



SUTTON WEAVER PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

December 2023



MERRY CHRISTMAS



Christmas Tree Lighting

Christmas will officially arrive in Sutton Weaver on **Friday 1st December** with the switching on of the Christmas Tree lights on the triangle at the top of Station Road.

Please come and join us for a little bit of festive cheer with music, mince pies and mulled wine at **6 pm**

Christmas Lights Competition

Every year we hold a Christmas Lights competition which is judged by a mystery guest. Prizes are awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.

Judging will take place during the last week before Christmas so get planning your festive displays.



Playground Re-development

As many of you may be aware, having raised a fantastic £48,000 for the playground re-development, plans had to be put on hold due to safety issues with the swing. Everyone who pledged was offered a refund. Only four people asked for refund resulting in £1280 (0.26%) being refunded, although this has now been offset by the Steve Morgan Foundation offering a donation of the cost of the swing in place of purchasing it, which they had originally pledged to do.

The Parish Council and the CWAC architect worked on a new design, incorporating an upgraded roundabout, which enables a wheelchair to be locked onto it.

This went out to tender in August, via CWAC. Four companies put in tenders, and following advice from CWAC the Parish Council engaged the services of one of these companies.

Weather dependant the work to re-develop the playground should start at the end of November and, again weather dependant, should be completed in January 2024.

The playground will be closed to all members of the public whilst the work takes place. The contractors will leave access to the path alongside the playground, from the car park.

Until the work is completed the Parish Council can't give a re-opening date, as this is dependent on the state of the groundworks once completed. There is a lot of groundwork to be done, and the Parish council don't want to give access to the playground too early to damage any newly laid grass.

Saint Peter's Church

Our Communion service continues to alternate between the 3 churches in the Parish – Aston, Little Leigh and Lower Whitley.

A schedule of the services is posted on each of the Church noticeboards but if in any doubt, please contact a Church Warden – Jacky Hancock (0780 147 1508) or Karen Sandiford (01928 715661)

Our gardeners from “Garden Savings” have kept the graveyard looking very tidy throughout 2023. Although the cost to the church is challenging with our small congregation, we hope those of you that regularly visit the graveyard will find it in good order making your visit more enjoyable. It has been suggested that each gravestone is brushed after the cut to remove the loose grass but unfortunately this would add significantly to the cost and so we rely on families to keep their own plot in good order.

Special thanks this time go to KDE Ltd, for the maintenance work which they have carried out at the Church Hall, ensuring that the grounds looked lovely for the Autumn Fayre – we are most grateful for their support.

We continue to collect food and cleaning items for Runcorn Foodbank from across the parish and the whole congregation has been very generous with their donations.

Coffee mornings were held in the Church Hall through the early summer, with the plant stall doing good business. We will be holding a

Christmas Coffee Morning on Saturday 2nd December from 11.00 – 1.00pm

we hope you will be able to join us for refreshments and to meet your neighbours and support the church in meeting its financial commitments.

Other dates for your diary at St Peters Church –



Christmas Services



- **Sunday 10th December – Carol Service - 11.00am**
- **Christmas Day – Communion – 11.00am**

Please note: Christmas Eve Midnight Communion 11.30pm will be held at Little Leigh Church

And finally, after 8 years in the role, I will be standing down as a Church Warden at the end of this year. I have greatly enjoyed the opportunity to meet so many people through St Peters Church and to learn about the unique history of this building. If anyone is interested in becoming a Warden for the Church and Hall, please contact me.

We wish you all the very best for the coming months and look forward to seeing you at St Peters, where a warm welcome awaits.

Jacky Hancock



A533 Expressway Bridge Replacement Scheme, Pedestrian Crossing

The Parish Council have been in contact with National highways and Halton Borough Council, to try to establish what the plans are for a permanent crossing, following information from National Highways earlier in the year that Halton Borough Council were to be given a grant to establish a permanent crossing where the temporary crossing was during the road works. Unfortunately, Halton Borough council have not been forthcoming with any information on this, despite numerous phone calls, emails and letters. The Parish Council has been in contact with MP Mike Amesbury to try and establish what exactly is planned. The Parish Council will update the parish as soon as they receive an adequate response.

Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) update

The PCSO has been active in the village over the past few months, carrying out regular speed checks, she sends an update to the Parish Council each month. These are uploaded on to the website when received. www.suttonweaver.com

PCSO Netherton – Deborah.netherton@cheshire.police.uk

Her concerns have been :

Parking

Loose Dogs

Dog Fouling

Speeding

Break-ins to Out-Buildings

Please be reminded as a dog owner you are responsible for:

Keeping your dog under control in a public place. This includes keeping your dog on a leash when on a public foot path through fields especially where there is livestock in the field.

Getting it chipped and putting a tag on its collar with details (in case it gets lost)

Cleaning up after your dog in public. Please use the bins provided.

Please be a considerate dog walker and consider others when letting your dog off the lead, you may know your dog well but other people and animals don't.

Please be reminded that dogs are not allowed in the playground.

Speed on the A56

Following on from the decision by the Parish Council not to implement the speed reduction through the village (1. Because highways wouldn't lower it enough. 2. The financial implications to the parish) the Parish Council continues to receive complaints about speeding along Chester Road.

The clerk is constantly reporting this to the PCSO and has recently written to a number of local haulage companies asking them to advise their drivers to slow down, and also not to use Chester Road as a short cut to the motorway.

We hope this will have some impact.

Motorbikes appear to be a constant speed problem on Chester Road, again these have been reported, can the Parish Council please ask residents to report incidents as they happen.

There have been discussions regarding a speed watch program which the Parish Council will continue to investigate further and update the village in due course.

Defibrillators

Just a reminder that defibs are available in the phone box on Station Road, by the notice board, and at KDE.

Should you find yourself in an emergency situation, where you need to use a defibrillator, you will need to call 999.

Where a defib is registered with "The Circuit" the ambulance service know the precise location and if it is operational. They will direct you to the nearest one and give you the code to unlock it.

Tallest Sunflower Competition Results

Wow this seems a long time ago!



1st Tom Yearsley
310.5cm



2nd Laine Jones
282.5cm



3rd Carol @ 24 Beech Ave.
276cm

With worthy runners up being:

Mylie & Martha @ 4 Cedar Avenue - 203cm

Christine Wyatt – 155cm

46 cedar Avenue – 140cm

Well done everyone.

Volunteer Groups

Playground Gates

Following on from the issues of the anti-social behaviour in the playground through summer, several volunteers came forward to manage the locking & unlocking of the playground gates, this has worked well, and the Parish council wish to thank all concerned.

With the gates locked at night and the CCTV signs up, and the PCSO driving through when she can there have been no more instances of anti-social behaviour reported.

Village Treasure Hunt

Several of the villagers arranged a village treasure hunt, which took place on 20th August. This was supported by the Parish Council

The first prize of a £15.00 voucher went to Jacky Hancock, the second prize of a £10.00 voucher went to Lucy Fallacy and the third prize of a £5.00 voucher went to Barbara Savage and Gill Marsh. The concessionary route prize of a £5.00 voucher went to Robert Rogers. Well done to all those who took part and hopefully everyone enjoyed this new village activity. Allan Griffiths.

Summer Fayre

This took place on Sunday 10th September at St Peters Church Hall, receiving a good turn out from the village.

Children's Spooky Party

A Spooky Halloween Party was held at the church hall on 31st Oct. All local children and friends were invited to the party, many after their trick and treat tours and they enjoyed taking part in fun and games. Mums and Dads were able to have refreshments from the kitchen while the children danced to disco music. A big thank you is in order to the volunteer residents who organised and helped with this event and to the Parish Council and Church for their support. Tony Long.

New On Demand Bus Service



The map identifies the area served by the itravel bus, incorporating Frodsham, Sutton Weaver, Acton Bridge, Cuddington, Delamere, Elton and Helsby and surrounding area's.

The service runs Monday-Friday 7am – 7pm (excludes Bank Holidays)

There is an app to download on the CWAC website:

[itravel On Demand - Connecting People and Places | Cheshire West and Chester Council](#)

The bus can be booked up to 30 days in advance and up to 30 minutes before (depending on availability)

Parking in the Village



The Parish Council continues to receive complaints regarding parking in the village. Parking on pavements forces pedestrians to walk out into the roadway, this is a particular risk for anyone with a pushchair or wheelchair users. Please also consider the possible necessity of emergency vehicles using the roads in the village. Please park responsibly.

www.cheshire.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime

Potholes, Overgrown Verges & Hedges, Uneven Footpaths

The Parish Council are aware of these issues and would encourage all members of the community to use the CWaC “Report-it App” which can be downloaded to your smart phone, simply take a picture of the issue and forward to CWaC. The more reports they receive the more likely they are to do something about the issues.

<https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/contact-us/report-it-app>

Introducing your New Parish Councillor

In July the Parish council welcomed Gerry Jemitus as a co-opted member of the Parish Council.

“My background is in IT, having spent many years working for mainly American computer companies. Eight years ago, my wife and I started a law practice in Liverpool. Joanna is a solicitor advocate, and we specialise in defending individuals in debt claims, together with wills and contentious probate. For me this was a welcome change of career, although I do still seem to spend much of the day answering IT questions.

We moved to Sutton Weaver in November 2022, and love the area so much we are considering opening a branch somewhere nearby. My hobbies include movies and gadgets, the latter of which I have to admit is something of a lifelong obsession.” Gerry Jemitus

The Parish Council would like to wish everyone a

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

Your Parish Council

Brian Starkey (Chair) Tel 01928 719511

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Rob Hancock

Tony Spencer

Hannah Bullock

Gerry Jemitus

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Ward Councillors

Lyn Gibbon, Tel 07581 226814

Norman Wright

Phil Marshall

MP – Mike Amesbury Tel 01928 620061

Parish Council Meeting's

Parish Council meetings are held at 7pm on the 1st Wednesday of the month, at St Peters Church Hall, except for August. Members of the public are invited to attend.

Websites

Sutton Weaver Parish Council: www.suttonweaver.com

Sutton Weaver Community: www.suttonweaver.co.uk

Freedom of Information Act

In common with all councils, we now provide the information on our website relating to the working of your council. Current notices are also posted on the notice board.