

Heptonstall's Oliver

One of the many highlights of this years Heptonstall festival came in the form of an enthusiastic & accomplished 20 minute performance of Lionel Barts' Oliver. Accompanied by live fiddle music a company of 11 village children, ranging from 7 to 12 years old and 5 adults sang and danced to the delight of an appreciative audience enjoying the unexpected sunshine that blessed this years festival day.



The children had obviously taken great delight in dressing up as scruffy Victorian urchins and along with the well known characters Bill Sykes, Nancy, The Artful Dodger and Fagin performed some of Barts best loved Songs with energy, skill and a big smile.

Note must also be made here of the beautiful and confident



singing voice that Alice Hardy as Oliver brought to the show.

'Never work with children and animals' so the saying goes. Well, how wrong that is. Although Bills dog Bullseye had an 'off stage' role, the adults and performance director Mandi Paramor say they enjoyed working with the children enormously and were impressed with the hard work they put in throughout rehearsals and especially during the performance.

WELL DONE KIDS!



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Heptonstall Newsletter

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A newsletter covering events and issues for everyone living within the Civil Parish of Heptonstall



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When you read this I hope all the current flooding problems in our area are over and you have been too badly inconvenienced. With a hilltop parish most of our residents are spared the ravages seen by Prince Charles in Hebden Bridge.

In the past quarter we had our Annual Meeting of Council in May – the meeting at which committees etc are affirmed for the coming 12 months. Most importantly it is the time when our outgoing chairman gives way for new. This year has seen Jean Crowther step down and be succeeded by Mike Edwards. I must record here how well Jean coped with the busy task on this her first period of office. Well done Jean – I look forward to next time. Mike has been chairman a couple of times before so I expect he will exude confidence in the role.

Since I last wrote your Council has been actively involved in many local as well as other 'big' topics. Here's a summary :

Planning Applications plus Enforcement action, including a meeting of myself and the Chairman with senior planners

Asset Transfer

Neighbourhood Planning

Grants

Footpaths (including Diversion Order)

Waste Bins

Excess water on road surfaces

Joint meeting with National Trust & Wadsworth Parish

Council re Hardcastle Crag

Revised Code of Conduct for members

Possibility of adoption of red telephone box on Hepton Drive

In addition the Council is supporting the **Campaign for Better Broadband**. This initiative has been strongly supported by Blackshaw Parish Council, but we are aware that the upper part of our parish is some distance from the exchange and therefore in need of significant improvements.

I also need to tell you of the introduction of **Dog Control Orders** from 1 August 2012. This is so often a subject upon which I pass comment. In summary the orders have Fixed Penalty Notices for infringements and cover :

Dog Fouling Order : will apply across Calderdale's Borough, but not to moorland or woodland. Persons in charge of dogs will be required to pick up after their has fouled, and it is a criminal offence not to do so, in line with what exists today.

The Dog On Lead Order : will apply to some highways, and in all public car parks, allotments, unfenced children's play areas, in all religious grounds and on school grounds. Dogs will be required to be kept on a lead when being walked in these areas.



Demonstration of wood craft in the old church



The old church made an excellent venue for the drumming



For once the marquee and coverings were not needed during the day



Excellent music and food made it a very enjoyable day

Heptonstall Festival

The Festival ran on 7th July this year and included a recital of 'Oliver!' by some local people, musicians from near and far, a magician, story teller and farriery demonstrations amongst others.

The variety of acts this year meant that the event met its aim to offer something for everyone. It was the first year that the road was closed, a task taken on by the Air Training Corps and a host of local volunteers. This not only added to the safety of the event but also gave it more of a true festival feel.

This year was the last year that Anna and Pete will organise the festival as they are moving down south with work and study. Anna said "we have had great fun in organising the festival and got the chance to meet so many new people, it has definitely been a great way to feel part of the local community and give something back to the village."

If you should like to be involved in making next year's festival happen then please register your interest by emailing heptonstallfestival@gmail.com



Organiser Pete Hayward talks to Bernard Atkins the owner of Ciffy the steam engine, which was on site to start the Fell Race and raising money for the Cystic Fibrosis Charity,



This year stalls were able to make use of the road closure

Photographs by
Helen Barton, this page
Ruth Netherwood opposite and back page

The Dog On Lead by Direction Order : will apply to canal towpaths, paths around reservoirs and other watercourses, parks, recreation grounds, some public rights of way, Sites of Ecological or Geological Interest, Sites of Special Scientific Interest, and Local Nature Reserves. Dogs will be required to be put and kept on a lead by Authorised Officers if the dog is causing a nuisance to other land users.

The Dog Exclusion Order : will apply to school playing fields, out door fenced children's play areas, tennis courts, bowling greens and skate parks. Dogs will not be permitted to enter these areas.

The Dogs Specified Maximum Order : will apply to various sites in Calderdale, but locally will include Hardcastle Crag. A person will not be permitted to walk more than six dogs in these areas.

If you have any questions regarding these Orders please contact Customer First on 0845 245 6000 or e-mail dogcontrolorders@calderdale.gov.uk

A service of dedication took place at Heptonstall Methodist Church on 17th June. This was in respect of a seat donated by the Council in memory of the late Councillor John Harwood and his late wife Margaret. Both contributed greatly to the well-being of this parish and the Methodist Church. John joined the Council the year before I became Clerk. He served from 1962 to 2005 and was Chairman eight times. The seat is a fitting tribute to his work and the support given by Margaret. It was good to see their children – David and Janet – and families attending the event, and for them to be reassured our thanks are permanently recorded.

Roger M Greenwood
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Competition

The H.E.L.P.group –(flowers and lighting etc)

Are having a Best Front of House competition in the village. Application forms at the Post Office – the judging date will be Bank Holiday weekend at the end of August.

Blackshaw Head Fete

This year the Fete will be held on Saturday 1st September. As always there will be a fantastic variety of events for all the family, including fun Dog Show and the ever popular Produce Tent.

Have a go with your veggies, eggs, cakes, bread, craft items, or jam!! There are also special categories for the kids to enter. Look out on the Blackshaw website – the entrance form will be downloadable nearer the time.

HEPTONSTALL COMMUNITY-LED-PLAN FURTHER ACTION FROM AUDIT JULY 2012

WHAT	FURTHER ACTION 2012/13
COMMUNITY FOCUS	
1. To establish an annual Parish event. (For the community to input into the reopening event for Heptonstall School Sept 24 th -28 th 2012).	If event is successful it is hoped that it will be replicated in future years as a child /family focussed event.
<i>(carried forward from 2004-11 Parish Plan)</i>	
2. To actively encourage wider membership of Heptonstall Forward.	No new members but we have successfully recruited a number of community volunteers, some of whom have attended as representatives of their groups at some HF meetings.
3. To review and renew the Community-led Plan	2012/13 Community led Plan to be reviewed May/JULY 2013.
ENVIRONMENT	
4. To improve the physical environment, including dog fouling and annual clean up.	Litter remains a priority from the consultation and further action will be taken if, and when, sufficient community support becomes available. Maintain a watching brief on dog litter issues and seek the support of the Dog Warden when appropriate.
5. To add to the visual enhancement of the Parish e.g. bulb planting, floral displays and festive decorations.	The group now named Heptonstall Lights and Planting Group (HELP) - to establish themselves as an independent voluntary group. To seek grant funding and local contributions to support an extended range of planting activities. To support HF in October 2012 bulb planting with a view to taking it over thereafter.
6. To provide visitor information boards.	Secure funding required to implement the developed plans and organise installation.
7. To cobble unmade streets.	At this stage it appears further progress cannot be made without further access to new funding and/or there is a greater level of community support.
<i>(carried forward from 2004-11 Parish Plan)</i>	
8. To protect the interests of the community in relation to planning issues.	Ongoing need as and when it arises in context of new planning regulations.
HOUSING	
9. To reflect the expressed views: 70% of respondents feel that additional housing is not needed, 88% value the landscape and 77% the value the tranquillity.	To support the Parish Council in respect of their role in the new planning regulations.
LOCAL FACILITIES & SERVICES	
10. To support the preservation of important historic buildings.	A HF member will continued to attend/ support heritage meetings. Churches/Chapels to mobilise potential community financial (+ other) support).

As novel feature to the event a Traction Engine was paid for by the fell race with all funds going the Cystic Fibrosis charity. "Ciffy" will be returning each year to start the race; the six-mile contest was started by a sharp blast from Ciffy's whistle as representatives of keen local rivals Todmorden Harriers and Calder Valley Fell Runners were joined by runners from across the region and further afield to steam up Town Gate and Smithwell Lane on the the first leg of the route. The race helped Ciffy raise £200 for Cystic Fibrosis, as well a sizable surplus to help fund future races, festivals and community events.

Competitors were treated to an amazingly hot day, although the moorland remained resolutely waterlogged. After rough and boggy loop around the moor, runners turned tail and headed back to Heptonstall, retracing their steps past the Memorial and ultimately up the final energy sapping climb from the Blue Pig to Lee Bank.

The race took a dramatic turn in the last few hundred yards; Alex Whitem of CVFR had a clear lead for 5 and half miles, but then took a wrong turn on the re ascent from the Blue Pig, on the final half mile, to eventually finish 7th;

The White Lion played a key role in the event, organising sponsorship from Copper Dragon Brewery whilst acting as race HQ for the day. The prize winners all received bottles of Copper Dragon beer and Smale and Page also received cut glass trophies at the prize giving outside the pub.

Organisers were delighted with the record turnout and the fantastic feedback from visiting runners which was almost entirely due to the amazing contribution made by so many volunteers. The ever increasing popularity of the race was boosted by the eye catching posters designed by Heptonstall based freelance graphic designer Graeme Brown, and web site (www.heptonstallfestivalrace.org.uk) built by local IT guy Peter Fitzpatrick.

Many others played significant roles; land owner permissions were negotiated by Tim Brooks, including the race finish field owned by Heptonstall Hurriers Mark Wharton; Mark was unable to run the race as he and Penny were in Turkey as 15 year old son Max was representing Great Britain at the European Mountain Running Championships. Fortunately Mark Holman was on hand to manage the finish area (and various horses, bees, ducks, and hens!).

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Race Organiser Steve Grimley paid tribute to all those involved "Without the generous support of so many friends, family members, neighbours, and businesses there is no way an event like this could be staged; it was fantastic to see everyone working together and getting to know one another in a way which impressed so many visitors to the village – I do hope everyone enjoyed themselves and will help us stage more great events in the future".

Good Neighbours

Calderdale Council have one phone number for advice about getting help and information to help support disabled and elderly people.

They can give advice about many services for example luncheon clubs, home care, respite care, falls prevention, rehabilitation, equipment for independence such as stair lifts. They can also help if you have concerns about any type of abuse of vulnerable people.

CALDERDALE GATEWAY TO CARE 08451111103 is your first point of contact for adult social care and for advice and help to get back your independence, mobility and confidence after an accident, illness, injury or deterioration in a condition.

The Gateway to Care team includes dedicated nurses, social workers and trained advisors who are working together to make sure people receive coordinated care, help and advice.

You can ring for yourself your family your neighbours or your friends.

Heptonstall fell race

8 Heptonstall Hurriers lined up in a field of 113 for the second running of Heptonstall Festival Fell Race. The race was organised by local runners to support the village festival and other local causes. Over 30 residents helped marshal and organise the event; their kind and enthusiastic involvement generated widespread praise for the race, with many runners commenting on the excellent organisation, and warm spirited atmosphere of the village.



Holly Page first female home

Photograph by

Dave & Eileen Woodhead woodentops.org.uk

Heptonstall Hurrier Holly was the first female home in a 100-plus field. The recently graduated language student has won a series of races in recent weeks, and was 15th overall delighting of the crowd, with her impressive time of 59 minutes 29 seconds. As first Heptonstall resident Holly also won a meal for two kindly donated by the HANUMAN THAI RESTAURANT in Todmorden. A new course record was registered in the men's race, won by Bingley Harriers' Christopher Smale, in 52 minutes and nine seconds.

The fact that the race went ahead at all was testament to the hard work of the race organisers and the co-operation and generosity of local landowners Anthony Holt, Hazel Noble, Tony Ingram, and David Lumb. Heavy rain throughout June had meant that the fields used for the final stages of the race and the all important finishing tunnel had not been mown. Further torrential rain on Friday added to the problems.

The runners put out an appeal to the village when we realised the race was at threat: Organiser Steve Grimley enlisted Mark Wigg, who has a vintage 1948 Allen Motor Scythe. A team of runners along with Mark spent the evening and early morning before the race working in the fields to create a 1km track through the waist high grass. It was agreed with landowners that the runners would keep to the track to protect the rest of the field.



Photograph courtesy of Hebden Bridge Times

We are really grateful to Mark and the landowners for their fantastic support in allowing the event to go ahead". Plans to safely park around 100 cars on nearby roads outside the village were also put in place with the usual field for parking out of use, Kevin Core and Hamish Heald organised a team of volunteers to direct traffic and control parking.

LOCAL FACILITIES & SERVICES Cont

11.To produce a quarterly newsletter and explore new and additional means of distribution including access on line and delivery by e-mail.	To produce a quarterly newsletter. Continue to increase circulation.
12. To establish a community website.	Continue to encourage contributions from the community and extend the range of local information available.
13.To establish a Good Neighbour Scheme.	Continue to encourage community interest and leadership in taking the group forward.

COMMUNITY ENTERPRISE & LOCAL ECONOMY

14. To establish a green & environmental action group, to explore the potential to take forward some, or all of the possible projects described e.g. allotments, community food projects, composting , renewable energy & community enterprises etc.	Continue to encourage community interest & leadership to take it forward.
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TRAFFIC, PARKING & ROAD SAFETY

15.To establish a blanket 20mph speed limit throughout Heptonstall Village and in other built-up areas within the Parish.	*Continue to elicit support of CMBC & Ward Cllrs to achieve aim.
16.To develop & implement solutions to the vehicle parking problems in Heptonstall Village.	Maintain a watching brief on existing parking restrictions and ensure there is adequate enforcement. Explore possibilities of providing additional odd street parking.
17. To identify,develop possible solutions for & seek rectification of, the road safety hazards in the Parish.	* see above
18. To investigate and, if proved feasible, introduce a blanket 40mph speed limit in areas of the Parish not subject to a 20mph limit.	* see above

(carried forward from 2004-11 Parish Plan)

19. To ensure that cultural and entertainment events organisers are aware of the need to identify appropriate parking in their promotions.	To maintain a watching brief and give advice/support as and when appropriate.
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CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

20. Whilst the numbers are small and respondents expressed their satisfaction with current services, the views expressed are important and it is proposed to continue to develop additional recreational facilities for the over 11 age group.	It appears further progress cannot be made without further access to new funding and/or there is a greater level of community support.
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ELDERLY & DISABLED

21.Whilst numbers are small and respondents expressed their satisfaction with the current situation, the views expressed are important and it is proposed to explore a volunteer driver scheme.	It remains a possibility that the provision of activities could be explored – if the need for such is identified – and there is sufficient community support.
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Heptonstall Methodist Church Northgate Heptonstall

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Wednesday 22nd August- Ladies Evening Mystery Trip
leaving Hepton Drive at 6-00pm

Sunday 23rd September at 10-45am Village Harvest Festival
at the Methodist Church

Sunday 14th October at 10-45am- Chapel Anniversary and
Gift Day at the Methodist Church. Preacher: Revd. Tony
Buglass

Monday 15th October at 8-00pm – Ladies Evening in the
Sunday School – Speaker: Ray Riches

Saturday 17th November from 11-30am – Christmas Fayre at
the Methodist Sunday School – lunches available.

St Thomas Parish Church

Summer is a fairly quiet time at St. Thomas' but services
continue at 9.15am every Sunday.

The first Sunday of the month is an all age service and in the
months where there are five Sundays we have our service
using the order of service from Iona Abbey. This falls on
July 29th and again on September 30th. Everyone is
welcome to any of these services.

During the summer our magnificent bells will be removed
and refurbished before being returned to the tower in time
for the 100th anniversary of their original installation.

WANTED PHOTOS OF HEPTONSTALL SCHOOL:

Heptonstall community are making a contribution to the
reopening of the school. Celebrations are planned for week
Sept 24th - 28th.

We thought it would be good to develop a collection of pho-
tos from the school in past years - creating a time line dis-
play. We will copy the photos rather than use originals. If
you do have photos that we can use please contact:-

Judith Parrish (Tel: 847911)

Refurbishment of the bells of St Thomas' church

The 8 bells in the tower of St Thomas' Heptonstall were
installed 100 years ago this year (November 1912). They are
widely regarded as being among the finest peals of 8 bells in
the country. Since their installation they have received
regular routine maintenance, but they have required no
major works to keep them in good working order.

However 2 years ago a detailed inspection of the bells and
fittings was carried out by the bell founders and some major
refurbishment and upgrading is now necessary. This
refurbishment should ensure that the bells can continue to
ring out, without need for any further major investment for
another 100 years or more.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) considered the bell
founders' report and agreed to apply for the required
permission (Faculty) from the Diocesan Advisory
Committee to allow the works to be carried out. This
permission has now been granted and a quotation obtained
from the bell founders has been approved by the PCC.

We are therefore ready to have the work carried out. Briefly
this will consist of removing the bells from the tower,
transporting them to the Bell foundry in Loughborough
where they will be "quarter-turned" (to allow the clappers to
strike on unworn surfaces of the bells) and then returning
them to the tower where they will be re-hung with new
modern fittings.

The work is due to commence on Wednesday 29th August
with the removal of the bells taking place over the following
two or three days. All work, including the rehanging should
be complete by early October and we are planning a service
of re-dedication of the bells at the end of November to
coincide with the centenary of the original installation.

In the meantime we need to raise funds to pay for the work.
A total of £20,000 is needed and the bell-ringers have
already raised or obtained pledges for nearly £5,000. The
church itself is under constant pressure to maintain
sufficient income to cover day-to-day costs and other
maintenance requirements, so any donations towards the
cost of the bells project would be most gratefully received.

Gift aided donations allow tax to be reclaimed, so that every
£1.00 donated is worth approx. £1.25 to the fund. If you
wish to donate, please send either cash or cheque to me at
the vicarage or to the appeal co-ordinator, George Campling,
Innisfree, Colden, HX7 7PF. Cheques should be made
payable to: Heptonstall PCC—St Thomas the Apostle Bells
Fund. If you are a tax-payer please complete a gift aid
declaration (envelopes and/or forms available in the church)
and send it with your donation.

Thank you for your support

Reverend Howard Pask

Vicar of

St James, Hebden Bridge
and St Thomas the Apostle, Heptonstall