



# Upton by Chester & District Parish Council COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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AUTUMN 2016

## UPTON SUMMER FETE AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH II PLAYING FIELDS

After the success of last year's Upton Pavilion Grand Opening fun day, many Upton residents asked the Parish Council if it could become a yearly event. This suggestion was warmly welcomed and on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June, we held a Summer Fete at the Queen Elizabeth II playing field and Upton Pavilion. The event included stalls such as a tombola, face painting, hook a duck, and the Parish Council provided an inflatable slide and merry-go-round. Chester Zoo attended to share information about the work of the zoo and the Blue Planet Aquarium sent a lovely clown fish to meet all the children. There were also traditional summer games played such as running races. Refreshments included a barbeque, hot food, cakes and a sweet stall, along with hot and cold drinks and ice creams available at the Pavilion. In support of Upton businesses, our local ice cream van was also in attendance on the playing field and where possible, all items required for the day, were purchased from local suppliers. For the most part the weather was good to us and many people turned up, however towards the end of the day we were blessed with a huge downpour and thunder storm that sent everyone running for shelter and hastily packing away the stalls – only the children continued to have great fun in the ever growing puddle in the car park! Thank you for all the donations received and for everyone that helped on the day.



### SAVE THE DATE

Next year's fete will be held on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September. It was decided to hold next year's event a little later in the year to avoid clashes with other local summer events. We would like our annual fete to involve as many people of Upton as possible; perhaps you would like to be on the committee that organises the event? Would you like to attend as a stall holder – there is a small charge but this may be your opportunity to let Upton residents see what your business does. Do you have any skills that you could share on the day by running an activity or workshop? If you feel that you can contribute in any way, please contact either Darren Flaherty at the Pavilion or on 01244 374054 or the clerk to the Parish Council on 07584 415343.

## UGE POLICY

Following many hours of deliberation and with the unanimous support of all Parish Councillors, your Parish Council has now drafted its own policy on Unconventional Gas Extraction, commonly known as 'fracking'. This was sent to CW&C Council for comment along with the request that the Council itself should issue its own borough wide policy on UGE based on the Upton draft policy.

At the same time, the Parish Council put a motion to the Annual General Meeting of the Cheshire Association of Local Councils (ChALC), asking for support for a borough wide policy on UGE/fracking. It is disappointing to report that neither CW&C itself or the ChALC board or Member Councils at the AGM were willing to support such a request.

CW&C Council has now issued a consultation document based on its draft Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) on Oil and Gas Exploration. The Parish Council will play a full part in the consultation process and will be submitting detailed comments and suggestions to the proposals outlined in the document.

Thereafter, the Parish Council will finalise its own policy on UGE/fracking and this will then be issued throughout the entire Upton community for comment.

The Parish Council has been working on the Neighbourhood Development Plan which, on completion, will give us more say about what happens in planning terms in relation to Upton. The first consultation questionnaire put out to residents has been analysed and a report on the findings is available on the Parish Council website, in the Pavilion and in Upton Library. We are contacting as many groups and businesses as we can, as well as individual residents. If you are involved in a group in Upton and would like to talk to the steering group, please contact us. Similarly, if you run a business and would like to give us feedback on what you see as the future for Upton, we would be delighted. We are in close touch with our key large businesses, The Countess of Chester Hospital, Chester Zoo and the Dale Camp, but we would welcome the input of any smaller groups or interested residents who would like to work with us.

The basis of future work on the neighbourhood plan is the 'Vision Statement', which gives a view of what we would like to achieve in the future in terms of our residential area, its schools, shops, health services, transport facilities etc and has been created from the views of councillors and residents. You can see the full version of the Vision Statement on the website or at the pavilion. We need to know the views of people of all ages and situations so that the vision and the plan are both inclusive and coherent.



## DEFIBRILLATOR

A defibrillator is to be installed at the pavilion; the Parish Council has purchased a training kit, NW Ambulance Service will supply a cabinet to store the defibrillator. In collaboration with staff at Upton Village Surgery and local PCSO Jenna Tapley, training will be given to all members of staff, members of the Parish Council and to anyone who would like to attend a free training session - dates tbc.

## LITTER PICKING

Following complaints to the Parish Council, the General Purposes Committee recently organised a litter picking session where councillors and residents worked together to remove all the litter along Mill Lane. The response from residents was very positive and we are planning to have regular litter picking in different areas of Upton Parish.

The next sessions will be as follows:

**November 26<sup>th</sup>**, 11.00am outside Upton High School, St James's Avenue.

**January 14<sup>th</sup>**, 11.00am at the Cockpit, Heath Road.

If you would like to help and need more details, please contact the clerk or one of your Parish Councillors.



## 20 MPH SPEED LIMIT ZONES

In January this year CW&C cabinet voted to introduce 20mph speed limits where certain criteria were met. Several of Upton's roads have met the criteria and will be recommended for a 20mph speed limit to come into effect in the next few months – you will have received a consultation leaflet if your road is to be affected. Please go to the Parish Council website for further details and a list of the roads that have been assessed.  
[www.uptonbychester.org.uk](http://www.uptonbychester.org.uk).

## DID YOU KNOW.....

It was reputed that the 1<sup>st</sup> vicar of the Holy Ascension Church, Rev Wilfred Sparling climbed almost 100ft up the church steeple to repair the lightning conductor – he was aged 65! Also, his daughter started the first Brownie pack and Guide troupe in 1919.

Famous astronomer, composer and musician Sir Patrick Moore was giving a recital at the Town Hall, he called on an Upton Park resident to borrow his piano. The resident, a violinist with the Liverpool Philharmonic obliged and the piano was taken to the Town hall.

**A BIG THANK YOU!  
YOUR FAMILY TICKET**

This special invitation will give you admission for TWO adults and up to TWO children (age 3-15) or over 65s to Chester Zoo. Please show this card at our main entrance gates.

*We look forward to seeing you!*

With best wishes  
**CHESTER ZOO**

Valid from Saturday 17 December – Sunday 8 January 2017.  
Ticket is for Upton residents who receive the parish council newsletter. This ticket is non-transferable and not for resale.

## UPTON BOWLING GREEN

You may have noticed that the bowling green closed a little early at the end of this season. This is for much needed 'TLC' provided by our new grounds maintenance contractors who are working very hard to bring it back up to bowling league standards. This may take more than one season and will be a continual programme of improvement for both the green and the surroundings.

It has been a great season with over 30 new parish members. Bowling will commence again as soon as the clocks go forward in the spring of 2017, please come down and give it a go. This is a sport open to all, we are trying to encourage junior membership, please bring your children along with you!



## J Jones Ground Care – our grounds maintenance team.



## COMMUNITY PRIDE

We are delighted to announce that Upton by Chester has been awarded joint runner up in its category in the Community Pride Competition 2016. The judges' report showed that all areas had been marked as either 'excellent' or 'very good' and 'throughout the whole area verges, private gardens and hedges all gave the impression of a caring community' was one of the many very positive remarks received. As always, there is room for improvement and the Parish Council will review the judges' comments in detail in order to take positive steps to ensure Upton by Chester receives the top prize in next year's competition.

## Dear Neighbour

We wanted to take this opportunity to wish you a very Merry Christmas from all of the team at Chester Zoo.

We've had an amazing year making Wildlife Connections. Thank you to everyone who has got involved recording the wonderful UK wildlife around us.

If you haven't yet booked your tickets to Lantern Magic this Christmas then there are some tickets still available but they are selling fast. Just go to our website to find out more about the times and dates.

To thank you for all of your support and encouragement throughout the last year we are delighted to offer you and your family a ticket to visit over the Christmas period. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Best Wishes for the festive season,

Dr Mark Pilgrim  
Director General, Chester Zoo

Jamie Christon  
Managing Director, Chester Zoo



THE  
LANTERNS  
AT CHESTER ZOO

25 November  
to 23 December

[chesterzoo.org/lanterns](http://chesterzoo.org/lanterns)

## YOUR PARISH COUNCILLORS

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### CLERK TO THE PARISH COUNCIL:

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### PAVILION OPENING HOURS:

Pavilion Office, Monday – Sunday 9am to  
5pm (winter opening hours).

### CONTACT DETAILS:

For pavilion room hire, playing fields,  
tennis courts and bowling please call the  
office on 01244 374054 or email  
[uptonbychesterpavilion@hotmail.com](mailto:uptonbychesterpavilion@hotmail.com).



### Upton by Chester Parish Council wants your views on our local area

We are always keen to hear what residents think about Upton. Do you have any ideas for our area or is there anything you'd like to bring to our attention? Get in touch by completing this tear off slip and return to: Upton Pavilion, Wealstone Lane, Upton CH2 1HB. Alternatively contact the clerk on 07584 415343.

Name

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Phone number

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