

The Newsletter of Dodleston Parish Council

LocalLife

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Local Life's
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Welcome all...



Roger Taylor - Editor

Welcome to a packed issue. I'm particularly pleased to feature the Diamond Wedding celebration of Dave & Lyn Morgan.

Please let me know of Births, Marriages, Deaths and special occasions like this one.

I'll try to feature it in the Local News and Events so a little detail and a photograph is all I'll need.

Bus Timetable...

61,62 Chester - Handbridge - Westminster Park - Dodleston - Higher Kinnerton Stagecoach

Monday to Friday (excluding Bank Holidays)	61X D	62	62	62	61 Sch	61 NSch	61	61
Boughton Bishops Bluecoat School	-	-	-	-	1525	-	-	-
Chester Bus Interchange	0945	1135	1245	1335	1535	1535	1700	1815
Handbridge, Esso Garage	-	-	-	-	1543	1543	1708	1823
Handbridge, Eccleston Avenue	-	1146	1256	1346	-	-	-	-
Westminster Park Shops o/s	-	1153	1303	1353	1548	1548	1713	1828
Dodleston, Primary School	1000	1201	-	1401	1556	1556	1721	1836
Higher Kinnerton Bennetts Lane, Post Office	1008	1209	-	1409	1604	1604	1729	1844

61,62 Chester - Handbridge - Westminster Park - Dodleston - Higher Kinnerton Stagecoach

Saturdays	61X D	61X D	61	61	61	61	61	61
Chester Bus Interchange	0845	0945	1045	1245	1400	1545	1700	1815
Handbridge, Esso Garage	-	-	1053	1253	1409	1553	1709	1823
Westminster Park Shops o/s	-	-	1058	1258	1414	1558	1714	1828
Dodleston, Primary School	0900	1000	1106	1306	1422	1606	1722	1836
Higher Kinnerton Bennetts Lane, Post Office	0908	1008	1114	1314	1430	1614	1730	1844

Codes:
D - Direct service operates directly via Grosvenor Road, Lache Lane
Sch - Schooldays only NSch - School Holidays



Dates for the Parish Council Meetings

The dates are the 2nd Monday of the odd numbered months – they are held in the Grosvenor Room @ 7.00pm

2018

- September 10th
- November 12th

61,62 Higher Kinnerton - Dodleston - Westminster Park - Handbridge - Chester Stagecoach

Monday to Friday (excluding Bank Holidays)	61 NSch	61 Sch	62	62	62	62	62	62	62	61
Higher Kinnerton, Bennetts Lane, Post Office	0745	0745	0910	1010	1210	-	1410	1610	1735	-
Dodleston Primary School	0753	0753	0918	1018	1218	-	1418	1618	1743	-
Westminster Park Shops	0801	0801	0926	1026	1226	1306	1426	1626	1751	-
Handbridge, Eccleston Avenue	-	-	0933	1033	1233	1313	1433	1633	-	-
Handbridge, Esso Garage opp	0806	0806	-	-	-	-	-	-	1758	-
Chester Bus Interchange	0817	0817	0944	1044	1244	1324	1444	1644	1809	-
Boughton, Bishop's Bluecoat School	-	0827	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

61,62 Higher Kinnerton - Dodleston - Westminster Park - Handbridge - Chester Stagecoach

Saturday	61	61	61	61	61	61	61	61
Higher Kinnerton Bennetts Lane Post Office	0810	0910	1010	1120	1320	1445	1620	1735
Dodleston Primary School	0818	0918	1018	1128	1328	1453	1628	1743
Westminster Park Shops	0826	0926	1026	1136	1336	1501	1636	1751
Handbridge, Esso Garage opp	0831	0931	1031	1141	1341	1506	1641	1758
Chester Bus Interchange	0842	0942	1042	1152	1352	1517	1652	1809

Route Description

Service 61: Chester Bus Interchange, Frodsham Street, Foregate Street, Vicars Lane, Pepper Street, Lower Bridge Street, Handbridge, Overleigh Road, Lache Lane, Vincent Drive, Dennis Drive, Rushfield Road, Castle Croft Road, Five Ashes Road, Rowcliffe Avenue, Lache Lane, Balderton Crossing, Dodleston, Lower Kinnerton, Kinnerton Road, Bantern Road, Bennetts Lane, Kinnerton Post Office
Return via Main Road, Kinnerton Road and reverse of above

Service 61X: Service 61: Chester Bus Interchange, Frodsham Street, Foregate Street, Vicars Lane, Pepper Street, Grosvenor Road, Lache Lane, Balderton Crossing, Dodleston, Lower Kinnerton, Kinnerton Road, Bantern Road, Bennetts Lane, Kinnerton Post Office
Return via Main Road, Kinnerton Road and reverse of above

Service 62: Chester Bus Interchange, Frodsham Street, Foregate Street, Vicars Lane, Pepper Street, Lower Bridge Street, Handbridge, Queens Park Road, St Georges Crescent, Cross Hey, Appleyards Lane, Hartington Street, Eccleston Avenue Eaton Road, Overleigh Road, Lache Lane, Vincent Drive, Dennis Drive, Rushfield Road, Castle Croft Road, Five Ashes Road, Rowcliffe Avenue, Lache Lane, Balderton Crossing, Dodleston, Lower Kinnerton, Kinnerton Road, Bantern Road, Bennetts Lane, Kinnerton Post Office
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Local News



Running For Dodleston

Claire Lockerbie was a self-confessed couch potato before she started running in 2016. Yet another Scot who has made her home in Dodleston, Claire has already completed two half-marathons this year – Liverpool and Chester. She plans another four

which include two in just six days in September, Carlisle and the Great North Run. Her aim is to duck under two hours. She also plans to run the Chester Marathon in October, aiming for 4½ hours. Her season ends with the Conwy Marathon in November, which takes in the Great Orme (up and, fortunately, down again)

Claire is mum to Macey, aged nine and Rosey aged six. She has just completed the second year of a BSc in Nutrition at the University of Chester. Her aim is to specialise in Child Nutrition – particularly for disadvantaged children whose diet can often be poor. In her spare time, she fits in a few shifts at The Red Lion.

Last year she ran for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund (JDRF) because she was so touched by a local child with Type 1 Diabetes.

This year, with the entire community in mind, she is raising money for our own defibrillator. The cost is £2000 which includes an outdoor cabinet. It will probably be sited by the Pavilion with instructions to telephone the local Ambulance Service who will divulge a code which opens the cabinet. She quotes some persuasive statistics.

For example, if the defibrillator is applied correctly within three to five minutes of a cardiac arrest, the chance of survival leaps from 6% to 74%.

Please give Claire your wholehearted support. You can cheer her on in the Chester Marathon on October 7th. You can support her fundraising efforts at <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/clairelockerbie>. Come on Dodleston, give generously!

As well as the defibrillators, the parish Council is also arranging training in resuscitation (CPR) which anyone can do. There will be some open sessions in the autumn; but if any group would like their own session then we can arrange that too, contact Mike Dix on 07840 164216

Dodleston Brownies

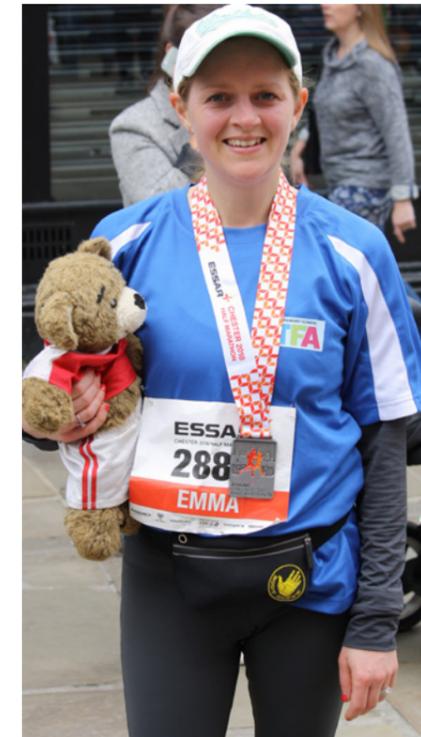
Dodleston Brownies recently held a sponsored 'Wacky Races' relay to raise money for their chosen charity, North Clwyd Animal Rescue. The aim was to complete as many laps of Dodleston playing field in as many unusual ways as possible; including walking backwards, wheelbarrow racing, hopping, skipping and jumping. The Brownies collectively completed 122 laps and raised over £250!

Sadly, this term we have said goodbye to Little Owl, Roisin Metherell. Roisin recently organised a visit to the Lord Mayor's Chambers in Chester for the Brownies and a great time was had by all. Thank you, Little Owl for your enthusiasm and commitment, we will miss you!

Dodleston Guides have also been busy fundraising. A bingo and beetle drive evening was held at the Village Hall with proceeds being split between Chester's Supertrees Project and Guide funds. Thank you to everyone who came along to support the evening, helping us to raise a fantastic £230.

Emma Preston - Fundraising

Emma Preston recently ran in the Chester Half Marathon to raise money for Dodleston Primary School PTFA. Emma completed the race in 1 hour 58 minutes and 25 seconds. Emma's daughters' Erin and Lauren also completed the 1-mile children's fun run to raise money. The girls have raised £372.50 to date which will be spent on enhancing the wellbeing and education of the children at Dodleston Primary School. If you would like to make a donation please go to <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/emma-preston16>. Emma was fitness trained by local personal trainer Vicki Rahill (07963500607) and achieved her goal of completing the race in under 2 hours. Emma would like to thank everybody who has supported her and donated to the PTFA.



Important. Playing Fields Survey



We would be grateful if you could take a few minutes to complete this survey by 31st July 2018.

Please complete it online at the following link:

www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/9S3LW98

DODLESTON PARISH COUNCIL PLAYING FIELD SURVEY

In July 2015, Dodleston Parish Council officially opened our Parish Field, it's principal aims are to provide a place where the local community can access various sport and leisure activities and services. The field is nearly 6 hectares in size and has already undergone some improvements to create a cricket pitch and cricket nets, junior football playing surface, pond and track around the field.



Dodleston has been identified as having a lack of outdoor recreation space and following a local consultation on the types of use for the field a significant number of people wanted to see an exercise trail installed. The trail will include several pieces of equipment that can allow the community to exercise in the outdoors but with gym style facilities. The range of equipment will allow low-impact training to target different parts of the body whilst boosting cardio-vascular strength.

Another small section of the field has been identified for use by our local children as a wheel park. With a limited bus service on the Dodleston bus route, Dodleston Parish children have few options after school and we strongly feel that we need to prioritise after school leisure facilities for this age group.

With that in mind we would like to consult with local people about the possibility of applying for grant funding to construct of a new outdoor gym and wheel park. The wheel park would be designed to provide a hard surface for children to ride scooters and roller skates in a safe environment. The outdoor gym would be like the equipment you would find in an indoor gym (e.g. rowing machine, exercise bike, leg press), but the equipment is designed to be used outdoors and would be free of charge. Some of the gym equipment will be suitable for younger people.

Dodleston Parish Council Playing Field Survey

We would be grateful if you could take a few minutes to complete this survey by 31st July 2018. You can post it in the survey box at Dodleston Chapel Store. Alternatively, you can complete it online at the link shown on the previous page

- Q1** Do you support the proposal to install an outdoor gym in the playing field? (please tick one box)
Yes No Don't know
- Q2** Would you consider using the outdoor gym? (please tick one box)
Yes No Don't know
- Q3** Do you currently use the playing field (please circle one)
Daily Weekly Monthly Rarely Never
- Q4** Why do you use the playing field? (please circle as many as relevant)
Dog walking Football Walking/jogging
I do not use Cricket Pitch and Field Other (please state)
- Q5** Would these new proposals encourage you to use the field more often? (please tick one box)
Yes No Don't know
- Q6** The Department of Health recommends adults are moderately active for 150 minutes or vigorously active for 75 minutes each week. In an average week, how close are you to achieving this? (please tick one box)
I achieve this every week
I'm almost there but not quite
I do around half of what's recommended
I'm a long way off
- Q7** Do you support the proposal to install a wheel park for our local children? (please tick one box)
Yes No Don't know
- Q8** Would your children consider using the wheel park? (please tick one box)
Yes No n/a (children grown up/ no children)
- Q9** Do you have any other comments about these proposals or is there anything else that you might want to see on the playing field in future, as part of another development phase?

And finally, about yourself:

I am male I am female

What is your age group? (please circle one)

Under 18 19-30 31-40 41-50 51-60 61-70 over 70

What is your postcode? _____.

Thank you very much for completing this survey

Further updates on the proposals will be available on the village noticeboards, the Dodleston Parish Council Facebook page and in the Local Life newsletter.

Please contact Welna Bowden on 01244 660499 if you need any help filling out this form, have any questions about the projects or you would like more copies for other people in your household (alternatively, they can fill out a survey online).

Dodleston Pre-School News

2018 is very special to Dodleston Pre-School as we are celebrating our 35th anniversary. We began our celebrations with a fantastic 80's themed disco and at the end of this term we will be having a big birthday party for our children to celebrate our continued success. We had a visit from Angela Turner, one of the lovely ladies that started the 'play group' as it was then in the 80s along with Trish Stevens and learned how we started out which was a lovely story of real community spirit which we are striving to continue.

We have seen a lot of changes this year too. We have adopted a few new approaches, the first being In the Moment Planning, this means we are fully child-led. During a typical day at Pre-School our little ones are able to direct their own learning and the grown-ups observe carefully for a teachable moment and join in at that moment to enhance their learning, this has seen the children more focussed and engaged and therefore a lot calmer.

The curiosity approach is another addition which is a collection of quirky and unusual items such as brass tea sets, glam mirrors, random ornaments and a variety of containers. These help the children to be able to extend on

their imaginations and play opportunities as these objects can be used in many situations as a lot of different things, the children still surprise us with their ideas as they are just so creative.

Finally we have introduced loose parts play which is similar to the curiosity approach in that we have a collection of random objects that can be used as many different things such as replacements for plastic foods and as potion making resources. This extends outside to large loose parts such as cable reels and pallets which allow the children to engage in higher level role play activities.

These have all proved very effective for the children, which showed when we had our recent OFSTED inspection and upheld our GOOD rating with some outstanding elements as they were full of praise for the child-led approach and the opportunities we were able to offer the children within our setting.

As we approach the end of the summer term, please note that we are busier than ever, so if you are considering registering your child for September please do so now.

E-mail dodlestonpreschool@googlemail.com for a registration pack or pop in and see us. We are open 9am to 3.15pm Monday, Tuesday Friday and 9am to 3.15pm on Wednesday. We accept children from 2 years old up to school age and offer funded places for all eligible children. Our new term starts on September 4th.



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Dodleston Pre-School,
Dodleston Village Hall
Pulford Road
Dodleston, Chester
CH4 9NN

Open Mon Tue
Wed & Fri

Register Now

FREE Taster Sessions

DODLESTON
PRE-SCHOOL

5 minutes from Saltney & Broughton
Extended funded places available
From Cheshire and Wales
For children aged 2-4
We are now open all day Monday
Tuesday & Friday 9am -3.15pm
Wednesday 9am – 1pm

Rated 'GOOD' By Ofsted 2015
Please contact Elaine on 01244 661611/ 07938 465435
Email dodlestonpreschool@googlemail.com

Dodleston CE Primary School

It's hard to believe that we are so close to the end of another school year! As always, school is such a busy place and so much has happened.

March brought us World Book Day and, as usual, the children (and staff) dressed up as a character from a book. This year the children spent the day producing new Mr. Men books and marketing them – a little like Dragon's Den. Mr. Shifty won although they were all good. It is lovely when they get opportunities to work with children from other year groups and classes – they get on so well.



The children have had so much fun with 'Big Art' this term with 2 projects.

For such a small school we do a big range of sports. We have a great football team who always do us proud in tournaments and competitions. This is the time of year when we are able to get out and do a wider range of sports. Alongside the range of sports they access within school, the children have also been to trigolf, gymnastics, tennis, orienteering and rounders – something for everyone!

The children have had so much fun with 'Big Art' this term with 2 projects. First is the banner that we are creating with the craft club from St. Mary's Church. We are making 2 identical banners – one for school and one for church – that will represent the special relationship we have with the church. We are so fortunate to have such strong links with the community, it is a strength of our school. However, as a church school, our links with the church are important and to be celebrated. You may have noticed our second project – 'Twig Twisting'. Every child has had the opportunity to work

with an artist, Sarah, to make our beautiful creations that you can see adorning our playground.

The children have created butterflies, dragonflies and flowers to enhance our school garden and there is a girl and boy, complete with tie and book, to greet visitors at the school gate. They have all been made using the natural material, willow. I'm sure you will agree that they are a lovely addition to our school.

There is still much to come before we break up for the summer – a Strawberry Tea afternoon, Sports day, Music concert and the annual Dodleston Dawdle. Schools may be 'judged' on the standards of Reading, Writing and Maths but as far as we are concerned, there is much more to school than that. Although we do well



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in the academic subjects, we feel it is important to ensure that our children are nurtured through the arts and sport too.

This time of year is always a mix of sadness as we prepare the Leaver's Service for our Year 6 children and excitement as we welcome our new Reception children for taster sessions. This year we also have to say goodbye to Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Burt-Williams and Mrs. Wardale all of whom have worked so hard to ensure our children have the best school experience possible and who will be greatly missed.

We would like to thank the community for the constant support we receive and wish you all a lovely summer.





Colin Bonnington

Colin, originally from Scotland, graduated in Ecology from Stirling University, followed by an MSc from Edinburgh and a PhD at Sheffield. His research subject for his doctorate was the impact of grey squirrels on bird life. Needless to say, Colin is an infinite source of fascinating information on wildlife in general and bird life in particular.

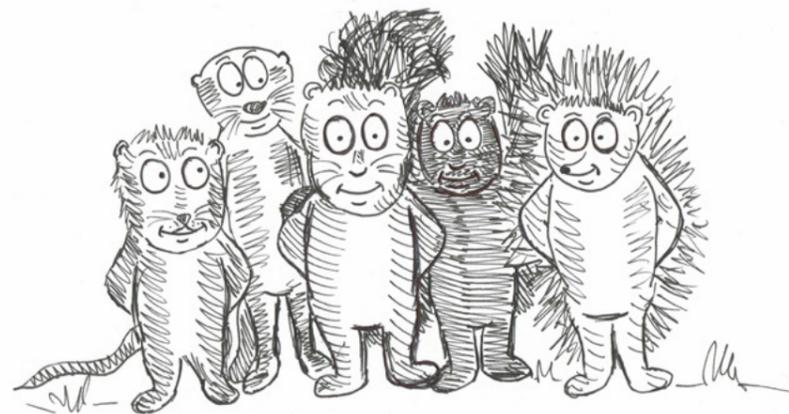
He works full-time as an Ecological Consultant for AECOM, based in Manchester, but more often than not, is out and about surveying in the great outdoors, and in all weathers!

Colin has written and illustrated a children's book, aimed at those 7-13 years old, which is called The Grey Tale of Mrs Sciurus. This book was published in early April, and is available

through multiple outlets through Amazon. He has two other books which are due for publication between now and June, with some of the creatures from the original book, reappearing in the later books. All three books are based on his own experiences through study or work. He also uses the scientific names, including Sciurus for squirrel, Vulpes for red fox, Meles for badger and Strix for tawny owl which will introduce children early to the concept of all animals having a scientific name which is known world-wide. For example, a red fox is a red fox in the UK, it's a renard rouge in France and a volpe rossa in Italy, but yet in all three countries the internationally recognised names is Vulpes vulpes. The intention was therefore to provide an effective education aid for children to start to remember these names.

True to form, Colin and his wife Suzannah didn't meet online or in a bar, but in Tanzania, East Africa, where he spent almost two years as an employee of Frontier: The Society for Environmental Exploration. He was particularly interested in large animals, like elephants and antelopes and their migratory routes. He led a research team to study animal movements in the south of Tanzania, and assessed the level of human-wildlife conflict which occurred in the region, principally caused by crop-raiding animals. His time in East Africa was some of his most favourite, with enough memorable stories (such as him almost being mown down by a charging hippo) to fill another few books!

The Bonnington family moved to St Mary's Road, in Dodleston, in 2016 and their first child, a son, is due at the end of July, but arrived early. Lucky boy, he will have a dad whose bedtime stories will be based on his own personal experiences!



The Grey Tale of Mrs Sciurus is a beautiful tale about acceptance and belonging. In the story, Mrs Sciurus (a mother grey squirrel) is the victim of false accusations from a horrible hare, and a group of songbirds. In the equivalent of a kangaroo court before the wise owl, Judge Strix, she is found guilty of all sorts of misdemeanours (of course none of which she has done) and ordered to quit her home and leave the countryside.

Pipistrellus, a friendly bat, leads her away from a horrible hare hoard who are trying to chase Mrs Sciurus down. Shortly afterwards, she meets up with Vulpes, the fox, and Meles, the badger, two other misunderstood country animals. They disguise her as a red squirrel by smearing her with berry juices and mud, and encourage her to return to the community where a fair is in full swing. She spends the afternoon befriending and helping all of the awesome animals, including an elderly mole, an otter and a red squirrel, and is accepted back into the community. Mrs Sciurus has a warming feeling of acceptance but the weather isn't very warm and suddenly a downpour of rain washes her disguise off.

However instead of being run out of town she is welcomed into the community for the fantastic deeds she has performed, and it is the horrible hare, her false accuser, who instead has to leave.

Meles, the badger, reappears in the



second story -Meles and the Ferocious Farmer. Farmer Buck and his horrible twins, Pete and Paul, hate farming and despise animals. The big idea is to build a Spa with swimming pools, sauna, steam room, ice house and a 25-hole golf course – yes 25! Only one thing stands in Farmer Buck's way, and that is Meles and his family who live in their comfortable sett on the farm. He resolves to get rid of them.

First, he challenges Meles to a digging contest – against a host of opponents that Buck rallies, a mechanical digger being operated by Doug, Mr Scruff, Buck's canine companion and Farmer Buck himself, with the help of his twin sons. A series of funny events take place, including Mr Scruff shooting off, from the contest, after a cat like a greased ferret and Doug sleeping on the job, which hands Meles victory.

Not to be outdone, Buck dreams up another contest – clearing a field of crop. Meles is suspicious but agrees on the condition that he and his family will quit the farm if Buck wins, but they must swap houses if the badger wins. In anticipation of victory, Meles extends his sett (both in height and width) to accommodate the Bucks. The farmer appears with his combine harvester and quickly establishes a massive lead as Meles thrashes slowly and methodically in another field of crops. But with victory close enough to grasp, the combine harvester drives over the extended sett and crashes through the ground into it.

Meles is again the victor, and this time the badger family are free to take up their new residence in the Buck's farmhouse, with the Bucks horrified at the idea of them living in the badger hole.

The final tale is Benjamin Bumpkin and the Treasured Tree. Benjamin loses his mum in childbirth so he is being brought up by his doting father Jeffrey. They love their surroundings with its wildlife and their treasured poplar tree.

Three wicked villains – Grimm, Grubb and Grievous – decide that they want to cut down the tree and sell the timber for profit. A hilarious battle ensues. Jeffrey is locked in a rabbit hutch but Benjamin (with the help of Major Dendrocops, a poetic woodpecker, from the first book, The Grey Tale of Mrs Sciurus) outwits the villains.

The story ends with Jeffrey marrying Miss Keys, Benjamin's nursery teacher – and everybody lives happily ever after!



for further information email DodlestonWI@Yahoo.co.uk

DODLESTON AUTUMN SHOW

Sunday September 9th 2018

To be held in
THE VILLAGE HALL
Doors open from 9.00am
to 11.00am in the morning
for exhibitors

Doors open to the public at 2.00pm

- Refreshments, Raffle and Auction of Produce
- A full list of competition categories is on the right...

Categories - Please Join In!



SECTION A – FRUIT

- 1 Plate of 5 Tomatoes
- 2 Plate of 3 Culinary Apples
- 3 Plate of 3 Pears
- 4 Plate of 3 Dessert Apples
- 5 Dish of 6 Stoned Fruit
- 6 Dish of Soft Fruit



SECTION B – VEGETABLE

- 7 Plate of 6 Pods of Runner Beans
- 8 3 Courgettes
- 9 Plate of 3 Beetroot
- 10 Plate of 6 Potatoes (named)
- 11 3 Onions
- 12 3 Chillies
- 13 A Cabbage
- 14 1 Lettuce (complete with roots)
- 15 3 Carrots (complete with tops)
- 16 1 Cucumber
- 17 1 Marrow
- 18 3 Garlic Bulbs
- 19 3 Sweetcorn
- 20 3 Bunches of different named Herbs
- 21 Most Exotic Fruit or Vegetable
- 22 Longest Runner Bean
- 23 Heaviest Marrow
- 24 Biggest Pumpkin
- 25 Funniest Fruit or Vegetable
- 26 Any other vegetable



SECTION C – FLOWERS

- 27 3 Dahlias
- 28 1 Single Stem of Rose/Roses
- 29 1 Potted Geranium
- 30 Vase of Flowers
- 31 Vase of Sweet Peas
- 32 A Spray of Fuchsias
- 33 Floral Arrangement in a Cup and Saucer
- 34 Tallest Sunflower (grown in a pot)



SECTION D – PRESERVES

- 35 A Jar of Lemon Curd
- 36 A Jar of Jam
- 37 A Jar of Chutney
- 38 A Jar of Marmalade
- 39 A Jar of Pickles (e.g. Beetroot, Onions)
- 40 A Jar of Local Honey



SECTION E – FOOD

- 41 A Savoury Quiche
- 42 A Showstopper Cake
- 43 A Victoria Sponge Cake (not decorated)
- 44 A plate of 6 Macaroons
- 45 A Plate of 4 Sultana Oven Scones
- 46 A Plate of 4 Chocolate Brownies
- 47 A Loaf of Bread
- 48 A plate of 4 Sausage rolls
- 49 The Great Disaster (for those whose efforts came to nothing! Entries can be any failure in Section E)
- 50 6 Hen's Eggs



SECTION F – CRAFTS

(Entries in this Class must not have been previously exhibited)

- 51 A Knitted or Crocheted Item
- 52 A Hand Embroidered Item
- 53 A Hand Crafted Item
- 54 A Handmade Greetings Card
- 55 A Handmade Jewellery Item
- 56 A Piece of Original Artwork
- 57 A Sculpture or Carving
- 58 A Handmade Candle



SECTION G – PHOTO COMPETITION CLASS

(Overall size no more than A4)

- 59 Dodleston Village Life – A Set of 4 Photographs
- 60 Animals
- 61 Holiday Snap



SECTION H – CHILDREN'S COMPETITION

Children aged 4 and under on the day of the Show

- 62 A Vegetable Print Painting
- 63 A Painted Rock/Stone
- 64 A Face on a Tortilla Wrap using Food

Children aged 7 and under on the day of the Show

- 65 A Vegetable Monster
- 66 A Lego Model
- 67 A Sun Catcher

Children aged 11 and under on the day of the Show

- 68 A Wind Chime made from Recycled Materials
- 69 A Plate of 4 Decorated Cupcakes
- 70 A Holiday Scrap Book



The cricket season is now well underway for Dodleston Cricket Club and with half our fixtures now played we are sitting near the top (3rd position) in our league in the Chester and district midweek competition.

Our season started in early May when we had a rather stuttering start with a couple of narrow losses – one to local rivals Kinnerton where we were very rusty both in the bowling and batting apart from Tom Hughes who hit 51 not out and then a narrow loss against a side from Wirral who put together a strong team made up of several of the Wirral club first XI who managed to restrict us to a total of 114 on a seaming pitch which was probably 20-30 runs short of what we needed to set a difficult total for them to chase. Notable performances were Matt Hughes who scored a brisk 40, Robin Bennett who scored a brisk 22 runs and Tom Hughes who picked up 3 wickets. Following these first 2 games we looked like we had got rid of the rust and we had a good win against Oaktree Outlaws with George Johansen hitting an unbeaten 50 and Jason Jones taking 3 for 37.

Our next match was against Shotton and with the way we played against Oak Tree we were confident that we would get a result, after 12 overs we were in a commanding position thanks to Dave Bakers 50 not out and Alex Powells 41. However we managed to then have the sort of batting collapse that only England are supposed to be capable of and we eventually lost the match by 4 runs.

Date	Opponents	Ground
11 July	Shotton	Away
19 July	Oak Tree Outlaws	Away - Thursday
25 July	Wirral	Home
1st August	Frodsham	Away
8th August	Kinnerton	Home

Following this really disappointing game we got back to winning ways with big wins over Westminster Park where we made 155 (Dave Baker 51 n/o and Matt Hughes 30 n/o) and bowled them out for 96 (Jason Jones 3 for 12 and Tom Hughes 3 for 17), and against the league leaders Bank of America who were scuttled out for 71 (Jeremy Parker 4 for 18 and George Johansen 2 for 12) we then made the necessary runs with George Johansen (41 n/o) and Alex Powell (34n/o) smashing the total in 7 overs – probably our best win for many years.

This season we have managed to recruit several new players into our squad and we have lost a couple too; we were sad to say goodbye to Freddy Lucas who has moved to Canada and to John Rendell who has decided to retire and hang up his cricket boots and wicket keeping pads – we may try and lure him out of retirement yet! Freddy was the designer and the technical whizz behind our electronic scoreboard so we are hoping that we don't need to fly him back anytime soon to do software or electronics upgrades!

We still have plenty of games left in the season so please come along to the home matches and support your village team and we have nets sessions on Tuesday evenings from 6.30pm so if you would like to come and have a go please come along.

Jeremy Parker

Dodleston History Board

The structure for the Dodleston History Board is now in place in the front garden of the Red Lion pub. The artwork showing paintings of six prominent buildings, a schematic plan of the village and information about the history of Dodleston is currently under way and should be in place soon. The six buildings are St. Mary's Church, the Village Hall, the Red Lion pub, the Village Shop, Dodleston School and the Girls' Home. The last issue of Local Life contained an article about the Village Shop (Chapel Stores) but here's a write up about the history of the Girls' Home.



Chester Girls' Homes

A large majority of working-class girls in Victorian England entered domestic service at a young age. Many began searching for placement by the time they had reached the age of twelve or thirteen, and by mid-19th century, the age when girls began searching for placement dropped to even younger ages; some girls were as young as eight years old when they were first hired! Most domestic servants were from a rural background because country boys and girls were considered more manageable and adaptable, as well as harder working than urban children.

The young servant's first position was usually in a local country household before being placed into service in an urban household some 20-30 mile away because most employers did not wish to take into employment domestics from their own immediate area. They feared the young girls would take gossip about the family back to the local community; or they might have suitors following after them; or they might, at the first opportunity, run away back to their own homes. It would be in this first position where a young girl could gain a little experience by helping with household chores, cooking, or taking care of children.

For most of these very young girls, life away from their own homes would be very different for them. These first insignificant positions taught the girls some of the strict household standards they could expect in their future placements. Even in the most unpretentious middle-class home, life was apt to be undeniably more demanding than they had experienced in their own cramped and impecunious living situation. Many of these children would be placed in homes without even knowing the proper names of and uses for the common kitchen utensils and pieces of furniture that they would be expected to clean. For most, this lack of knowledge was simply due to having never seen or used these items in their own lives, and this particular difficulty

was most evident when children who came from orphanages and workhouses were placed into service.

Although these youngsters were no strangers to hard work (having been expected to scrub floors, walls, and clean heavy rough wooden furniture in the orphanage), they had not a clue about the handling of expensive and delicate china pieces, or how to balance a tea tray, etc. Sometimes the girls were just considered "stupid" because they were unfamiliar with the precious items found in even the humblest of middle-class homes. It was therefore not uncommon for "better" families to avoid hiring workhouse girls. Typically, it was among artisans, small shopkeepers, and other employers where these young girls were most likely to find work.

By the end of the nineteenth century, some 500 people of Chester and its environs were housed in a recently built new Union Workhouse in Hoole Lane. This subsequently became the Chester City Hospital, now demolished.

The Poor Law Act of 1601, ironically instigated by the Lord Keeper of the Great Seal, Sir Thomas Egerton, gave the responsibility for relief of the poor to the parish overseers, who were appointed by the parish in vestry.

Towards the mid-1890s, the Guardians of the Poor had become concerned about children being put into workhouses and it was proposed to build 'Cottage Homes' to house these unfortunate outcasts.

The second Duke of Westminster donated land and the architect T.M. Lockwood & Sons, at the behest of the Duke designed four homes, the largest of which was on the Wrexham Road, Chester, just down from what is now the Overleigh Roundabout. Smaller homes were constructed at Upton, Saughall and Dodleston.

A loan of nearly £6,600 was secured and the home in Dodleston was built during 1900 and housed only girls. It is now the red brick detached building known as 'Hill View' and 'Oak Bank' on Church Road; its first dozen girls, probably aged between eight and ten years, arrived in November 1901. Homes such as these were always located close to schools so that the children would have the benefit of a basic education, sufficient to give them a start in life. In the home, they would also be trained to work in servitude before going out into the 'big wide world'.

Accommodation at the Dodleston Girls' Home comprised of two dormitories upstairs with the 'Mother's Room' in between. Downstairs was a large Day Room, Living Room, Washhouse and Sick Room.

The Girls' Home finally closed in December 1938, having been under the control of Cheshire County Council since 1930. During its lifetime as a home and safe haven for girls, 151 children had been housed and a majority of these had gone on to work as house maids and servants in the area.

In its final year, there were only nine girls in the Dodleston home, and for a short time it also admitted a few boys.

Bernard Dennis
Chairman Dodleston Local History Group



Events at St Mary's Church, Dodleston

1st Sunday of the month:

11.00am Morning Worship
6.30pm Holy Communion during the summer months – when the clocks go 'back' the service will be at 4.30pm

Sundays following:

11.00am Holy Communion
6.30pm Evensong (BCP) during the summer months – when the clocks go 'back' the service will be at 4.30pm

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 St Mary's if you would like to know more about the exciting projects we are working on.

Events and Services:

Sunday 16th September – BBQ at Chester Lakes, food being organized by All Saints, Higher Kinnerton and raffle being organized by St Mary's, Dodleston, tickets will be made available shortly

Thursday 27th September – Harvest Service with wine and nibbles afterwards at 7.00pm

Sunday 30th September – Harvest Service at 11.00am

Saturday and Sunday 20th & 21st October - Dod Art and Craft Fair in St Mary's, look out for further information in due course. Local artists and local crafters will have their work on display and for sale

Sunday 11th November – Remembrance Sunday – 10.50am (note change of time)

Friday, Saturday and Sunday the 7th, 8th and 9th December – Christmas Tree Festival taking place over these three days – come along and see all the Christmas trees decorated by local groups

Christmas Events will be published when details finalised

St Mary's Church supports the West Cheshire Food Bank – any donations can be brought to church.

DYP NEWS SITUATION VACANT – PIANIST..

If you enjoy playing piano/keyboard, Dodleston Youth Players would love to hear from you.

Music is an integral part of our pantomimes and we have been very lucky for many years now to have been able to provide live music.

After several years of valuable service Mary Brierley has decided to stand down as our Musical Director. We have someone lined up to act as vocal coach, but we are looking for someone who could help us to, at the very least, play for our rehearsals.



If you feel you can help us in any way, please contact **Sue on 660151** for further details. You will be made very welcome.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **SUNDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER**
1st Piano meeting
- **SATURDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER -**
MURDER MYSTERY EVENING

Players are working in conjunction with Pre-School to put on an entertaining evening. Look out for the ads nearer the time and come and join the fun



Toddlers and Babies playgroup:

Dodleston Toddlers and Babies playgroup meets every Thursday during term time from 10-11.30am. Free play, craft activity, refreshments and singalong all for £3 per child plus £1 per additional child. Christmas party with special visitor coming at the end of this term! All welcome - just turn up! Follow us on Facebook. More info, contact Helen Longmuir 07951 880702

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Food served 12pm - 7pm



WELCOME BACK, WILD GOOSE

By now you should know that our splendid restaurant is returning. It is the brain child of Tharasis Spinoulas, an experienced restaurateur who first came to the UK in 1996 and to Chester ten years later. He is supported in this venture by his chef, Christos.

Tharasis aims to open every day except Monday. During the week, food will be served from midday to 2.30pm and 5pm to 9.30. On Saturdays the menu is available from midday to 10pm and on Sunday from midday to 7pm.

Starters and Nibbles will cost from £3.50 for Garlic Bread to £9.95 Scallops and pork belly with a tamarind & watercress jus. There is a scrummy charcuterie board for sharing at £19.95.

Tharasis aims to appeal to the whole family. Mains include fish chips and peas - £9.95 for a child's portion or £13.95 for "the full monty". There is pasta (including gluten free from Italy), risotto, steak, burger, chicken, lamb and salmon. The full menu is printed below.

We wish Tharasis and Christos success in their new venture. We were made to feel very welcome on our first visit since the reopening. Tash and Courtney are familiar faces from the past and we had an excellent meal. On a glorious summer's evening we each had an aperitif, shared a bottle of wine and enjoyed three courses – and all for about £40 a head!

WHILE YOU WAIT

Kir Royale - Chambord topped with fine prosecco	£6.75
Morena with sharpness of tequila and lime, served on ice	£5.95

STARTERS, NIBBLES & TO SHARE

Soup of the day	£5.95
Mixed roast vegetables - with garlic & Modena vinaigrette	£5.50
Tiger prawns - shell-less with sweet chilli shreds & ginger sauce	£8.95
Smoked salmon aubergine & rocket millefeuille - with white balsamic vinaigrette	£7.95
Wild & porcini mushrooms in a creamy garlic & white wine sauce on garlic crouton	£7.50
Scallops pork belly - jus, tamarind & watercress	£9.95
Duo of olive & mayo pâté - with toasted crouton	£4.95
Halloumi chips with sweet chilli sauce	£4.75
Salt & pepper calamari	£4.95
Garlic bread	£3.50
Garlic bread with cheese	£3.95
Parmesan & honey	£3.95
Green olives in pesto	£4.20
Charcuterie board - woodland ham, truffle oil salami, Spanish chorizo & jamon iberico, olives, artichokes, cucumber spaghetti with warm breads	£19.95

MAINS

Chicken fillet in champagne & mushroom sauce on risotto with green beans & carrots	£14.95
Lamb shank a la Grecque, oven slow cooked in oregano garlic mustard with roast potatoes	£14.95
Deep fried cod in beer batter, chunky chips, mushy or garden peas & tartare sauce	£9.95 / £13.95
King prawn linguini with courgette, cherry tomatoes in garlic & white wine	£14.95
Penne arabiatta with garlic tomato & chili	£8.50
Porcini & wild mushroom risotto	£11.95
Salmon fillet in white wine on a bed of carrots, celery and potatoes	£14.50
Beef burger in a brioche bun, cheddar, streaky bacon, tomato relish & fries	£13.45
10oz Fillet steak with confit tomato, flat mushrooms & baked potatoes (available sauces - peppercorn, Dijon mustard vinaigrette)	£24.95

SALADS

Mixed leaves smoked salmon, pear, orange, virgin olive oil & pink peppercorns	£4.95 / £8.95
Rocket & parmesan with sweet potato, virgin olive oil & balsamic vinegar dressing	£4.50 / £6.95
Horiaticki Greek salad of cucumber, tomatoes, green peppers, red onions, olives & feta in olive oil & oregano	£9.95

SIDES

Chunky chips	£3.50
Fries	£3.50
Roast potatoes in goose fat & semolina	£3.90
White onion rings	£3.25
Mixed salad with wild dressing	£3.95

DESSERTS

Slow cooked pears with cinnamon and clove on vanilla ice cream	£6
Eton mess	£6
Mars bar cheese cake	£6
Mixed ice cream	£5
Selection of cheeses, fruit chutney, crackers & grapes	£6.95 / £11.95

LIGHT MEALS & SANDWICHES

Cajun chicken ciabatta with salad fries and chili mayo	£6.50
Beef bavette ciabatta with horseradish cream, onions fries & watercress	£7
Fish fingers ciabatta	£5.50

Chairman's Report for the year ending 28th Feb 2018

Dodleston Village Foundation (DVF) was set up in 1979 to provide and maintain a Village Hall and Recreational field for the inhabitants of Dodleston, Lower Kinnerton and Marston Cum Lache.

The success of the DVF can be gauged by the use to which its assets are put. Currently the Village Hall hosts Preschool four mornings and three afternoons a week, with a Mother's and Toddler group occupying the fifth midweek morning. Other regular users are the Village Primary School, Dodleston Youth Players, the Parish Council, Zumba, Fitness classes, Badminton, Dance Classes, Brownies, Guides, W.I., Leisure and History groups. The Hall is also used for ad hoc private parties and group fundraising events.

Our policy is to make the Hall as affordable as possible to the local community. This is achieved by many hours of voluntary work, which includes maintaining and developing the hall and field, managing the bookings, and promoting fun fundraising events. This year's highlights were the sell-out Annual Comedy Night, where Dodleston was treated to a fine performance from Daliso, fresh from his success at Britain's Got Talent, the growing and increasingly popular autumn show - staged in conjunction with the WI - and the mountains of chocolate that could be won at the Easter bingo.

The committee is constantly striving to improve the facilities in the hall and make it accessible to everyone. I would like to pay a special tribute to Vice Chairman and Treasurer Andrew Bettley who has been instrumental in not only accessing funds to improve the facilities in the Hall, but also improved the governance and procedures of the hall and the DVF. Andrew is the cornerstone from which all progress of the DVF stems. This year saw the installation of a lift (with the help of a grant from the Veolia Trust), which has made the Grosvenor room accessible for people who cannot manage stairs, and the replacement fence on the recreational field (financed by a grant from the Big Lottery Fund). Andrew's treasurer's report will provide a more detailed account of last year but I would like to highlight the financial support given by The Big Lottery Fund-Awards for all, Veolia, Cheshire Community Foundation, Cheshire West and Chester Council and the Co-op local community fund.

The recreational field continues to be a significant asset to the character of Dodleston, and I would like to highlight another DVF stalwart John Lloyd. At the age of 88, John, the DVF president has finally relinquished the day to day running of the recreational field. The field became a village asset due to John's selfless dealings with Whelmar, and he was the driving force behind the play equipment installed in 2000. John's role has been taken up by Pete Troughton.

As Chairman I am fortunate to have an active committee, who along with other volunteers, find time from their busy schedules to manage the DVF. Special thanks to John Talbot who has overseen the hall caretaking, and upgraded cleaning contract, to Lynn Mayo for handling the bookings - and her artistic work around the hall, to Nicola McSalley-Bateman for her secretarial duties, and to all the trustees for their dedication and support.

In summary we have had a successful year, attracting funding, hosting enjoyable fundraising events and subsidising community groups. Much progress has been made upgrading the hall, and this will continue in the next year. I would like to reiterate my thanks to everyone who have donated that most precious of commodities - their own time - and extend an invitation to those who have that time to become involved with the DVF.

Richard Lloyd
Chairman



Dodleston Village Foundation

Events

Sunday 9th September Autumn Show

Saturday 6th October Comedy Night at the Village Hall.

Saturday 16th March 2019
"From Here to Absurdity" returns

Village Hall News

Preparation and a grant application for a refurbished kitchen continue to gather pace and we hope to have positive confirmation of this improvement very soon.

DVF 100 Club

Lucky winners have received cheques for £16.50 with the recent winning numbers drawn being January 42, February 69, March 14 and April 65. Regular monthly draws continue with a continuing healthy number of members and £100 draws in June and December.

Local News & Events



Congratulations to Lloyd & Sam.

Although there is no requirements to do so, they have voluntarily introduced a 5p charge for people who want a plastic bag for their shopping. It has worked for the large retailers, let's hope that plastic bags disappear from Dodleston too.



Vandals in Lower Kinnerton.

We mostly welcomed the fact that Our verges were being strimmed at the end of May - but not Kevin & Ann Gardiner. They had just planted 200 hedge saplings to fill in the gap in the hedge that borders their property and the main road. The strimmers took out about 90% of them. We've taken up their complaint with CWAC so we hope for a happy ending.



Chicken Sheds Update. I called on Giles Dodd the other day who informed me that the project is currently "on hold". Apparently, there are some issues - so watch this space.



Congratulations!

Dave and Lyn Morgan

of 10 Egerton Walk Dodleston recently celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary. They were married in Denton Manchester on March 20th, 1958. They recently received a 60th Wedding Anniversary Card from Her Majesty The Queen. Lyn is the Treasurer of the Dodleston Leisure Group which has been doing for the past 10 years or more. They have lived in the village for 21 years after moving home from Westminster Park. We wish them many more years to come.

David and Lyn have 3 children, 8 Grandchildren. The first part of the celebration was at the Leisure Club in the Village Hall and the second part was at the weekend a family lunch at Llyndr Hall Hotel.



Have you seen this man?

Thief in Balderton. One lone man was caught on CCTV trying cars and doors. This “scumbag” stole Rachel Provost’s laptop which contained her coursework. Her University place and career depend on the laptop being recovered. **If anyone recognises the thief or see a silver/grey Lenovo ideapad for sale, pass the information to Paul Downey, our local PCSO. Rachel isn’t worried about the laptop – it’s the coursework she needs!**



PCSO Paul Downey

Hi again everybody, it only seems like 5 minutes ago that I started working in the area. Where have those 6 months gone? It has certainly been a busy period, a lot busier than I anticipated when I came over here from the City Centre.

I have also now inherited Farndon to add to my list of Huntington, Eccleston, Pulford & Dodleston, so I now have to spread myself out even further. That said, I assure you that it won't have any negative affect on the service I will continue to deliver.

Since the start, I said that I would be guided by you, the local residents, as to what issues you want me to tackle in your areas. I am very pleased to say that I get regular emails from locals asking me to have a look at a particular issue. More often than not, this issue seems to be speeding vehicles, either through Dodleston Village, or more so on Main Road, Lower Kinnerton. This road is used by many cyclists and horse riders, and they have been getting in touch to let me know how vulnerable they feel.

As a result, I have spent many hours in the area with our speed gun, and many, many drivers have been

caught and issued with tickets or warning letters. This will continue and hopefully make the area a safer place to ride.

One thing that has worried me though is due to the fact that people have my direct contact details, they are using this route to report crimes directly to me. It is usually low level Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB), but please remember, always report a crime either via the 101 or 999 numbers. By all means follow this up with an email to me.

Fingers crossed that our recent good weather continues in to hopefully, a beautiful summer. But please remember everybody, enjoy this weather, but also please respect your neighbours when you are in your gardens BBQ'ing are enjoying a drink. It's very easy to get carried away with the noise levels and forget the time. Have a wonderful summer everybody!!

James' Gardens

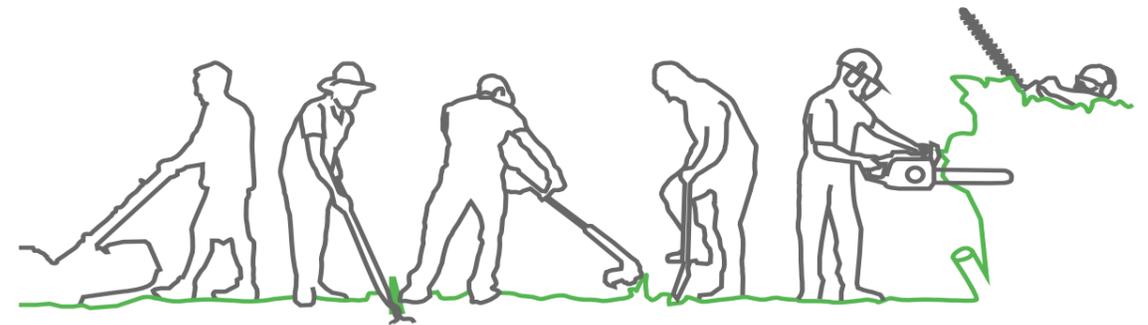
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