

Newsletter September 2024

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In Hoole eleven organisations work together to enhance the well-being and quality of life for all residents and several are featured in this newsletter:

Much Hoole Parish Council, Little Hoole Parish Council, South Ribble Borough Council, Hoole Village Memorial Hall, 1st Hoole Scout Group, Hoole Village Hall Bowling Club, Hoole St Michael's Parish Church, Much Hoole and Little Hoole Junior Schools, Hoole WI and Ribble Court Care Home.

There's not a formal tie-up, but as the need arises they work together to support each other and there are numerous examples. This is quite unique and hugely beneficial. If you want to know more, or get involved, contact the Parish Clerk – see below and above - in the first instance.

Our new Parish Clerk, Amy Evans

Amy says "I am delighted to become the new Clerk for Much Hoole Parish Council. With extensive experience in administration and a strong commitment to community service, I look forward to contributing to the council's efforts. In my free time I enjoy countryside walks, cooking, crochet, and spending time with my energetic toddler".



The Hoole Cycle Pump Track

One facility your Parish Council is very proud of is this track on Smithy Lane which is very popular with young people and families. It is in constant use especially in summer and at weekends.

People often travel for many miles to use this superb pump track which now has three tracks of varying difficulty – a Senior track, a Junior track and a new Toddlers track. Each has humps and dips to excite a skilled and daring cyclist.



These three photos are of Freddy Watkinson, age 2 from Leyland. Mum Rebecca brings him to practice his skills and develop confidence. To the left he is on the Toddlers track but below he is on the Senior track. He has no pedals but uses his feet to push himself along.



Hoole St Michael's Church www.hooleparishchurch.com

St Michael's is an active and thriving church with a growing congregation offering a warm welcome to everyone. Here's what we do: (visit website for more)



- **Worship.** We meet every Sunday at 9.00 for a quieter, more traditional service, and at 10.30 for a larger service with music and Sunday School.
- **Quiet.** The church is open every day (9.30 – 4.30) if you are looking for a quiet place to think, pray or reflect.
- **Celebrate.** Our attractive church will soon be 400 years old and is the perfect size for weddings and baptisms. Christmas, Easter and Harvest services are also the ideal time to join us if you are new to church.
- **Learn.** What does it all mean? We offer regular, popular Bible study meetings and an Alpha course in our new lodge adjacent to the church, which has disabled facilities.
- **Bring the family.** There is a full programme for children of all ages – recently Gladiators Church and Hogwarts Church. Soon Jurassic Church. There is a weekly toddler group on Wednesdays 9.30 to 11.00am, a weekly Sunday School and a monthly family church.
- **Socialise.** Our church offers a warm welcome, a chance to chat over coffee and to have fun together with our social events programme.
- **Remember.** Our churchyard is a peaceful place well visited by relatives, and the Remembrance Sunday service is important to our community.
- **Outreach.** We lead worship at Old Mill Court and Ribble Court, support our local Foodbank and mission charities, and have a successful bereavement group.

Jane Elphick, Church Warden
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Hogwarts Church



Pancake Church

Flowers all year round in Much Hoole

A big priority for your Parish Council is to make the village look beautiful all year round to the delight of residents and visitors alike.



He has planted flowers and maintained the ten planters around the village as well as looked after the Trafalgar Garden, local footpaths and rights of way, and other spaces.



Our new Lengthsman Harry (a 'lengthsman' in olden days was tasked with looking after a length of highway) has been doing a great job this summer and we hope it's been noticed.



If you have queries or comments arising from any article in this newsletter please email our Parish Clerk, Amy, at clerk@muchhoolepc.org.uk or ring Richard on 07831 804520.

Ribble Court Care Home

The Care Home in our village has space for 53 residents and employs 75 mainly local people. There are invariably vacancies should anyone wish to join their team.



At Ribble Court, they take a person-centred approach in providing care for all residents. They offer nursing care, bariatric, residential and dementia care and have a wonderful team of nurses and carers who ensure the best possible care by paying attention to the details of residents' lives.

The kitchen daily provides delicious home cooked meals which are tailored to resident's needs.

The activities team engages all residents in a variety of different ways with trips, events, afternoon teas and much more. With their own housekeeping and maintenance team, they can provide a modern and clean environment surrounded by beautiful gardens for residents to enjoy all year round. Residents are at the forefront of all that they do

Photo above:
Bedroom
Photo right:
Dining room



at Ribble Court, making every day a joyous one.



Hoole WI

Hoole WI was formed in March 1953 and currently has over 40 members. Meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month in The Venue's main hall, starting at 7pm and finishing at 9.30pm.



Meetings usually involve a speaker, lots of chatter and, of course, lots of cake with tea and coffee. As well as being involved in many Regional and National WI events, we also hold our own events which include garden parties, birthday and Christmas parties, workshops and trips.

Under the Hoole WI umbrella, there is also the weekly Knit and Natter, Walking, Environmental and Singing Groups which anyone can join - you don't have to be a Hoole WI member and the singing group even includes men!

Hoole WI is a great way for ladies to come together and enjoy each other's company. Come along to a meeting - we'd love to see you and you will be made very welcome. *Claire Chestnutt, Secretary*

Hoole Village Memorial Hall – The Venue

To find out about regular meetings of various groups, and about events, or to book the hall, visit our website at www.hoolevillagehall.co.uk.

There is a huge amount going on and it is used every day in so many diverse ways. It is proving a huge success and a great asset to the village.

The Classic Vehicle Show on 11th August had 227 exhibiting vehicles and around 800 visitors.



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1st Hoole Scout Group



Adult volunteers are always welcome. You don't need to be experienced and can do times to suit you.

Volunteering is fun and very rewarding.

Contact Jacquisherrington@yahoo.co.uk for further information. *Jacqui Sherrington*



Hoole Village Hall Bowling Club

The club is very grateful for grants from the Parish Council that have enabled the purchase of equipment to help their volunteers maintain what is one of the best greens in the region. The club has around 80 members and 13 teams competing in 5 district leagues. Social bowling is on Friday & Sunday afternoons when all are welcome.



Beavers bowling

On Monday mornings there are sessions for adults with learning difficulties and the club has held sessions for Scouts. Plans to engage local primary schools aim to establish a club Junior Section.

Footpaths and public rights of way in Much Hoole



Bridge on Footpath 21 repaired



Footpath 14 blocked before, now clear



Footpath 20: 2nd handrail fitted & new sign

Although we had a slow start due to the wet weather in early 2024, the Parish Council, through Cllr Paul Cocker, has been busy improving the many Public Rights of Way. The pictures and descriptions show some of the work carried out.

Fitting signposts and waymarkers serves two purposes: it encourages the local community and visitors to see and use the paths for recreation and ensures the public stick to the designated footpath routes avoiding unintended trespassing.

A map has been provided on Village notice boards to show where the footpaths are. It may also be of interest to know that our footpaths link up with footpaths in adjoining Parishes - Bretherton, Little Hoole, Longton and beyond.

The LCC map 'MARIO' that can be found on the LCC website, shows all the footpaths across Lancashire.