this day of activities a week of events ranging from health walks to exercise activities, Tea Dances, sports, coffee mornings, quizzes and information and advice events. This week of activities will be from 1st – 8th October.

A booklet of activities and community classes will be produced as part of the celebrations and Chorley Council on behalf of the Chorley Older Peoples are inviting groups and organisations who run activities for the 50+ to promote their activities within this booklet. If you would like information on International Older Peoples day/week and any of the activities that are available please call 01257 515817 or email michael.rushe@chorley.gov.uk.

If you would like to organise an event for the celebrations or would like an information sheet that explains how to add your activities to the booklet that is being produced then please contact Michael Rushe at Chorley Council on 01257 51817.