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Church Summer Fair



Many thanks to everybody who supported the Church Summer Fair and Crowning of the Rose Queen held in the Vicarage garden on Saturday, 26 June. It was a very enjoyable village occasion, with beautiful weather and over 400 people involved. The 2010 Rose Queen is Layla Evans; she was crowned by Mrs Donna Prenton, the Headteacher at Saughall All Saints Primary School. Layla, her retinue and retiring Queen Lauren Ralph all looked beautiful as they made their way through the village on the float as part of the procession, led by the City of Chester Band, and then at the crowning ceremony in the garden.

The event raised over £2000 for church funds and, once again, we are grateful for everybody's support. We are always looking for items for stalls at fund raising events, e.g. bric-a-brac, soft toys, other good-condition

toys, jewellery etc, and help on stalls. If you are able to donate anything or volunteer to help, please contact Jackie Alley on 880606.

Rev Brian Harris

And it's Goodbye from him!



From 16 August 2010 I will no longer be the Police Community Support Officer for the area of Saughall. I will be joining Cheshire Police and starting my training as a regular Police Constable. I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to all of the people I have met and worked with during my time in Saughall. This will be a chapter of my life that I will look back on with fond memories and I hope that one day I will have the opportunity to come back to Saughall.

PCSO Mike Butler

Parish Councils



What do they do?

Parish Councils are the first tier of government and are the first point of contact for anyone concerned with a community issue. They are democratically elected local authorities and exist in England, Wales and Scotland.

In England, Parish Councils were formed as part of the feudal system in the 11th Century to oversee the welfare and civic duties of a town or village. Many Parish Councils are still in place today, particularly in rural communities. They are made up of locally elected Councillors and are legally obliged to hold at least one meeting a year.

Saughall and Shotwick Park Parish Council is made up of 14 Members who meet every month to discuss Council business. In addition to this, it has Committees made up of its Members, dealing with specific subjects. Cheshire West and Chester Councillors regularly attend Parish Council meetings in order to report back to their Council on developments at Parish level. They are also invited to attend meetings when the Parish Council considers it appropriate, and they have a standing invitation to attend and report at the Annual Assembly.

Saughall and Shotwick Park Parish Council plays an important role as the grass roots level of Local Government, directly representing and promoting the interests of the community. Members also act as ambassadors for their community, keeping everyone aware of local needs and concerns and reporting back on borough and regional changes.

In addition to the Parish Councillors, who are your unpaid representatives, except for the Chairman (who receives an allowance of £1000 to assist the expenditure incurred and to compensate for all of the time spent on Council business), the Council is supported by a part time salaried Clerk who ensures that many statutory requirements are met. A small levy, or precept, is added to your

Council Tax to fund Council activities. Here are some of the services the Parish Council provides:

- a forum for parishioners to air matters of concern
- a statutory consultee on planning applications passing comments to Cheshire West and Chester Council
- watching over the extensive footpath network within the Parish
- provision and maintenance of public notice boards and litter bins
- development and maintenance of the Golden Jubilee Park
- ensuring as far as possible, that the village is clean and tidy and free from litter.

When does the Council Meet?

The Council meets, generally, on the first Monday of the month (or the second if the first is a bank holiday). Notices are displayed on the Council's notice boards and website. Agendas for meetings are always on deposit in the Co-op Store and posted on the Council's website (www.saughall.gov.uk).

Any resident on the Electoral Roll of Saughall and Shotwick Park is more than welcome to attend.

Before the meeting actually begins some time is set aside for members of the public to address the Council on matters of concern and ask questions so long as they have given the Clerk five clear working days notice of their intention to do so. You are free to leave at anytime. You do not have to sit through the whole meeting if you don't want to.

Keep Saughall Tidy

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

Chairman's Annual



Report 2009/10

The Chairman presented her Annual Report at the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday, 26 April 2010. The report detailed the work of the Council over the last year. The report's content is set out below.

Introduction

This meeting is the time when parishioners can have a voice on how the Village is performing overall. My report will be biased towards what has happened over the last year and, in particular, activities the Council has been engaged in and initiatives it is currently pursuing.

It is worth noting that this Council has one further year in office and will stand down in May 2011 after a five year term. It was elected in May 2006 for four years and should have stood down in May but was given an extension so that its elections could be held on 5 May 2011, on the same day as those of the new unitary authority, Cheshire If you are West and Chester Council. interested in playing a part in the of village facilities management becoming involved in wider issues such as planning and highway matters then why not think about standing for election?

What Facilities would you like to see in Saughall?

The Council is currently drawing up an interim plan of projects it would like to embark upon if grant aid becomes available during 2010/11 to help fund them. Therefore, it is canvassing your views on what facilities or services you would like to see introduced or replaced in the village in both the short and longer terms. Please let either myself or the Clerk have your ideas.

The Parish Plan (drafted in 2004) will be reviewed and revised after the elections and proposals for the longer term will be included if there is enough community support for them.

Finance

The Council's Financial Year runs from 1 April to 31 March and the bulk of its annual income comes from the precept; a sum raised via the Council Tax.

The Council has kept its spending as low as possible in the current economic downturn and set a prudent budget during 2009/10. Incidentally, the precept remains the same for 2010/11 as it was in 2009/10, at £44.53 per household per Band D property. This is truly a reflection on the good financial management, exercised by the Council. It will continue to watch the expenditure, particularly scrutinising any need for any that is unplanned.

The Council's budgets for the financial years 2009/10 and 2010/11 are as follows:

2009/10	£62,590.00
2010/11	£61,732.00

Council Budget 2009/10			
Budget Head	Allocation		
	(£)		
Environment	18,900.00		
Golden Jubilee Park	6,545.00		
Admin	19,810.00		
Bus Shelters	2,500.00		
Police	11,835.00		
Garden of	2,000.00		
Remembrance			
Contingency	1,000.00		
Total	62,590.00		

Council Budget 2010/11			
Budget Head	Allocation (£)		
Environment	19,050.00		
Admin	26,880.00		
Police	11,800.00		
Neighbourhood	1,000.00		
Management Team			
Contingency	3,002.00		
Total	61,732.00		

Internal Auditor

During the year the Council's Internal Auditor, Harry Dobson resigned and I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for carrying out the Council's internal audits since 2002 and for all the time and commitment this has involved. Bob Salisbury accepted an invitation to be the Council's new Internal Auditor. The transition between auditors was smooth as Harry was on hand to offer advice. I also would like to thank Harry for this and Bob for agreeing to take on this important role, the responsibility this involves and for the work he has undertaken so far.

Parish Council Surgeries

Parish Council Surgeries continue to be held monthly between 10.00am and 10.45am generally on the Saturday immediately before the Council meeting. We believe that it is important for them to be openly accessible and available to parishioners who want to discuss quality of life issues with Members. Successful Surgeries have been held outside the Co-op Store and dates are published well in advance in Parish Newsletters and on village notice boards. Council Members are now trialling holding them at the Vernon Institute whilst the Farmers' Market is on.

Vernon Institute

The Council has built up a savings fund which it uses to provide contributions towards the costs of improving the building and fabric of the Vernon Institute, a listed building and an important community facility and village meeting point. During the last year the Council has contributed £915, which is 50% of the cost of the heating system repairs. Members now want to sit down with the Vernon Institute Management Committee and agree a schedule of improvement works with realistic timescales. A meeting has been requested for this purpose.

Partnership Working and the PCSO Initiative

This village has had its own PCSO since 1 April 2007 when Mike Butler took up the The Council had a three-year position. agreement with the Cheshire Constabulary and contributed £11.000 each year. The Council has now entered into a further threeyear contract with the Constabulary. The Council's contribution has increased to £11,800 but it was able to secure a grant of £800 to help fund it from our Cheshire West and Chester Councillor Andrew Storrar who is able to make discretionary payments towards good causes. I thank Councillor Storrar for his financial assistance with this initiative.

PCSO Mike Butler continues to provide a visible uniformed presence and makes a valuable contribution to the reduction of crime and disorder and the promotion of public reassurance and quality of life in the village. I would like to put on record the Council's thanks and appreciation of his help and support over the years he has been attached to Saughall. Mike will be leaving us in the new Municipal year to take up a well earned post as a police constable. We are sad to see him go, Mike has served Saughall well. We wish him well and are sure he will make an excellent Policeman. When Mike leaves us a new PCSO will be assigned to Saughall.

Homewatch

The Homewatch continues to thrive under the sound leadership of Councillor lan Humphrey. Ian provides a valuable service and I pay tribute to him and thank him for his hard work and commitment to Homewatch. Anyone who would like to join the Homewatch must contact Ian. Joining does not incur any expense and all are welcome.

Remember this important message no action can be taken unless crime and anti social behaviour is reported to the Police!

Neighbourhood Management Team

The Council used its partnership with the police as a mechanism to form a Neighbourhood Management Team with other partners including the Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service and community volunteers. The Team was funded for a three-year period through a £10,000 grant from the Cheshire Community Council. It's made up of volunteers and its activities are co-ordinated extremely well by Tony Summers. Thank you to all members of this Team for their tireless efforts, which have made a real difference to Saughall.

Unfortunately, the funding has now ceased and we have been unable to attract any new grants. The Council has put £1000 in the budget to try to keep the Team going and will exploit any grant aid opportunities it comes across in the New Year to help fund projects and initiatives to make Saughall a safer place to live.

Litter Picking Contract

The Council awarded Mr Roy Hipkiss Saughall's Street Litter Contract for the period 22 May 2006 until 21 May 2010. It was expected that we would then invite tenders for this work for another four year period commencing on 22 May 2010.

However, as Cheshire West and Chester Council's future funding arrangements for litter picking in parished areas is still unknown the Council has, with Mr Hipkiss' agreement, extended his contract, on his current rate of £12,092.08 per annum, until 31 March 2011. It is now expected that a tender specification for the work required will be available in December 2010, subject to the necessary funding being in place.

Golden Jubilee Park

During the year the play equipment for the younger children and the Cheshire railings have been painted to smarten them up. The swings have had some minor repair as a result of wear and tear. Unfortunately, a cable on the new play net was severed, the

new 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 play net cost the Council £262 to repair and it cost £130 to mend the wet pour surface. This money had been earmarked for improvements.

Despite this mindless vandalism the Council has continued to develop the Park and is in the process of replacing the multi-play unit and slide.

The grass cutting contract has expired. Rather than going out to tender the Council and Saughall Cricket Club have agreed that the Club will maintain all of the sports pitches and play areas within the Golden Jubilee Park in future, at a price to be agreed annually (2010 - £2,500) and the Joint Use Agreement has been amended accordingly.

The car park does flood when there is a lot of heavy rain. The Council continues to seek a remedy for this problem and had some drainage work carried out this year, at a cost of £907.

The Community Pay Back Scheme is providing the labour for lots of maintenance projects in the Park and in other parts of the village. This resource is greatly appreciated and a token payment of £100 has been made for work done so far.

In the interests of health and safety the Council, as the land's owner, has taken the decision not to allow dogs in the Golden Jubilee Park. Signage is displayed in the park to this affect. Dog owners may face enforcement action if their dogs are found on this land.

The New School and the Thomas Wedge CE (Controlled) Junior School

The new Saughall All Saints' Church of England Primary School opened in the autumn. It is a state of the art education facility. A Puffin Crossing has been installed on Church Road to improve safety. The Council is very pleased with this outcome as it has been campaigning for a crossing on

this road for years.

We were sad to see the Thomas Wedge School demolished, as our children have been pupils there over the years. We are pleased with the new school but think it should have been built to accommodate more children. If Saughall children are refused places in the future we will know we were right!

The future of the Church Hall remains uncertain as does that of the former Ridings School building.

Traffic Congestion at All Saints Primary School

The Council has been concerned by the traffic congestion on Church Road and in the Co-op Store's car park caused by parents dropping off and picking up their children from the new School. We have worked with PCSO Mike Butler, the School and Cheshire West and Chester Council's Highways Officers to discourage parents from transporting their children by car and we have made it known that we are very interested in supporting events like Walk to School Month and Walk to School Week. Children enjoy special events and special days and we believe that a focus on encouraging families to walk to school would help not only address the healthy schools agenda, but would also alleviate congestion around school, parking problems and improve pupil safety.

Highways Issues

Traffic congestion, problems with the buses, damage to grass verges, parking, potholes 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, which are borrowed from the principal authority from time to time. Speed checks will be repeated often, as a deterrent, for those who regularly offend.

Saughall aspires to meet the criteria laid down to become a community speed watch area.

Wain House Re-development

Chester District Housing Trust (CDHT) has begun to re-develop the site of Wain House and five bungalows at Rakeway. Its principal contractor Seddons is building 37 apartments for the over 55s with associated open space. CDHT has promised to ensure, through its own and the Council's Newsletter, that all local residents are kept informed of any progress with the building work and key dates. The project is expected to be complete by the end of April 2011.

Affordable Housing Scheme

Cheshire West and Chester Council's Housing Strategy and Enabling Manager has informed the Council that her Council's Property Team are preparing a brief to go to partner housing associations inviting proposals for affordable housing at the Lodge Lane site.

Planning

The Council is a statutory consultee on all planning applications in its area. It provides a focal point for the views of local residents and has an opportunity to support or oppose each application. In the course of this Municipal Year the Council has dealt with 30 applications compared with 38 last year. The number of planning applications being submitted each year is decreasing, probably due to the recession.

All Saints Church – Garden of Remembrance

The All Saints Church burial ground is almost full and no other land has been identified for burial in the village. The Church approached the Council requesting a financial contribution towards developing the new Garden of Remembrance and it donated £2,000 to assist this initiative.

Christmas Lights Celebration - Thursday,

3 December 2009

The 2009 Christmas Lights Celebration was well supported by the Council who paid for the Christmas tree and lighting thank modifications. I would like to Councillor Jean Johnson and the Christmas Lights Steering Group for organising this popular seasonal event. The turn out was high as we all entered into the Christmas spirit. The Council is extremely grateful to those who help with the preparation and arrangements at such a busy time of year.

Communications

The Parish Council's website is regularly updated (www.saughall.gov.uk) to keep people abreast of our activities etc. We also publish a newsletter four times a year and local people and village organisations are actively encouraged to contribute to it and/or advertise in it. It is a very interesting read and I know people look forward to receiving it. The Clerk and I can be contacted by email so please use this facility to send us items and photographs for possible inclusion in future issues and to pass on your comments to us. (clerk@saughall.gov.uk)

And finally...

The Parish Council has again had a heavy workload and I do thank my fellow Parish Councillors for their support and encouragement and the Parish Clerk for her contributions and hard work over the last year. I would also like to thank those members of the public, who have brought matters to our attention, or who have come along to our meetings during the year.

The 2010/11 Municipal year promises to be interesting and your Parish Council are determined to ensure that the pleasant environment here in Saughall, and the quality of life we enjoy, is maintained at the highest possible level.

Jenny Young Chairman, 26 April 2010

Parish Council Surgeries

Parish Council Surgeries will be held between 10.00am and 10.45am on the following Saturdays. Notices will be put on village notice boards in advance informing where they will be held:

- 31 July
- 4 Sept
- 2 Oct
- 30 Oct

Single Waste Collection Contract

Currently, householders have different waste and recycling collections depending upon which former district council area they lived in prior to Local Government Reorganisation and the formation of the Borough of Cheshire West and Chester (CWAC).

CWAC Council would like to replace these three existing arrangements with a single new service. It plans to introduce these changes in 2012 when its existing contracts come to an end.

The Council believes that by bringing all the different collection arrangements into one, it will be possible to reduce costs, improve recycling and provide residents with a consistent and improved waste collection service across the borough.

The new waste collection service will have five key aims, to:

- Deliver high levels of customer service
- Reduce overall costs of the service by being more efficient.
- Continue to increase the amount of waste recycled beyond 50%.
- Provide consistent collection arrangements across the Council.
- Minimise carbon emissions.

These five aims have been developed using a combination of the results from CWAC Council's January Recycling Newsletter

survey, along with other aspects that are important to it as a whole.



Changes to the Bus Timetable

A new bus timetable is to be introduced at the end of August. Chester West

and Cheshire Council has reached agreement with the bus operators Arriva and First for jointly operated services to serve Blacon and Saughall.

Saughall will continue to be served by the 15 and 15A services which will operate on a 15 minute frequency instead of every 10 minutes as now. The services will be operated jointly by Arriva and First with tickets interchangeable between the operators including GHA who operate the evening and Sunday/Public Holiday services.

The new 15 and 15A timetable will commence on Tuesday, 31 August. There are a few changes at the start and end of the daytime services which passengers should note. The first services from Saughall to Chester will operate on the 15 route leaving the terminus at 07:05 and 07:35 with the first 15A service commencing at 07:50 and thereafter alternating services operating at a 15 minute frequency until 17:50 with the last service at 18:20 on route 15A.

The first service from Chester to Saughall will leave the Bus Exchange at 07:30 on route 15 and thereafter alternating services operating on a 15 minute frequency until 18:00. The first Saturday service to Saughall will be the 0745 on route 15A. The first Saturday services from Saughall to Chester will be at 07:35 and 08:05 on route 15 and then at 15 minute intervals commencing with 08:20 15A service.

Some welcome changes are made to the Evening and Sunday/Public Holiday services operated by GHA which will be introduced from Sunday, 29 August. The inward service to Saughall will pass through the Bus

Exchange (Stand 1C) leaving at 40 minutes past the hour. There is no change to the route into Chester which will continue to operate via Delamere Street, Gorse Stacks, and Foregate Street. The DB6 service will operate at an hourly frequency on Sundays and Public Holidays without the present 2 hour break between 12:57 and 14:57.

When the new timetable is introduced all Saughall services will leave from Stand 1C at the Bus Exchange and not 1B as now.

Brian Kerr

Facilities we would you like to see in Saughall

The Council has taken a proactive approach by drawing up an interim plan of projects it would like to embark upon if grant aid becomes available during 2010/11 to help fund them. It canvassed your views on what facilities or services you would like to see introduced or replaced in the village in both the short and longer terms via this Newsletter in April.

Below is the list of priorities which were identified and agreed:

- Affordable Housing Scheme(s)
- Sporting pavilion/multi-purpose community centre – separately or in one building
- War memorial refurbishment
- Electrification of the VI Clock
- Cenotaph
- Bowling green
- Tennis courts
- Second goal-end
- Boules court
- Flag pole and flags
- Appropriate and tasteful street art

The Council intends to review and revise the Parish Plan (available to download on the website) after the Parish Council Elections next year. The Plan will span a ten year period and proposals for the longer term will be included if there is enough community support for them. If you have any

suggestions please inform the Clerk or any Parish Councillor.

Vandalism and Anti-Social Behaviour

Residents do complain to the Parish Council about vandalism and anti-social behaviour but don't report such incidents to the Police.

Whilst the Council works closely with the Police and other agencies, individuals have first hand knowledge of incidents which is crucial to help solve crimes so they <u>must</u> contact the Police direct and obtain an incident number.

Please make your **Homewatch Co-ordinator** aware of any incidents, too.

No action can be taken unless crime and anti social behaviour is reported to the Police!

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

Would You like to be a Homewatch Co-ordinator?

Anyone who would like to join the Saughall Homewatch can ring the Chairman – Ian Humphrey on 880011. Joining does not incur any expense whatsoever and all callers will be welcome.

Parish Street Orderly Scheme

Cheshire West and Chester (CWAC) Council has informed that it will continue with the present funding arrangements for Street Orderlies until the end of this financial year, pending a review of the current scheme. In the meantime, there is an urgent need to further formalise the current Parish Street Orderly Grant Scheme to clarify roles, responsibilities and expectation and provide greater accountability for local service delivery and the effective use of public monies.

The Parish Council receives a grant of £5,249.92 per annum based on 16 hours per week at an hourly rate of £6.31 from CWAC Council. However, the Parish Council heavily subsidises this as it pays its contractor for 22 hours of litter picking a week. Consequently, Members are trying to renegotiate the grant it receives and a meeting has been arranged for this purpose on Monday, 26 July 2010. The outcome of these negotiations will be reported in the next Newsletter.

The Church Hall

The Council as a statutory consultee considered a planning application in respect of the Church Hall that has been left standing on Church Road following the demolition of the Thomas Wedge CE (Controlled) Junior School. It was to erect a new brick outer face to the south-facing elevation of the existing building following part-demolition and to insert a window. It raised no objections. Cheshire West and Chester Council, the Planning Authority, will make a determination on this proposal soon.

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.

Wain House Re-Development



Wain House was handed over to G and J Seddon, the contractors, in March; they have completed the demolition of the former structure and undertaken site remediation.

Construction is ongoing, drainage works are underway and the substructure block work is in progress. The scheme is scheduled to be completed in spring 2011.

Residents living near the development were invited to a coffee morning held in the site canteen on Friday, 2nd July and approximately 16 residents attended. Another coffee morning is scheduled to be held in October.

New Affordable Housing in Saughall

The site designated for affordable housing is being advertised for sale. Any progress on this initiative will be reported in a future edition of this Newsletter.

Potholes

The severe weather this winter has taken its toll on the roads with potholes appearing everywhere. Potholes can be reported direct

to Cheshire West and Chester Council by telephoning key contact number: 0300 123 7 036 or online at www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

Saughall Sports Day

After an absence of many, many years Saughall Sports Day returned to the village on **Saturday**, **17 July 2010** in the Golden Jubilee Park.

Many thanks to Saughall Rotary Club for organising a family sports day that was enjoyed by all who attended.

Cheshire Community Action Grant - SUGS Snug

Saughall Uniformed Groups are based on the corner of Fiddlers Lane, Saughall. We have been discussing ways in which we can reduce our heating costs and carbon footprint. To this end we were advised to bid for a grant from Cheshire Community Action being offered in partnership with West Cheshire and Chester Council and West Cheshire NHS.

Nothing lost everything to gain we applied passing the selection round one and entering into round two. We were invited to Tarvin Community Centre on Wednesday, 7 July to present our bid. We were restricted to one guest .The audience was select friends, council and health representatives and other successful applicants. Eurovision style we had to vote, scoring was from 1 to 5 and the scoring had to be based on the content of the application, not the presentation. There was a mixture of death by power point and talking heads.

Nine organisations were selected out of 30. Saughall did well with two bids in the last nine (SUGS and the Saughall Neighbourhood Management Committee). After a five minute presentation by each of the nine groups, the visitors were asked to vote, place voting papers in a brown box and while we were networking (collecting free pens! Trading small size chairs) the votes

were counted. The results were announced in no particular order and Saughall SUGS were successful in obtaining a maximum grant of £750 towards insulation of the hut beginning in the main hall.

Now we will seek match funding to make the scouting grand howl louder and the guiding smile warmer this winter. Offers?

Joanne Brookes

Saughall Neighbourhood Management Team

Saughall Neighbourhood Management Team Members are Ian Humphrey, Harry Dobson, Jenny Young, Christine Champion, Rakesh Shukla, Jane Edwards, Brenda Willis and Tony Summers, who has acted as the Team's Co-ordinator for the last three years. If you would like to join you will be made most welcome.

The Team's aim is to improve quality of life and make Saughall and Shotwick Park a Safer Place for everyone to live.

The Team has been successful in attracting a £750 grant from Cheshire Community Action to support the fun week it has organised for youngsters in the school holidays. This funding will help to pay staff and buy equipment to make sure the event will be enjoyed by all who attend.

The Team has also been successful in its funding application for four cycle racks.

Any residents of Saughall and Shotwick Park who have concerns please contact Tony Summers who will do what he can to assist or will point you in the right direction

Tony Summers, Co-ordinator, Saughall Neighbourhood Management Team 232 Hermitage Road, Saughall Telephone 07707622062 Email: saughall.safety@tiscali.co.uk

Saughall Youth Club

Saughall Youth Club is open on a Tuesday evening from 6.30pm–8.30pm. We get many children from the village attending and the Club has become a popular meeting point for friends after school.

Admission is free and is for youngsters in Years 6 to 11. We have a tuck-shop which sells sweets, drinks, hot dogs etc. There are lots of things to do such as table-tennis, football table, pool; computers and we have a Nintendo Wii.

Dog Fouling Nuisance

The Council is receiving more and more complaints about the nuisance of dog fouling, particularly on Church Road. It wishes to confirm that it has a zero tolerance attitude towards these incidents and will not hesitate to take action against offending dog owners.

The Council appeals to residents to assist it in this matter, both by ensuring they pick up any mess left by the dog and/or acting as an observer and reporting to us any incident they see. The Council will seek assistance from Cheshire West and Chester Council in taking the necessary action against any dog owners who fail to clear up mess left by their animal.

You have been warned!

Golden Jubilee Park

A new multi-play slide shute has now been ordered at a cost of £9,763 plus vat which will be claimed back at the end of the year. The Council was successful in obtaining a £3000 grant through Cheshire West and Chester Council's 2010 Parish Grant Scheme which will be put towards this with the Council making up the difference from its savings fund designated form the Park's improvement. The provisional date for

installation is Wednesday, 4 August 2010.

The car park in the Golden Jubilee Park is available for members of the public to park in. You can park there even if you aren't using the Park's facilities. It is safer to park there than parking on the road, or even worse, half on the road and half on the footpath! Use the car park and avoid the traffic chaos that ensues when motorists have to queue to get by parked vehicles on Fiddlers Lane, Long Lane and Church Road.

Overhanging bushes and trees

Are your bushes and trees over hanging the footpath?

Please be vigilant as the blocking of footpaths in this way can cause significant danger to pedestrians. If they are injured as a result you could be liable. Also, please check your trees as overhanging branches can cause injuries.



Parish Council's Web Site

Did you know that the Council has a presence on

the World Wide Web?

Why not bookmark www.saughall.gov.uk in your web browser? Here you will find an emporium of material, including archives of past minutes, a gallery of photographs from around the village, the Parish Plan, a list of meeting dates, details of the Council's activities, finances, assets and much more. You can also have your say. Occasional questionnaires invite views on topical issues.

Additions to the photo gallery are always welcome and if you'd like to be a regular contributor we'd love to hear from you.

Please take the time to complete and return the survey form at the end of this Newsletter.

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.

The VI Clock

Why does the VI Clock only have three faces? The reason is that the Clock was donated



by village people but those living in Little Saughall did not contribute. Therefore, no clock face points in the direction of Little Saughall.

Jenny Young

Lead a Run in England Group!



Are you interested in running?

Would you like to volunteer and lead a weekly running group in your local area?

Cheshire West and Chester (CWAC) Council is trying to collate a list of interested parties who would be keen to become a volunteer run leader in their local area within the borough. Revalue your health charity, which is partly run by a Run in England representative wants to increase participation in running and promote voluntary participation, by recruiting and training volunteer run leaders. It basically entails completing a run in England leader course (£90) which will be fully paid for by the charity and your registration fee of (£20) paid by the re-value your health group. So there is no cost to you, only your time in leading weekly sessions and reporting back to the re-value group with attendance figures etc. is required.

Once you are qualified as a run leader the agreement is that you must set up a re-value running group in your local area on a voluntary basis with the support of CWAC Council Sport Development team and Alison Lysons Area Development Officer for Run in England.

When the group is set up, runners who want to join the group will be charged £2 per session to attend the group and the leader will lead the session on a voluntary basis. The leader will be responsible for taking the money in and sending it on to the re-value group. This money will either be reinvested in further training for other individuals associated with the particular running group or used to pay membership fees, so in essence, the group can be self sustainable. This way both leaders and members of the group will not be charged any membership fees as they will be paid by the re-value group.

Revalue has the money to set up a maximum of five groups in the CWAC Council area.

Please send any queries, and if you are interested your name and contact details to Emma Brown, Sports Development Officer (Community), CWAC Council Tel No. 01606 288559, email:emma.brown@cheshirewestandches ter.gov.uk

Who will arrange for you to go on the course.



Walking for Health

Would you like to join a walking group? The NHS will help establish a local group and train people on how to run it. It is

recommended that at least eight people receive training. Walks will be arranged to suit the walkers and will take between 30 and 60 minutes. Blacon already has a

successful group that walks every Monday. If you are interested please contact Bea Summers on 881366 or Jenny Young on 881133.

Jenny Young

Drama



How about a challenge? Saughall Uniform Groups would like to put on a production of Peter Pan this Christmas. Are you good at

writing, directing or acting? If so please contact Jo Brookes on 881284.

Could You Record Village Events?

Anne Stuart used to write a few paragraphs about proceedings at village events and send them to the news desk at the Chester Chronicle for publication. Since she died there has been no one to do this.

It was interesting to read about what was going on in the village in the Chronicle so if you think that this is something you could do please let the Clerk or any Member of the Parish Council know.

Free Training for Advice Guide – the one stop website for all you advice needs

The Cheshire Advice Partnership (a project run by Age Concern, Citizens Advice Bureaux and Shelter) is offering a free elearning workshop for all partners who want to get to grips with Advice Guide, the Citizens Advice self-help website.

What is Adviceguide?

Adviceguide is Citizens Advice online public information service www.adviceguide.org.uk. It provides round-the-clock, up-to-date information on common areas such as benefits, housing, employment, debt, consumer and much more.

How can Adviceguard help?

Adviceguide is a useful tool, offering up to date information. Simply log on to the website and use the easy to use A-Z listings you can help answer simple queries or find out your rights.

Adviceguide does not aim to provide the level of detailed comprehensive information that a Citizen's Advice Bureau adviser does. It aims to help you to have a better understanding of your rights and entitlements, and to take the first steps in resolving problems for yourself. Where appropriate, users are directed to additional sources of expert advice and to details of your nearest bureau.

If you would like to find out more about how you can sign up to this free training please email cap@cwcab.org.uk to request the link.

"Everybody Benefits"

The Benefit Service has been promoting this Benefit Take up campaign since April 2009. The remit of the campaign is to raise awareness of all benefits and other financial help that is available and to encourage all residents across Cheshire West and Chester to claim that help.

The Visiting Team within the Benefits Department can now offer home visits or telephone call backs to any individual who would like some welfare benefit advice. They can conduct a full review of any benefit or other financial assistance that may be appropriate for their circumstances and help them claim that help. If any one would like to book a visit or call back they can ring the Benefits Department on 0300 123 7021.

There are a number of leaflet and fact sheets available from free school meals to benefits available if you are approaching aged sixty and winter fuel incentives.

All Saints Church 100 Club

We are delighted that so many people from the village have joined the 100 Club - there are currently 114 entries - and we are very grateful for everybody's support. The lucky winners of the first six £50 monthly draws were:

January - David Small February - Sheila Whitehead March - Eric Lowe April - Verena Moss May - Doreen Bibby June - Tony Summers

Money raised will help to offset the cost of new heating boilers and radiators for the church. The work has now been completed (at a total cost of about £16,000) - so we can now offer a genuinely warm welcome to church! The next major project will be reroofing of the building, replacing the tiles that are now beginning to disintegrate.

New members to the Club are always welcome - and will enable us to increase the prize money! For more details please contact Brian and Carole Eyres on. 880416.

Thank you to all our supporters.

Rev Brian Harris

Table Top Sale to be held in aid of the Vernon Institute (VI)

A Table Top Sale has been organised by Peggy Smith to take place on Saturday, 14 August 2010, starting at 10:30am until 3:30pm in the main hall at the VI in Saughall. We wish to raise funds towards replacing the rather shabby china in the VI and hope that we can have a full capacity of stalls to take part. The cost per table will be £7 and you keep your takings but if you are successful, we would obviously be delighted to accept a larger donation. Light refreshments will be available. Admission for prospective purchasers will be free. To

book your table or for further details, please call Peggy on 880733 or Jeanne on 880226.



Christmas is coming

St. Bartholomew's Church in Sealand would like to give you advance warning of their

Musical Celebration of Christmas which is to take place on Wednesday, 15 December 2010 at 7:30pm. Please put this date in your diary and come and enjoy a lovely evening with us. Further details will follow in the next publication.

Jeanne Storrar

Saughall Uniform Groups

Contact telephone numbers:

Rainbows 880671 Brownies 880324 Guides 398190 Rangers 398190 Beavers 350096

To hire the Scout Hut contact Philip Brookes on 01244 881284.

Ladies Choir

The Ladies choir meets every Monday at 7.30pm in the Methodist Church Hall. New members are welcome.

Contact Diane barker on 01244 880224

Saughall Gardening Club



On 17 May 45 members visited the woodland garden of Mr and Mrs C Barbin at Rosewood in Parkgate. It was a lovely evening and we were introduced to a

handkerchief tree and several rare specimens of magnolia and rhododendron. Afterwards there was a special treat of home made cakes, tea and coffee.

For the June meeting, Mr and Mrs Barbin returned the visit and put on a spectacular

film show of Mr Barbin's visit to Northern China, following in the foot steps of the 19th Century collectors and explorers.

We would like to remind the village of our annual show which takes place on Saturday, 21 August. The event is open to all and we hope as many of you as possible will contribute to the various sections. Programmes are available from committee members and the Oaktree Garden Centre. Exhibits will be accepted on the day of the show until 10:45am and doors will reopen at 2:00pm. Do come along and enjoy the exhibits.

Verena Moss

The Beauty Lodge

The owner of the city centre Beauty Salon DAYREAMS, which has been established for 15 yrs, is now bringing her experience in the world of beauty therapy to the suburbs of Saughall.

The beautiful little barn next to her home Oakvilla on Church Rd which was previously a granny annex has now been converted into THE BEAUTY LODGE.

This is where you can be professionally pampered in this tranquil rural retreat. A full range of beauty treatments will be available. Initially the days it is open will have to complement her working in Chester and will be announced soon.

Saughall Friday Club - June 2010

The Saughall Friday Club members were delighted to be able to celebrate with Mr. Alan Willey (their most senior member) on the occasion of his 95th Birthday. All the members and some carers were able to enjoy an excellent carvery lunch at The Old Quay in Parkgate, due to the generosity of their sponsors Bespoke Bridal of Saughall. Following the lunch, everyone took advantage of the lovely weather and went along the quayside to indulge in the famous Parkgate ice-cream. Mr. Willey is pictured

here with his Birthday balloon and again enjoying a very substantial lunch.





The Friday Club has in recent weeks very sadly lost some of its members due to ill health, and therefore has vacancies for more

members. If you know of anyone who would like to be considered as a member, please call the Secretary Gaynor Harris on 01244 881741 or Jeanne Storrar on 01244 880226. Volunteers are also always most welcome.

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

- 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 email: rm.salisbury@btopenworld.com

Saughall Community Day Centre Church Road, Saughall Tel: 880474

Saughall Greyhound Pub Football Team Telephone Carl on 880205

VI Badminton Chris Harman Tel: 880205 email: chrisharman@aol.com 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 Andy Youde 881896 www.saughallcolts.co.uk

> Golden Link Club Margaret Grain, Tel: 881294

All Saints Primary School Headteacher – Donna Prenton Tel: 981090 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







Ellesmere Port Golf Centre Over 55's Social Golf Day Wednesday 21st July 2010, 10am

8 hole Texas Scramble Green fees, Lunch + prizes All for £15

for further details and to reserve a place please call GET ACTIVE PROJECT 01244 677777

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SAUGHALL AND SHOTWICK PARK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE MAY 2010 – MAY 2011

All meetings, both Council and Committees, are open to the public. Agendas for all meetings are displayed at the Co-op Store, Church Road, Saughall and on the Council's website (www.saughall.gov.uk). Parish Council meetings begin at 7:30pm and include ten minutes of Public Speaking Time where residents can bring matters to the attention of Members of the Council.

Meetings of the Council and the Planning Committee usually take place at the Vernon Institute, Church Road, Saughall and other Committee meetings are held in the Uniform Groups' Headquarters on Fiddlers Lane, Saughall, unless otherwise stated on the agenda.

Date	Parish Council	* Planning Committee	Finance & GP Committee	Annual Meeting	Budget Meeting	Parish Meeting
	7:30pm	7:00pm	7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm	
10-May		X		X		
07-Jun	X	Х				
05-Jul	X	Х				
29-Jul			Х			
02-Aug	Х	Х				
06-Sep	Х	Х				
30-Sep			Х			
04-Oct	Х	Х				
01-Nov	Х	Х				
18-Nov			Х			
06-Dec	Х	Х				
10-Jan	Х	Х				
17-Jan					Х	
20-Jan			Х			
07-Feb	Х	Х				
07-Mar	Х	Х				
24-Mar			Х			
04-Apr	Х	Х				
11-Apr						Х
09-May		Х		Х		

^{*} Planning Committee meetings will take place if planning applications have been received from Cheshire West and Chester Council. Therefore it may be necessary to cancel scheduled meetings if no plans have been received and call other meetings at a later date if plans are received, with the agreement of the Chairman and to fit in with the Planning Authority's tight consultation timescales.

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The quarterly Parish Newsletter is important in ensuring that parishioners receive information that will help to keep them informed and in the loop with this Council's news.

Please help us to keep improving the Parish Newsletter by filling in the attached survey form and returning it to the Clerk or any Council Member by <u>31 August 2010.</u>

Your feedback is vital and we look forward to receiving your responses.

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
The Newsletter keeps me well					
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The Newsletter continues to					
improve the way I receive information from the Council.					
The Newsletter provides me					
with the relevant information I require.					
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