



GOOSTREY PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Autumn 2019



Planning Update

The Parish Council Planning Committee reviews and comments on all planning applications in Goostrey Parish using the Neighbourhood Plan as a basis for support or objections.

- An application was made in October for a Change of Use at Brookbank Farm on Bridge Lane to operate a waste transfer station and skip hire site (19/4578W) and is open for public comments. The site has been operating without the required permissions for 5 years. The Parish Council has raised concerns about the skip traffic and other issues and the application is due to be considered by a Cheshire East Planning Committee in November. We urge all residents to check that any skip provider they use is properly licensed. You are responsible for what happens to your waste and you could be fined if your waste is illegally

disposed of.

- An application for 13 houses adjoining Nether Lea (to the East of Hermitage Lane) was refused by Cheshire East earlier this year (18/4980C), due to radio interference with Jodrell Bank and other issues. However the applicant has now submitted an Appeal to the Planning Inspectorate. When the timetable is published the Appeal will be open for public comments.
- The Parish Council was pleased to welcome the new owners of Blackden Manor to the meeting in October. Much restoration of the neglected Grade II heritage building is in progress and potential commercial uses of the estate are under consideration. We look forward to hearing more about proposed plans in due course.

Ken Morris

Chairman, Goostrey Parish Council

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Points of interest:

- **Parish Council** - If you would like to speak to a member of the Parish Council please contact them directly or speak to the Clerk .
- **Parish Office Hours**
Monday 09.30 to 12.30, Wednesday & Friday 13.00 to 16.00
- **Contact** - E-mail ParishCouncil@Goostrey.info
Phone: 01477 535825
Answer phone service out of office hours
- **Web site**
<https://goostrey.info>
- **Social Media** - we are now on Twitter @GoostreyPC

Senior's Lunch— Sunday, 24th November 2019

Each year the Parish Council hosts a lunch for the more Senior Residents of Goostrey at the Village Hall. This year we are again, offering a delicious 3 course meal with tea, coffee and water for £7 per head (those attending are welcome to bring their own drinks). Tickets are only available from the Parish Office from 1st November, call to book tickets on 535825. Please arrange to collect and pay for them within a week. There are only 100 tickets available so you need to be quick (only Goostrey Residents aged 65 years & over are eligible to attend).



Nearly 100 people attended the Seniors' Lunch last year, make sure you get a ticket this year!

Grant Funding Policy

The Parish Council operates a grant funding policy for local groups. If your group wishes to apply for grant funding please read the policy (on the website) and then

speaking to the Clerk. Your applications must be submitted to the Clerk by 10th December 2019 to be considered by the Finance Committee and Parish Council in January 2020.

FOGS Celebrate Awards!

By Christina Burgess

FOGS members are delighted to announce that their entry won the ACoRP Photo and Video competition. The result was announced at the National Awards Ceremony of the Association of Community Rail Partnerships (ACoRP) in Telford on Thursday 3rd October. Monica and Peter Robson, accompanied by Mike and Aileen Jarvis, were there to receive the engraved trophy, a certificate and a cheque. Many thanks to all who voted for our entry.



Winners of the photo competition at the ACoRP award ceremony in Telford

In the 'It's Your Station' category, the 32 nominated stations were split by the judges into Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum sections. Goostrey Station was

placed in the Gold group and received a certificate. Whilst we did not win, this was a significant achievement and puts us in the top 10 of entries nationally. We punch well above our weight! Details of the winners and runners up in all competition categories can be found at <https://communityrail.org.uk/cra/9-winners/>

Locally, FOGS has a Gold award from Wild about Goostrey. The scheme is supported by Goostrey parish council and encourages residents to make habitat improvements which will increase biodiversity and wildlife connectivity. However, Vice Chair of FOGS Mike Jarvis commented that 'if we are to build on our success, we need more people to come forward and help. Many of the current team are approaching, or over 80 years of age.' Chair of FOGS Craig Sidebotham added 'New members must learn about our rail contacts



Winning Photo : Enjoying a break during a volunteer working party at Goostrey Station!

because there is a complex structure to deal with. If no-one comes forward, then in a few years Goostrey station could return to being a blot on the landscape. That would be a great pity especially as we are nearing the point where the newly renovated former ticket office will be re-opened. At that stage, we will need to liaise with the franchise holders Northern to persuade them that the building should be available for community and learning projects for young and old.'

To ensure that passengers continue to enjoy using Goostrey station, our working parties continue on the second Sunday of each month (except in November when we meet on the third Sunday) starting at 10am. New volunteers are always welcome. For more information, please contact Mike Jarvis on 01477 533981 or look at the FOGS website.

Sibelco Sandy Quarry

A Goostrey Parish Council representative attended the first Sibelco Liaison meeting on 15th October together with other representatives from Cranage PC, Allstock PC, Holmes Chapel PC, Cheshire East and Cheshire West. Sibelco are in the process of preparing the site, so that they can meet the Conditions which are part of the planning permission. This includes road improvements at the junction with the A50. Works on the fixed plant are planned to start in January 2020 followed by soil stripping in February. At the meeting it was confirmed by Sibelco that they are putting in place a number of measures to prevent lorries passing through Goostrey due to the 7.5te weight limit throughout the village. Further information updates will be provided as the work progresses and the next liaison meeting is on 14th January.

Considerate Parking

We would all like to think we are considerate drivers, so when parking in the village please keep in mind these points when you park your car:

- If my vehicle is parked partially or wholly on the footway, can someone with a wheelchair or baby buggy get past, unhindered and without stepping into the road?
- Is there room for an emergency vehicle to pass on the road?
- If my vehicle is parked near a driveway have I left enough room for the resident to get in and out of their drive safely?

If you answered NO to any of these points please move your car to a more suitable parking location where you can park considerately. Thank you for your co-operation.

Goostrey Parish Archive Set to Repeat Success!

By John Williams

After an amazing day at the Crown Inn during Goosfest when its most ambitious exhibition so far attracted large crowds, Goostrey Parish Archive will be holding another display this month.

The archivists will be repeating the display with even more items of local interest from the past in the lounge of the Village Hall during St Luke's Church Christmas Fair on Saturday, November 30.

The exhibition will include photographs of village life and images of children at the primary school from the Victorians to the sixties, seventies and eighties, as well as two canes and the punishment book which will be a reminder to some former pupils of their misdemeanours in class!



Picture from an early day in the school extension at the Village Hall.

A large amount of the material is from the Smallwood Collection compiled by Jean Smallwood, now

91, and her late husband, Colin, and donated to the archive by their son, Stewart.

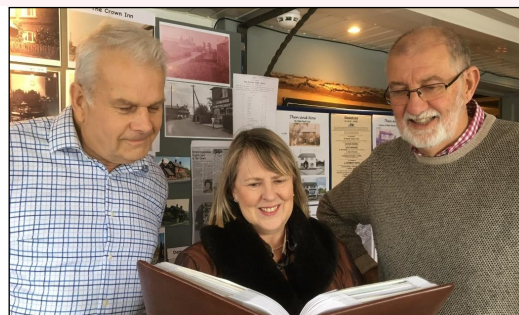
Jean and Colin were prolific photographers and enthusiastic local historians. They spent many years collecting old photos, articles and stories of interest which Jean published in a book *Goostrey Remembered* as their legacy and contribution to the village.

The flow of visitors at the Crown display included local MP, Fiona Bruce, and a former Goostrey resident Geoff Challinor, whose twin brother, John, still heads the family building firm of Challinor and Sons, who brought a collection of family photographs for the archive to copy and add to its growing collection.

Chairman Roger Burgess said it was hoped the display at the Christmas Fair would prove just as interesting to visitors. "It was encouraging the archive was attracting so much interest locally as well as further afield from people with family links

to Goostrey," he said.

"We no sooner opened the door than we were sharing our exhibits with a



MP Fiona Bruce with archive members Michael Burt (left) and Roger Burgess

large number of visitors", said Roger. "The attendance was like that all day with the flow of visitors never stopping."

"Some even confessed they just dropped in for a few minutes but ended staying for over an hour because they found it so interesting. The success was partially driven by people wanting to know more about the village or relive old memories and we also had people offering more information which we will be recording in future projects for the archive."

"We can't repeat too often our appeal that residents downsizing or when family members pass away not to dump in the skip pictures and documents, how insignificant they think they are, before offering the material to the archive. We are happy to copy and return original items if they want to retain them."

The archive is open at the Village Hall on Tuesdays between 2 pm and 4 pm and on Thursdays from 10 am until mid-day. It is also available on the first Wednesday evening of the month from 7 pm until 9 pm and at other times by appointment.

Christmas Lights Switch On Event

will be held on the Bogbean on Sunday 1st December from 5 pm onwards, when all being well, Santa will call in to meet children, while adults will be able to sample seasonal fayre such as mulled wine, mince pies and BBQ food – all accompanied by Christmas carols performed by the Rode Hall Silver Band - which is kindly funded by the Parish Council.

Watch out for Santa's Sleigh in the first week of December. he will be

visiting Goostrey West Wednesday 4th December (eve), and Goostrey East on Thursday 5th December (eve) ably assisted by Scout Leaders and parents.

We need Scouts' parents, grandparents or other residents to help run these events. If you could spare some time to help please mail or call Scout Leader neil.memmott@gmail.com m: 07970 400880

t: 01477 544406

Party Time at the Village Hall

With the nights drawing in and the weather getting cold and wet, why not have your children's parties at the Village Hall in the warm and dry. We have plenty of space for your entertainer, tables & seating for your birthday tea and there is even room for a bouncy castle!

For details ring Janet on 07460 830382

Residents Information *(stick this on your fridge or notice board!)*

Phone Numbers for Local Services

Bus Services to Holmes Chapel/Sandbach	0871 200 22 33
Cheshire East Council	0300 123 55 00
Cheshire Police Non-Emergency	101
Cheshire Police - PCSO	101
Chelford GP Surgery	01625 861316
Citizen's Advice Bureau, Congleton	03444 111 444
Goostrey Community Primary School	01270 685658
Goostrey Pharmacy	01477 549481
Goostrey Post Office	01477 549241

Goostrey Tree Warden - Thelma Carter	01477 533760
Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School	01477 534513
Holmes Chapel Health Centre	01477 533100
Holmes Chapel Library	01477 535126
Member of Parliament - Fiona Bruce	01260 274044
Mobile Library Service	01270 873552
Parish Council (Clerk)	01477 535825
Rail Services	0800 528 0200
Village Hall Supervisor - Bookings & Caretaker Arrangements	07460 830382

Parish Councillors

Cllr K Morris - Chairman	Cllr C Ross
Cllr T Rathbone - Vice Chairman	Cllr J Sulej
Cllr N Beckham	Cllr E Williams
Cllr S Lord	Cheshire East Councillors
Cllr P Morgan	
Cllr I O'Donoghue	Cllr Andrew Kolker
Cllr D Roberts	Cllr Les Gilbert

Police Surgeries at Goostrey Village Hall

The next surgery will be on SATURDAY 9th NOVEMBER, 2019 from 11.00 - 12.00 (NOON)
PCSO Liz Chesters Will be happy discuss any police related matters with you. All welcome.

Starting a Club or Special Interest Group?

The Village Hall has evening and afternoon slots available on a regular basis to host your class or meeting.

Ring Janet on 07460 830382 for details

Highways & SpeedWatch

The Parish Council continues to work with Cheshire East Highways on improvements in the village, particularly for road safety.

Street Light at the Junction of Main Road and Bank View

Recently a new street light has been installed at the end of Bank View, replacing one that was removed some years ago.

Goostrey Station Bridge

At the station bridge it is still intended to install traffic lights, however the relevant authorities are still working on the design and materials.

Village Gates

We have also commissioned a study from CEC Highways to see if space can be found for village 'gates' at the entrances to the village as a visual speed deterrent, we are awaiting the results.

SpeedWatch

Our dedicated SpeedWatch volunteers are carrying out SpeedWatch sessions most weeks at the various approved locations in the village.

Since the beginning of April 2019 forty-one Sessions have been held. A total of 7,827 vehicles have been monitored with 452 vehicles logged at 35mph and above. The maximum speed monitored is 55 mp (highest speed in this report period 50mph).

If you would like to join the SpeedWatch Team please contact the Clerk.