

# MP joins chorus for culture club bid

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**T**HE MP has backed calls for a Town of Culture award - and is supporting Heywood's case!

Liz McInnes, Member of Parliament for Hey-

wood and Middleton, has joined calls for the creation of an award to recognise the amazing artistic and cultural work that takes place in our towns.

Liz was speaking in Westminster Hall in a debate arranged by her Labour colleague David Hanson, MP for Delyn,

and spoke about some of the many cultural attractions in her constituency.

She said: "I was delighted to take part in the debate and to talk about some of the amazing creative working happening in our towns."

"The City of Culture award is well known, but I

agree with those who say that a Town of Culture award is much-needed and would be well deserved by many places, in my opinion not least by both Heywood and Middleton.

"In my speech I tried to mention as many examples of the terrific work

taking place here as possible. Both Heywood and Middleton have a rich cultural heritage but it's not just in the past that we should take pride - it's here and now, too.

If the award is created, I look forward to working with local communities on the bids. We've got a lot

to be proud of - let's shout about it."

In her speech, Liz said: "The Wetherspoon pub in Heywood is named after the Lancashire dialect poet Edwin Waugh.

"Julie Goodyear, also known as Bet Lynch, was born in Heywood and still lives there.

"We have Heywood Civic Centre, a venue providing a programme of live events and community participation, aiming to become a borough-wide hub for community-led cultural participation and creation.

"We have Cartwheel Arts, based in Heywood."



● MP Liz McInnes said Heywood would qualify for a culture award with assets such as the Civic Centre and (inset) Cartwheel Arts



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## Rapid-fire success for club

HEYWOOD Chess Club have again been in action last week with four fixtures played.

In the Bury & Rochdale Rapid play our A team beat Blue Club B by a score of 6.5 - 3.5 with wins from Nugith Jayawarna and Bill O'Rourke and draws from John Addison and Dave Almond.

In the ELL Div. 2 Heywood had two away matches, in the first we were away at Clitheroe and lost 3 to 2 with draws from Dave Almond, Con Carey, Ian Mitchell and James Wildsmith.

Our second match away at Crusaders B ended in a well-earned draw 2.5 to 2.5 with a win from John Pickersgill and draws from Con Carey, Tony Jinks and Peter Hurn.

In the Manchester League our third team beat Marple by a score of 5.5 to 1.5, with wins from Con Carey, Tony Jinks and Kyle Pelling and a draw from Steve Flaherty.

We have members varying in strength from novice to grandmaster and therefore can cater for all levels of experience.

We have currently 12 teams in the local leagues.

We play at Hopwood Constitutional Sports and Social Club, in Heywood.

Club night is Wednesday evening, with games beginning at 7.30pm.

If you would like to visit one evening, email Bill O'Rourke at [worchess@ntlworld.com](mailto:worchess@ntlworld.com)