

The Newsletter of Dodleston Parish Council

# LocalLife

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Local Life's  
Best Community  
Newsletter  
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# Welcome all...



Roger Taylor - Editor

In another packed issue, we celebrate another local success. Following hard on the heels of the successes of the School Football Team, the Village Cricket Team and Dodleston Players, Dodleston C of E Village School features in the top ten Cheshire Schools according to The Real School Guide. Indeed, it ranks in the top five in Cheshire West with only one other Chester School featuring in the top 10. **Read more on page 8.**

## FRONT COVER:

- Father Christmas visited!
- Local Flooding catches us unawares!
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**Dates for the Parish Council Meetings – The dates are the 2nd Monday of the odd numbered months – held in the Grosvenor Room @ 7.00pm**

- **May 11th**
- **July 13th**
- **September 14th**
- **November 9th**

# Bus Timetable...

62.

62 Dodleston - Chester						
Mondays to Fridays						
Dodleston, o/s Primary School	dep	09:30	10:30	12:05	13:05	14:05
Dodleston, opp Penfold Way	09:30	10:30	12:05	13:05	14:05	
Dodleston, opp Greenwalls	09:31	10:31	12:06	13:06	14:06	
Balderton, opp Church Road	09:32	10:32	12:07	13:07	14:07	
Balderton, nr Level Crossing	09:32	10:32	12:07	13:07	14:07	
Roughhill, By-pass Bridge (NE-bound)	09:33	10:33	12:08	13:08	14:08	
Lache, nr Green Lane	09:35	10:35	12:10	13:10	14:10	
Lache, nr Lonsdale Court	09:36	10:36	12:11	13:11	14:11	
Westminster Park, Rowcliffe Avenue (NE-bound)	09:37	10:37	12:12	13:12	14:12	
<b>Westminster Park, opp Shops</b>	<b>09:38</b>	<b>10:38</b>	<b>12:13</b>	<b>13:13</b>	<b>14:13</b>	
Westminster Park, Rushfield Road (NE-bound)	09:38	10:38	12:13	13:13	14:13	
Westminster Park, Dennis Drive (NW-bound)	09:39	10:39	12:14	13:14	14:14	
Westminster Park, Vincent Drive (NW-bound)	09:39	10:39	12:14	13:14	14:14	
Westminster Park, nr Cavendish Road	09:40	10:40	12:15	13:15	14:15	
Westminster Park, Overleigh Roundabout (NE-bound)	09:41	10:41	12:16	13:16	14:16	
Overleigh Road by Cemetery, Handbridge	09:41	10:41	12:16	13:16	14:16	
Handbridge, nr Brown's Lane	09:42	10:42	12:17	13:17	14:17	
Handbridge, o/s St Mary's Church	09:42	10:42	12:17	13:17	14:17	
Handbridge, opp Handbridge College	09:43	10:43	12:18	13:18	14:18	
Handbridge, nr Eaton Avenue	09:44	10:44	12:19	13:19	14:19	
<b>Handbridge, nr Hartington Street</b>	<b>09:45</b>	<b>10:45</b>	<b>12:20</b>	<b>13:20</b>	<b>14:20</b>	
Handbridge, adj Appleyards Lane	09:45	10:45	12:20	13:20	14:20	
Queen's Park, nr Northern Pathway	09:47	10:47	12:22	13:22	14:22	
Queen's Park, nr St George's Crescent	09:48	10:48	12:23	13:23	14:23	
Chester, o/s Ye Olde Kings Head	09:51	10:51	12:26	13:26	14:26	
Chester, Pepper Street (Stand Z)	09:52	10:52	12:27	13:27	14:27	
Chester, Foregate Street Stop GG (Stop GG)	09:53	10:53	12:28	13:28	14:28	
<b>Chester, Chester Bus Interchange (Stand B)</b>	<b>arr 09:56</b>	<b>10:56</b>	<b>12:31</b>	<b>13:31</b>	<b>14:31</b>	

# Bus Timetable...

62.

62 Chester - Dodleston				
Mondays to Fridays				
Chester, Chester Bus Interchange (Stand B)	dep	11:35	12:35	13:35
Chester, Foregate Street Stop BB (Stop BB)	11:36	12:36	13:36	
Chester, Vicar's Lane (Stop G)	11:37	12:37	13:37	
Chester, Lower Bridge Street (Stand Y)	11:39	12:39	13:39	
Handbridge, nr Post Office	11:40	12:40	13:40	
Queen's Park, opp St George's Crescent	11:42	12:42	13:42	
Queen's Park, opp Northern Pathway	11:43	12:43	13:43	
Handbridge, nr Appleyards Lane	11:45	12:45	13:45	
<b>Handbridge, adj Hartington Street</b>	<b>11:46</b>	<b>12:46</b>	<b>13:46</b>	
Handbridge, opp Eaton Avenue	11:46	12:46	13:46	
Handbridge, o/s Handbridge College	11:47	12:47	13:47	
Handbridge, nr Hugh Street	11:48	12:48	13:48	
Handbridge, opp River Lane	11:48	12:48	13:48	
Westminster Park, Overleigh Roundabout (SW-bound)	11:50	12:50	13:50	
Westminster Park, opp Cavendish Road	11:50	12:50	13:50	
Westminster Park, Vincent Drive (SE-bound)	11:51	12:51	13:51	
Westminster Park, Dennis Drive (SE-bound)	11:51	12:51	13:51	
Westminster Park, Rushfield Road (SW-bound)	11:52	12:52	13:52	
<b>Westminster Park, o/s Shops</b>	<b>11:53</b>	<b>12:53</b>	<b>13:53</b>	
Westminster Park, Rowcliffe Avenue (SW-bound)	11:53	12:53	13:53	
Lache, nr Whadden Drive	11:54	12:54	13:54	
Roughhill, By-pass Bridge (SW-bound)	11:57	12:57	13:57	
Balderton, adj Level Crossing	11:58	12:58	13:58	
Balderton, nr Church Road	11:58	12:58	13:58	
<b>Dodleston, opp Primary School</b>	<b>arr 12:01</b>	<b>13:01</b>	<b>14:01</b>	

61.

61 Dodleston - Chester										
Saturdays										
Dodleston, o/s Primary School	dep	08:30	09:30	10:30	12:30	13:30	14:30	16:15	17:15	
Dodleston, opp Penfold Way	08:30	09:30	10:30	12:30	13:30	14:30	16:15	17:15		
Dodleston, opp Greenwalls	08:31	09:31	10:31	12:31	13:31	14:31	16:16	17:16		
Balderton, opp Church Road	08:32	09:32	10:32	12:32	13:32	14:32	16:17	17:17		
Balderton, nr Level Crossing	08:32	09:32	10:32	12:32	13:32	14:32	16:17	17:17		
Roughhill, By-pass Bridge (NE-bound)	08:33	09:33	10:33	12:33	13:33	14:33	16:18	17:18		
Lache, nr Green Lane	08:35	09:35	10:35	12:35	13:35	14:35	16:20	17:20		
Lache, nr Lonsdale Court	08:36	09:36	10:36	12:36	13:36	14:36	16:21	17:21		
Westminster Park, Rowcliffe Avenue (NE-bound)	08:37	09:37	10:37	12:37	13:37	14:37	16:22	17:22		
<b>Westminster Park, opp Shops</b>	<b>08:38</b>	<b>09:38</b>	<b>10:38</b>	<b>12:38</b>	<b>13:38</b>	<b>14:38</b>	<b>16:23</b>	<b>17:23</b>		
Westminster Park, Rushfield Road (NE-bound)	08:38	09:38	10:38	12:38	13:38	14:38	16:23	17:23		
Westminster Park, Dennis Drive (NW-bound)	08:39	09:39	10:39	12:39	13:39	14:39	16:24	17:24		
Westminster Park, Vincent Drive (NW-bound)	08:39	09:39	10:39	12:39	13:39	14:39	16:24	17:24		
Westminster Park, nr Cavendish Road	08:40	09:40	10:40	12:40	13:40	14:40	16:25	17:25		
Westminster Park, Overleigh Roundabout (NE-bound)	08:40	09:40	10:40	12:40	13:40	14:40	16:25	17:25		
Overleigh Road by Cemetery, Handbridge	08:41	09:41	10:41	12:41	13:41	14:41	16:26	17:26		
Handbridge, nr Brown's Lane	08:42	09:42	10:42	12:42	13:42	14:42	16:27	17:27		
Handbridge, o/s St Mary's Church	08:42	09:42	10:42	12:42	13:42	14:42	16:27	17:27		
<b>Handbridge, o/s Edgar's Field</b>	<b>08:43</b>	<b>09:43</b>	<b>10:43</b>	<b>12:43</b>	<b>13:43</b>	<b>14:43</b>	<b>16:28</b>	<b>17:28</b>		
Chester, o/s Ye Olde Kings Head	08:44	09:44	10:44	12:44	13:44	14:44	16:29	17:29		
Chester, Pepper Street (Stand Z)	08:45	09:45	10:45	12:45	13:45	14:45	16:30	17:30		
Chester, Foregate Street Stop GG (Stop GG)	08:48	09:48	10:48	12:48	13:48	14:48	16:33	17:33		
<b>Chester, Chester Bus Interchange (Stand B)</b>	<b>arr 08:52</b>	<b>09:52</b>	<b>10:52</b>	<b>12:52</b>	<b>13:52</b>	<b>14:52</b>	<b>16:37</b>	<b>17:37</b>		

ded from data for the period Tue 16-Jul-2019 to Mon 22-Jul-2019. Times not in bold are estimated by using the distance between the stops.

61 Chester - Dodleston										
Saturdays										
Chester, Chester Bus Interchange (Stand B)	dep	09:00	10:00	12:00	13:00	14:00	15:45	16:45	17:45	
Chester, Foregate Street Stop BB (Stop BB)	09:03	10:03	12:03	13:03	14:03	15:47	16:47	17:47		
Chester, Vicar's Lane (Stop G)	09:04	10:04	12:04	13:04	14:04	15:49	16:49	17:49		
Chester, Lower Bridge Street (Stand Y)	09:06	10:06	12:06	13:06	14:06	15:50	16:50	17:50		
<b>Handbridge, o/s Esso Garage</b>	<b>09:09</b>	<b>10:09</b>	<b>12:09</b>	<b>13:09</b>	<b>14:09</b>	<b>15:53</b>	<b>16:53</b>	<b>17:53</b>		
Handbridge, nr Hugh Street	09:09	10:09	12:09	13:09	14:09	15:53	16:53	17:53		
Handbridge, opp River Lane	09:10	10:10	12:10	13:10	14:10	15:54	16:54	17:54		
Westminster Park, Overleigh Roundabout (SW-bound)	09:11	10:11	12:11	13:11	14:11	15:55	16:55	17:55		
Westminster Park, opp Cavendish Road	09:11	10:11	12:11	13:11	14:11	15:55	16:55	17:55		
Westminster Park, Vincent Drive (SE-bound)	09:12	10:12	12:12	13:12	14:12	15:56	16:56	17:56		
Westminster Park, Dennis Drive (SE-bound)	09:12	10:12	12:12	13:12	14:12	15:56	16:56	17:56		
Westminster Park, Rushfield Road (SW-bound)	09:13	10:13	12:13	13:13	14:13	15:57	16:57	17:57		
<b>Westminster Park, o/s Shops</b>	<b>09:14</b>	<b>10:14</b>	<b>12:14</b>	<b>13:14</b>	<b>14:14</b>	<b>15:58</b>	<b>16:58</b>	<b>17:58</b>		
Westminster Park, Rowcliffe Avenue (SW-bound)	09:14	10:14	12:14	13:14	14:14	15:58	16:58	17:58		
Lache, nr Whadden Drive	09:15	10:15	12:15	13:15	14:15	15:59	16:59	17:59		
Roughhill, By-pass Bridge (SW-bound)	09:18	10:18	12:18	13:18	14:18	16:02	17:02	18:02		
Balderton, adj Level Crossing	09:19	10:19	12:19	13:19	14:19	16:03	17:03	18:03		
Balderton, nr Church Road	09:19	10:19	12:19	13:19	14:19	16:03	17:03	18:03		
Dodleston, o/s Greenwalls	09:20	10:20	12:20	13:20	14:20	16:04	17:04	18:04		
Dodleston, nr Penfold Way	09:21	10:21	12:21	13:21	14:21	16:05	17:05	18:05		
<b>Dodleston, opp Primary School</b>	<b>arr 09:22</b>	<b>10:22</b>	<b>12:22</b>	<b>13:22</b>	<b>14:22</b>	<b>16:06</b>	<b>17:06</b>	<b>18:06</b>		

61 Church - Chester						
Mondays to Fridays						
Church, Main Road, Higher Kinnerton	dep	07:45	07:45	16:17	17:37	
Royal Oak, Main Road, Higher Kinnerton	07:45	07:45	16:17	17:37		
Lower Kinnerton, opp Moor Lane	07:48	07:48	16:20	17:40		
Lower Kinnerton, o/s Old School House	07:49	07:49	16:21	17:41		
Gorsfield, nr Welsh Road	07:50	07:50	16:22	17:42		
<b>Dodleston, o/s Primary School</b>	<b>07:53</b>	<b>07:53</b>	<b>16:25</b>	<b>17:45</b>		
Dodleston, opp Penfold Way	07:53	07:53	16:25	17:45		
Dodleston, opp Greenwalls	07:54	07:54	16:26	17:46		
Balderton, opp Church Road	07:55	07:55	16:27	17:47		
Balderton, nr Level Crossing	07:55	07:55	16:27	17:47		
Roughhill, By-pass Bridge (NE-bound)	07:56	07:56	16:28	17:48		
Lache, nr Green Lane	07:58	07:58	16:30	17:50		
Lache, nr Lonsdale Court	07:59	07:59	16:31	17:51		
Westminster Park, Rowcliffe Avenue (NE-bound)	08:00	08:00	16:32	17:52		
<b>Westminster Park, opp Shops</b>	<b>08:01</b>	<b>08:01</b>	<b>16:33</b>	<b>17:53</b>		
Westminster Park, Rushfield Road (NE-bound)	08:01	08:01	16:33	17:53		
Westminster Park, Dennis Drive (NW-bound)	08:02	08:02	16:34	17:54		
Westminster Park, Vincent Drive (NW-bound)	08:02	08:02	16:34	17:54		
Westminster Park, nr Cavendish Road	08:03	08:03	16:35	17:55		
Westminster Park, Overleigh Roundabout (NE-bound)	08:03	08:03	16:35	17:55		
Overleigh Road by Cemetery, Handbridge	08:04	08:04	16:36	17:56		
Handbridge, nr Brown's Lane	08					



## Local bus service provision

Our Parish Community will remember that we collected information via a bus survey during 2019 to understand the community needs and concerns focusing on the buses servicing Dodleston and area. A meeting was held between the Parish Council and Cheshire West and Chester Council Transport Services on 19 December highlighting particular concerns.

### Overcrowding on some early and later services

We discussed the survey comments suggesting that the earlier buses are currently overcrowded and putting people off travelling and whether it could potentially be replaced by a larger bus to ensure everyone has a seat.

**Council response:** This will be considered as part of the local bus review in 2020/21, the current contract cannot accommodate a larger vehicle given the route around Handbridge.

### Accessing alternative Bus Services

We discussed the possibility of approaching St Mary's Church in Pulford to ask whether safe cycle racks can be put in place (the route between Dodleston and Pulford lends itself to safer cycling) so that young and old can cycle, park their bikes and take the No 1 bus into Chester/Wrexham/Chester Bus Station/Chester Business Park.

**Council response:** The Arriva No 1 service is a commercial service and is not part of the Cheshire West and Chester Transport services. We will need to approach Arriva separately

### PLUSBUS Scheme that connects with the Train Station

Dodleston falls outside the current PLUSBUS area. **Council response:** As the Council administers the scheme, we will explore with Journey Solutions - who currently operate the Plus Bus nationally whether this can be considered.

### Useful travel information for Dodleston residents:

A day ticket from Dodleston could take you up to Liverpool/ Cheshire Oaks on unlimited day travel – there is no need to pay for separate buses, just connect and change via the Chester bus exchange. Passengers must ensure to purchase a Stagecoach Merseyside Day Rider £4.40 (which includes the Cheshire West and Chester area) in Dodleston and will be able to travel to the following destinations using this ticket:

- Liverpool, Birkenhead (service 1/X1)
- Birkenhead (service 1/X1)
- Cheshire Oaks, Ellesmere Port (services 1/X1/2)
- Helsby, Frodsham, Halton Lea (service 2)
- Neston & West Kirby (service 22)

With this type of ticket, the passenger can make as many journeys as required in one day. Whilst excellent value for money passengers must make it clear that they want to travel beyond Chester to ensure the correct ticket is purchased.

Other good value tickets include £2.20 Day Rider for under 19's, and Family Day Rider for £10 and a Weekly Mega Rider for £15 (seven days)

To access the timetable information, there are two options - Stagecoach website <https://www.stagecoachbus.com/> or alternatively via Traveline <https://www.traveline.info/>



Murder Mystery 28th March



Easter Bingo 2nd April



Autumn Show 13th September



## Dodleston Village Foundation

### Murder Mystery on 28th March

Prepare to be puzzled and entertained, enjoy a good meal with friends while trying to work out who dunnit and win prizes. Members of the DVF committee and The Dodleston Youth Players are getting together to put on a Murder Mystery at the Village Hall. A bit like Midsomer except you are likely to know the murderer and the victim! This is a popular event that has been held several times before. Doors open at 7pm with the action on stage suspended from time to time to allow for the food to be served. There will be a licenced bar with all proceeds from the evening split between the Players and the DVF.

Ticket £10 each includes meal (vegetarian option available)

### Easter Bingo on 2nd April

With Easter Holidays on the horizon the annual Easter Bingo event will this year be held at the Village Hall on Thursday 2 April. Each year it seems that the number of Easter eggs to be won grows thanks to the very kind support of local businesses and personal contributions. Liz Shanklin and Jim Howard pictured below are most likely to be our callers for the night. Come along and help share the chocolate. Doors at 7pm with eyes down at 7.30pm

### Autumn Show on 13th September

Have you ever grown a wonky vegetable and not known what to do with it or an amazing bunch of Fuchias waiting to be showcased? The DVF and WI once more host the Autumn Show at the Village Hall this year on Sunday 13 September and there are plenty of classes to be entered ranging from wonky vegetables to a selection of herbs or preserves. As usual, entry classes will be published and available at the shop early in July so make sure that you get a copy so you can plan your entries for this year.

The Autumn Show also includes Cakes and Bakes so all our budding Bake-Off contestants, get practising for the Autumn Show!

# Dodleston History Group

The first meeting of Dodleston Local History Group took place in September 1985, soon after the expansion of the village with the development of new properties known as Boydell Park.

This increase in houses and bungalows more than doubled the population and as such, basically saved the village and its facilities from stagnation.

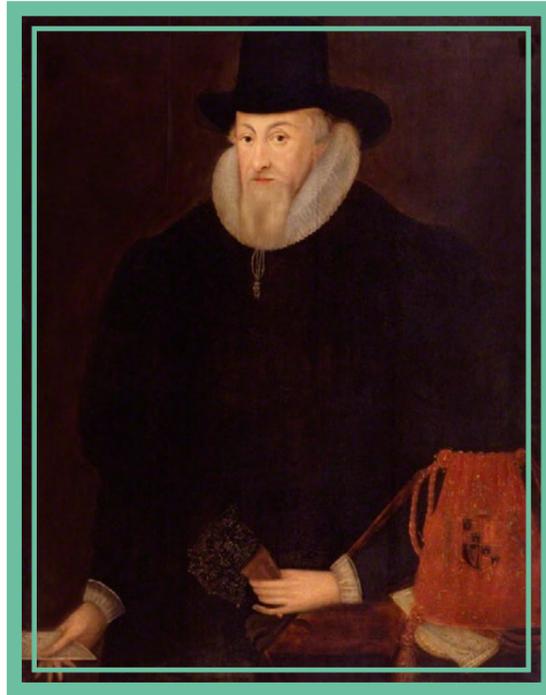
Dodleston is now a desirable rural location being close to the city of Chester and the border with Wales. It has excellent access to links that connect to main arterial roads across the country.

The village does however have a fascinating history and one that can easily be taken for granted, both by established residents and newcomers. It was for this reason the history group decided to research, catalogue and eventually publish in 1994 a book entitled 'DODLESTON: the history of a Marcher Parish'

Many hours were spent by several history group members going through records in both the Chester and County Record Offices together with the compilation of a fair copy of the Parish Tithe Map.

Long standing local residents, whose families have resided in parts of the older village for many, many years also provided valuable information, photographs and artefacts which hitherto had not been seen, let alone recorded for posterity.

The culmination of all the details and facts etc was the publication of a definitive history of Dodleston,



as mentioned above, compiled by Dr Derek Nuttall, who at that time was the Coordinator of the history group. On occasions, enquiries are received from people outside of the village who are doing family research and where possible help from our records is provided.

The book is now out of print but copies do sometimes re-appear on Amazon or e-bay so if needed, it's best to check there first. A CD version of the book is available, priced at £10.00, on request.

Dodleston Local History Group was originally formed as a research group but over the years has changed it's perspective and now prides itself as a group that is more accessible to the general public.

There used to be an annual lecture, held in the Village Hall,

but now there are at least four lectures yearly, all of which focus on items of either local or general interest. These are open to all with a modest admission fee and are proving to be very popular.

Our next lecture is on Wednesday 22 April in the Village Hall. The talk is by Mr Gavin Hunter and entitled "The History of Wirral's Dee Coastline".

He is a prolific and knowledgeable speaker and it promises to be a fascinating subject.

The history group is non-profit making and any surplus from the lectures goes to fund projects for the community. In the past two years, we have designed, had manufactured and installed the Dodleston History Board which is positioned outside the Red Lion pub in Church Road. Also, an original, non-functioning hand water pump was installed where the telephone kiosk was positioned before it was removed by British Telecom about four years ago. This is also in Church Road, opposite the junction with Kinnerton Road and is the site of the main water pump for the village.

A plaque on the stone wall explains why it's there. The pump was donated by Sue Gillam in remembrance of her parents who were long time Dodleston residents.

These projects have been completed in collaboration with Dodleston Parish Council, whose input was invaluable.

Our next project is even more ambitious. This is to commission a stained-glass window in St Mary's Church. It will be to honour the association with Sir Thomas Egerton who was born illegitimately in Dodleston in 1540. His father was Sir Richard Egerton, the mother being a lowly teenage maidservant who worked at Dodleston Hall.

Through good fortune, hard work and the best of networking contacts, he rose to become Lord Keeper of the Great Seal under Queen Elizabeth I and then appointed Lord High Chancellor of England by King James I in 1603.

He died in March 1617 and because of his exalted position, he could, like his predecessors have been buried in Westminster Abbey, London. He chose instead St Mary's Church, Dodleston as his final resting place.

Probably because his first wife, Lady Elizabeth and his first son, also Sir Thomas (1574 - 1599), who both pre-deceased him, are also laid to rest in the church bell tower floor.

His desire was to be close to his loving family and so we are privileged to have him back in Dodleston. History has not been kind to him as he rarely features by name in any books about that period. The window will be a memorial to his life and achievements, one of which is the creation of the King James Bible, published in 1611.

This is not an easy project as we are in the process of seeking approval from Chester Diocese without whose authority, nothing can be done. If we are successful, then we will apply for a grant for the window to be manufactured and installed.

Another project currently under way is the production of a calendar for 2021 depicting scenes of local interest. This will have 14 months into 2022 so that notes can be carried forward. Copies will soon be on sale and will make an ideal Christmas present.

The history group has grown in numbers since its early days and now we have more than twenty members. Sadly, we have had to close the membership for the time being as the venue for our meetings restricts the numbers possible.

Nevertheless, the continued support for the group from local residents is essential and we do hope to see you at our future lectures.

**Bernard Dennis**  
Chairman Dodleston Local History Group  
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March 2020

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## Dodleston Primary School in Cheshire Top Ten

I'm not a fan of educational league tables. In my twenty-something years in education I've never looked at one. League tables don't take into consideration aspects of our children's lives such as illness, family issues, special educational needs, bereavement, poverty, etc. never mind any of the issues that everyday life can throw at a teacher! The schools I have worked in over the years have been at the top, middle and bottom of these tables at some point along the way and the status that the press, Government and industries such as property developers and estate agents give these tables concerns me.

However, with all that being said, it has come to my attention that this year our lovely little school in Dodleston is in the top 10 schools in Cheshire and number 4 in Cheshire West and Chester. This is indeed a great achievement to have reached such heady heights and a tribute to the wonderful staff who work at our school. On the back of such a positive Ofsted report (May '19), I think it is fair to say that we are doing something right! Of course, we also have to thank our children for working so hard, our families for their continued support and kindness and the Governors for their rigour and dedication.

## The top 10 state-funded primary schools in Cheshire

- Bexton Primary School – Cheshire East
- Delamere CofE Primary Academy  
Cheshire West & Chester
- Pebble Brook Primary School – Cheshire East
- Sandiway Primary School  
Cheshire West & Chester
- Wistaston Academy – Cheshire East
- Lacey Green Primary Academy – Cheshire East
- Ash Grove Academy – Cheshire East
- Acresfield Primary School  
Cheshire West & Chester
- Dodleston CofE Primary School  
Cheshire West & Chester
- Lower Peover CofE Primary School  
Cheshire West & Chester



We work hard to ensure that our children receive a balanced, stimulating curriculum alongside exciting extra-curricular opportunities. Since September our children have had opportunities to take part in a wide variety of sports such as Ultimate Frisbee, Bollywood Dancing and Karate; the choir performed at the Manchester arena in the 'Young Voices' concert with over 8,000 other school children. They have performed in all sorts of school events, been on a wide range of school trips and been taught high quality Mathematics, English, Science, History, etc., etc., etc. It's hard work for teachers and children alike but we do have loads of fun along the way!

## Appreciating the Wildlife Right in Your Doorstep!

We're fortunate in west Cheshire to be surrounded by fantastic wildlife. I've developed an appreciation for nature in our local area during my regular runs out from our home in Dodleston.

I thought I'd share a flavour of the types of wildlife that are all around us and which I have witnessed during my runs along the local country lanes in the last couple of months, and yet are likely overlooked by the majority of us.

Running out from Dodleston and passing through the sports field, there has been a couple of mute swans regularly using the large pond, and a large flock of black-headed gulls loafing (generally meaning resting and preening in bird terms) on the sports field. Many of the gulls have started to develop the black heads which they only have during their breeding season. Heading out of the sports field and onto Church Road I soon pass the Ruddy Pond Fishing Lakes where water-birds like moorhen and cormorant are sometimes around, along with a couple of domestic 'farmyard' ducks (cream plumage with orange bills).



A rookery near the Wild Goose Restaurant

Moving along Church Road, it's not long before I reach the T-junction with Lache Lane at Balderton, and the woodland on the left opposite the entrance to the Wild Goose Restaurant and Fishing Lakes, which supports a large rookery. I counted at least 40 nests, and the rooks were adding to, or building new, nests within the colony. These birds are some of the earliest breeders in the year, with many rookeries occupied from early February.

Running west on the road to Gorstella, hedges and wet ditches run parallel along the roadside verges. Here, in the hedges, many species of bird can be noted, from dunnocks (which are sometimes incorrectly referred to as hedge sparrows; but these little skulking birds are not sparrows at all) blue and great tits, blackbirds, robins, wrens, magpies and finches. In the fields of pasture and arable stubble which neighbour these hedges and spread out from them, corvid (crow) species, particularly carrion crows, jackdaws and rooks, and woodpigeons feed on whatever they

can get their beaks into, normally bugs for the crows and vegetative matter for the pigeons.

I press on through Gorstella, hearing the 'football rattle' sound of an alarm calling mistle thrush from the top of a fruit tree in a back garden, before moving onto the Main Road towards Lower Kinnerton. I note open flooded pasture particularly to the north of the road, and geese (greylag and Canada) along with mallard, feeding in the waterlogged fields. Although the rainy stormy weather has been dreadful for us, it's good weather for ducks!

I reach a derelict farm on my left. Some of the buildings look as though they may support nesting birds in the next month or two, with birds like swallow and house martin possible, jackdaws likely and perhaps even owls, like barn and little owls. These kinds of dilapidated old buildings may also be home to roosting bats, and most bats will come out of hibernation from March/April, when evenings (hopefully!) get milder. Beside the farm is an area of fruit trees, and the ground beneath is carpeted with snowdrops.

Running past a couple of



Greylag Geese feeding on a waterlogged field

properties with wooded areas in their gardens, I hear the high-pitch call of a tree creeper. This little bird moves around a tree trunk like a small rodent; indeed, creeping about. And then I see an actual rodent clinging to the side of a tree. A grey squirrel. It sits for a moment watching me before it scurries up the trunk. Grey squirrels are originally from North America and were introduced to the UK in the mid-1870s with the first introduction believed to be at Henbury Park, near Macclesfield, Cheshire. The grey squirrel now thrives in many habitats in the UK from woodland to cities, to the well-publicised detriment of the native red squirrel.

I reach Lower Kinnerton and head up Brick Road, where a colony of house

sparrows move around in a hedge, calling to each other. House sparrows, like their cousins, tree sparrows, have experienced considerable declines in number in the UK, so their presence is a welcome sight. House sparrows have a grey top to their head (you could say like a slate roof on a 'house') compared to the tree sparrows which have a brown top to the head (like the bark on a 'tree').

As I reach the right turn onto Lesters Lane, a pied wagtail flies overhead identifiable by its 'chis-wick' call and undulating flight. This neat little black and white bird can often be seen standing with its tail frantically wagging up and down or dashing about in fields or on hard-standing, like car parks, searching for its insect food.

I run along Lesters Lane and then onto Kinnerton Road towards Dodleston. There are some old trees, particularly oaks along this stretch, which I always think could be used by a host of nesting or roosting wildlife, like birds and bats, given the cavities and broken branches that some have. Other plants noted along the way are daffodils and some more patches of snowdrops, here and there. Most of the hedges are hawthorn, and these aren't flowering yet (they will around



Lords-and-Ladies often known as Wild Arum

May), but blackthorn is, so any plants with whitish flowers in hedges at this time of year are likely to be the latter. Another plant I note on my route are lords-and-ladies. This plant has a whole host of alternative English names, like 'snakeshead', 'wild arum' and 'devils and angels'. This plant is often found in woods and along hedges. At this time of year only the plant's leaves are showing, but it's poker-shaped flower head will follow, and then in autumn a cluster of highly poisonous red berries will be produced.

I finish my run arriving back into Dodleston. As the months pass, it will be interesting to see how nature changes, and what other wildlife treats can be found right here on our doorstep!

Colin Bonnington



## DYPs Longest Serving Members Recognised

Dodleston Youth Players were delighted that on 13 February, at the opening night of Treasure Island, our district rep for the National Operatic & Dramatic Association (NODA), Joanne Rymer, presented this year's Long Service Awards to our two longest serving members.

Gordon Peterson was presented with the 35-year service award. His talent lies with building the scenery & complex set pieces; a job he has perfected over the years with many spectacular creations such as the reversible witches gingerbread house, for Hansel & Gretel, (one side showed the outside of the house including a working door, the reverse, the kitchen, complete with oven), a Beanstalk, a flying carpet, and a magically lit Cinderella's coach. For him it's déjà vu, since his first panto in 1984 was also Treasure Island.

Sue Ramsey celebrated her golden anniversary with an award of the 50-year service medal and certificate.

Sue's long service in amdram includes 20 years with Middlesborough Amateur Operatic Society and Durham University Light Opera group, performing in Musical Theatre. Arriving in Dodleston in 1989 she soon joined DYP, as many of us do, to support her children in the annual village pantomime. Her enthusiasm and dedication have continued unbroken over the last 30 years. She brought her experience firstly to the choreography, then quickly added directing and was elected DYP Chair in 2005. Her vision and ability to get the best from everyone has elevated DYP productions to the highest level, as demonstrated by our award of Best Pantomime in the NW Region for Robin Hood.

Sue's and Gordon's NODA awards are well deserved and worthy recognition of the tremendous unstinting work and dedication they have given to us all in keeping the show on the road! Congratulations to them both.

**Karen Welsh**  
Secretary, Dodleston Youth Players



## TREASURE ISLAND

by Toby Bradford and Tina Webster

A review by  
Joanne Rymer  
NODA 15/2/20

<b>DATE</b>	<b>13th February 2020</b>
<b>SOCIETY</b>	<b>Dodleston Youth Players</b>
<b>VENUE</b>	<b>Dodleston Village Hall</b>
<b>TYPE OF PRODUCTION</b>	<b>Pantomime</b>
<b>DIRECTOR</b>	<b>Sue Ramsey</b>
<b>MUSICAL DIRECTOR</b>	<b>Mary Brierley</b>
<b>CHOREOGRAPHER</b>	<b>Joanne Robertson</b>
<b>PRODUCER</b>	<b>Sue Ramsey</b>

**Treasure Island**  
Dodleston Youth Players  
13/2/20

**At the Dodleston Players Pantomime you are immediately exposed to true community theatre, what an amazingly welcoming atmosphere, I recommend everyone to visit this uniquely friendly society. Treasure Island, a refreshingly different new script written by Toby Bradford & Tina Webster, has plenty of the tried and tested traditional pantomime favourites in the story of swashbuckling pirates and the hunt for hidden treasure.**

One wonders what Robert Louis Stevenson would have

thought had he been able to sit and watch this production of 'Treasure Island - the Panto!' His wonderful adventure story was still recognisable, but the Squire had acquired a very pretty and feisty daughter, there was a talking parrot with attitude, and who were all these wonderful talented pirates? And of course there were some mixed gender castings. Actually, if RLS was anything like the audience who came along the evening I attended, he would have had a whale of a time and a lot of jolly good laughs.

We are introduced to the plot by what can only be described as a 'modern' Fairy Godmother who at first glance I immediately thought of Barbara Cartland. Congratulations go to Karen Woodworth who was a vision in pink! Great performance here. Her constant incoming calls from the most sparkling mobile phone were hilarious.

The sets, the costumes and the props were spot on, as were the lighting and sound effects, and it must be said that the musical director, Mary Brierley and choreographer Joanne Robertson did an absolutely brilliant job with this predominantly young cast. The mop and bucket number was stunning, a highlight of the show for me.

Talking of highlights - every Panto needs a Dame and we had one in spades with the wonderful Ma Hawkins, played in true Panto style by Gordon Robertson. His outrageous flirting with Squire Trelawney (Glen Mullholland) was just the right side of saucy. The camaraderie between these two actors was lovely to watch. Ma Hawkins fighting off the marauding pirates with an enormous saucepan was a laugh out loud experience.

Mike Dix as Long John Silver took command of the stage as soon as he made his menacing entrance,



great stage presence. The audience hissed and booed every time he appeared. The idea of him as the ships cook was magical, Mike's interaction with the audience was brilliant, great performance here. His hilarious entrance and exits were something to behold, very well done.

As Silver's parrot Polly, Isabella Grattan was adorably cheeky, very colourful, and complete with flapping wings!

As for the reluctant gruesome pirates, Billy Brass (Karen Welsh) and Nicky Knuckles (Joanne Robertson) were very entertaining and made a great comedy duo. With almost perfect timing they were the link that pulled the action together, once again the interaction with the audience from these two talented people was wonderful.

Key to the story, Jim Hawkins, played by Emily Kitchin, feels stuck working in the family Inn, The Admiral Bembow, which is losing money hand over fist, Jim is longing for adventure, Could this be the day something exciting finally happens? Encouraged by Martha the Barmaid (Gabrielle Phillips) Jim finds the treasure map in Billy Bone's chest he left at the Inn. Adventure calls and it looks like there might be

gold on the horizon. Jim falls in love with the Squire's daughter Felicity Trelawney (Amelia McConnell). Both parts were played with charm and sincerity, their songs sung with real feeling.

Once they all set sail, with the newly signed Captain Corker'un (Kayleigh Pearson), things start to look dangerous. Will they escape from a gruesome gang of pirates and make their way back to dry land with the treasure?

The treasure is where X marks the spot, so it says on the map, on reaching dry land we find the island occupied: Robinson Crusoe has set up home, with his companion Girl Friday (Eden Mullholland), yes I did say Robinson Crusoe.

Congratulations to Beard Seller Oscar Marsh, Pirates Joey Byrne, Alex Robertson, Cameron Glenister, Lucy Lawrence, Sasha Bates and Amaya Kaira. Congratulations to Girls Monday to Thursday: Olivia McDonald, Evie McDonald, Macey Lockerbie and Erin Preston. With such talented young people Dodleston Youth Players looks secure for their future.

Back to Robinson Crusoe played by Steven Hughes, Mr Cool himself, who introduces the gang to Girls Monday to Thursday



very funny dialogue here, well delivered. We find out that Crusoe has already found the treasure and invested it in clubs, casinos and luxury apartments on the island. He encourages the gang to stay, Ma Hawkins proposes to the Squire, Jim proposes to Felicity and all is well.

The finale is just simply fun-fun-fun, the whole cast singing enthusiastically the truly happy song Hot, Hot, Hot. Fabulous finale.

What was even more remarkable about this production was how director Sue Ramsey managed to pull off such a superb performance given the very limited space on a very compact stage. Clearly there is a great deal of support for this society as every ticket was taken for the performance I attended.

Heartfelt congratulations to all concerned. The treasure was found (and spent) the baddies reformed, and everyone lived happily ever after! This production certainly hit the spot and the audiences went out happy and content. What more could anyone want? Thank you for an entertaining evening, it was a blast.

**Joanne Rymer**  
NODA 15/2/20



# Dodleston Primary PTFA

The PTFA would firstly like to thank all those who have donated, baked, bought raffle tickets, preloved uniforms and cups of tea. In doing so, we have collectively raised vital funds for our wonderful school in 2019. As such, we are able to purchase vital items, such as books and organise fun events like the Christmas Lunch. With education budgets being cut year on year, such items are not affordable otherwise.

2019 was a bumper year for fundraising. We raised **£3,037.61**.

By working closely with Mrs Boyes and her team, we discuss what each class needs on a regular basis. The items are then sourced by Mrs Browett, our chief buyer and distributed accordingly.

**This year we were delighted to purchase:**

- A PA System for performances and events

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- Dictionaries and atlases

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- Birthday books

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- Christmas Lunch and party

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- Mother's Day gifts

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- Leavers hoodies

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- Transport subsidiary for sporting events and school trips



## Date for the Diary: Saturday 16th May

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**Bonkers Bingo and Disco Fundraiser**  
 Dodleston Village Hall - £10 per person

An evening of guaranteed frantic bingo fun, with prizes to be won, mixed up with some dancing and drinking. This is an adult, ticket only event, so dust off your party shoes, book your favourite childminder and join us for a night to be remembered. Sam and Lloyd of Dodleston Stores have kindly offered to sell the tickets on our behalf, as of the end of April.

We are trying to encourage people to use [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) in order to raise money for Dodleston Primary. It's simple to sign up to and use. When shopping online, raise money for your local school, simply by choosing us as your nominated charity. There is even an app for it.

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**Whilst you are here,**

Our PTFA is ever evolving and consists of a motley crew of folk, offering up what spare time we have, when we have it. There are no expectations, just the one common goal – to raise as much cash as possible for Dodleston Primary School. We welcome new faces with fresh ideas. You need not have a child at school. We always require creative types to design leaflets and posters, bakers to whip up tasty treats for our cake sales and refreshment stalls and folk who are happy being on the frontline running our events, which are lots of fun.

If you would like to help out with the odd event or join our core committee, please email us at the following address [dodleston@outlook.com](mailto:dodleston@outlook.com) and one of the team will get back to you as soon as possible.



**theWI**  
 INSPIRING WOMEN

Since last writing we have continued to enjoy a varied programme here at Dodleston & District WI, in November we crafted our own Christmas jumpers out of recycled materials, in December there was the annual carol singing and Christmas tree light 'switch on' at the church lychgate, there was a fabulous community festive spirit which was bolstered this year by being invited into the church for mulled wine afterwards to warm up and chat with neighbours and friends. There was also the new seniors Christmas lunch which the WI supported and was a great success. The festive season was completed with our annual Christmas party this year with karaoke and disco with DJ Richard Kitchen.

In January we were guided through a yoga session by local teacher and WI member Vicki

Rahill and in February we took a trip out to Techniquet in Wrexham to learn about the magic of water and a tour of the exhibits (see picture).

Coming up we have soap making, art using food, a community gardening talk, walking netball (coached by England Netball), biscuit decorating, interior design talk, biscuit decorating and calligraphy.

**If you would like to join Dodleston & District WI or just come and see if it is for you we meet on the 2nd Thursday of the month at Dodleston Village Hall, 8:15pm or get in touch and get added to our mailing list for details of what's on by contacting [dodlestonwi@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:dodlestonwi@yahoo.co.uk) or join our Facebook page Dodleston & District WI.**

## St Mary's Church, Dodleston



### Events & Services:

**Sunday 22nd March – Mothering Sunday**  
– Service at 11.00am – Bishop Keith will be at the Service. We will also be distributing gifts of flowers to the congregation

**Sunday 5th April – Palm Sunday – Holy Communion** at 11.00am.

**Thursday 9th April – Maundy Thursday – Holy Communion service** at 7.30pm.

**Friday 10th April – Good Friday – Hour at the Cross** – 2.00pm-3.00pm

**Sunday 12th April – Easter Day – Holy Communion Service** at 11.00am

We look forward to seeing you at some or all of our Easter Services

We are hoping to book the Delta Academy Choir in the Spring so look out for posters in the village

### Events...

#### 1st Sunday of the month:

11.00am Morning Worship

#### Sundays following:

11.00am Holy Communion

#### Coffee Morning:

The first Wednesday of the month.  
10.30am – 12noon.

#### Crafty Creations:

Second Monday of each Month – 10.00am-12noon. Please come along to the Craft Group held at St Mary's there are always refreshments and plenty of chat. New crafts are explored and experienced!!!

**St Mary's Church also supports the Chester and Ellesmere Port Food Bank – any donations can be brought to church.**



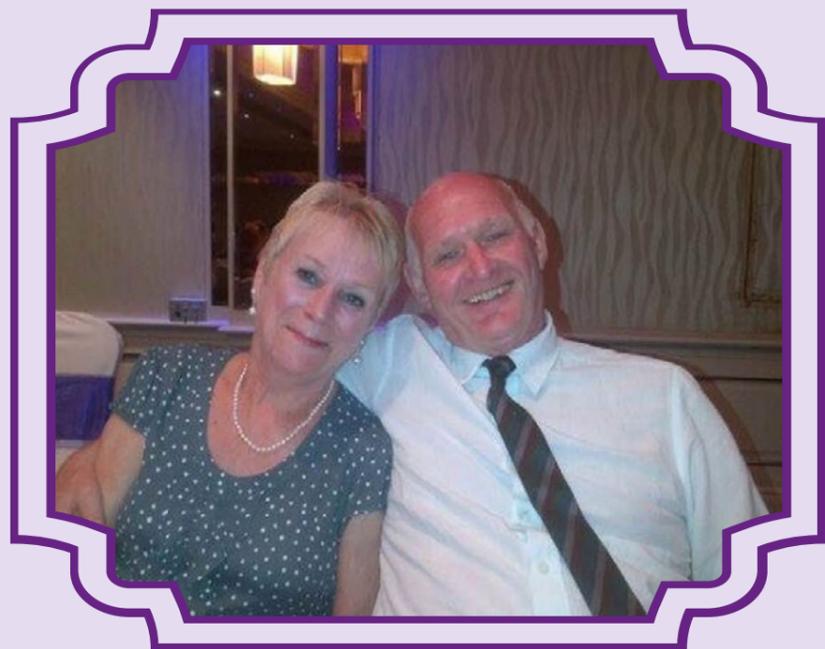
*Get Crafty on the second Sunday of every month!*

# Mothering Sunday



**Come and join us & Bishop Keith at St. Mary's Dodleston for this joint service especially for Families**

Sunday, 22nd March 2020 - at 11.00 am



## Rest In Peace Karen Tilston

**Karen was a giver for all the time that we knew her. A trustee of Dodleston Village Foundation (DVF) for a while, Parish Councillor and founding editor of Local Life. Indeed, it was while the magazine was in her care that it won the award for the best village magazine.**

She was born in Hendre on August 11th 1950 and came to Chester with her family in 1959. She left school at 16 and took a series of jobs before meeting Kevin whom she married on December 20th 1975.

After two children, she returned to work to become “the dream employee” – loyal, committed and prepared to go the extra mile

Although she “retired” in 2013, there was no such thing for Karen. She became a classroom assistant at Dodleston School which she fitted in between being a hands-on wife, mother and grandmother.

Her final illness lasted almost a year before she finally passed away on July 27th 2019. After her funeral service, her life was celebrated at the Pavilion on the Sports Field. The bar raised £1,000 which has been used to provide a commemorative bench which will be sited by the pond on the Sports Field,

She leaves behind her husband, children Lester and Sarah and four grandchildren. She will be sadly missed by her family, neighbours and hundreds of friends – a true pillar of our Community.



## Dodleston Baby & Toddler Group

Dodleston Baby and Toddler Play Group meets every Thursday morning during term time in the village hall, 10-11.30. Free play, arts and crafts, music and singing, snacks and refreshments. Come and meet other parents and grandparents for a chat and a cuppa!

**Only £3 per session (plus £1 for additional children).**

Follow us on our Facebook page.

**For more information contact Helen on 07951 880702 or just turn up!**

## Brownies & Guides

Earlier in the Autumn term, Dodleston Brownies had a rather special celebration. It has been 25 years since Janet Butler joined Dodleston Brownies. After over 20 years as Brown Owl, Janet has more recently been known as Great Grey Owl to our Brownies and continues to support us each week with her amazing experience and expertise.

Brownies and Guides took part in a sponsored 'Dance Around the World' event to raise money for Dance Aid; a charity that works with children in a number of countries, but our fundraiser was specifically focused on raising money to help the street children of Manila in the Philippines. After a fantastic and exhausting evening dancing all kinds of dances from around the world - from Scottish dancing, to the Can Can, an Austrian Waltz, the American Hand Jive and all the way back to England (with many others in between!) - we raised over £500 for Dance Aid! ([www.danceaid.org](http://www.danceaid.org)). Thank you to everyone who supported our girls and helped us to achieve this.

Snowy Owl (Mel Hughes) organised a wonderful evening of star gazing, when Techniquet Glyndwr brought their StarDome to the village hall. This was an amazing experience for Brownies, Guides and Leaders!

Dodleston Guides have been busy out and about as usual. They enjoyed their annual evening at Spaven's in Mold and a very exciting sleepover at Flip Out, Chester. I'm not sure how much sleep was involved though!



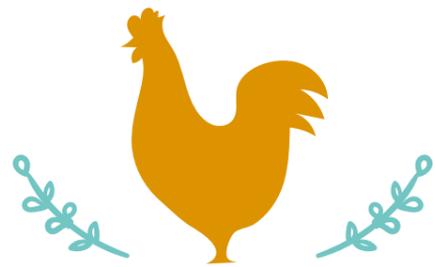
## Dodleston Village Bulb Planting Day 30 NOVEMBER 2019

The open space on the corner of Penfold Way and Church Road was a hive of activity on 30 November 2019 when a few enthusiastic gardeners turned up to plant more than 350 Daffodil and Tulip bulbs. With bulbs sponsored by the Parish Council, we came together on a very cold morning but despite a frosty start to the day, the soil was remarkably soft and ready for the planting.

We are excited to see that a number of the bulbs have raised their heads and are all waiting for the right time to burst into a colourful Spring display.

We would like to plant more bulbs next year and would like to encourage our wider community to get involved and suggest areas in our Parish which would benefit from some bulbs.

**There is an opportunity to create a Parish Gardening Club to get out and about and create friendships whilst keeping an eye on some of our open spaces and link ways. If you have further suggestions or want to volunteer please contact Welna Bowden at [welna.bowden@dodlestonparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:welna.bowden@dodlestonparishcouncil.co.uk)**



## Chicken Sheds ...update

Since the last issue of Local Life, the chicken sheds have commenced operations. Some parishioners reported issues with traffic associated with the site coming through the village during the first few weeks. After communication with the operators, they have assured us measures are now in place to ensure traffic uses the correct routing. Please let us know if you witness any further problems.

Some odour issues have also been reported. The operators have put these down to teething problems with the heating and ventilation systems, as well as a learning curve on their part as they get used to the equipment and processes. They assure us that once they have completed the first few cycles, the site will be running as planned and any odour problems will be fixed. The Parish Council intend to maintain a dialogue with the farm, making sure they are aware of issues as they arise.



## Dodleston Leisure Group

On 19<sup>th</sup> November the ladies of the Leisure Group made Christmas wreaths whilst having a cuppa and a good old chat. The Christmas crafting afternoon was just one of the many events enjoyed throughout 2019 and there are a variety of events to look forward to in 2020.

Everyone is welcome to join the group and further details of dates and event topics can be obtained by contacting Jim Howard (Chairman) on 01244 661468.

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### Dodleston Village Hall Booking Secretary Vacancy

Are you able to give a few hours a week to assist in the running of our village hall?

We are looking for a responsible person to take on the role of Booking Secretary. You will oversee the hall's diary by taking initial enquiries, via email and/or telephone, manage confirmed bookings along with a small amount of monthly administration.

For full details of this essential position within Dodleston Village Foundation please contact:

Richard Lloyd:  
dvfcommittee@gmail.com  
07436 108 252

## The Great Dodleston And District Spring Clean 2020

**29 March 2020 – 2pm to 4.30pm**

Meet @ St Mary's Church Car Park,  
Dodleston OR

Meet @ The notice board by Moor Lane,  
Lower Kinnerton

Equipment – old gardening gloves, warm clothes, a high viz jacket or vest if you have one, walking shoes or Wellies.

We have litter picks to borrow if you don't have your own as well as high viz vests. We supply strong Great British Spring Clean litter bags.

Welcome to the Great British Spring Clean 2020 and thank you for getting involved the country's biggest mass-action environmental campaign.

Together, we can make a massive difference. All our individual actions can help to transform our country for the better, creating cleaner streets, parks and beaches, protecting our wildlife and, ultimately, stopping the tide of plastic that is doing so much damage to our oceans and marine life.

The Great British Spring Clean is about demonstrating that you love where you live – whether that's by pledging to pick while you're walking the dog or taking the kids to school, hosting a clean-up or joining someone else's clean-up.

Last year, more than 560,000 people took part and this year we are aiming to get 600,000 #LitterHeroes out there.

The time has come around to host our own local annual litter pick which always coincide with the national Great British Spring Clean campaign. This year the date falls on Sunday 29 March 2020 which is also the date to put our clocks forward and gain that extra hour of daylight. In 2020 we are more ambitious and want to pick up a wider area – from Dodleston Village, Lower

Kinnerton including our access roads, so we would like to encourage everyone to come and join us and help clean up our area. There will be a second litter pick this year to include Lower Kinnerton.

If you want to pick litter at another time in the period, please get in touch to avoid duplicating effort.

Please be our one of our #LitterHeroes!

For more information on the Dodleston, Gorstella and Balderton litter pick contact Welna Bowden at [welna.bowden@dodlestonparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:welna.bowden@dodlestonparishcouncil.co.uk)

For more information on the Lower Kinnerton litter pick, contact Roger Taylor at [roger.taylor@dodlestonparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:roger.taylor@dodlestonparishcouncil.co.uk)



## Farming News

**Good news on the farming front  
...or is it?**

Big changes are ahead in British agriculture. Brexit is happening and the Government will be let loose on agreeing new trade deals all over the world.

Cheap food will continue, intensification of all types of animal farming will increase and a new generation of British farmer are coming through... rural entrepreneurs!

These guys have never been held back by marketing boards and are focused on constant cost cutting. Post 2022, subsidies will shift focus to environmental protection as food supply is not a political issue as the USA and Australia are eagerly hovering.

The old skills like animal husbandry and actually caring for the animals will take a back seat to improving budgets.

These new farmers may not wear a suit, but will have the steely eyed stare of a business counterpart. The corporate culture may well be entering the cow shed, the chicken shed and the pig sty!!



## Easter Opening Hours

<b>Good Friday</b> 10th April	<b>7am till 7pm.</b>
<b>Easter Saturday</b> 11th April	<b>normal opening usual 6am till 9pm</b>
<b>Easter Sunday</b> 12th April	<b>7am till 7pm</b>
<b>Easter Monday</b> 13th April	<b>7am till 7pm.</b>

## Chapel Stores News

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We are now embarking on our 2nd decade at Chapel Stores. It is hard to believe that we have been here for over 10 years now.

We have been through many changes over the years working to become a better community shop and Post Office for our lovely customers.

We have always striven to be more environmentally friendly and have always stocked eco friendly products. We have just received some ecover washing up liquid that contains brewery waste ingredients, it is fragranced with Apple & Bergamot and smells quite sexy for a washing up liquid!

Our main card suppliers Woodmansterne have now converted to cellophane free cards and our new suppliers, bug art cards, come in Biodegradable bags.

We need more of our regular suppliers to conform also but this does take time.

Cheshire Honey is here, and the honey is from hives in Marford, Pulford and Eaton.

Mothers' Day is next on the calendar on the 22nd March and we have some wonderfully exclusive Cards. Also, Wine, Chocolate & Flowers will be available.

If you cannot decide what to buy that Special Lady, we sell One For All Gift Cards that can be used in over 21,000 outlets nationwide including John Lewis & Amazon. Ideal Mothers Day Gifts.

The clocks spring forward on the 29th March followed by Easter Weekend.

Pop in for Easter cards, hot cross buns and all types of eggs, chocolate & chicken !

**Best Wishes from Samantha,  
Lloyd & the team xxxxxx**

# DODLESTON SUMMER FESTIVAL

## SATURDAY 4TH JULY 2020 12pm to 8pm

**SAVE  
THE DATE**  
Dodleston Cricket Club Sports Field, Church Road

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