

# **PARISH NEWSLETTER**

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## **Music in the Park on Sunday, 26 May 2013 in the Golden Jubilee Park**

What a wonderful event on a beautiful day. The crowds poured in to enjoy an excellent variety of musicians, singers and bands who entertained from 3 to 9pm.



Everyone agreed it was a great success and worth all the hard work put into it by the organising Group.

Gazebos were erected, picnics unpacked, drink taken in moderation and everyone settled back in the sunshine and listened to the music. This was an eclectic mix provided by excellent local talent and thoroughly enjoyed by the many people who attended - adults and children alike.

Although this was a free community event, the cost of running it needed to be covered and the Treasurer is pleased to state that, thanks to the various fund-raisers this has been the case as takings amounted to £891.

Thanks must go to all who attended and supported all musicians who took part, all who generously gave raffle prizes, all who worked

so hard on the day and to all who arranged the whole thing.

The happy smiling face of our newest Parish Councillor (Jane Edwards) brought in a very successful raffle with many excellent prizes.



It is hoped to hold this enjoyable event again, possibly every other year. Feedback on this, to either Jenny Young, Chairman of the Parish Council or Kath Evans, (Secretary Music in the Park, [tomkatevans@btinternet.com](mailto:tomkatevans@btinternet.com)), would be very welcome

Personally, we loved it!

Kath Evans Tel No: 880951  
The Music in the Park Group  
(in association with the Parish Council) and  
Councillor Mrs Jeanne Storrar Tel No: 880226.

## **Faster Broadband**

If you believe there should be faster broadband in the village, join the campaign at [info@connectingcheshire.org.uk](mailto:info@connectingcheshire.org.uk)

## Multi Use Games Unit - MUGA

The proposal to provide a MUGA in the Golden Jubilee Park is reliant on the Parish Council being able to attract grant aid.



A funding application has been submitted to Cheshire West and Chester Council and another one for match funding is being worked up for submission to WREN (a not for profit business that awards grants to community and environmental projects) in July.

The Parish Council would like to say a big **THANK YOU** to Kathy Ford for all the hard work she has put into these bids.

## Vernon Institute (VI) Clock

The Parish Council is pleased to announce that it is commemorating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee by commissioning improvement work on the VI Clock from The Cumbria Clock Company at a total cost of £7,530. The Clock tower was erected after the Great War and is the village's War Memorial. This work will ensure better time keeping and the Clock will no longer need to be wound by hand.



## Community Investment Champions (CIC) project update



The CIC Working Group is delighted to announce that since the launch of the CIC project in February 2013, it has received some amazing offers of time investment into

the CIC project. The CIC Working Group looks forward to working with investors to help to deliver their ideas that will inspire and empower residents of Saughall and Shotwick Park.

During June and July we had three investors that are keen to deliver their ideas and engage with the community.

Steve Jones of Chester Tweets and Steve Jones Social Media will be showing Members of the Parish Council and local community groups how to use twitter. Twitter can be a valuable tool for community groups. It can help to promote forthcoming events and give community groups a wider audience, helping to draw in new users/members to groups.

Towards the end of June, Mel Ashley who is a local resident and also a driving instructor will be providing Saughall residents with a lesson in Basic Preventative Car Maintenance.

The lesson will include how to check oil, water, tyre tread, fog light usage and how to change a wheel on either your car or on Mel Ashley's car.

The first workshop will be for women only and then further workshops will be available to all.

We do feel Mel's workshop will prove to be extremely popular and will help car users to be more informed and confident about basic car maintenance. Mel will also be available to answer any basic preventative car maintenance questions you may have on the day.

If you are interested in attending Mel's workshop and would like more information, then please contact [katherine.ford1@btinternet.com](mailto:katherine.ford1@btinternet.com)

In July, Sue Lightfoot a local resident will be holding an Interview Skills Workshop. This workshop will be available to all residents of Saughall and Shotwick Park.

In the workshop, Sue will cover how to write a CV for three different job sectors, retail, construction and catering. Attendees will be asked to choose a job sector they are interested in and then write a CV for a job in

that sector. They will then be given an opportunity to have a mock interview with an actual employer in that sector.

All attendees will be provided with feedback from the workshop and from the interviewer.

We believe Sue's workshop will be extremely popular and provide residents with a great opportunity to strengthen their interview skills and learn how to write CV's.

All workshops will need to be booked and will have limited spaces.

If you require information on any of the above workshops including workshop dates please email: [katherine.ford1@btinternet.com](mailto:katherine.ford1@btinternet.com)

In March, Saughall and Shotwick Park Parish Council was delighted to award its very first Community Investment Champions award. This was awarded to Saughall All Saints School Council for the amazing effort it put into gathering ideas within the School for the Parish Council's Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) Project. This award was presented by our Chairman, Jenny Young during a whole School assembly.

The School Council received this award for giving their own time to inspire the Children of Saughall All Saints School to be involved in creating real change within the village. The award is now proudly displayed in the School's foyer for all to see.

The Working Group is extremely proud to have worked with such a dedicated and hard working School Council and looks forward to working with it again in the future.

### **Well Done Saughall All Saints School!**

CIC Working Group: Councillors Andrew Warrington and Kathy Ford.



### **Chairman's Annual Report 2012/13**

The Chairman presented her Annual Report at the Parish Assembly on Monday, 29 April 2013 at the Vernon Institute. It is set out in its entirety below.

### **Introduction**

This is my fifth Annual Report and I believe that we continue to provide Saughall and Shotwick Park with value for money in respect of the work we do on the community's behalf.

The Council has met each month to manage particular matters pertaining to the parish as well as its usual business of oversight of the highways, footpaths, street lighting, and the conservation area. We continue to enjoy good working relationships with other bodies serving the community within the parish.

### **Councillor Ian Humphrey**

In November 2012 it was with great sadness that we learned of the death of Councillor Ian Humphrey. Ian had been a parish councillor since November 2005. He was a stalwart supporter of the community and a defender of all the parish's amenities. It is the Council's intention to commemorate Ian's contribution to the parish and to record the high regard in which he was held, by having a road in the new Lodge Lane housing development named after him. Members were also sad to hear of the death of Ian's wife, Philomena, (who was a former parish councillor), in March 2013.

### **New Councillors**

We welcomed two new Councillors during the year. Howard Jennings was elected unopposed and took up the vacant seat that has existed on the Council since May 2011 when 13 of the 14 seats were filled following an uncontested election. Councillor Jennings attended his first meeting on Monday, 5 November 2012. Jane Edwards was elected onto the Council to fill the vacant seat (following Ian's death) at a By Election on 21 February 2013.

### **Finance**

The Council has set its budget for 2013/14 and kept the precept the same as for 2012/13 which means that the Council Tax will, for the second year running, is £54.98 per household per Band D property.

The Government has changed the way in which Council Tax is charged, effectively reducing the tax base. To offset this Cheshire West and Chester (CWaC) provided a grant of £6,032, the amount equal to the tax base reduction for the Council.

We asked CWaC for a Parish Precept of £58,389 for 2013/14. The Parish Council's budget amounts to £76,906. Budget comparisons are set out below:

2012/13	£66,296
2013/14	£76,906

<b>Council Budget 2012/13</b>	
<b>Budget Head</b>	<b>Allocation (£)</b>
Environment	16,366
Admin	29,130
Police	11,800
Neighbourhood Management Team	1,000
Community Facilities and Projects	5,000
Contingency	3,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>66,296</b>
<b>Council Budget 2013/14</b>	
<b>Budget Head</b>	<b>Allocation (£)</b>
Environment	18,800
Admin	20,250
Annual Payments	6,213
Community Facilities Fund	13,343
Police	11,800
Neighbourhood Management Team	500
Uniformed Groups' HQ Rental	500
Community Action Project	1,000
War Memorial Fund/New Roll of Honour	1,500
Contingency	3,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>76,906</b>

### Protection of the Local Green Belt

The green belt was introduced to prevent urban sprawl, to stop Chester joining with Ellesmere Port and Merseyside and to protect the city from swallowing neighbouring villages.

The Council continues to campaign and do all in its power to protect the green belt for future generations. This year there have been two major threats to the Chester green belt:

- CwaC consulted on rolling back the green belt around Chester to build 2000 new

houses; and

- A planning application for 2,300 flats in the green belt between Blacon and Saughall was submitted to the Planning Authority and was refused.

### Planning

One of the Council's primary aims is to encourage the planning authority, CWaC to support sensible development, maintaining the openness of the green belt. The Council is a statutory consultee on all planning applications and this year it has considered and submitted observations on 27 applications, compared with 26 last year.

### Parish Council Surgeries

We aim to be an effective, transparent and open Council and so we continue to hold Council Surgeries monthly at various times and locations around the village. Details are published well in advance on village notice boards.

### Parish Planning

We have made good progress on the review and refresh of our Parish Plan and the Refreshed Plan and Action Plan were adopted by the Council at a Special Council meeting on 25 April 2013. The thoughts, concerns, observations and needs of parishioners were collected by a survey, collated and analysed. I would like to thank Nigel Crossley who has led this work for his time and commitment.

The refreshed Parish Plan will have the opportunity to influence a wide range of organisations, such as grant providers and CWaC.

### Litter Picking

The Council pays for the Golden Jubilee Park to be delittered regularly. It also monitors the state of the village but it is CWaC's responsibility to keep the village clean and tidy. Any problem areas are reported and CWaC is expected to take the appropriate action. Anyone can report litter problems by ringing Tel No. **0300 123 8123**



### **The PCSO Initiative**

Safety and security remains the cornerstone of this Council's vision for Saughall. We have had our own PCSO since April 2007 and this arrangement continues to work well. Consequently, we have signed a new Partnership Service Level Agreement with Cheshire Police and intend to continue to contribute to the cost of providing a PCSO in Saughall for the next three years. The cost remains at £11,800 per annum and we consider this represents extremely good value for money.

### **Homewatch**

Saughall Homewatch continues to thrive. Its activities were expertly co-ordinated by Ian Humphrey until November. Howard Jennings is now carrying out this work and aims to provide a valuable service. I thank him for volunteering to fulfil this role. If you would like to join the Homewatch please contact Howard. Joining is free and all are welcome.

### **Neighbourhood Management Team**

This Team takes action to solve problems within the community and works with local partners to improve the local environment and quality of life. It arranges and runs popular play schools in the summer and at Easter and helps fund play days run in conjunction with CWaC.

Saughall is again on the route of the Chester Half Marathon on 12 May 2013. The Neighbourhood Management Team will be looking after the drinks stand and needs helpers. Tony Summers is Chief Marshall and is also seeking volunteers to assist him.

Thank you to all Team members for their tireless efforts, which continue to make a real difference to Saughall.

### **Golden Jubilee Park**

The play areas continue to be well used and have not required any major maintenance. Ian Humphrey and Andrew Storrar carried out some work in the car park and, fingers crossed; it seems to have solved the flooding problem.

The Parish Council is working with volunteers, as the Saughall Community and Sports Pavilion Committee, to produce a

specification for an affordable and suitable community building as well as provision for the diverse sporting and leisure facilities requested by parishioners. This project is dependant on attracting the necessary funding.

The Council is also considering applying for funding for a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) and we will be carrying out further consultations on this proposal to establish if there is a need.

### **Vernon Institute**

The Council has built up and maintains a savings fund which it uses to provide grants towards the costs of improving the fabric of the Vernon Institute, an important community facility and village meeting point.

The Vernon Institute Management Committee has requested a funding contribution towards the cost of alterations to the small hall (library). It has built storage cupboards, moved existing cupboards, removed library boxes from the walls, created a serving hatch from the kitchen, fitted kitchen units and will decorate. The Council agreed at its Special meeting on 25 April 2013 to contribute £3,350 towards the cost of this work.

### **Car Parking in the Village**

Throughout the year several residents had expressed concern about the increasing car parking problems around the village – particularly outside the Co-op Stores and All Saints Primary School. The Council has considered a number of options to help address and alleviate the problems including articles in the Parish Council Newsletter. However, its powers are very limited in respect of 'controlling' or enforcing parking issues but we will continue to monitor the situation and liaise with others (local authority and other agencies if necessary) to try and help the situation.

### **Highways Issues**

We continue to spend a lot of time at Council meetings on traffic congestion, problems with the buses, damage to grass verges, parking, potholes and speeding cars. We work with the police, the highways authority and the bus companies to try to remedy these problems. We want a Twenty's Plenty zone in Saughall.

CWaC is progressing this initiative and Saughall is on its list.

### **Affordable Housing - Lodge Lane**

Planning permission has been granted for, 18 properties, providing a mix of two and three bedroom houses and two bedroom bungalows. Rapid progress has been made and it is expected that work will begin on site in June 2013.

### **The Queen's Diamond Jubilee**

The Council invited all the various clubs and groups in Saughall to make proposals on how it would spend up to a maximum of £500 on a project, which must benefit the local community, to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

Cheques for £500 were presented to representatives of:

- The Vernon Institute Management Committee to help fund the provision of Diamond Jubilee Planters and flowers outside the entrance to the Vernon Institute; and
- All Saints Parochial Church Council to help fund the provision of a gateway.

### **Supporting Village Events**

The Council is pleased to support various community events throughout the year.

#### **- Remembrance Sunday**

We have arranged Remembrance Sunday services for the last three years. I attended the service last November at the war memorial, as did other Parish Councillors, and I had the honour of laying a Royal British Legion poppy wreath on the Council's behalf. The Council will continue to take the lead on this important community event.

#### **- Music in the Park – 4 June 2012**

This was an excellent community event, organised to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Over 1,000 Saughall residents and their families were entertained by numerous talented local bands. There was non-stop music while people picnicked and lazed in the sun, though many enjoyed dancing to the music. Refreshment stalls were run by local people and a bouncy castle entertained the children. Plans are now progressing well in respect of a similar event to be held on

**Sunday, 26 May 2013 from 3pm.** Thank you to everyone who helps to make these events successful.

#### **- Christmas Celebrations**

The Christmas Lights and Fayre continue to be very well supported each year. There are lots of stalls and a Santa procession through the village.

#### **New Website – [www.saughall.gov.uk](http://www.saughall.gov.uk)**

The Council now has a fresh-looking and newly-redesigned website. This work was completed by the University of Chester's Informatics Centre at a total cost of £1,250. The new design features a much-improved navigation system based on clear menus and enables you to find information about our village much more easily. New additions include a 'news' feature on the front page where we post items as we hear about them and a photo album where we post snapshots of events as they happen. We welcome feedback on the new design as well as additional items and detail for inclusion on the website - both, please, to the Clerk email: [clerk@saughall.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@saughall.gov.uk)

The Parish Council is now on Twitter, thanks to Kathy Ford. You can find [@SaughallPC](https://twitter.com/SaughallPC) easily by visiting our website and clicking on the Twitter link.

#### **So in Conclusion**

**The Parish Council's goals for the coming year:** Are to

- as always, to seek ways to better engage with our residents;
- continue to provide value for money in all our activities;
- assign our priorities and then drive our projects and initiatives forward; and
- robustly defend Saughall and Shotwick Park's interests.

#### **And finally –**

Thank you all – the team of Parish Councillors who really do the best for Saughall and Shotwick Park; you give up your own time to make it a great place to live. We have achieved a lot this last year and I thank you for your support throughout the year. I would also like to thank Brian Crowe our CWaC Councillor for keeping us up to date with what

is happening at Borough level.

Thank you to Tony Leach and Dennis Holman our Parish Paths Wardens, for walking all of our public and permissible footpaths and reporting any problems to CWaC, Helen Cakebread for her work as our Tree and Environmental Warden, our Internal Auditor, Bob Salisbury and our Responsible Financial Officer, Graham Hudspeth for their work on the accounts and for attending Council meetings. The work of the Parish Council is hugely varied, the Annual Report can only give a flavour, and without the hard work of our Clerk, Shirley Hudspeth, I am sure some things would fall by the way, my/our thanks to her.

Also, many thanks to those parishioners, who have helped us by bringing matters to our attention, and/or who have come along to our meetings.

Jenny Young  
Chairman  
29 April 2013



## 20's Plenty for us Campaign

The Parish Council has been following progress around the country in establishing 20mph schemes on residential roads that lend themselves to such initiatives and there is now much to learn from the emerging picture; both positive and less-positive.

Councillor Lynn Riley, Executive Member for Community and Environment has informed us that

"in Cheshire West, the LTP approach has not been to impose a blanket roll out but to provide the opportunity for those communities, where local support is strong and the guidance allows for such schemes to be taken forward. The Department for Transport (DFT) has published relatively recent guidance that does allow a little more flexibility than in the past and here in Cheshire West, we are currently working up a 'How to Guide' with partners in the Police.

As I'm sure you are aware, many rural

roads fall outside the DFT guidance, but we are certain that with the right engagement of the local community, such schemes can be delivered in a way that will bring about the behavioural changes on our roads that we are all looking for. We expect that this will be available within the next few months and would encourage you to continue to work to build up support in your area for such schemes. Obviously for such changes to be truly effective they will have to be self-enforcing with local drivers taking the opportunity to drive at 20mph all the time. This will be quite a challenge to achieve as we all know, only too well, who most of the speeders are when we conduct our community speed watch days. Having widespread support for such schemes is imperative and will also help all stakeholders find the necessary funding to deliver such proposals.

Please bear with us as we work up the guide and I'm sure your local councillor will be an active part of your campaign."

### 20's Plenty



Where People Live

Have you any views on a 20mph zone in all or part of the village? If so please contact any Member of the Parish Council.

## Message from PCSO Wendy Leason

I would like to take this opportunity to remind residents of Saughall to review their home and vehicle security.

Over the past couple of months there has been an increase in incidents involving theft of bikes from sheds, thefts from motor vehicles and burglaries.

Please make sure that nothing of value is left within your vehicle and that it is not left insecure.

Do not put expensive bikes in sheds or garages and make sure all your doors are locked.





If you should see anything suspicious please telephone 101.

I would like to thank the Parish Council and Chester District Housing Trust for the funding they have kindly provided for youth activities.

The funding will provide Mountain Monkeys and Ramp Rider events during the Summer Holidays.

Please watch parish notice boards for the dates.

PCSO Wendy Leason

## Lock it up

A reminder that all property, including sheds, garages and vehicles, should always be kept securely locked. Also, ensure you take precautions if you are going away perhaps with neighbours/friends opening and closing curtains or using timers for lights. You could also let the PCSO know your emergency contact details.

## Green Belt Land

The Parish Council is encouraging parishioners to keep an eye open for the consultation to be carried out by Cheshire West and Chester Council on its draft Local Plan which is expected in the near future.

The Borough Council had previously intended to have a separate, specific consultation on any land planned to be removed from the green belt around the city to accommodate some of its future development needs. The Council says there is no move away from the commitment to consultation on this aspect but the new timetable will simply mean this will take place as part of the formal consultation on the entire draft plan.

There are two key reasons why the Borough Council is keen to have an adopted local plan in place sooner rather than later. The first is that it wants planning decisions to reflect locally determined policies for new homes, jobs, the environment and investment in infrastructure.

Secondly, the regional plan that currently sets the borough's development targets, most significantly for housing, is expected to be scrapped by the government in the near future.

Cheshire West and Chester believes it is important the targets in the regional plan are replaced with locally set ones in an adopted local plan as soon as possible. They will then carry maximum weight in making planning decisions.

The Borough Council argues that including consultation on green belt aspects within the consultation on the wider plan enables people to see how any proposals to remove land from the green belt would fit into the draft plan as a whole. It is emphasised everyone will still have a full opportunity to have their say.

## Saughall Youth Club

The Youth Club is always looking for people to help run it. If you think you can help please contact the Clerk.



## Craft and Chatter and now Books

This group meets on Tuesdays from 2 - 4pm at the Vernon Institute.



Whatever your level of skill and whichever craft you do, you'll find a happy and welcoming atmosphere at the VI every Tuesday. Come and join us for a cup of tea and a chat. We've got beginners and experts, young and not so young, carders, knitters,



jewellery makers, embroiderers; dolls house makers, tapestry makers, and quilters. In fact, if you can make it from paper, material, beads, wool or cotton, one of us will have a go. And we'll have a laugh and a cup of tea whilst we're doing it!!



You can even take away a book, as the group has now started a community library with a growing number and range of books.

Sue Harris  
Secretary, Saughall Craft and Chat  
Tel No: 880122  
Email: [sue\\_at\\_ness\\_cottage@hotmail.com](mailto:sue_at_ness_cottage@hotmail.com)

## Community Library

There is a new community library at the Vernon Institute. You can borrow a book every Tuesday between 2 - 4pm. The library is being run by the Craft and Chatter group and has a growing range of books to suit all readers. If you have any books that you want to pass on, please bring them down to the VI and we'll add them to the library. Why not come along and browse?

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Tel No: 880122  
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## Footway/Streetlights

If there are any footways or streetlights in the village which need attention please tell the Clerk, and we will report them and let CWaC Councillor Brian Crowe know the details.

## Lodge Lane Affordable Housing



Chester and District Housing Trust has advised us that works to deliver 18 new affordable homes off Lodge Lane are starting.

We are pleased to inform that Rowlinson Construction Ltd has been appointed as the Principal Contractor for the construction of the project.

Rowlinson Construction is due to take possession of the site the week commencing 10 June 2013. The initial work will involve hoarding and once the site is adequately secure, cabins and the relevant Health and Safety facilities will be placed within the site boundary.

Rawlinson's are sending local residents an introduction letter with key contact details and will follow this with monthly newsletters.

Holly Stiles  
Development Officer  
Chester & District Housing Trust  
Chester  
Tel: 01244 305557  
Email: [h.stiles@cdht.org](mailto:h.stiles@cdht.org)

## Parish Council Surgeries



The Council holds successful monthly surgeries on Saturday mornings outside the Co-op Store and at the Farmers' Market in the Vernon Institute. It has now decided to hold surgeries on other days and in various venues around the village as well.

Notices will be posted on village notice boards, well in advance, to inform where and when forthcoming Surgeries are to be held.

## Waste Management – Saughall Style!!

This is how our Chairman (Jenny) persuaded two willing young men (Maurice and Carl) to compress the overflowing waste bins. There was so much litter left on the field after Music in the Park, that the many bins hired specially for the event, still couldn't cope.



## When Does the Council Meet?



The Council usually meets on the first Monday of the month. Future ordinary meetings of the Council are due to be held at **7pm on Monday, 1 July, 5 August, 2 September and 7 October 2013 in the Vernon Institute on Church Road.**

Notices for all Council meetings are posted on the Council's notice boards and website. Agendas for meetings are always on deposit in the Co-op Store and posted on the Council's website ([www.saughall.gov.uk](http://www.saughall.gov.uk)).

Any resident on the Electoral Roll of Saughall or Shotwick Park is more than welcome to attend all of these meetings. All meetings include public speaking time and residents are welcome to address the Council.

## Report Anti - Social Behaviour Now

If you are experiencing anti - social behaviour and you think that Cheshire West and Chester Council should help address it, or you would like a Community Safety Warden to contact you please ring **0300 123 7033**, Monday - Thursday 8:30am - 5:30pm, Friday, 8:30am - 5pm (excluding Public Holidays) or fill in the online reporting form at [www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk](http://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk)



## How to Contact Cheshire Police

Non-emergency calls **0845 4580000**  
Only use 999 if....

- There is danger to life.
- Violence is used or threatened.
- A serious crime is in progress or likely to occur.
- A suspect is nearby.
- There is a road traffic collision involving personal injury or danger to others.
- A vulnerable person needs urgent assistance.

## Dog Fouling Nuisance

We are receiving more and more complaints about the nuisance of dog fouling, particularly on Church Road.



The Council has a zero tolerance attitude towards these incidents and will not hesitate to take action against offending dog owners.

Please pick up any mess left by your dog and/or act as an observer and report any incident that you see to us. The Council will seek assistance from Cheshire West and Chester Council in taking the necessary action against any dog owners who fail to clear up mess left by their animal.

***You have been warned!***

## Cheshire West and Chester Borough Council's Responsive Service Guarantee

**Abandoned Vehicles** – will be investigated by the end of the next working day.

**Business Waste Compliance** – will be investigated by the end of the next working day.

**Racist or Abusive Graffiti** – on relevant land will be removed or obliterated within 24 hours.

**Fly Posting** – will be investigated and removed from relevant land within 2 working days.

**Fly Tipping** – will be investigated by the end of the next working day and cleared within 2 working days following completion of the investigation.

**Nuisance Vehicles** – will be investigated within 2 working days.

**Dead Animals** – will be removed from relevant land within 24 hours.

**Sharps/Drug Related Litter** – will be removed from relevant land within 4 hours.

**Dog Fouling** – will be removed from relevant land within 24 hours.

**Overflowing Bins** – will be emptied by the end of the next working day.

**Damaged Street Furniture** – will be investigated by the end of the next working day. The Tel. No. to ring is **0300 123 7026**

### Chester Half Marathon – Sunday, 12 May 2013



Entries for this event reached an all time high in 2013, sold out at over 6,000 entries. The 2014 NRC Chester Half Marathon will take place on Sunday, 18 May 2014. Early Bird entry has now closed, and entries will open in October.

### Potholes

Please report any potholes you encounter to Cheshire West and Chester Council on **0300 1237 036** or visit 'Report It' at [www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk](http://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk)

## Computer Scams...BEWARE



For many of us the computer is now as commonplace in the home as the washing machine or the television, and there is no doubt that it makes life easier. How much simpler it is to keep in touch with friends and relatives now that we have e-mail at our finger tips?

However, there are risks. If you fall foul of a scam it could mean that you have to completely refigure your e-mail account. There are baddies out there and it seems appropriate that we issue a warning to be wary. Here is some good advice:

- Never reply to any e-mail that comes from an unknown source. Often you will receive letters from banks or people offering a particularly good deal. Your bank will never ask you to click on a link or for you to release personal details, and no genuine person will offer you a way to make a quick buck.
- Never reply to any such contact, and never ring any telephone number sent in an e-mail unless you are sure of its source.
- Never open an attachment unless you are 100% certain that it is from a secure source; to do so is to invite an attack of malicious software. You may receive a joke or amusing viral and all too often you will be tempted to pass it on to a friend. Don't - this may give a scammer access to other e-mail accounts and enable them to write to your friends pretending to be you.

Don't forget, scammers are very clever people dedicated to conning people out of their money or maliciously destroying computer software, don't let them get to you. If you're not sure – **DELETE!**



## Saughall Gardening Club

Despite the adverse weather, we've been busy! The Quiz Night was a huge success, as usual. The talks on Herbaceous Hall of Fame and Fantastic Foliage were inspiring, especially as they included beautiful slides, to help those of us who are new to gardening identify at least some of the plants!



At each meeting we're pleased to welcome several new members – some experienced gardeners and some who are interested and would like to learn more. It's great that gardening seems to appeal to all ages.

Inexplicably we are now experts on bouncy castles and were one of the attractions at the Music in the Park event. We're so grateful to those members who volunteered to help. As well as bouncing children, we were pleased to introduce ourselves to quite a few people interested in joining the club, although the stars of our stall were definitely the One Direction Scarecrows!

### Monday, 15 July

Fritillaria and Poppies with Kevin Pratt.

### Saturday, 17 August Annual Show

Club Members and Saughall residents are invited to submit their prize exhibits! Please see the schedule for details. It is available at the Gardening Club or in the local shops. There is no charge to enter and each year there are new classes included in the schedule. Come along to the Vernon Institute at 2pm to applaud the winners and view all the hard work.

### Monday, 16 September

Spring Bulbs and Forcing Bulbs for Christmas with Sue Gitton and Marguerite.

### Monday, 21 October

Vegetables Through the Seasons – a talk by Mike Cook, kitchen gardener at Eaton Hall.

### Monday, 18 November

A Fortnight in the French Pyrenees – the

speaker is Dr Peter Cunningham.

We look forward to seeing you. Our secretary, Gill Whittaker can be contacted on Tel No: 881059.

Sandra Pearson

Email: [sandra.pearson4@btinternet.com](mailto:sandra.pearson4@btinternet.com)

## The Saughall Uniform Groups' Building

The Saughall Uniformed Group was set up at the commissioning of the current hut. At the time we had a thriving Scout Group full Beavers Cubs and Scouts with waiting lists. Now in 2013 it is the girls who are on top. There are thriving Rainbow, Brownie and Guide Groups.

We are in need of boys to give us competition! The Beaver colony is very low in numbers and Jane is looking to pass the colony to new leaders. Beavers will be looking for new members in September 2013.

If anybody would like to re-start Cubs and Scouts that would be ideal! There must be some boys (or girls) who may like to try Scouting (Guiding) for new experiences and ideas.

Scouting (and Guiding) with Bear Grylles as Chief Scout are part of a very big worldwide 'gang' so it must be worth a go!

Joanne Brookes

Email: [brookesjoanna@btinternet.com](mailto:brookesjoanna@btinternet.com)

## Saughall Uniformed Groups

Beavers – Mondays, 5– 6pm

Age: 6 – 8

Tel: 881348

Rainbows – Thursdays, 5:30 – 6:30pm

Age: 5 – 7

Tel: 372637

Brownies – Tuesdays, 6 – 7:15pm

Age: 7 – 10

Tel: 881284





Guides – Tuesdays, 7:30 – 9pm  
Age: 10 - !!!  
Tel: 881133

To hire the Scout Hut Tel: 881284 or 881133.  
Can you spare some time to help with these Groups please? A CRB check is not required for occasional helpers.

Jenny Young  
Tel No: 881133



### 1st Saughall Beaver Scouts

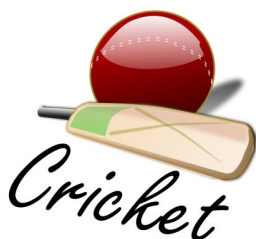
Following a successful trip to meet Bear Grylls at the Beaver Scout Fun Day, 1st Saughall Scout Group is hoping to grow and be able to continue to offer Scouting in the village. We are continually receiving enquiries from parents of children wanting to join but to do this we are looking for enthusiastic adult volunteers who may be interested in helping us to run exciting and fun Beaver Scout meetings and activities. No experience is needed and we will provide all the training free of charge. If you think you are the person we are looking for then please contact Chester District Commissioner Joanne Turner  
email: [joanne\\_turner@aol.co.uk](mailto:joanne_turner@aol.co.uk) or  
Tel: 07736430660. We currently do not have Cubs or Scouts in the village so we are also interested in hearing from people who may be interested in running one of these sections.

Jane Whittingham  
Email: [janeg.whittingham@gmail.com](mailto:janeg.whittingham@gmail.com)

### Saughall Cricket Club

Saughall Cricket Club would like to hear from anyone interested in playing cricket or even to help with the administration or ground preparation. Please come and support your local club.

Brian Huxley  
Tel No: 880753 or  
Email: [behux@btinternet.com](mailto:behux@btinternet.com)



## News from the Vernon Institute (VI)



The Small Hall at the Vernon Institute has had a facelift - a new store has been built at the end of the room to house tables and chairs etc. and a new serving hatch has been created between the hall and the Prep Room; the Prep Room has new kitchen type units and a sink, and there's a new door between it and the main Kitchen; both rooms have been decorated, including the hall floor. A lot of people will know this room as The Library - the book cupboards on the walls have been removed and there's now a book trolley in the new store, so please come and have a look!

The planning application for a new hall at the VI was submitted in April and the date by which Cheshire West and Chester Council should give a decision is 13 June 2013. The application can be seen on the Cheshire West and Chester's website and there are drawings displayed in the entrance of The VI.

All activities and clubs that take place at the VI can be seen on the website at [www.vernoninstitute.org.uk](http://www.vernoninstitute.org.uk) or on the notice board outside the main entrance.

Rachel Lowe,  
Secretary to the Vernon Institute  
Management Committee  
Email: [rachel.tealestates@uwclub.net](mailto:rachel.tealestates@uwclub.net)

### Keep Saughall Tidy



Don't drop litter, put it in one of the many litter bins dotted around the village or take it home. Also, do not over load your bins. Make sure that the lid goes right down and that rubbish can not escape.

Please report any litter problem areas to the Streetscene Team at Cheshire West and Chester Council on **Tel No. 0300 123 8 123.**

## Saughall Women's Institute



Saughall WI meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Vernon Institute.

The meeting on 2 July will include a talk on reflexology; 6 August is our annual show, always an impressive display. 3 September covers the history of the brownie camera and you can learn all about handicrafts on 1 October. But the WI isn't just about interesting talks - there's the opportunity afterwards to socialise and make new friends over tea and biscuits. And it's not just one evening a month, either: members can join in all sorts of group activities from walks, coach trips, theatre outings, darts, crafts, drama.

Please pay us a visit at one of our monthly meetings - you won't be disappointed!

Lesley Hardy

Email: [colinhardyuk@btinternet.com](mailto:colinhardyuk@btinternet.com)

## Saughall Friday Club

The Saughall Friday Club was delighted to celebrate three very special Birthdays the other Friday, which coincided with its celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II.

Pictured below are our three special Birthday members – Alan Willey 98, May Halsall 97 and Roy Franklin 93. Each of them gave a wonderful “thank you” speech to all the volunteers for the many happy Fridays that have been provided for them. How proud we are of our delightful members.



The Friday Club was pleased to be part of Music in the Park event and ran a very well stocked Tombola Stand. Members wish to thank the many generous people who donated all the superb prizes that all found good homes.



Jeanne Storrar

Tel No: 880226

## These Cuts can not go on!

Councils' funding from central government is down by 33%. The impact on local services is severe.

By the end of this parliament, councils' funding from central government will have been cut by 33%. In comparison, Whitehall departments will have faced average reductions of 12%.

This pattern cannot be repeated without it having a serious impact on local services and people.

Councils have so far taken £3.1bn from the annual pay bill, reduced management costs by more than 12.5% and saved hundreds of millions of pounds by teaming up to provide both back office and frontline services. Council tax increases have also been kept well below the rate of inflation for the past four years. The resilience of local government cannot be stretched much further. For many councils, new funding cuts in 2015/16 will lead to a significant reduction in, and in some cases even loss of, important local services.

In the next spending round, local government finance must be put on a sustainable footing.

To do this, the government has to adjust health and schools budgets to incorporate the local services that help the elderly stay independent longer and ensure children are ready for school. This will ultimately save money by reducing pressure on our hospitals, police and prisons.

It must also embark on a rewiring of public services. The only way of maintaining them in the face of proposed long-term cuts is to design them around the needs of people and communities. That means devolving budgets away from Whitehall to increase co-operation between public agencies, save money and improve services.

Local government bore the brunt of cuts in the last spending review. For the sake of the public it cannot afford to do so again. It would be bad for the country, bad for people and bad for our prospects of economic recovery if funding for local services is cut further.

## **Teachers' Unions Agree Joint Strike**

Teachers' unions have agreed to stage a joint strike across the northwest, including Cheshire West and Chester.

The National Union of Teachers (NUT) and NASUWT (the National Association of Schoolmasters Union of Women Teachers) are advising their members to strike on **Thursday, 27 June 2013**.

The unions say the decision has been reached following the refusal of Michael Gove, the Secretary of State for Education, to 'genuinely engage' with teachers over pay and pensions.

## **Activities at the Vernon Institute**

A variety of activities take place at the Vernon Institute. Please see the notice board in the entrance hall for exact times and contact numbers. Activities include:

- Pilates
- Badminton
- Table Tennis
- Snooker/Billiards
- Women's Institute
- Art Club on Tuesdays, limited numbers, telephone 880733
- Craft and Chat on Tuesdays, 2:30 – 4pm in the small hall
- Gardening Club
- Golden Link
- Play School
- Whist
- Art Club
- Dancing Schools
- Slimming World
- Farmers' Market – All local produce, Every Saturday 9am – 12pm in the Small Hall.

## **Activities at All Saints Church**

- Senior Monday Meeting
- Children's Group Meetings and Activities
- Praise and Play

## **Activities at the Methodist Church**

The following activities are provided in the Methodist Hall. The Bookings Secretary is June Downes who can let you have further details (Tel: 880181).

- Mother and Toddlers Group
- Friday Club
- Mollington Singers Choir
- Chester Dance Academy
- The Art Class with John Paskin
- Coffee Morning, once a fortnight

## USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

Women's Institute  
Mrs Mary Evans,  
Tel: 880177

Saughall Cricket Club  
Mr Brian Huxley, Tel: 880753

Saughall Table Tennis Club  
Mr Bob Salisbury, Tel: 881323  
email:  
rm.salisbury@btopenworld.com

Saughall Friday Club (Day  
Centre)  
Tel: Jeanne on 880226 or  
07764 608680

Uniform Groups and Scout Hut  
Bookings  
Phil Brooks  
Tel: 881284

Saughall Gardening Club  
Gill Whittaker  
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Headteacher – Donna  
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VI Management Committee  
Chris Harman Tel: 880205  
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Church Wardens  
John Hallas Tel: 881317  
Brian Eyres Tel: 880416

Pre-School Group  
Mrs Lynda Johnson, Tel:  
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Saughall Neighbourhood  
Management Team  
Co-ordinator  
Tony Summers  
0770 762 2062

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Chris Harman Tel: 880205  
email: chrisjharman@aol.com

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