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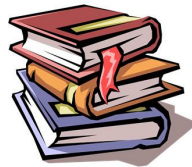
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Introduction

Our Newsletter is produced to let residents of the Parish know about the work of the Parish Council over the last few months and to inform you of the role undertaken by Parish Councillors on your behalf. We welcome any feedback from this Newsletter and any contributions that parishioners would like to make to the next one. Volunteer organisations may wish to use this Newsletter to let people know of their work. Please send details to the Clerk.

A Big Thank You

The Parish Council would like to say a big thank you to:



Mary Abrams
Pat Layton
Sheila Jones

They work, purely on a voluntary basis, to keep the Library running in the Vernon Institute.

Thank you very much ladies for your important contributions which are much appreciated in the local community!



Diamond Jubilee – Music in the Park

On Monday 4 June 2012 there will be an event to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in the Golden Jubilee Park from 3pm until 9pm. Why not bring along a picnic which can be as simple or lavish as you like – tablecloths, candelabra and silverware optional! The idea for this celebration is to make it a real community and family event so

all ages can come along, enjoy the atmosphere and have a wonderful time.



The Casual Vacancy by JK Rowling

She enchanted millions with her tales from the magical world of Harry Potter and his friends at Hogwarts. However, JK Rowling has chosen a rather more familiar setting for her first foray into adult fiction.

Ms Rowling's debut adult novel, called *The Casual Vacancy*, is a black comedy about parish council elections in a small English town.

The Harry Potter books have sold about 450 million copies worldwide and the latest novel by Ms Rowling is already being tipped to be a best seller by Christmas.

Described as 'blackly comic' and 'thought – provoking', *The Casual Vacancy* is set in the fictional town of Pagford and begins with the death of Parish Councillor Barry Fairweather.

Publishers Little, Brown & Co said Pagford is, seemingly, an English idyll, with a cobbled market square and an ancient abbey, but what lies behind the pretty façade is a town at war.

'The empty seat left by Barry on the Parish Council soon becomes the catalyst for the biggest war the town has yet seen.'

Hardback editions are being priced at £20, while e-books will cost £11.99.

The novel is being released on 27 September 2012.



Chairman's Annual Report 2011/12

The Chairman presented her Annual Report at the Parish Assembly on Monday, 30 April 2012 at the Vernon Institute. It is set out in its entirety below.

Summary

Your Parish Council exists to represent and work in the interests of everyone in Saughall and Shotwick Park. To be effective we need to tell you what we are doing and to seek your views and at times your help and participation. My Annual Report provides you with a summary of our activities during the 2011/12 Municipal Year and includes budgetary information. It also sets out details of the elected Councillors and the Clerk and lists the Council's priorities for the year ahead.

Sadly Saughall and Shotwick Park had insufficient candidates for there to be an election last May. We were pleased to welcome Councillor Peter Young to the Council but we were left with one vacancy which we have chosen not to fill.

New Decision Making Process

The Council put a new decision making process in place at the beginning of the year. This was done to make the Council more efficient and effective in the way it conducts its business. It is regularly reviewed and some adjustments have been made. On the whole, the Committees are functioning well with their delegated responsibilities and the Council is demonstrating good governance.

Planning

The Planning Committee meets monthly, either in the Vernon Institute or the Uniformed Groups' Headquarters. Its primary aim is to encourage the Planning Authority to support sensible development, maintaining the openness of the Green Belt. The Council is a statutory consultee on all planning applications in its area and considers all applications at its Planning Committee meetings. In the course of this Municipal Year we have dealt with 26 applications compared with 24 last year.

Tensions ran high during the year, as Saughall residents fought Cheshire West and Chester Council's (CWaC) plans for a Gypsy and Traveller site on Green Belt land, in CWaC's ownership at Oakwood Farm on Parkgate Road. Following a successful campaign, CWaC decided not to submit a planning application. This was thanks to the presence of a colony of rare bats in the vicinity.

The Council is currently being consulted on a proposal to build 31 two storey dwellings including a new site access (demolition of existing building) on the site of the former The Ridings Infant School, in Rakeway. The Planning Committee will consider this and formulate its response at its next meeting on 15 May 2012.

Parish Council Surgeries

We aim to be an effective, transparent and open Council and so we continue to hold Council Surgeries monthly between 10.00am and 10.45am usually outside the Co-op Store and at the Farmers' Market in the Vernon Institute, on a Saturday. Dates are published well in advance in Parish Newsletters and on village notice boards.

Business Planning

During the year we published our first ever Parish Council Business Plan. It is a "living document" and we intend to regularly review and refresh it. It maps out the Council's hopes and aspirations for the future and is helping us to take a planned and consistent approach to:

- the design and delivery of the services we provide;
- prioritising and allocating our resources; and
- achieving real value for money.

Parish Planning

The Council has begun work on a new Parish Plan. Please stay behind after this meeting and join us for cheese and wine and, at the same time, let us have your ideas and opinions to help us develop a Plan for where you want Saughall and Shotwick Park to be in five to ten years time.

This is our way to find out about what you think of your village and to identify ways to make it better and it is your chance to have your say.

Finance

The Council has set its budget for 2012/13 and increased the Parish Precept by 23%. It is £54.98 per household based on a Band D property as opposed to £44.53 in 2011/12. We were unable to keep the precept static for a third year as the Council's balances were down as low as £3,000. However, we will continue to watch expenditure, seek value for money and provide cost effective services. We will scrutinise the need for any unplanned expenditure and exercise good financial management.

The Council's budgets for the financial years 2011/12 and 2012/13 are as follows:

2011/12	£62,796
2012/13	£66,296

Council Budget 2011/12	
Budget Head	Allocation (£)
Environment	16,866
Admin	25,130
Police	11,800
Neighbourhood Management Team	1,000
Community Facilities and Projects	5,000
Contingency	3,000
Total	62,796

Council Budget 2012/13	
Budget Head	Allocation (£)
Environment	16,366
Admin	29,130
Police	11,800
Neighbourhood Management Team	1,000
Community Facilities and Projects	5,000
Contingency	3,000
Total	66,296

Litter Picking

In an attempt to keep Council tax as low as possible, we made the decision not to supplement the litter picking arrangements put in place by CWaC with effect from 1 April 2012. We have only made budgetary provision to keep the Golden Jubilee Park, which belongs to the Council, clean and tidy.

However, the Council continues to monitor the state of the village. Any problem areas will be reported to CWaC who will be expected to deal with them. You too 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. There are two years left on the current agreement with Cheshire Police and we contribute £11,800 a year.

PCSO Wendy Leason has been based in Saughall since November 2010. She fits in very well and is doing an excellent job. I would like to thank her and PC Rhys Matthews, the Beat Manager for Upton and Saughall, for their valuable contributions to the reduction of crime and disorder and the promotion of public reassurance and quality of life in this village.

Homewatch

Saughall Homewatch continues to thrive. Its activities are co-ordinated by Councillor Ian Humphrey. Ian provides a valuable service and I thank him for his hard work and commitment during the past year. If you would like to join the Homewatch please contact Ian. Joining costs nothing 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 for Saughall residents.

The Team arranges and runs a successful Summer Play Scheme each year.

Saughall is on the route of the Chester Marathon this year. The Neighbourhood

Management Team is looking after a drinks station on 13 May 2012 and needs some helpers. Tony Summers is Chief Marshall and also requires some helpers.

The Neighbourhood Management Team is holding a Wine Tasting event on 15 June 2012 at the Vernon Institute to supplement its funds.

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

Golden Jubilee Park

The Council has replaced all the swing seats and chains and tightened the cable on the Aerial Runway at a cost of £528. The Cheshire railings have been painted this year at a cost of £220. We hope to be able to continue to develop the Park and provide additional play facilities as and when external funding becomes available.

Via a revised Joint Use Agreement, Saughall Cricket Club continues to maintain the pitches and play areas within the Park at a price to be agreed annually (2011 - £2,500).

The drainage in the car park is still not working and is often water logged. Professional advice is being sought.

The Council is working with the Planners at CWaC on a design for a permanent sports pavilion. This project is dependent on the Council, village sporting organisations and other prospective users working together in partnership to attract the necessary funding. A questionnaire is to be drawn up to survey the users of the Uniformed Groups' Headquarters on what a new building should provide. Those of you who stay behind for cheese and wine will also be asked for your views.

Vernon Institute

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

The Vernon Institute Management Committee intends carrying out a rebuilding project. Plans have been drawn up and include a new multi-functional room with a stage which can accommodate 120 people, a coffee shop which could become the 'Tea and Chat' Centre for the village and a Social Club. The application for planning permission required a fee of £2,000 and the Council contributed half of this amount, on the understanding that we will not be asked for any further funding during the 2012/13 Financial Year.

Traffic Congestion at All Saints Primary School

The Council is still concerned by the traffic congestion on Church Road and in the Co-op Store's car park caused by parents dropping off and picking up their children from School. We have worked with our PCSO, the School and CWaC's Highways Officers to discourage parents from transporting their children by car.

We remain interested in supporting events like Walk to School Month and Walk to School Week.

Highways Issues

We spend a lot of time at Council meetings talking about 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. Councillors and volunteers have been trained to use a speed gun and a speed indicator device, which we borrow from CWaC. We still aspire to meet the criteria laid down to become a community speed watch area and believe that in some parts of the village, 'Twenty's Plenty'.

New Homes at Lodge Lane

Works to deliver new affordable homes on land off Lodge Lane have moved a step closer following Chester and District Housing Trust's successful tender exercise. Rowlinson Construction Ltd who is part of the Trust's established procurement Framework has been awarded the construction contract. The Trust is currently working with Rowlinson to achieve a start on site. You may have noticed that two trees adjacent to Lodge Lane have already been removed. This was to accord with requirements for works to be undertaken outside of the birds' nesting

season. An application has also been submitted to Natural England for exclusion of the newts. If planning consent is agreed, newt trapping can commence followed by a construction start in June or July.

Subject to planning permission, 18 properties, providing a mix of two and three bed houses and two bed bungalows could be completed by summer 2013 and be available as affordable rent and shared ownership. We have told the Housing Trust that we would like the proposed development to be called Thomas Wedge Close.

Wain House Re-development

Wain Court was completed in this Municipal Year and offers residents over the age of 55 a chance to live in high quality accommodation at an affordable rent. The official opening was on 27 January 2012. We are all extremely proud of the architecture, the layout and finish. There is wonderful garden space for residents to enjoy and a communal lounge to socialise with neighbours.

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. The details of successful applicants will be announced soon.

Supporting Village Events

The Council supports various community events throughout the year.

- Remembrance Sunday

We received expressions of thanks and appreciation in respect of the Remembrance Sunday Service organised by the Council, for the past two years. I attended the service in November at the war memorial, as did other Parish Councillors and had the honour of laying a Royal British Legion poppy wreath on the Council's behalf. The Council will take the lead on this event to ensure that this commemoration continues.

- The Queen's Diamond Jubilee

Plans are well advanced for the 'Music in the Park' village event which is to be held on Monday, 4 June 2012 in the Golden Jubilee

Park between 3pm and 9pm. The Council has put £2,000 aside, out of its contingencies, to help fund it. There will be a Barbecue and a Beer Tent and you are welcome to bring your own picnic. Please join us.

- The Rotary Club of Saughall - Sports Day

Saughall Sports Day will be held on Saturday, 14 July 2012 in the Golden Jubilee Park with the famous Saughall Mile being a challenge for all. We hope for a great turnout.

- Christmas Celebrations

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

Communications

The Council's website is regularly updated (www.saughall.gov.uk) to keep people abreast of our activities, etc. The University of Chester's Informatics Centre is currently carrying out website development work for the Council at a cost of £1,250. At the same time, a Vertical Display Board has been commissioned, at a cost of £203, and will prove very useful at Parish Council Surgeries.

We publish a very informative quarterly newsletter and local people and village organisations are actively encouraged to contribute to it and/or advertise in it. The Clerk can be contacted by email so please use this facility to send her items and photographs for inclusion in future issues and to pass on your comments to the Council. (clerk@saughall.gov.uk)

Thanks

I would like to thank our Parish Councillors for the time and effort they have devoted to their duties. They do this on a purely voluntary basis. Every Councillor is concerned for the well-being of the parish and has the best interests of the village at heart.

I would also like to thank Brian Crowe, our CWaC Councillor, for keeping us up to date with what is happening at Borough level and for all his hard work. He, together with Parish Councillors, focuses on the standard and quality of services CWaC delivers to our residents.

Thank you to Tony Leach our Parish Paths Warden, 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. Last but not least, thank you to our Parish Clerk, Shirley Hudspeth for her contributions, advice and support during the year.

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.

What's Next

Over the coming year the Localism Act will be implemented. It has big implications for parish councils, some good and some not so good, but whatever eventually comes out of the legislation I am sure that here, in this parish, we will rise to the challenge.

Jenny Young
Chairman
30 April 2012



The Parish Council held its 'Look beyond cheese and wine Event, after the Annual Parish Assembly, on Monday, 30 April 2012 at the Vernon Institute. This event was publicised widely in the village. It provided an opportunity for interested parishioners to partake of cheese and wine with Parish Councillors and, at the same time, to discuss how to move forward with a review and refresh of the Parish Plan. This enabled us to make a start by gathering views about what people think about our village so we could draw up a list of suggestions to bring about improvement.

This list will be further updated as The Parish Plan process sets underway.

City's Development Priorities Revealed in One City Plan

Development priorities designed to make Chester a world class city by 2027 are unveiled in the final draft of the One City Plan.

The blueprint – created with the benefit of comments and ideas of 1,000-plus local individuals and organisations, plus the renowned cities 'think tank' Urban Land Institute – will go before Cheshire West and Chester Council's Executive on 9 May. Its Members will be asked to approve the comprehensive strategy – almost two years in the making – which aims to make Chester "a truly exceptional city using its unique and authentic qualities to provide for all."

And priorities scheduled for the next three years are: Chester's Business Quarter; a concept scheme for the Northgate Development; The 800-seat theatre at the former Odeon Building and The Rows Project building on its environmental improvement and conservation management plan.

Also priorities are: major conference facilities; the Cathedral and Castle Quarters; re-vitalised museum and waterfront attractions and a Transport Implementation Plan.

The plan looks at Chester's future in great detail and has been created for those who live here and use the city culturally, economically and socially. It recommends delivery time-scales, mechanisms and structures. It is the longer term vision and comprehensive strategy for success recommended by the international experts of the Urban Land Institute.

Dog Fouling Nuisance



The Council is receiving more and more complaints about the nuisance of dog fouling, particularly on Church Road. It wishes to confirm that it has a zero tolerance attitude towards these incidents and will not hesitate to take action against offending dog owners.

The Council appeals to residents to assist it in this matter, both by ensuring they pick up any mess left by the dog and/or acting as an

observer and reporting to us any incident they see. 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 yet AGAIN!



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.**

When Does the Council Meet?



The Council is scheduled to meet next at **7:30pm: on Monday, 2 July 2012 in the Vernon Institute on Church Road.**

Notices for all Council and Committee 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.

Message from PCSO Wendy Leason

Cheshire Police, in conjunction with Partner Agencies, secured funding to provide youth activities during the Easter



Holidays and the forthcoming school holidays. Refreshments at Easter were provided by the local Co-op Store for which we were extremely grateful.

The Panna Football and Ramp Riders Event were both very successful and enjoyed by all who attended. There was good feedback from local residents who commented on the fantastic opportunity provided for the local children.



It was noted that Anti Social Behaviour was very low during the Easter Holidays, a very positive outcome which we hope will continue.

Mountain Monkeys has been arranged for **Thursday, 7 June** in the Golden Jubilee Park. This event will involve activities such as a climbing wall, archery and bush tucker tasks.

Ramp Riders will be back on **Tuesday, 31 July between 11am and 3pm.**



To deter speeding in the village I will continue to deploy The Speed Indicator Device and

Speed Watch will be taking place.

A bike and scooter marking event took place recently at All Saints Primary School. This involved pupil's scooters and bikes being engraved with ID to enable owners to identify their property should it go missing! **Further dates will be arranged and advertised in the School's Newsletter.**

Police drop-in Surgeries

If you have any issues please come and have a chat with me. I will be at the following locations on the following dates:

- Wednesday, 2 May, 3-4pm at Wain Court
- Saturday, 12 May, 10-12am at the Farmers Market in the Vernon Institute
- Wednesday, 6 June, 3-4pm at Wain Court
- Wednesday, 13 June, 3-4 at Wain Court
- Saturday, 16 June 10-12am at the Farmers' Market in the Vernon Institute

PCSO Wendy Leason

Ramp Riders Saughall 2012

A Ramp Rider event took place in Saughall on Thursday, 5 April 2012. It was very well attended and all had great fun.

Local residents were also very pleased that the local children had an activity and would like to see more youth activities in the village.

This event was made possible by securing funding from:

Saughall Neighbourhood Management Team, CWaC Rural West Partnership Board and Chester and District Housing Trust.

Thanks to the Co-op Store in Saughall for providing the refreshments and snacks and the Housing Trust for allowing the event to take place on its land.

Ramp Riders will return to Saughall on Tuesday, 31 August 2012.



Homewatch

Message for the Youngsters of Saughall

We will be organising a BMX bike and scooter marking session at the Uniform Groups' Headquarters shortly. If you would like yours marked please keep a look out for the date and take advantage of this free service.

If the attendance at the recently held Ramp Riders Day is an indicator, there are plenty of bike and scooter owners who can take advantage of this service.

Message for the Adults

Lock all doors at night and do not leave keys in locks. Take keys into your bedroom with you. Lock tool sheds and outbuildings. People do cruise around the village during the hours of darkness. Don't make things easy for the thieves. Scrap is fetching high prices at present.

Report any strange movements/behaviour patterns, no matter how small. This may stop the village being targeted.

Homewatch is a 'system' that enables information to be dealt with through constructive channels. There is not much that 'The System' does not know about what is going on in the village.

Ian Humphrey
Homewatch Co-ordinator
Tel: 880011

Neighbourhood and Homewatch Week 2012

Neighbourhood and Homewatch Week will run from 16 - 24 June 2012 so please put those dates in your diary!

The focus for the Week will be around Homewatch's 30th anniversary and being the largest voluntary movement in the UK, with a particular emphasis on linking with police support volunteers and the Special Constabulary.

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

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 West and Chester 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**



Parish Council Surgeries

Parish Council Surgeries will be held between 10.00am and 10.45am on the following Saturdays:

- 2 June
- 30 June
- 4 August
- 1 September

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

Planning Matters

If you are concerned about a planning application that affects you, please remember that Cheshire West and Chester Council does consult with the Parish Council, who is a statutory consultee, as part of its decision-making process. The Parish Council can send a representative to speak at Planning Board meetings.

In forming its views about planning matters, the Parish Council **ALWAYS** wants to know what villagers think, so please make sure you make your views known to us.



Saughall Gardening Club

Saughall Gardening Club meets on the 3rd Monday of the month (except August and December), in the Main Hall of the Vernon Institute at 7:30pm. All are welcome and annual membership is just £1!

Forthcoming events

On 21 May we visit St Peter's Park at Northop and coach and refreshments are included.

On 18 June Martin Blew will give a talk entitled "Hot, Hot, Hot".

On the 16 July "The strange and beautiful world of carnivorous plants" will be explored by speaker Alan Leyland.

Our Annual Show will take place on 18 August 2012 and show schedules will be available from the post office, Oaktree Nurseries and Saughall Pharmacy. Entries are most welcome or just come along to see the wonderful display of flowers, plants, fruit and vegetables and produce.

For further information on any of these events Please contact the secretary Gill on 881059.

Gill Whittaker
Tel: 881059

Saughall Uniform 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: 881133

SJR Health and Fitness – Ladies Bootcamp

Every Saturday morning, a group of hardy ladies get together at the Scout Hut in the Golden Jubilee Park to participate in a Ladies Bootcamp. The Bootcamp has grown in popularity over the last 18 months and provides an opportunity to work out in the fresh air and with a group of like minded ladies.



During the Bootcamp, the participants get involved in boxing, sprinting, hoola hooping and dumbbell and kettlebell exercises. The sessions are run by a female personal trainer who lives in the village. Advice is available on how to best manage weight/diet/exercise to create an overall healthy lifestyle.

The aim of the Bootcamp is to increase fitness levels, tone up and help with weight loss whilst having fun in the fresh air. At the beginning of each Bootcamp, all participants are weighed and measured and then again at the end of the Bootcamp – the results so far have been fantastic.

Sessions are held on Monday morning, Wednesday evening and Saturday morning.

If you are interested in joining, contact Sue Richards at SJR Health and Fitness on 07789072109 or e-mail sjrfitness@yahoo.co.uk
Visit our facebook site – [sjrfitness](http://www.facebook.com/sjrfitness).

News from the Vernon Institute

We have submitted our planning application for the new development and hope to hear the outcome within the next three months. We are very grateful to the Parish Council who agreed to pay half of the planning application fee.

As you all may have noticed the clock has not be working and the Parish Council, who are responsible for the clock, are investigating

options to get the clock chiming again!

In the past two months we had a successful Spring Band Concert and a great Boozy Bingo evening – both of which have raised valuable funds for the VI. There is going to be more fund raising events later in the year so check out the website vernoninstitute.org.uk for all the latest news of forthcoming events.

The Vernon Institute was also in a recent Cheshire West and Chester Council's press release in relation to the funding we secured last year for some essential maintenance to the Vernon Institute building.



Chris Harman, Chair
Vernon Institute Management Committee Tel;
07966 759100
Email: chrisjharman@aol.com



The Rotary Club of Saughall

What is Rotary all about?

The Rotary Club is a very informal group of men and women, of all ages, young and young at heart. You don't have to be wealthy

or a business person but you do have to care about your community, locally and globally. All are welcome to come along and see what we are about.

Rotary's motto is "Service above Self". If you are looking to give a little bit back to your community and have lots of fun doing it through organised charity events then come to our meeting on a Thursday evening, usually at The Greyhound, Saughall at 7.30pm.

For more information ring Julie on 0151 339 1977

Up and Coming Events

All welcome to take part, enjoy and raise funds for charity in the process.

- Chester Beer Festival – Thursday, 17 – Saturday, 19 May
- Wirral Coastal Walk – Sunday, 27 May
- Music in Golden Jubilee Park – Monday, 4 June
- Clay Pigeon Shoot – Sunday, 24 June
- Chester Raft Race Sunday, 8 July
- Saughall Sports Day, Saturday, 14 July

Please call Julie for information on any events or alternatively join us at our open meetings every Thursday at the Greyhound Inn at 7:30pm.

Saughall Sports Day Saturday 14 July 2012

Join us again this year and be a Saughall Olympian!

Choose your event from:

The Saughall Mile 11.30am at the Vernon Institute - Adults, Father/son, Mother/daughter; Under 16s Girls & Boys; Under 11s Girls & Boys; Walkers welcome.

Medals for all participants!

Samba Band Parade 12noon

Tug of War * Egg & Spoon * Toddler Races

*Children's Races * Mum's & Dad's Races * 3 Legged Race * And much, much more!

Or simply eat, drink, buy and cheer!
Have a stall and **raise money** for your own business or organisation

All funds raised go to organisations in the village!!

For more information please ring Julie on Tel: 0151 339 1977

The Big Lunch – Sunday, 3 June 2012



Why not take part in the nationwide get-together for neighbours – a great excuse to get to know people, try new things and have a party!

The Big Lunch is a very simple idea from the Eden Project. The aim is to get as many people as possible across the whole of the UK to have lunch with their neighbours in a simple act of community, friendship and fun.

Last year on Sunday, 5 June the best part of two million people took part. In 2012 The Big Lunch falls on the same weekend as The Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations on Sunday, 3 June and as announced by Buckingham Palace **The Big Jubilee Lunch** will be a part of the main programme of events over the central weekend of the Diamond Jubilee. A record number of people are expected to take part. Why not be one of them?

A Big Lunch can be anything from a few neighbours getting together in the garden or on the street, to a full blown street party with food, music and decoration that quite literally stops the traffic.

Since starting in 2009, thousands of Big Lunches have taken place in all kinds of communities across the UK and the best part of a million people get involved each year. Get started by visiting: www.thebiglunch.com to download your free pack today.

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
- Saughall Library in the small hall.
- Open: Tuesday 3 - 4pm
- Art Club on Tuesdays, limited numbers, telephone 880733
- Knit and Natter 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

Saughall Youth Club

The Youth Club is open at the Vernon Institute on a Tuesday evening from 6:30pm to 8pm. Entry is free. Drinks and other refreshments are on sale.

Please contact Janet Tennant 01244 881718 or Jane Clark 01244 880148 for more details. We would like to thank Mike McDonnell who painted the Youth Club building for us. It was desperately in need of this refurbishment.

Connexions youth services have been axed and consequently, the Youth Club has lost its two youth workers.

We are now in desperate need of volunteers. If you are interested in helping out with the Youth Club please contact Jane or myself.

Janet Tennant
01244 881718



Saughall Women's Institute

The WI meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Vernon Institute. New members and visitors are most welcome; make new friends, go on outings, learn a craft, join our thriving drama group and much more.

- 1 May Resolutions and Beautiful Hats
- 5 June Queen's Jubilee Party
- 3 July Flowers for the Olympics
- 7 August Annual Show
- 4 September Beekeeping and the Garden
- 2 October Taylor's Boatyard
- 6 November AGM and Quiz Night
- 4 December Drama Group Entertainment

Lesley Hardy
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The Ladies choir meets every Monday at 7:30pm in the Methodist Church Hall. New members are welcome.

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