



# PARISH NEWSLETTER

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## Golden Jubilee Park – Progress at Last!

After months of frustrating delay, Scottish Power has removed the domestic electricity lines that crossed the field and the Council's contractor is now working to complete Phase 1 of the project. This includes rolling and seeding, path laying, fencing and a hard play area.



The Council has also taken the decision, for health and safety reasons, to exclude dogs from the Park. It has asked Chester City Council to apply for a Dog Control Order on the Park prohibiting dogs at all times.

## Review of the Parish Plan

The Saughall and Shotwick Park Parish Plan – 'Your Village; Your Council Tax; Your Choice' was published in June 2004. The Council has a vision for Saughall:

"To provide a thriving, vibrant community with the opportunity for all residents, including children and young people, to be included in social, recreational and community activities."

To assist this vision the Council Published the Parish Plan. It can be viewed on the internet at [http://www.saughall.gov.uk/Minutes/Saughall\\_Parish\\_Plan.pdf](http://www.saughall.gov.uk/Minutes/Saughall_Parish_Plan.pdf) or copies can be obtained from the Clerk. It is a roadmap, a powerful tool that can be used to influence a wide range of issues and projects within our community in the coming years. It was based on true consultation and effective engagement with the whole community and it is regularly reviewed to ensure it achieves our aims and objectives.

The publication of the Plan was the first step and even now we are still very much at the beginning. There will be interesting times ahead

as we strive and fight to bring about the changes and improvements we want to see in our village.

This village must develop in a way that suits us. We want the parish planning process to evolve to ensure that we have the facilities and services we want and can expect to enjoy in a rural village in the 21st Century. The Plan is helping us to achieve this. It is a blueprint for the future, a commitment that we will work together to ensure success.

The Council monitors, scrutinises and reviews the progress of the issues highlighted in the Parish Plan and takes appropriate action to bring about change and to improve the quality of life of the residents of Saughall.

At the Council meeting held on 4 September 2006 the Parish Plan was again reviewed and an action list drawn up with timescales as a means to achieve objectives. Issues reviewed and subsequent actions to be taken are detailed below:

Issue	Actions
Speeding traffic through the village	<p>The Council will invite appropriate Cheshire County Council Officers to meet with it to discuss traffic calming measures that are currently available and, in particular, what would best suit the main roads through the village.</p> <p>Councillors will undergo training on how to use Chester City Council's speedgun. Once trained Councillors will be using the gun regularly in the village to deter speeding.</p>

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Insufficient parking provision in the village	The layout and use of existing spaces will be monitored.
Shortage of Burial Ground	Negotiations are to be opened with Cheshire County Council to purchase land off Lodge Lane for burial purposes. It may then be possible to strike a deal with All Saints Parochial Church Council so that "The Willow Beds" are made available for use as a car park.
Reducing the fear of crime	The Council is currently supporting, in principle, the Constabulary's Community Safety Officer initiative – "Enhancing the Delivery of Local Neighbourhood Policing" and is awaiting information on costs and partnership arrangements. Once these are available a decision will be made on whether to make a firm commitment.
High reliance on private cars as a means of transport	The Council will try to encourage parents to walk their children to school.  It will also monitor and scrutinise the sale of ChesterBus.
Parking on pavements	The Police have been alerted and Traffic Wardens will regularly visit Saughall to ticket offenders.
Provision of a Youth Shelter	Arrangements have been made for Cheshire County Council's Youth Outreach Team to come to Saughall to canvass the opinion of young people on their needs and requirements.

Establishment	The Council is providing grant
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of a monthly Youth Event	aid for Saughall Youth Club to finance a drama production.  The Council, through this Newsletter, is encouraging youngsters to come forward with ideas.
The proliferation of dog fouling	The Council is promoting the reduction in dog fouling by regular features in this Newsletter and dogs will be banned from the Golden Jubilee Park.
Provision of additional Affordable Housing	Arena (Housing Association) has funding approval, although at present in reserve. The Council will continue to monitor progress on the proposal to construct 12 No 3 bed/5 person semi-detached 2 storey houses with associated works and a new access on land at Lodge Lane.

## Children's Playground

The facility continues to be well utilised. It had a detailed annual inspection in the summer. A number of issues were identified which have been addressed. The Parish Council has no immediate plans for new equipment but the existing equipment has been repainted and is looking good.

Further development of the playground will be incorporated into Phase 2 of the Golden Jubilee Park.

## Weed Growth

The County Council is responsible for keeping roadside gutters and pavements clear of weeds. The Parish Council is disappointed at the amount of weed growth on village roads and is taking the matter up. You can help however, by removing any weeds growing in gutters and on pavements outside your property.

## Garden Waste – Disposal

If you put out grass cuttings or other garden waste in plastic bags the Refuse Collection Team will not take them. They should be taken to the Household Waste Disposal Centre in Bumpers Lane. However, if you put garden waste in cardboard boxes or paper sacks and put them out with the Garden Waste wheelie bin, they will be taken away.

## Dog Fouling

The Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996 makes it an offence to allow your dog to foul in public areas and allows local councils to make on the spot fines.



Clear up after your dog. Put it in one of the red bins provided or take it home with you.



## Keep Saughall Tidy

Don't drop litter, put it in one of the many litter bins dotted around the village or take it home.

## Bus Terminus Shelter – Lodge Lane, Saughall

Cheshire County Council informed that under its Parish Bus Shelter Scheme (where the Parish Council pays £1,000 towards the shelter and £500 a year maintenance costs whilst the County Council contributes the rest) it may be possible for a lit shelter with CCTV to be provided at the Terminus in 2007/08.

The Parish Council consulted on the proposal to replace the shelter at the Terminus via the last edition of this Newsletter in June 2006.

In the light of the responses received, the Council has agreed not to support the proposal to replace the bus shelter at the Terminus and Cheshire County Council has been informed accordingly.

## Think Before You Park!

Please do not park on grass verges or on footpaths.

Remember there are people with prams and pushchairs who will have to step out into the road to get passed your car. Also, have a thought for those of us who are wheelchair bound.

Recently, a number of cars have been parking on the grass verge on Long Lane. These motorists are destroying the verge and the Spring bulbs that have been planted there. Remember the lovely displays we have seen each Spring on the approach to the village.

The Police have been informed of these inappropriate parking "hot spots" and Traffic Wardens will ticket anyone who causes an obstruction.

You have been warned!

## Parish Council Meetings Public Speaking Time



You are very welcome to attend Parish Council meetings. A copy of the Council's Agenda and Minutes are available at the Co-op Store and on the Council's website [www.saughall.gov.uk](http://www.saughall.gov.uk). Council meetings are usually held at 7:30pm on the first Monday of the month at the Vernon Institute.

Details of all public meetings are published on the Parish Council's notice boards and website. Watch out for these notices.

Ten minutes are allocated at the beginning of each meeting to enable any petitioners to speak in support of their petition(s) and for questions from the public to be taken, providing five clear working days written notice has been given, or on urgent matters, providing a request is made to the Chairman prior to the commencement of the meeting and Council's consent is given.



## Parish Council Website

[www.saughall.gov.uk](http://www.saughall.gov.uk)

It is just over five years since the Council set up its website so that the public can be kept informed of its initiatives, how it spends the Parish precept and how it consults and encourages public participation.

The website continues to evolve and is regularly updated and improved to meet the needs of the Council and its electorate. It contains Council and Committee minutes that can, along with the rest of its contents, be searched using a search facility. It is an invaluable tool, it promotes the village and is easy to read and use.

Parishioners, local businesses and sports & leisure groups are encouraged to contribute to the information that is provided on the website. The aim is to eventually develop the site into a community portal. As well as providing accurate details on the Parish Council and its operations it allows the visitor to have an insight into village life in Saughall and important issues facing the local community. It lets you know what's going on. Why not visit our site and let the Clerk have your comments?

## Parish Council Surgeries

The Council holds monthly surgeries in the Parish Room, 2 Fiddlers Lane on Saturdays between 10:00am and 10:45am on the following dates:

- 28 October 2006
- 2 December 2006

Pop in and see us. We are here to talk over any issue that is causing you concern, offer advice if need be or report back to the Parish Council who will support you if action is required and lobby to ensure it is taken.



## Youth Activities

The Council has put £1,000 aside to pump prime activities arranged for the youth of the village. If you, or your organisation, have an idea for an event or activity for young people and would like the Council to make a financial contribution, please get in touch with the Clerk.

## Scouts/Guides

Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers meet in the village. There are a few vacancies so anyone interested in joining or helping with one of these units can call 01244 549456 or 881284. Beavers, Cubs and Scouts do not meet at the present time but there are moves to reopen Beavers and Cubs. If you are interested in helping or joining please call 01244 881133 or 881284.

## Greyhound Pub Football Team

The newly formed team usually plays on a Sunday morning every other week. Anyone is welcome at training on Thursdays at 6pm. The venue varies so if you are interested in joining please telephone the Greyhound Pub on Tel No 01244 880205 for further details.

## Saughall Friday Club

The Saughall Friday Club provides for older Saughall residents living alone or with carers, who may be lonely or unable to get out. Each Friday from 10:30am to 3:30pm they are collected and accommodated in the Methodist Church Hall and provided with a cooked lunch. The day is spent informally with games, quizzes and occasional speakers. From time to time there are outings to places that have been requested by members. There is an annual Christmas party. A member representative sits on the organisational committee so that members have a say in what goes on.



If you are interested please come along or telephone Jeanne on 01244 880226 for further details.

## 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 3pm-4pm Thursday 7:30pm-8:30pm
- Gardening Club
- Golden Link
- Play School
- Whist
- Art Club
- Dancing Schools
- Weight Watchers
- Model Dolls House Making

### Activities at All Saints Church

- Senior Monday Meeting
- Children's Group Meetings and Activities
- Youth Football Teams
- Uniform Groups
- Card Making Class

### Saughall Christmas Lights

The switching on of the Saughall Christmas Lights is to take place on Thursday, 30th November, with festivities afterwards in the Vernon Institute. The timing is yet to be arranged. For further details, please contact one

of the Parish Councillors or watch for posters in the village.

### Activities at the Methodist Church

The following activities are provided in the Methodist Hall. The Bookings Secretary is Linda Pleasant who can let you have further details (Tel: 01244 881103).

- Mother and Toddlers Group
- Friday Club
- Mollington Singers Choir
- Slimming world
- Dancing Classes
- Coffee Morning, once a fortnight

### This is Your Parish Newsletter!

This Newsletter is yours. Why not make a contribution to it? Interesting articles on village life are always welcome. The Council publishes the Newsletter four times a year. However, if village people provide enough material it could be published more frequently. Feel free to submit a small piece to the Clerk for inclusion.

Help generate interest in the local community, tell us what you are doing, inform on quality of life issues, let us know about an organisation that you are a member of, or publicise a planned event and provide us with information you think local people will want to know about.

## USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

### Women's Institute

Mrs Norah Murchie,  
Tel: 880701

### Saughall Gardening Club

Barbara Goode,  
e-mail: barbara@gardencycles.  
wanadoo.co.uk  
Tel: 880513

### The Ridings Infant School

Headteacher – Mrs J Davies,  
Tel: 881451

### Saughall Cricket Club

Mr Brian Huxley, Tel: 880753

### Saughall Table Tennis Club

Mr Bob Salisbury, Tel: 881323

### Golden Link Club

Miss Dorothy Carline,  
Tel: 880658

### All Saints Church

Vicar: Rev Brian Harris  
Tel: 880213

Church Wardens

Mr Roger Leslie, Tel: 880597  
Mrs Margaret Lundy,  
Tel: 372038

### Saughall Community Day Centre

Church Road, Saughall  
Tel: 880474

### Thomas Wedge CE (Controlled) Junior School

Headteacher – Mrs L Kwissa  
Tel: 880473

### Pre-School Group

Mrs Pam Roberts, Tel: 880219

## ***WHO'S WHO on the Council***

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# SUPPORTING OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES

**'USE THEM OR LOSE THEM!'**

<p><b>CO-OPERATIVE STORE</b> Church Road, Saughall. 'Everything you need from your local friendly village shop' Tel. No. 881408</p> <p><b>SAUGHALL POST OFFICE</b> Within the Co-operative Stores, Tel No. 880403</p> <p><b>SAUGHALL SERVICE STATION</b> Church Road, Saughall 'For all your motoring needs' Tel. No. 881625</p> <p><b>CHESTNUT HOUSE DAY NURSERY</b> Church Road, Saughall 'Quality care for Children' Tel. No. 880371</p>	<p><b>OAK TREE NURSERIES</b> Fiddlers Lane, Saughall 'Come along and see us – you won't be disappointed' Tel. No. 880895</p> <p><b>K's GARDEN CENTRE</b> Off Parkgate Road, Saughall 'Solve your garden problems' Tel. No. 880468</p> <p><b>CREATIVE PHOTOGRAPHY</b> 'Wedding and Social' Maurice Alley, Church Road, Saughall Tel. No. 880606</p> <p><b>PIANO AND ORGAN TUITION</b> 'Children and Adults' Derek Whatling Tel. No. 881388</p> <p><b>W. GATER, PLUMBER</b> 'Plumbing and Heating Engineers' Tel. No. 880654</p>	<p><b>RON STUART AERIALS</b> 'All types supplied and installed' Tel. No. 880449</p> <p><b>CHESTER PAINT STRIPPERS</b> Reclaimed doors &amp; fire places for sale Sea Hill Farm, Saughall Tel. No. 881771</p> <p><b>PERFECTIONS UNISEX SALON</b> 2 Fiddlers Lane, Saughall Tel. No. 881122</p> <p><b>READES RESIDENTIAL</b> 'Lettings and Property Management' <a href="http://www.readesresidential.com">www.readesresidential.com</a> Tel. No. 08450 097 097</p> <p><b>B&amp;B MINI SKIP HIRE</b> Hermitage Road, Saughall Tel. No. 881681</p>
<p><b>B. J. CLEGG &amp; SON</b> 'Plumbing, heating and gas fittings' Tel. No. 880120</p> <p><b>PETER GARNETT</b> 'For all your decorating needs' Tel. No. 881249</p> <p><b>BARRA BOARDING KENNELS</b> Parkgate Road, Saughall Tel. No. 880837</p> <p><b>LITTLE CREEK DOG KENNELS</b> Kingswood Lane, Saughall Tel. No. 880267</p> <p><b>FAR EAST CHINESE TAKE-AWAY</b> Fiddlers Lane, Saughall Tel. No. 881621</p>	<p><b>EPTOWING</b> Mobile Tow Bar Fitting Service Darlington Crescent, Saughall Tel. No. 881609</p> <p><b>DR. WILLIAM RICHARDSON</b> Homeopathy Church Road, Saughall Tel. No. 880574</p> <p><b>CHESTER SECURITY SYSTEMS</b> 32, Church Road, Saughall 'Our business is your peace of mind' Tel. No. 881399</p> <p><b>SAUGHALL PHARMACY</b> 30, Church Road, Saughall 'Your very own friendly dispensing chemist' Tel. No. 881765</p>	<p><b>SAUGHALL VILLAGE SURGERY</b> Church Road, Saughall Tel. No. 881590</p> <p><b>GREYHOUND INN</b> Seahill Road, Saughall Tel. No. 880205</p> <p><b>WHEATSHEAF INN</b> Parkgate Road, Saughall Tel. No. 851804</p> <p><b>EGERTON ARMS INN</b> Hermitage Road, Saughall Tel. No. 882001</p>

**If you would like your local business advertised in the next newsletter, please contact the Clerk.**



# **1ST NORTH WEST RANGER GIRL GUIDES..**

## **..Are Looking For New Members!**

### **So..What is Rangers?**

#### **Recreation..**

Fun with friends! From pizza in the park to A walk in the woods!

#### **Activities ..**

From arts & crafts to cooking & bag packing!

#### **Networking..**

Meet tones of new people! Teamwork, Problem Solving!

#### **Games..**

From twister to tennis - we play what you want to play!

#### **Excursions..**

Camping and Trips all over the place! From Dublin to Iceland and Switzerland to Blackpool - who knows where you'll go!

#### **Responsibility..**

You have the responsibility of keeping your guide promise

#### **Sacrifice..**

The only sacrifice is Sunday once a fortnight 6pm-8pm!!



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**COME AND JOIN US! THE FUN NEVER STOPS!**

**Who?** Girls aged 14-26yrs

**When?** Next Meeting 24th September, 6pm-8pm

**Where?** Saughall Guide & Scout Hut, Fiddlers Lane, Saughall, Chester



## **“TRY IT YOU MIGHT LIKE IT”**

**Come along and bring a friend!**

For more info contact Catherine Whitham 01244 851605 / 07917887249  
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