

## PARISH NEWSLETTER

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#### The Future of the Greyhound Inn



The Greyhound Inn closed in autumn 2010 and has been standing empty ever since. Local residents are concerned about the future of their village pub and so the Council contacted its owners Enterprise Inns Plc to request a meeting with them to discuss their plans for its future. The meeting was held at 6pm on Monday, 7 February 2011 at the Vernon Institute and although it wasn't a public meeting a number of villagers were in attendance.

Enterprise Inns have confirmed that they are committed to the long term future of the pub and are currently recruiting for a suitable licensee. The intention is to improve the pub for the local community and re-open it around about Easter.

If you would like to share your ideas/vision for the future of the Greyhound with Enterprise Inns' Regional Manager, then please email:

colin.broadhurst@enterpriseinns.plc.uk

**News for the Chester Chronicle** 

If you have any news items re village life, activities etc. please send them to John Martin who will be supplying the Chester Chronicle with a Saughall news round up, each week.

Tel: 01244 881157

Email: <u>ilmartin66@yahoo.co.uk</u>

#### **Chairman's New Year Message**

A belated Happy New Year and welcome to the February edition of your Parish Council's Newsletter which I hope you will find informative.

In the current economic climate Cheshire West and Chester (CWAC) Council is facing big spending restrictions which will result in noticeable changes to the way services are delivered. The Parish Council hopes to be able to work with CWAC more closely to ensure that the services we need are continued and delivered more efficiently.

In the meantime, we will continue the Council's work to improve our village's appearance and amenities. If you have any ideas or suggestions on how this can be achieved please contact me or any of the other Parish Councillors. All of our names and contact details are listed towards the end of this Newsletter.

5 May 2011 is the local election date and we are encouraging more people who are interested in their community to summon up the courage to put themselves forward for election to the Parish Council. Yes it does involve standing up and taking responsibility and you will have to justify what you say and do, but if you really want to improve people's

lives in the village, being a Member of the Parish Council means you are best placed to do it.

So what does your Parish Council do? It has an overall responsibility for the well-being of the village with its work falling into three main categories:

- Representing the local community
- Delivering services to meet local needs
- Striving to improve the quality of life in the local area

For example, the Council provides, maintains or contributes to the following services:

Bus shelters; Car parking; Community Safety; Community Transport; Cricket; Football; Crime reduction measures; Cycle routes; Festivals and celebrations; Footpaths and bridleways; Grant schemes; Leisure facilities; Litter and dog bins; Local youth projects and playground; Parks and open spaces; Planning; Road Safety; Street Cleaning; Street Lighting; and much, much more!

When the new Localism Bill is enacted it is expected to give community groups and parish councils the chance to run services such as schools and libraries, make council spending more transparent and revamp the planning system to give local people more control over developments. If this Council is going to be effective and provide value for money in the future we will need to build our own capacity and ensure that we are advocates for the Big Society.

The aim is to strengthening Local Democracy and as a Council, we will want to do this by applying and obtaining a General Power of Competence: Local authorities, including certain parish councils, will have "all the same powers that an individual generally has, which will enable them to do anything apart from that which is specifically prohibited". The Government has said that this means that parish councils will have new freedoms to run services "free from

Whitehall diktat", and more freedom to innovate and work together with others to drive down costs. It said councils could use the power to "set up banks, develop property, run new services and own assets".

With so many austerity measures in place, the road ahead will not be easy for any of us and for parish councils it will involve a lot of commitment and hard work from its Members. However, there should also be rewards to reap which will make Saughall a better place for us all to live in. If you enjoy a challenge, have the time to give and would like to make a difference to our village, then please think about standing to be a Parish Councillor at the next election.

Jenny Young

Tel No: 01244 881133

#### **Annual Parish Meeting**

All local residents are invited to attend the Annual Parish Meeting for the Parishes of Saughall and Shotwick Park, which will be held at <u>7:30pm Monday</u>, <u>11 April 2011</u> in the <u>Vernon Institute</u>. The Chairman of the Parish Council, Jenny Young, will preside.

The formal part of the evening will consist of the Chairman's report on the Parish Council's activities over the year, a financial report and a question and answer session. Parishioners will also be requested to express their views and explore ideas, in the light of the Government's Comprehensive Spending Review announced on 20 October 2010, on how their local community should be run, how services traditionally provided by Councils should be delivered in future and on the "Big Society" that is expected to take power away from politicians and give it to the people.

At the close of the meeting there will be an opportunity to network with your Parish Councillors.

#### Council Tax 2011/12

The Parish Council is pleased to announce that it has again set a prudent budget and not increased the precept, which means that it will remain exactly the same as last year's, at £44.53 per household per Band D property.

The Council has kept its spending as low as possible in the current economic downturn. It has asked Cheshire West and Chester Council for a Parish Precept of £51,432 for 2011/12. This year's Parish Council budget amounts to £62,796.

Unlike Principal Authorities, Parish Councils do not receive Government grants and are wholly funded by Council Tax.

How your £62,796 is going to be spent is set out in the Council's budget below.

#### Council Budget 2011/12

Budget Head	Allocation
Environment	16,866
Administration	15,260
Annual Payments	9,870
Community Facilities Fund	1,000
Police	11,800
Neighbourhood Management	
Team	1,000
Uniform Groups' HQ Rental	500
Local Community Fund	1,000
Community Action Projects	2,000
War Memorial Fund	500
Contingency	3,000
Total	62,796

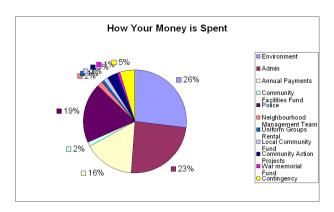
This budget can be viewed in more detail online at:

http://www.saughall.gov.uk/Minutes.htm

#### Keep Saughall Tidy

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

#### How your money is spent



#### **Helen Thorniley – Jones**

Mrs Thorniley – Jones resigned from the Council on 6 December 2010 due to personal reasons. The Council was sorry to see her step down but accepted her reasons for doing so.

Through this Newsletter, Councillors would like to publicly thank Mrs Thorniley - Jones for her contributions and hard work over the years she was a Member of this Council and to wish her well for the future.

This resignation created a casual vacancy but as it has arisen less than six months before the next Parish Council election, the vacancy will not be filled until after the Election has taken place.

## Local Council Elections – Thursday, 5 May 2011

Elections for both the Parish and Borough Councils will be held on Thursday, 5 May 2011. There are 14 seats to be filled on the Parish Council (13 Saughall and 1 Shotwick Park) and 1 seat for the new Saughall and Mollington Ward on the Borough Council. Those elected will serve for a period of 4 years. To stand for candidates election, must submit nomination paper to the Returning Officer at Cheshire West and Chester Council by no later than 5pm on Monday, 4 April 2011. Nomination papers can be obtained from the Returning Officer at the new HQ building, 5th Floor, 58 Nicolas Street, Chester. CH1 2NP.

You can stand for election if you are over 18 years of age and you are a British, Irish, Commonwealth or European Union Citizen. You also need to have a local connection, e.g. living or working or entered on the electoral register in the Council area for which you wish to stand.

You cannot stand for election if you are bankrupt or have served a prison sentence of three months or more within the last five years. You are also ineligible if you work for the council on which you want to become a Member.

#### **Education Bill - Published**

The Education Bill will help teachers raise standards in schools. It includes measures to root out bad behaviour, tackle underperformance and improve the way in which schools are held to account.

In addition, the Bill will strengthen teachers' power to deal with bad behaviour. It gives teachers the power to search for any items schools ban that disrupts learning, like mobile phones and video cameras. It also gives schools the final say in expelling violent pupils and protects teachers from pupils making false allegations.

## The Localism Bill Grants New Powers to Councils

The Coalition Government published its Localism Bill on 13 December 2010. When enacted, it will alter the powers available to local councils and their relationship with Whitehall. The Bill, described by the Government as 'a ground-breaking shift in power to councils and communities,' contains new provisions, many of which were suggested by local council authorities themselves.

Perhaps principal amongst the new powers and freedoms given to councils is the new general power of competence, which grants councils the rights of an individual. This means that councils are free to do as they please within the normal limits prescribed by law. Principal Councils will be able to return to the committee system of governance, should they wish to do so.

Additional protections will be afforded to individual councillors. Under the new bill, councillors will be 'free to express their opinions without being accused of bias or closed-mindedness' when going about the business of campaigning or otherwise expressing views on local matters.

The public has also been granted extended rights to supervise local councils' use of the new powers. Under the provisions of the Bill, any local authority that raises council 'certain taxes above a ceilina' automatically be subject to a referendum on the matter. Furthermore, the Bill makes provision for the public to hold a non-binding referendum on any matter it sees fit to put forward. Although councils will not have to abide by the decision of the referendum, they will be obliged to 'take the result into account' when making its decision on the matter.

On top of this right to referendum is a 'right to challenge'. Should the public feel that the services provided by a local authority are not of sufficient quality it can challenge the local authority to defend its operation.

The Parish Council welcomes the range of new powers, freedoms and flexibilities for local communities and people. In particular, the rightful recognition of the key role of parish councils as being at the heart of its definition of what constitutes a neighbourhood or community.

The Bill had its second reading in January 2011 and is now going through the Committee Stage.

Here is a summary of measures included in the Bill:

 a new power for local people to approve or veto excessive council tax rises through a local referendum, but with the intention that the majority of local councils will fall below the level set by the Secretary of State;

- a right for parish councils as well as voluntary and community groups, social enterprises and local authority employees delivering a service – to challenge a local authority, by expressing an interest in running any service for which they are responsible;
- the chance for communities to develop a bid and raise the capital to buy a local community asset when it comes on the open market;
- measures to give people, councillors and councils the power to instigate a local referendum on any local issue; a new general power of competence to provide local authorities – including certain parish councils – to enable them to do anything apart from that which is specifically prohibited;
- freeing up councillors to be able to campaign, to express views on issues and to vote on those matters, without fear of being unjustly accused of having a closed mind on a particular issue:
- the abolition of the Standards Board regime;
- changes to the Community Infrastructure Levy including provisions requiring some of these funds to be passed to neighbourhoods where the development has taken place;
- a new right for parish councils to shape their local areas through neighbourhood plans which will enable communities to permit development – in full or in outline

   without the need for planning applications; and
- the power for communities to take forward development in their area without the need to apply for planning permission, subject to meeting certain safeguards and securing 50 per cent support of the community through a referendum.

However it is without doubt a difficult and challenging time for local government and public services. Parish councils and their councillors will continue to be at the heart of communities delivering much needed representation and services at significant value for money for residents. The current localism and Big Society agendas and commitment from the coalition Government to unlocking the potential of the first tier of local government creates a significant opportunity for our own local community.

## We want to pay our water rates at the Co-op Store!

The Council has written to the Co-op's Head Office in Manchester asking that urgent consideration is given to providing the necessary facility to allow English water rates to be paid in the Co-op Store. We appear to be in the ludicrous position that payment of Welsh water rates can be made but not English water rates.

Watch this space!

#### **Golden Jubilee Park News**

Councillors and volunteers have again tidied up the Golden Jubilee Park and the ponds. Bags of rubbish were removed!

The drainage in the car park is not working and when there has been a lot of rain and snow it becomes waterlogged. The Council hopes to tackle this problem in the summer with some further drainage work as necessary.

The Council also wants to work with the Planners at Cheshire West and Chester Council to come up with a design for a permanent sports pavilion in the Park. This project is still very much in its infancy and will be dependent on the Council and village sporting organisations being able to attract the necessary grant aid to bring this it to fruition.

#### A Blueprint for the Future

Information contained in the current Parish Plan was collected, following consultation with residents and businesses within the Parish, over a period of twelve months from August 2003 – July 2004, when the official Parish Plan launch took place.

The Council has agreed that after the election it will begin the process again which will result in a new Parish/Neighbourhood Plan. Therefore, it is important that Saughall people begin to think about what type of village they want to live in, not only now but in the future, looking twenty years or so ahead. This is in line with the concept of 'localism' being promoted by the new coalition Government.

The Government has changed the system by which local councils draw up their long term planning documents. They are still called 'local development frameworks' but instead of starting with national targets and requirements, they now start with local views about the nature and timing of development. It is still the Council's job to obtain all these views and to produce a set of policies which are sensible given the issues we face.

Whilst we are pleased to have local responsibility, it's also a major challenge. Looking ahead ten or even twenty years what kind of places do we want to live in? How do we allow them to change? What matters most as we look into the future at the social and economic issues that affect us?

It's a task we need to take very seriously and with an open mind. It cannot be right only to think about our own immediate interests or views. We have to think ahead and question the assumptions we might normally make. Because if we don't get our planning right, the consequences may not only damage us but they may damage the community we thought we were protecting.

The Council is committed to involving all of the local community in shaping its own future and will consult widely on how this can happen in future publications of this Newsletter and in other ways too.

#### **Community Action Projects (CAP)**

The Council has agreed to kick start the CAP Fund with £2,000 from its precept for 2011/12 and if this initiative is successful it hopes to continue to provide financial assistance annually thereafter. It also wants to encourage, by any means it can, private individuals, businesses, developers, etc. to make donations to the CAP Fund which will be used to finance Saughall community projects and initiatives, on a match funding basis.

The Council has applied to Cheshire West and Chester Council for a £4,000 grant to help get this fund started.

It is early days for this initiative but the Council wants to share its ideas from the outset. More work still needs to be done on this but it is hoped that the Fund will provide an easy tax-efficient way for residents to channel their donations for the direct and exclusive benefit of the village and its people.

The objective of the Fund is to build a permanent capital fund so as to generate income in perpetuity to support a wide range of community needs in Saughall.

The Fund will address local needs and pockets of deprivation on our own doorstep, and will help strengthen our community for everyone to thrive. The Fund will supply grants, can fund both existing services or facilities and new initiatives, and can either contribute to capital costs such as funding new equipment, or support on-going running costs.

It is intended that the Fund will be professionally run under proper investment guidelines, while still retaining the individuality and flexibility to direct funds to our local needs. It is hoped that by working together as a community to contribute to our

own Fund, we can collectively make a real difference to our local environment and those who live in Saughall.

#### **CAP Team**

The Council is taking a proactive approach to local innovation and wants to establish, build and motivate a winning CAP Team to engage partners and work within the above remit, to successfully shape its community by driving forward social enterprises and to administer the CAP Fund that will be used to assist and match fund worthwhile projects and initiatives.

The CAP Team will be established to consider and determine funding applications put forward by Saughall people, Groups and Organisations, in respect of projects and initiatives that will improve the quality of life of a substantial number of Saughall people. Such projects and initiatives which are successful in attracting funding will be supported and robustly monitored by the Team.

This new CAP Team's aim will be to seek to successfully drive and support activities such as those listed below:

#### **Activities for Young People**

Holiday Play Schemes - activities and entertainment that will keep children aged 5-14 busy during those long school breaks.

Youth Clubs - the empowerment of Saughall's young people, giving them a voice and opportunity to air their views and concerns on issues affecting young people today. Support to Youth Clubs in respect of their activities, entertainment and discussion groups.

Young People and IT – assist the provision of any extra tuition needed in the development of IT skills in an informal setting for young people between the ages of 13-19 years who are having difficulties at school or college, with a view to assisting with their personal and social development and to help them gain qualifications.

#### **Activities for Older People**

Older People's Clubs that provide a range of activities and a chance to socialise and debate in a warm, relaxing and friendly environment, primarily for older members of the Saughall community.

#### **Employment Support**

- Advice with application forms
- Help with CV construction and printing
- Assistance with finding jobs, further education and higher education places
- Guidance on training and finding training places
- Help with interview techniques
- Advice on careers

#### **Community Safety**

Help to reduce crime and fear of crime in the local community by:

- Supporting the Saughall Neighbourhood Management Team to draw up Community Safety schemes and establish a Community Safety Forum
- Working with the Police and Saughall Homewatch to provide advice and information on safety issues
- Securing safety training for individuals and groups in Saughall
- Developing effective partnerships between community safety practitioners and the Saughall community

The Council will let you know how these ideas and proposals evolve through this Newsletter.

#### The Former Ridings Community Infant School Building

Cheshire West and Chester (CWAC) Council's Principal Property Manager has

informed the Parish Council that CWAC Council is intending to dispose of land at the

former Ridings Primary School and that under Section 77 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998, CWAC Council is required to seek the permission of the Secretary of State for Education to dispose of that part of the site formerly used for either school play or school sport.

The Parish Council has written to the Secretary of State for Education objecting to the sale of the former school building on the grounds that it can be put to good community use.

Notwithstanding this, it is expected that the site will eventually be sold for housing development so the Council has also made the point to CWAC that the village has not received any material benefits or planning gain from any previous developments in the village. If the village was to receive a benefit this time its preference is for help to carry out further improvements to leisure and recreational facilities within the Golden Jubilee Park.

#### **Litter Picking**

From 1 April 2011 Cheshire West and Chester (CWAC) Council will provide Saughall with some litter picking to an agreed standard and dispose of the waste it collects. Consequently, it will no longer provide the Litter Picking grant that the now demised Chester City Council provided. CWAC Council had continued to provide this grant during its first two years of operation, whilst deciding how street cleaning would be provided in future, for the whole of its administrative area.

The Parish Council has made the decision to augment the litter picking service that is to be provided in Saughall by CWAC Council. The roads in the village that will receive the least attention are in fact the ones that have the biggest litter problem because motorists throw rubbish from their vehicles. Therefore, the Parish Council has entered into a temporary, one year, Litter Picking Contract with Roy Hipkiss at a cost of £6,500 that will supplement that which CWAC Council is to

provide.

This new Contract will ensure that the village's main arterial roads, Long Lane, Church Road and Seahill Road are delittered once a week, along with the full length of Fiddlers Lane. The housing areas are to be delittered once a fortnight by CWAC Council so the Parish Council has not included them in its new Contract with Mr Hipkiss.

It is intended that the current daily delittering arrangements in respect of the Golden Jubilee Park will continue and this has been included in the Contract, along with the emptying of the bins in the Park and daily de-littering of the length of Church Road from Fiddlers Lane to the Co-op Store. As well as this, the Parish Council has included the delittering of the bus shelters on the main arterial roads but they no longer will be sprayed with disinfectant, this is being left to CWAC Council to do. The waste collected will be disposed off under this Contract by Mr Hipkiss.

As both these Council's litter picking arrangements are new they might need to be reviewed and revised so that the two Councils' delittering activities compliment rather than duplicate each other. Hence the need for a temporary Litter Picking Contract to run from 1 April 2011 to 31 March 2012. The two sets of arrangements will be kept under review and any amendments to the litter picking provision set out in the temporary Contract will then be made next year when a further Contract will be drawn up and let for a longer period of time.

#### **Potholes**

Potholes that appear on our roads can be reported direct to Cheshire West and Chester Council by telephoning the key contact number: **0300 123 7 036** or online at www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

#### **All Saints Primary School**

Parent's parking in the vicinity of the school at dropping off and picking up times continues to cause a problem for the Co-op Store, those who deliver to it and its customers and for local residents who can not get their vehicles on and off their drives. This is an ongoing problem that the PCSO has been asked to address it, so parents beware!

## Trouble on the Buses!

If you experience any problems when travelling

on the bus please refer them to Councillor Brian Kerr immediately on Tel No: 01244 880347. He will take any problems up with the bus operators who will speak to the drivers concerned if it is necessary.

Both bus companies operating in Saughall have confirmed that their drivers are supposed to pick up and drop off passengers at all the bus stops in the village. If this doesn't happen for you please let Councillor Kerr know.

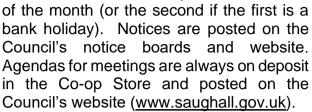
## Community Speed Watch in Saughall

Community Speed Watch is a scheme to help people reduce speeding traffic through their community. The scheme enables volunteers to work within their community with the help of the PCSO to raise awareness of the dangers of speeding and to help control the problem locally.

If you are interested in joining the Community Speedwatch Team in Saughall please contact Councillor Ian Humphrey on Tel No: 01244 880011.

## When does the Council Meet?

The Parish Council usually meets on the first Monday



Any resident on the Electoral Roll of Saughall or 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.

#### **Parish Council Surgeries**

Parish Council Surgeries will be held between 10.00am and 10.45am on the following Saturdays:

- 5 March
- 2 April
- 30 April
- 4 June

Notices will be posted on village notice boards, well in advance, to inform where Surgeries are to be held.

## 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

## Message from PCSO Wendy Leason



I am settling in nicely and getting to know a lot of the residents in Saughall. I would like to thank you for being very friendly and making me feel welcome.

The Village has seen an increase in Anti Social Behaviour which has

included a group of individuals banging on doors and windows very late at night into the early hours. This behaviour will not be tolerated as it is causing the victims distress and annoyance. The individuals responsible will be dealt with by the ASB Unit who will be sending letters out to parents. If you have been subject to such behaviour please let me know.

Voicemail: 0845 458 6375

Saughall has experienced four break-ins to garages and outbuildings which resulted in bikes and power tools being stolen. Although this may be alarming, it is significantly low compared to most areas of Chester who have been experiencing a high level of burglaries and thefts of bikes and tools.

May I take this opportunity to reinforce the importance of home security:

- Please lock doors and Garages
- Remove items of value from Garages, outbuildings and gardens
- Leave a light on

I will be starting a Police Surgery which will take place in the Scout Hut.

Dates in March:

Saturday, 5 March 1100 - 1200 Saturday, 12 March 1600 - 1700 Thursday, 17 March 1100 - 1200 Wednesday, 23 March 1600 - 1700 Thursday, 31 March 1600 - 1700

Please feel free to drop in and have a chat and discuss any issues or concerns you may have.

PCSO Wendy Leason

#### Report Anti - Social Behaviour Now

If you are experiencing anti - social behaviour and you think that Cheshire West and Chester Council should help address it, or you would like a Community Safety Warden to contact you please ring **0300 123 7033**, Monday - Thursday 8:30am - 5:30pm, Friday, 8:30am - 5pm (excluding Bank Holidays) or fill in the online reporting form at www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

# Cheshire West and Chester Council's Responsive Service Guarantee

- Abandoned Vehicles will be investigated by the end of the next working day
- Business Waste Compliance will be investigated by the end of the next working day
- Racist or Abusive Graffiti on relevant land will be removed or obliterated within 24 hours
- Fly Posting will be investigated and removed from relevant land within 2 working days
- Fly Tipping will be investigated by the end of the next working day and cleared within 2 working days following completion of the investigation
- Nuisance Vehicles will be investigated within 2 working days

- Dead Animals –will be removed from relevant land within 24 hours
- Sharps/Drug Related Litter will be removed from relevant land within 4 hours
- Dog Fouling will be removed from relevant land within 24 hours
- Overflowing Bins will be emptied by the end of the next working day
- Damaged Street Furniture will be investigated by the end of the next working day.

The Tel. No. to ring is 0300 123 7026

#### Homewatch

The village is being targeted by cold callers ringing to sell such things as insurance, telephones, computers, televisions etc. These



people can be very persuasive but their stories don't always add up. Please beware they seek to take money from you under false pretences. This is a crime!

If you find yourself in a situation were you are being given the hard sell over the phone and you want it to stop, then just put the receiver down and don't worry about appearing rude. Do not, under any circumstances, provide information i.e. card details, account numbers, PIN numbers. Your hard earned money is for you and your family and nobody else!

Please make sure that your sheds and outbuildings are secure and that all image outside lights are working. Lights going on may deter thieves who don't like to be in the spot light when they are going about their criminal activities.

The Homewatch provides a free property marking service for such things as flat TVs, laptops, photo screens, stereo systems, sky boxes etc. They can be marked with your post code and house number. Also, small homewatch labels can be affixed to all doors from the inside.

Please be ever vigilant and report anything you consider suspicious or inconsistent to lan Humphrey.

Ian Humphrey Homewatch Chairman

Tel: 880011



## The Scamnesty Campaign

The Office of Fair Trading Scamnesty campaign is operating nationwide and aims to raise

awareness of mass marketed scam mailings in the UK. We are asking you and other people you know to fight back against fraudsters by binning your scam mail and showing scammers you have not been fooled.

#### Scam Facts

Nearly half of the UK population has been targeted by a scam.

Every year, one in fifteen people across the country fall victim to a scam involving deceptive and unsolicited mailings, phone calls or emails designed to con you out of your cash.

Every year, UK consumers lose a staggering £3.5 billion to scams.

#### **Scam Warning Signs**

You are contacted out of the blue from a person or business you have never heard of - usually asking for money or for bank account, credit card or personal details.

You receive something saying you've won a lottery or prize - but you have to pay to receive it.

You are told you have to make a quick decision - scammers don't like to give you time to think!

If something looks too good to be true - it probably is!

#### **Protect Yourself from Scams**

Take these simple steps to help prevent falling victim to a scam.

- Be suspicious of unsolicited letters, phone calls or emails asking you to send money - always check out the sender before paying anything.
- Don't send money just because a letter seems official - it may not be.
- Never disclose bank, credit card or personal details to people/businesses you don't know.
- Ask the opinion of family, friends or neighbours if you are not sure about something.
- Don't be rushed into sending off money by time-sensitive deadlines.
- Never ring an 090 telephone number unless you know how much the call will cost and what you will receive in return.
- Think twice ask yourself whether you can afford to lose the money.
- Don't be fooled by fake testimonials!

Get help and advice from Consumer Direct on Tel: 08454 040 506 or at the Consumer Direct website.

#### **Climate Week**

Climate Week is running between 21 and 27 March 2011. Climate Week is a supercharged national occasion that offers an



annual renewal of ambition and confidence to combat climate change. It is for everyone wanting to do their bit to protect our planet and create a secure future.

Climate Week will shine a spotlight on the many positive steps already taken in workplaces and communities across Britain. The power of these real, practical examples – the small improvements and the big innovations – will then inspire millions more people.

Thousands of businesses, charities, schools, councils and others will run events during Climate Week. They will show what can be achieved, share ideas and encourage thousands more to act during the rest of the year.

You can help create a massive movement for change by making Climate Week happen where you are. Ask an organisation or group you know to run an event.

For more information please visit:

www.climateweek.com

#### **Planning Matters**

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

#### **Oakwood**



Wain House re-development works are progressing well. The current projected

completion date is late May 2011. The development has been renamed Oakwood.

#### Affordable Housing Scheme

Cheshire West and Chester (CWAC) Council completed a fully compliant external tender process at the end of last year whereby expressions of interest were sought from interested developers and Housing Associations. Written submissions in response to this tender request were scored and assessed and two tenderers presented their proposals to an invited selection of representatives from the Parish Council.

Following the process outlined above, the successful and therefore appointed Housing Association for this scheme is confirmed as Chester and District Housing Trust (CDHT). The appointment of CDHT means that the next round of work can begin and progress. Consequently, Parish Councillors met with Officers from CWAC Council's Housing Strategy and Enabling Team along with Officers from CDHT to discuss a proposal on how to take the Lodge Lane scheme forward and how the Parish Council can assist with this.

The following action plan was agreed:

- a Parish Council Working Group be established to initially work with CDHT Officers to help shape and inform the physical and technical elements within the scheme.
- Feedback and comment from the Parish Council Working Group to be reported back to Parish Council meetings.
- Proposals to be tabled by CDHT and discussed/informed/agreed by the Parish Council for the wider Consultation Plan for Saughall residents, together with other associated project milestones.

The Parish Council Working Group is now meeting regularly to help shape and inform the physical and technical elements within the scheme. There will be consultation with Saughall residents during February 2011.

#### 2011 Census - Sunday 27 March 2011

Help tomorrow take shape.

Every ten years the Office for National Statistics (ONS) carries out a census to find out more about the people who live in England and Wales, and about the make-up of local neighbourhoods.

The next Census will take place on Sunday 27 March 2011, when ONS will be sending out questionnaires to around 25 million households to complete.

The Census asks about work, health, national identity, citizenship, ethnic background, education, second homes, language, religion, marital status and so on. These statistics are then used to build a picture of today's society.



#### Chester Freegle Don't throw it away – give it away!

You might not need your old sofa or wheelbarrow

any more – but there might be someone just round the corner who does. Or if there's something you'd like, someone nearby might have one that they might just throw away if they don't know what else to do with it.

Our aim is to save usable stuff from going into landfill and develop positive and local community spirit along the way.

Freegle (formally known as freecycle) is a national grass roots organisation of people throughout the United Kingdom who are giving and receiving free unwanted items in their immediate communities.

All groups within this organisation operate with a basic principle – all offers and requests must be freegle (free and legal).

#### How it works

Freegle is an email list hosted on Yahoo! Groups. Sign up, post an **OFFER** of

something you want to get rid of, (or a **WANTED** for something you need). Interested parties contact you privately. You choose who to give it to and arrange a convenient time for collection.

See <u>www.ilovefreegle.org</u> for more details. (All links and contact details can be found on the Saughall Pharmacy website.)

#### Saughall Community Freegle

Not every one has a computer or likes using them so the aim of **Saughall Community Freegle** is to make it easier for the people in Saughall (and surrounding areas) to give their unwanted items to a new loving home.

#### **Freegle Notice Boards**

There will be a Community Freegle notice board at the **Saughall Farmers Market** (every Saturday morning 9am to 12 noon at the Vernon Institute) where you can pin 'item offered' and 'item wanted' cards. Interested parties can contact you directly and you can choose who to give your item to and arrange for collection.

We are planning to put more Freegle boards around the village in the near future.

#### Listing on the Chester Freegle website

If you want to offer your item to the wider Chester area I can list it on the Chester Freegle website on your behalf. Forms (and more information) can be found in **Saughall Pharmacy** for you to complete with the details of your item or request. Your personal information will not appear online. Interested parties will contact me and I will put you in touch.

If you need more information or if you have any other ideas or feedback I can be contacted at <a href="mailto:jilliancavanagh@hotmail.com">jilliancavanagh@hotmail.com</a> or on 01244 880407

Happy Freegling!
Jill Cavanagh
Freely Given, Locally, Easily

#### **Dog Fouling Nuisance**

All dog owners in Saughall and Shotwick Park should be aware that it is a legal obligation to 'clean up' after their dogs have



defecated. The requirement to do so is applicable virtually everywhere the public have access: roads, pavements, verges, footways, churchyards etc.

A number of complaints regarding dog fouling have come to notice recently where a number of dog walkers/owners have failed to comply with their obligation. Their total disregard for other residents and visitors is apparent and sadly reflects on all dog owners. Church Road is a particular problem area!

How can Parishioners help? It does seem that prosecution is the only course of action with some individuals. However, to proceed along this avenue it is necessary for a witness to provide a statement to support an The action can be a Court appearance or a fixed penalty option (currently £50). Magistrates can impose a maximum fine of £1000. Local residents witness more incidents than anyone by virtue of their residency. However, few will take that step forward. Dog Control Officers do understand the need for anonymity in some cases. If notified that an individual is not complying and they feel that an advisory visit from a warden would suffice the resident's identity would NOT be revealed to the offender.

For information, The Dogs (fouling of land) Act, 1996 has disappeared and The Clean Neighbourhood and Environment Act is in force. Basically, as far as dog fouling is concerned, it remains the same although the fixed penalty charge almost doubles. What is interesting is that it affords Parish Councils the opportunity to introduce dog control orders where it is felt that the parish communities would benefit locally. These orders can include 'no go' areas for dogs, 'dogs on leads' in designated areas and others.

Finally, a big THANK YOU to those dog walkers who are complying with legislation and a WARNING to those who are not. 'Buck up, clean up or pay up', a parishioner may be watching.

It is important that Cheshire West and Chester Council's Streetscene Team is made aware of problem areas. Telephone **0300 123 7033** or alternatively go on line to its website:

#### www.cheshirewestand chester.gov.uk

where there is a facility under community safety to report dog fouling.

#### Save our Pub!



Pictured here is Stephen Mosley MP with Councillors Andrew Storrar, Jenny Young (Chairman of the Council) together with other Members of the Parish Council and local residents. The local MP was invited to visit Saughall to hear about the concerns of local people who are very worried about the future of The Greyhound Inn that has been such a valuable part of village life for a very long time, but was closed shortly before Christmas.

Carl Jones and his wife Helen were among those present. Carl has been the publican of the Greyhound village pub for many years and had to cease business due to financial pressures. He will be sadly missed, as will his good food and excellent camaraderie.

Jeanne Storrar

#### **Parish Council's Website**



The Council has a presence on the World Wide Web.

Why not bookmark <a href="www.saughall.gov.uk">www.saughall.gov.uk</a> 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.

#### **Parish Council Newsletter**

Contributions are required for the Newsletter. If you are a member of a local club or organisation and would like to include an item in the Newsletter, please do so. Items of general interest from individuals would be most welcome Information can either be emailed to the Clerk at clerk@saughall.gov.uk

or handwritten and sent to:

10 Merton Close, Little Neston, Cheshire. CH64 0TR

Would you like to receive a copy of the Newsletter by email (.pdf format) or do you know someone who might like to receive a copy by email? Perhaps they live out of the area and are interested in village news – if so, please contact the Clerk.

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.

#### **News from the Vernon Institute**

I would like to say a big thank you to all who supported our Christmas Centenary Fair which was a great success. We will be hosting the Christmas lights again this year at the Vernon Institute.

Over Christmas we had the good news we had successfully secured WREN funding towards a new boiler which we have been in desperate need of. The Vernon Institute will be closed during half term from Monday, 21 to Friday, 25 February 2011 when the boiler will be fitted.

During April we will be using a survey to consult our village community on the long term plans for the Vernon Institute. Please take time to respond when you receive your survey and help us shape the Vernon Institute to better support the village for the future.

We will also be launching a Vernon Institute website <a href="www.vernoninstitute.org.uk">www.vernoninstitute.org.uk</a> in April to keep everyone up to date with what's on at the Vernon Institute and forthcoming events.

The next fund raising event will be a Spring Band Concert with music from the shows, so watch the village notice boards for the date and make sure you get your tickets early.

Chris Harman - Chair 07966 759100 Email: <u>chrisjharman@aol.com</u>

#### Saughall Rotary Club

What have we been doing?

Thanks to everyone in the village who supported the Rotary Club with the Santa Sleigh which toured the village of Saughall and outlying areas during the month of December 2010.



Picture taken at the Vernon Institute during the Christmas Lights Switch-On celebrations when we presented cheques to various organisations in the village.

We hope everyone admired the new sleigh which was built by school children from Ysgol Y Grango (Grange School) Wrexham, where one of our members is a teacher and supervised its construction. Not only did the pupils enjoy making the sleigh but it can now be used to raise funds for local causes and give so much pleasure to everyone who sees it.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Flower Demonstration held at Mollington Golf Club in December 2010. The money raised on the evening has been donated to All Saints Primary School to purchase a talking chair for the new wildlife area.

Children from All Saints Primary School helped raise funds for the Rotary Project – Thanks for Life - selling crocus bulbs to raise funds for polio immunisation. For every £1 raised five children can be immunised against polio. Crocus bulbs were also planted in the grounds of the school by pupils, teachers and Rotarians. We look forward to seeing the crocus flower in spring time. We would like to say a big thank you to the Headteacher, Mrs Prenton.

One of our members travelled to India on the mass immunisation programme and has made a presentation to Club members on this trip at Chester University Diversity Festival.

#### **Future Events**

The Rotary Club of Saughall are organising a Race Night to be held at the Vernon Institute on Saturday, 19 March 2011 7.00 for 7:30pm. Tickets are £7.50 which includes a cold buffet, licensed bar and there will be special Race events. The dress code is: "Dress for the Races" This will be a great evening! Entry by ticket only available from Club Secretary Julie Neenan - 0151 339 1977 or info@court-farm.co.uk

(Funds from this evening will go towards our Thanks for Life Project.)

Plans are now well underway for the Village Sports Day to be held on Saturday, 16 July 2011 in the Golden Jubilee Park, Saughall. If you are interested in taking part - either in the Saughall Mile and races on the day or in having a stand to raise funds for your own charity, please contact either Club President, Beryl Cotton on 01925 655282 info@berylcotton.co.uk or our Club Secretary Julie Neenan (as above)

The Club would like the Saughall Sports Day to be a marvellous day for the Village. Please spread the word and come along and participate. It is going to be fun!! All funds raised on the day will be donated back into Saughall Village good causes.

For any other details about the Club or our meetings, please feel free to contact our Club Secretary or President.

Beryl Cotton
President RC Saughall 2010/11

#### **News from All Saints Church**

Many, many thanks to people from the community who support the church in different ways!

Over 80 people enjoyed an atmospheric and delicious **Candlelit Supper** in the Vernon Institute on 22 January, which raised over £600 for our **'Buy-a-tile' Roof Fund**. We launched this appeal in October last year and need to raise £70,000 to retile the church roof. So far our applications for grants have been unsuccessful except a promised donation of £500 from URENCO for which we are grateful. There has been a modest response to the appeal. There are

over 10,000 tiles on the roof and we are asking for donations of £5 per tile. If you can help to keep the roof on the church, please contact John Hallas (Tel: 881317). All donations will be acknowledged with a 'tile certificate'.

We also want to express our gratitude to the Rotary Club of Saughall for their generous donation of £300 to the church. This was one of a number of donations the Club made to local groups and organisations from the proceeds of the Saughall Fun Day held on the Golden Jubilee field in July last year. We had some broken windows in the church meeting room last year due to vandalism.

The donation proved very useful in helping to pay for the installation of security lights and cameras after the vandalism. We are also very grateful to Owain Dale-Jones of SECONDEYE Security Systems (Tel: 880161) who donated the two GuardCam combined security cameras and floodlights, and to Neil Richards (Tel: 881372) for fixing and wiring the system for us.

#### **Sunday Services**

We are considering our pattern of worship and would like to start a **music group** to play for some Sunday morning services. Anyone interested in being part of the group please contact Brian Harris (Tel: 880213).

#### **Family Worship**

After consulting with parents we are planning to start monthly services for families at 9:30am on Sundays, run jointly with Saughall Methodist Church. We are aiming to start shortly after Easter. For more details contact Brian Harris (Tel: 880213) or look out for notices.

## 'The Unreconciled' - Lent discussion groups

The churches in Saughall, Sealand and Blacon are jointly running a series of discussion groups during Lent to explore issues about seeking reconciliation at personal and global levels from a Christian perspective. Anyone who would like to come will be very welcome – you don't have to be a regular churchgoer! There will be five sessions in the course, starting in the week beginning Monday, 14 March, at the following times and places:

- Mondays, 7.30pm, at the Vicarage, Saughall
- Tuesdays, 2.00pm, at Saughall Methodist Church
- Thursdays, 2.00pm, at Holy Trinity Church Hall (or the Rectory), Blacon

#### Regular events at All Saints

Monthly Coffee Mornings – This is a new initiative that we started in November and are offering as a service to the community. Come and have a chat with friends and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and light refreshments once a month at church. Coffee mornings are planned for 12 March, 9 April, 14 May, 11 June, 9 July, 10 September, 8 October and 12 November. Everybody is welcome.

**Praise and Play,** fun and worship for preschool children and their carers, meets on Wednesdays in church during school term time, beginning at 1:45pm. Everyone welcome.

**Seniors Group.** Come and join this friendly group for a cup of tea and a chat, plus occasional speakers and activities. The group usually meets every other Monday in the meeting room in All Saints, 2 to 4pm.

Messy Church – worship, craft, food and fun for primary school aged children and parents/grandparents/carers. Messy Church happens once a month on Wednesdays in church after school, 3:30 till 5:00pm. Children must be accompanied by an adult and no more than four children per adult – otherwise everybody is welcome! The next 'Messy Churches' will be on 9 March and 13 April.

## Forthcoming events to note for your diaries:

- Bart Art this year will be Thursday, 16 to Sunday, 19 June (pre-view evening on Wednesday, 15 June). This is always a splendid exhibition by local artists at St Bartholomew's Church, Sealand. The church will be open from 12 noon to 8pm, Thursday to Saturday, and Sunday all afternoon culminating in a special service at 6pm.
- Crowning of the Rose Queen and Church Summer Fair, Saturday, 25 June in the Vicarage garden. Procession begins 1:15pm, Fair opens at 2pm. We need children to be part of the Rose Queen retinue – anyone interested please contact Jane Clarke (Tel: 880148).
- Lunch in the Vicarage Garden, Sunday, 3 July. Everyone welcome. This year it will be a special lunch celebrating the ordination of our organist Collette Jones earlier that day in the Cathedral. Sadly (for us) Collette will then be going to serve at St John's, Great Sutton. Anyone know of a good organist?

#### The VI Clock

In the July 2010 issue of this Newsletter we told you that the VI Clock only had



three faces because those people living in Little Saughall would not contribute to its cost.

However, we have now been told by a resident of the village that the people of Little Saughall did in fact contribute to the cost of the Clock but it was agreed that there was no point in having a clock facing in the direction of Little Saughall because, in those days there was an orchard between the Vernon Institute and Little Saughall so the Tower could not be seen and therefore neither would a clock.

Have you heard another story as to why the Clock only has three faces?

#### War Memorial

It was recently discovered that the names of two soldiers, Corporal JA Benson and Private Ralph Moroney, who died in November 1918 and are buried in war graves in the Methodist Church Yard, are not on the Roll of Honour. The Clerk has made enquiries with Royal British and been told to go ahead and arrange for these soldiers names to be added to the Roll.

#### **Summer Play Scheme**

A Play Scheme is to be run from Monday, 25 to Friday, 29 July 2011, 9am to 4pm in the Uniform Groups' Headquarters on Fiddlers Lane.

An information afternoon will be held at 2:30pm on Saturday, 19 March 2011 in the Uniform Groups' Headquarters to discuss this year's Play Scheme. All are welcome.

Play Leaders are needed. Are you a teacher or student teacher that would like to help? For further information please attend the information afternoon or alternatively call Jenny Young on Tel: 881133.

#### **Drive Alive Chester**

Drive Alive Chester is a registered charity which helps young people aged 16 - 25 to learn to drive safely and legally. It does this by giving subsidies towards driving lessons. The charity has recently been given £1000 by the Development of the Youth of Chester Charity. To qualify a youngster must be on a means tested benefit, or be living with, and dependent upon, a parent, spouse or guardian who is. They must also be either living in the former Chester City district, or be in full time study. The charity wants to concentrate its efforts on the parished rural and suburban areas, where lack of mobility is a larger problem than for inner - city voungsters.

For further details please contact the Secretary, Charles Higgie: at 10 Oathills, Malpas, Cheshire. SY14 8HX

on Tel No. 01948 860808

by email: charles.higgie@btinternet.com

#### **Diamond Jubilee**



THE ROYAL BRITISH
LEGION

How would you like to celebrate Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee in 2012? The Parish Council would

like to hear your thoughts for appropriate ways to celebrate this momentous event and is asking that you write or email your suggestions so that it can begin to formulate a plan.

Perhaps you would like to see a Jubilee Fair with stalls selling local produce and representing local groups, or a Street Party or Communal Event in the Golden Jubilee Park. Do you think that local schools and organisations should be actively involved with the celebrations?

Let us have your suggestions - and even at this early stage, if you are interested in getting involved and helping to organise such an event, we would like to hear from you.

#### The Royal British Legion's - Great Poppy Party Weekend

We'd love to see everyone joining in the Great Poppy Party Weekend on 10, 11 and 12 June 2011.

It doesn't matter whether it's a barbecue, fancy dress event, karaoke night, masked ball, barn dance, games evening, a dress down day at school, or any one of so many other wonderful and inventive ways of partying.

Just join us and the many local authorities throughout the UK in making it a memorable occasion for all those taking part. At the same time the parties can raise valuable funds to further the welfare work of the Legion for the future, 90 years and more of helping millions of beneficiaries - men and women who serve and have served their country at home and abroad, many at enormous personal cost to themselves and their families.

Visit:

www.thegreatpoppypartyweekend.org.uk

to download a brochure, register your party or download sponsor forms.

The Breast Cancer Care Pink Ribbonwalk is here! Walk to support people with breast cancer



The Breast Cancer Care Pink Ribbonwalk sponsored by Santander in association with woman & home is now open for registrations, so come and join us on a stunning 10 or 20 mile countryside walk at our beautiful venue, Cholmondeley Castle in Cheshire on Saturday, 4 June 2011 and be a part of something special.

Every year 46,000 people hear the devastating news that they have breast cancer. From the shock of diagnosis to coping with the effects of treatment, Breast Cancer Care wants to be there for every one of them when they need us most. Walk and help us support women and men living with breast cancer.

Visit: <a href="www.pinkribbonwalk.org.uk">www.pinkribbonwalk.org.uk</a> or call 0870 145 0101. Quote <a href="BCC21">BCC21</a> at

registration for a chance to win two tickets to the Breast Cancer Care Carols by Candlelight 2011.

We are also looking for around 100 volunteers for each venue to make the events a success. You could be helping support our walkers on the route, cheering them on at a rest stop, or handing out medals at the finish line. There's a role to suit everyone, so please email <a href="mailto:pinkribbonwalk@breastcancercare.org.uk">pinkribbonwalk@breastcancercare.org.uk</a> for more information and a registration form.

#### Saughall WI

Saughall WI meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm in the Vernon Institute. Why not come along and give it ago? Make new friends, enjoy interesting talks, regular outings and activities. You will be made most welcome.

Lesley Hardy

#### Saughall Friday Club

The Saughall Friday Club continues to provide 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. At present we have a vacancy for a new member and would be pleased to hear from anyone who would like to join us.

A 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration was held recently and Elsie Anyone is pictured below with her daughter Susan Biggs. There was excellent entertainment with a wonderful meal and a lovely Birthday cake.



The Friday Club was also pleased to celebrate its 17th Anniversary with many of its founder members and volunteers in attendance.

If you would like to find out further details about the Friday Club, please call Jeanne in the first instance on Tel: 01244 880226 or you may like to call into the Club which meets in the Saughall Methodist Church Hall between 10:30am and 3pm.

Jeanne Storrar

#### Golden Link

The Golden Link Older Peoples Club has some vacancies at the current time. If you would like to join please ring Margaret Grain on Tel: 881294

#### Saughall Uniform Groups

Contact telephone numbers:

880671 Rainbows 880324 Brownies 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

#### 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

Art Club on Tuesdays, limited numbers. telephone 880733

- Gardening Club
- Golden Link
- Play School
- Whist
- Art Club
- Dancing **Schools**
- Slimming World
- Farmers' Market - All local produce, Every Saturday 9am - 12pm in the Small Hall.

#### **Activities at All Saints Church**

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

  - Card Making Class

#### Activities at the Methodist Church

The following activities are provided in the Methodist Hall. The Bookings Secretary is June Downes who can let you have further details (Tel: 01244 880181).

- Mother and **Toddlers Group**
- Friday Club
- Mollington Singers Choir
- **Chester Dance** Academy
- The Art Class with John Paskin
- Coffee Morning, once a fortnight

#### THE BEAUTY LODGE

Newcroft (off) Church Road, Saughall
Jane Furnival opens the salon on Monday Wednesday & Thursday.
A range of beauty treatments for 'Top To Toe' pampering are available on the price list which can be sent to you when you give her a ring or pop in at the salon!

**MOTHER'S DAY** will soon be here. For a wonderful idea.... a **RELAXING PACKAGE** or Manicures, Pedicures, Facials, Back massages which are very popular for the Mums. Gift vouchers can be bought over the phone.

The Special Offer for EYEBROW SHAPING is still only £5

The Mollington & Saughall Handbook always has promotional vouchers too.

As the business at **The Beauty Lodge** continues to grow JANE would like to work more often in the village and, she has the city centre beauty salon DAYDREAMS for sale - this business opportunity has the details with Harts BUSINESS sales, Chester.

## BART-ART 2011



# **EXHIBITON OF ART By Local Artists**

# @ ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, SEALAND

(OLD SEALAND ROAD)

4 MILES OUTSIDE CHESTER ON A548 (TURN OFF SEALAND ROAD AT TRAFFIC LIGHTS TO SAUGHALL)

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CONTACT TEL. NO. 01244881393 or 880226 or 880733



Girlguiding UK is the largest voluntary organisation for girls and young women, with around half a million members across the UK.

#### But...

There are 50,000 girls on waiting lists to join units because we don't have enough leaders.

Guiding is for girls of all backgrounds, abilities and nationalities. Girls lead the way in guiding, so the activities are what they want to do!

#### Rainbows (aged 5-7 years)

They play games, have parties and make things while developing life skills.



#### Brownies (aged 7 - 10 years)

Their meetings are full of challenges, games and activities, usually ones that the Brownies have suggested themselves.



#### Guides (aged 10 - 14 years)

Being a Guide encourages girls to develop by undertaking challenges and pushing the boundaries of their experience.



#### Senior Section (aged 14-25 years)

Our Senior Section offers an exciting and flexible programme with a huge variety of challenges, activities and opportunities for personal development and international travel.



# We NEED YOU to enable us to continue providing fantastic opportunities and experiences for our members.

Rainbow, Brownie and Guide units are run by volunteers. Outside of Guiding, we all have busy lives, jobs and families!

As a volunteer with us, you'll make new friends, have fun, develop skills in leadership, team working and communication, and, most importantly, make a real difference to the lives of todays girls and young women.

You could be organising games and crafts at weekly meetings, taking girls away on residential events, from sleepovers to camping, or enabling them to take part in adventurous outdoor activities, such as climbing, canoeing and abseiling. The opportunities are endless!







#### It's not all hard work...

Being a Leader with Girlguiding UK isn't just about organising activities for the girls. We get together regularly with other Leaders for social events and trips. Last year we hired a canal boat for the weekend!

Girlguiding is a world-wide organisation, with 10 million members across the globe. If you like travelling, there are also opportunities to take part in International trips and to volunteer with Girlguiding overseas.





### Girlguiding in Saughall

We have three thriving units who meet in Saughall, but we need more leaders to enable us to continue providing fantastic opportunities and experiences for our members.

- Rainbows Meet on Thursday's, 5pm 6pm
- Brownies Meet on Tuesday's, 6pm 7.15pm
- Guides Meet on Tuesday's, 7.30pm 9.00pm

If you enjoy working with young people and are interested in getting involved, or want to find out more information, please contact Chris: 01244 350096

No special qualifications are required as full training will be given. (Volunteers will need to undertake a CRB check).

For more information about Girlguiding UK visit: www.glrlgulding.org.uk



#### **USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS**

Women's Institute Mrs Mary Evans, Tel: 880177

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

Uniform Groups and Scout Hut Bookings Phil Brooks Tel: 881284 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 Richards 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 John Hallas Tel: 881317 Brian Eyres Tel: 880416

Pre-School Group Mrs Lynda Johnson, Tel: 880954 (Term time only)

Saughall Neighbourhood Management Team Co-ordinator Tony Summers 0770 762 2062

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