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The free monthly newsletter for Cuddington, Sandiway & Delamere Park.
Provided by your Parish Council

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Also available on the village website: www.cuddingtonandsandiwayonline.org

THE WHITEGATE FOOTPATH SAGA

Hot on the heels of last month's announcement that the Parish Council are going to attempt to re open a footpath which used to run from the Round Tower to Whitegate came the news that Jill King, our very own writer of local history books, is about to publish a book called 'Four Houses' which gives fascinating insights into 4 houses of note within the parish. One of these is the Round Tower and within this is the story of a footpath dispute which arose in 1903.

The Round Tower was one of a number of gatehouses belonging to the Vale Royal estate and gave access to the grounds of the estate. The dispute resulted in Northwich Rural District Council taking Lord Delamere to the Chester Assizes in an attempt to have the road from the Round Tower to Monkey Lodge in Whitegate declared a public highway. Much of this land is now owned by Sandiway Golf Club and currently there are no footpaths shown on the Club website. Historically there is plenty of evidence in the form of Ordnance Survey maps dating from 1875 to 2020 that it was once criss crossed with paths and some people would like to see one reinstated.

The 1903 hearing lasted From March 7th to 13th and judgment was made in favour of Lord Delamere. The hearing is covered in some detail in 'Four Houses' and makes fascinating reading with evidence from some of the 100 or so witnesses who spoke during the hearing, who often bring examples of the humour of the day to their evidence as well as giving us an insight into life in those times.

It will be interesting to see how the attempt to open up a footpath from the Round Tower to Whitegate fares. Although it is unlikely that 100 witnesses will be found the Parish Council needs at least 10 in order to attempt to give the village access to a lovely scenic walk to Whitegate. Please do come forward if you have walked the route they want to open which runs from the Round Tower across Sandiway Golf Club and to the East of Petty Pool.

Contact; Julie Chrimes, Parish Clerk at clerktoipc@hotmail.co.uk or

CWAC Councillor Gillian Edwards gillian.edwards@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

Four Houses' by Jill King includes the history of the Round Tower, White Lodge, The Old Mill House and Ashbank, giving the stories of those who lived there. There are tales of heartache and disaster, happiness and success. Also included is village history including ongoing disputes which have rumbled on for many decades.

With 160 illustrations.

You can obtain the book from C.C .Publishing:

editor@cc-publishing.co.uk

or direct from Jill King, contact her on 01606 888402



CAN YOU HELP THE STATION VOLUNTEERS?



As lockdown ends, the volunteers who look after the planters at Cuddington station are hoping that new recruits will join the team. Volunteers work in teams of 2 or 4, usually once each month. They're responsible for looking after the planters, litter picking and generally helping to improve the station environment. If you think you might be interested please ring;

Val Godfrey on 7817214002 ~or ~ email valgodfrey@gmail.com

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Annual Parish Assembly will take place on June 21st at 7pm in the main room of the village hall.

The June statutory meeting will take place immediately afterwards.

Any updates will be posted on the parish council noticeboards at the playing field car park and by the post box on Mere Lane. They will also be on the village website.

Contact the parish council via their e-mail: clerktoipc@hotmail.co.uk, call 01606 852444 during office hours, or write to: Julie Chrimes, Clerk to the Parish Council, Sunnyside, Withens Lane, Weaverham, CW8 3HX

Agendas and Minutes of meetings can be found at: www.candsonline.org

CONTINUED VANDALISM

The parish council is disappointed and frustrated that equipment at the playground located in Boundary Lane Green, continues to be damaged and even destroyed.

Vandalism in the park can take on many forms such as graffiti and the destruction of public property. The least costly wreckage is the destruction of signs, but some more costly targets are slides, the large rocker swing, and the unilogs. The latest spate of vandalism will cost in excess of £1,500 to repair.



Playground equipment such as swings, slides, and see-saws, meant for children between the ages of 3-8 are being used by teenagers who are far too heavy and big for them. Vandals have kicked down unilogs which feature near the slide.

The Parish Clerk has now advised Cheshire Police and said that this must be addressed, reiterating that culprits need to be reprimanded and educated and suggesting more regular police patrols are carried out.

Neighbours and passers-by who spot anyone vandalising play structures, ripping up plants and trees, smashing bottles or causing other destruction should call 101 or report it online at:

<https://www.cheshire.police.uk/ro/report/asb/asb/report-antisocial-behaviour/>

If the vandalism continues the Council will have no option but to close the playground.

- The council has agreed to support the British Legion in a request to Cheshire West and Chester for a flagpole to be sited at the War Memorial on Norley Road. The Royal British Legion confirmed that it will cover all costs. Flags would be flown on all days laid down by the government.
- Due to the resignation of a councillor, a vacancy has arisen in the Cuddington Ward. Cuddington Parish Council therefore invites residents interested in co-option to contact, during office hours, the Clerk to the Council and Proper Officer as documented in the formal Council Notice. (Contact details as above.) The closing date for written/email submission interests is 18 June 2021 and following that date the Council will fill the casual vacancy by co-option at their statutory meeting on 21 June 2021.
- At the May meeting fellow councillors paid glowing tribute to former councillor Tim Vincent who has retired from Cuddington Parish Council. Tim sat on various committees including Footpaths, Neighbourhood Plan and the Cemetery Committee, and served as Chairman between 2013-2015. Members of the public may know Tim as he regularly walks around the village with his 3 Spinone dogs and spends numerous hours as a volunteer at Norley Road playing fields, making sure everything continues to be of a high standard. Tim was instrumental in securing grants and refurbishing the playing fields in 2017-2018. Councillors are delighted that Tim will continue to be a trustee for Cuddington and Sandiway Playing Fields Association Ltd.

Save Our Sandiway Surgery

Call To Action

You will have received a leaflet asking you to write to Danebridge Medical Practice to make a **FORMAL COMPLAINT** with some information on how to do that.

Complaints are only counted if they are sent through the official channel, which is by letter or email to the Practice with the heading '**COMPLAINT**'.

You should write to: Gilly Davis, Patient Services Manager
Danebridge Medical Centre, 29 London Road, Northwich, Cheshire, CW9 5HR

It is important that you write **NOW** as the Danebridge application to close Sandiway will be re-examined at the CCG Primary Care Commissioning Committee meeting scheduled for 22nd July 2021.

As we said last month Danebridge has reported that they have had **ZERO COMPLAINTS** from patients about their plan to close Sandiway Surgery.

Danebridge are ignoring our 800 signature petition; two public meetings attended by over 300 people; and your Patient Survey responses, all rejecting their plan.

Latest Update

Following the downgrading of Danebridge Practice in May 2019 the Care Quality Commission has re-inspected the Practice. The report is awaited.

We have written a Formal Complaint to the Care Quality Commission, to re-state the importance of Sandiway surgery in providing Primary Care close to home for all their patients. This has also been sent to Danebridge Practice and to the Cheshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG).

We have written to the Cheshire West and Chester Scrutiny Committee to ask them to examine the recent unsatisfactory Focus Group consultation and patient survey.

Smallworld Day Nursery, Preschool and Wrap Around Care at Sandiway School

OPEN DAY - Saturday June 6th - 10am - 12 noon

Come along and visit Smallworld Sandiway, enjoy a setting tour, meet the staff
and tuck into refreshments and a cup cake

01606 882821/ sandiway@smallworldpreschool.co.uk

We are doing our best to keep you up to date with what is happening in the village during the ever changing precautions against Covid 19. However information can change after we have gone to print. Where possible we have included a phone number for you to confirm the information given. If you are able to access our village website you will find information that may be more up to date.

RAILWAY LINES *Please check before you travel, alterations can happen at short notice:*
www.northernrailway.co.uk/timetables ~ or ~0800 200 6060.

It is likely that a normal service will resume with the following alterations;

Monday 7th to Thursday 10th June: Buses replace the 2252 Chester to Manchester (calling at Cuddington at 2342), and 2341 Manchester to Chester (setting down only at Cuddington at 0136). An additional bus departs Knutsford at 0025 (Tuesday to Friday mornings) to Chester, calling at Cuddington at 0108.

More information including up-to-date travel, news, events, and much more, can be found on our village website: www.cuddingtonandsandiwayonline.org

VILLAGE HALL NOTICEBOARD



The children's playground and the toilets at the playing field on Norley Road remain open and users are requested to adhere to the special requirements that currently apply.

The Village Hall will be starting to open to limited groups as permitted under current rules. Those who attend activities at the hall should be guided by their course leaders.



250 Club May Draw winners

1st prize £40 winner - member number 71 of Hadrian Way

2nd prize £20 winner - member number 5 of Chiltern Close

For further information ring 888931 or visit; www.cuddingtonandsandiwayvillagehall.org.uk

AT ST JOHN'S CHURCH HALL

THE ARK CAFÉ will be open on Fridays from 9am to 2pm. This will depend on Covid 19 regulations at the time and with the following precautions. Customers should remain masked until seated, waitress service only, socially distanced tables, Track & Trace code on the door, and hand sanitiser at the ready.

THE JIGSAW LENDING LIBRARY, will be open on the first Friday of each month from 9.30 to 11.30am. If you are unable to attend in person you can ring Janet Alvin on 07967 140727 and she will collect/deliver jigsaws for you

HELP NEEDED FOR THE VILLAGE WEBSITE

Our website was created 5 years ago as an output from the Cuddington Parish "Village Plan". The main aim has been to raise awareness of existing services, activities and facilities in the village and to communicate news and opinion which embraces all village sources. The Parish Council continue sponsorship and support for the website.

The website is typically visited by 2,000 'unique visitors' each month and receives 3,500 visits per month, with users accessing multiple pages each visit.

The Website Development Team are tasked with regular validation and updating of all the information displayed. They aim to ensure that the News / What's On sections of the website always remain up-to-date and relevant. It would be great if we could get help from 2 or 3 residents.

If you are interested please contact Russ Smith at; info@cuddingtonandsandiwayonline.org

PCSO SURGERIES

These are currently being held by phone or email. See below for contact details

- Saturday 5th June 1900-2000 hours
- Friday 11th June 1200-1300 hours
- Saturday 19th June 1200-1300 hours
- Friday 25th June 1900-2000 hours

POLICE CONTACT DETAILS

Contact the police on 101. For emergencies only use 999

Non emergency contact with Northwich Police: northwich.lpu@cheshire.pnn.police.uk

Alternatively ring 101 and ask to be put through to your local neighbourhood officer. This may be an answer phone service. Your call will be returned.

Contact our PCSO, Michelle Gillett, at; michelle.gillett@cheshire.pnn.police.uk or ring her on 07894 510 064

To report a crime anonymously ring Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111

You can also call Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or visit www.actionfraud.police.uk

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