

GOOSTREY PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Scout Hut & Youth Facility

The new facility, as we are sure you are aware, was opened on 6th May. At the opening Ceremony the Chairman of the Parish Council, Peter Godfrey congratulated the Scouts on the opening of the new facility and thanked them for their determination and hard work throughout the project.

The Parish Council donated half of the site of the old Youth Club to the Scouts in 2015., and last year donated £50,000 of the proceeds of the sale of the other half of the site to help fund the build. The Scouts have raised the rest of the funding via grants and donations, and still need to raise the last of the funds for the building (so please keep donating!).

The completion of the facility is not only a milestone for the current Parish Council and the Scouts but is also a

large tick in the box for the Village Plan as it was the major item included in that plan.

Now that our Neighbourhood Plan is just about to supersede the Village Plan it is fitting that we recognise the achievement for the Village.

Right: Fiona Bruce MP and representative from Wren with members of the Parish Council and Scouts at the opening of the facility



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Goostrey Neighbourhood Plan

The Plan has now been reviewed by an independent Examiner, which is part of the formal process required. We are pleased to report that, subject to a few modifications, the Examiner has found that the Plan meets all the conditions and legal requirements. His report says that "The Plan is clearly a result of significant hard work by local residents" and he comments on the professionalism shown. The final two steps are for Cheshire East Council to officially accept the report and then to hold a public referendum. The date for the referendum is **Thursday 17th**

August. Everyone who is on the Electoral Register for Goostrey Parish will be entitled to vote. There will be only one question on the ballot paper which is "Do you want Cheshire East Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Goostrey to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?" For the Plan to be brought into force, there must be more people voting "yes" than "no". There isn't a minimum number of voters required but a higher turn-out of voters will give confidence in the result. With this in

mind, the Parish Council urges everyone to vote and if you cannot do so in person on 17th August we recommend that you apply for a Postal Vote or a Proxy Vote as soon as possible. More information is provided in the insert to this newsletter. We'd like to thank everyone who has contributed to the Neighbourhood Plan in all sorts of different ways including distributing questionnaires, inputting data, taking photographs, giving your views at meetings and drop-in sessions, for which we are most grateful.

Goostrey Neighbourhood Plan Team

Proposed Withdrawal of the 319 Bus Service - Make sure you have your say before 26th July

Cheshire East Council is currently reviewing the bus services that it supports in the borough and is holding a public consultation which is currently underway and will end on 26th July 2017.

There are a number of proposals to cut or reduced bus services however, the one bus service that Goostrey has, linking it to Holmes Chapel is proposed for withdrawal, and any residents without alternative transport will have to use the "Little Bus Service" which is a dial a ride service but does have some drawbacks (details of service are in the Information Booklet and the Questionnaire below which are on our website).

View "Bus Service Review 2017 – Information Booklet" at <https://goostrey.info/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/Bus-Service-Review-2017-Information-booklet-002.pdf>

View "Bus Service Review 2017 – Questionnaire" at <https://goostrey.info/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/Bus-Service-Review-2017-Questionnaire.pdf>

If you prefer a paper copy please ring the Parish Office on 01477 535825 to obtain a copy of each.

It is very important that all residents who use or may want to use the service respond to the consultation by completing a questionnaire and returning it to Cheshire East Council before 26TH JULY 2017 .

Please continue to use the bus service as much as possible in the meantime as Cheshire East Council is monitoring the service and low usage is one of the main reasons for proposing the 319 service is withdrawn.

The Parish Council has formed a working party to find out more information and to liaise directly with Cheshire East Council.

Hedges

This year has been a good growing year for hedges and we have already sent out a number of letters to people to remind them to cut back the hedges in order to give pedestrians and cars the full width of the footway and carriage way. The majority are now looking great but don't forget to keep trimming them as the warm wet weather will keep them sprouting all summer. Thank you for your help.

Points of interest:

- **Parish Council** - If you would like to speak to a member of the Parish Council please contact them directly (contact details for councillors are on the website) or contact the Clerk to arrange a appointment.
- **Parish Office Hours**
Monday 09.30 to 12.30,
Wednesday & Friday 13.00 to 16.00
- **Contact** - NEW E-mail ParishCouncil@Goostrey.info
Phone: 01477 535825
Answer phone service out of office hours
- **Web Site** - For a calendar of local events, Parish Council Meetings, Village Hall booking information and forms visit www.Goostrey.info

Highways Matters

We would like to take this opportunity to update you with regard to the scheme for the Station Bridge and the Speed Indicator Devices.

Station Bridge

Despite our best endeavours we are not able to share with you any further details of the proposed safety improvements for the Station Bridge. We do hope to be able to share these with you soon. As far as we know, the scheme will involve traffic lights each side of the bridge and a 'safe' pedestrian corridor on the station side of the road stretching from the Car Park entrance to just beyond the entrance to the

Crewe platform. We believe a measure of this kind is necessary to protect pedestrians, cyclists, horse riders and drivers crossing the bridge. It will also reduce the risk of a vehicle leaving the road and causing death, injury or disruption by landing on the railway line.

Speed Indicator Devices

You may have noticed that the new Speed Indicator Device is now installed and working on New Platt Lane.

The unit that was on New Platt Lane has been moved to the post located on Main Road opposite the Crown and faces towards the Red Lion in order to highlight to drivers coming onto Main Road from Station Road and past the school the speed at which they

are travelling.

We hope that this will encourage drivers to slow down when travelling past the school.

Speedwatch - We need your help!

Following our last appeal for volunteers in January the Speedwatch team have some new members.

However, we still need more residents to volunteer to boost the numbers in the Speedwatch team.

If you would like to join the team please provide your contact details to the Clerk who will ask a member of our Speedwatch group to contact you.

Rose Day 2017

Ten children from more than 5,000 miles away in South Africa were amongst the more than 200 taking part in this year's Goostrey Rose Festival on Saturday 24 June where 13-year-old Abigail Burgess was crowned queen.

This was the fifth time in fifteen years that pupils from the Elizabeth Fontein school in the Western Cape have visited Goostrey and taken part in the annual Rose Day celebrations.

Large crowds lined Main Road to watch the procession, which was made up of a series of floats and walking groups led by a steam traction engine driven by Terry and Des Bostock.

Abigail, who was crowned in front of last year's queen Charlotte Harvey, was accompanied by her three attendants: Rebecca Main; Mika Mizunoue and Evie Thirlwell. During the Rose Queen's traditional visit to the war memorial at St Luke's Church prayers were said for Nell Jones who died in the Manchester bombing and her friend Freya Lewis who was still in hospital.



Abigail Burgess: Crowned Rose Queen of 2017

The Rose Bud Queen was Molly Withe and her lady in waiting was Rosie Gyurkovits. There were three attendants: Tiah Mills; Libby Hammond and Hannah Gray.

This year's Rose Day President Martin Leake has lived in Goostrey for more than 30 years and has been involved in many community activities, including helping to organise Rose Day. The MC was Dave Giles who kept the proceedings going in his own unique way

The Gold and Silver Queens, the Rose Queens from 50 and 25 years ago, again took part in this year's event. Fifty years ago, the Rose Queen was Alison Schofield (now Rawlinson) and in 1992 the star of the show was Kathryn Palmer (now Johnson). The Crown Bearer from 1967 Michael McCartney also took part in the procession.

The Tug of War competition was won by the Tugonauts who beat Ashcrofts 2-0 in the final but they could not beat an impromptu team made up of the children in a special one-off tug.

The day was rounded off by a Ceilidh in the marquee on the school field which was attended by around 160 revellers.

On Sunday, a special service was held at St Luke's Church where the children were encouraged to attend wearing their Rose Day costumes.

Chair of the Rose Day committee Christina Burgess said: "We were so pleased to have shared our special day with the visitors from South Africa whose dancing added so much to the spectacle.

"Rose Day is a traditional village event and yet again it was a great success but it would not have been possible without all the hard work put in by the committee and countless other volunteers."

Do you know someone whose voluntary activities make a real contribution to life in Goostrey?

We need your help again to identify the unsung heroes and heroines whose voluntary contributions to our village's being the thriving community it is. This is an exercise we conduct twice a year in order to enable the Parish Council to send Letters of Thanks to deserving residents of the parish on behalf of the whole community. The Parish Council selects the people to receive such a letter from your nominations. Names of both the recipients and the people who nominate them are kept confidential as the aim of the

scheme is to discreetly acknowledge contributions voluntarily made to village life but people who have received letters in the past have said how much they valued receiving one.

Please send your nominations to the Clerk including the following information, your name, your nominee's name and a brief description of the voluntary activities they undertake which benefit the village. Could you please ensure your nominations reach the Clerk before the end of July. Thank you for helping us to recognise the people in our village whose efforts deserve to be recognised.

Peter Godfrey

Chairman - Goostrey Parish Council

VILLAGE HALL

Please remember that the Village Hall will be closed from 28th July to 5th September (inclusive).

The Parish Office will be open at the usual times during this period.

We look forward to re-opening in September with our upgraded facilities.

Parish Councillors

Cllr P Godfrey (Chairman)

Cllr C M'Cubbin (Vice Chairman)

Cllr R Bennett

Cllr D Craggs

Cllr G Lenihan

Cllr I Macfarlane

Cllr K Morris

Cllr I O'Donoghue

Cllr T Rathbone

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