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Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) - Update



This picture is just an example of what a MUGA may look like. The exact model is still to be agreed.

The Parish Council is delighted to announce that a recent funding application submitted to Waste Recycling Environmental Ltd (WREN) for the Community MUGA project was successful! This means it now has the funds to proceed with the MUGA project in the Golden Jubilee Park.

The funding award for the MUGA project is thought to be the largest award our community has received towards improving its sporting and recreational facilities, and the Council would like to thank everyone that has been involved in the project so far.

It is hoped the MUGA will be completed before summer 2014 (weather permitting).

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Anti – Social Behaviour

Anti-social behaviour means acting in a way that causes or is likely to cause alarm or distress to one or more person. Anti-social behaviour is behaviour that lacks consideration for others and may cause damage to the society, whether intentionally or through negligence.



The term anti-social behaviour covers a wide range of unacceptable activity that can blight the quality of individual and community life. Terms such as 'nuisance', 'disorder' and 'harassment' are also often used to describe this type of behaviour. Examples can include:

- Nuisance, rowdy or inconsiderate neighbours
- Vandalism, graffiti and fly-posting
- The buying or selling of drugs in public
- Street drinking
- Swearing and bad language
- Environmental damage including littering, dumping of rubbish and abandonment of cars
- Prostitution related activity
- Begging and vagrancy
- Fireworks misuse
- Inconsiderate or inappropriate use of vehicles

Serious concerns have been raised about anti-social behaviour in the Golden Jubilee Park. Some people perceive that this will be exacerbated when the MUGA is installed.

Often Anti-Social Behaviour is a community problem and is best dealt with by the community. However, the Parish Council has alerted the Police and is currently working closely with Inspector Kevin Chambers and his team to stamp out these anti-social activities once and for all. By engaging and feeding information through.

To do this we must look forward not backwards and you can help by telling the Police when there are issues. Currently this problem is under reported so the Police do not have a complete picture of what is occurring in the village. If you want the Police

to deal with the perpetrators they, obviously, need to know who they are.

Also, please make sure that PCSO Wendy Leason is aware of any anti-social incidents that occur. She works very closely with the Community Safety Wardens.

If you witness any anti-social behaviour but you do not class it as an emergency please telephone **101** and report it to the Police. If you believe that it is an emergency telephone 999. The less serious incidents e.g. broken glass, graffiti should be reported to Cheshire West and Chester Community safety Wardens by ringing **0300 123 7033**



Council Tax 2014/15

The Parish Council has set its budget for the next financial year and kept the precept the same as for 2013/14 which means that the Council Tax will, for the third year running, be £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) Council has provided a grant of £5,490, the amount equal to the tax base reduction for this Council.

The Parish Council has asked CWaC Council for a Parish Precept of £58,543 for 2014/15. The Parish Council's budget amounts to £69,717.

How your £69,717 is to be spent is set out in the Council's budget below.

Council Budget 2014/15

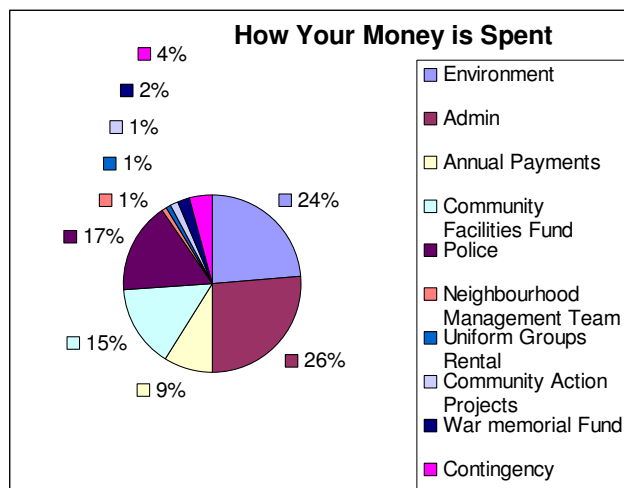
Budget Head	Allocation
Environment	16,450
Administration	18,350
Annual Payments	6,346
Community Facilities Fund	10,271
Police	11,800
Neighbourhood Management Team	500
Uniform Groups' HQ Rental	500
Community Action Projects	1,000

War Memorial Fund/New Roll of Honour	1,500
Contingency	3,000
Total	69,717

This budget can be viewed in more detail online at:

<http://www.saughall.gov.uk/Minutes.htm>

How your money is spent



Unemployment in Chester is down

Figures recently published show that the number of people unemployed has fallen in Chester again.

The latest figures from the Office for National Statistics show that there are 1,220 people in Chester currently claiming Job Seekers' Allowance. Figures from the Job Centre Plus Universal Job Search show that there are currently 4,643 jobs being advertised within 5 miles of the city.

The figures also show that unemployment fell every single month during 2013.

Home to School Transport



Like all councils, Cheshire West and Chester Council is under considerable pressure to make savings on its public spending in future years.

As a result, the Principal Authority has had to

look at every aspect of its work, especially where it is not compulsory for it to provide services and consider how they can be delivered more efficiently and cost effectively.

CWaC Council has, consequently, consulted on proposed changes to its Home to School Transport provision.

The proposals, if agreed, will seriously affect Saughall children who want to move from their primary schools to attend Upton-by-Chester High School in September 2015 and subsequent in-takes. It is proposed that Year 7 children in September 2015, who live in Saughall and obtain a place at Upton will not be able to access free school transport. Parents will have to pay for it themselves. The Parish Council is very concerned about this and has made representations to the Principal Authority.

Vernon Institute (VI) Clock



Villagers will have been delighted to see and hear the VI clock back in action again after a few months when the mechanism had to be halted due to unsafe fraying weight cables. The Parish Council took the opportunity not only to replace the cables but also to have motors installed that would fully automate the clock.

For the technically minded, three motors have been specially built and installed by the Cumbria Clock Company, one to lift the weight that drives the clock itself and one each for the two chiming mechanisms. Each motor is mains powered using a transmission chain via a three planet, totally enclosed, oil immersed epicyclic gearbox. Because the clock and chimes are still powered by the weights and not directly by the motors, the clock will continue to work even if there is a (short) power cut.

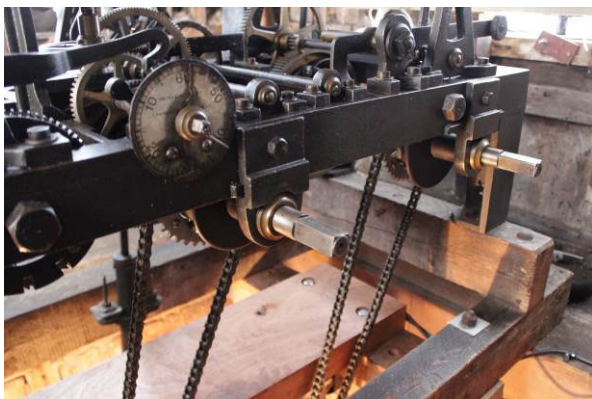


One of the three new motors showing the chain drive into the clock mechanism.

The clock has been further enhanced with an electronic time regulation system. This clever box of tricks interacts magnetically with the clock pendulum, forcing it to keep accurate time despite temperature changes, meaning that the clock should never be in error by more than a few seconds. The really clever bit is that it also compensates for summer/winter time changes by itself: essentially the clock will halt for 11 hours in March and then restart to the new time whilst in October it will stop just for one hour. We will all see whether or not this works next 30 March!

Because of the way in which these new mechanisms function it has been possible to completely maintain the historical integrity of the original Joyce clock and nothing from the original has been altered.

The clock was installed after the Great War and since then many people within the village have voluntarily taken on the role of Clock Winder to physically lift the three huge weights – a task that needed to be carried out every couple of days. And it wasn't an easy task: two flights of narrow wooden ladders to scale, the second flight being vertical, with two tiny trapdoors to squeeze through; and the clock loft itself is open ventilation, so can be stiflingly hot in summer yet bone chilling in winter.



Two chain drives feeding up from the motors below to the chime winder axles.

The village is hugely grateful to these volunteers from across the decades and it is hoped to honour their memory by placing a plaque recording their names at the base of the clock tower.

For further details on the clock automation please refer to Cumbria Clock Company's website or contact Dennis Holman.

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Ian Humphrey Memorial Bench



It has been agreed not to purchase the bench to commemorate the late Ian Humphrey until agreement is reached on where to site the new Pavilion/Community facility in the Golden Jubilee Park. Once this has been determined the bench will be purchased and positioned in the Park.

The Saughall Neighbourhood Management Team has raised the funding required to buy this bench to honour Ian who was an active Member of the Team and is sorely missed



Saughall Postal Scheme – December 2013

When I first launched the idea of Saughall having its own Christmas card postal service to the Vernon Institute Management Committee, in competition to the Royal Mail, I didn't quite know what lay ahead of me. Fortunately, there was a group of people willing to give their time and assistance to an idea that paved the way for the project to take place. I knew that many scout groups had done a similar thing in various areas of the country including North Wirral where they have raised thousands of pounds over the years. What I didn't think about too much was their years of experience at doing it. And the relatively wide and large area they covered.

So we have to take the Saughall Project in that context. The first hurdle was getting the people of Saughall to recognise and know about the Project. I think we did this. The interest on people's faces when they received a Saughall posted card was a delight. As more cards were delivered so more residents got to know and trust the Scheme. Every household in Saughall should have received a flier setting out details of the Project but I was amazed that residents, even during the last weekend before Christmas, were asking, 'what is the Saughall Post?' This was despite articles in The Chester Chronicle, The Standard, the Parish Newsletter and the Mollington and Saughall Handbook. Next year I'm going for North West Tonight and other television programmes. (I did try Radio Dee 106.9 but they never came back to me.)

The stamps, as those of you that saw and used them know, were professionally produced at a reasonable price. Perhaps too many were bought but they will serve in future years. The same with the posting boxes which also can be reused in future years. These were the main costs and taking that information into account the Project can be considered a great success. Nearly 400 Christmas cards were posted using this service and a firm foundation was laid for forthcoming years.

A number of big thank yous need to be said to a number of people and organisations. Firstly, thank you to the organisations that volunteered to sell stamps and accept deliveries of cards, Mark at the Greyhound Inn, Peter at the Vernon Institute, the Doctors' Surgery, Saughall Pharmacy, Johnson's Nurseries, the representatives of the two main churches in Saughall, Jackie Alley at All Saints and Ann Mulliner at the Methodists. All made a valuable contribution. Thanks to Jenny Young, Jeanne Storrar, Dennis Holman for arranging printing and members of the Saughall Parish Council and the 'elite' squad of letter deliverers including Andrew Warrington, John Mulliner, Harry Dobson and special thanks to Andrew Storrar (our Fiddlers Lane and Parkgate Road man) whose knowledge of politics and economics has increased considerably as a result of the Saughall Postal Project. Finally, I would like to say a big thank you to the people of

Saughall for trusting and using the Saughall Postal Service. Together we can achieve great things!

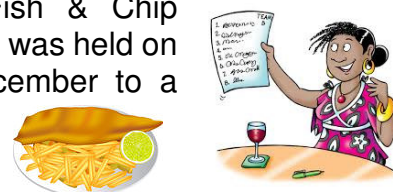
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Annual Christmas Quiz

The Annual Fish & Chip Christmas Quiz was held on Friday, 20 December to a full house at the Vernon Institute.



Traditionally this event has been used as a fund raiser for the Summer Play Scheme but this year we decided to split the profit between the Play Scheme and the proposed new Pavilion/Community facility.

We made a record profit of £653.43, divided £469.43 to the Pavilion and £184, the proceeds from the raffle, to the Play Scheme. Thanks to all who donated.

I would like to thank John & Lynda Martin for their excellent questions, the winners scoring 80% with the team at the other end scoring 55%. Well done John & Lynda. Thanks also to the bar staff Maureen & Mike Maxwell along with Peter Durdose, Clare Edwards & Bea Summers. Clare also worked hard selling a record number of raffle tickets and the stand-up bingo, Bea for all her persistence with people to pack the hall, and the two chip monitors Jenny Young and Jo Brooks

Tony Summers

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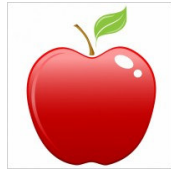
Lodge Lane Affordable Housing



The plans and building work are going well. It is expected that the project will be completed by the end of May 2014.

Apple Pressing

The final Apple Pressing of the year was held in Saughall on the site of the proposed new Pavilion/Community facility thanks to **Transition Chester** who loaned the equipment.



There was an excellent turn out of village people plus one gentleman from Hoole, who pressed some pears.

The varied ages of participants seemed to enjoy the experience and there was a great camaraderie with everyone helping each other out.

Containers were provided along with apples from the trees on the adjacent village sports field.



Everyone went home with containers of fresh apple juice. Some people were hoping to turn theirs into cider.

Tony Summers

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New Homes Bonus Grant

Cheshire West and Chester Council (CWaC) has awarded the Parish Council a grant of £10,228 from its New Homes Bonus Community Fund for 2013/14.

This grant allocation has been directly determined by the level of housing growth in the parish in the period October 2010 to October 2012. It reflects the Principal Authority's commitment to transfer 20% of the new Homes Bonus Grant it receives from central government directly on to local councils for investment in the local community in recognition of the local impact of increased levels of housing. The use of the grant is at the Parish Council's discretion but CWaC has suggested using it to support a major project in the parish or to support the development of aspirations contained in the Parish Plan.

It is expected that further grant allocations from this Fund will be paid in future years. The amount is dependant on the level of housing growth in the local area and is subject to central government decisions on New Homes Bonus Grant payable to CWaC.

The specific amounts cannot be confirmed at this stage but based on current government policy the amounts which **may** be available are expected to be in the region of the following amounts:

2014/15	£10,228
2015/16	£6,638
2016/17	£6,638

Chester Half Marathon – Sunday, 18 May 2014



The race will start at Chester Racecourse. The fast (and largely flat) route will be run on entirely closed roads. Heading north-west out of the city on wide roads runners will rapidly settle into the race, with plenty of support. In the second half of the race runners return to Chester, heading back into the city for a memorable finish outside the Town Hall and Cathedral.

Drinks stations, with bottled water, will be available every three miles. There will be chip timing with splits at 10k, halfway, ten miles and 20k. All finishers will receive a technical T-shirt, bespoke medal and a goody bag!

www.activeleisureevents.co.uk/half-marathon.aspx

When Does the Council Meet?

The Council is scheduled to meet at 7pm on both Monday, 3 March and 7 April 2014 in the Vernon Institute on Church Road.

The meeting after that is the Annual Council Meeting and it is scheduled for 7pm on Monday 12 May 2014 in the Vernon Institute.

The **Parish Assembly** is scheduled for **7:00pm on Monday, 28 April 2014 at the Vernon Institute**. The Parish Council would like to invite residents of Saughall and Shotwick Park to this meeting where the



Chairman will present her report on the work and activities of the Council during the 2013/14 Municipal Year. This is an open meeting providing you with the opportunity to speak out on any matters that are causing you concern and on issues you would like the Parish Council to address.

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).

Any resident on the Electoral Roll of Saughall or Shotwick Park is more than welcome to attend all of these meetings.



Saughall Community Library

The Community Library, at the Vernon Institute, is open every Tuesday afternoon between 2pm and 4pm. All the books

are free to borrow, there's no time limit so you can read them at your leisure and there's no paperwork or tickets.

We add new books nearly every week and we sometimes have DVDs to borrow too. Come along and have a browse.....

Sue Harris

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Apply, Report or Pay for Services Online



Are you irritated by a street light which is out, overgrowth obstructing the footway, dog fouling or a pot hole? All these issues and many more can now be reported through Cheshire West and Chester Council's website.

The Borough Council has launched a new customer-friendly feature on its website www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk making council services more accessible to you at the click of a button.

The Borough Council has improved access to waste and recycling services as a new feature

allows people to complete a range of requests including reporting missing collections, requesting replacement boxes and bins, removing unwanted containers and requesting assisted and bulky collections.

Other improvements include parking fines – pay or appeal, online payments and school admissions. Residents of the borough can now enjoy the benefits of self service – saving time, being able to track their enquiries and requests, with 24 hours a day, seven days a week access to council services.

Residents can log enquiries and requests at a time convenient to them and are then able to track where they are up to. This new way of working is simple and easy to access and provides a valuable alternative to visiting an office or making a phone call.

CWaC Council's call centre can be reached on local call rates on Tel No. 0300 1238 123.

Cheshire Police Alert



Keep informed about what's happening in your area.

Cheshire Police Alert is the community messaging system brought to you by Cheshire Constabulary and servicing the whole of Cheshire.

By registering with Cheshire Police Alert, you receive news and appeals, local crime information and crime prevention advice - direct to you as an e-mail, mobile text or voice message.

Registering with this site is completely free, and not only allows you to receive messages about your local area, but also allows you to feed back information to your local policing teams to help them better police your neighbourhood.

www.cheshirepolicealert.co.uk



An Invitation to join Home Watch

Cheshire has good reason

to be very proud of Home Watch. It is one of the county's most successful exports. The initiative began its life in Britain in the village of Mollington in 1982. It soon spread around the country, adopting the name Neighbourhood Watch in some areas.

Home Watch is an independent, voluntary, community-based network of residents. While Home Watch supports and is supported by the police and other agencies, its independence is a vital aspect of its work.

Its main aims are to:

- Reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and fear of crime.
- Provide reassurance to local communities.
- Improve residents' quality of life.
- Encourage neighbourliness and a closer community.

These targets are achieved by:

- Sharing information with the community, the police and other agencies.
- Supporting others, especially vulnerable neighbours.
- Being receptive to information and advice from police and other agencies.
- Passing information to the police and other agencies.

How to get involved

Join the police-registered Home Watch Scheme.

To become part of a police-registered Home Watch Scheme you must have exchanged home contact details with two or more other residents of your street, one of whom is - or is willing to become – the police-registered Home Watch Co-ordinator.

If you become a Home Watch Co-ordinator, you can then join volunteer Co-ordinators from nearby streets and neighbourhoods to share information from your area.

Resilience Planning

Resilience is essentially the formation of an emergency plan that can be activated by the

community in the event of an occurrence that seriously affected the normal emergency services ability to respond.

Major incidents such as flooding, severe weather and industrial accidents are rare but in the event of these happening, the Cheshire Local Resilience Forum is encouraging members of the community to make the necessary preparations to protect themselves and their families. It is proposed that a Resilience Plan is drawn up for Saughall and kept up to date..

Home Watch and Resilience Planning

Are you interested in getting involved with the Home Watch and/or Resilience Planning?

If you are please contact the Clerk or any Parish Councillor as a meeting is going to be arranged for Saughall people to discuss how to take these initiatives forward.

Do Not Provide Criminals with Opportunities!

Since much of the crime committed is opportunist there are some very simple steps that can prevent you from becoming a victim of crime.



On cold mornings please do not be tempted to leave your vehicle 'defrosting' unattended with the engine running. To do so on a road is actually an offence, even on the driveway, plus you are making your vehicle available to an opportunist car thief. If your car is stolen you would not be covered by your insurance if the keys have been left in the ignition.

When you leave your car, make sure that it is locked in a well-lit area if possible and that valuables are either removed or certainly not on display. It is a good idea, too, to use a cloth to remove that telltale circular mark left on your windscreen by your SatNav holder.

At home, please remember to lock your front and back doors – even when you are in. Most

burglaries happen because people forget to lock their doors or windows. Remember to lock your shed or garage too!

Lots of simple measures make your home less attractive to burglars, including: low voltage external lighting, security lighting, an alarm and light timer switches.

Very, very importantly, do not keep your car keys within sight of your front door. Burglaries have involved burglars using a 'hook and cane' method to steal car and house keys through the letterbox and then use them to steal the car itself.

To help the Police make Saughall safer and target matters that concern you most, please inform them about crimes or any form of suspicious activity. All the contact numbers are listed in this Newsletter.

A Reminder - 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



Cheshire
Constabulary
BE SAFE, FEEL SAFE

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.

Also, please note that dogs are not allowed on the Golden Jubilee Park.

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**

Homebird Elegance



Hello I am a small, local business in Saughall called "Homebird Elegance". I create bespoke restorations for vintage furniture and home décor items. I source items locally with the aim of bringing a "little bit of history back to life".

I use only the finest quality materials to create a number of finishes and looks. These include French Elegance, Timeless Classic, Distressed Shabby Chic, Country Farmhouse, Decoupage and Funky Retro.

Homebird Elegance offers a unique Up-Cycling Service to customers. Do you own an item which requires a re-paint or re-varnish, or a total design make-over?

I will work with each customer to create a fresh individual look for their furniture. This can be achieved in whichever style is desired to suit your home décor and taste.

Don't throw away an old, tired piece of furniture when I can bring it back to life and save you money too!

Steph Bird
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Saughall Gardening Club 2014



7:30pm on Monday, 17 February
Sweet Pea Talk and Slideshow in the Main Hall of the Vernon Institute by Tom Atherton,

District Representative for the National Sweet Pea Society. All are welcome. Come along and find out what you should be doing now to prepare for the Annual Show!

7:30pm on Monday, 17 March

Quiz Night in the Main Hall of the Vernon Institute. Tickets are available.

Sandra Pearson

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Craft and Chat

Where? At the Vernon Institute.

When? Every Tuesday afternoons, 2 - 4pm.

Who? Anyone who wants to do a bit of knitting, carding, beadwork, crotchet or craftwork.

Why? To share ideas and expertise, enjoy some company and have a cup of tea and a chat.



Please come along and join us. We are a friendly and welcoming group with a wide range of talents, from quite basic to rather good.

The Craft and Chat group had a stall at the Christmas Market at St Bartholomew's Church. Thanks to everyone who made something to sell and even more thanks to everyone who bought one of our creations. There will be plenty of warm necks and hands in Saughall this winter!



The raffle for the two dolls, knitted by Thelma, was drawn by Peter, the Vernon Institute

caretaker. The lucky winners were Lynda Greenwood (she makes lovely cakes) and Jenny Young.

Mother Christmas, knitted by Norma, was correctly named "Holly" by Chris Fradley. Thank you to everyone who bought a raffle ticket or tried to guess Holly's name.



The Craft and Chat group got the New Year off to an excellent start with a lunch at the Vernon Institute for their first meeting of 2014.

Sue Harris

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News from the Vernon Institute (VI)

There was a great turn out for our Christmas Buckley Town band concert on 1 December. Thanks to all who came along. We will be confirming the date for the spring concert soon and publicising it around the village. I can highly recommend you come along. It will be a great night for young and old!

The annual Christmas lights switch on and bizarre took place on 4 December. I'd like to say a big thank you to everyone who came

along to support this event, which was a great success ,with lovely singing by the children of Saughall All Saints C of E Primary School and of course, a visit from Father Christmas.

Details of all regular activities at the VI can be found on our website at www.vernoninstitute.org.uk along with forthcoming events. Please have a look and feel free to contact one of the committee for further information.

Kay Parry
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Christmas Fundraiser!

Bingo



Hello, we are Emma Bloomfield and Sophie Stoneley, both residents of Saughall and Sixth Form Students at Upton-by-Chester High School.



In July 2014, us and a group of 25 students will be heading off for a once in a life time experience on a two week expedition in Swaziland, Africa, with World Challenge. During our time in Swaziland we will be both trekking around the Ezulwini Valley and helping a local community which could involve tasks such as painting, construction, refurbishment, teaching English, tree planting, conservation, agriculture work and fetching water. We believe this will be a fantastic opportunity to experience a different culture and allow us to make a difference to people less fortunate than ourselves.

In order to go on the expedition, we have to raise just under £2,000 each! To help

achieve this goal, on 29 November 2013, we organised a Christmas Bingo at the Vernon Institute and were able to raise a fantastic £504.62!

We would like to thank all who attended and bought raffle tickets and we hope you all had a lovely evening.

A big thank you also goes to all who donated prizes including Jean Johnson of 'Johnson's' Oaktree Nursery and the Co-op Store, both local businesses in Saughall.

*** Emma and Sophie are still fundraising and if anyone would like to offer them further help they can be put in touch via Councillors Dennis Holman or Jenny Young.

Saughall Women's Institute



Saughall WI meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm in the Vernon Institute. New members and visitors are always welcome to attend our meetings which provide an opportunity to socialise and listen to interesting talks. Members can also join in all sorts of activities: walking groups, crafts, theatre outings, coach trips, darts, drama – something for everyone, so do give it a try!

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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
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The Brownies Halloween Party

I got all dressed up in my outfit ready to go to the Brownies Halloween Party. The only problem was we couldn't find the venue but then after one last turn Jenny (the witch) was standing there all dressed up and directed us to the car park.

As I stepped out of the car I was a little nervous not knowing if anything was going to jump out at me. I then walked through the alleyway and saw lots of other witches, skeletons and devils. Everyone started joining us and before I knew it the first game was about to start.

We got put into teams and we did a running relay with a twist. We had to run like monsters. Unfortunately, my team didn't win but we were informed that we were the scariest!

After a few more games like apple bobbing, eating donuts off a string and dress the mummy we all sat down for tea. The meal was lovely, a big warm stew with some bread.

Before we knew it, it had gone dark and it was time to go home. We all waved goodbye and hopped back into our cars! It was definitely one of the best Halloween Parties I have ever been to.



By Francesca Laithwaite

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:

- Legs, Bums and Tums
- 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
- Pre-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).

- Mollington Singers Choir
- Coffee Morning, once a fortnight
- Chester Dance Academy



Bruce's School of Dance

Forty Students of Bruce's School of Dance, adults and children took Allied Dancing Association

Exams in Ballroom and Latin American dancing on Sunday, 17 November 2013 in Saughall. They attained a maximum 100% pass rate.

Principal Dawn Daniels says:

'We are delighted with all the grades and looking forward to our next exam date in 2014, however, we also have many dancers who attend lessons and do not wish to take exams and we are equally happy for people to

take part either way as the exam route isn't for everyone.'

Mini Strictly Children's Dance Classes restarted Saturday, 11 January in the Vernon Institute

Ages 4-9 years 9.00am-9.45am - £3.00
Ages 10-16 years 9.00-10.00am - £3.50

Ladies Latin Fusion Dance Class restarted on Thursday, 9 January and Monday, 13 January in the Vernon Institute - 7.30pm-8.30pm.

Lots of dance steps & routines a great way to dance without requiring a partner

Private Dance Lessons:

Wednesdays, Friday afternoons and evenings
- Crabwall Manor Hotel & Spa
Friday mornings - Vernon Institute
Saturday mornings - Vernon Institute

For more information on Classes, Events, Wedding Dance, Hen Parties, Dance Workshops call:

Dawn on Tel: 881092 & 07905571515

www.bruceschoolofdance.co.uk

Feedback

Please let us have your feedback on this Newsletter by contacting any Parish Councillor or the Clerk.

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***“Hold a Fish and Chip Supper to help spinal cord injured people
rebuild lives after injury”***

Great British Fish and Chip Supper – Friday 16th May 2014

Want to eat Fish and Chips, while raising money for charity? Hold a fish and chip supper on Friday 16th May 2014 whilst raising awareness of spinal cord injury and supporting SIA’s vital services.

You can hold a fish and chip supper in your own home, at work or hold a larger supper at your local community centre.

SIA will provide a fundraising pack containing hints and tips, recipes, invitations and donation envelopes. By inviting 8 friends and asking them to donate an additional £5.00 means you will raise at least £40.00 from your supper but we will also give you additional fundraising ideas to raise even more money for SIA.

In 2014 SIA is celebrating its 40th anniversary and so we want to make the batter matter and raise £25,000 from everyone holding suppers. Last year we raised £12,500 from the suppers.

The money raised from the suppers will help the Spinal Injuries Association offer support to individuals who become paralysed and their families, from the moment a spinal injury occurs, and for the rest of their lives by providing services and publications which enable and encourage paralysed people to rebuild lives after spinal cord injury.



Every year in the UK over 1,000 people experience a spinal cord injury and there are an estimated 40,000 spinal cord injured people in the UK alone.

Community Fundraising Manager, Elizabeth Wright, says, “The Fish and Chip Supper is a wonderful opportunity for a great evening with friends and family. We are also encouraging people who work to hold a Fish and Chip Lunch in their work places to raise even more funds. You may be even a local community group wanting to run a fun evening with your group.

WHO'S WHO ON THE COUNCIL

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From

Date of Report

Subject (*such as – Overgrown Trees, Pot Holes, Damaged Pavements*)

Address/Location

Description of problem reported

Action required

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