



Upton by Chester & District Parish Council COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



AUTUMN 2019

RECORD CROWDS FLOCK TO FUN DAY

Saturday, 14th September saw a record number of people at the 2019 Upton-by-Chester Events Fun Day, with approximately 2,500 taking time to enjoy the sunshine and to wander through wonderful stalls, take part in a wide range of games and activities and sample some terrific food and drink including pizzas, cakes, beer and of course ice cream!

Residents from Upton and beyond took advantage of the early Autumn sun to make the most of the fun on offer for all ages; the Parish Council gin bar and barbecue were both very popular, with the latter proving to be a sell-out!

In what has been described by many local people as the 'biggest and best' to date, the Fun Day is now a firm fixture in the calendar. The Parish Council is pleased to be able to run this popular event for the benefit of the community without an entrance fee, as well as subsidising the children's fairground rides and bouncy castle to help everyone to enjoy the day, without families having to dig too deep.

The event is also a great showcase for many local independent businesses and organisations to promote their products and activities.

This year the Parish Council was pleased to support the Royal British Legion, which took advantage of the opportunity for a stand to promote a very important cause and raise much needed funds in support of our veterans and their families. The Council will be seeking a charity for next year's Fun Day, if you would like your organisation to be considered, please contact the Clerk – clerk@uptonbychester.org.uk.

Through the Fun Day, the Parish Council aims to bring the community together for an enjoyable afternoon. Any surplus funds generated by the event will be put back into the community, following discussion and agreement later this year.

Thanks are offered to all those involved in making the event such a success.

Please check out the Upton Pavilion Facebook page for some fantastic photos of the Fun Day and visit the Parish Council website for more information about the Council, its facilities and



NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Upton Parish Councillors and residents have been working continuously on the plan for several years now and have created a draft set of policies on such areas as:

- Landscape and Amenity Spaces;
- Housing Development;
- Provision of service and facilities;
- Road safety, pedestrians and cycling, and
- Shopping and businesses in Upton.

We have consulted parishioners, businesses and experts and are continuing to do so with the intention of presenting our draft for the electorate of Upton to vote on in May 2020.

It is of course in the end your plan. We have gained useful insights into residents' views on a wide range of aspects; housing, play facilities, cycling, the environment and so on.

We have also consulted with the voters of the future through going into local schools. One aspect that came out strongly from a consultation with Upton High School pupils was their focus on the importance of cycling and exercise and having less reliance on fossil fuels. Shopping areas have altered to some extent, with fewer traditional shops and more demand for takeaway food.

We have carried out a large number of consultations ranging from those with the large stakeholders such as the zoo and the hospital to those with schools, community groups, shopkeepers, planning and housing officers from the local authority and individual residents at events such as the Upton Fun Day.

We are still consulting and are particularly interested in finding out more about residents' views on the future of the Dale Barracks site, which M.O.D will not require forever and which is designated for future housing use in the Cheshire West and Chester Local Plan.

If you have any ideas on this, e.g. what kind of housing, two bedroom, three bedroom or flats, we would be interested to have your views.

Opposite - hard working and dedicated Steering Group members consulting with our residents at the Fun Day

80TH YEAR COMMEMORATION OF THE START OF WW2



On Tuesday 3rd September the Parish Council held a small commemorative ceremony in honour of 80 years since the beginning of WW2. Members of Upton Royal British Legion were invited, along with representatives from Upton Churches Together, family members of those named on the War Memorial and all Upton-by-Chester residents.

The ceremony was held at the War Memorial; Chairman of the Parish Council, Cllr Alison Bennion paid tribute to all those named on the Upton War Memorial and also those who are not.

Local resident Mr John Butler recited the words from the Exhortation. This was followed by one minute of silence and then the words of the Kohima Epitaph, in memory of the second British Division.

The occasion was marked by planting a small ornamental tree in the garden; thank you to Cllr Gary Hulmes for assisting with this, also to UPC staff member Mr Peter Griffiths for adding a commemorative plaque.

Refreshments were served afterwards in the Pavilion – thank you to all who attended.





POLITE NOTICE

Please park more considerately. Parking on pavements means that wheelchair users and prams are forced to move into the road to pass by, which may be dangerous.

This note is from your caring Parish Council – many complaints are received on this matter.

The Queen Elizabeth II Playing Field project is moving along nicely with work being done to design, plan and source funding for new and improved children's and young people's play equipment.

Meetings with contractors have taken place to discuss lighting, fencing and a new access and online booking system for the tennis courts. This would allow extended playing times and more income to pay for the maintenance of the courts.

Before any further consideration of installing a multi-use running circuit on the playing field, it has been decided that drainage should be addressed. We are currently seeking advice and costs for this essential work.

DID YOU KNOW?



Your Parish Council has recently been awarded the highest level in the Local Councils Award Scheme. This demonstrates excellence in governance, employment, community engagement and financial management – thanks to Councillors and staff who worked hard to achieve this very high standard.

PARKING

Complaints about parking on pavements have increased. UPC has produced a polite notice to be placed on inappropriately parking vehicles as a reminder. It is an offence to park on the pavement and fail to leave room for a wheelchair or double buggy to pass by. Please park considerately; do not force pedestrians into the road which may be dangerous.

SAVE THE DATE:

SUNDAY 1st DECEMBER UPTON CHRISTMAS MARKET

12pm - 5pm at Upton Pavilion.

WEDS 11th DECEMBER CAROL SINGING

6.30pm - 7.30pm at Upton Pavilion.



Illustration of bespoke play equipment to be placed on the hill in the children's play area – what do you think? Please let us know.

WORK EXPERIENCE / VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES.

The Parish Council is now able to offer placements for Upton High School students carrying out work experience or volunteering opportunities for young people completing the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. If you (or your child) would like to join the Pavilion team to carry out tasks related to running and maintaining the community building and where possible, join the Clerk at a Parish Council meeting or for a 'day in the life' of a Parish Council Clerk, please make enquiries to clerk@uptonbychester.org.uk. or call 07584 415343.

All staff are appropriately assessed for working alongside young people.



YOUR COUNCILLORS

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Cllr Frank Samuel

Moston

Cllr Jodie Egerton-Parry

Upton Grange

Cllr Alison Bennion (Chairman)

Cllr Suzanne Booth

Cllr Peter Greenhalgh

Cllr Jill Houlbrook

Cllr Gary Hulmes

Upton Heath

Cllr Matt Bryan

Cllr Matt Carter

Cllr Mike Keenan

Cllr Jakub Schmidt

Cllr Nicki Poulton

Cllr Brenda Southward

Cllr Ben Walker

Upton Park

Cllr Tom Egerton-Parry (Vice Chairman)

Cllr Jean Evans

Please note that all councillors may be contacted via their standard Parish Council email address: e.g.

alison.bennion@uptonbychester.org.uk
(replace the name of the councillor with whom you wish to correspond.

www.uptonbychester.org.uk

Facebook - @upcnw

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Parish Clerk and Proper Officer:

Ms Suzi Bull – clerk@uptonbychester.org.uk.
07584 415343

PAVILION OPENING HOURS:

Monday – Sunday 9am to 5pm, until 1st April 2019 then
Monday – Sunday 10am to 9pm.

CONTACT DETAILS:

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



Upton by Chester Parish Council wants your views; we are always keen to consult with residents on any aspects of Parish Council business. Do you have any suggestions, comments or information you would like us to consider? Please get in touch by completing this tear off slip and return to: Upton Pavilion, Wealstone Lane, Upton, CH2 1HB for the attention of the clerk, alternatively contact the clerk directly on 07584 415343.

Name

Address

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