

**HUTTON PARISH COUNCIL  
HUTTON NEWS & ANNUAL REPORT  
JUNE 2009**

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## **HUTTON FETE MAYDAY 2009**

Monday morning was grey and rainy but this did not stop the setting up of the field for the fete with the view that 'it might improve later'. Unfortunately the sunshine that had been hoped for did not appear however none the less the public showed their true spirit and at 1.30pm the crowds turned up to support this well established annual event. The volunteers running the games and stalls out on the field were magnificent, withstanding the wind and rain but determined not to give in. Although this year will not be one of the most profitable May Days it was nonetheless a successful one thanks to the public not being put off by the weather combined with the stamina and teamwork of the volunteers to which go a very big well done and thank you.



## **YOUTH FACILITIES EXTENDED TO HUTTON YOUNG PEOPLE**

Young people in Hutton are being invited to join Longton Youth Club. The Club which is supported by Longton Parish Council and now Hutton Parish Council first opened its doors to the young people of Longton last year. The first big activity was a huge success with teenagers learning how to play the African Drums and showing off their newly acquired percussion skills outside Booths in Longton. Since then the club has built up a strong following and teenagers have enjoyed taking part in activities including Street Dancing, Table Tennis and Magic Workshops.

The Club is run by Longton residents and enthusiastic volunteers Helen Beresford, Emma Worthington and Rita Young. Emma Worthington said 'We need the Club because we grew up here and did not have somewhere we could just meet up with friends which was safe, warm and dry. Its great news that we are able to expand our reach and provide a resource for teenagers in Hutton as well. We've had fantastic feedback from parents and have built up a great group of young people, who are keen to welcome new members. A big thank you goes not only to Longton Parish Council but also Hutton Parish Council who have seen their way to financially supporting this venture'

The Club is associated with Lancashire Youth Association and has a full child protection policy. It is open to 12 –16 year olds and takes place on Wednesday evenings 7.30pm — 9.30pm at the Women's Institute Hut on School Lane Longton. If you are interested in more information or volunteering to help, please contact Emma Worthington on 0772 0772 351

## **HUTTON VILLAGE HALL SUPPORTERS CLUB**

### **Winning Numbers since the last Newsletter:**

**February 2009 ( 175 & 161 )**

**March 2009 ( 87 & 52 )**

**April 2009 ( 49 & 72 )**

The New Year started in February however it is not too late to join for the remaining months of the year. (£1 per month) Each member is allocated a number which is entered into a monthly draw and prizes of £30 & £20 are paid each month. New members are always welcome to join this fun way of supporting our village.

### **BOOKING THE HALL**

As well as the regular group activities the village hall is available for private functions such as meetings, birthdays and anniversaries. The hall has a well equipped kitchen, stage facilities and a licensed bar is available by request. For further information please ring 07964750783.

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2009**

The AGM of the Village Hall Management Committee will be held at 7.30pm on the 7th July 2009 in the village hall. The Chairman will give his report and the accounts will be presented. Cheese and wine will be served. Please come along and show your support. Last year the turn out was very good and the committee welcomed the response and felt that people really did appreciate the work that goes into providing a well maintained, well equipped hall at reasonable charges for all to enjoy.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

During the last two weeks of July and through the month of August we are hoping to paint the inside of the hall and do bits of maintenance. If this can be carried out by volunteers it will keep the cost down. Are you handy with a paint brush? Can you spare an hour or two? If so please let us know either at the AGM by speaking to any committee member or by calling 616959 or 611471

### **GOOGLE EARTH COMES TO HUTTON**

The controversial web site Google Earth had its cameras touring Hutton on the 30th March 2009 to take 360 degree pictures of the village and its associated developments.

### **FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY PROJECTS**

Community Project organisers may not be aware of some of the local grants that are available to assist with community projects.

The LCC Climate Change Fund supports community projects on climate change aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions. A diverse range of projects includes such things as the insulation of community buildings, installation of solar panels to supply hot water and electricity, ground source heat pumps, wood pellet heating systems in community buildings and using alternative forms of transport to the car. Longton Ladybirds Kindergarten was able to obtain substantial funding for insulation to reduce electricity consumption from this fund. For more details telephone 01772 531257

Organisations in the Voluntary, Community and Faith sectors can apply for funding under the LCC Gateway Grants Scheme. All projects must demonstrate how they would benefit the well-being of the community. Guy's Farm Activity Centre, regularly used by Guides/Scouts and other youth groups throughout the County have been awarded Gateway funding. For further details telephone 01257 263254

In addition the LCC Green Partnership Awards Scheme can also make funding available up to £500.00 for smaller environmentally friendly projects. For further details telephone 01772 530650

In addition small grants may be obtained through the local County Councillor, who has an annual budget of £1,250. Under this scheme New Longton Methodist Church was awarded £350 for its 'Food for Thought' project.

If you are undertaking a local project why not contact these organisations to see if assistance is available or access the LCC web site @ [www.lancashire.gov.uk](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk)



# HUTTON PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT JUNE 2009

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

When I took over the role of Chairman of Hutton Parish council 16 months ago I realised from the start that the Chairman's role was not going to be an easy task despite 10 years experience of being a Parish Councillor. For some unknown reason Hutton is seemingly a difficult Parish to run and to satisfy all of the residents and businesses alike is not easy.

In the past the greatest Council and resident concerns have usually centred around contentious planning applications which have been on the agenda every couple of months or so however in the past 12 months the biggest concerns have related to alleged breaches of licence and planning permissions by a small number of businesses in the catchment area. The Clerk and I have met up with some of these businesses and hopefully we have now made progress on some of the issues. There is however still work to be done since some residents are still allegedly being affected by what they consider to be inconsiderate businesses that ostensibly ignore regulations and thus affect the lives of people who wish to live in a reasonably noise free and clean environment. In closing on this matter I would ask that all businesses try to work harmoniously within this community within which they operate and respect the village environment. If businesses and residents alike can respect each other then Hutton will be a better place to live in.

In June 2008 we saw the completion of the affordable bungalows on Meadow View Close which are owned by Progress Housing.

In June and July Hutton was being judged in the Best Kept Village Competition and finished in a creditable third place whilst Mill Brow Farm was awarded second place in one of the Merit Award categories. Hutton have entered again in 2009 and hope to improve their performance.

The annual Christmas tree has been on the agenda recently. For the past four years Hutton's Christmas tree has been a welcoming sight at the new location at the corner of Saunders Close. Let us hope that 2008 was not to be the last. The price of these trees including servicing increases year on year and cost over £1000 in 2008. Funding has come jointly from the Western Parishes Area Committee and Hutton Parish Council. We have been informed that funding to the Area Committees from SRBC has been withdrawn for 2009 which means that Hutton Parish Council may have to consider putting in more of its own funds if we are to continue having our own Christmas tree.

Hutton Parish Council continue to lobby Lancashire County Council and Lancashire police to agree to extend the 50mph speed limit to a point south of Saunders Lane on both the south and north carriageways in order to improve safety for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists who use that area.

Hutton's Village Plan of 2007 had an objective to improve the availability of activities for young people. At our March meeting the Council agreed to donate £260 towards the 'Young Longton Project' and whilst most of the activities will be Longton based we do hope that the youth of Hutton will take the opportunity and join the scheme.

In recent years we have seen an increase in the number of passengers waiting for buses at Lindle Lane to travel to Southport and Liverpool. It is not pleasant having to stand waiting for the bus when it is raining and so Hutton Parish Council have opened talks with SRBC to seek funding for a bus shelter at this stop.

Finally in 2009 we hope to see a resolution to the flooding issues around the Village Hall. Once this is resolved we intend to meet with the Village Hall Committee and SRBC to agree works in order to improve the entrance to the Village Hall and recreation ground.

Councillor George Gilbert  
Chairman

## FINANCIAL REPORT

### INCOME

Income levels are higher than shown in both the original September 2007 budget used to calculate the 2008/9 Precept and the out turn projection/revised budget of September 2008 due to interest receipts above forecast, a grant from LCC which was not originally envisaged and a higher than forecast VAT refund.

An increased carry forward balance from the previous year **meant that against the original projections available funds were approx £2000 higher than originally envisaged.**

### EXPENDITURE

Expenditure levels are less than the original budget primarily due to under spends in the following areas:

£1000 Village Plan  
£1000 Bus Shelter/ Notice Board Provision  
£ 511 Christmas tree Provision  
£ 292 Project Provision

Newsletter costs increased due to the professional printing of Hutton News however these have to a large part been offset by savings in photocopier and stationery costs. **Overall expenditure is approx £3000 less than anticipated.**

### SUMMARY

The net result of the increased available income and expenditure under spends have resulted in an end of year reserve position of £9113 which is significantly higher than predicted.

The higher reserves do however contain funds provisioned for Village Plan expenditure which may be needed in the future, will provide available funding for items not originally budgeted for such as the proposed new bus shelter near to Lindle Lane and provision for any necessary asset replacements not covered by our insurance policy. A careful review of reserve requirements will be done when setting the Precept for 2010/11 later this year.

All in all the financial position of the Council is strong.

W V McEnnerney-Whittle (Responsible Financial Officer)

## HUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

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### PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Parish Council will meet at 7.30 pm in Hutton Village Hall on the following dates:

**13th July 2009**  
**14th September 2009**  
**19th October 2009**

### WESTERN PARISHES AREA COMMITTEE

The Western Parishes Area Committee meets every 3rd Monday in odd months of the year at 7.15pm at Hutton Village Hall on Moor Lane in Hutton. The next meeting is scheduled for:

**Monday 20th July 2009**

### ARTICLES AND ADVERTISEMENTS FOR HUTTON NEWS

To ensure that your requested articles are in time for any edition please ensure that the timescales below are met.

**June - 17th May**  
**September - 17th August**  
**December - 16th November**  
**March - 14th February**

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**Saturday - 9.00am-5.00pm**  
**Sunday - Closed**