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Seasons Greetings



The Council wishes you the compliments of the season, a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous and peaceful New Year.

Vandalism Cricket Square and Play Net

In recent weeks the Golden Jubilee Park has been subjected to mindless vandalism.

A cable on the new Play Net was severed, park benches were torn from their fixings and thrown in the pond and the cricket square was damaged by children riding their bikes on it!

The Council has spent a lot of money developing the Park and on new play equipment and it is very disappointing that a destructive minority do not appreciate the facilities available and seem to get their kicks by engaging in senseless vandalism and anti-social behaviour.

The damage will have to be repaired and paid for using money earmarked for further improvements. Consequently, the Council may not be able to commission any more work for the foreseeable future.

Do you know who is responsible for the damage? If you do, tell the Police.

Dog Attack in Bluebell Woods

Police are appealing for witnesses after a woman was bitten by a dog in a Saughall wood.

The woman and her young granddaughter

were walking their dog in Bluebell Woods at 9.30am on Sunday, 25 October 2009 when they were approached by what was described as a Staffordshire bull terrier type dog.

The bull terrier attacked the woman's dog, which then jumped into her arms. The bull terrier also jumped up and bit the woman on her arm.

The owner then came over, pulled the dog away from the woman, tied it to a fence and walked her and her granddaughter out of the woods. He did not give his details to the woman.

The dog was brown with a white flash on its chest and was wearing a studded collar. The man is described as 5ft 8ins tall with a shaved head. He was wearing dark brown clothing and spoke with a Liverpudlian accent.

Police are appealing for anyone who witnessed the incident or who may know who the man is to call PCSO Mike Butler on 0845 458 6375 or Crime Stoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

PCSO Mike Butler

Christine Russell MP ... keeping in touch

Christine Russell, Member of Parliament for the City of Chester, will hold a



'Drop-in' surgery on **Saturday, 9 January 2010** at the **Vernon Institute**, Church Road, Saughall between **10.30am and 12noon**.

Appointments are not necessary and any constituents wishing to see Christine are invited to come along to discuss their concerns or any other issue they may wish to raise.

Regular Surgeries are held in Chester Town Hall on alternate Friday mornings and appointments can be made by telephoning 01244 400174.

About the Parish Council



The Parish Council is part of the lowest tier of local government in England, elected to democratically represent and communicate the views of the community in Saughall and Shotwick Park to other higher levels of government, and to act as a responsible guardian of the community's assets.

The Council has powers laid down in the Local Government Act 1972 and other legislation. Its responsibilities include management of open spaces, recreational facilities, play equipment and provision of litter and dog waste bins. The Council is able to fund other projects where it considers that the community will benefit and makes representations to other local authorities and public service providers where appropriate on planning and other matters.

The Council's Aim

To try to make Saughall and Shotwick Park a better place to live, work in and visit.

What Is the Council's Role?

- To ensure "best value" in relation to local taxes
- To listen to and represent local peoples' interests
- To improve the local environment

- To ensure that the Golden Jubilee Park is administered efficiently and in the best interests of parishioners
- To submit views on planning applications
- To provide local services i.e. street cleansing and open space maintenance including public rights of way
- To support voluntary and community groups for the benefit of the parish
- To attract Government, lottery and other grants into the local area
- To provide leadership in the community
- To promote local business growth
- To ensure its Members and employees are trained and developed to perform their duties to their best ability
- To encourage parishioners to participate in village life/activities

How Does the Council Fulfil its Role?

Saughall and Shotwick Park Parish Council has 14 Parish Councillors who, by attending meetings, discuss, debate and decide on matters affecting local people.

The Planning and Finance and General Purposes Committees have delegated responsibilities to undertake the work of the Council.

When necessary the Council sets up task and finish groups. Parish Councillors also serve as representatives on local management committees and organisations.

Do you have any suggestions/proposals/comments that you would like the Council to consider?

If so please let the Clerk or any Member of the Parish Council know.

Have you thought of becoming a Parish Councillor?

All out Parish Council Elections are held

every four years. All Councillors must either stand for re-election or retire.

The next Parish Council Elections will be held on **Thursday, 5 May 2011**. If you are interested in playing a part in the management of village facilities and becoming involved in wider issues such as planning and highway matters then why not think about standing for election? You have plenty of time to prepare.

The Council meets usually on the first Monday of every month at the Vernon Institute at 7.30pm, details are always posted on village noticeboards, and members of the public may attend to watch the meetings though they cannot take part in discussions. The agenda for the meeting can be viewed at the Co-op Stores/ Post Office during the week prior to the meeting.

Before the meeting begins Ten Minutes is allocated to enable any petition presenters to speak in support of their petition(s) and for questions from the public, providing five clear working days written notice has been given to the Clerk, or on matters of urgency, providing a request is made to the Chairman prior to the commencement of the meeting and the Council's consent is given.

If you are interested in becoming a Councillor (or even if you aren't) you are very welcome to attend meetings. You can also find out more on our website www.saughall.gov.uk where minutes of meetings can be viewed and you can find out more about what it means to be a Parish Councillor.

Budget 2010/11

Councils are encouraged to consult residents on their budget plans: to identify what the Council would like to achieve in the next financial year and to publish plans well ahead of setting the budget, which gives residents an opportunity to comment on suggestions and offer further ideas for consideration. The Finance and General Purposes Committee discussed some

proposals for next year at its last meeting on 19 November 2009.

The Council is seeking your views on the following:

- Golden Jubilee Park development and in particular the play equipment for younger children and replacement of the multi-play unit
- Whether to put more benches or picnic tables in the Golden Jubilee Park and in the village
- Litter bins – programme of maintenance
- Community Events – Have you any ideas?
- Are additional street litter bins needed?
- Provision of a youth shelter in the village

The Council's Budget Meeting is scheduled for 7.30pm on Monday, 4 January 2010 at the Vernon Institute. The agenda for the meeting will be available approximately one week before at the Co-op Stores and on the Council's website at www.saughall.gov.uk. The budget will include various running and maintenance costs and contingencies. Your comments, ideas and suggestions for next year are welcome. However, remember that the Council is limited to what it can do under the powers granted to it through legislation.

Please send any feedback and new ideas to the Clerk or any Parish Councillor.

The 2009/2010 budget, in detail, can be viewed on line at <http://www.saughall.gov.uk/Minutes.htm>

Parish Council Surgeries

Parish Council Surgeries are being held between 10.00am and 10.45am on the following Saturdays outside of the Co-op Stores:

- 5 December 2009
- 2 January 2010
- 30 January 2010
- 27 February 2010
- 1 March 2010



No Dogs Allowed!

In the interests of health and safety dogs are not allowed in the Golden Jubilee Park.

New signage has gone up in the park recently to remind you. Enforcement action will be taken if your dog is found to be on this land.

Homewatch



The clocks have gone back, those long, dark days before Christmas as upon us! Now is the time to check that:

- All exterior lamps are operating correctly and replace them if they are not
- Sheds are locked securely
- Vehicles are not left with locks not activated
- Small items in your house such as laptops and slim line TVs are marked. This service is carried out for free and items, once marked, can not be sold. Telephone Ian Humphrey on 01244 880011 for assistance

Councillor Ian Humphrey
Homewatch Co-ordinator

Street Lighting

Well lit roads not only help to reduce traffic accidents but also help in reducing crime, and the fear of crime, against people and their property.

Cheshire West and Chester Council do carry out regular night inspections of all lamps, every two weeks in winter and every four weeks in summer. Repairs are generally attended within five working days. However, some types of fault take longer to complete (e.g. those requiring the services of the local electricity company).

A common fault is that of lights burning during the day, generally caused by failure of the light sensitive photocell which switches the light on and off. This is obviously costly

and wasteful. Lighting columns are checked every two years for structural defects. Equipment found to be defective is included in a programme of works which is implemented in priority order. For advice on street lighting maintenance issues, please contact the Street Lighting Team - telephone: 0300 123 7036.

Please report all street lighting faults to the Area Highways Team (it helps if you can quote the specific number from the lighting column) or report a fault online.

The Principal Authority has a code of practice for temporary installations, such as supplies to Christmas trees and hanging banners and baskets on lighting columns. Before any such scheme is undertaken, please contact the Street Lighting Team who will provide safety advice, guidance and any necessary application forms.

Also, please contact the Street Lighting Team for technical advice and information on issues regarding new lighting or the quality of existing lighting.

Saughall Neighbourhood Management Team

The Saughall Neighbourhood Management Team comprises of Ian Humphrey, Harry Dobson, Jenny Young, Kathy Ford, Rakesh Shukla, Jane Edwards, Brenda Willis and Tony Summers (Co-ordinator). New members are always made welcome.

The Team's aim is to make Saughall and Shotwick Park a safer place for everyone to live.

The Team's current activities are set out below:

- The speed gun has been deployed in the village within the last few months and the Police have been out and about.
- The new All Saints Primary School is now open and the new Puffin Crossing has been installed. At the time of writing, we have been informed that the

illuminated school signs will also be installed and the double yellow lines put down on Church Road outside the Church and at the junction of Saughall Hey. Hopefully, this work will be completed by the time you read this. We are still pursuing, with the Highways Authority, a 20mph speed limit outside the school, similar to schools in the City but unfortunately we are making little progress.

- There have been some cold callers in the village saying that for a small donation St John Ambulance will have first responders within the village who will be able to attend in advance of an ambulance to assist with heart attack cases. I have spoken to a St John Ambulance representative who informed that they employ a company to visit people requesting donations via direct debit, in a similar way to other charities but that a first response services is not one they provide. Consequently, the company has been told not to inform to the contrary.
- We, as a Team, are considering setting up a first response group within the village. Appropriate training is provided by the Ambulance Service's First Response personal.
- The Team is hoping to run a Play Scheme in the village during the summer 2010 school holidays and are looking for an organiser and helpers, who will be paid expenses. These positions may suit teachers or classroom assistants. Anyone interested please contact Tony Summers.
- BABYSAFE first aid courses are still available through St John Ambulance. These are aimed at parents and grandparents and cover most concerns we have about young children from general first aid to resuscitation and recognising Meningitis etc. These are free courses run by St John's Ambulance at the Countess of Chester Hospital over three Tuesdays evenings. Contact St John's Ambulance on 01244 383407 or training@cheshire.sja.org.uk

Any residents of Saughall and Shotwick Park who are experiencing problems please contact Tony Summers who will do what he can to help you or point you in the right direction.

Tony Summers
Co-ordinator, Saughall Neighbourhood Management Team
232 Hermitage Road, Saughall
Mobile telephone No: 0770 762 2062
Email: saughall.safety@ticali.co.uk

Partnership Working and the PCSO Initiative

Following the public consultation in the last Parish Newsletter on whether to continue to part fund a PCSO in Saughall, the Council has agreed, in principle, to enter into a new Service Level Agreement with the Cheshire Constabulary for a further three years.

Members agree that, on the whole, the PCSO Scheme is a good, worthwhile initiative. They consider that there is a feel good factor associated with it and parishioners feel safer in Saughall as a consequence and now expect the level of community safety they are currently enjoying.

The Council has also had some good news from Ian Wiggett, Acting Assistant Chief Constable (Neighbourhoods). He has informed that the Police Authority and the Constabulary have decided to set the level of contribution for the new Service Level Agreement from 1 April 2010 at £11,800 – less than half the expected increase.

The new All Saints Primary School



The Thomas Wedge Junior School has amalgamated with neighbouring The Ridings Infants School and pupils and staff are now housed under one roof for the first time.

Classes in the newly-built All Saints Primary School began after the October half-term

and the existing junior school building will be demolished by Cheshire West and Chester Council at some stage in the future.

The future of The Ridings School building is yet to be determined.

The Thomas Wedge Headteacher, Donna Prenton, has taken charge of the Primary School. The School is new and modern. There is a food technology room, technology room and an art room which will help the school deliver specific aspects of the curriculum effectively.

The vast majority of the community is sad to see the old building go but understand the fantastic opportunities available to the children and the next generation.

Before planning permission for Saughall All Saints was granted by the Planning Authority, the local community was divided by the amalgamation. A 71-name petition in favour of the new school was submitted while 36 letters of objection were sent by local residents. The demolition of the Junior School was also opposed by the Parish Council. There was also a failed attempt to get the building listed and the School's 2004 extension has been described as a waste of time and money.

Walk Your Children to School

Parents please note that the car park at the Co-op Store is there for its customers to park in while they do their shopping. It is not there for you to park in while dropping off or picking up your children from the new school.

Your actions are causing congestion in the car park and affecting the retail business.

Why not walk your children to school?

If you live close enough, encourage your children to walk to school. It will help them keep fit, be alert and become more street-wise.

Make sure your children walk in bright and reflective clothing, supportive shoes and a back pack.

With younger children, either walk with them (it's a good opportunity to have a chat), or get together with other parents and take it in turns to accompany the children (a "walking bus")

Walking Bus



A Walking Bus is an initiative to encourage more children, accompanied by adults, to walk to school and by doing so reduce traffic and congestion

outside schools.

Walking as a group and using an agreed route, the children are under the supervision of at least two responsible adults - a 'driver' and a 'conductor' - who are known to the school. Any volunteers involved with a Walking Bus have to complete a police criminal background check.

Some walking buses operate every school day while others operate one or two days a week - this depends on the number of adult volunteers involved.

The Council is keen to get the Walking Bus initiative off the ground so if you would like to help please contact the Clerk or any Parish Councillor.

Wain House Re-Development

The planning application was for the demolition of existing buildings and the erection of a two storey block of flats consisting of 27 No. 2-bed flats and 10 No. 1-bed flats and associated works including parking areas and landscaping.

Cheshire West and Chester Council, the Planning Authority, has issued a "Notice of Planning Permission" subject to the compliance of 18 conditions.

The new development has a commitment from Chester District Housing Trust to:

- be a flagship scheme
- be designed to meet the changing needs of residents
- have better space standards
- be energy efficient to reduce fuel and energy costs
- have on-site parking
- have a high level of sustainable design and construction
- achieve a minimum code for sustainable homes level 3

Bus Services

The new evening and Sunday's and Public Holiday's service which commenced on 1



September 2009 has been welcomed by bus users. The service DB6 is operated by GHA Coaches on behalf of Cheshire West and Chester Council and replaces the service previously provided by First.

The single fare is £1 and passengers travel on new smaller buses designed for wheelchair users and parents with buggies and are equipped with comfortable seats.

The first evening service leaves Chester Gorse Stacks at 1835 and Saughall Terminus at 1857. This means there is now only a 48 minute interval between the last Arriva service and the commencement of the evening service compared with a previous 90 minute gap.

Saughall continues to benefit from excellent bus services with Arriva running the popular 15 and 15A services which operate on weekdays between 0654 and 1809 and on Saturdays between 0759 and 1809.

Councillor Brian Kerr
The Parish Council Bus Contact

Concessionary Travel Scheme

Cheshire West and Chester Council operate a concessionary travel scheme for permanent residents of the borough who are aged 60 and over, and to eligible disabled persons involving:

- English National Concessionary Bus Passes
- Senior Railcards
- Disabled Persons Railcards
- Taxi Vouchers

More information can be obtained by telephoning 0300 123 7025.

You can also find details and download an application form on line at www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

Traffic Issues

Traffic congestion, pot holes, issues with the buses, damage to grass verges, parking and speeding cars are recurring themes at Council meetings. 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 (SID), which we borrow from Cheshire West and Chester Council. Speed checks will be repeated often, as a deterrent, for those who regularly offend.

More about Speeding

The Council has taken action against speeding motorists because of the number of complaints it receives from residents of Saughall.

The pitches used are agreed with the Constabulary who train Councillors to operate the equipment correctly.

There are three phases of operation:

Phase 1

Two volunteers work together and assemble and locate the SID at the road side. Each vehicle movement is recorded giving the motorist the 'smiley face' if under the limit or the actual speed if above the limit. The data is processed and copies given to the appropriate Departments.

Phase 2

Three people work together when the speed gun is used. All positive readings and vehicle numbers are processed and the Police send out warning letters to all offenders.

Phase 3

The real thing!!!

Councillor Ian Humphrey

Planning Matters

If you are concerned about a planning application that affects you, please remember that Cheshire West and Chester Council do 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.

Spotlight on Town and Parish Councils Review

Cheshire West and Chester (CWAC) Council recognise the importance of working closely with all of its partners and stakeholders.

As a consequence, CWAC Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee has commenced a review on the ways an effective working relationship may be developed between itself and town and

parish councils (local councils). To this end it has been working closely with the Cheshire Association of Local Councils (ChALC).

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee has set up three task groups to scrutinise various aspects of this relationship and will look at, amongst other things, the existing Local Councils Charter; local council representation on various area bodies; the Quality Council Scheme; awareness raising; how we might avoid duplicating each other's work and delivering services more efficiently; issues facing local councils that act as barriers to their development; the sharing of resources, such as insurance and audit arrangements; supporting local councils in undertaking work that will improve the social, economic or environmental wellbeing of residents within their town or parish; support for the parish planning process and the promotion of local democracy.

The task groups will consist of members from both the CWAC Council and local councils. The groups will report back to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee with recommendations.

A questionnaire will soon be sent to all local councils in the area to get a better understanding of their make up, work, needs and perceptions. The information gathered from this will be crucial to the review.

The Parish Council welcomes the move towards a more understanding relationship between CWAC Council and local councils, especially in respect of working together on developing joint standards. Members believe that double taxation, where parishes are expected to pay the costs of a particular service in their locality while the Principal Council (CWAC) bears the cost of the same services in the unparished areas, and election arrangements, are major issues that must be addressed by the Task Groups.

Christmas Lights Celebration - Thursday, 3 December 2009



The timing of this newsletter has provided an opportunity to thank Councillor Jean Johnson and the Christmas Lights Steering Group for organising, yet again, the Christmas Light Switch on Celebration Event. The Council is extremely grateful for their contribution and commitment at such a busy time of year.

Keep Saughall Tidy

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



Dog Fouling Continues

It is depressing to report that instances of dog fouling within the village continue to be brought to the Council's attention, particularly on Church Road. Cleaning up a young child who has either walked in or fallen into such mess is both unpleasant and potentially blinding for the child. As previously reported in this Newsletter, 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 of £1,000.

All dog owners please bag and dispose of your dog's mess properly, if there is not a dog bin nearby then take it home with you. Please do not leave it to other more responsible villagers to clean up after you and your dog.

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.

All Saints Church – We Need Your Support!



In the last issue of the Parish Newsletter we included an article explaining the desperate financial situation of the church and the urgent need for funds for a new heating boiler and retiling the roof. (The tiles are the original ones when the church was built in 1895 and are now disintegrating. We have already had one leak!) We are facing immediate bills of over £50,000 simply to have the urgent work done. Our architect has identified other work that needs to be done over the next five years at a similar cost.

The congregation cannot raise the money on its own; we have applied for grants, but at best they will only cover a proportion of the cost; the Church of England also faces a difficult financial situation and cannot help – and so we are appealing to our local community for support!

One way of supporting us is to join our '100 Club' due to start in January (see advert *and forms* below). Membership costs £2 per month per entry; there is no limit to the number of entries you can have - you could win the £50 monthly prize! Forms and copies of the Rules can be obtained from Brian and Carole Eyres, 'Fallowfield', Long Lane, Saughall, tel. 880416. (We prefer payment by monthly standing order, but a cheque for a year's subscription is also possible.)

Some people have made individual donations towards the cost of the new boiler and retiling following the article in the last Parish Newsletter and we are very grateful for their support. We are planning to launch a 'Friends of All Saints' scheme next year for people who would like to give on-going support.

Brian Harris (Vicar)

Scouts and Guides 100 Club

Please support the local uniform groups.
Telephone B Dique on 01244 887223.

Saughall Gardening Club

The Club meets on the third Monday of every month except December, starting in January when we hold our Annual General Meeting and Social, with refreshments provided by Committee Members, and anyone else kind enough to contribute. Helped by our Chairman's "liquid refreshments" (not too alcoholic!!) we have a very convivial evening. And so that everyone can enjoy the evening members are asked to bring their own glass and plate so that no-one is left with the washing-up.

On one evening during the summer we have a coach outing to a special garden or gardens, and we also have a Christmas dinner. Both of these outings are arranged mid-week so that Members who are unable to enjoy a coach outing do not miss a monthly meeting.

The membership fee has remained at £1 per family per annum, and "the family" includes all family members. As the membership remains buoyant I expect the fee will remain the same for 2010, and new Members are always welcome.

An Annual Show is held in August, and it is open to all the village of Saughall whether or not they are members, but I should point out that our membership is open to anyone who wants to join irrespective of where they live. At this year's Show we were encouraged that several non-members succeeded in winning, and entries generally were well up.

The Annual General Meeting is at 7.30pm on Monday, 18 January 2010 at the Vernon Institute.

Members can obtain 20% discount at Johnson's Oaktree Nursery, Fiddlers Lane on production of their Membership Card.

G Barnsley (Chairman 01244 880581
D Poynton (Treasurer) 01244 881541
B Goode (Secretary) 01244 880513

Dorothy Carlile

Mollington Singers

If you enjoy singing or have sung in a choir before and would like to join a local choir, why not give the Mollington Ladies Choir a go?

We meet each Monday at the Methodist Church Hall in Saughall at 7.30pm.

We welcome new members of all ages, sopranos and altos, and you can be sure of a warm friendly welcome. We have members from Saughall, Mollington and surrounding areas.

The choir sings for local clubs and charities and performs a wide range of music, our 30th Anniversary concert in June this year was a sell out!

For further information please contact
Janet Thaxter 01244 851328

Bruceschoolofdance.co.uk

We had a fun children's workshop over Halloween, we all dressed up and had a lovely time.



The children's dance class is for children aged from 4 years plus up to 16 years - get in touch, there are no sign-up or termly fees.

You can train for Allied Dance Examinations. The next exams for adults and children will be in March 2010.

We also have - classes, private lessons, home dance, corporate classes and fundraisers for adults. We have Ladies Latino fun dance classes at various locations - no kit or previous experience required. We can teach you a wedding dance for your special day. You can learn to dance on a Dance Course at West Cheshire College run by Dawn. We are schools registered and provide dance in a safe, affordable and fun way.

Contact - Dawn 01244 881092, mobile 079055717515,
Website: www.bruceschoolofdance.co.uk,
Email: bruecschoolofdance@hotmail.co.uk

Saughall Golden Link Club

The Club meets every Thursday afternoon from 2.00 to 4.00pm in the Vernon Institute. There is no joining fee; members bring a small raffle prize and £1, which entitles them to a raffle ticket and a cup of tea and biscuits.

Several times a year three old friends of the Club provide teas. We usually have a "strawberry tea" round about Wimbledon time, and if members are celebrating their birthdays in the same month they sometimes ask our Committee members to provide a slap-up tea with a birthday cake and candles. Christmas is celebrated with a three course lunch in the Institute catered for by our local caterers.

Several coach outings are taken from April onwards, (the last one this year was to Llandudno on 1 October); when non-members are always welcome to join us.

We have an occasional speaker or entertainment but mostly we play Bingo or chat amongst ourselves, with one of our male members great at reminiscing – he has us in fits of laughter.

Several silver trophies have been donated by local families in memory of past members, for which simple competitions are held throughout the year.

New members are always welcome to join us even if it is only occasionally – just drop in.

Dorothy Carlile (Chair)
01244 880658

Saughall Sports Day

The new Saughall Rotary Committee has agreed to revive and organise the Saughall Sports Day in May 2010. It is hoping that volunteers will come forward to help. This will be a fun day to suit all ages and events planned include the Saughall Mile and a Donkey Derby.

If you would like to help organise this event please contact Councillor Helen Thorniley-Jones on 01244 880205.

Saughall Friday Club

The Saughall Friday Club provides a wonderful day out for its very special members who thoroughly enjoy the superb hot meals cooked for them by our very valuable volunteers. Members and volunteers alike all enjoy each others company and we all have a happy day on Fridays. We are a wonderful team but are always looking for more volunteers to help with transport, caring or cooking. Anyone able to offer a little of their time to help out occasionally, would find a very warm and friendly welcome at the Friday Club.

A 90th birthday celebration was held recently and Dorothy Sharples is pictured over the page, blowing out the candles on a cake specially baked and decorated for her by volunteers.



If you would like to find out further details about the Friday Club, please call Jeanne Storrar on 01244 880226 or 07764 608680, or you may like to call into the Club which meets in the Saughall Methodist Church Hall between 10.30am and 3.00pm.

Councillor Jeanne Storrar

Fashion And Beauty Evening

A very successful Fashion and Beauty Evening was held in the Vernon Institute to raise funds for new equipment needed in the Institute. The grand sum of £710 was raised to which it is hoped further amounts will be added. It was great fun working with Jacqueline Alley and her wonderful team who provided an excellent evening featuring CC Fashions and Estee Lauder. We all had a good laugh when Ingrid turned up for Gardening Club (supposedly) by mistake, so she was marched up to the make-over experts and soon became very glamorous.



If anyone has any ideas to raise funds for our Vernon Institute that is used by so many organisations in our local community, please be kind enough to put your ideas to Jeanne Storrar who would be delighted to hear from you. The Institute is in need of some better equipment and we need your help.

Councillor Jeanne Storrar

Saughall Play Scheme

A Co-ordinator and helpers are required for a Play Scheme to be held in Saughall during the Summer holidays 2010. Teachers and classroom assistants would be ideal.

It is proposed that the children will be in the 7 – 11 year age range. It has yet to be decided if the Scheme will run over a week or on one day a week through the holidays.

If you are interested please contact Tony Summers on 07707 622062 or email saughall.safety@tiscali.co.uk

Jo Jangles

Jo Jangles is the country's leading music and movement experience. We aim to provide a fun and creative introduction to music for babies and young children. Jo Jangles teaches children to play percussion instruments expressively, to sing songs and find the rhythm to move and dance too. Most importantly it is a really lovely time for you and your child to spend together.

For information on classes in your area please telephone Eve on 01928 739966 or email evekay007@yahoo.co.uk

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

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:

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| • Pilates | • Gardening Club |
| • Badminton | • Golden Link |
| • Table Tennis | • Play School |
| • Snooker/Billiards | • Whist |
| • Women's Institute | • Art Club |
| • Saughall Library in the small hall. | • Dancing Schools |
| Open: | • Weight Watchers |
| Tuesday 3pm-4pm | • Model Dolls House Making |
| Thursday 7:30pm-8:30pm | |

Activities at All Saints Church

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| • Senior Monday Meeting | • Youth Football Teams |
| • Children's Group Meetings and Activities | • 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).

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| • Mother and Toddlers Group | • Slimming world |
| • Friday Club | • Dancing Classes |
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Sunday 13th December

10.30am Christingle Service - Joint Service (*All Saints Church*)

Wednesday 16th December

6.00pm Father Christmas and Christmas Market – Free Admission
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Sunday 20th December

10.45am Mr Phillip Morrey (*Methodist Church*)
11.30am Joint Service (*St Bartholomew's*)
6.30pm Nine Lessons and Carols (*All Saints Church*)
with City of Chester Band
followed by refreshments

Christmas Eve

3.30pm Praise and Play Crib Service (*All Saints Church*)
6.30pm Family Carol Service (*Methodist Church*)
11.30pm Midnight Communion (*All Saints Church*)

Christmas Day

9.30am Christmas Family Communion (*All Saints Church*)
10.00am Christmas Day Family Service (*Methodist Church*)
10.00am Christmas Day Eucharist (*St Bartholomew's*)

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