

Peover Superior Parish Newsletter

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Parish Council News

On page 2 you will find our chairman's report for the last 12 months.

As a Parish Council we would like to introduce our newest member, Mr Ian Webber. Ian joined the Parish Council in March, following the death of Gordon McGrath. We hope Ian will consider becoming an elected member of the parish council in May 2015. He is currently a co-opted member and has already begun to get to grips with what is involved.

The Parish Council were able to assist the school by paying for their Cheshire railings to be done at the same time as the Parish Field. The Parish Council hope you will agree it has made a real difference to the village.

We have once again entered the Community Pride competition. Please pick up any litter you see and help us to be successful again!

The Parish Council is also looking to update the playing field play equipment (see page 4)

Thanks must go to the team at Colshaw Hall who held a charity fundraiser in March this year and the proceeds of which have gone to many local organisations in the village from the School to the cricket club, the church to the Football club.

As usual, should you wish to contribute anything to the newsletter, get in touch.

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!



Village website

A huge thank you must go to Viv Cunningham for all the work she does to keep the village website updated. However Viv has decided that after many years doing this for the village she would like to stand down and let someone else take over.

If you would like to help by volunteering to do this, or help by contributing to 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 or contact one of the Parish Council.



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Chairman's Annual Report 2013/14 by Chris Hurst

We are now 3 years into the current Parish Council's term and I thank my fellow councillors and our clerk for their on-going support.

Sadly Gordon McGrath who had served on the Parish Council for 38 years and was an active and vibrant member of the Council passed away this year. Gordon selflessly gave of his time freely to our Parish for so many years and contributed in so many ways to the richness of our community, we all owe him a debt of gratitude. He served as Chairman to the council for 10 years and respecting his family wishes a memorial tree will be planted on the Parish Field.

Highways – I'm pleased to say after much lobbying by the Parish Council, Councillor George Walton and many of the Parish's residents we have finally seen the implementation of the 50 mph speed limit along the full length of the A50 from Knutsford through the Parish to Holmes Chapel. The reduction in speed has been noticeable and the number of traffic accidents has undoubtedly dropped in the Parish. Further representations have been made by concerned residents and further traffic calming measures are in the process of being implemented along the A50 as I write.

The Council has made many representations on the state of the roads in and around the village and some remedial works have been completed. Chelford Lane remains a particular concern. The Council is keen to encourage parishioners to report pot holes on the Cheshire East Council website as these appear to be dealt with relatively promptly when reported.

Barclay's at Radbroke Hall continue to support the Parish where they can and to liaise with the Parish Council over potential issues. They are currently discussing resolutions to the issue of speed of site access at peak times leading to road congestion and the demand for on-site parking which has spilled out into the Parish.

Parish Field – Maintenance is planned for the Cheshire Railings once the weather improves.

The football team continue to play, with some success on the Parish Field.

The Parish Council now hold section 106 funds and also a sum raised through the Parish for play equipment for the under 5's. **The Council is now actively seeking a supplier to supply and fit appropriate play equipment and will also seek additional grant funding.**

War Memorial – The Parish Council are actively seeking a contractor to clean and tidy the memorial and replace the perished wooden posts.

Village Hall – The Village Hall's own management committee continue battling to maintain the Hall which is showing signs of its age. The cost of repairs is rising steadily as windows have had to be replaced before they fell out and roof leaks resolved. **They've done an excellent job and the hall remains an excellent venue** with good facilities that can be hired for only a nominal cost. Please do consider it if you are organising a small gathering or event. Bookings can be made through the Parish Clerk.

The Parish Council has continued to explore a number of possible solutions to this deteriorating asset with the support of both the Church and the WI. The only current potentially viable solution is a joint provision of a hall at the School site. Discussions continue.

Broadband – Kathy Doyle's work appears to be paying off as we are now in the initial stages of the provision of superfast broadband for the Parish.

Website – following a cyber-attack and the viral destruction of the Parish website, the council commissioned a local supplier to provide a new site. The result is a very attractive and modern new site which I would encourage you to visit www.overpeover.com

The Village Show - The Village show was held in September. It was a very well attended and successful event with a rich variety of fiercely competed categories from baking to flowers, fruit and veg or photography and many children's categories. **Much praise should go to the WI for organising this marvellous community event.**

The Parish Council continues to push for improvements in all areas of parish life.

If you have a suggestion for the Parish Council or would like to volunteer with any matter please contact either the Clerk or a member of the Council. All the contact details can be found on the notice board by the playing field, on the newsletter or on the village website. Once again it has been a great pleasure to Chair the Parish Council for another year.



News from Over Peover Women's Institute

Members were delighted to hear that Sue Newhouse has agreed to advise us and help to co-ordinate our efforts in making a banner to commemorate the centenary of the WI. It was Sue who skilfully guided, taught and inspired the stitchers of the millennium Knutsford Tapestry which now receives wide acclaim.

After 35 years in banking, John Hooley gives talks about his passion – Steam ships - in this case the ships of the oldest steam ship company in the world – the Isle of Man Steam Packet Company. His enthusiasm for his subject brimmed over as he told us about his beloved ships. Many were lost on war service at Dunkirk and as troop ships during WW2. From silver service to false funnels, we were given a thorough insight into the lost world of the steam packet.

Rowena Topham and Christine Clarkson tickled our palates with their homemade delicacies and the flowers were sent to Jean Irlam.

On 5th June a merry little group visited the RHS gardens at Harlow Carr near Harrogate, joined by members of Lower Peover WI and other friends. Lunch in Betty's famous café and a walk around the gorgeous gardens was rounded off by cream tea back at Betty's. It was a lovely day out and we did go for the plants – really!

We meet at 7.30pm on the last Thursday of the month at Over Peover Village Hall. There is a friendly and welcoming atmosphere and speakers are invariably of a very high standard as are the homemade cakes and tea to follow. New members are very welcome.

Rural Watch and Home Watch are changing.

Police have introduced a new alert system that will work to let residents know of incidents they need to be aware of and things to be vigilant for in their local area.

How it works:

Go to <https://www.cheshirepolicealert.co.uk> to register. From this you can register and email address as well as a mobile phone number. The police will then send you a text or an email to alert you of incidents in your area.

This system has replaced the rural and home watch email system.

PC Mike Dawber said "The scheme was innovative at the time, using email to send out Ruralwatch alerts to more than 300 members of the scheme across Knutsford. We have some terrific results and convictions due to information from Ruralwatch members. However technology is moving on all the time and in an attempt to continue and build on this success, the Ruralwatch scheme has moved from email and will now be implemented through Cheshire Police Alerts and Twitter social media. With many people having access to smartphones these days, the Ruralwatch alerts can be sent out much quicker. We are much better placed to tackle rural crime than when the ruralwatch scheme was first implemented, in that we have a team of officers dedicated to the issue. Whilst rural crime has been on the rise nationally, in Cheshire we have seen a reduction due to the Constabulary investing time and resources into this area."



For residents who tweet, the Knutsford policing team also send alerts and details of incidents to their twitter account @knutsfordnpu.

If you would like any more information on this please visit the Cheshire Police Alert website or call the Parish Clerk on 01565 722762.





News from St Lawrence's

SAVE THE DATE

THE RETURN OF THE CHERISH DAY

SATURDAY 18th OCTOBER 2014

After the success of our first Cherish Day in November 2011, save the date for another uplifting and enriching day of fellowship in October!

Cherish Day is an event to bring together people of all ages in our parish – those who attend our 9.30 service, those who come to the Family Festivals and those who live in our parish and beyond. Come together for a few hours to enjoy lunch, activities and the opportunity to take time to relax and get to know each other better.

And this time, it's not just for ladies - the gentleman of the parish have said that they would like to join in too, after hearing how much fun was had by all!

Here's how it works.

We will gather at about 10am at Radbroke Barn (a big thank you once again to James Hardy for this). We have coffee and an uplifting talk to set the tone for the day.

This year we are delighted that Canon Jane Brooke from Chester Cathedral will be joining us. Jane is responsible for all the Cathedral's education and outreach work, which is a very vibrant and interesting program.

After that splendid start, we will sample activities ranging from hand massage to drumming, from singing to luxury gift wrapping and willow weaving! There will be more to come! After lunch, there will be more activities to choose from, before we come together to reflect on our day, finishing no later than 5pm

To enhance the spirit of it being a treat day and finding time to cherish yourself and each other, there will again be a treat table where for up to £10 you can get ahead with your Christmas shopping, or just treat yourself!

Until we have confirmed all the activities, we cannot confirm the cost, but it is likely to be in the region of £20, as we would like to raise a little in profit to support the church this year (last time we actually made a small loss!) This cost will include lunch and wine. please put the date in your diary now and contact Heather Jobling on 01625 583680 or email heather.jobling@jobling-gowler.co.uk to reserve your place.

Playing Field

Many of you will be aware of the monies available to the parish council for improved facilities on the playing field. The plans are to add to the existing play equipment with a **trim trail, an under 5's play area and a small play house.** There is also something for the adults too, an interval fitness trail has been devised around the perimeter of the field for children and adults to use. Additional seating and picnic area is also being explored. If you would like to see the plans they are available on the Website www.overpeover.com they will also be on display in the notice boards opposite the school.

All comments received so far have been very positive, if you would like to make any suggestions or comment on the plans, please contact a member of the parish council (details on Page 1)



What do we need from our Village Hall?

The team looking at new sites for the village hall would like to know what we as a Parish would like in a new hall.



For example a bar area, kitchen, what availability would we like? Weekends and evenings or same as it is now? Do we need outside space?

Please make your views known so that we have a hall that is one we all need.

If you have a view and would like to let the Parish Council know what we should secure on your behalf, please get in touch with a member of the Parish Council or the Parish Clerk—Contact details on page 1

WHATS ON IN THE 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

- Want to get in shape for summer? Come try out the new Circuit Training class every Thursday night at 7pm (except for the last Thursday in the month) at Over Peover Village Hall.

Only £5 per person! For more information, contact Phoebe at 07584327101 or find us on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/fitnesswithphoebe



- **YOGA COMES TO OVER PEOVER VILLAGE HALL.....**

"Finding space and time for oneself in our busy lives can be difficult, but not impossible"

Stephanie, a Hatha Yoga teacher who has started lessons at the Village Hall firmly believes this. Stephanie a recently retired lawyer started practising yoga over 15 years ago while a Partner in a city centre practice. Seeing the benefits of yoga, she took a teacher's training course with the Inner Yoga Trust, and now teaches others how they too can benefit from this ancient discipline.

"Yoga is accessible to all regardless of age and gender. The postures, poses relaxation and meditation techniques can be tailor-made for any level of ability. Clients will learn beginner's techniques within small classes where they can be closely observed and adjustments made accordingly."

2 Yoga courses for beginners will be commencing in October at the Village Hall and will run for 6 weeks, with 2 additional "taster classes" at the beginning of September

Monday Beginner's Course for those with restricted movement from 3pm to 4:15pm .

Tuesday Beginner's Course from 9:30am to 10:45am

Courses are £30.00

Taster classes will be £5:00 per class.

Stephanie can also offer 1:1

If you are interested please telephone Stephanie on 07920 527 065 for more information or email s.b.benson@gmail.com

Peover School Centenary Celebrations—19th September 2014

Peover Superior school will celebrate 100 years of education in Peover in September. We would like to hear from any former superiorities who have memories to share or photos we could use for the exhibition.



We would like to invite the whole village to join in the Party on September the 19th from 4pm to 8pm at the school.

Please feel free to get into the party spirit by hanging bunting from your house or perhaps create a special '100 years' scarecrow! The most festive house will win a prize on the day.

For more information please contact me on kateacland1@hotmail.com or use the Facebook page www.facebook.com/peoverschoolcentenary or on twitter [@peoversuperior](https://twitter.com/peoversuperior) or by good old fashioned phone 01625861202.



ROADWORKS

Chelford Lane will be closed intermittently over the next few months while long over due drainage works are carried out to help improve the road. Please be patient while works are ongoing.



SPEEDWATCH TEAM



Speeding is an ever present problem in our village. Can you help by joining the speed watch team?

This would involve training to use the speed gun and taking your turn on a rota to monitor speed in the village. Once we have the data we can pass it on to the police for enforcement. If you would like to get involved please contact the Parish Clerk or Cllr Webber.