

Peover Superior Parish Newsletter



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Lockdown

Lockdown seems a long time ago now (though maybe there is more around the corner). It caused much difficulty for many of us but it also enabled us to appreciate the joy of living in such a pleasant rural environment. We saw more of our neighbours as we walked the lanes and footpaths for our daily exercise and a new community group sprang up to help those in need.

The Over Peover Covid Group (now renamed the Over Peover Community Group) has a WhatsApp Group and a Facebook page. Anyone who wants to join the group is welcome to contact Jo on 07710406151 who will arrange for you to be added. During lockdown members volunteered to bring groceries and prescriptions to those who were shielding and also devised a light-hearted diversion for the village in the Easter Bonnet and Scarecrow Parade, which inspired a great many to join in and many more to parade around the village admiring the offerings, which were full of imagination and humour.



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Village Hall

Since August 2019 the Parish Council has been in negotiations with a local farmer who had offered to sell land for a new village hall on Chelford Lane near to the school. This progressed well, so that the boundaries of the land were fixed and the price agreed. Sadly thereafter there were objections from neighbouring landowners causing the farmer to withdraw his offer. Naturally all on the Parish Council are saddened by this turn of events. If anyone can think of a suitable site that is available for a new village hall please contact the Clerk. Back to the drawing board!

Sadly, many celebrations such as birthdays and weddings had to be postponed, but the residents of Cinder Lane rallied round to celebrate the 90th birthday of Bernard Barber, who otherwise would have missed out as his family were shielding. A gathering took place at 9.00 am on 11th May when cards and presents were exchanged and a rousing chorus of 'Happy Birthday' was sung! Bernard even had a spread in the Knutsford Guardian! Happy 90th Bernard!



A good time was had by all on Friday 8th May 2020 for VE day. The weather was kind to us and prodigious amounts of cake and scones were consumed as, dressed in our best, we sat out in our front gardens in the blazing sun. To commemorate the sacrifices of our ancestors, the school created a Tree of Remembrance and many touching messages were placed on it from residents recalling the hard work and heroism of their grandparents during World War II.



Lockdown has also taken us back firmly to the earlier days of home deliveries and apart from large supermarket deliveries, the local milk deliveries, veg boxes, plant suppliers and the fish man have proved a great boon. If anyone would like to be put in contact, please get in touch with the Clerk.

The Parish Council has continued to function during these socially distanced months, facilitated by Zoom, and in the comfort of our own homes. All the business of the council has been taken care of as normal. The meetings of the Parish Council are still fully open to the public and if residents wish to join a meeting please contact the Clerk.

Parish Field

During lockdown the Parish Field has proved a source of great enjoyment for the village of Over Peover and visitors from further afield. It has been great to see families enjoying picnics and games in the sun. The new goalpost nets, purchased by the Parish Council and kindly fitted by Henry Pearson, look very smart. It is apparent that the Parish Field is attracting some attention from organised groups wishing to use it on a regular basis. The field was purchased in 1938 by the Parish Council for the enjoyment of villagers, and while we do not wish to be too exclusive about who uses it, we are conscious of the fact that families with young children can easily find themselves squeezed out if large groups are commandeering the space. In order to safeguard the position, the Parish Council has adopted a policy for use of the Parish Field, which is available to read on the website, giving priority to casual leisure use by families.

Once again our most sincere thanks go to Mr and Mrs William Stobart whose continuing generosity enables our Parish Field to be such a beautifully tended space in the heart of our village giving so much pleasure to everyone who uses it, or even sees it in passing. This generosity also extends, along with that of Mr David Irlam, to the upkeep of the school playing fields, which is much appreciated.

We also thank Jose, the groundsman who does all the hard work and has become a familiar sight in the village, mowing and strimming to keep everything in tip-top condition. Our congratulations to him and his wife who are expecting a baby in the near future. We send all our good wishes to them for the safe arrival of their new baby.

SOS

Save Our Signs!

It's that time of year again when across the landscape we hear the hum of large machinery harvesting, grass-cutting and hedging. Every year this takes its toll of our road signs. Fingerposts are bitten off and road signs fall by the wayside. Councillor Clarke is a whiz at repairing damaged signs. He's just fixed a sign that he repaired last year. Some are beyond even his capabilities and then it becomes expensive for the Parish Council to deal with.

Calling all farmers – please take care with our signs!



Footpaths

Members of the Parish Council routinely walk the footpaths and bridleways within the Parish to ensure they are in a satisfactory state. Cheshire East Council is the body responsible for protecting public rights of way and the landowners are responsible for ensuring the right of way is not obstructed. What we look for is:

- Are there any signs missing or broken? Is the path clearly marked?
- Is the path / bridleway clear of obstruction? (barbed wire, electric fencing, overgrown hedges)
- Is the path freely accessible? (No dangerous animals, paths across ploughed fields reinstated)
- Are any stiles / gates / bridges in need of repair?

Should you be on a footpath (not pavements) or bridleway and notice anything that requires attention please contact Cheshire East Public Rights of Way using the online problem report form or email them at prow@cheshireeast.gov.uk.



Neighbourhood Plan

Peover Superior Neighbourhood
Development Plan 2019-2030



Referendum Version

Peover Superior Parish Council
April 2020
council@overpeover.com

At the end of March the Peover Superior Neighbourhood Plan successfully passed through independent examination. Normally, the next step would be to proceed to a local referendum but the coronavirus pandemic has meant that the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government has suspended all referendums until at least May 2021. However, they have declared that any Neighbourhood Plans that are awaiting a referendum, such as ours, can be given significant weight in decision making by the Local Planning Authority.

Since March our Neighbourhood Plan has enabled the Parish Council to make objective comments on planning proposals based on the policies contained in the Plan which has led to some proposals being rejected. The referendum version of the Neighbourhood Plan can be found on the Parish Council website.

Parking

Over the past months the village has become more popular with visitors as a result of lock down, and this has created some problems highlighted by residents.

In response to complaints about illegal parking on the verge of Stocks Lane at Four Lanes end corner, the PC has contacted Cheshire East Highways department asking them to reinstate the white lines on the road edges of the bend as they have worn away making them difficult to see. Highway regulations state that it is illegal to cross the lines to reach the verge, in addition No Parking signs have been attached to the railings to reinforce the restriction.

The safety issues are important as the parking in this area blocks the line of sight through the Cheshire style railings at a point where four roads converge at a sharp corner.

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INSPIRING WOMEN

OVER PEOVER WI

Looking Ahead

Over Peover WI has a rich history and has coped with many challenges in the past, we are focussing on the future and looking forward to planning our centenary celebrations in 2022.

So, whilst our meetings have been suspended until next year, we have been able to restart some of our activity groups as COVID restrictions have been relaxed.

We offer support and companionship to all our members and the wider community. If you would like to get involved or need a chat we are still here and would be pleased to hear from you.

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Over Peover Cricket Club have double success

2020 has been a fantastic season for Over Peover Cricket Club even after a delayed start to the season and the restrictions due to the pandemic.

The season got underway in mid July with both senior teams having strong availability with people keen to get active after lockdown. The first team won 6 out of 9 games and finished top of the league. The second team also won their league with 9 wins out of 11.

A real positive across both teams was the contribution by the juniors members who were a key part of the senior team's success. Junior practice was well attended again by over 30 boys and girls coming from Chelford, Goostrey, Lower and Over Peover. We will look to expand further next year with the aim of having 3 junior teams including a girls team

Thanks to all who have supported the club in a challenging year, for more information please go to www.overpeovercc.co.uk



A socially distanced second XI

School Tours For Reception 2021 Admissions

As we are unable to hold our usual open days at the moment, we would like to invite you to a socially distanced guided tour of our wonderful school. The tours, hosted by the Principal or Assistant Principal will give you the opportunity to look around our school and grounds and ask any questions you may have.

If you would like to take this opportunity to visit our school this term, please email admin@peoversuperior.cheshire.sch.uk

We look forward to meeting you soon.

St Lawrence's Church

Welcome from Fr Murray, for details contact the Benefice website, Peover Churches please.

The Annual Parish Church meeting date is yet to be confirmed, with changing restrictions.

The church is open for services every Sunday at 9.30am, (facial coverings and 2 metre distancing)

ALL WELCOME

Peover Archive

An enterprising resident wishes to find like-minded people to help start up an Over Peover Archive, to be a suitable repository for local memorabilia and photographs. The archive could be a physical space to house the collection or the records could be held digitally. If you are interested in this project and can spare an hour or two here or there please get in touch with the Clerk. Enthusiasts with IT skills would be especially helpful but all assistance would be greatly welcomed.

Dog Walkers Alert



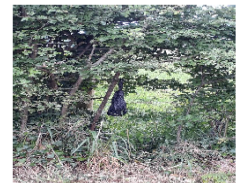
The Peover folk are rightly miffed
To see such poo bags cast adrift
In hedges ditches pavements too
Please take your poo bags home
with you!



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OVER PEOVER PARISH COUNCIL

Since lockdown there have been mutterings from villagers concerning the increasing amounts of dog poo around the parish. The Parish Council has tried to tackle this with humour by putting up notices asking dogwalkers to desist. The message was couched in amusing verse and even attracted the attention of the Knutsford Guardian. Unfortunately, someone didn't see the funny side and many of the signs so painstakingly put up have been removed. Never fear, they will be replaced and meanwhile, dogwalkers – you know it makes sense (scents!).



Dog walkers please,
We'd like you to pledge
To put poops in the bin
And not in the hedge!



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Christmas



Usually, the Autumn Newsletter contains dates for many of the forthcoming Christmas festivities. In the current climate everything is in the balance, none of us knows whether we will even be allowed to spend time with grandparents, parents, children or grandchildren or have the large multi-generational Christmas gatherings we are accustomed to. An idea doing the rounds is to make the whole of December into Christmas month, with lots of smaller gatherings taking place, that way we spread the love and no one will feel left out. It could be called making a virtue of necessity. Let's give it a try!



Village information and events can be found at www.overpeover.com
or on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/Overpeover