

# Peover Superior Parish

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Keep  
Over Peover  
Tidy.

Please pick up  
any litter you  
find and  
dispose of it  
in one of the  
four bins  
around the  
parish, or take it  
home!



## Parish Council News

Happy New Year from the Parish Council.

This newsletter has good news about the high speed broadband roll-out (see page 2). Also you are invited to attend a Connecting Cheshire drop-in briefing event on:

21st January 2014 at Tarporley Community Centre,  
High Street, Tarporley CW6 0AY.

or

22 January 2014 at Alderley Edge Festival Hall,  
Talbot Road, Alderley Edge SK9 7HR  
anytime between 4 – 8pm

Connecting Cheshire would like to use this event to ensure the community is aware of the arrival of fibre broadband during 2014 and show how you can benefit from switching to high speed broadband for home or business use. They will have experts from BT Openreach and their fibre showcase vehicle on hand to explain the technical and engineering challenges, plus there will be information and maps so that you can see where and when the new services will be arriving.

It has been a busy year for the Parish Council, should there be anything you would like them to be aware of or any issues you would like them to discuss, please get in touch.

## New Year, New You?

Radbrooke Gym are offering 1/2 price joining fee for all community memberships during January 2014. Therefore to join in January the joining fee will be £15 and the monthly membership fee will be £17.50.

They are offering a deal in Feb where if you join as a pair then the joining fee is £15 each with the monthly membership being £17.50  
Call 01565 612394 for more details.

## Welcome to Over Peover Leaflet

The parish has an information leaflet with useful numbers and contacts for the area.



This leaflet is available to all but is aimed at those who have recently moved in to the area.

If you would like a copy, or know of someone who would find it useful please contact a member of the Parish Council or the Parish Clerk and we will get a copy to you.

## STOP PRESS – NEWS FROM THE FIBRE FRONT



Connecting Cheshire announced their plans for the Superfast fibre broadband roll-out in Cheshire at an event at Oulton Park on Friday 6th December and presented a map showing the three phases of installation.

The good news is that Over Peover is scheduled to have Superfast broadband installed by summer 2014 and the even better news is that half of the village, connected to the Lower Peover exchange will see work commence even earlier, in March.

Bringing fibre to Cheshire is a massive engineering undertaking for BT. They have a team of over 100 planners and engineers working to upgrade exchanges and networks. The work will involve laying over 875 miles of fibre-optic cable, which would reach from Land's End to John O'Groats, by spring 2015. Over 400 new roadside cabinets will also be installed. Planning permission is not required as they are classed as permitted development and it is council policy to site them on adopted land. These cabinets are crucial to the whole enterprise. In some areas of the country residents' objections delayed the programme by months or longer. If, in the spring, there seems to be a problem with the location of a cabinet please contact a member of the parish council initially so that we can try to resolve the situation to everyone's satisfaction by negotiation.

If you would like to see the maps for yourself you can find them on the Connecting Cheshire website <http://www.connectingcheshire.org.uk>.

Click on 'check availability', then you have a choice: if you click on 'high resolution map' you will be able to zoom in on your own property and this map is coloured to show the areas covered by each of the three phases of the programme. If you click on the grey box saying 'coverage map' you will see a map showing all the telephone exchanges. As the cursor hovers over an exchange the exchange name and date of upgrade is given.

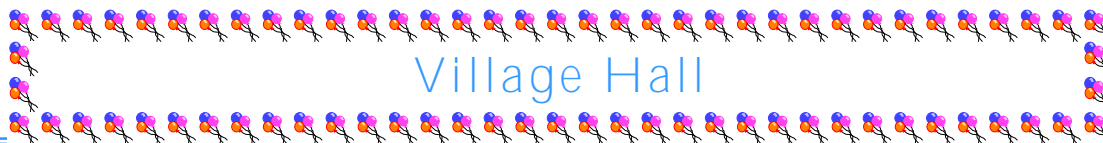
Connecting Cheshire is planning to hold local events in parishes to give more detailed information when available.

It's good to be able to report something positive at long last. If anyone has any queries or suggestions please get in touch.

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Our village hall will be 100 years old on the anniversary of the end of the first world war! Unfortunately she is showing her age. Despite the best efforts of all its carers the village hall in its current location and design is not going to last forever. The car parking is limited for modern needs and the timber structure can only be patched up so many times.

Two years ago the parish council embarked on a mission to find a new location for our village hall. In this time they have looked at three possible locations and spoken to the landowners in question and taken informal advice from the Cheshire East Planning Department. Unfortunately to-date none of these potential options look like proceeding.

So the parish council would like your help. Do you have any suggestion for a location? And would you be willing to give up some time and effort in helping the parish secure a new village hall? Would you be willing to help with the running of a village hall?

Finally the parish council do have a possible fourth option for a location in association with the village school which is currently looking promising but without the village support nothing is going to happen.

Trevor Cornish, Chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee

## Village website

The more observant of you will have noticed that we have been having great trouble with the village website over the last six months.

Viv Cunningham has been joined by Paul Bagnall and between them they are working to create a new website, one that will hopefully be easier to use and look professional.

If you would like to help out with the website or have any photographs of the parish that you think would look good on the website, please send them to [info@overpeover.com](mailto:info@overpeover.com)



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## News from St Lawrence's

Christmas time has been an especially busy time in Over Peover this year. During December our Posada - figures of Mary, Joseph and the donkey - made its way around the village **stopping off for bed and breakfast with various families finishing up at the Wadsworth's on Parkgate Avenue.** Then on Christmas Eve, Charlie, Freya and Harry brought them to the Crib Service where they found a home in the crib in time for Christmas Day.

The Nativity Service itself was a huge success with nearly 400 people in church for the enactment of the Christmas Story. Sophie Hurst sang exquisitely and all our adult participants coped magnificently with the unexpectedly large crowds. The stars of the whole show, of course were the two calves who performed admirably and added a very authentic flavour to the stable.

The Christmas Season was rounded off with a Family Festival on Epiphany Sunday focussing on the gifts of the Wise Men. In addition, thirty of us enjoyed Twelfth Night Cake with a hidden Jelly Bean and the children made beeswax candles.

Family Services this Spring

Forthcoming Family Festivals are Hearts and Flowers on the 9th February, Pancakes and Prayers on the 2nd March and Easter Preparation on the 30th March. The services start at 4pm and last about 30 minutes followed by crafts and refreshments. They are suitable for all ages from babies to grandparents and all are welcome. Please join us.

We are also experimenting with a new form of Service at 11.00 (refreshments from 10.30 onwards) rather than our usual time of 9.30. The next service will be on the 16th February. The service will appeal to those who would like to come to church but feel that the more formal services are not for them. It is a relaxed opportunity to think about religion outside the box, enjoy fellowship and be open to new ideas.

## Drive through ATM at Radbroke Hall.

**With the recent spate of thefts from ATM's in Knutsford and surrounding towns why not use the ATM at Barclays? It's safe and secure and you don't have to leave your car!**

Access to the ATM is via the Stocks Lane entrance, and the actual site is near the Main Reception lodge. Drivers simply have to come to the barrier and talk to the security officer, or use the intercom if the barrier is not staffed. They should say they have come to use the ATM, and will then be pointed in the right direction. There will be no need to leave the comfort of the car, and after using the ATM, drivers will simply follow the exit route off site.

Peak arrival times to site should be avoided e.g. 08.00 - 09.30, to help speed the flow of traffic on to site.

The Stars and Stripes has been restored and returned to its usual place in St Lawrence's Church where it had remained since it was donated to the church by General Patton in 1944.

The flag has been restored by the Lancashire Conservation Studios in Preston.

The cost of this work has been met by a number of generous donations both from local parishioners and from Patton supporters in the USA.

Our thanks go to all those who contributed.



## Village Hall

Available for parties and events at £20 for the first hour then £10 per hour after. If you would like to book the village hall, please contact Liz McGrath on 01565 722762 or email [opvillagehall@btinternet.com](mailto:opvillagehall@btinternet.com)

*If you have anything you would like to go in a future edition of the newsletter or would like to help by distributing the newsletter, please contact the clerk, Liz McGrath (contact details on front page).*