

## CLITHEROE STREET SIGNS

We have received many complimentary comments about the new street signs which have appeared in and around Clitheroe town centre. A total of 48 new signs have been fitted, some to replace old and damaged signs, and some in locations where there was no existing sign.

The new, high quality cast signs are attractive in design and very much in keeping with the historic town centre, which is a designated conservation area. In addition, many of the older signs have been given a facelift and their wording picked out with a coat of paint. We think that the improvements show a pride in our environment and will impress visitors to the town.

### *Prestigious Film Festival Comes to Town*

Ribble Film Club has a treat in store for local youngsters, when it holds a Children's Film Festival in November. The festival, the first of its kind in the area, will feature a collection of international films which have been previously viewed at the renowned Barbican Centre in London and will be enjoyed by children, young adults and parents alike.

This is quite a coup for the local group, who meet every Sunday from September to May at St Mary's Centre (non-members are always welcome). To help with promotion and publicity, Clitheroe the Future has granted £250 from the CVS Microgrants Scheme. This scheme is still open, and interested local community groups are invited to apply.

## CLITHEROE CASTLE FLOODLIGHTS

Clitheroe Festival Weekend on 18 May got off to a spectacular start with the switching-on of the new floodlights at the Castle Keep. The state-of-the-art, environmentally friendly lighting system was installed along with a web cam, sound system and new signage. Footpaths and railings around the keep have also been improved.

The work is just the first phase of a £3.2m refurbishment of the Castle, which on completion will boast improved museum and exhibition space with interactive learning facilities, a glass atrium, lift, and cafe. Clitheroe will have a superb all-weather visitor attraction.

Clitheroe the Future is contributing £250,000 and SITA trust £150,000 with the remainder of the funding coming from Heritage Lottery, Ribblesdale Borough Council and other public and private donations.



### *Enrolling Now!*

*Don't miss your chance to update your computer skills by joining a course at Database. Classes begin in the first week in September and last for 2.5 hours per week. The courses available are:*

<b>Getting Started with Computers</b>	<b>Photo Editing</b>
<b>Desktop Publishing</b>	<b>ECDL Level 1 and Level 2</b>
<b>Word Processing</b>	<b>Advanced ECDL</b>
<b>Spreadsheets and Databases</b>	<b>(Distance Learning)</b>
<b>Internet and Email</b>	
<b>Creative Computing</b>	
<b>Discovering Your Computer</b>	
<b>Digital Photography</b>	
<b>Digital Scrapbooking</b>	
<b>Getting to Know Microsoft Office 2007</b>	



# Clitheroe the Future



## COME AND JOIN US!

### Annual General Meeting

This is your chance to say what you think of the work Clitheroe the Future has been doing over the past few years. Were you mystified by the appearance of new signs and maps around the town? Have you benefited from using new facilities, such as Ribblesdale Children's Centre or St James' School's woodland area? Did you notice the sculptures in Brungerley Park? Whatever your opinion, if you feel that Clitheroe the Future is making a difference, or if you have a project to propose to us, why don't you come along and tell us? Everyone is welcome and there will be plenty of time for questions

**Our AGM will be held on Wednesday 5 September 2007, at 7.30 pm, at St Mary's Centre on Church Street.**

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## FESTIVAL FUN!

The sun shone, the rain held off and thousands of visitors flocked into Clitheroe to enjoy a weekend packed with fun and activities for all the family. The Beer Festival, held at St Mary's Centre for the second successive year, was extended to two days, to make sure everyone got a chance to taste some of the fine ales. Hundreds of people took a ride on the vintage Bedford Bus which ran trips into the countryside all day on Saturday. The bright red steam bus with its distinctive hoot was another crowd-pleaser, especially for the children (and the grown-up children). The Castle Grounds were buzzing with activity, from live music at the bandstand, organised by the Great Days team to a medieval battle re-enactment, American car competition and the awesome display of eagles and vultures. There were exhibitions at the library, by New Form Arts, and the Platform Gallery, where Ribblesdale Valley Rail members celebrated the designation of the Community Rail Service. Clitheroe the Future was proud to sponsor and co-ordinate the Festival Weekend, and plans are already in progress for a similar event next year. If you would like to be involved, or to volunteer your services, please contact us at the address on this page.

[www.clitheroethefuture.co.uk](http://www.clitheroethefuture.co.uk)

## Specialist Language Centre to open in September

The local community is set to benefit from the September opening of the new Language Centre at Clitheroe Royal Grammar School. Following a successful bid for specialist Language College status, the school began fundraising to build the new centre at the Chaburn Road site. Clitheroe the Future has contributed £25,000 of around £500,000 in total, with other monies coming from other public sources, the school's own reserves and private contributions.

The new building, which contains four classrooms and two storerooms, is fully equipped with the latest in digital teaching materials, including interactive whiteboards. Taster courses in Mandarin, Russian and Urdu have already begun. The facilities will become available for the general public to use through night school classes and family fun classes.

## Grindleton Recreation Ground

Clitheroe the Future has awarded a £5,000 grant towards the refurbishment of a derelict tennis court in Grindleton, which will become a much-used multi-user games area. The recreation ground is a very important amenity in this rural village, providing a focal point and meeting place for residents. Although the children's play area recently underwent a major upgrade, teenagers and older residents can be isolated from leisure facilities as there is no public transport into Clitheroe in the evenings and on Sundays. The provision of new facilities will enable local teams and sporting groups to play regularly.

The old tennis courts no longer usable, and will be resurfaced, and equipped with goals and a tennis net. There is already keen interest and strong support for the project from local football and netball teams.

## Roefield Upgrade Gets the Amber Light

Clitheroe's Roefield Leisure Centre is hoping to undergo a major expansion and upgrade of facilities with help from Clitheroe the Future. A grant of £125,000 from Clitheroe the Future is likely to be approved, with other funding being sought from RVC, Sport England and a private loan.

Roefield Leisure, a registered charity, currently has 1,000 members and is running very close to capacity in the evenings. 326 children under the age of 16 use the facilities, many of them attending the 'Time Out' sessions and the centre caters for 7 local schools during the day. The management faces the challenge of providing accessible, affordable sports facilities for all whilst maintaining financial security.

The new plans include replacing part of the centre with a new two-storey facility, incorporating a gym, children's gym, spinning room (for classes using the latest exercise cycles), creche, new changing facilities with thermal suite and expanded multi-function space.

The young people's gym will be used during the day for the over 50s, and the Time Out sessions will be increased. The multi-function space will be used for aerobics, (for which there is currently a waiting list), children's parties, dance and martial arts.

As a key service centre, Clitheroe has a need for sufficient, affordable and accessible sports facilities and the benefits to the health of the community will be considerable.

## Clitheroe Walks

Two years ago, Clitheroe the Future commissioned a series of leaflets describing circular walks around Clitheroe. These walks were researched and designed by the environment group of our most beautiful countryside, along riverside and woodland paths, and with their attractive illustrations and calligraphy, the leaflets have proved very popular.

- Walk 1: Edisford Bridge and Brungerley Bridge (2 miles) West**
- Walk 2: Brungerley Bridge to Grindleton Bridge, via West Bradford Bridge (3 miles)**
- Walk 3: Edisford Bridge to Little Milton (4 miles)**
- Walk 4: Castle Grounds to Standen Hey Community Woodland (4 miles)**

We are now producing a matching folder to keep all four walks leaflets in, which will be available from the Tourist Information Centre in the Market Place. Make sure you pick up your copy before supplies run out!

## St James' School

The St James' School environmental project has completely transformed a piece of derelict land to the rear of the school. The eyesore, between Whalley Road and Mearley Brook, was cleared of rubbish and debris, and timber fencing and seating were installed before the area was planted out with wild flowers and native shrubs. In the latest phase of the scheme, 'trim trail' equipment, such as balancing beams, was positioned around the area. The newly-created nature and wildlife trail is not just for the benefit of the school children at St James', but will be used as a teaching and learning resource by other local schools. As a new 'green corridor' in the town, it will also provide an attractive amenity for residents and visitors. Clitheroe the Future worked closely with the steering group, providing £5,000 in funding and helping to attract other monies.

The official opening of the nature trail was due to take place earlier in the summer, but was postponed due to the recent bad weather, and will now take place on **Friday 21 September**.

## Wildlife Trust

A grant from Clitheroe the Future has helped to secure the continuing services of a Wildlife Trust Conservation Officer for the Ribblesdale Valley.

The Trust promotes the protection and enhancement of the natural environment. It manages two nature reserves in Clitheroe, at Cross Hill Quarry and Salt Hill quarry, and works to encourage people to visit the nature reserves for educational and leisure activities. If you are interested in conservation and the environment, you can take part in volunteer work parties and learn practical new skills, or join one of the regular guided walks and develop your knowledge of the local flora and fauna.

The Trust works closely with local schools to encourage children to visit the countryside, and in partnership with the Platform Gallery, organises art in the community projects to increase visitors' interest in local parks and nature reserves.

## New Practice Nets

Ribblesdale Wanderers Cricket Club, established in 1907, has a membership of over 160, three senior teams and five youth teams. Now the youngsters at the club will be able to practice using new nets funded by a grant from Clitheroe the Future. Around 77 juniors are currently in the club's coaching scheme which is run by volunteers.

The new nets and practice wickets, costing over £4,000, will encourage further youth participation in the sport.