



ADOPT A ROAD

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

To try and make sure that highways are aware of problems with our local roads the Parish Council are hoping to put in place a road adoption scheme.

If you adopted a road, you would be responsible for reporting any highway issues online to Cheshire East Highways. These can include, flooding, potholes, fly tipping, pavement obstructions, over grown hedges etc.

If you are interested in joining in this scheme, please contact the Clerk and when we have enough volunteers we will hold a meeting outlining how to report issues and how to follow them up.

WW2 CASUALTIES FROM OVER PEOVER

The Parish Council need **YOUR HELP** to add the casualties from WW2 to the village's war memorial. If you know of any casualties that were from the Parish or relevant information that would assist us, we would love to hear from you.

A casualty is anyone who perished due to enemy action whether they were in the armed forces or not.

So far we know of the following but can you add more..?:



- 3 members of the Wrench family killed by a bomb at Grotto Lane Farm

- Sergeant Mannion, an RAF Volunteer Reserve.

-John Hale, a merchant seaman whose ship was sunk by a U Boat.

Please contact any Parish Cllr or Phil Welch on: 01625 861261 or phillip.welch@btinternet.com

BEST KEPT VILLAGE judging is taking place now until the end of June.

Please do your utmost to keep our village tidy

Your Parish Councillors:

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Phil Welch	01625 861261

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Running, Football and Squash

- ◆ Are you interested in being part of a Over Peover running club?
- ◆ Would you be interested in a five a side football team?
- ◆ Are there any squash enthusiasts?

If so please contact Adam Haque

adamhaque@doctors.org.uk



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



17/06/2018 Over Peover 10k - if you would like to volunteer to help with this event or enter, please visit www.cutefruitevents.com

06/07/2018 Over Peover School Summer Fair - 3.30pm—5.30pm all welcome

14/07/2018 Church Garden Party hosted by kind permission of Mr. & Mrs. Brookes

03/08/2018— 05/08/2018 Beer Festival & Gooseberry Show Weekend hosted by The Dog of Peover

05/08/2018 Peover Game and Angling Fair—£20/car £10 single occupancy or on foot

There will be fishing demonstrations on the lake, shooting competitions and tuition as well as archery. Attractions to entertain you in the main ring this year include Cyril the Squirrel and his team of racing terriers, demonstrations by Vale Royal Falconry and a team of professional Security Dogs. By popular demand Ferret World are returning as well as the ever popular Newfoundland dogs. With a busy Craft tent, animals in the Countryside area, gun dog classes, lurcher racing and much more this will be a great family day out.

Visit our website www.cheshiregameandanglingfair.co.uk and book your tickets with a 20% discount.

Services in St Lawrence church, Over Peover.

1st Sunday in the month	Communion
2nd Sunday	Communion
3rd. Sunday.	Morning Prayer
4th. Sunday.	Communion
5th Sunday (where it falls)	Mattins

1st Sunday in every month is Messy Church at 4pm held in Over Peover Village Hall

30/09/2018 Harvest Festival Service at St Lawrence Church , at 9.30am

11/11/2018— Service of remembrance to commemorate 100 years since the end of the 1st World War
9.30 am

Tuesday 29th May 2018 7pm
- come along to the village hall to hear an update on our neighborhood plan and the results of the questionnaire and find out what is next

*Are you interested in your village?
Do you want to help plan for its future?
Are you part of the younger demographic of the village?
If so the Neighborhood plan needs you.
Contact Phil Welch for more details.*



Village Information and events can be found at www.overpeover.com
or our Facebook page www.facebook.com/Overpeover

Chairman's Annual Report 2017/18

It falls to me to deliver the Chair's Report, having taken over from Chris Hurst after his resignation from the Council in September 2017. I'd like to convey my thanks to Chris for his seven years of outstanding service to the parish. I hope to be able to emulate his skills of foresight and diplomacy. I should also like to thank my fellow councillors and our clerk for all their excellent work and support during the year.

We have had to fill a number of casual vacancies on the council over the past year and we were gratified at the numbers coming forward to serve. We not only filled those vacancies but we have co-opted additional volunteers as non-voting members. It has therefore been easier to share out the roles and responsibilities among council members and a list of those will be put on the village website so that villagers can go directly to the councillor responsible with their queries.

Planning

The event which has caused most interest and anxiety in the village during the past year was the approach by Crabtree Homes with a proposal to develop land opposite Colshaw Hall. The Parish Council facilitated a number of events at which Crabtree were able to explain their proposals to the village and gauge the local mood. When the sentiments expressed at

the meeting were described by Crabtree as being those of, 'the vociferous minority' the Parish Council moved swiftly to undertake its own survey to elicit the views of residents as a whole. Each household in the village received a questionnaire, there was a response rate of 41% and the overwhelming majority of almost 90% opposed the proposals mainly on the grounds of being an unwarranted intrusion into the greenbelt. These findings have been fed back to Cheshire East, the developer and landowner. Since then we have heard nothing from Crabtree but we must continue to be vigilant.

Neighbourhood Plan

The Parish Council has set up a Neighbourhood Plan Subcommittee to take forward the work involved in developing a Neighbourhood Plan. This will be vitally important in enabling the residents of the village to exercise some control over the extent and style of development that we want to take place in the village over the coming years. Without this work and the definitive document which will be produced our ability to influence development would be greatly curtailed therefore I would urge all residents to participate as fully as you can in the process. I should like to thank Phil Welch, who is chairing this committee, for his unstinting efforts and also his colleagues on the sub-

committee for their excellent work.

Highways

Highways issues were frequently raised at Parish Council meetings during 2017-18. These involved speed and volume of traffic, parking and potholes. Little is done to maintain our roads on a regular basis and therefore we have no alternative but to report potholes or see our roads deteriorate further. I would encourage residents to report dangerous potholes wherever they notice them.

Parking at Radbroke Hall continues to be a source of some irritation but as Barclay's is going to increase the number of parking spaces on site the Parish Council is hopeful that the matter will be resolved before too long and the temporary parking solutions which have sprung up in the village will cease. Speeding through the village will be tackled by the speed-gun group. There are a number of volunteers already trained and a number of volunteers awaiting training. If you would like to volunteer to take part please contact Jayne Rudd or John Hehir. It will be done on a rota basis. Barclay's is to establish a number-plate recognition system for access to the site. They will therefore be able to match number-plates and speak to any offenders who are users of their site. Offenders can also be reported to the police.

Village Hall

The village hall continues to give sterling service, however a number of urgent repairs are now required and the Village Hall Management Committee is to embark on a fundraising drive to keep the building functioning until a more permanent solution can be reached. Mr Randle Brooks has made a very generous offer to provide half of the cost of refurbishing the present village hall. The Parish Council is most grateful for this kind offer; however before embarking on such a project it is thought that a more thorough evaluation should be carried out to determine whether the present village hall would meet the current needs of the village. A presentation was held in May 2017 to show how a modern village hall sited on the Parish Field would fit in to the village. Although the design of the building was favourably received, there was a mixed response to positioning a new building on the Parish Field. A New Village Hall Sub-Committee has therefore been established to carry out a full investigation into how to resolve the question of the village hall. Their remit is to consider refurbishment, rebuilding on the current site or rebuilding on a new site. The committee has embarked on its task with enthusiasm and we wish them well with their endeavours.

Parish Field

The drainage work carried

out on the Parish Field last year has proved to be very successful and we have seen none of the flooding problems of last winter. The area around the play equipment has remained dry when surrounding fields were showing signs of severe flooding so we are very pleased with the outcome of the work carried out by Ansa, which was financed by the S106 funds still held for us by Cheshire East. The play equipment, picnic benches and fitness circuit continue to be very popular with local children and families and it is good to see such enjoyment being derived from this facility.

In May, the Parish Council discovered that the charges for mowing the Parish Field were to rise from £30 per cut to £180. Subsequently Mr William Stobart came forward and offered to cut and maintain the Parish Field at his own expense. Since then we have seen a marked improvement in the Parish Field, the grass has not only been cut more frequently but fertilised and areas re-seeded. The work shows great care and attention to detail and the field is looking fantastic. The Parish Council is extremely grateful to Mr Stobart for his generosity. In addition Mr Stobart and Mr David Irlam have together taken on the maintenance of the school playing fields. Again we are extremely thankful to them for their generosity.

Broadband

While part of the village has benefitted from the roll-out of Superfast Broad-

band the Parish Council is very conscious of the fact that the households on the 01565 exchange do not have access to a reasonable service. The Parish Council has had regular meetings with Connecting Cheshire and Openreach to urge them to speed up the process. Currently Phase 2 and Phase 3, (which should have been completed in summer 2017) are scheduled for completion in June 2018. We are very hopeful that the deadline will be met this time.

Two areas of the village did not come within the Connecting Cheshire's programme because they were classified as 'hard to reach'. These are the Patton Close/Grotto Lane area, and the A50/Peover Park/Long Lane area.

After considerable effort a Community Fibre Partnership agreement has been reached with the Patton Close/Grotto Lane area which means that Openreach has contracted to provide Superfast Broadband FTTP to this area within the next 12 months. Thanks are due to Andrew Irlam, whose nursery Kids' Country enabled this project to benefit from a 75% BT grant for educational establishments and who acted as the contracting party and Graham Hunter who has worked very hard on this project, going from door to door to find out the level of interest and engage the community in the scheme.

Recently Stuart Simpson has begun work on establishing a similar Community Fibre Partnership which will

cover the properties on the A50. He will be holding a public meeting in the village hall towards the end of April. We wish him well with this task and the Parish Council will lend whatever support we can.

The Peover Estate has developed its own technology solution for rural broadband within Peover Park.

Other Contributions

Many individuals have contributed to the village this year. In addition to those already mentioned:

Thanks go to Mr Paul Read for sourcing the Christmas tree, which twinkled brightly throughout December, and for providing a cover for the hole left when it was removed.

The village sign took a beating in the winter winds and we have Mr Michael Irlam and his staff to thank for repairing it and restoring it to pride of place at the village crossroads.

Thanks to our Clerk, Liz McGrath, for organising an extremely successful Comedy Night at the village hall in January. It was just what was needed in the gloomy Christmas aftermath and it raised a healthy sum for the running of the village hall.

The War Memorial and its surroundings are in need of attention and I should like to thank Mr Robert Ball for his research into how best to carry out this work and for volunteering to carry it forward so that the memorial is in pristine condition for the centenary of the end of the First World War in November 2018. The Parish Council is also considering an addition to the

War Memorial of the names of those lost in the Second World War. Anyone who has any information or records relating to Over Peover residents killed in the Second World War please contact the Clerk or Mr Dave Clarke. We had an extremely good turnout for the litter pick on Saturday and Sunday. There were 9 litter pickers on Saturday and 11 on Sunday so we were able to cover a good area, even venturing as far as part of the A50. The village is now looking very spick and span and I hope we can keep it that way. I know that a lot of residents pick up odd items of litter as they walk round the village and if everyone did this it would help with the problem enormously. So thanks to everyone who picks up litter and many thanks to those who came at the weekend. We collected a huge pile and should be very proud of ourselves. It was good to see the young children joining in as well.

If you have a suggestion to make or would like to volunteer to help in the village, there are always jobs to be done, please contact either the Clerk or a member of the Parish Council. All the contact details can be found on the notice boards around the village, on the newsletter or on the village website.

A big thank you to all who have contributed to the life of the village this year. It has been a great pleasure to chair the Parish Council for part of this year

Kathy Doyle