

# SAUGHALL & SHOTWICK PARK PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

**Welcome** to the Parish Council Newsletter which we hope will give you an idea of where your money is going and how the Council spends its time. Wider topics of community interest are also covered.

## **Vernon Institute (VI) News** (from Chris Harman, Chairman of the VI Trustees)



VI has just completed the development of the new Community Green Space between the main hall and Lynda's tea room. This is primarily for preschool use during school time but is there for other groups to use too, including the tea room. We are open to suggestions from the community for ideas of how the space could be used – please contact Chris Harman [chrisjharman@aol.com](mailto:chrisjharman@aol.com) or phone Anna Manning (880 675) if you are not on email and she will pass on the information. The Hermitage Road and clock tower will be refurbished in July (partly funded by the Council) and will lead to a road closure (details below). This is critical for maintaining the village hall for the whole community and we apologise for any inconvenience caused.

**VI website:** this has been updated [www.vernoninstitute.org.uk/](http://www.vernoninstitute.org.uk/)

**Facebook:** You can now follow us on [www.facebook.com/saughallvillagehall/](https://www.facebook.com/saughallvillagehall/)  
**VI / Clock Tower Refurbishment – Road Closure 23<sup>RD</sup> July – 17<sup>TH</sup> August 2018**



During the refurbishment works Hermitage Road will be closed to all traffic, from its junction with Church Road/ Seahill Road for a distance of 50 metres. Pedestrians will be able to pass the obstruction. The closure will be granted for 4 weeks but it is estimated that the works will probably be completed in 3 weeks, allowing the closure to be lifted early. All Saughall-bound bus services will be diverted through the Ridings.

## **Saughall Preschool** (from Vicky Greensill)



We are now participating in the Government's 30 hours' free childcare scheme and can offer full days Mon-Thurs and mornings on Fri. The Preschool will benefit greatly from the new Community Green Space, enhancing our current outdoor play area. We would love to welcome prospective parents and children to our Preschool "Stay and Play" 12.30-2pm on Fri 13th July. Visits at other times can be arranged by calling 01244 880 954 or by visiting our Facebook Page, Saughall Pre School – Chester. We would like to express a heart-felt thank you to all our supporters, including the Council.

**Traffic in Saughall** The traffic in Saughall continues to be problematic to many of us. The main issues appear to be the volume of traffic during school drop off and pick up times at All Saints Primary and speeding traffic (particularly in the evening when the roads have fewer vehicles parked along them).

**Message from the Co-op:** Please can we ask that the Co-op customer car park is used solely for customers who are shopping with us in store.

Recently we have witnessed the car park being used for other purposes. This is causing a health and safety risk, disputes and unnecessary near misses. We kindly ask that all take into consideration what our car park is for. If the car park continues to be abused by individuals who are not



shopping with us we will be forced to bring in car park enforcement to ensure that our customers, colleagues and residents safety is not at risk. Thank you.

The Parish Council Highways Working Group has met and discussed a strategy to collect our own data on speed, time, and direction which will be used to assist decision-making for calming measures on the roads in the village. The early stage of this will be put to the Parish Council on June 18<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to those who have sent their concerns about traffic in Saughall to the Council. We would like as many people's opinions on factors such as road conditions, speeding, pavement use, cycling, etc. as possible. Please contact either Brian Kerr, Mike Johnson, Dean Taylor-Pogue, or Howard Jennings (contact details on page 4).

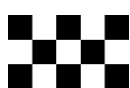
### **All Saints Kitchen Extension** (from Alan Bailey, Treasurer to All Saints Church)

The Parish Council has committed £4,000 and Councillor Crowe £1,000 towards the extension of the Church kitchen together with the addition of a fire exit for disabled people and an extension for storage. The budget stands at £53,500, the Friends of All Saints Church have raised £13,771 and other grants currently total £33,000, leaving just £6,729 to raise. The church is looking to start building by October / November 2018. These funds are in addition to the £59,000 we routinely raise each year to pay a proportion of the vicar's salary, for the upkeep of the church, churchyard, and vicarage by way of planned giving and collections at Church.



**Sanctuary Housing development, Church Road, Saughall** is progressing well. The foundations have been laid and, as this goes to press, the drainage system is being installed. The entrance to the site has been widened, new grass laid, and new drives constructed with the cooperation of the adjacent householders. Six one-bedroom flats are being built each with two car parking spaces. Deliveries to the site are being timed so that they don't clash with school start and finish times. The site manager, **Ray Hodge**, is very approachable so please see him if you have any concerns. You can also contact Sanctuary Housing: 0800 131 3348 / 0300 1233 511 or [www.sanctuary-group.co.uk](http://www.sanctuary-group.co.uk) The Council negotiated with Sanctuary Housing over this development and listened to the concerns of local residents. There are still unresolved issues however.

**Local Crime** A Police crime report for the local area is given at every Council meeting. We are lucky in Saughall as crime tends to be low. However, the summer



months do tend to see a rise in thefts from garden sheds so please remember to keep them locked. Saughall residents are, unfortunately, as vulnerable as those in any other location to crime such as fraud, particularly over the phone or via email. There have been several reports locally of people receiving telephone calls from those claiming to be from HMRC. The callers claim that you owe HMRC a substantial sum of money which must be paid immediately or you will be arrested. Be wary if you receive any calls making a demand for immediate payment and remember not to give any personal details or bank information over the phone. Help is available from Action Fraud 0300 123 20 40 or the Police on 101 Details of local Police representatives on Page 4.

Cheshire Police Alert: is a free community messaging system brought to you by Cheshire Constabulary. By registering with the service, you will receive news and appeals and local crime Information via email, text, or voice message.

Sign up at [www.cheshirepolicealert.co.uk/](http://www.cheshirepolicealert.co.uk/)

**Flower Tubs:** Four further flower tubs are to be purchased with “bee-friendly” flowers. Two of them will be positioned either side of Lodge on its junction with Church Road. The other two will be positioned at the end of The Ridings at its junction with Hermitage Road. The tubs will be self-watering and will be planted up twice a year - in spring and in autumn. The two existing flower tubs at the junction between Saughall Hey and Church Road will continue to be maintained by Gill Whitaker and the Council. Gill has been very helpful, providing invaluable advice and keeping the tubs well-watered.



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**Bus Service** Please keep us informed of any problems that you are having with the bus service. To our knowledge everything is working well at the moment, but the Council need to contact the bus companies as soon as anything starts to deteriorate. And, if you can, take the bus as the more people who do, the more likely the service will survive. For example, remember that one bus an hour during the day stops right outside the Countess of Chester main entrance and this can be very useful as it avoids the need to find a parking space.



**New Site for Chester Recycling Centre:** has opened next to the existing site (29 Bumper's Ln, Chester CH1 4LT). In July a new **trade waste recycling centre** will open for small and medium sized traders to recycle their waste for a low price. A **reuse shop** will open in July where items that people have left at the site, such as bric-a-brac and small electricals will be offered for sale after they have been safety tested. Security has been improved at the site.



Site opening times:

April-Sept 8am-8pm Mon-Fri, 8am-6pm Sat and Sun

Oct-March 8am-4am every day

For further information email: [serviceliasonteam@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk](mailto:serviceliasonteam@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk)

**Saughall History** (From Andrew Warrington) I'm trying to find out about Saughall's cycling hero, Jimmy Bennion, who was a world sprint champion in 1905. Is there a relative in the village who could help in establishing the history of Jimmy as I think we should be celebrate this champion. Contact Andrew on 01244 880 418 or [andrewwarrington@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:andrewwarrington@hotmail.co.uk)



**Computer Skills** Whether we like it or not, many people now communicate over the Internet. If you would like to acquire more computer skills, then there are various groups in Chester that can help. For example, the Here and Now/Digital Buddies project which is based in the Storyhouse. You can call Alan on 07932 556062 or Heather on 07958 611618 or email [digitalbuddieshereandnow@gmail.com](mailto:digitalbuddieshereandnow@gmail.com) This is a thriving project and home visits can be arranged. If you would be interested in a computer skills group in Saughall then please contact Anna on 01244 880 675 and, if there is enough interest, we'll see what we can do about setting up a Saughall group.



**Our Community** Many people have good connections with their local community because, for example, they belong to activity groups or the Church. This often means that if they need help for some reason (e.g. illness) and don't have family



living nearby then they have lots of people to call on. However, if you are finding it hard to manage on your own or know of someone in the village who could do with some help then please contact Anna on 01244 880 675 or [anna@ammauthorship.com](mailto:anna@ammauthorship.com) and I will do my best to link you with help.

**Making Contact With The Parish Council** The Council recognises that members of the community may wish to engage with us at different levels:

**Parish Surgeries:** We hold informal Parish surgeries on the Saturday before each full meeting which allow members of the public to come and talk directly with Council members. Surgeries are normally held outside the Co-op on Church Road. See noticeboards and website ([www.saughall.gov.uk](http://www.saughall.gov.uk)) for further details.

**Parish Council Meetings:** are open to the public and there is a public forum during each Council meeting. You can make comment to our Clerk, **Shirley Hudspeth**, at [clerk@saughall.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@saughall.gov.uk) or to any councillor on the Council. From June 2018 council meetings will take place every six weeks instead of every four, usually in the Vernon Institute from 7-9pm. Dates can be found on village noticeboards or on our website ([www.saughall.gov.uk](http://www.saughall.gov.uk)).

**Annual Parish Meeting:** is held in spring, giving the public and local organisations an opportunity to participate in a full meeting. This meeting is used by the Council to report on the work carried out during the year. It is also an opportunity for the Council to obtain the views of residents on any matter which affects the community. Refreshments are usually provided.

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**Police Constable 2973 Rob Brown – Beat Manager Chester North**

Areas Covered – Saughall, Mollington, Ledsham, Capenhurst, Backford & Upton areas. **Tel: 101 | Email: [Robert.Brown@cheshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Robert.Brown@cheshire.pnn.police.uk)**

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<https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/contact-us/report-it/road-faults.aspx>