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PCSO Mike Butler is back!



PCSO Mike Butler is back on the beat in Saughall. He recommenced duty on Monday, 17 August 2009 after Sue Morrison left her post to do other things.

Mike worked as a PCSO in Saughall from April 2007 but was moved to another area of the City in June 2008 to gain more experience to help him achieve his ambition to become a regular police officer in the Cheshire Constabulary.

The Council is absolutely delighted to announce that Mike has been accepted into the Cheshire Police Force and will begin his training in the New Year. This shows that becoming a PCSO is an excellent way of starting a varied, fulfilling and community focused career.

However, in the meantime, Mike is pleased to have returned to Saughall, where he is a well known figure, to provide the reassuring police presence and PCSO support we require. The Council is happy with this

arrangement, it knows Mike is familiar with the local area and with the problems we experience and is confident he will do all in his power to reduce the fear of crime by providing a highly visible police presence in the village.

There is to be a further round of PCSO recruitment in October 2009 followed by an intensive training period for the successful candidates. Saughall will then be allocated a new PCSO in the New Year who will take over from Mike when he moves on to start his police training.

The current Service Level Agreement with Cheshire Police, where the Council pays £11,000 per annum to part fund Saughall's PCSO, ends on 31 March 2010. If the Council commits itself to subsidising a PCSO for Saughall for a further three years it will cost £12,700 per annum and will be financed through the parish precept. The Council will make its decision on this soon.

The New Primary School



The new Saughall All Saints' Church of England Primary School is on target to open its doors in the autumn and will be a school fit for the 21st century. The school, costing £5.452 million, is nearing completion. It provides room for approximately 310 pupils in 10 classrooms.

During the building works a bird's nest was found in a pallet of blocks in the courtyard. There were four eggs inside. An exclusion zone was introduced within the courtyard and all works were stopped to provide a safe and quiet environment for the breeding pair until confirmation was received from the ecologist that the nest had been vacated.



The roofing works are almost complete with fascias and soffits being installed. The render to the courtyard has commenced along with the ground works. Internally, the rooms have generally been mist coated and remedial works have been completed. The mechanical and electrical installation continues, work on ceiling grids is underway and the radiant panels are being installed.

Members of the Parish Council visited the new School on Thursday, 13 August 2009.



Wain House Re-development



The Council, as a statutory consultee, considered the planning application that has been submitted to the Planning Authority, Cheshire West and Chester Council by Chester and District Housing Trust at its meeting on 3 August 2009.

The Council had no objections to what is being proposed and following the observations on the application have been forwarded to the principal authority who will have regard to them when it decides whether or not to grant planning permission at its planning meeting in the autumn:

"This redevelopment will affect 1, 2 and 4 Darlington Crescent.

22 parking spaces is a cause for concern as this is probably insufficient provision.

The building is much improved since Chester and District Housing Trust's initial consultation.

It is hoped that any housing allocations policy in respect of this new property ensures priority is given to people with local connections to this village."

The Council is just one of a number of statutory consultees who have been invited to comment on this planning application. The decision of the Planning Authority is awaited.

A Message from the Headteacher of the Ridings Community Infant School

I write this as we close for the summer holiday at the end of what has been a particularly busy year. There can be no one in Saughall who is unaware that we will soon be amalgamating with the Thomas Wedge CE (Controlled) Junior School to become Saughall All Saints C of E Primary



School in a brand new building.

As next term is likely to be even busier we decided to hold our Open Afternoon and Celebration Assembly this week to mark 35 years of education at The Ridings Community Infant School. Thank you to all the former staff, pupils and members of the community who allowed us to borrow their photographs and memorabilia for our display.

While preparing for our celebrations we have been reflecting on the history of this school.

Since its opening in 1974 approximately 1,500 children have attended the school and about 60 members of staff have worked here supported by more than 40 governors.

The school has had two names. It opened as The Ridings County Infant School and later became The Ridings Community Infant School.

The school has been maintained by three Local Authorities: firstly Chester City Council, then Cheshire County Council and in this final year by Cheshire West and Chester Council. The school has had two headteachers and four deputy headteachers.

During the last 14 years we have had three OFSTED inspections. In 2007 The Ridings was named in Her Majesty's Chief Inspector's Report as being among the top 100 schools in England inspected the previous year. Over the years the school has won the following awards:

- Two School Achievement Awards
- An Outstanding Education and Care Award
- The Basic Skills Quality Mark
- Cheshire Healthy Schools Award
- Activemark for the exceptional delivery of PE and Sport
- Artsmark England Gold Award for commitment to Arts Education

So even though this school has a relatively

short history there is much to celebrate and to be proud of.

Before we close and a new era of Primary Education begins in Saughall, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has been involved with the school community over the last 35 years. All the staff for their skill and dedication; governors for their commitment and support; our neighbours for their patience and forbearance as footballs bounced into their gardens on a regular basis (what young children lack in skill they make up for in enthusiasm). I would like to say a big thank you to parents for choosing to send their children to The Ridings, and for putting their faith in us. Lastly and most importantly I must say thank you to the children: pupils past and present. The young children of this community are a delight and it has been a pleasure and a privilege to teach them. When the school closes this autumn I shall be retiring. I shall remember my 16 years as Headteacher of this school with pride and great affection.

The children of Saughall deserve only the best and I wish them every success in their beautiful new school.

Judith Davies

Headteacher at the Ridings Community Infant School 1993 – 2009

Thomas Wedge CE Junior School

Sports Day

Because of the new primary school development works the Thomas Wedge



School was unable to hold its Sports Day on its own sports field this year.

Instead its sporting activities took place in the Golden Jubilee Park on Fiddlers Lane. All of the children and staff thoroughly enjoyed the day. The Headteacher, Mrs Prenton, wrote to the Chairman of the Council informing that the day was made

more special by having the use of the wonderful facilities and that the School really appreciated the support the Council gave and hopes to use the Golden Jubilee Park facilities for future events.

Council Members were very pleased to receive lots of letters from pupils telling them all about Sports Day and thanking them for the use of the sports ground.

Open Day

The Thomas Wedge Open Day will take place on Saturday, 3 October 2009. Everyone is welcome to come and share their memories and view the School. Mrs Roberts is organising the day and times will be confirmed after the summer holidays.

News From All Saints Church

Why not try "Messy Church"?!



"Messy Church" is for primary-school-aged children and parents to come together for fun, worship and food. We are planning to hold "Messy Church" once a month in School on Wednesdays, 3.30-5.00pm, starting this autumn. There will be games, a time of worship including songs and a story, craft activities and a simple meal (e.g. hot dogs, jacket potatoes, pasta). Children must be accompanied by a parent or other adult who will be responsible for them and there will be a small charge to cover costs. We aim to start on Wednesday, 14 October in Thomas Wedge School, then 11 November and 9 December in the new school. More details and invitations will go out through the schools in September.

Church Finances – We Need Your Support!

For some time All Saints Church has been struggling financially and we are now facing a desperate situation in the very near future. In the last five years the "Parish Share" that the church pays to the Diocese, essentially

to cover the cost of a vicar and vicarage, has doubled to over £30,000 per annum and we are also facing major expenditure on the building. The recent architect's inspection identified £100,000 worth of work to be done, the major item being retiling the roof, some of which is urgent and will cost in the region of £50,000. We also need a new heating boiler – the existing one has failed several times in the last year or so. We have no reserves and are now living "from hand to mouth" and some months cannot pay our Parish Share.

The Church nationally receives no money from the state and locally we are totally reliant on the giving of regular members, fund-raising and a small income from fees. Although the Church of England does have significant assets only the income can be used and virtually all of that is now needed to maintain the clergy pension scheme. We are exploring grant funding for the work we need to do on the building but, even if we are successful, it will only be a small proportion of the total cost.

The present congregation gives generously, but cannot meet what is needed on its own. We are planning to launch a "Friends of All Saints" scheme and a "100 Club" so that people from the wider community who value the church can offer practical support, and we will publicise these when plans have been finalised. We believe that the church is a vital part of the life of the village and we greatly value the support of the community through e.g. the Summer and Christmas Fairs and other social and fund-raising events, as well as at services and in other ways. A recent newspaper article said that a church closes in this country every two weeks. We need the support of the community if that is not going to happen in Saughall!

If you would like to discuss any issues from this article please ring (880213).

Brian Harris (Vicar)
Thomas Wedge School
A Celebration

The Thomas Wedge School has a long history and has served the community well in the village over a number of generations. Thomas Wedge paid for the original school to be built on land given in trust by the Trelawny family and it opened in 1852. As the village has grown it has been extended, in 1910 at the expense of the Vernon family and on land given in trust by them, and of course more recently. Many people, especially past and present pupils and parents, have fond memories of the school. With the new school, primary school education in the village will move into a new phase, with excellent facilities and new opportunities, but it is also important to remember and celebrate our heritage from the past.

Saughall All Saints Primary School (as the new school will be known) is scheduled to open after half-term on 3 November 2009. To celebrate the life of the Thomas Wedge School the Governors have planned events in early October: a service in church on the evening of Thursday, 1 October open to the community and an exhibition and open day in school on Saturday, 3 October. There has already been an appeal for items for the exhibition (photos, memorabilia etc); if anyone else has anything they would be willing to loan please contact Andra Roberts (880998), Ann Mulliner (881297) or Brian Harris (880213). More details will be conveyed through notices and posters before the events.

Thomas Wedge School – The Building

As I write this article in mid-August work has started on widening the footpath in front of the school to provide safer access for the new school. This has involved demolishing the wall in front of the existing school and, no doubt, raises questions again about the future of the Thomas Wedge building. In an article last year in the June edition of the Parish Newsletter I explained the restrictions on the future of the buildings imposed by the law and the trusts under which the land and

buildings were given. The building falls into two parts: the main part is the original school (dating from 1852) together with the most recent additions, all of which are built on the land given in trust by the Trelawny family. The second part is the section nearest the church, including the school hall, built by the Vernon family in 1910 and governed by a trust dating from 1921.


Essentially, the law governing the original trust means that the land either has to be retained for use by the new school, or sold commercially and the net proceeds returned to the Trelawny's inheritors. The Chester Diocesan Board of Education is trustee for that part of the school and I understand that they will retain the land for the new school, which means that part of the building will be demolished to provide access and parking for the new school.

The situation relating to the 1921 trust is more complicated as the land and building was given for a dual purpose: as part of the school and also as a "Parish meeting room". If school use ceases (as it obviously will) it effectively becomes an asset to be used by the trustees for the benefit of the church. As the article on church finances explains the church is not in a financial position to maintain the building and therefore the only options are to sell or lease on a commercial basis. Charity law places responsibilities and liabilities on the trustees personally and restrictions on what any income may be used for. Trustees have now been appointed (of which I am one). We have been in discussion with a number of bodies, including the governing bodies of Thomas Wedge School and the new school, and the Parish Council. We have appointed an agent and are currently exploring options. We will let people know when decisions are made.

If you would like more information, or would like to discuss the issues, please contact me (880213).

Brian Harris (Vicar)

Thank You for the Paint

Thank you to Johnson's Paints  of Sealand Industrial Estate for the very kind donation of the paint for use at the Vernon Institute, All Saints Church and the Uniform Groups' Headquarters.

Police Community Support Officer Scheme

The Council has been involved in the scheme of supporting a Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) in the village for over two years now. Perhaps this is an ideal time to remind residents of the PCSO's role and responsibilities. An extract from the original guidelines, sets out the following:

"PCSOs are uniformed staff employed by the Police Authority to work alongside police officers. They work within dedicated local teams developing ways in which the local policing team can prevent and reduce all aspects of crime and disorder. They work with organisations and individuals in the local areas to devise and implement strategies that benefit that particular community."

"As well as providing a visible and reassuring presence PCSOs are equipped to deal with a variety of anti social behaviour and community issues affecting the quality of life of residents, visitors and business."

"Amongst other things, Police Community Support Officers can:

- Confiscate alcohol from underage drinkers.
- Combat illegal parking.
- Deal with dog fouling.
- Address cycling on a footpath.
- Issue Local Authority tickets for litter offences.
- Issue Local Authority tickets for graffiti and fly-posting.
- Seize vehicles being used in an anti social manner."

"The PCSO's role is considered to provide a

cost effective method of addressing those issues in the community that directly affect the quality of life of local residents."

Although PCSOs do not have the power to arrest an offender, because of their close liaison with police officers, their assistance has been called upon in situations where an arrest has been necessary by a police officer. To many residents, the PCSO may well be the most visible officer that they see. Nevertheless, we should bear in mind that we have one PCSO operating within narrow guidelines and he cannot replace an expected police presence to deal with problems over a full 24 hour period, 7 days a week.

As mentioned earlier in this Newsletter, prior to April 2010 the Council will have to consider whether or not to embark on a revised further three year Service Level Agreement where it contributes £12,700 per annum, via the parish precept. With this in mind, it is important that everyone is aware of the positives as well as the negative responses to the role of PCSOs that have been so contentious in the past.

The Council would like to know whether or not residents feel that the 'police presence' has been improved in the village and if they consider that the use of a PCSO has resolved issues of concern and, in particular, anti-social behaviour. Anyone who would like to express an opinion should contact the Clerk to the Council at 10 Merton Close, Little Neston, Cheshire. CH64 0TR or email clerk@saughall.gov.uk The deadline for receipt of your comments is **30 September 2009**.

Saughall Neighbourhood Management Team

The current membership of Saughall Neighbourhood Management Team includes Ian Humphrey, Harry Dobson, Jenny Young, Christine Champion, Rakesh Shukla, Jane Edwards, Brenda Willis and Tony Summers. New members are welcome. If you are interested in joining please contact Tony

Summers.

The team's aim is:

'To make Saughall and Shotwick Park a Safer Place for all to live'.

The team continues to make good progress and a list of its results and activities are set out below:

- As a result of representations the poor road surface at the Peg bus stop on Hermitage Road has now been repaired.
- Recent SID (Speed Indicator Device) surveys have been carried out by the Egerton Arms Public House on Hermitage Road, the junction of the Ridings and Hermitage Road, on Long Lane and at the junction of Crofters Way and Seahill Road. Findings have been sent to Cheshire West and Chester Council.
- The speed gun will be deployed within the next few months.
- Attempts are being made to get a 20mph speed limit area outside the school on Church Road. Any offers of help with this initiative will be gratefully received. Remember twice as many children will now have to cross Church Road when the new School opens in the autumn.
- Promoting BABYSAFE first aid courses which are available through the St John's Ambulance. These are aimed at parents and grandparents and cover most concerns we have with young children from general first aid to resuscitation and recognising Meningitis, etc.

These are free courses run at The St John's Headquarters at the Countess of Chester Hospital over three Tuesday evenings. Contact The St John's Ambulance on 01244 383407 or email training@cheshire.sja.org.uk

Do you know that if you need to use your mobile phone in a emergency and ring 112 rather than 999 your location can be traced?

If you live in Saughall or Shotwick Park and

want to raise quality of life issues, please contact Tony Summers at 232 Hermitage Road, Saughall or telephone 0770 7622062 or, email saughall.safety@tiscali.co.uk and Tony will do what he can to assist or point you in the right direction.

Tony Summers
Co-ordinator, Saughall Neighbourhood Management Team



Final Message from PCSO Sue Morrison

Your PCSO is on constant foot patrol, on the lookout for anti social behaviour and anything at all suspicious.

If you witness any anti-social behaviour or spot anything suspicious please report it to the Police so that it can be actioned promptly.

The telephone number is 0845 458 0000.

A simple phone call could mean that the Police catch perpetrators "in the act", therefore preventing them going on to offend against others.

A few examples of suspicious activity to look out for would be:

- Strangers knocking on front doors or peering in windows then disappearing round the back.
- Open windows in houses where the owners are out or on holiday.
- Strangers trying car doors.
- Anything you believe is suspicious.

Your support is much appreciated. Don't hesitate to stop your PCSO in the street and inform him of anything you consider suspicious.

PCSO Sue Morrison
Homewatch

When the school summer holidays come

round each year the village changes for the worst I'm afraid.

People going on holiday lock up their properties, set their burglar alarms (a good idea in itself) but don't leave any spare keys. When a faulty alarm goes off intermittently, it becomes a nuisance, especially during the night, and when neighbours don't know:

- Who owns the property.
- Who the key holder is.
- Who knows the reset combination.

The Police won't turn out for burglar alarm faults they are dealt with as nuisance control by Cheshire West and Chester Council.

Parents need to be aware that several areas of the village e.g. behind Wain House/Anvil Close and the Golden Jubilee Park are being used for under age drinking and teenagers are making excessive noise in these areas after dark.

So parents, where are your children? Are they amongst those who are smashing empty beer bottles against the Uniform Groups' Headquarters and the Cricket Club's container in the Park? Are they littering the Park with yogurt cartons, wine bottles, vodka bottles, beer cans, chip papers, half eaten take-away meals, soft drink mixers and cider bottles?

Please remember that the recreational facilities on Fiddlers Lane are there for everyone to enjoy. A destructive minority cause mindless damage that costs a lot of money to repair. We must keep this area clean and safe! Don't turn a blind eye, make sure you know precisely where your youngsters are and exactly what they're doing. Question them if need be, and help the Council to keep the Park safe and tidy.

Ian Humphrey,
Homewatch Co-ordinator
Telephone Number 880011

Parish Council Surgeries

Parish Council Surgeries are being held

between 10.00am and 10.45am on the following Saturdays on the forecourt at the Co-op Stores:

5 September
3 October
31 October
5 December

The date, time and name of the Councillor presiding will be published on notice boards, in advance of the Surgery taking place.

A Big Thank You to the Co-op Stores



The Council would like to take the opportunity to say a big thank you to Paul Bradshaw the manager of the Co-op Stores for his help and support when Councillors have held monthly Parish Council Surgeries on the Co-op's forecourt on Saturday mornings.

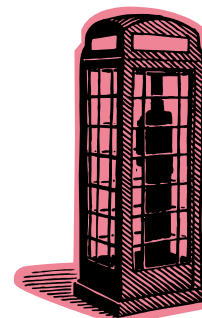
Paul your assistance is very much appreciated.

Council Meetings



All meetings of the Parish Council and its Committees are open to members of the public to attend. A number of residents do attend meetings where they are made welcome. Notice of the meetings taking place is posted on Council notice boards in the village and on the website.

Telephone Box at the Egerton Arms Pub



BT have informed us that payment will now be by BT charge card "or similar", reverse charges via the operator or, credit/debit cards. Calls to emergency services and free-phone numbers will remain without charge. BT has reached this decision because the box is little-used and removing the cash box will reduce theft and

vandalism.

Christmas Lights Celebration Thursday, 26 November 2009

The Steering Group of local village people, chaired by Councillor Jean Johnson, will begin to meet regularly on the run up to Christmas to plan this year's Christmas Lights switch on and associated activities. If you would like to be a member of this Group and help with the arrangements then please contact Jean Johnson at Oaktree Nursery on Fiddlers Lane or by telephone on 880895.



Golden Jubilee Park

The play equipment for the younger children and the Cheshire railings have just had a coat of paint to smarten them up.

The swings have had some minor repair as a result of wear and tear.

The slide is coming to the end of its life. It is being repaired as a temporary measure and replacement will be considered when the Council sets its 2010/11 budget.

The play surface is also to be repaired, probably by making a claim on the insurance, following another bout of mindless vandalism as is the new play net, attacked recently by a vandal with a hack saw!

Dog Fouling

The dog bins around the village including the new ones are being well used, so thank you to all you dog owners who are clearing up after your pets.



In spite of these good efforts there is still a lot of fouling on footpaths and pavements in Saughall. Please keep up the great effort and encourage other dog owners to follow your good example. Our aim is for all paths and roads in the village to be free of dog dirt.

Quality Parish Council Scheme

The Rural White Paper, published in 2000, confirmed the Government's support for parish and town councils and underlined their important role as the first tier of government closest to local people, in giving local leadership and being at the heart of local communities. Consequently, the Quality Parish and Town Council Scheme was launched in 2003 with the aim of providing a benchmark minimum standard for parish and town councils across the country.

The Quality Scheme is open to all parish and town councils in England, irrespective of size. It aims to enable parish councils to work more closely with others in the delivery of local services and to better represent their local communities. Whatever the circumstances, Quality status brings real benefits, not only for the Quality Council, but also for the people who work with it and more importantly, the community it serves.

Quality status is now high on the Council's list of priorities, as it believes that accreditation will demonstrate its ability to deliver efficient services to local residents and that it will be able to speak with greater authority to principal councils when seeking delegated functions which can be better carried out locally.

The Benefits of Quality Status

(1) To the Community are:

- more responsive services - a Quality Council is considered capable of solving local problems without recourse to the principal authority;
- real contact and discussions with its Quality Council;
- a local access point providing information on services; and
- a Council is thought more accountable, visible, representative and able to provide community leadership.

(2) To the Parish Council itself are:

- greater credibility in the eyes of the local community, voluntary and private sectors, and principal local authorities;
- greater civic pride;
- more representative of the local community;
- better ability to articulate the needs and wishes of the local community;
- more will be achieved by working in partnership with other organisations;
- ability to demonstrate that it is effectively and properly managed, which will instil greater confidence in the community;
- ability to deliver more local services - if the Council wishes to;
- greater involvement by the voluntary and community sector and by principal local authorities (e.g. developing community led plans, market town health checks etc.);
- a better informed community; and
- a well trained clerk.

(3) To the Principal Authority are:

- reassurance that a Quality Council has been independently assessed and is therefore capable of working together with the principal authority to deliver services on its behalf or in partnership;
- reliable evidence of the competence of a Quality Council, through the four year re-assessment process;
- proof that a Quality Council is willing and able to be fully involved in local issues (this will be particularly valuable when implementing new initiatives);
- stronger partnership working, with the Parish Council bringing local perspective and experience to the table. Quality Councils should be more innovative and pro-active and will want to share their ideas and experiences; and
- increased confidence that a Quality Council is representative, competent, well managed, and thus capable of taking on and sustaining an enhanced

role.

The Quality Criteria

Quality status requires a council to show that it is:

“representative of the whole community, communicates with its residents and is properly managed and responsible.”

To apply for Quality status, the Council must submit an application form, together with the required supporting evidence for the following sections:

- Electoral mandate
- Qualifications of the Clerk
- Meetings
- Communications - Mandatory
- Communications - Discretionary
- Annual Reports
- Accounts
- Code of Conduct,
- Promoting Local Democracy and Citizenship
- Training
- Power of Well Being

A Working Group has been established and will begin to meet from the autumn to guide the Council through the process and help it achieve Quality Parish Council status within the next two years.

The Power of Well-being

The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 provides an important opportunity to give real power and influence to communities, through neighbourhood vehicles such as parish councils.

The Act provides a number of new powers to parish councils, the most significant of which is the power of well-being.

The new legislation has now come into force and the power of the promotion of economic,

social and environmental well being has been extended to local councils. This power had been previously only available to principal local authorities, although they have recently been criticised for not making much use of it.

This power provides parish councils with a general power to spend on any activity which adds to the well-being of its community. There is a new criteria which a council has to meet if it wishes to exercise the power. This extension of the power of well being to the first tier of local government is considered significant as it allows councils to operate for the benefit of their communities, outside of previous legislative restraints.

To be eligible to exercise the power of well being the Council must have:

- a qualified clerk
- a minimum of two-thirds of vacancies on the council filled at the last ordinary elections
- eighty per cent of councillors trained in the use of the well-being power; and
- published a statement of intent on community engagement

Once the Council meets this criteria it will pass a resolution to this effect, it will then be eligible to use the well-being power from the day it passes the resolution until the day before the next relevant annual meeting of the Council.

The relevant annual meeting is usually that annual meeting that is held by the Council in a year of ordinary elections, so that the eligibility period will usually last for a maximum of four years. To continue to be eligible - the Council must ensure that it still meets all the criteria and must then pass another resolution.

When the Council obtains this power it believes that it will have greater flexibility to act on its priorities and also to facilitate joint working with other local councils and their partners in the private, public and third sectors. This will, we hope, provide greater opportunities for us to improve the quality of

life and health of our local community.

Bruce's School of Dance - Established 1974 Dance Exams 2009



Children and Adults took Allied Dance Association Exams in May. In June a free fun morning was held for the parents and relatives in the Vernon Institute, to watch the children give performances and then be presented by Jim Bruce - Co Principal, with medals and certificates for their exams. Adults who took exams were awarded theirs within their private lessons. This year, again, saw a varied range of dance styles included in the exams, from Argentine Tango, Latino and Ballroom and Latin.



We offer Ladies Classes in the Vernon Institute and other locations, Children's Saturday Dance Class (restarts September), Tots Dance Class, Wedding Dance/Special Occasion Dance Choreography, Dance Workshops, Dance for Events/Fundraisers, Corporate Classes and Team Build Sessions, School and Pre-School Workshops, Private Dance Lessons - singles or couples, or why not learn to dance on a West Cheshire College Course taught by Dawn - courses begin in September 2009. Dance is such a fun way to get active - if you would like to know more contact Dawn on 01244 881092, mobile 07905571515 our website at www.bruceschoolofdance.co.uk or email bruceschoolofdance@hotmail.co.uk

Dawn Daniels

Friday Club

Once again the Friday Club benefited from the kindness of Bespoke Brides Ltd. of Saughall who very generously treated club members and some carers to a lovely lunch in Parkgate. We were lucky to have a super warm afternoon at the end of June so that we could also sample the renowned Parkgate ice-cream. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed their day away and are very grateful to Bespoke Brides Ltd.

Some Club members are seen here on the front at Parkgate.



Pictured below is Alan Willey, the most senior member of the Friday Club, who celebrated his 96th Birthday with us on the same day.



We are always looking for volunteers to help with the Friday Club, which has a wonderful friendly atmosphere. If you are able to offer a little of your time, please call Jeanne (880226) for further details.



This photo was taken when the Chairman of the Parish Council (Jenny Young) visited the Friday Club recently. All the members were very pleased to see her and discuss issues of local interest

Jeanne Storrar

Saughall Cricket Club – Hog Roast



A Hog Roast was recently held in the village to raise funds for Saughall Cricket Club and the Saughall Conservatives. The event attracted over 120 people and had a summer theme with games such as cricket, boules, croquet, skittles and even welly throwing!

Saughall Cricket Club Treasurer Martin Huxley said:

"It was a tremendous occasion and great to see so many people enjoying themselves. A special mention must go to Andrew and Jeanne Storrar, who once again proved to be the perfect hosts".

Contractor's List

If any tradespersons in the village would like to be included on the Council's List of Contractors please send your details to the Clerk. We are always looking for people to do jobs large and small!

Jenny Young

Property Rental

The Vernon Institute will soon complete renovations to No. 1 Institute Yard. If any local family is interested in applying to rent this property please apply in writing to Harry Dobson, 12 Rosewood Grove, Saughall, Chester, CH1 6AN. Applications will then be forwarded to the Vernon Institute Management Committee's Agents for consideration.

Centenary – Vernon Institute

In the Small Hall of the Vernon Institute there is on display the document setting up the Vernon Institute which is dated 1 January 1910. The document is signed by many people, all men I presume. Can you identify the signatories, do you know of any descendents still in the locality? Do you have any photographs or old newspaper cuttings taken over the years of parties, or functions held in the Vernon Institute? Are there any for the ending of the World Wars or other historical occasions? Check in your attic! We will then try to copy these perhaps, for display in the small hall as a celebration of the 100 years of the charity. If you have any suggestions of other ways we could involve the village in celebrating this anniversary please contact any Vernon Institute Management Committee member with your ideas.

Harry Dobson

Newsletter by email

If you would like to be added to the list to receive the Newsletter electronically please contact the clerk.

Email: clerk@saughall.gov.uk

It is appreciated that many people do not have access to email so delivery with the Standard Newspaper will continue as before for most villagers.

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 its 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.

Saughall Uniform Groups

Contact telephone numbers:

Rainbows 880671
Brownies 880324
Guides 880695
Rangers 880695
Beavers 881348

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

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

USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

Women's Institute

Mrs Norah Murchie,
Tel: 880701

Saughall Cricket Club

Mr Brian Huxley, Tel: 880753

Saughall Table Tennis Club

Mr Bob Salisbury, Tel: 881323

Saughall Community Day Centre

Church Road, Saughall
Tel: 880474

Saughall Greyhound Pub Football Team

Telephone Carl on 880205

Saughall Gardening Club

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

Saughall Colts Junior Football Club

Football for children aged 6-16
Mr Steve Kalaher 880964
www.saughallcolts.co.uk

Golden Link Club

Margaret Grain,
Tel: 881294

Thomas Wedge CE (Controlled) Junior School

Headteacher – Donna Prenton
Tel: 981090

The Ridings Infant School

Headteacher – Mrs J Davies,
Tel: 881451

All Saints Church

Vicar: Rev Brian Harris
Tel: 880213
Email:

brian@jbharris.fsnet.co.uk
Church Wardens

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

Pre-School Group

Mrs Lynda Johnson, Tel: 880954
(Term time only)

Saughall Neighbourhood Management Team

Co-ordinator
Tony Summers 0770 762 2062
saughall.safety@tiscali.co.uk

<i>WHO'S WHO on the Council</i>		
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Brian Crowe Glebe Farm Coalpit Lane Mollington Chester CH1 6JL 01244 851384 brian.crowe@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk	Eleanor Johnson The Oaks Long Green Barrow Chester CH3 7JU 01244 300339 eleanor.johnson@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk	Andrew Storrar Hey House Farm Fiddlers Lane Saughall Chester CH1 6DH 01244 880226 andrew.storrar@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk
Member of Parliament	Local Police	Homewatch
Mrs Christine Russell MP Constituency Office Abbey House Abbey Green Chester CH1 2JH	Blacon Police Station, Blacon Avenue, Chester, CH1 5BD 01244 350222 (The number to ring when reporting a crime) Saughall's PCSO is Mike Butler michael.butler@cheshire.pnn.police.uk 0845 4586375 (office voicemail) 0845 4580000 (switchboard)	Ian Humphrey (Co-ordinator) 1 Smithy Close Saughall Chester CH1 6ED 01244 880011

SUPPORTING OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES

'USE THEM OR LOSE THEM!'

<p>CO-OPERATIVE STORE Church Road, Saughall. 'Everything you need from your local friendly village shop' Tel. No. 881408</p> <p>SAUGHALL POST OFFICE Within the Co-operative Stores, Tel No. 880403</p> <p>SAUGHALL SERVICE STATION Church Road, Saughall 'For all your motoring needs' Tel. No. 881625</p> <p>CHESTNUT HOUSE DAY NURSERY Church Road, Saughall 'Quality care for Children' Tel. No. 880371</p> <p>B. J. CLEGG & SON 'Plumbing, heating and gas fittings' Tel. No. 880120</p> <p>PETER GARNETT 'For all your decorating needs' Tel. No. 881249</p> <p>BARRA BOARDING KENNELS Parkgate Road, Saughall Tel. No. 880837</p> <p>LITTLE CREEK DOG KENNELS Kingswood Lane, Saughall Tel. No. 880267</p> <p>FAR EAST CHINESE TAKE-AWAY Fiddlers Lane, Saughall Tel. No. 881621</p> <p>A & GO PLASTERING Quality work guaranteed. For a free no obligation quote phone Gordon on: Tel. No. 880765 or Mobile: 0791 773 4376</p> <p>BESPOKE BRIDES Designer wedding gowns and bridesmaid dresses to suit all budgets. Coalpit lane, Saughall, Chester www.bespokebrides.co.uk Tel. No. 0800 619 9348</p>	<p>OAK TREE NURSERIES Fiddlers Lane, Saughall 'Come along and see us – you won't be disappointed' Tel. No. 880895</p> <p>CREATIVE PHOTOGRAPHY 'Wedding and Social' Maurice Alley, Church Road, Saughall Tel. No. 880606</p> <p>W. GATER, PLUMBER 'Plumbing and Heating Engineers' Tel. No. 880654</p> <p>EPTOWING Mobile Tow Bar Fitting Service Darlington Crescent, Saughall Tel. No. 881609</p> <p>DR. WILLIAM RICHARDSON Homeopathy Church Road, Saughall Tel. No. 880574</p> <p>CHESTER SECURITY SYSTEMS 32, Church Road, Saughall 'Our business is your peace of mind' Tel. No. 881399 info@chestersecurity.co.uk</p> <p>SUPERIOR DRY CLEANERS In your area every week providing the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dry Cleaning Service • Ironing Service • Alterations and new zips • Carpet, rug and upholstery cleaning <p>Tel. Rob Parry on 07788 157431</p> <p>NEIL RICHARDS – ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR All types of electrical work undertaken Tel. No. 881732 email: nsrichards@yahoo.co.uk</p> <p>PH LEWIS – JOINER All types of work undertaken – Windows, doors, floors, etc Tel. No. 0789 424 0289</p>	<p>RON STUART AERIALS 'All types supplied and installed' Tel. No. 880449</p> <p>CHESTER PAINT STRIPPERS Reclaimed doors & fire places for sale Sea Hill Farm, Saughall Tel. No. 881771</p> <p>PERFECTIONS UNISEX SALON 2 Fiddlers Lane, Saughall Tel. No. 881122</p> <p>READES RESIDENTIAL 'Lettings and Property Management' www.readesresidential.com Tel. No. 08450 097 097</p> <p>SAUGHALL VILLAGE SURGERY Church Road, Saughall Tel. No. 881590</p> <p>GREYHOUND INN Seahill Road, Saughall Tel. No. 880205</p> <p>WHEATSHEAF INN Parkgate Road, Saughall Tel. No. 851804</p> <p>EGERTON ARMS INN Hermitage Road, Saughall Tel. No. 882001</p> <p>JS MORTGAGES 11 Hermitage Road, Saughall Tel. No. 881848 email: jaqirsingh@btinternet.com</p> <p>SAUGHALL PHARMACY 30 Church Road, Saughall 'Your very own friendly dispensing chemist' Tel. No. 881765</p> <p>GOBLIN GARDENING 43 Rakeway, Saughall Tel. No. 657967 email: goblinarden@btinternet.com</p>
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If you would like your local business advertised in the next newsletter, please contact the Clerk.