

Spring 2015

TABLEY NEWSLETTER

Tabley Parish Council



Parish Council Meetings

The next meeting of Tabley Parish Council will be held Monday 18th May. The normal bi-monthly meeting will be held at 7pm, however following this at 8pm will be the annual **Open Parish Council** meeting. Both meetings will be held at the Parish Hall on Old Hall Lane. This will be the last ever Parish Council meeting held at the Parish Hall as the hall is due to be demolished as part of the new A556 highway.

As with all Parish Council meetings, the Annual Open Parish Council meeting will be open to the public and the aim of the Open Parish Council meeting is to inform all residents what has happened over the past year and what is planned for the forthcoming year. This year, Mr Chris Burrows from Costain will be attending to give an update on the progress of the new A556 highway. **Do come along and learn what is planned for Tabley.**

Vacancy

After 8 years in the post, Tabley Parish Clerk, Sarah Sherwood, will be leaving the post as and when a replacement can be found. If you are interested in the position, please contact the Clerk or Councillor David Bailey.

Elections

As you will no doubt be aware, Parliamentary, Borough and Parish Elections are being held on Thursday, 7 May 2015. Please take this opportunity to register your vote. The polling station for the election will be the Tabley Parish Hall, Old Hall Lane which will be open 7am to 10pm. Details of all candidates will be published on the noticeboard on Pickmere Lane.

Councillor Steve Wilkinson

After many years representing Tabley and other areas within Cheshire East as a Borough/Ward Councillor, Councillor Steve Wilkinson will not be standing as Cheshire East Councillor at the forthcoming elections. His support and help over these years has been very much appreciated and Tabley Parish Council would like to sincerely thank him for all he has done.

A556 Update- March 2015

As you will be aware Costain is undertaking the £191million A556 Knutsford to Bowdon Improvement Scheme on behalf of the Highways Agency.

The main site compound is located on Lymm Road in Little Bollington. This area includes the main project office, car park and material and plant storage facilities.

A satellite compound is being set up on the A50, with a separate entrance and exit to this site office to minimise traffic disruption. Work to date has focused on establishing the site, environmental mitigation works, and installing the boundary fencing.

Wessex Archaeology has undertaken a programme of evaluation trenching and has so far identified a series of ditches and track ways associated with the post-medieval division of the landscape.

Following the environmental mitigation works, the Statutory Authority diversions will be underway and the team will start the earthwork and drainage works.

Construction of the new bridge at Bowdon is anticipated to start in May and as we head towards the summer months, we will also start working on the underpass. We will shortly be carrying out the modification works to the existing A556. To carry out this work safely there will be temporary traffic management in operation. All road closures associated with this work will remain off peak.

Throughout the project there will be local lane and road closures. Please be assured that advanced notices will be in place and diversion routes clearly signposted.

If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Chris Burrows, Community Liaison Manager on 07824 303403, or the Highways Agency on 0300 123 5000, e-mail a556KnutsfordBowdon@highways.gsi.gov.uk

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18th MAY 2015
AT
TABLEY PARISH HALL,
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What's On in the area	Tabley Parish Hall
<p>Tabley—Big Lunch This is planned for late May/early June. More details to follow.</p> <p>Gardens ready to spring into life NEARLY 30,000 plants are ready to spring into bloom at one of the county's most historic gardens.</p> <p>Arley Hall & Gardens opened to the public on March 1, but not before some final preparations were put into place.</p> <p>This year 10,000 bulbs have been planted at Arley including hundreds of tulips and daffodils. Throughout the year more than 30,000 annually-produced bedding plants will burst into life.</p> <p>For the first time Arley is opening the Woodland Walk and The Grove – which is home to many exotic trees and shrubs as well as a sculpture trail – all through the year.</p> <p>Dogs are welcome to join families on their strolls and Arley is now open seven days a week.</p>	<p>After 63 years, Tabley Parish Hall is to close to make way for the M6/M56 link road. The trustees will hand over possession of the hall to the Highways Agency probably towards the end of May.</p> <p>A compensation package has been agreed after prolonged negotiations, and the money will be used to build a new function room at Mere Parish Club.</p> <p>Tabley Parish Hall was erected in 1952 on land off Old Hall Lane generously donated by the Langford-Brooke family of Mere Hall. In those post war years, most Tabley residents would have had a close connection to farming and indeed the first four trustees were all farmers. Mr Walter Dean of Old Hall Farm, Mr Sam Jackson Of Tabley Brook Farm, Mr George Wright of Clay House Farm and Mr Frank Greenway of Manor Farm. (Mr Dean was succeeded by Mr Roy Pointon of The Heyrose Farm within two years). A loan was secured and an ex-army building was purchased and erected on the Old Hall Lane site.</p> <p>In the early 1950s, the Parish Hall would have been easily accessible for most residents. This was pre the M6 motorway and some older members of the community will remember the Adelphi Cafe which stood slap bang in the middle of what is now junction 19! In the 1950s, television was in its infancy, communities socialised and made their own entertainment. Dances, whist drives, supper clubs, a youth club organised coach trips, celebratory occasions, an endless list of happy memories.</p> <p>In the seventies and eighties, the hall was used most Sunday's by cycling clubs, who raced from Northwich road lights up to the round tower at Sandiway. They provided an excellent income for the hall although we did have grumbles about all the cars on Old Hall Lane! This finished when the lights were erected at Roberts Bakery, so the cyclists could not complete their time trials.</p> <p>In recent years, the hall has not been used as much, especially by locals. Two dance groups have continued to support Tabley, mainly for its central location but also for its lovely parquet dance floor - which was laid in 1965 at a cost of £205:1s:6d!</p> <p>A special mention must be made of the two ladies who continue to run a weekly whist drive, Mrs Brenda Gibbon and Mrs Emily Greenway. My thanks to current Officers of the hall Mrs Irene Hardy (secretary), Mrs Margaret Jackson (treasurer), Mrs Lyn Greenway (booking secretary), Mr Jack Coleman for auditing the accounts and other members of the committee. Thank you also to the trustees for their continuing support.</p> <p>Although our Hall in Tabley will soon be no more, this must be seen as a great opportunity to evolve a new and vibrant community centre just down the road at Mere. As many Tabley residents already patronise Mere, and I hope to see even more there once the improvements are in place!</p>
<p>St Pauls Church</p>	
<p>Fund Raising Events 2015</p> <p>Quiz Night, at Mere Parish Club 18th April, tickets £7.00. Tel 01565 722291 or 01565 633939</p> <p>Church Garden Party at Mere Parish Club: 30th May. Tel 733246</p> <p>Summery Lunch, at Tabley House Tea room, date to be arranged in June. 01565 654336</p> <p>BBQ at the Barkers House, Almond Tree Cottage: 11th July. Tel 633939</p> <p>Coffee, Cake & Books at Field Cottage: 25th July. Tel 733246</p> <p>Bridge Drive at Plumley Village Hall: 22nd October. Tel 733246</p> <p>There may be other events which we will arranged soon. Please support the church by attending any you can. They are always fun!!</p> <p>Services for April: There will be no service on Easter Sunday, but Morning Services will be held on: Sunday 12th 11.00 am. Sunday 26th 11.00 am.</p>	<p>Councillor Alan Greenway (Chairman Mere Parish Club)</p> <p>Knutsford Community Police PCSO Lindsey Whitehead will be holding three Police Surgeries in the near future. These surgeries give residents the opportunity to speak in private with PCSO Whitehead about any issues they may have living in rural areas.</p> <p>Surgery Dates. Thurs 9th April - Plantation Garden centre in the café at 10 am. Fri 10th April - Fryers Roses Garden centre café at 10 am. Sat 18th April - High Legh Garden Centre in the café at 10 am.</p>

CONNECT CHESHIRE—Councillor Graham Bowen

Councillor Graham Bowen attended a Super Fast Broadband event in February. After explaining that although it shows that Tabley is covered on their Super Fast broadband map, in fact it is not available.

Super Fast Broadband is available on demand, but anyone wanting to do that would have to pay for the installation themselves.

It is hoped that further funding is expected to be announced later this year, and hopefully, the service will be extended to Tabley next year.

