

SAUGHALL & SHOTWICK PARK PARISH COUNCIL

Nov'19 – Jan'20

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Meetings this quarter:

November 4th, 2019, January 6th, 2020

From the Chairman, Alan Bailey

Welcome to the winter edition of our newsletter.

Remembrance Sunday

As you will know, Remembrance Sunday is held in the UK as a day "to commemorate the contribution of British and Commonwealth military and civilian servicemen and women in the two World Wars and later conflicts". It is marked by ceremonies at local war memorials where poppies are laid, and a two minutes' silence is held at 11.00am.

For the last six years Saughall Parish Council has organised a village event in the afternoon, instead of the usual 11.00am, primarily due to the unavailability of local clergy. At our meeting in August I put a proposition to the Council that this important commemoration should be held at 11.00am, with the support of a local vicar. This was agreed by a majority



and this year we will be remembering at the Vernon Institute War Memorial. The service will be conducted by the **Reverend Christine Dutton**, the new Methodist Minister in the village. Refreshments will be available in the VI Small Hall from 10.00am. The 'Gathering' will commence at 10.45am when the road will be closed for public safety. The names of those village residents who fell in both World Wars will be read out by members of the Parish Council, Saughall Rotary and Saughall ex-servicemen. You will have seen that servicemen and women are also remembered on poppies attached to lampposts throughout the village, together with dedications nominated by local residents.



The picture shows Peter Young, Dennis Holman, myself and Mike Blakeman (President of

Defibrillators in Saughall

1. Outside the Co-op (available 24/7)
2. Inside the Vernon Institute kitchen
3. Inside the Uniform Groups Kitchen (Golden Jubilee Fields)
4. Saughall Medical Centre - when open – ask at reception

Saughall Rotary) preparing to install the poppies on the village lampposts, assisted by other members of the Rotary.

Saughall Housing Needs Survey 2019

There is land available in Saughall behind Thomas Wedge Close for some additional affordable housing. In order to obtain government funding to build this housing we must prove that there is a 'need' in the village. The Parish Council, in conjunction with the Borough Council and Cheshire Community Action, delivered a short survey to every household

in the village in September with the Saughall & Mollington Handbook.

At the closing date on the 4th October we had received only 182 (14%) of the 1,280 that were delivered (paper based and online responses). I would like to think that the 1,098 residents who did not respond have no immediate housing needs and did not feel they needed to complete the survey. I would really like to think that! We await the final analysis and report by the end of November which we will share in future newsletters, on our website and on our new Facebook page.

VI Christmas Lights Switch-on & Fair

Rachel Lowe



This year's Christmas Lights Switch-on & Fair at the VI is on Friday 29th November from 5pm. Santa will be there in his Grotto and there'll be entertainment from the children's Diddi Dance troupe who are practising hard. There'll be lots of stalls for presents & stocking fillers and Lynda's

Tearoom will be open for refreshments. The lights will be switched on at 6pm so come along, support our stall holders and enjoy the evening. Contact rachelglowe@gmail.com for more info.

The Saughall Elves are working hard on preparing the Grotto ready for this year's event.



We would like to offer families who have children with additional needs an opportunity to visit Father Christmas prior to the full opening. If your child has additional needs and would like the Grotto to meet your sensory or physical needs, please email us on saughalelves@hotmail.com

Christmas Lights on Hermitage Road

The Parish Council have listened to the comments of residents last year, praising the Christmas garlands on the lampposts on Sea Hill and Church Road and asking for more. As a result, this year we have extended them onto Hermitage Road. You will see the lights being erected very shortly.

Parish Council's Facebook Page

For many years we have depended on other village organisations to publish news from the Parish Council. However, at a recent meeting, it was decided that we should have our own dedicated page. Councillor Lynda Rutter agreed to design and launch this new service on @SaughallParishCouncil. The pages will contain useful contacts and links and will be kept up to date with important issues after each Parish Council meeting. We hope that you 'like' them!



Further Development of Golden Jubilee Park

We are delighted by the response of local children to the new BMX track and are now looking to the next 4-year development plan for the park. It was decided that we consider the following:

1. the drainage and resurfacing of the car park, cost circa £54,000
2. the viability of fundraising for a new Sports Pavilion
3. a 2-metre-wide foot /cycle track around the 800-metre perimeter
4. the development of outdoor gym equipment

If you have any ideas for the future development, please contact the Clerk.

Dedicated bus for school children attending Upton High School

In May 2019, without any consultation with the Parish Council, CWAC announced that the dedicated school buses from Saughall to Upton High School were being withdrawn after the Easter break. We made immediate representations and were informed that these services were no longer viable for the bus providers (Arriva and Stagecoach) and that any children who attended the school would have to use the normal service buses.

The situation was brought about because each pupil had to pay £3 per day to use the dedicated buses, including all the pupils picked up in Blacon. However, Blacon parents realised they could buy a £6.50 weekly ticket for the service buses which run every 10 minutes from Blacon. The dedicated school bus became unviable as there were no longer enough pupils using it.

Immediate problems followed – e.g., additional travel times for children (sometimes in the dark) with some leaving home at 7.40am and not returning until 4.50pm. Also, crowding at Chester Bus Terminal & on the buses themselves. The timing of the buses often made pupils late for registration.

The overcrowding at both ends of the school day has presented problems for other Saughall bus users.

The Parish Council, via Councillor Jenny Young, is in discussions to resolve this issue with the schools and CWAC.

The outcome does depend to a great extent on the numbers of parents who are willing to use a school bus regularly.

Virgin have left the village!

After much disruption to our village, Virgin Media's partners, O'Connor's, have finished. Many will see this as an exciting new facility, others less so. Whatever side of the fence you are on, if you are in the areas that have been connected, you can contact Virgin Media to find out about their products.

Below is a short message from Julian Holland, Regional Community Liaison officer:

"On behalf of Virgin Media, I would like to thank the residents of Saughall, Chester for their understanding during our works, which are nearing completion. I'm pleased to announce that now Virgin Media has arrived you can enjoy our services. If you would like to contact 07814053688 julian.holland@Virginmedia.co.uk"

CWAC have indicated that they will now start a process of 're-coating' our pavements.

Our Community



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 Manning (anna@ammauthorship.com, 880 675) and she will do her best to link you with support. People often become isolated due to illness, bereavement and many other issues. There may be organisations and local people who can provide assistance.

Next Issue: Feb 2020

If you would like anything of community interest included in the next issue, please contact newsletter.editor@saughall.gov.uk or Alan Bailey (details opposite) by February 15th 2020.

Making Contact with the Parish Council

Surgeries are usually held on the Saturday before each full meeting.

Residents can talk directly with councillors. Their timing is up for discussion at the present time.

Full Meetings take place

on the first Monday of every month (Tuesday in the case of a Bank Holiday), usually in the Vernon Institute, 7-9pm. They are open to the public with a public forum. Dates at the top of this newsletter.

Parish Meetings are held in April each year giving the public and local

organisations an opportunity to participate. The Chairman presents a report on the work carried out during the year. Residents can offer views on any matter which affects the community. The Parish Meeting also includes the Chairman's Awards.

Working Groups

Most Councillors belong to specific working groups and may have more knowledge about your query.

Golden Jubilee Park Group Jenny Young, Andrew Warrington, Peter Young

Highways Group Brian Kerr, Mike Johnson,

Howard Jennings, Jeanne Storrar

Communications and Marketing Group Dennis Holman, Alan Bailey, Rachel Lowe, Lynda Rutter, Andrew Warrington

Business Group Alan Bailey, Howard Jennings, Brian Kerr, Andrew Warrington, Peter Young

HIGHWAYS ISSUES

To report potholes, flooding etc. to CWaC go online: <https://maps.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/cwac/faultreporting/> or phone: 0300 123 7036 or the Street Scene Team on 0300 123 7035

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