YOUR MAGAZINE FOR WHERE YOU LIVE...

High Summer ...

... and many of us are off on holidays.

However, there is still plenty to keep you entertained, even if you're not off on holidays. There is a family fun day at the Broughton Arms on Saturday the 31st August, Scholar Green will be holding its Annual Summer Produce Show on Saturday 7th September, and Saturday 28th September will be a busy day with a craft event at the former Kent Green Methodist Chapel in the day and an evening of song and music at Rode Heath Village Hall. Full details of these events can be found on pages 7 and 8.

Unfortunately, some people will turn to self destructive acts, taking dangerous substances to entertain themselves. You can read about Cheshire Constabulary's approach to illegal drugs on page 10.



In this issue, you can also check out what trips the Rode Runner Community Transport service is offering (pages 2 and 3), read about Parish Council activities (page 4), including its bid to get Mow Cop designated as an area of special value in the Local Plan (page 5) and read about the wildlife and historical value of our traditional orchards ... including contact details for anyone wishing to start a traditional orchard (pages 6 and 7)...

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Hedgehogs are using Station Road as a crossing point and, unfortunately, a number have been injured and killed by collisions with cars. Drivers are being asked to please keep alert and drive a little slower where hedgehogs cross the road.

Rode Runner Community Transport

WANT TO BOOK YOUR PLACE ON RODE RUNNER?

Please book as soon as possible and with at least 1 clear working day's notice before the trip.

Please let us know if you have any special needs such as wheelchair use.

(?) 0800 020 9614

Mon to Fri afternoons (if there is no answer please leave a message inc your phone number).

Suggested donation
£3 (*£7on longer trips)

Disclaimer: Whilst the Parish Council endeavours to provide this service to the best of its abilities, it is run by the kindness of volunteers. We will endeavour to inform you of any changes to the service but it is a condition of booking that neither the Council nor volunteers shall be held liable for losses due to the late arrival or cancellation of a service.

TRIPS IN SEPTEMBER

Tues 17th Sept -Llandudno

Sat 21st Sept -Barn Road, Congleton*

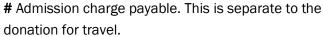
Weds 25th Sept -Lady Heyes Craft and Antique Centre

* This is a Saturday shopping trip

Bookings for September and October trips will only be taken after **16th August**







Please note ... pick ups usually start around 9 to 9.30 am and most trips allow 2 to 3 hours at the destination. The service operates through the goodwill of the volunteer driver and assistants ... as such, return times are at the volunteers' discretion.

Do you have any suggestions for venues?

There are seats for 14 passengers (or 8 seats and 2 wheelchairs) and it is a <u>first booked first served</u> scheme. Pick up points will be agreed on booking (however, if you have mobility problems, we can pick you up from your home). Approx pick up times will be arranged when you book your place:



0800 020 9614

Phone Mon to Fri afternoons (if no answer, please leave a message including your phone number).



TRIPS IN OCT
Weds 2nd Oct Affinity at Talke

Sat 5th Oct -Barn Road, Congleton*

Mon 7th Oct -Bakewell

Sat 19th Oct -Barn Road, Congleton*

23rd Oct -Trentham

Mon 28th Oct -

Jodrell Bank (recently designated a World Heritage Site) #

* These are Saturday shopping trips

Bookings for September and October trips will only be taken after 16th August

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ... would you be interested in helping to keep the Rode Runner service going?

We are always looking for more volunteer drivers, passengers assistants, booking co-ordinators, fund raisers, etc. Full training given ... you decide how much time you give ... More information from the Parish Office on 01260 291592 or oddrodeclerk@gmail.com

NEED TO GET TO HOSPITAL OR THE DOCTOR?

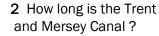
Alsager Voluntary Care operate a volunteer car scheme in the area. They provide transport to medical clinics, doctors, dentists, opticians, hospital appointments, etc. for people who have no other means of transport. To book (3 days' notice is required) phone 07936 543730 (this is a dedicated booking line).

Alsager Voluntary Care can be contacted at avc.st7@gmail.com





1 What was the name of the world renowned local artist who painted pictures of Mow Cop?

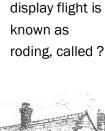




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4 Where was Scholar Green's Victorian police lock-up (pictured here)?



3 What is this

bird, whose



Parish Council News

Parish Council News

New councillors...

The Parish Council has co-opted Rode Heath resident Dr David Somerville to fill the vacancy in the Rode Heath ward. David is a chartered scientist working in medical research (internationally recognised for his involvement in electrotherapies). The Scholar Green ward vacancy was filled by local chartered surveyor Andrew Johnson.



Community Litter Pickers



Litter picking equipment for loan ...

The Parish Council has obtained a stock of litter picking equipment that local groups can borrow for clean-up events. The equipment, funded by a grant from Cheshire East Council under the Government Community Clean-Up Scheme, includes "working on verge" traffic warning signs, cones, hi viz vests and gloves (vests and gloves in various sizes, for both children & adults) and litter pickers.

If anyone wants to borrow the equipment, please contact the Parish Clerk

Mount Pleasant play provision ...

The Parish Council undertook a survey of all households in the Mount Pleasant ward in order to ascertain their thoughts on play provision.

The responses showed there is overwhelming satisfaction with the Church Street play area and that it caters well for the younger age range. For those who don't use it, the main reason is their children are too old. The second most common reason is that it is too far away, especially with banks to climb (this was mainly households living at The Bank area)

There was a large majority against play equipment on the village green from Mount Pleasant households and a small majority in favour from households in The Bank.

A clear majority of all households with children, or visiting children, were against using Mount Pleasant village green.

The survey results indicated that the majority of households in Mount Pleasant are happy with existing facilities but that households in The Bank would prefer a site closer to them. Mow Cop residents were neutral on the matter.

The Parish Council considered the survey results and unanimously voted to reject proposals for play equipment on Mount Pleasant village green. The Council will consider the other issues raised by the results in the future, where they will be considered, along with other matters, as part of a parish wide Parish Council Business Plan.

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL'S LOCAL PLAN...



The Parish that the Council is keen to celebrate and protect the special character of Mow Cop.

As part of the Local Plan process, Cheshire East Council is proposing to designate some areas of Cheshire East as of special value (Local Landscape Designations). The southern end of the Mow Cop Ridge (the village and hill that is in Odd Rode Parish) was excluded from consideration for the proposed Peak Park Fringe Local Landscape Designation.

The Parish Council has put forward the case for including the village of Mow Cop and surrounding countryside in this designation. The Council has suggested an area from Woodock's Well School, the headmaster's house and St Luke's Church... Victorian buildings of stone and slate which evoke a distinct Pennine character, to the village (again, dominated by buildings of stone and slate) should be included.



BIODIVERSITY IN ODD RODE... ORCHARDS

Ecologically, traditional orchards resemble mini-parklands or wood pasture due to their combination of open-grown fruit trees, grassland and hedgerow boundaries or scrub. They are an important habitat for a wide range of species: for example, mammals such as bats; birds such as barn owls, woodpeckers, bullfinches, tree sparrows and thrushes; rare insects such as noble chafer and stag beetle; and plants such as mistletoe, as well as a range of lichens.

Orchard grassland often includes abundant wildflowers, and trees with veteran features, including rot holes, split bark and

hollow trunks – beneficial for fungi and invertebrates – that may be subtly coloured with a range of lichens.

There are three Traditional orchards in Odd Rode, one is

at a private residence in Scholar Green (0.16 hectares), one is at Little Moreton Hall (0.14 hectrares) and one is at Rode Hall (0.06 hectares). There is also a relic orchard at Scholar Green (0.05 hectares).

The orchard at little Moreton Hall includes a medlar tree. The Tudors



A seventeenth-century survey of Rode Hall described 'orchards, gardens and courts within the Greene before ye hall'.

The walled kitchen garden was built in the early 1700s to provide fruit and vegetables for the estate. The Victorian head gardener's cottage is built into the southern wall. There are traces of original chimneys built into the wall supporting espaliered fruit trees, located there in order to maintain an optimum temperature for year-round growth. One of these chimneys has been restored. The garden is still in use today and includes traditional and exotic varieties of vegetables, and fruit bushes, some of which are used to make jams and chutneys for sale in the hall's tearooms.



Rode Hall Nettle Nettle Sluice Home Farm C

gnarled old trunks of fruit and nut trees bursting with blossoms and young leaves in springtime, with wildflowers and insects populating summer's long grass, and foraging wildlife attracted by autumn's fallen fruit.

Traditional Orchards are defined, for priority habitat purposes, as groups of fruit and nut trees planted on vigorous rootstocks at low densities in permanent grassland; and managed in a low intensity way. Cobnut plats are also included.

The minimum size of a Traditional Orchard is defined as five trees with crown edges less than 20m apart. However the potential biological and genetic interest of sites with fewer trees, such as relict orchards and individual trees within gardens, is noted. Where appropriate these should be considered as potential restoration sites. It is recognised that other sites which fall outside the definition, such as organic bush orchards and fruit collections in walled gardens may also have biodiversity value, as well as historic, cultural and genetic importance.

Orchards were once an important part of the Cheshire landscape. The county supported many orchards and



"In the early autumn we loved the misty harvest mornings when the trees, laden with their luscious, ripe fruit gave up their treasure ... the smoky smell of rich autumn earth and the pungent perfume of the ripe fruit will warm my memory forever."

Muriel Berry in Orchards of Cheshire.

produced a wide range of fruit, with each area having its own speciality or distinctive fruit variety. Most older farms, smallholdings and cottages still have remains of orchard trees either in the garden hedgerow or in grassy paddocks set close to the house. In recent times the number and variety of orchards in Cheshire has declined. However, the loss is far greater than fruit growing alone, along with trees have gone traditional crafts, wildlife havens and landscape features.

Further information can be found at:

Together with its members and volunteers, Cheshire Wildlife Trust is committed to enabling wildlife to survive and thrive across Cheshire cheshirewildlifetrust.org.uk

The Cheshire Orchard Project was launched in the early 1990s, reflecting as it does a groundswell of feeling for local distinctiveness. A major landmark was the production in 1995 of a book edited by the Cheshire Federation of Women's Institutes entitled 'Orchards of Cheshire' (ISBN 10 1873727062 and 13 9781873727065), a rich compendium of knowledge and memories, of traditions and customs compiled by a wide range of local people and organisations. The book is an outstanding success story and has fuelled the search for 'lost' local varieties of apples and pears.

The Cheshire Orchard Project is coordinated by the Cheshire Landscape Trust and uses the expertise of TLG Orchards to propagate old Cheshire varieties of apple trees at their specialist nursery near Nantwich, in the heart of rural Cheshire. Thirty-four new orchards have been planted by the Trust since 1994. Cheshire Landscape Trust and TLG Orchards have run workshops, entitled 'Starting Out With Orchards' and 'Pruning for Beginners', to help people learn about fruit trees and orchards. It is hoped these will be repeated annually. To enquire about further workshops, or to ask general advice, please contact Cheshire Landscape Trust on 01244 674193.

Orchard Network Launched in April 2010 the Orchard Network website acts as a signpost to existing national and regional resources, covering a range of topics from national and local Habitat Action Plans, to orchard management and planning issues. Produced on behalf of the Traditional Orchard Habitat Action Plan the site highlights the work of a number of different organisations all working to conserve Traditional Orchards. www.orchardnetwork.org.uk

LOCAL EVENTS



Duck Race 3pm

BBQ Bouncy Castle Face Painting Kids Fancy Dress Ice Cream Kids Disco (5pm-7pm)

Proudly supporting Rode Heath Primary School



Classes including fruit, vegetables, flowers, craft, and preserves, for both adults and children.

EXCITING NEW CLASSES FOR 2019!

Entry forms at Smithy Farm Nurseries and Scholar Green McColl's.

For more information see Scholar Green Village Hall on Facebook or email summer@scholargreen.net

7th SEPTEMBER

Autumn Event Featuring:



Alex Allday Ceramics & Surface Pattern Design



Libby Ward Contemporary Jewellery



Sarah Myatt Fused Glass Suncatchers



Paul Humphreys Papercraft 3 - D Hand Cut Paper Artworks



Whispers of Wood Handmade Wooden Handled and Bladed Cheese knifes and Boards



Semper Hopkins Upholstery and Interiors Custom Made Upholstery And Quirky Furniture





Saturday 28th September 10am - 3pm

You will be able to:

Meet and talk to local artisans

Shop & place orders for unique hand made gifts

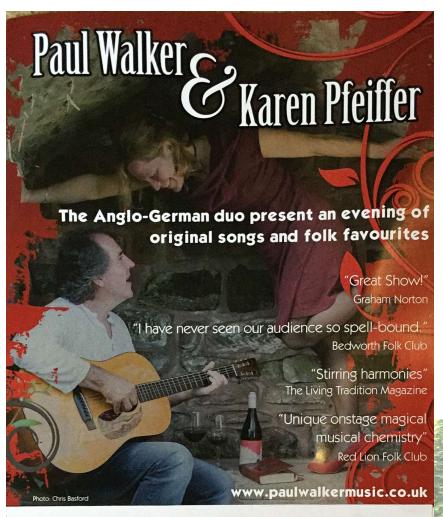
Raffle and Refreshments Proceeds to: Hearing Dogs for Deaf People and the Remembering **Nell Foundation**



Kent Green Methodist Chapel, Cinderhill Lane, Scholar Green, Near Congleton, Cheshire. ST7 3HR 01260 609 021

Please Register your Interest on Facebook facebook.com/shupholstery





Saturday 28th September 2019 - 7.30pm

Rode Heath Village Hall

£8 per person - Bring your own Drinks & Nibbles

For tickets contact: Peter 01270 874281 or Theresa 01270 878820



Every Friday at Scholar Green Village Hall 09.15 – 10.15

Baby and Toddler Group

Parents, Grandparents, Carers, Mums To Be ...all welcome..

£2 per family - drink and biscuits provided

Cuppa Club

After the school run pop in for a chat & a cuppa with friends or to make new ones.

It's warmer than standing outside the school gates!! (Park for the school run at the Village Hall if you wish)

Donation for drink and biscuits.



'Scholar Green Baby and Toddler Group'



Do you own a hedge by a highway?

Please remember to cut it

back to prevent it overgrowing into the path or road.

MOBILE LIBRARY DATES

Weds 28th Aug

Weds 18th Sept

Weds 9th Oct

Weds 30th Oct

Use it or lose it! Search

@CheshireEastMobileLibrary
in Facebook or Messenger

Village/Route	Venue	Times
Mow Cop	The Hollows	9.50 - 10.25
Mount Pleasant	Clare Street	10.35 – 11.10
Mow Cop	Mow Cop Road (near Dales Green)	11.35 – 12.15
Mow Cop	High Street	12.25 - 12.45
Scholar Green	Travellers Rest	2.00 - 2.45
Scholar Green	Drenfell Road	2.55 - 3.20
Hassall Green	Charles Square	3.55 - 4.20



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OR DRINK LESS.

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FREEPHONE 0808 164 320





NEED TO CONTACT THE POLICE?

Phone **101** our **non-emergency number** or, if it is an emergency 999



Matt can be contacted at matthew.steele@cheshire.pnn.police.uk



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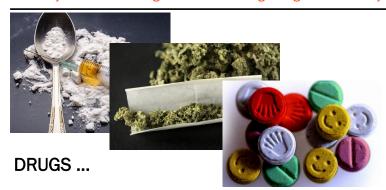


https://www.cheshirepolicealert.co.uk/

Local crime map: https://www.police.uk/cheshire/LP0009/crime/

Cheshire Police Alert is the community messaging system brought to you by Cheshire Constabulary and servicing the whole of Cheshire. By registering with Cheshire Police Alert, you receive news and appeals, local crime information and crime prevention advice - direct to you as an e-mail, mobile text or voice message. Registering with the site is completely free, and not only allows you to receive messages about your local area, but also allows you to feed back information to your local policing teams to help them better police your neighbourhood.

If you would like to give information regarding a crime anonymously, call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.



Effective policing is one of the most powerful tools in dealing with drugs, but enforcement in isolation will not achieve a lasting solution to the problem. There are no easy solutions to the complex drug problem but Cheshire Constabulary is **committed to tackling the problem of drugs** by working with all interested parties, whether they be partner agencies, communities, businesses or voluntary groups.

Our strategy seeks to combine prevention, education, harm minimisation and treatment with our own enforcement responsibilities. Our challenge is to achieve this whilst ensuring that we continue to deliver the high standards of policing that Cheshire deserves.

The Constabulary's approach to drug related issues involves both **strong enforcement** and **active education programmes**. We seek to tackle the supply of drugs through enforcement and work with our partners on the **Drug Action teams** to address demand through a combination of Criminal Justice Interventions and education initiatives.

The Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 categorises drugs under three classes; A, B and C. It is an offence to:

- Possess a controlled substance unlawfully
- Possess a controlled substance with intent to supply it
- Supply or offer to supply a controlled drug (even if it is given away for free)
- Allow a house, flat or office to be used by people taking drugs.

Penalties for possession of drugs range from up to 2 years imprisonment and an unlimited fine for class C drugs, up to 5 years imprisonment and an unlimited fine for class B drugs and up to 7 years imprisonment and an unlimited fine for class A drugs,

Penalties for dealing in drugs range from up to 14 years imprisonment and an unlimited fine for class C drugs, up to 14 years imprisonment and an unlimited fine for class B drugs and up to life imprisonment and an unlimited fine for class A drugs,

Class A drugs Ecstasy, LSD, heroin, cocaine, crack, magic mushrooms, amphetamines (if prepared for injection).

Class B drugs Amphetamines, Cannabis, Methylphenidate (Ritalin), Pholcodine.

Class C drugs Tranquilisers, some painkillers, Gamma hydroxybutyrate (GHB), Ketamine.

ANSWERS TO THE MINI QUIZ: **1** Jack Simcock, who lived most of his life in Primitive Street, Mow Cop. **2** It is 93.5 miles long from Derwent Mouth (junction of Staffordshire & Worcestershire Canal) to Preston Brook (junction of Bridgewater Canal) **3** It is a Woodcock ... this thick-bodied, pigeon-sized bird with a long bill is sometimes called the "snipe of the woods." **4** It was in Hall Green opposite the Bleeding Wolf, on the site now occupied by 106 Congleton Road North.



Check out our website & Facebook page for details & photos of regular events held throughout the week

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COMMUNITY DEFIBRILLATORS

Community Defibrillators are located at:

- Woodcocks' Well School, Church St, Mow Cop (24/7).
- ☐ Church of The Good Shepherd, Sandbach Road, Rode Heath (24/7).
- ☐ Ex-phone box Congleton Road, Scholar Green (24/7).
- Ex-phone box Birch Tree Lane/The Bank junction (24/7).



These units are simple to use & speak to you (they tell you how to use them). No training is needed & they cannot harm anyone but they can ... save a life!

North West Ambulance Service NHS Trust

NHS Blood and Transplant



USEFUL NUMBERS ...

The Silver Line is a confidential, free helpline for older people, open every day and night of the year. It is a simple way to get information, friendship and advice by calling 0800 4 70 80 90 at any time (mobile charges may apply so, if calling from a mobile, call 0300 4 70 80 90). What they do: • offer information, friendship and advice • signpost callers to the many, varied groups and services that exist in their communities • protect and support those who are suffering abuse and neglect

Police non-emergency number: ring 101. It costs just 15p a call from landlines and is for reporting anything that is not urgent. If you ring from a 01782 number you will be put through to Staffordshire Police but, when you tell them where you're phoning from, they will transfer you to Cheshire Police. This is for non emergencies — in an emergency ring 999 or 112.

Problems with pot holes, street lights, etc: please report highways problems on the Cheshire East website www.cheshireeast.gov.uk, click on the "Roadworks & reporting highways faults" button, then on "Report a problem". If you don't have access to the internet you can ring the freephone number 0300 123 5020 with the exact location of the problem, the nature of the problem and your contact details. If you are unable to contact Cheshire East, please give the details to the Parish Clerk and he will ensure the problem is reported. There is also an out of hours emergency phone number: 0300 123 5025

Problems with your bins: if you want to report a lost, stolen or damaged bin, report a missed bin collection or just want to clarify when your next collection is, go on the Cheshire East website above, click on "Bins & Recycling", then choose the relevant tab to click. Alternatively, phone 0300 123 5011.

Bus queries: timetable queries ring Cheshire Traveline on 01244 972666 (open 8am to 8pm daily) calls cost 10p per minutes plus network extras. Alternatively, contact the operator directly. **Rode Runner community transport** booking line 0800 020 9614.

Alsager Voluntary Care volunteer car scheme 07936 543730 (for trips to hospital, the doctors, etc).

Alsager & district foodbank: to help them, or request help, email <u>alsagerfoodbank@aol.com</u> or phone 07743 659906, website is <u>www.alsagerfoodbank.org.uk</u>

Keystone Care: local patient & carer support and bereavement support groups 01270 872157 joyce@keystonesupportcentre.org.uk

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Odd Rode Parish Council serves the communities of Mount Pleasant, Mow Cop (Cheshire part), Rode Heath and Scholar Green.

ODD RODE PARISH Rode Heath Scholar Green Mount Pleasant Ward Ward

The Council meets at 7.30 p.m. Usually on the third Wednesday in every month (except August) at Newfield House (details on notice boards and the website). All meetings are open to the public.

Your Councillors

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www.oddrode.org.uk

Our website contains meeting dates, times & venues as well as agendas, minutes and other information about your council.

Public notices are also placed on the council's notice boards at:

Mount Pleasant - (1) by the shop on Chapel Street.

(2) by the post box at The Bank

Scholar Green - (1) Drenfell Road, opposite the shops.

(2) outside the McColl's shop, School Road.

Rode Heath - (1) Sandbach Road, opposite the Broughton Arms.

(2) corner of Sandbach Road/Heath Avenue, on bus shelter.

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Mount Pleasant Village Hall — phone: Gill 01782 515681 or Marg 01782 518667.

> **Rode Heath** Village Hall — phone: Chris 01782 519694

Rode Heath YPCC — phone:

Clare 0742 872 8268

Scholar Green Village Hall — phone: 01782 784011



Those that fail to pick up after their dog in any public place within Cheshire East borough risk a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) of £100. A failure to pay the FPN may lead to prosecution and a potential maximum fine of £1,000.

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