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Welcome all...



Roger Taylor - Editor

In this packed edition, we can plan the period running up to Christmas. See News & Events for the Race Night, British Heart Foundation Concert, Remembrance Sunday Service and The Christmas Tree Festival.

We offer our very warm welcome to our new PCSO, Rachael McKevitt. You'll find her feature and photo inside.

Our esteemed historian, Bernard Dennis, was finally able to unveil Dodleston's History Board outside The Red Lion on a glorious Saturday in August. Bernard also contributes one of his fascinating articles as a water pump returns to the centre of the village.

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

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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



There is more history with the article about Dodleston's bell ringers and the Church Bells and a link to the death of one of the village's brave young soldiers who lost his life in World War I.

The heart rending story of the premature birth of Colin and Suzanne Bonnington's first child is featured. Of course, Colin is our local children's authors and his books are for sale in Chapel Stores.

All this and more you'll find in the Autumn edition of Local Life

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

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- November 12th

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Monday to Friday (excluding Bank Holidays)	61 NSch	61 Sch	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 Return via Main Road, Kinnerton Road and reverse of above

Cricket News



So another season comes to a close. The village cricket team has had a great season blessed by fantastic weather that meant that we didn't miss any games this year – quite a record. We had a really good season finishing in 4th spot in our league and having had some really great wins balanced out again by some really frustrating narrow losses.

The team was very ably captained again by Matt Hughes who has done a great job both getting the sides together and then captaining us in the field each week. We have also welcomed several new players to the team again this year with the benefit that the average age of the squad has dropped significantly with a big increase in average bowling speed and batting averages – I think Bart Beswick bowled the fastest ball most of us have ever seen in one of our matches against the team from Bank of America; we don't have a speed gun but we reckon it was high 70's mph.

We again played in division 5 of the Chester and District Midweek league and when the season started we had hopes of getting into the top 2 and challenging for promotion – unfortunately we didn't quite manage to get promotion and some of the sides that we played were far stronger than we had estimated – particularly Wirral who narrowly beat us twice. We did have some thumping wins this year – the best result being against Bank Of America (who eventually won our league) who we bowled out for 71 – we then scored 76 runs to win in 7 overs so a very early finish. Other notable big wins were against Westminster Park and Oak Tree outlaws.

Over the season the leading run scorer was Alex Powell who scored 294 runs at an average of 36.75 and leading wicket taker was Tom Hughes who took 14 wickets at an average of 14.93. On the fielding front we really improved this year and

	Batting					Bowling							
	Innings	N.O	Leaves	Runs	Highest Score	Average	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Best Bowling	Average	Economy
Austin.A	1	1	0	1	1*	-	7	0	36	3	2-2	12.00	5.14
Baker.D	7	4	2	210	51*	70.00	13	0	194	3	1-24	34.67	8.00
Barnett.A	7	1	0	76	22	12.67	6	0	32	1	1-4	32.00	5.33
Barrow.M	1	0	0	2	2	2.00							
Bennett.R	7	1	0	76	22	12.67							
Buchanan.P	2	1	0	13	13	13.00							
Harkins.R	4	0	2	20	9	5.00							
Hill.J	1	1	0	8	8*	-	5	0	40	0	0-9	-	8.00
Hughes.M	9	4	3	253	52*	84.33	7.4	1	44	1	1-12	46.00	6.22
Hughes.T	4	2	1	101	50*	25.25	31.2	1	209	14	4-20	14.93	6.70
Johansen.G	7	2	3	161	50*	32.20	17	1	80	2	2-12	41.50	4.88
Jones.J	4	0	77	56	24	9.33	15	0	11	1	1-11	11.00	7.33
Nicholls.J	2	1	0	5	3*	5.00	36	2	185	11	4-18	16.82	5.14
Parker.J	11	3	1	294	50*	36.75	35.3	1	144	4	1-5	24.00	4.08
Powell.A	1	1	0	1	1*	-	1	0	15	0	0-15	-	15.00
Romana.M	4	1	2	35	20	11.67	6.5	0	40	3	3-15	13.33	4.15
Ryan-Beswick.B	5	1	1	47	26*	11.75	24	1	134	3	2-7	45.33	5.81
Sandbach.T	1	1	0	1	1*	-	9.2	0	84	1	1-15	84.00	9.13
Wagman.P	5	3	0	77	33*	38.50							
Windle.J	1	1	0	1	1*	-	15	0	131	1	1-41	131.00	8.73
Wundke.S	3	2	4	120	52*	120.00	12	1	67	3	2-15	22.33	5.58

Dodleston CC Stats

the best bit of fielding most of us saw was a full length diving stop that Andy Barnet pulled off – it was pretty special, however while he stopped a definite boundary he also hurt himself and ended up in A&E for the evening with a damaged shoulder! Many thanks to Phil Hughes for scoring this year and compiling the end of year stats.

The sports field this year was also probably the best it has been with most of the drainage channels now fully covered – although the outfield was rock hard through the dry summer so fielding was always tricky and sometimes painful. The nets have again taken a bit of wear and tear this year with a combination of damage from people climbing on them, rabbits munching holes and the groundsman catching the nets with his mower – more work for the winter!

Many thanks to everyone who has turned out for the team this year and also those who have come along and supported or watched – we have had a great season and hope you all enjoyed playing and watching.

If anyone would like to get involved with the club please don't hesitate to contact Jeremy Parker on 01244 661526.



Comedy Night...

This year's Dodleston comedy night proved to be the best yet as over 100 people enjoyed a meal followed by MC Tony Cowards and two headline acts Dom Woodward and Jonny Awsum.

Dom took us through the trials and tribulations of teaching in Moss side, highlighted a canny strategy for reducing your water bills and gave a compelling account on what differentiates Liverpool and Manchester United fans! The final act was something completely different. Fresh from starring in last year's Britain's got Talent, Jonny Awsum brought his guitar and had the audience "swinging" on stage with his humorous adaptations of songs and line dancing.

Everyone left with a smile on their face, having also contributed to a successful fundraiser for the Village Hall.

Next year's comedy night will be on the 5th October, but before then we are eagerly awaiting the return of the satirical sketch show - From Here to Absurdity - on 16th March.

As always thanks to everyone who helped stage the event and to all of you who supported it.

Richard Lloyd



Well, Well, Well..

Water. The staff of life and usually in abundance whether needed or not. This summer has seen our lawns go brown and flowers wilt as a result of the hot dry weather. We either have too much or sometimes not enough water to satisfy our needs. Having spent many years travelling in middle eastern countries, where it can rain for only a few days each year, you come to appreciate the importance of this valuable commodity.

The Parish of Dodleston has always been, through the ages, an agricultural rural community and in many respects the Industrial Revolution from the 1750s really didn't affect life in this parish. Despite its proximity to Chester, life remained unchanged here for many centuries.

However, water would have been needed for the crops to flourish and life in general.

The coming of the railways in the mid-19th century came close to Dodleston with the line towards Wrexham, Shrewsbury and southwards dissecting the route to Pulford when it opened in 1846.

Water was required in significant quantities for the construction work and the navvies.

If things had gone to plan, there may even have been a canal built between Ellesmere and the River Mersey passing close to Pulford and Rough Hill. A plan of 1795 clearly shows the projected route for the Ellesmere Canal, as it was destined to be named. But it never happened due to the advent of the railways. Nevertheless, once more, Dodleston was to be by-passed and to remain a sleepy but agriculturally productive community.

For the canal, water would have come directly from the Rivers Dee and Mersey, so ensuring a plentiful supply.

In Dodleston, the only supply of water came from wells and it is recorded there were a large number dug to a depth of twenty to forty feet and some still exist either inside older buildings or nearby gardens. A line of four such wells, now all sealed, exists from near St Mary's Church to the rear of the new Rectory in Pulford Lane and it is probable they were dug to provide water for the Parliamentary Troops (and livestock) garrisoned in Dodleston prior to the Siege of Chester between 1644 - 46.



A Dodleston Handpump will be restored to this site, that currently looks a little unloved.

Also, this water supply is close to the outer moat of the 11th century Mott and Bailey adjacent to the church, so it is a likely source to keep the moats, both outer and inner replenished in their defence of marauding tribes intent on stealing livestock.

Within the centre of Dodleston, in fact at the junction of what is now Church Road and Kinnerton Road, stood a hand operated water pump for use by the villagers as there was a well beneath. The water pump was later replaced by a public telephone kiosk which has since been removed by British Telecom. The area in question is easily identified as it's the sandstone wall with a recess where the village pump and later telephone kiosk were positioned. On either side

wall were directional signs for 'CHESTER' to the left and 'PULFORD' to the right.

The water quality from the wells was not the best and this resulted in several epidemics taking their toll of the vulnerable members of the village population.

A piped water supply began to be installed by the Wrexham and East Denbighshire Water Company in 1886 thus improving hygiene and ending the locals dependence upon well water or the village pump.

By October 1888, the children at Dodleston School

had their first experience of drawing water from a tap. Something we nowadays just take for granted!

There is an entry in the school log book for 19 October 1888 that "Workmen are busy laying the water pipes to the school premises". No doubt exciting times!

The arrival of mains water in the parish also made unnecessary an ornamental 'pump house' which the Cheshire architect John Douglas had designed at the request of Hugh Lupus the 1st duke of Westminster. It would be similar to the one existing in Eccleston. This 'pump house' was intended to be built opposite the school, possibly in the garden at the side of 'Cobblestones', not too far from the village pump.

Over the years, Dodleston had electricity and mains sewerage installed but it wasn't until the early 1980s that gas came to the village with the development of the new housing estate known as Boydell Park.

Since the removal of the telephone kiosk on the site of the original village pump, the area around the sandstone wall looks unloved. Dodleston Local History Group in conjunction with Dodleston Parish Council are now in the process of installing an original Dodleston water pump to fill this void. One has generously been donated by a local family and it will shortly undergo refurbishment and installed in the position within the sandstone wall. It won't be connected to the well beneath as we are sure Health & Safety would have an input if it were!

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Rachael McKevitt – Our New PCSO

Paul Downey has moved to a new role in Runcorn so we welcome Rachael who aims to carry on Paul's good work.

Rachael lives in Wrexham with her fiancé, Simon, and her little boy, Oliver, who will be two in January. She is aged 39 and was one of the hundred PCSOs for Cheshire when the role was created, back in 2006. She had previously worked in the Fraud Team at MBNA.

As a working mum, she doesn't get much time for leisure pursuits, but music is her passion. Her dad got her into the music of the sixties and seventies – the Beatles, Neil Diamond etc. Now she's keen on 'indie' music and her favourite bands include the Smiths and Ocean Colour Scene. She loved going to gigs but Oliver obviously comes first so no more gigs.

She works out of Dragon Hall on the A41 but she gets out as much as her paperwork allows to cover her huge patch – Dodleston, Huntington and Farndon which apparently stretches to 63 square miles!

Shift work is inevitable. She does 3 days of "earlies" (8am to 4pm) and three days of "lates" (2pm to 10 or 11pm) with days off in between. The shift pattern inevitably involves weekend work.

Rachael wants a high profile in the community. Like Paul, she will be conducting surgeries and visiting schools. Her primary roles are crime prevention and providing reassurance to the victims of crime. Consequently, she doesn't know what the day holds until she arrives at work and receives her briefing about local crimes and incidents.

She can be contacted on rachael.mckevitt@cheshire.pnn.police.uk



Rachael McKevitt - A busy lady, covering 63 Square Miles!

Dodleston Village. Bell Ringing and Bell Ringers.

We are most fortunate that St Mary's Church is keeping the Old English tradition of Bell Ringing alive. Our nice little Church, is a grade 2 listed building and the base of the Bell Tower dates back to the early 16th Century. The Bell Tower is the oldest surviving structure in Dodleston. The tower contains a ring of 6 Bells. The oldest Bell dates back to about 1500 and definitely before the reformation. This is our Bell number 5 which also has a Latin inscription "Ave Marie". This same bell is the one we all hear striking the hours and half-hours. The Bell tower also contains the clock mechanism which has been telling the time since 1870.

The lightest Bell called the Treble, weighs just over three hundredweight, which is about the weight of two adults and is the newest of the bells dating back to March 1929. Our heaviest Bell, called the Tenor, weighs eight hundredweight, which is about the weight of 6 adults and dates back to 1618.

The Church Bells are rung with the kind permission of our Rector, the Reverend Hazel Clarke and our small but enthusiastic band of ringers practice every Tuesday evening between 7.30 to 9.00 pm. In return for ringing the bells for recreation and pleasure, we ring the bells just before the Sunday Church Service as a joyous welcome to those who come to worship. The Bells can also be rung for historic anniversaries or to celebrate a wedding.

Sadly, English-style (full-circle) ringing is a dying art and our small dedicated band of ringers would love you to come and join us, to see if this is something you would like to take up as an interesting hobby or activity. Our ages range between 16 and 80, male and female. We ring the bells with good humour and try to make our ringing as tuneful as possible. You do not have to be big and strong to ring our bells, even children can have a go. Please drop into the Church on any practice evening and you will be made most welcome.

For further information you can also telephone the Tower Captain, Liz Shanklin on 07762 630 364.

Bertram Parting MM

On the 24th April a team of bell ringers from Buckley led by Geoffrey Parting rang a peal, half muffled in memory of Bertram Parting MM who was killed during the First World war 100 years ago. Geoff is Bertram's nephew. Bertram lived in the village with his family. He was not married. Geoff was brought up in the same house in the village with his twin sister. He has lived in Buckley for many years. The house in question in The Square now belongs to Mr. & Mrs. Dave Jenkins.

As far as I am aware Geoff Parting is the only descendant.

There is a commemorative brass plaque in St Mary's Church above the belfry door

A poem dedicated to Dodleston Church Bell ringers of 2018.

The day was Shrove Tuesday, I remember it well.
An invitation to St Marys, to ring a Church Bell.
Chris was frying pancakes, in a small pan,
Liz was in the tower, ringing with Pam.

Liz is the captain, she shows us what to do.
Hand-stroke, back-stroke, call changes too.
Chris rings the Treble, "Look-Too" she is calling.
One after the other, the Sallies start falling.

Bell number two is the first one we learn.
Beginners line up, we take it in turns.
Kayliegh's technique is as smooth as can be.
If she has a choice, it's bell number three.

Lucy and Steve like bell number four.
That rope is taken, by the first through the door.
Bell five is for Peter, he just follows the pack.
He struggles with methods but can bong at the back.

Tim likes to ring, he likes football as well.
He checks out the scores, after he's rung his bell.
Our largest bell is number six, that's why it's called the Tenor.
Roger rings it with such ease, cos he's the biggest fella.

When Pam first came, she was a little bit nervous.
Now she rings for the Sunday service.
It's thirsty work ringing, Dave will agree.
So, he comes to the pub for a nice pot of tea.

In May we hosted a striking competition.
Other teams came, we had strong opposition.
The clappers swung and the bells rang out.
Tension was high, of that, there's no doubt.
At the end of the day, the results were shared.
Dodleston ringers came joint second and third.

So, if you're at a loose end and its good company you seek.
Please come and join us, for a few hours a week.
Where it will take me, who can tell.
But it all started, when I rang a Church Bell.

Autumn winter 2018 – Church Update

Quite a number of people might think 'oh nothing much happens in our church in the Village here!' Can I ask you all to think again?

First of all, the church building is a constant presence in the Village and appears on the History Board it is also pictured in other ways e.g. The Village Quilt which will have been unveiled by the time you are reading this. It has been stitched and made by so many people all with village and/ or church links. A wonderful and fitting tribute to the village and to the power of cooperation within our Crafty Creations group.

The actual building is of course 'listed' with all the responsibility that brings. We do benefit in our quest to raise over 40,000 pounds a year by those who give generously and come to events held to fundraise across the parish.

We are all part of the wider Diocese network and a small cog in the wheels of the worldwide Anglican community.

Events at St Mary's

St Mary's Church

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

Seasonal Diary:

Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th November – St Mary's will be open for anyone to come into the Church to view the memorabilia and the History Groups display commemorating 100 years since end of First World War. There will also be a display of poppies made by the Craft Group at St Mary's.

Remembrance Sunday Service – 10.50am (note change of time) – come and see the war memorial in the Church

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. The festival is timed to coincide with the switch on of the parish tree lights on the Saturday followed by mulled wine in the church.

Posters for these events giving more detail will be on the notice boards around the village.



A church is not just a building or even mostly a building it is a community of people who centre their lives around the life and death and Resurrection and teachings of Jesus of Nazareth and no we do not always get it right because we are human but we are I hope a community that is learning to step out in faith and to be open, friendly and hospitable to all who seek us out.

600 ish hits on a 'Church Near you' website last year means we are now a virtual presence as well. Our Arts and Craft event this year is bringing together the artists and crafts people from near and far and will feature the fruit of much hard work and so we become a presence in art and culture locally. The God we worship is both the Creator and a creative God (well the platypus is fairly inventive!) He loves it when we get creative; to try to find that creative potential within us that we all have in one field or another. We can work as individuals but our 'reason for being' is to work together creatively and lovingly to show the love of God to this village (and the wider parish which encompasses Lower and All Saints Higher Kinnerton) in which we are such a long -lasting presence. Everyone is welcome to worship and come along to anything that is on in both churches we are there for you.

I really ought, although it's a sunny October day, to take the time to wish you and all those whom you love a Happy and Blessed Christmas time. Keep a watch for the events and services! Come join in, don't be shy, be a part of it all. **with love from Hazel**

Christmas Events



Monday 24th December
Holy Communion at 11.00pm



Tuesday 25th December
Holy Communion at 11.00am

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



In July 2015, Dodleston Parish Council officially opened our Parish Field situated along Penfold Way. Its principal aim is 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, pavilion 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 service on the Dodleston bus route, Dodleston Parish children have limited 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 ran a survey during July 2018 to gather evidence from the community whether these options would be welcomed. Additionally, we asked for general feedback and suggestions about the field development.

The results are in and we are delighted to let you know that there was an overwhelmingly positive response to all the proposals.

A total of 189 responses were received with nearly 81% supporting the installation of an outdoor gym and just over 78% the installation of the wheel park. Additionally, we received numerous suggestions for further development so thought we will share some feedback including concerns including our further plans.

Gym and wheel park

"It may be best to put the wheel park away from the houses on Penfold Way to avoid complaints of noise"

We intend to develop the wheel park near the far boundary close to the cricket practising nets. When the field was initially developed, we started with a wheel park and the excess soil from the pond has already been used as a foundation.

"I am dubious as to the benefits of a wheel park. This would create a noisy environment, out of keeping with the rural location. In my view what is needed are measures to make the field more generally attractive to casual users. At present the field appearance from the entrance on Penfold Way is not appealing."

The council is of the view that the young people from Dodleston Parish need a safe environment to exercise. After consultation with them, we are keen to move forward with the wheel park. As mentioned above, the wheel park will be situated near the far boundary of the field.

"It would be great to have a skatepark in the village because I always go to different ones like Broughton skatepark. It would also be good to do after school. I would then be able to go in the village and my parents wouldn't have to drive me"

We recognise the need for more youth facilities in the village and feel that a wheel park would be well used by all the young people in the parish.

"Would be most likely to use the gym if there were regular classes. Wheel park is a good idea. It will hopefully get some of the children off the streets, some ride up in the middle of the roads regardless of cars behind them"

We are considering various options at the moment and keen to develop a gym which will stimulate and challenge our residents with ongoing use. Our plans for a wheel park are ambitious and will be for all ages – youth and adults!

"Wheel park is a brilliant idea, there are lots of children on the roads after school who would be safer on a purpose-built area."

We agree!

Pond

"Can the pond adjacent to the playing field please be provided with some bushes etc. It would attract wildlife and at present it looks devoid of anything and appears unloved. I'm sure it won't take up too much of the budget and I'm sure the locals would chip in too."

We have plans to develop the pond further. Unfortunately, wildlife needs the right conditions to feel safe around the pond and we are not sure if present dog activity in the area is limiting their presence. We would welcome any contributions to make the pond a more attractive area.

"Install a platform on the lake so that birds could have a safe haven"

This is a great idea – we are looking in to it. Please get in touch if you are able to assist.

Track

"The existing path around the perimeter is too narrow for a buggy/walk side by side. The path also floods in various locations rendering it useless unless you have wellingtons. The path needs to be wider & levels raised."

We are fully aware of the issue, but we need funds to address it which we haven't got at the moment. If there are any residents who either have contacts to deliver or could facilitate some chipped stones to cover the waterlogged path areas in particular at either low or no cost, we would be very grateful.

The full results and feedback can be requested from Mike Maughan, Chairman of the Dodleston and District Parish Council.



for further information email DodlestonWI@Yahoo.co.uk

General

"Maybe put some benches in a secluded area for relaxation"

"Wildflower and wildlife area for quiet contemplation and relaxation"

Once the woodland is developed, we will develop the area further which could include benches to sit and enjoy the tranquillity.

"Please develop another 7 a side/ 5 a side pitch or outlined football pitch"

There are currently two football pitches here in Dodleston – one in the Park and one on the Field. We will now focus on other users to be inclusive.

"Please organise fun activities and /or a play club"

We have discussed this and have further thoughts on organising more youth activities during longer holidays. Watch this space!

Next steps

We are seeking initial quotations from companies that could provide an outdoor gym and a wheel park. Once we have assessed the costs, fundraising will start in all earnest.

If residents have any further thoughts about fund raising, please share those with the Council.

In terms of the outdoor gym design, we recognise concerns from the survey about this being a possible novelty that might wear off. We are keen for the outdoor gym to be used by as many resident, young and old and will make it stimulating and challenging.

When designing the area for the wheel park, we will consider input from all possible users and aim to work with a company that delivering community solutions. It would also be necessary to keep expectations in check as the wheel park need to stay within budget and size.



Remembrance Weekend St Mary's Church Dodleston

Remembrance Service:

Sunday 11 November 2018 at 10:50 am at the war memorial inside the church

'Reading of the names

Also, as a tribute to mark 100 years since the end of World War One and 100 years since the formation of the RAF, the church will be open on both Saturday and Sunday 10th & 11th November to view a display of memorabilia

and other information. The church will be dressed with a cascade of poppies made by the craft group.

All donations will go to the Royal British Legion.



Opening Times:

Saturday 10th November: 10:00 am until 5:00pm
Sunday 11th November: After Service until 4.00pm

ALL WELCOME



Dodleston Church Of England Controlled School

What is the Governing Board?

All schools have a Governing Board, or Governing Body (GB). The GB of Dodleston CE (Controlled) Primary School has 12 members. The Headteacher is a governor, and there is a staff governor elected by the staff at the school. The other governors are nominated or elected within specific categories:

Foundation Governors – Dodleston is a Church of England Controlled School and 3 governors are nominated by the Parochial Church Council and approved by the Chester Diocesan Board of Education.

Parent Governors – there are 3 Parent Governors elected by the parents of the school.

Co-opted Governors – there are 3 places for co-opted governors, who are members of the local community with an interest in the school; or are from the wider area with specific skills that the GB needs.

One governor is nominated by Cheshire West and Chester Council.

There are currently vacancies for a Co-opted Governor and a Parent Governor, so if you are interested please contact the school, or look out for the Parent Governor nomination forms being sent out. The term of office is 4 years, although

governors can resign at any time, or can stay on longer. I have been a governor for nearly 9 years and Chair of the GB for nearly 4 years.

What does the GB do?

The GB meets six times a year. The three key roles of the GB are:

1. Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and the strategic direction of the school.
2. Holding the school's executive leaders to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils; and the performance management of staff.
3. Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

Within the GB, individual governors take on specific roles depending on their personal interests and skills. All GBs must have a Safeguarding lead, who oversees the school's Safeguarding policies, a governor who takes the lead on policies and issues relating to children with Special Educational Needs, and most will have a Finance Governor. At Dodleston, there are also governors linked to areas of the curriculum, such as Reading, Writing, Maths and RE. We do not currently have any specific committees, but we can set up ad hoc groups to consider specific issues or areas, for example IT.

If you are interested in the education of our primary age children and want to be more involved, do consider becoming a governor. No previous knowledge is required, so long as you are prepared to ask questions. There is plenty of training available. Just get in touch!

Anne Tunnicliffe
Chair of Governors

anne.tunnicliffe.gov@dodleston.cheshire.sch.uk

A rather un-expectant arrival!

We were excited and couldn't be happier. We were expecting our first child. A little baby boy. Due on 28th July 2018. So with months to go until his due date we had lots to do and things to plan. Or so we thought; Zack had other plans!

From around springtime we had started to buy, or be given from our families and friends, essentials for his anticipated arrival. Pram, car seat, cot, clothes, the usual stuff. In early May, we started on National Childbirth Trust (NCT) classes at Mickle Trafford where we were discovering about the adventures of impending parenthood. What to expect when you're expecting and the aftermath. We enjoyed these classes but only managed to attend half of them. And this is where our story really begins!

Everything was progressing as 'normal', at least until the latter half of May. We had signed up to the One to One Midwives, based in Ellesmere Port. Here we were assigned our own midwife who met us either at our own home, here in Dodington, or in their unit in the town. Standard checks were done, like checking baby's heart beat and sizing him up, and checking mum's blood pressure. Based on the tests all was well and he was looking odds on to be well in excess of 8lbs. The only thing which was noted, but still not seen as an issue given the months of pregnancy left, was that our baby was positioned a little awkwardly, effectively with arms flailing out, bum poking out forwards and lying more or less horizontally. "We need him to move his head down a bit and be more vertically lying" was one of the last things we were told by the midwife.

So fast forward to the weekend of 19th May. I remember it well. On the Saturday, I was watching the FA Cup final between Chelsea and Manchester United, and Suz was out in the garden. "I'll just do a bit of plant potting out the back" she said heading out the door. Nothing untoward happened that day, or the day after for that matter.

We had arranged to go to Stoke for Sunday night; to meet friends on the Sunday, and then go for afternoon tea at the World of Wedgwood on the Monday. Well the former did happen, but the latter didn't. On the Monday morning after a pretty restless night in a baking hot hotel room Suz had signs that something wasn't quite right. And after speaking to our midwife she advised we go into the hospital in Stoke for a check. The day was spent there. The finger food and tea would have to wait! Eight hours of monitoring our baby, and finally in late afternoon they were satisfied of baby movements, heart beat etc.

We got back home to Dodington. And we had just finished saying to each other how much a relief it was, before the concerning signs that mum got before started again. Long story short, we were back in hospital, but this time on familiar soil, The Countess of Chester. Let the monitoring continue....

Several days passed, with mum stuck in the cesarian ward in the hospital, and myself back and forth from home. A number of readings from the monitoring machine were required before the medical staff were satisfied that everything was as it should be. Most of these were fine, but they weren't happy with one reading. Then Thursday the 24th May came. I had two good friends over from abroad and we had planned (around 8 months before) a trip to North Wales, including a trek up Snowdon and a boat trip around Anglesey. Things had started to settle down and Suz's mum arrived to be at home with Suz whilst I was away to Wales. After a lot of deliberation, I left for Caernarfon with my pals leaving Suz and her mum at the hospital. It was likely that Suz would get home that weekend. Indeed, on the Friday evening the medical staff were finally satisfied with all readings from the monitoring. In all probability mum would be getting home the next day. But wait...

In the early hours of the Saturday morning (the 26th), mum started to feel pain, and then what felt like contractions and then a watery substance appeared. "I think my waters have broken" was the text I received at half past three in the morning whilst staying in Caernarfon. I quickly jumped out of bed and into the car and I was off, set for home. As my oldest brother Gary said, "I would've loved to have been a fly on the

car window to see Col's face during that journey back!" In all fairness the whole drive was a blur. I was in a daze. Bearing in mind our baby was only just 31 weeks gestation (and the fact I didn't know anything about premature babies; that's something the NCT classes didn't cover!) I feared the worst for our baby.

I got into the labour ward at the Countess at around half 5, with Suz positioned and ready for action. The emotion got the better of both us and tears flowed. I wish I knew then what I know now, that babies born at 31 weeks have a terrific chance of, not just survival but, doing really well and having a normal life. And finally after lots gas and air (and that was just me!) our premature baby Zack was born at 6.18am, weighing in at 3lb 13.5oz. He was lobster red and was panting for breath when he was delivered. He was



Little Zack born at just 31 weeks, weighing in at 3lb 13.5oz

instantly taken across the room where around four midwives supported him with an oxygen mask, and drips and such like to help him. Thankfully mum had already been given steroid injections, one at Stoke and one at the Countess which gives premature babies the best start as it helps strengthen their lungs.

Zack was wheeled out of the room into a specialist ward down the hall for monitoring and to get further support. I was able to go after a little while to see Zack in his



incubator (and take plenty of photos and videos), and mum was able to see him, but only for a couple of minutes, before he needed to be wheeled out and taken, by ambulance, to Arrowe Park specialist neo-natal unit up the Wirral. He spent a week there, with us both going to see him daily. The hardest part was having to come away and leave him at the end of each visit. During this time, Zack was getting tube fed with a tube into his mouth and direct to his stomach (as babies don't get the 'suck' reflex until 34-35 weeks), he had a glucose drip, he had an oxygen tube and was under UV lights, which required him to wear 'sunglasses', for treating his jaundice. We also weren't allowed to hold him initially, but could only touch his hand or such like. The first few days were some of the hardest either of us have faced. The worry wondering if he'd be ok was all consuming.

After a week he was transferred back to Chester, and the Countess, again by

ambulance. Another four and a half weeks were spent in the neo-natal ward there, with us both going into to see him daily (almost daily for me, as I had to attempt to work partly during this time as well). Two weeks of paternity leave certainly didn't cover our baby coming 9 weeks early! The staff in the ward were fantastic and we can't thank them enough for their work and effort, and how nice they were to us and Zack. Over the course of these weeks we had some difficult moments, including Zack's oxygen levels falling sometimes which, on two occasions, resulted in medical staff having to intervene to help him breathe, and the awful news that surfaced, on a national level, regarding the police investigation into baby deaths in the ward, which we were told about towards the end of our stay.

Now I'm happy to say, the three of us (four if you count our cat Lily!) are back at home in Dodington. Zack is 14 weeks old, but corrected, he's only really 4 weeks, and this will be the date we'll measure his development from. He's doing fantastically well. He's passed all tests he's had like hearing and brain scans, and everything's finally looking up. The journey has certainly not been textbook and it's had plenty of bumps, but this is just a note for anyone who is worried about having a premature baby that the prognosis is typically good, and if you accept that there will be some worries and challenges along the way, it just means you get to meet your bundle of joy sooner than you had expected (which is actually really a good thing!)

Suzannah & Colin & baby Zack Lucas Bonnington (now 7lbs 15.5oz) - 29th August 2018



Tommy's Campaign

There is no more humbling experience than visiting a Premature Babies Ward. In 1993, my daughter (Sally) worked for a charity, raising money for Tommy's Campaign which funded research into prematurity. They had some places in the London Marathon which, by coincidence, finished that year on Westminster Bridge – right by St Thomas' Hospital where the charity was based. Sally talked me into entering the marathon to raise money for Tommy's.

The day before the race, I was allowed to look round the unit. What an experience! There were tiny little mites who were hugely premature, weighing less than 3lb and fighting for their lives. They put wings on my heels.

I was one of the back markers – it took me seven minutes to reach the start and my time was thus Four hours Thirty-nine minutes. I hadn't run more than sixteen miles in training so miles eighteen to twenty-three were agony, but those tiny babies gave me strength. My generous sponsors raised over £2500 to Tommy's Campaign – a huge amount in 1993!

The Red Lion

Church Road, Dodleston, Chester, Cheshire, CH4 9NG

FESTIVE MENU

2 courses £18.95 3 courses £21.95^Δ

Available 26th November - 29th December



Starters

Today's soup
served with rustic bread (v)
(ve) option available

Duck & port parfait*
served with a cranberry & sloe gin
chutney and toasted rustic bread

Crab, prawn & salmon tart*
with a lobster bouillabaise sauce

Wild mushroom, beetroot
& horseradish pasty
served with beetroot hummus and a
pineapple & ginger dressing (ve)

Oven-baked button &
Portobello mushrooms
in a garlic & mature Cheddar sauce,
with a toasted herb & seed crumb, served
with toasted rustic bread (v)

Mains

Hand-carved turkey breast
served with lemon & thyme stuffing wrapped in bacon, a Cumberland & red onion
pig in blanket, roast potatoes, honey-roasted carrots & parsnips, glazed sprouts,
seasonal greens and gravy

Slow-cooked short rib of beef*
served on a bed of horseradish & parsley mash, with honey-roasted carrots,
glazed sprouts, bone marrow dumplings and a red wine jus

Roasted winter vegetable tart
red pepper, beetroot and butternut squash in a basil & paprika pastry case, filled with
a caramelised onion compote, served with baby potatoes and sprouts (ve)

Pan-fried sea bass fillets*
with mussels and clams, bound in a Champagne & lobster sauce,
served with dill mash, tenderstem broccoli and glazed sprouts

Slow-cooked pork belly*
served on a bed of mash, with honey-roasted carrots, green beans,
glazed sprouts and a damson & apple jus

8oz sirloin steak
served with beef dripping sauce, thyme-roasted tomato, triple-cooked chips and
a fresh leaf & horseradish salad - why not upgrade to a 7oz illet? (+£5)

Puddings

Damson & gin
Bakewell tart*
topped with plums and served
warm with custard (v)

Raspberry
crème brûlée
with home-baked butter biscuits (v)

Rich chocolate orange torte
with orange curd, Belgian chocolate
sauce and vanilla-pod ice cream

Christmas pudding*⁺
filled with mixed vine fruits
and almonds, served warm
with brandy sauce (v)
(ve) Christmas pudding option available

Trio of ice cream*⁺
your choice of Glenown
Farm ice cream with
Belgian chocolate sauce (v)

Bramley apple pie
apple compote in a shortcrust
pastry with custard (v)
or soya custard (ve)

A children's version of the hand-carved turkey breast will be available to order, alongside the standard children's menu.

Book your table today at vintageinn.co.uk/christmas

A £5pp deposit may be required when booking, and a pre-order for parties of 6 or more may be required 1 week before.

All our food is prepared in a kitchen where cross contamination may occur, and our menu descriptions do not include all ingredients. If you have a question, food allergy or intolerance, confirmation of our full allergen information will be available from early November to allow you to confirm your booking. The allergen information is, to the best of our knowledge correct, however, is subject to change between the time of advance booking and the time of dining. Please ask to see the allergen guide at the time of your visit to check if there have been any changes that may affect you.
ΔExcluding Christmas Day and Boxing Day, when a different set menu will be available.

The Red Lion

Call Us to Book on: 01244 661636

CHRISTMAS DAY

4 courses £68.95

Enjoy a glass of Prosecco on arrival^Δ

Starters

Parma ham with honey &
rosemary-roasted pear
served with soft goats cheese and
a sprinkling of roasted seeds and
dried cranberries

Crab, prawn &
salmon tart*
topped with smoked Scottish salmon
and served with dill crème fraîche

Gressingham smoked chicken
in a wild mushroom sauce*
served in a puff pastry case, topped
with asparagus and crispy pancetta

Roasted tomato &
red pepper soup
topped with basil crème fraîche,
drizzled with truffle oil and
served with rustic bread (v)
(ve) option available

Roasted vegetable & feta tart
red peppers, beetroot and
plum tomatoes in a basil & paprika
pastry case, filled with a
caramelised onion compote (v)
(ve) option available



Mains

Hand-carved turkey breast
served with lemon & thyme stuffing
wrapped in bacon, a Cumberland & red
onion pig in blanket, Yorkshire pudding,
roast potatoes and gravy

Roasted rack of lamb*
served with roasted red pepper, asparagus,
red onions and spinach, with dauphinoise
potatoes and a rosemary & honey jus

7oz fillet steak
served with beef dripping sauce, dauphinoise
potatoes, thyme-roasted tomato and a fresh
leaf & horseradish salad

Roasted root vegetable
& mixed nut roast⁺
served with cherry tomato ratatouille,
asparagus and roast potatoes (v)
(ve) option available

Pan-fried sea bass fillets*
filled with a smoked salmon mousse,
served on a dill & king prawn velouté,
with dauphinoise potatoes and a
medley of green vegetables

All served with honey-roasted carrots
& parsnips, glazed sprouts and
seasonal greens

Puddings

Indulgent chocolate trio
chocolate orange torte, a rich
chocolate pot and double chocolate
ice cream, with orange curd and
Belgian chocolate sauce

Praline crème brûlée⁺
with home-baked butter biscuits (v)
(contains peanuts)

Christmas pudding*⁺
filled with mixed vine fruits
and almonds, served warm
with brandy sauce (v)
(ve) Christmas pudding
option available

Raspberry & white
chocolate Eton mess
with whipped cream, fresh berries
and a British blackcurrant sauce

Baked Alaska
a sponge base, topped with vanilla ice
cream, encased with toasted meringue,
served with a raspberry compote (v)

To Finish

British cheese board*⁺

Shepherds purse Yorkshire blue, Lubborn Somerset camembert, Belton Farm red Leicester and Isle of
Man vintage Cheddar with grapes, chutney and a selection of Fudge's nut & mixed seed biscuits (v)

A 3 course menu is also available for children - for details visit vintageinn.co.uk/christmas or ask a member of the team.

Book your table today at vintageinn.co.uk/christmas

A non-refundable £10pp deposit is required for all Christmas Day bookings at the time of booking.
Full payment and a pre-order is required by 1st December.

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CHRISTMAS PARTY MENU

Starters

Celeriac and apple soup with cayenne pepper
 Scallops and bacon skewers with lime vinaigrette
 Duo of salmon gravadlax ginger and lime/
 smoked and pear with lime vinaigrette
 Stuffed mushroom with cheddar cheese bacon and garlic

Mains

Pork loin stuffed with dry plumbs and apricots
 in balsamic orange and honey sauce
 with roast potatoes sprouts and carrots
 Roast turkey in white wine celeriac creamy sauce
 With roast potatoes sprouts and carrots
 Oven roasted lamb shank with seasonal vegetables
 and roast potatoes

Desserts

Apple cheesecake with apple and cinnamon
 mousse
 Christmas pudding
 2 course £24.95
 3 course £29.95

Available from 1st December
Normal menu and Christmas specials available
throughout December

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 Food served 12pm - 2.30pm and 5pm - 9.30pm
SATURDAY 10am - 11pm
 Food served 12pm - 10pm
SUNDAY 12pm - 8pm
 Food served 12pm - 7pm

Local News & Events



- **Claire Lockerbie, our intrepid runner, is raising money for a defibrillator** to become available at the Sports Field Pavilion. Having run the Chester Half Marathon to raise funds, she has now organised a race night at our own Red Lion. Make sure it's a successful night by joining Claire on October 27th.



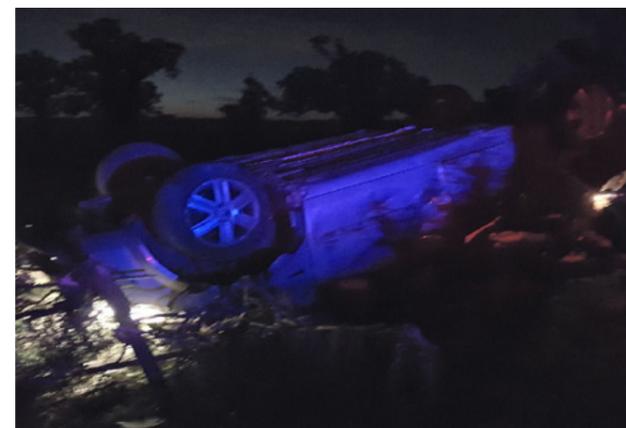
- **The musical evening in the Village Hall** on Saturday November 10th is to raise money for the British Heart Foundation. See the poster inside



- **11am on November 11th is the hundredth anniversary of the Armistice** that ended the bloody conflict which came to be known as World War One. Join us at the Church on that day at 10.50am to remember the brave boys who sacrificed their lives for the benefit of all.



- **And, on December 12th, there is the Christmas Tree Festival.** See inside for details and other Church activities.



- **On a hot August night, this idiot (presumably in a stolen car)** zoomed through Gorstella, hit both verges and ploughed through the Nields' hedge before somersaulting several times and ending up on its roof. Could anybody survive? The driver crawled out, covered in blood, refused help and ran away. The Police Helicopter was called out, but we have no idea whether he was caught (see picture of overturned car)



- **Sadly, the Dodleston Bonfire** won't be happening this year. Logistical issues, concerns about the numbers and weather led us to this sad decision. The Race course bonfire was also under threat, but we understand that this is now going ahead.



- **The perfect children's gift is available in Chapel Stores** – three charming books about animal life written by our own Colin Bonnington. They will be a great read for children of eight or more and equally splendid for bedtime stories for younger children



- **Dog Poo.** We make huge efforts to accommodate dogs and their walkers on the Sports Field. We provide free poo bags and three poo bins. Still we find that the field is fouled. This is disgusting in any event, but more so because the School children use the field for their outdoor activities. Poo on the shoe is bad enough and, worse still, disease can be spread by animal faeces.

We propose the following measures:

- A Notice will be placed at the entrances to state the problem and warn of the possibility that we may have to ban dog walking on the field.
- We would encourage anyone who sees fouling taking place to ask the owner to take advantage of the free poo bags and bins.
- We are even considering a bye law which would enable fines to be levied on culpable dog owners.

Please protect our wonderful facility by poop scooping yourself and encouraging others to do so.

Local News & Events



• **Dodleston Community Woodland Tree Planting Day.** Sunday 18th November 10am to 2pm. Dodleston Parish Field. Our Woodland continues to thrive and grow. We are acquiring around 100 more trees from the Woodland Trust and are offering those who missed out last year, the chance to sponsor and adopt a tree of their own.

To keep things simple, we will act on a first come, first served basis. The cost will be £10 per tree. Please bring your own tag to make identification easier in future. You can pay for your tree on the day, or in advance if you cannot make the planting day.

Any trees that have not survived will be replaced, free of charge. We cannot guarantee a like for like replacement as this year's pack contains different species.

The trees we are hopefully getting are: rowan, silver birch, wild cherry, common oak, field maple, grey willow.

You don't have to sponsor a tree to help out. There will be plenty of planting to do. We will have use of the pavilion again and hope to have some refreshments available.

Don't forget to bring a spade and keep everything crossed for better weather than last time!



The unveiling... Bernard Dennis, Mark Williams – Deputy Lord Mayor of Chester, Philip Harrison – who's late wife Denise painted the 6 water colours and Reverend Hazel Clarke

Bernard Dennis, was finally able to unveil Dodleston's History Board outside The Red Lion on a glorious Saturday in August.

DYP DODLESTON YOUTH PLAYERS...

After the huge success of last years 50th Pantomime 'Robin Hood', we are excited to be starting our rehearsals for our 2019 production – CINDERELLA. We have many new faces joining us as well as welcoming back many old ones.

One of the most traditional of pantomimes, Cinderella follows the fortunes of the Baron's daughter whose life is made a misery by her wicked stepmother and two ugly sisters. Buttons is her faithful friend, and with a little help from the Fairy Godmother she finally meets her Prince.

If you'd love to see how D.Y.P. tell this story, put the dates in your diary now and look out for our booking forms which will be the shop mid January. Or, you could book through one of the cast.

Dates: 14, 15 & 16 February 2019



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Foundation

You are invited to a Charity Concert

in aid of the British Heart Foundation



**Saturday 10th November
at 7.30pm
Dodleston Village Hall,
Pulford Lane, Dodleston,
Chester CH4 9NN**

A variety of performers will provide musical entertainment of all styles for you to enjoy!
Refreshments and raffle too.

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Bob Hughes Dodleston's Oldest Resident

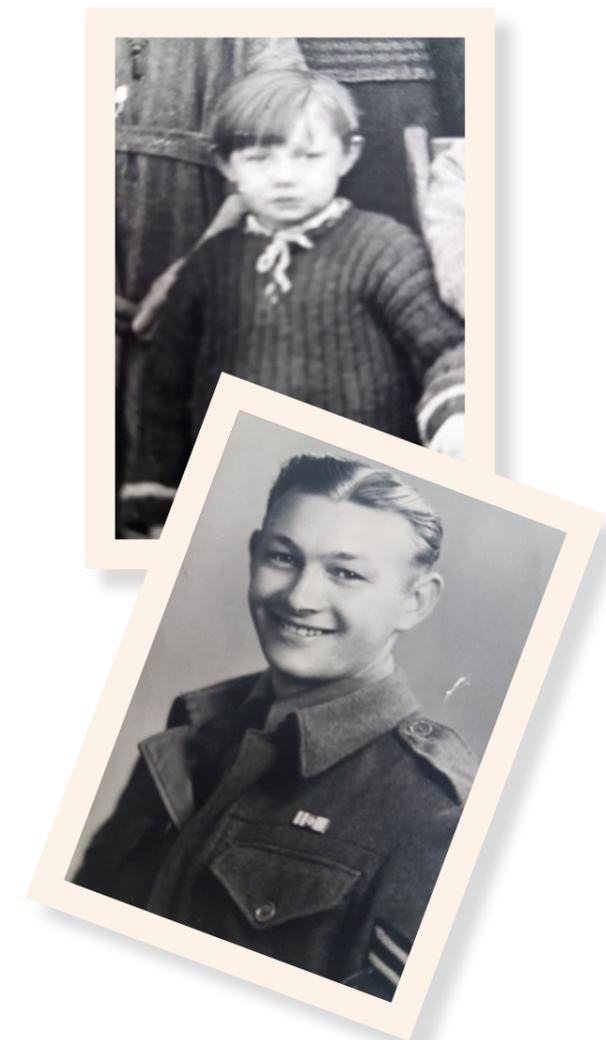
The oldest resident of Dodleston has just celebrated his 99th birthday. Family and friends held a surprise get together in the village hall.

Bob attended Dodleston school from the age of four along with his brother and 3 sisters.

Bob served in the RAF from 1938 until 1945 and upon returning to the village met his wife Betty Nicholls. They were married in Dodleston Church 71 years ago this week.

Their three boys Philip, Robert and Richard were all Christened in Dodleston Church.

Bob and Betty recently became Great, great Grandparents to baby Lily.



DYP NEWS SITUATION VACANT - PIANIST...



We would also love to find a pianist who could either be our permanent accompanist for this year or could simply pick out a tune to help the cast with the learning of the songs. If you can, please ring Sue on 660151.

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