

Blackrod Town Council



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Welcome to the thirteenth quarterly Newsletter to be published by Blackrod Town Council



The Mayor of Blackrod welcomes her alter ego to the rostrum. The scarecrow was constructed to celebrate the Festival by Cllr. Ann Cunliffe and Cllr. Pat Senior.

Blackrod Town Mayor's Charity Appeal

Councillor Mrs Marlene Winward, Mayor of Blackrod, has chosen 'Hearing Dogs for the Deaf' and 'Sarcoma' as the Mayor's Charities for her year of Office. Several fund raising events are planned including a Brass Band Concert and Candle Party, details of which will be posted locally.

Donations by Blackrod Town Council

The Town Council sets aside a small amount of money each year that is available to make donations to organisations in Blackrod. Any organisation wishing to apply should do so in writing to the Town Clerk and attach a current balance sheet. All applications received will be considered by the Town Council.

Local Events & Fund Raisers

If you wish to include items in the Newsletter such as Fund Raising Events which would be of interest/benefit to other residents, please contact the Town Clerk.

Cllr Marlene Winward, the Mayor of Blackrod, held a coffee Morning on Thursday 21st August to raise funds for Sarcoma UK which is one of her Charities. The event was most enjoyable and raised £120 towards the Charity. Sarcomas are cancers of connective tissue i.e. bones, muscle, nerves etc. They are very rare cancers and account for about 1% of all cancers diagnosed in the UK.



Blackrod Mayor & Mayoress at Adlington Carnival

Even the dreadful weather could not dampen the spirits of the local dignitaries that supported Adlington Carnival. Photo courtesy of Steve Crawshaw, Horwich Advertiser.



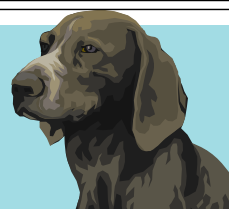
Your Chance to Meet the Local Police in Private

Police Surgeries will be held on a fortnightly basis in the Blackrod Library Church Street between 6 pm & 7 pm on the following dates :-
2nd October, 16th October, 30th October, 13th November, 27th November and 11th December. Any alterations or cancellations to these dates will be posted in the Library.

In addition, Police Surgeries will be held every Saturday morning from 9.45 am to 12.15 pm.
Again any alterations will be posted in the Library

Reminder to all dog walkers

Poop Bags are still available free of charge at the Blackrod Library to all dog owners.



Clear Recycling Bags

If your bag for recycling paper & cardboard is not replaced or gets blown away, replacement bags are available from Blackrod Library **Free of Charge.**

Blackrod's Annual Service of Remembrance & Parade

On Sunday 9th November 2008 At 2.15pm a service will be held at the Cenotaph. This will be followed by a parade to St Katharine's Church for a Service at 3pm
Everyone is welcome.



Activities at Blackrod Library/Council Services

Monday Reading Group meets the first Monday of the month at 2.00 pm.

Twilight Reading Group meets the third Thursday of the month at 6.00 pm

Toddlers Group every Thursday 10.00 to 11.00 am

New members welcome to all the above Groups.

For further details ring the Library on 332380 during Library opening hours :-

Monday & Thursday 9.00 am to 7.30 pm

Saturday 9.00 am to 12.30 pm

Well Done St. Katharine's Church

Congratulations to St Katharines on being the first church in the Manchester Diocese to be accredited with the new **Child Friendly Church Award.**
For more information visit www.stkatharine.net

Access Bolton Information & Services in Blackrod

Call in at Blackrod Library and see the **Access Bolton Staff** between 9 am & 4.30 pm Monday or Thursday if you have any problems or queries about:- Council Tax Benefit, Council Tax Summons, Free School Meals, School Clothing Grants or Blue Badge Applications.

The Access Bolton Staff now offer a Bolton at Home Service. They hold a supply of forms/stationery and have access to Rent Accounts which were not previously available.

In addition to this there is also a **Free Phone Facility** in the Library for all other Bolton Council enquiries.

Bolton Smart Card –Your Card for Local Services

Bolton residents and anyone else who uses Leisure Centres, Libraries, shops and services in the Borough can get their Smart card which is issued free of charge. You can pick up a Smart card application and have it processed at the Blackrod Library.

All Smart card applicants must take along proof of their identity ie either Bank Statement /Birth Certificate/Driving Licence or recent utility bill or similar.

The card has many uses, you can use it for discounts from local restaurants, retailers, driving schools, fitness/dance classes, garden centres, travel agents, tourist attractions and many more and to access library and leisure services. (**More information on www.bolton.gov.uk/smartcard**) or call at the Blackrod Library for a leaflet.

If you are 16 or under, you are entitled to **FreeBie.** This entitles you to free swimming sessions. If you are 16 and under and free use of Leisure Centres if you are aged 65 and over.

Local Chair based Exercise sessions

Free Sessions, run by Age Concern, are a fun way for the less agile to keep fit and retain or regain their mobility. Why not come along and give it a try? Sessions are held in the Council Chamber, Blackrod Library every Thursday from 10.30am to 12.30pm For further details ring the Town Clerk on 696362

Blackrod Council Gets Bus Re-routed

The No 615 Bus Service from Rivington & Blackrod Lower School has now been re-routed so that school children no longer have to walk from the Green Barn to the Scot Lane End area. The bus will now turn left from Station Road via the A6, turn right into Manchester Road to Green Barn and then follow the normal route to the top of Blackrod.

Know Your Town Councillors



Cllr Cunliffe



Cllr. Hamilton



Cllr. Barrow



Cllr Senior



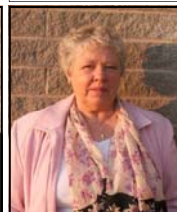
Cllr. Hollick



Cllr. Seddon



Cllr. Bower



Cllr. Winward

North Ward

Cllr. Mike Hollick Tel. 01204 697933
 Cllr. Marlene Winward Tel. 01204 694646
 Cllr. Ann Cunliffe Tel. 01942 830001

Central Ward

Cllr. Ian Hamilton Tel. 01204 699703
 Cllr. Isabel Seddon Tel. 01204 692597
 Cllr Pat Senior Tel. 01204 400487

South Ward

Cllr. Pat Barrow Tel. 01942 831461
 Cllr. Andrew Bower Tel. 01942 830707
 Cllr. Graham Farrington Tel. 01942 832853

Cllr Hollick & Cllr Barrow are also Bolton Councillors

Blackrod Town Clerk , Your Key Source of Council Information

Christine Pearson, the Town Clerk , can be contacted at her office in Blackrod Library /Council Services, Church Street Blackrod between 9am & 4pm Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.



Dates of Council Meetings for 2008 –2009

Monday 6th October, Monday 3rd November, Monday 1st December 2008 and Monday 5th January, Monday 2nd February, Monday 2nd March, Monday 6th April and Monday 27th April 2009.

All meetings commence at 7.15 pm and 15 minutes are allocated at each meeting for Public Participation. Notices of Meetings and Agendas are posted each month on the Library door.

Blackrod Town Council Community Project Fund

Two projects have been investigated to date.

1. The provision of two benches on the small paved area opposite the chemist.
2. The replanting and maintenance of a community garden in the location of the rose garden.

Both projects have been costed. The Council is awaiting photographs of the benches before finalising the decision and the garden project will go ahead as soon as full clearance is given by Bolton's Legal Department.

The Council is still very interested in receiving suggestions from you the residents. Please think creatively since anything that will enhance the local environment or that will improve facilities for Blackrod Residents will be considered.

If you have any ideas for either a small short term project, or for one that can be planned in the longer term as funds accumulate, please contact the Town Clerk.

Town Councillors' Surgeries

All Town Councillors hold monthly surgeries. Details are posted in Blackrod Library

Blackrod Educational Trust

If you can answer **yes** to **all** the following questions you may be eligible for support from the Trust.

1. Are you under 25years of age?
2. Do you live in the Parish of Blackrod?
3. Have you attended a school in Blackrod?

Awards are made towards:-

- benefits not normally provided by Schools.
- Facilities not normally provided by the LEA for recreation , social and physical education for those in education.
- Promoting Religious Education.
- Promoting the education of eligible candidates as the Trustees think fit.
- *Application forms and full details from*

*The Secretary of the Trustees
 Blackrod Educational Trust
 12 Nightingale Rd.
 Blackrod, Bolton, BL6 5DX*

**Completed forms must be returned by
 October 31st 2008**

Enclose a stamped addressed envelope

Improvements to the "Millenium Garden"

Despite the terrible weather, the seasonal planting at the front of the cemetery has been lovely and a vast improvement on recent displays.. At the moment the view is obscured from the road by the box hedge but this is due to be removed.

A party of eleven impeccably behaved Blackrod boys between the ages of eight & thirteen enjoyed a three day outward bound course in Keswick, in the Lake District. The project was jointly funded by The two Towns Forum, Bolton Youth Service and the Greater Manchester Police. The group was accompanied by Glen Carr, a Blackrod Youth Club Worker and PC Shaun Vernon. Activities included canoeing on Derwent Water, Gyll climbing and archery. The course was so successful that it is hoped that it can be run again next year.



These Blackrod Youngsters learned new skills, made new friends and behaved in a way that should make them feel proud. Well



Family Fun Day

Blackrod's Second Scarecrow Festival

Who can solve the Mystery?

Gala Show entertainment included A display by Blackrod Karate club, A D.J. & the Blues Brothers, local singer Zara Adele and a band made up of local teachers. A good time was had by all.

Despite the heavy showers that threatened to wash out the weekend, and thanks to the much appreciated efforts of the organisers, the weekend was a great success. It has been decided that the 3rd Scarecrow Festival will be held over the weekend of 4th & 5th July 2009. Organisers feel that the event is becoming more and more popular and the quality of the scarecrows was once again fantastic.

Who created this little masterpiece? Answers please to the Town Clerk



Some Dates of Local Events for your Diaries

- Race Night** – Hill Tops Sports & Social Club on Friday 17th October in aid of Derian House Children's Hospice.
- Blackrod Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal Evening**
Wednesday 29th October 7.45pm
Tombola, Bingo, Raffle
- Remembrance Sunday**
A Maroon will be fired near the War Memorial in Blackrod Cemetery at 11.00 am on Tuesday 11th November 2008.
- Welfare Christmas Party** – Saturday 13th December 2008
- Welfare Christmas Parcels** for residents over 70 - December 15th
- Christmas Bingo** -Thursday 20th November at Hilltops
- Strictly Come Dancing**– A Blackrod Friends of Chernobyl's Children Fundraiser on Saturday 29th November at Aspull Civic Centre. Anyone wishing to participate please get in touch. Rehearsals start on Sunday 14th September at 1pm in the Methodist Hall.



The Mayor & Mayoress of Bolton, Councillor Anthony Connell and Mrs Connell, joined the Mayor of Blackrod, Councillor Marlene Winward, in the festivities on the field at the close of the Scarecrow Festival.

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