



Poynton Update and News, 24th October 2017

Twining Association of Poynton (TAP)

Susan Warrington (TAP committee chair) and Gillian Wilkinson (committee member) visited Érd in September as guests of Érd town council, along with delegations from other towns twinned with Érd. They spent Friday evening with other delegates and renewing contacts from Érd and Szásrégen over dinner. On Saturday morning, the focus was a conference at which representatives from each delegation spoke on European themes, commemorating significant anniversaries and outlining hopes for the EU of the future.

TAP had been asked to talk about 'Brexit' and Susan – making it clear that these were personal views – emphasised that, in the current situation, international links such as the twinning association's activities were all the more valuable and important. Her address was well received and the Hungarian hosts particularly appreciated that she began her talk with a few sentences in Hungarian. The Mayor highlighted his wish to continue links with Poynton after Britain leaves the EU. The afternoon and evening were spent at the Érd street festival culminating in a firework display.

On Sunday, the hosts organised an excursion to the World Heritage Site of Pannonhalma, where they visited the magnificent monastery, which is also a boarding school. They then went to the town of Papa to learn about its interesting history of religious tolerance.

Overall, the visit was a very positive experience. Representatives from Érd and Romania both expressed their wish to renew links with Poynton. TAP will look at a number of possible ideas to progress this! Please contact TAPoynton@outlook.com.

Tree preservation orders, Dickens Lane

Following a request from the town council's planning and environment committee and a resident, a provisional tree preservation order for Sprink Farm, Dickens Lane has been made by Cheshire East Council for three trees and an area of woodland. The town council invites you to write to Cheshire East expressing your support and asking them to confirm the order by emailing trees@cheshireeast.gov.uk

Dementia friendly Poynton

Dementia UK has set up a new free service called Admiral Nurse Helpline for people who are caring for someone with dementia and have concerns or questions. Call or email their admiral nurses on 0800 888 6678 or email helpline@dementiauk.org. More information on <https://www.dementiauk.org/>

Clearing paths of leaves

The village ranger is busy clearing prioritised paths and areas of the Inclines to make them safer. For example, leaves obscure trip hazards and build up into a solid mass which is hard to shift and will become slippery when there is a frost. Not all paths will be cleared, so if you see somewhere that particularly needs attention, please ring 01625 872238 and leave a description of the problem for the operations manager.

Bird estate footpaths

Cheshire East Council started improvements to the footways on the Bird estate last week and the work is estimated to be completed within two weeks, weather permitting.

Highways

Poynton's CEC councillors supported by the Town Council have been increasing the pressure on Cheshire East Council Highways on a variety of issues. Of late there has been some progress and some successes. In order to support their efforts we still need all residents to report faults or issues as soon as they see them, either by telephone on 0300 123 5020 or, preferably, by using the online reporting tools for Street Lighting here <https://www.cheshireeasthighways.org/report-it-street-lighting.aspx> or Highways here <https://www.cheshireeasthighways.org/report-it-general.aspx>. Whenever you report a fault or incident to either CEC or the Police it is really important that you make a note of the date and time you did so, and to also keep a record of the fault report number you are allocated, or the crime/incident number if reporting to the Police. Having this diary of such evidence is crucial to forcing both organisations to deal with their issues.

Poynton library half term events for children

Thurs 26th Oct, 2.30pm to 3.30pm - Monster crafts for school age children, £2.50 per child. Get your ticket in advance from the library.

Fri 27th Oct, 6pm to 6.30pm - Spooky bedtime stories. Come in your pyjamas or fancy dress and enjoy some spooky stories before bed!

Thurs 2nd Nov, 3.30pm to 4.45pm - Lego Club. Free and open to all school age children. Duplo available for younger children.

Crocus Focus, 28th October: working towards a cleaner, greener Poynton

In partnership with Poynton in Bloom, Poynton Home Gardeners Club, Coppice Road Allotments Association, Poynton Pick and Tidy and the Heritage Garden Group, the town council will be bulb planting and carrying out general tidying and litter picking from 10.15am to 12.15pm, followed by refreshments. If you can help, please meet at the civic hall at 10am and dress for the weather, wear stout footwear and bring a trowel! For more information, contact Sharon Duke, communities co-ordinator, on 01625 872238.

A6 to Manchester Airport Relief Road (A6MARR) community exhibition, 31st October

The A6MARR project team are putting on a community exhibition in the civic hall from 3.30pm to 7.30pm. The exhibition will also be in Bramhall, Hazel Grove, Heald Green and Woodford on other days. The exhibitions give you an opportunity to speak to the project team, including representatives from the contractors Carrillion Morgan Sindall (CMS) and Cheshire East, Stockport and Manchester councils. Progress updates, plans of the scheme and visuals showing how the scheme will look when complete will be available.

The A6MARR web-site is here <http://www.semmms.info>.

Weekly updates on traffic management: <http://www.semmms.info/semmms/latest-traffic-management/> Information on works taking place by area:

<http://www.semmms.info/semmms/local-area-updates>

Email: SEMMMS.Relief.Road@stockport.gov.uk. Telephone: 0161 474 2055 (24hr, 7 days a week). Post: SEMMMS Project Team, Stockport Council, Stopford House (Fred Perry), Stockport SK1 3YQ

Poynton charity bonfire and fireworks display, 4th November

This 45th annual event is at Poynton Park/Pool, organised by Poynton Round Table for local charitable causes. Gates open at 5.30pm. There will be two firework displays (7pm junior display and 8pm main display), bonfire, fairground, family viewing area, live bands, licensed

bar, food stalls. Tickets are available from the Kabin and Mates DIY on Park Lane or In Gear bike servicing in School Lane or Poynton and Hazel Grove/ Fiveways primary schools. Details are here: <http://www.poyntonbonfire.co.uk/tickets.html>

Councillor surgery, 5th November

You are invited to meet your local Cheshire East and Poynton Town Councillor, and Police Community Support Officer (PCSO), at the surgery on 5th November: drop-in from 10am to 11am or make an appointment for times between 11am to 12 noon on 01625 872238.

The Centre, 1980s night, 10th November

Remember the 80s? Following on from two very successful 60s/70s nights, The Centre on Park Lane are next moving the clock forwards a decade to another iconic era - the 80s. A night of dancing, nostalgia and in some cases re-unions with long lost friends is to be held at the Centre on 10th November. Tickets are available at £7.50 from Mates DIY and on-line where there is a direct link to the ticketing outlet: <http://www.poyntonlive.uk/> This will be a popular event, so it is advisable to get tickets early to avoid disappointment.

Remembrance Day, Sunday 12th November

This year the Lord-Lieutenant of Cheshire, David Briggs, on behalf of HM The Queen, will be leading the Poynton Remembrance Day parade and laying a wreath at the Cenotaph in St George's Church yard. The Parade will leave the civic centre car park at 9.35am, sharp, and will be followed by the service starting at 10am, and Act of Remembrance, starting at 10.59, at St George's Church. There will also be a service for all ages in the Church Hall at 10am to which all are invited. Wreaths and poppies will be placed on and around the war memorial immediately following the church service and two minutes silence. Everyone is very welcome. Afterwards the British Legion, supported by the WI, is offering refreshments and free food at its Club House on George's Road West.

There will be poppies around the village, organised by the Town Council in partnership with Men in Sheds and the British Legion, and installed by volunteers and Council staff. For further information, contact the Town Clerk, Liz Osborn, 01625 872238 or liz.osborn@poyntontowncouncil.gov.uk.

Men in Sheds Open Day, 18th November

The group invite you to view their workshop, enjoy a complimentary tea, coffee, home-made cake or mulled wine and buy goods designed, handmade and painted by the group members on the premises at The Centre, Park Lane, from 11am to 2pm.

David Rutley MP surgery, 8th December

The next surgery is from 3pm to 4.30pm at the civic hall. This is appointment only by ringing the MP's office on 07850 005282 or email jacqueline.pattison@parliament.uk

A reminder...

Volunteer opportunity: driving

Open Hands Community Transport volunteers drive local elderly residents to medical appointments. Just one trip a week would be a huge help and make an enormous difference to the patient and health service. Many trips are local – doctors, clinics, dentists in Poynton, others are a bit further afield. Trips are booked three to five days in advance so could be scheduled around your other commitments. Expenses are reimbursed. Contact Adelle on 01625 878589 and read more here <http://open-hands.org.uk/>

Volunteer opportunity: Poynton Area Community Partnership (PACP)

Do you have experience of managing finances and would like to be involved with your local community? The PACP are looking for a volunteer to support the funding application

process. PACP is an independent, constituted group that brings a broad range of like-minded volunteers together to understand the needs of local people, and strives to improve their quality of life in various ways. The group is a key player in the Cheshire East Partnership Framework and includes Poynton and the parishes of Adlington, Disley, Mottram St Andrew, Prestbury, Kettlethulme and Pott Shrigley.

The PACP works together to make Poynton and the parishes attractive places to visit, live, work and spend leisure time. It has a vision to make residents and neighbourhoods more connected, to promote a strong sense of place by supporting civic pride projects, and to encourage socialising and health and wellbeing activity.

To assist with this, the Partnership has been given some funding from Cheshire East Council. Voluntary groups and organisations based in Poynton and the above parishes are invited to apply for modest grants to help fund projects whose aims are aligned with the above vision. For further information about helping manage the finances and about the group, please contact Sharon Duke, communities co-ordinator, on 01625 872238.

October 2017		
Sat 28 th	10.15 to 12.15	Crocus Focus. Plant bulbs, tidy up, pick litter. Meet at the civic hall.
Mon 30 th	8pm	Finance and general purposes committee
November 2017		
Sat 4 th	10am to 12 noon	Joint town & CEC councillor and PCSO surgery. Drop-in 10am to 11am. Call 872238 for appointments at 11am, 11.20am, 11.40am
Mon 6 th	7.30pm	Planning and environment committee
Mon 6 th	8pm	Town council meeting
Sun 12 th	9.30am	Parade from the civic hall to St George's church for Remembrance Day services at 10am. 10.59am Wreath laying ceremony at the war memorial. Afterwards at the British Legion.
Mon 13 th	8pm	Facilities, infrastructure and economic development committee
Mon 20 th	8pm	Community, order and public safety committee

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