



# Chapel-en-le-Frith Parish Council and Community Newsletter

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## A message from the Chair

We reported on the Parish Council Website the outcome of the latest court date, in relation to the Memorial Park, a summary is given below.

*Merren Jones, Stephen Covey Crump -V- Chapel en-le-Frith - Council*

Following one and a half days of preliminary legal argument the case has been adjourned so that the Council can make an application to the High Court on a point of law. The case cannot continue until the High Court has made that ruling.

Sharing information has to be balanced against the risk of prejudicing the continuing proceedings. So, we will take advice on what can be shared, if it is already in the public domain

I want to ensure that more people are aware of what is happening with the Parish Council and in the local community. This newsletter is part of the way we are improving communication. If you would like an electronic copy of the quarterly newsletter, please see the information on page 4. We now have over 100 people receiving the newsletter electronically. Once you have read it, please pass it to local family, or friends.

Over the last twelve months, Councillors have been working to support their community. We have supported and taken part in a range of events including the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the D Day landings, licensing of the new Minister at Thomas Beckett Church, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Chapel en le Frith Ladies Choir and the Remembrance Sunday and Tree Lighting events



We also supported the extension of the Combs Reservoir Footpath, in partnership with the Footpath Group led by Chris and Councillor Cath Sizeland, the Canal and Rivers Trust and local residents.

In partnership with HPBC (Cllr Sally Depee) we held a successful Pension Credit event – more details on page:

Our focus for the next twelve months will be to continue to improve communication.



I now attend regular surgeries at Morrisons with Cllr Sally Depee, and our local PCSO, Karen Green, dates will be published on our website, so you can come down to meet us and find out more about what is happening.

On behalf of all the Parish Council I would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Tony Dales



## **Your Parish Council**

The Council generally meets monthly on a Tuesday evening, usually at the Town Hall – details are on the meetings calendar on our website:  
<https://chapelpc.org>.

Residents are welcome to attend as observers, and to raise brief points or express concerns at the start of each meeting. **Please check the website – link above, as occasionally meeting dates change**

## **Current Parish Councillors**

### **Chapel East Ward**

Councillor Jason Adshead – [cllrjadshead@chapelpc.org](mailto:cllrjadshead@chapelpc.org)  
Councillor Jim Perkins – [cllrjperkins@chapelpc.org](mailto:cllrjperkins@chapelpc.org)  
Councillor Andrew Foreshaw-Cain -  
[cllraforeshaw-cain@chapelpc.org](mailto:cllraforeshaw-cain@chapelpc.org)

### **Chapel West Ward**

Councillor Alistair Beswick – [cllrabeswick@chapelpc.org](mailto:cllrabeswick@chapelpc.org)  
Councillor Chris Williams – [cllrcwilliams@chapelpc.org](mailto:cllrcwilliams@chapelpc.org)  
Councillor Stewart Young – [cllrsyoung@chapelpc.org](mailto:cllrsyoung@chapelpc.org)  
Cllr Tom Golborne – [cllrtgolborne@chapelpc.org](mailto:cllrtgolborne@chapelpc.org)  
Cllr Tony Gilfillan -[cllrtgilfillan@chapelpc.org](mailto:cllrtgilfillan@chapelpc.org)  
Cllr Janice Bankcroft -[cllrjbancroft@chapelpc.org](mailto:cllrjbancroft@chapelpc.org)

### **Combs and Whitehough Ward**

Councillor Mike Chantler – [cllrmchantler@chapelpc.org](mailto:cllrmchantler@chapelpc.org)  
Councillor Tony Dales – [cllrtdales@chapelpc.org](mailto:cllrtdales@chapelpc.org)

### **Dove Holes and Martinside Ward**

Councillor Melissa Drabble – [cllrdrabble@doveholesvillage.co.uk](mailto:cllrdrabble@doveholesvillage.co.uk)  
Councillor Mark Drabble – [cllrmdrabble@doveholevillages.co.uk](mailto:cllrmdrabble@doveholevillages.co.uk)



## **Parish Council Office Hours**

**Monday - closed**

**Thursday mornings**

The office is open between 9.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. for people to drop in

**Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays**

The office will be closed to the public but people can ring the Town Hall on 01298 – 813320 between 9.00 a.m to 12.30 p.m., or email the Clerk – Gill Turner - [clerk@chapelpc.org](mailto:clerk@chapelpc.org). Or, the Assistant Clerk – Emma Howe email: [Astclerk@chapelpc.org](mailto:Astclerk@chapelpc.org)

## **Thank you to Cllr Sally Depee, High Peak Borough Council**

The winter months can be drab and grey. We would like to thank HPBC for bringing a little colour into the town by supporting the cost of the winter planting for the tubs around the town.



## **Pension Credit Advice Surgery**

We recently held a really successful information event for local people in the Town Hall annexe in partnership with High Peak Borough Councillor, Sally Depee. There were around 20 attendees, who told us what a difference the advice surgery had made to them.

*'I was so anxious before I came, now I feel reassured I can get some support.'*



We are very grateful for the support from:

- Citizens Advice Bureau
- Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service,
- CAP UK
- Front Line Debt Advice
- Blythe House,
- Department of Works and Pension,
- Marches Energy Agency

*'I've had the pension credit forms for months now but they felt too complicated. Getting help to complete them today, is a lifesaver.'*

One person discovered - during their discussion with Front Line Debt, they

are potentially eligible for an additional £5k per annum. This will be followed up with a claim

### **Pension Credit – what it is, who is eligible and how to apply**

Pension credit is a weekly benefit to boost the income of people over retirement age and it is based on how much money you have coming in. It is a benefit that acts as a 'passport' to other benefits – such as Housing Benefit, Council Tax Reduction, free Television licenses if you are over 75 and from this year the Winter Fuel Payment. Because of this it's worth applying for Pension Credit even if you don't think you'll get much.

Who is eligible?

To claim Pension Credit you must:

1. have reached State Pension age
2. not have too much income or savings
3. live in the UK

If you already get a disability benefit such as Disability Living Allowance or Attendance Allowance you will get additional amounts added to the amount you are entitled to receive, and if you are the carer for someone else there is an additional amount for that too.

If you qualify for Pension Credit, you'll still get a Winter Fuel Payment if you apply for Pension Credit by 21 December – you can backdate your

claim to 16 to 22 September, which is the qualifying date for Winter fuel payments. There are also other benefits such as Income Support, Working Tax Credit and Universal Credit which will also allow you to qualify for the Winter Fuel Allowance. In addition financial support is available such as the Household Support Fund.

There is information on the CAB website at <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/> and online benefit checkers can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/benefits-calculators>

You can contact CAB directly if you prefer and they can carry out a benefit check to confirm your entitlement to Winter Fuel Allowance as well as other benefits and help. They can also help with the application process.

The adviceline line is freephone 08082787954 Monday – Friday 9am – 4pm and they offer telephone appointments as well as face to face appointments in Chapel, Whaley Bridge, New Mills, Glossop and Buxton.



**Change to bin Collections during Christmas period.** Bins due to be collected on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> December will be collected on **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>** instead. The collection on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> January will not be affected.

There will be no organic (green-lidded bin) collections between Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2024 – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2025.



## **Electronic mailing-list for this newsletter**

We are developing an email mailing-list for this newsletter. So, we would be grateful if, as many readers as possible, would send a short message to [clerk@chapelpc.org](mailto:clerk@chapelpc.org) giving your consent for your e-address to be added to the mailing-list.

The Parish Council, like all local government bodies, is legally bound by data-protection rules which forbid us to use your data for other than the purpose we have stated, and we certainly won't. Many thanks for your help!

## **Community Directory**

We are very lucky in Chapel to have a number of local organisations who operate within our community offering practical and emotional support, or somewhere to meet new people, gain a new skill and have fun. These include: Tea and Chat, Blythe House, Little Cherubs, Boys and Girls Brigade, Chapel en le Frith Methodist Church, the WI, Chapel Ladies and Mens Choirs, the Mustard Seed Café, along with charity shops, which support local charities including The GEM Foundation (Stage 4 Deserves More)

All of these organisations require your support either with donations, or volunteering. Or, they may be able to provide you with support, advice, or a place of friendship. In partnership with Cllr Depee (HPBC), as part of our drive to improve access to community information, we want to develop a local directory, which puts in one place all the local non-profit community, voluntary and fun/learning organisations.

## **If you would like to be included in the directory please contact:**

Emma Howe, Chapel Parish Council on:

Email: [astclerk@chapelpc.org](mailto:astclerk@chapelpc.org)





# Community News

## Chapel-en-le-Frith Ladies Choir

Come along and sing!

**Where?** - Chapel en le Frith Town Hall,

**When?** - Monday evenings, 7.30pm to 9.30pm

**New Members are always welcome!**



## Christmas Concerts

### **Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> December**

We will be singing in Morrisons, Chapel-en-le-Frith, on between 4.00 – 6.00 p.m.

### **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

We present our Christmas Concert 'A Golden Christmas', at Chapel Methodist Church, at 2.30 p.m. with guests the recorder group Polydolci

**Tickets:** which include refreshments, cost **£10.00 (under 16's FREE)** are available from:

- Halls Mica Hardware
- From Choir members
- Or, on the door (although our concerts are popular and can sell out)

## Chapel en le Frith Bell Ringers



***Ding-dong! Merrily on high in heaven the bells are ringing  
Ding-dong! Verily the sky is riven with angels singing  
"Gloria, hosanna in excelsis!"  
"Gloria, hosanna in excelsis!"***

The Carol, Ding Dong Merrily On High was written by a church

bell ringing enthusiast, George Ratcliffe Woodward (1848-1934), who came across the traditional melody and, through his passion for bell ringing, was inspired to give the tune a bell-inspired text.

The sound of bells is associated with Christmas, and all joyful occasions, ringing out for weddings, national celebrations, and of course, for the Sunday-by-Sunday call to worship.

The bells of St Thomas Beckett have been ringing out from the tower since at least the 17thC – and there are name tablets in the tower that show generations of the same local families ringing bells across the centuries.

We have a very active band of ringers in Chapel, of all ages – if you are lucky enough to live close to the church, you'll hear us practising on a Tuesday evening and ringing every Sunday before the main service.

If you'd like to know more then do come along one Tuesday evening – from 7.30pm or give one of us a call. We'd be delighted to welcome you

- Martin – 07887642879
- Fran - 07946838493
- Andrew – 07812453230

## Huge Thank You To Little Cherubs

Unfortunately, one of the pieces of park equipment, a swing basket seat, was damaged beyond repair and the Parish Council could not afford to replace it. Little Cherubs Community heard of the damage and stepped in to help their local community.

Little Cherubs Community is a charity based in Chapel-en-le-Frith, who support families in need. They specialise in providing good quality used clothing for children age 0-16, along with baby essentials and furniture. . If you are in need of support, have donations or would like to volunteer. Please go to their website:

[Littlecherubs.org.uk](http://Littlecherubs.org.uk)

### Here is their message:

☆ 🌈 The Parish Council could not afford the seat, Little Cherubs couldn't sit back and do nothing. ♡ So we bought one. ENJOY  
♡ Lots of love Little Cherubs and the Community 🌈 ☆





# HEDGEHOG S.O.S.

HERE ARE  
SOME SIGNS  
THAT SHOW  
A HEDGEHOG  
IS IN NEED  
OF HELP:



**LETHARGIC**  
Hedgehogs don't  
sunbathe!



**FLIES**  
If there are a lot  
of flies around a  
hedgehog it  
needs help.



**WOBBLY**  
If hedgehogs are  
wobbling as they  
walk there is  
something  
wrong.



**OBVIOUSLY  
INJURED**  
Wounded or clearly  
in distress.



**TRAPPED**  
Have been caught  
in netting, a pond,  
drain, etc.



**HOGLETS**  
If seen out in the  
day without an adult  
and / or squawking.

IF YOU SEE ANY OF THESE SIGNS PLEASE CARRY OUT THE  
FOLLOWING FIRST AID:

1. Use gardening gloves or a folded towel to gently pick the hedgehog up and pop it into a high sided cardboard or plastic box.
2. Bring the box indoors away from flies.
3. Keep the hedgehog in a quiet room away from pets and children and don't be tempted to look at it any more often than you must to carry out first aid.
4. Unless it's a very hot day, wrap a warm hot water bottle in a towel and place the hedgehog on it, with another towel gently draped over the hedgehog to keep the warmth in, make sure it has room to get off the bottle and that it stays warm (but not hot) at all times.
5. Offer a small amount of meaty cat, dog or hedgehog food and some water, don't force feed.
6. If it is a small hedgehog or hoglet do check nearby for others from the same litter that might also be in trouble.
7. Call the British Hedgehog Preservation Society on 01584 890 801 for the phone number of your local independent look online, or go direct to the rescue after contacting them



# Bereavement Support Groups

Buxton | Chapel | Glossop | Hope Valley

## Evening Group - NOW OPEN

**Have you have suffered a bereavement whether this be recently or a while ago? Are you struggling to find local support?**

Our **therapeutic** groups are for **adults** struggling with **bereavement** and are facilitated to ensure all are **safe, respected, cared for and heard**.

***'We were in this together, we shared. The group was much more powerful than other support for me, others helped me and I helped them.'***

Our groups are referral only, but you can call and refer yourself. We want to ensure the service is suitable for you, your relative or your client.

**Please call us for more information or a chat about the service.**

HIGH PEAK CVS BEREAVEMENT TEAM:

01663 735350 Option 3

or email: [bereavement@highpeakcvs.org.uk](mailto:bereavement@highpeakcvs.org.uk)



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## Community Information - send your information to us

If you are local community group, charity, individual, or non-profit organisation, which supports our community. We can promote you via the Newsletter, and our social media channels. Please send any information on events, activities, requests for donations, volunteering opportunities, or support with fundraising to: [Astclerk@chapelpc.org](mailto:Astclerk@chapelpc.org)



**Next Newsletter: March 2025 – please send information for the newsletter by 15th February**