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Village Pubs

Great news that The Bull at Shocklach has a new owner - not a 'Pub Co' - and that Ashley will continue to run it.



Concern remains about the future of The White Horse in Churton, but it is great to see that local residents are setting up an action group - W.H.A.M. - to try to secure its future as a pub.



Farndon residents remain worried about The

Greyhound, which has been closed for many months.



All three pubs have been registered as Community Assets, so it would be much more difficult for owners to close them permanently.

Grass verges Rookery Road, Tilston, and Quarry Hill,

Farndon, both have grass verges on which residents routinely need to park, and this causes considerable damage.

Some years ago both roads had 'grasscrete' put down on some of the verges (it's a heavy duty plastic mesh) which has worked well. But now there are bad ruts in some places which weren't treated.



Tilston Parish Council are consulting residents about the possibility of extending the 'grasscrete' to other areas of Rookery Road. Paul Roberts has asked Farndon Parish Council if they could look at the problem on Quarry Hill

No. 5 Bus



Stagecoach (the bus operator) have told Farndon Parish Council that they are not getting enough passengers to make the service economic at the current level of subsidy.

With the service due to be reviewed shortly, it is important that we all use the bus as often as possible, to ensure this service isn't at risk

More about Potholes



CWaC received £892,000 of Government funding in March 2018 specifically for pothole repairs. We see very little sign that they are catching up with the massive backlog, so we need to keep up the pressure. Potholes - and other highway problems - can easily be reported on CWaC's website. They respond with a reference number, which you can use to follow up if nothing happens.

Barton Road, Farndon: work on the drain outside 'Coromandel' programmed at last

CWaC Highways have promised **Paul Roberts** that work to sort out the blocked drain is definitely to be done. As we go to press, the notified start date has passed with no sign of any activity, but we are told this is only a hiccup.

Speed Gun

A speed gun has been purchased - using the current Ward Councillor's budget from CWaC - for use in the villages of Farndon Ward.



CWaC will provide training in its use. It can be deployed to gather evidence of people driving at excessive speeds.

Churton Road, Farndon, is one road where residents have expressed particular concern about drivers frequently exceeding the 30mph speed limit.

Each Parish Council is being asked to appoint a lead person to organise the deployment of the speed gun in their area.

Stretton Mill - Community Meeting

It's 668 years since the first written record of Stretton Watermill.



The CWaC Museums team would like to plan for its future in collaboration with the local community. Please join them at Stretton Watermill on 16th March at 2pm followed by further discussion at Carden Arms, Tilston at 3.15 – 4.30.

Tilston Parish Council Grants



Tilston Parish Council has allocated £2000 for grants to local community or voluntary (not-for-profit) organisations and groups based in Tilston.

All applications must be received by Monday 25th February 2019

For more information, and to obtain an application form, please contact the Clerk at 62 West St, Malpas SY14 8QH.

Email:
clerk@tilstonparishcouncil.co.uk
or visit their website:
www.tilstonparishcouncil.co.uk/documents

Dog Fouling

We are getting more and more complaints about dog owners not clearing up after their dogs, and of plastic bags containing dog mess being left hanging on trees and bushes.



It is particularly unpleasant - as well as a serious health hazard - when young children get dog mess smeared over their shoes.

Whilst the vast majority of dog owners do behave responsibly, we would urge everyone to make sure they clear up after their dogs AND to dispose of the plastic bag responsibly.



Whilst it is now more difficult to get CWaC to install additional dog litter bins, please contact your Parish Council - or Paul Roberts - if you think an additional dog litter bin might help

Would you like a Postal Vote?

If you would like to vote by post, rather than going to the polling station, contact Paul Roberts (see below) for a postal voting application form.

Alternatively you can phone Cheshire West and Chester Council on 01244 977084 or email them at elreg@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

The Lib Dem campaign to reopen Beeston Castle and Tarporley Station



is progressing well. Located in Beeston, it lies on the Crewe-Chester rail line and re-opening it would ease congestion on the A51. It would also allow easier access for many residents commuting to or visiting the Midlands and London.

The online petition has reached 1200 signatures and can be found at www.tarporleystationcampaign.co.uk.

The issue of re-opening stations on the Chester to Crewe line has now been included in the consultation process for the Transport for the North (TfN) Strategic Plan and for the new HS2 Hub at Crewe.

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If you have any concerns about what is happening in our area, or a problem that Paul might be able to help with, then please get in touch.



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