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Greyhound Inn at Saughall Re-opens on Saturday, 11 June at 12:00 noon



Reputedly the third oldest building and one of three original public/coach houses in Saughall Village survives after a torrid 12 month period when the future of this beautiful old building hung in the balance.

Serious strategic decisions had to be made by the owners Enterprise Inns as to what to do with this property for the future and the options were indeed stark, either sell off the property/business or invest heavily in a major refurbishment programme. Fortunately they chose the latter option.

At this point can we introduce ourselves we are Tom Hughes (Senior) and Tom Hughes (Junior) Father and Son plus Mike Hughes (no relation) who is a family friend, all three of us forming the tri-partnership selected by Enterprise Inns to be the custodians of this wonderful property and business located in your village which appears to have a very active, thriving and enthusiastic community of which we wish to become a part and make the Greyhound Inn the centre of the

community in the very near future.

Tom Senior and Tom Junior are local Chester people born and bred and understand the area, its traits and the people very well. We already run a busy City Centre bar called The Shropshire Arms, so understand the industry very well. Mike is our Chef born in Holywell (not his fault you understand!) although he has lived in Chester these last 15 years or so. Mike has a huge scope of experience learning his trade under the guidance of Chefs such as Simon Radley of the Grosvenor Hotel, Chester and Gordon Ramsey in London, he is well travelled and has a great flair for food, championing the idea of using locally produced ingredients. All three of us are very excited not only about the business opportunity but also the prospect of integrating ourselves into the community of Saughall.

The refurbishment has gone well, the only difficulty arising was when the front porch "fell over" and had to be replaced. There has been a significant amount of time and effort expended into ensuring the decor, fixtures and fittings and the staff recruitment has been of the best quality.



Staff have been recruited and will undergo their training in the coming days and all have been chosen on merit. It was most pleasing that whilst those recruitment interviews took place about half of the staff identified and recruited were from the village.

We are going into this venture with our eyes wide open and have a clear vision of how we wish the Greyhound Inn to evolve over time because it will be evolution and not revolution that takes place.

We would wish to create an environment where no one feels awkward coming into the building, be it for a meal or a drink because we will be catering for both sets of customers.

We have an overall business package based on creating a homely and welcoming atmosphere, top quality service, excellent freshly cooked food, good beers and wines which should please most tastes. We want to champion the use of locally produced, fresh product in the food offering, at a price that will not cause a headache before you have had a drink!

We would welcome the opportunity to meet each and every one of you as time goes by and hope we are able to make many more new friends over the coming years.



Note:

Bookings for meals will be taken as from Tuesday, 7 June in readiness for our opening on Saturday, 11 June 2011 and

thereafter. The telephone number is 01244 881122 but will not be live until 7 June 2011. We will also have a website available from mid June 2011

www.thegreyhoundinnsaughall.co.uk

Tom Hughes

The New Parish Council



The Parish Council is now in another term of office. We have had to say goodbye to one Councillor, John Johnson who decided not to stand for re-election and welcome to new Member, Peter Young who has joined the Council.

The Returning Officer received 12 nominations for the Saughall ward and 1 for the Shotwick Park ward and as there are 14 seats on the Council (Saughall 13, and Shotwick Park 1) the election was uncontested. Those nominated were duly elected Parish Councillors without contest.

At the Annual Meeting held on Monday, 9 May 2011 Jenny Young was unanimously elected as Chairman of the Council for the ensuing Municipal year. Election of Vice-Chairman has been deferred to the next Council meeting scheduled for Monday, 4 July 2011, as was the decision on whether to co-opt someone to fill the vacant seat.

The Council has modernised its way of working, now meeting bi-monthly and introduced a new Committee Structure where two new Committees have delegated authority to authorise expenditure within the Council's budget. The Meetings Schedule is included later in this Newsletter. Any resident on the Electoral Roll of Saughall or Shotwick Park is more than welcome to attend Council and Committee meetings.

Before Council meetings actually begin some time is set aside for members of the public to address Members 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.

The Council has determined its future priorities as follows:

- Business Planning
- Fundraising for Community Projects
- The provision of a Sports Pavilion in the Golden Jubilee Park (a long term project, very much in its infancy and dependent on attracting external funding)
- A New Parish Plan
- Community Action Projects (CAP) and CAP Team

Support and help to facilitate Community Events such as Remembrance Sunday, The Queen's Diamond Jubilee, Saughall Sports Day, The Christmas Lights Switch on Celebration would be appreciated.

Chairman's Annual Report 2010/11

The Chairman presented her Annual Report at the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday, 11 April 2011. The report detailed the work of the Council over the last year. The report's content is set out below in its entirety.



Challenges Facing the Council

This Council is coming to the end of five years in office. It has not escaped the problems and uncertainties affecting the wider community and over the coming year, difficult times and hard decisions will face the new Council, to be elected in May, in providing local services.

Under the new Localism Bill, the Government is relying on local community bodies, like parish councils, to act as a tool to empower communities to take on more responsibility. Many new opportunities for local people to positively influence change are anticipated. The 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.

We want able and community minded people to be elected to the new Council to help drive these changes. In preparation, a Working Party has been meeting to make recommendations to the Council on how it should improve and strengthen its practices and procedures. It must be more efficient and effective so it has capacity to perform a useful community function and play its role at the heart of Localism and the "Big Society".

The formal part of this evening will consist of my report on activities over the last year, a financial report and a question and answer session. Feel free to express your views and explore ideas on how our local community should be run, how services traditionally provided by Councils can be delivered in future and on the "Big Society".

Parish Council Surgeries

We aim to be an effective, transparent and open Council and so we continue to hold Council Surgeries monthly between 10.00am and 10.45am either outside the Co-op Store or at the Farmers Market at the Vernon Institute on the Saturday immediately before the Council meeting. Dates are published well in advance in Parish Newsletters and on village notice boards.

Business Planning

The Council is currently considering whether to draw up a Business Plan setting out its vision and priorities for the next five years and acknowledging the important role of community groups in the village, who share a common vision. Such a Plan could help the Council fulfil its role within the community and provide a basis for local people to be involved in shaping the future of Saughall.

Parish Planning

Information contained in the current Parish Plan was collected, following consultation with Saughall residents and businesses, over a period of twelve months during 2003/04. This process will begin again once the Localism Bill is enacted and will result in a new Parish/Neighbourhood Plan. It is important that you begin to think about what type of village you want to live in, in the future, looking twenty years or so ahead. This is in line with the concept of "localism".

Finance

We are facing a period of austerity and therefore the Council set a very prudent budget for 2011/12, keeping the Parish Precept at the same level as in 2010/11 at £44.53 per household per Band D property. It is imperative to continue to watch expenditure, obtain value for money and ensure that cost effective services are provided. We always scrutinise the need for any unplanned expenditure and exercise good financial management.

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

2010/11 £61,732

2011/12 £62,796

Council Budget 2010/11

Budget Head	Allocation (£)
Environment	19,050
Admin	26,880
Police	11,800
Neighbourhood Management Team	1,000
Contingency	3,002
Total	61,732

Council Budget 2011/12

Budget Head	Allocation (£)
Environment	16,866
Admin	25,130
Police	11,800
Neighbourhood Management Team	1,000

Community Facilities and Projects	5,000
Contingency	3,000
Total	62,796

The PCSO Initiative

Safety and security remains the cornerstone of this Council's vision for Saughall. Therefore, I am pleased to report that our PCSO initiative continues to work well. We have had our own PCSO since April 2007 when Mike Butler took up the position. The Council has signed a further three-year agreement with Cheshire Police, running from April 2011 to March 2014 at a cost of £11,800 per annum.

PCSO Wendy Leason has been assigned to Saughall since last November. She has fitted in very well and is doing an excellent job and I would like to thank her for her valuable contribution to the reduction of crime and disorder and the promotion of public reassurance and quality of life in this village.

Homewatch

Saughall Homewatch continues to thrive. Its activities are co-ordinated by Councillor Ian Humphrey. Ian provides a valuable service and I pay tribute to him and thank him for his hard work and commitment to this initiative. Anyone who would like to join the Homewatch must contact Ian. Joining does not incur any expense and all are welcome.

Neighbourhood Management Team

The Team is pursuing grants and has held a Quiz Night and Fish and Chip Supper to raise money to help fund projects and initiatives to make Saughall a safer place to live. The Team ran a very successful Summer Play Scheme in July 2010 and will be running another one this summer, aided by a grant of £1,700 from the Rural West Area Partnership Board and NHS Western Cheshire Chairman's Discretionary Grants Scheme.

Thank you to all Team members for your tireless efforts, which have made a real

difference to Saughall.

Litter Picking Contract

Since April 2011 Cheshire West and Chester (CWAC) Council has provided Saughall with some litter picking, to an agreed standard and disposed of the waste it collects. Consequently, it no longer provides us with a litter picking grant.

We now have a temporary, one year, Litter Picking contract with Roy Hipkiss at a cost of £6,500 to supplement what CWAC provides. This new contract should ensure that Long Lane, Church Road, Hermitage Road and Sea Hill Road are de-littered once a week, along with the full length of Fiddlers Lane. The housing areas are being de-littered once a fortnight by CWAC. The daily de-littering arrangements, in respect of the Golden Jubilee Park, are included in our contract. We have also included the de-littering of the bus shelters. The waste collected will be disposed of under our contract by Mr Hipkiss.

As both Councils' litter picking arrangements are new they are under review and may be revised so that de-littering activities compliment rather than duplicate each other. Hence the need for the temporary contract that runs to 31 March 2012. A new contract from 1 April 2012 will be drawn up and let next year.

Golden Jubilee Park

During the year the old multi-play unit and slide has been removed at a cost of £258 and replaced at a cost of £9,763. £4,000 of grants from CWAC helped fund this. Also, due to mindless vandalism a new cable, seat and spring costing £567.53 were installed on the Aerial Runway.

Via a Joint Use Agreement, Saughall Cricket Club maintains the pitches and play areas within the Park at a price to be agreed annually (2010 - £2,500).

The drainage in the car park is still not working and in the winter, when there was a

lot of rain and snow, it was waterlogged. The new Council will need to tackle this problem in the summer by commissioning further drainage work.

The Council is working with the Planners at CWAC on a design for a permanent sports pavilion. This project is in its infancy and is dependant on the Council, village sporting organisations and other prospective users working together in partnership to attract the necessary funding.

Vernon Institute

The Council has built up and maintains a savings fund which it uses to provide grants towards the costs of improving the fabric of the Vernon Institute, a listed building and an important community facility and village meeting point. The Council has contributed £1,140 towards the cost of gas pipes and a new boiler this year. It has also donated £1000 towards the refurbishment of the clock tower.

The Greyhound Inn

The Greyhound Inn closed last autumn and has been standing empty ever since.

Local residents raised concerns about its dilapidated state and so the Clerk contacted its owners Enterprise Inns Plc to request a meeting with them to discuss their plans. The meeting was held on 7 February 2011 at the Vernon Institute and although it wasn't a public meeting, a number of villagers did turn up.

Enterprise Inns have confirmed their commitment to the long term future of the pub and are seeking to recruit a suitable licensee. Their intention was to improve the pub for the local community and re-open it at Easter. However, we have now learnt that the start date for the work has been slightly delayed due to other jobs overrunning but we are assured that work will commence within the next couple of weeks.

Unfortunately, this means that the pub won't be open until mid June.

Traffic Congestion at All Saints Primary School

The Council is still 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 School. We have worked with PCSO Wendy Leason, the School and CWAC's Highways Officers to discourage parents from transporting their children by car. We remain interested in supporting events like Walk to School Month and Walk to School Week. We do have concerns over the School's Transport Plan.

Former Ridings Infant School Building

The Clerk has written to the Secretary of State for Education setting out the Council's objection to the sale of the former school building on the grounds that it could be put to good community use.

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

Highways Issues

We spend a lot of time at Council meetings talking about traffic congestion, problems with the buses, damage to grass verges, parking, potholes and speeding cars. 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 we borrow from the Principal Authority. We still aspire to meet the criteria laid down to become a community speed watch area.

Remembrance Sunday

We have received expressions of thanks and appreciation in respect of the Remembrance Sunday Service organised by the Council, for the first time, following complaints that remembrance of all who suffered and died in conflict in the service of their country and all those who mourn them was not marked sufficiently in this village. I attended the service at the war memorial, as did other Parish Councillors and had the honour of laying a Royal British Legion poppy wreath on the Council's behalf. It is hoped that the Council will continue to take the lead to ensure that this commemoration continues.

Wain House Re-development

Chester and District Housing Trust wanted to call the Wain House re-development Oakwood. Following representations by the Council it has now agreed to call it Wain Court. We did not want to lose the old name from the village completely.

Anyone who is interested in the new properties must contact the Housing Trust.

Affordable Housing Scheme

CWAC completed an external tender process last year resulting in Chester and District Housing Trust being appointed to the scheme. It is now working with the Parish Council to shape it and agree physical and technical elements. We have told the Housing Trust that we would like the proposed development to be called Thomas Wedge Close.

Planning

The Council is a statutory consultee on all planning applications in its area. The Council considers all applications at Planning Committee meetings. In the course of this Municipal year the Council has dealt with 24 applications compared with 30 last year. The number of plans being submitted each year is decreasing, probably due to the economic downturn. Members of the public are very welcome to attend these meetings. Our observations are sent to CWAC advising, where necessary, on local

information and issues.

Communications

The Council's website is regularly updated (www.saughall.gov.uk) to keep people abreast of our activities etc. We are considering carrying out improvements to it to make it more modern and user-friendly and we are exploring social networking. We publish a quarterly newsletter and local people and village organisations are actively encouraged to contribute to it and/or advertise in it. I am told parishioners enjoy reading it. The Clerk can be contacted by email so please use this facility to send her items and photographs for inclusion in future issues and to pass on your comments to the new Council. (clerk@saughall.gov.uk)

Thanks

I would like to thank our Parish Councillors for all the time and effort they have devoted to their duties. They have done this on an entirely voluntary basis and every Councillor is concerned for the well-being of the parish and has the best interests of the village at heart.

Helen Thorniley-Jones resigned from the Council last December because of personal reasons. We were sorry to see her step down but accepted her reasons for doing so. I would like to thank Helen for her contributions and hard work over the years she was a Councillor.

I would also like to thank Andrew Storrar, Brian Crowe and Eleanor Johnson our three Cheshire West and Chester Councillors for all their hard work and dedication to the village who together with Parish Councillors, have focused on the standard and quality of services CWAC has delivered to our residents. New electoral arrangements come into force at the Borough Council elections in May. There will be a new single-member Saughall and Mollington ward. Also, all 14 Parish Council seats are up for election.

Thank you to Tony Leach our Parish Paths

Warden, for walking all the public and permissible footpaths in Saughall and Shotwick Park and reporting problems encountered to CWAC, Helen Cakebread for her work as our Tree and Environmental Warden, our Internal Auditor Bob Salisbury and our Responsible Financial Officer, Graham Hudspeth, for their work on the accounts and for attending Council meetings and finally thank you to our Parish Clerk, Shirley Hudspeth, for her contributions, advice and support during the years I have been Chairman of this Council.

Also, many thanks to those parishioners, who have helped us by bringing matters to our attention, and/or who have come along to our meetings.

In Conclusion

We have had a very busy year and have done our best to discharge our duty on behalf of the village. We may not get it right all the time and we may not always win but our Parish Council is committed to building on its successes and improving services for the benefit of the people of Saughall. The Council may have different political philosophies between its Members but when we enter the Council meeting all Members have one common aim – **improving Saughall.**

Jenny Young
Tel No. 01244 881133

Cheshire West and Chester Council's Election Results 2011

The political make up of the Council is as follows:

42 Conservative Members
32 Labour Members
1 Liberal Democrat Member

The results for the Saughall and Mollington ward were as follows:

Candidate	Party	Votes	Share	Elected
Black, Janet	Labour	340	17.33%	No
Crowe,	Conservative	917	46.74%	Yes

Brain
Storarr, Independent 705 35.93% No
Andrew

National Referendum

On Thursday, 5 May 2011 a national referendum was held to decide on the question:

“At present, the UK uses the „first past the post” system to elect MPs to the House of Commons. Should the „alternative vote” system be used instead?”

The results were:

6,152,607 Yes - 32.10%
13,013,123 No - 67.90%

Voter turnout was 42%.

Consultation on Proposed Changes to Home to School Transport Policy

Cheshire West and Chester Council is undertaking a review of its Home to School Transport Policy to determine if services can be provided in a more efficient and cost effective way and deliver savings. As a result it is undertaking a formal public consultation on proposed policy changes. This consultation is running from **Monday, 16 May 2011 and will end on Sunday, 3 July 2011.**

For more information including the proposals please visit the following website address:

<http://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/schooltransportreview>

Wellbeing Grants

Congratulations to Sue Richards who was successful in securing a £2,000 Wellbeing grant funded jointly by Cheshire West and Chester Council and NHS Western Cheshire to assist the weekly exercise fitness classes/bootcamps running in Saughall. Also, congratulations to the Saughall Neighbourhood Management Team who

was successful in attracting a £1,700 grant to help fund its Summer Play Scheme.

Saughall Ladies Bootcamp



The Golden Jubilee Park has been the venue for Saughall's first Ladies Only Bootcamp which has been running for the last nine months.

Every week up to twelve local ladies get together to be put through their paces by a female personal trainer, at the outdoor Bootcamp. In the fresh air, the Bootcamp incorporates lots of cardiovascular work including jogging, sprinting, boxing, together with dumbbell exercises.

The aim of the Bootcamp is to increase fitness levels, tone up and help with weight loss whilst having fun in the fresh air. At the beginning of each Bootcamp, all participants are weighed and measured and then again at the end of the Bootcamp – the results so far have been fantastic.

Ladies of all ages and fitness levels are welcome (so far participants have ranged from twenty somethings to sixty some things!).

If you are interested in joining, contact Sue Richards at SJR Health and Fitness on 07789072109 or e-mail: sjrfitness@yahoo.co.uk.

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 three times 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.

The Co-op has not replied to any of our letters!

Parish Council Surgeries

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

- 2 July
- 30 July
- 30 August
- 3 September

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

Shutting the Door on Bogus Prize Draws - Message from Homewatch

Many of us receive junk mail through the post, with the vast majority going straight in the recycling bin. However for some it can be tempting to try your luck on a 'prize draw' letter that comes through the letterbox.



The cost of this temptation can be seen in figures released from the Office of Fair Trading which shows that last year, 1 in 25 people lost money to a scam, be it bogus prize draws, foreign lotteries, miracle health cures or money transfer scams. Seven per cent of those lost £4000 or more and those are only the ones that were reported.

The organisers of these scams are smart – the letters look professional, they are often personalised so they have your name throughout (sometimes appearing to be handwritten), and there is often a short deadline to respond so that you don't have time to think. By replying to just one of these letters, your information will be shared by other scammers who will then write to you, inundating you with letters.

My message is simple: if it looks too good to be true it probably is and if it asks for money upfront, even in the form of an admin charge for processing your winnings, it is almost certainly a scam.

If you are in any doubt or think you may have responded to a scam, speak to friends, family or Consumer Direct for advice. Consumer Direct provides advice on behalf of Trading Standards and can be contacted on 0845 4040506.

Unfortunately, most of the scams we come across have affected older residents, many of whom experience loneliness.

You can register with the Mailing Preference Service which is free. It won't cut out all scams but it should significantly reduce the

amount of marketing mail you receive. Their phone number is 0845 7034599, you can register online at www.mpsonline.org.uk or you can write to Mailing Preference Service, Freepost 29 LON20771, London, W1E 0ZT.

If you are tempted by prize draws because you are struggling financially, speak to your local Citizens Advice Bureau. They can provide you with free, confidential and impartial advice and check you are receiving all the financial benefits and allowances that are available to you. You can telephone 0844 411 1444 or visit www.adviceguide.org.uk to find your local bureau.

Ian Humphrey
Homewatch Chairman
Tel 880011

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**

Saughall Neighbourhood Management Team

The Play Scheme, for local children and those who attend the local school aged 7 to 11 years will run from 25 to 29 July 2011 and from 1 to 5 August 2011. There are limited places so please book early.

To book please ring 07707622062.

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.

Wain Court



The construction of the new building is reaching its conclusion, work is progressing well and we are expecting handover towards the end of June. This development will provide 37 apartments for the over 55's, a communal lounge and garden area for Residents to enjoy.

Properties are due to be advertised imminently through Trust Homechoice where the local rural connection will apply. The applicants who are shortlisted will be invited to an interview with the Community Housing Officer and Housing Support Officer to assess suitability, following on from the interview, they will be invited to a 'meet and greet' with residents from the Rural Panel and other Chester District Housing Trust schemes.

We are pleased to confirm that once the building is officially handed over it will be named **Wain Court** as suggested by Members of Saughall and Shotwick Park Parish Council.

We would like to thank residents of Saughall for their continued patience with the development works and for G&J Seddon for donating a new kitchen and for providing scaffold to assist the works to the roof at the Vernon Institute.

If you would like any further information regarding this development, please contact Danielle Harrison, Senior Development Officer at Chester and District Housing Trust Tel: 01244 305563

Lodge Lane - Affordable Housing Scheme

Chester and District Housing Trust have been selected by Saughall and Shotwick Park Parish Council and Cheshire West and Chester Council to work in partnership to develop proposals to deliver 18 new affordable homes on land off Lodge Lane, Saughall.



Over the past few months we have been working on plans to deliver new affordable housing built to a high sustainability standard, this will include the use of 'green technologies' such as air source heat pumps and rain water harvesting. The draft plans were displayed at a consultation drop in session held in February when local residents were invited to view the proposals and meet members of the design team who were on hand to answer any questions.

The plans to build two bedroom bungalows and two and three bedroom family homes are now being developed to form a planning application which we hope to submit in July.

If you would like any further information on the proposals please contact, Holly Stiles, Development Officer at Chester and District Housing Trust Tel: 01244 305503.

Think Before You Park!

If you are regularly inconvenienced and denied access to your garage by irresponsible and selfish motorists who park their vehicles in front of it, help is at hand.

In future make a note of the vehicle registration numbers of offending vehicles every time you are blocked in and report them to the police by telephoning 0845 4580000. The police have promised take action by arranging for vehicles to be towed away and impounded. Offenders will then be charged for this and will also have to pay to get their vehicles back. Anyone who persistently parks across your garage but manages to move their vehicle before it is towed away will receive a visit from the police and a warning.

If you are one of these selfish people whose parking inconveniences others – **You have been warned!**

Speeding Scooters and Bikes

Complaints have been received from pedestrians who have nearly been knocked over by children going to All Saints Primary School on scooters and bikes.

Parents, if your children use these forms of transport to get to and from school please impress upon them the need to be considerate to others using the pavement and to keep their speeds down.

Dog Fouling Nuisance

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



Jubilee 2012 - The Big Lunch on Sunday, 5 June

The Big Lunch aims to get as many people in the UK as possible to join their neighbours for a few hours of community, friendship and fun.

Some 10 million people came out in sunny 1977 to celebrate the Silver Jubilee so we hope a large number of people will take part in The Big Lunch for the first time in 2012 - joining those that have been doing it for the last 3 years!

Your event can be anything from a simple lunch in your garden to a huge street party with food, music and decoration that quite literally stops the traffic.

The beauty of The Big Lunch is that people themselves decide everything about their own event. The venue can be wherever you want or have space, the theme whatever you fancy - food and people are the key ingredients. For example, if you want to raise money for charity do it, if you want to play music feel free (just so long as other neighbours are happy!). You can close your road if you fancy a big street party - it really is up to you.

The Big Lunch team will help you along the way in planning your event. If you have any questions or queries please get in touch via info@thebiglunch.com or call 0845 850 8181 to speak to one of the team. Quite simply we want to get as many people as possible to sit down and have lunch with their neighbours on the first Sunday in June. After all The Big Lunch is all about community, friendship and fun!

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: ilmartin66@yahoo.co.uk

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.

Vernon Institute Community Survey

There has been talk recently about how best to use the Vernon Institute and whether we should invest in renovating any of the building.

In order to obtain the views of village people, for the first time ever, Committee members distributed a questionnaire to each house in the village and collected the replies some days later.

The results from the hundreds of questionnaires returned have been collated and will be discussed at the next Vernon Institute Management Committee meeting in June.

The replies were varied but the overriding theme was how important the Vernon Institute is to the village and that it continues to be its focal point.

Many people asked for the building to be renovated to include better facilities with a greater choice of activities.

Many asked for improved communications and already the Vernon Institute Management Committee has agreed to communicate better via the notice board in front of the Vernon Institute building.

A Development Committee has been set up to pull together the proposals and recommendations for the fabric of the building.

Watch this space for further information and updates.

We would like to say a **“Big thank-you”** to all who responded to and helped with the survey, we had a great response from our village!

Chris Harman
Chair on Behalf of the
Vernon Institute Management Committee
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Saughall Rotary Club

Members of the Rotary Club of Saughall have been keeping busy for the past few months.



A very successful Race Night was held at the Vernon Institute in March where an excellent sum was raised to send to Rotary International for the Polio Immunization Programme. Thanks to everyone for their support. It was a great evening!

One of our members, Annette actually visited India in November to participate in the Polio Immunization Programme and took small toys for the children. She was able to donate funds to assist with the purchase of beds at an orphanage in India.

Back on home ground – plans are well underway with regard to the Saughall Sports Day and Saughall Mile which is being held on 16 July 2011. If you are interested in participating either by running a stall for your own Charity/organisation or entering the Saughall Mile or any of the races – please contact our Club Secretary Julie Neenan info@court-farm.co.uk or President Beryl info@berylcotton.co.uk.

On Friday, 10 June the Rotary Club is arranging a Clairvoyant Evening at the Vernon Institute 7 for 7.30pm. This should be an interesting/fun evening. Admission is by ticket. Interested - then please contact our Club Secretary.

The Club meets on Thursday evenings 7 for 7.30pm at the Mollington Banastre Hotel. Visitors are welcome but please telephone club Secretary in advance: 0151 339 1977

Beryl Cotton
President 2010/11

Saughall Uniform Groups

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Contact telephone numbers:

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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

Activities at the Vernon Institute

A variety of activities take place at the Vernon Institute. Please see the notice board in the entrance hall for exact times and contact numbers. Activities include:

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| • Pilates | • Gardening Club |
| • Badminton | • Golden Link |
| • Table Tennis | • Play School |
| • Snooker/Billiards | • Whist |
| • Women's Institute | • Art Club |
| • Saughall Library in the small hall. | • Dancing Schools |
| Open: | • Slimming World |
| Tuesday 3pm-4pm | • Farmers' Market – All local produce, Every Saturday 9am – 12pm in the Small Hall. |
| • Art Club on Tuesdays, limited numbers, telephone 880733 | |

Activities at All Saints Church

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

Activities at the Methodist Church

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

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

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MEETINGS SCHEDULE 2011/12	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
Council (meets at the Vernon Institute)	*9		4		5		7		9/ **16		5		*14
Parish Meeting (at the Vernon Institute)												23	
Planning Committee***	9	6	4	1	5	3	7	5	9	6	5	2	14
General Purposes Committee (meets in the Uniform Groups Headquarters)		6		1		3		5		6		2	
Finance and Business Development Committee (meets in the Uniform Group's Headquarters)		13		8		10		15		16		10	

* Annual Meeting – provisional date in 2012

** Budget Meeting

***Planning Committee meets at the Vernon Institute if it is on the same evening as the Council meeting. However, when Planning Committee meets on the same evening as the General Purposes Committee it is in the Uniform Groups Headquarters.

Council Meetings commence at **7:30pm**

Planning Committee and Finance and Business Development Committee meetings commence at **7:00pm** and General Purposes Committee meetings commence at **7:30pm**.

USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

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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
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wanadoo.co.uk
Tel: 880513

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All Saints Primary School
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