



Poynton Update and News, 27th November 2017

The Centre's AGM, 28th November

Over the past twelve months or so there has been a great increase in the number of members and these are invited to the Centre's annual general meeting on Tuesday 28th Nov at 7.30pm. This is an opportunity to meet the management team and listen to the annual reports from the various trustees. There will be opportunities to voice opinions and take part in voting where required. The Centre is held in trust for the people of Poynton, so go along and be involved if you are a member. If you are not a member, you can join up for only £1. <http://thecentreinpoynnton.co.uk/>

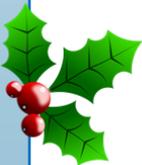
The Poynton Pick & Tidy Group, 2nd December

The group is meeting before Christmas to 'spruce up' Poynton in time for the festive season. Choose between light gardening along Park Lane or litter picking. Bring equipment such as trowels and litter pickers if you have them. Wear stout footwear and bring gloves. Meet at the civic hall at 10am (until 12 noon) on 2nd December. All welcome.



Poynton Christmas Fest 2017, 5th December, 7pm – 9pm

The Fest organising committee and the Town Council would like to thank the businesses listed for their generous contributions towards the cost of this year's Christmas Fest, which takes place on Tuesday evening 5th Dec. Such support is most welcome, and ensures that the Fest will take place with a full programme and the usual range of seasonal festivities: Mates, Green Earth Flowers, Serenity, Zig Zag, Soho Deli, Michael Fox, Acoustic Lounge, Atkins Burgess, Paul Tavernor, The Kabin, Pizza Express, Prickly Pear, Ciao, Tom Yam, The Farmers Arms, Faithful, Angie's Boutique, Lester & Brown, The Cask, Henry D Johnstone. For further information about the Fest please e-mail Susan Warrington: s.warrington@uwclub



Christmas Tree Festival, 5th to 7th December

Poynton Methodist Church is hosting a Christmas Tree Festival as part of Poynton Fest. They hope to have up to 16 trees all decorated on the theme of Christmas Carols by local shops, groups and organisations. It will be open to the public on the night of Poynton Fest from 7- 9pm and then on Wed 6th Dec and Thurs 7th Dec from 10am - 6.30pm.

Spice It Up – Mayor's fund-raising, 6th December, 7pm

Appayon Poynton have kindly offered to host a charity evening to help raise funds for the Mayor's good causes. The cost is £15 per person from which £10 will be for fund-raising. This includes papadums and chutney, special mixed starter, main meal, rice and naan breads. The proceeds will be split between the Living Well and Golden Memories groups. Book tickets direct with Appayon.

Poynton library: Opera Dudes - Swing Song Merrily on high, 8th Dec, 7.30pm

The library team are delighted to host Opera Dudes as part of the Cheshire Rural Touring Arts programme. With their unique blend of style, swing and slapstick humour this will be a funny and original classical double act. Tickets are £8 for adults and £5 for young people up to 17 years old from Poynton library or online at <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/cheshireruraltouringarts>

Twinning Association of Poynton Christmas cards

The cards feature St George's church in the snow. A pack of six cards is £2 and is available from John Jurics on 01625 858313 or juricsj@yahoo.co.uk



Other library events during December

- **Thurs 7th Dec** 3.30 - 4.45pm Lego Club – Free, no need to book.
- **Sat 9th Dec** 11am Children's author, Matt Buckingham, of 'Bright Stanley' fame, will be here for a story and drawing workshop. Most suitable for 4-7 year olds. Free, no need to book.
- **Tues 12th Dec** 2-3pm Adult book group. All welcome to the Christmas session where the group will discuss ghost stories over tea /coffee and mince pies. Just go along.
- **Thurs 14th and 21st Dec** 10.30am Christmas themed rhymetimes.
- **Fri 15th Dec** 6pm Christmas bedtime stories. Come in PJs or Christmas colours or fancy dress to enjoy some festive stories. Free, no need to book. <http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/libraries/>

Hockley Park

Cycle racks and a new picnic bench have been installed at Hockley on new concrete bases. This work concludes what was left from the two year WREN bid process which saw new play equipment installed earlier this year. An area around the picnic bench will remain cordoned off for the next few weeks whilst the grass recovers. We will be looking to replace the multi-play unit in coming years. For more details, contact Phil Cunningham, operations manager, on 01625 872238.

Working towards making Poynton a dementia friendly community



The Poynton Dementia Steering Group, supported by Poynton Area Community Partnership, are currently collating an application to the Alzheimer's Society. This is a formal process, which if successful will recognise Poynton as a dementia friendly community.

The work of the steering group, the 'Mayor on tour' visits to local community groups who support people living with dementia and their carers, Clickety Click knitters and the Police led Herbert Protocol featured in the Oct - Nov edition of Inside Poynton. For information on being part of Poynton becoming dementia friendly, contact Sharon Duke, communities co-ordinator on 01625 872238.

Ending loneliness campaign

Poynton Area Community Partnership is leading a campaign in Poynton and the surrounding parishes, to increase awareness of loneliness, and to inform residents about the many social and voluntary groups in our local area. The group has prepared a booklet "A Guide To Local Interest, Activity and Hobby Groups" which can be found in the December edition of the Poynton Post. Spare copies will be available at Poynton civic hall and library. An electronic copy can be found on Poynton Town Council's webpage. www.poyntontowncouncil.gov.uk

The group recognises that having a hobby and socialising with like-minded people is good for everyone's health and well-being, and the booklet offers information about local social groups that you can get involved with. If you are interested in joining a group but are hesitant about going on your own, then rest assured that all the groups listed have committed to giving newcomers a particularly warm welcome. If you know someone who may be lonely, and you think would like to be involved with a group, please think about encouraging and supporting them to attend.

London Road North flower bed

On 18th November, the council supported volunteers from the Rapid Response Team and Poynton Pick and Tidy group as well as members from the Heritage Garden Group, to relocate approximately fifty plants from the long bed along London Road North to the corner of Burton Drive. The volunteers moved grasses, hydrangeas and other ground covering plants to fill the gaps in the existing planting at Burton Drive, which now looks more balanced. This new planting will improve this key gateway into Poynton, and prevent vehicles using the corner of the bed to cut through to the nearby car park. The group also removed tree stakes and straps from the specimen trees along London Road North. This work has cleared the way for Cheshire East Highways to grass the London Road North bed.



Cheshire Fire Authority

Cheshire Fire Authority has launched their annual consultation of the Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP) 2018/19, which will run until 2nd January 2018. The plan outlines the Fire Authority's proposals to ensure that Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service provides an effective and efficient service to the communities and businesses of Cheshire. For a summary of the plan look here: <http://www.cheshirefire.gov.uk/Assets/1/IRMP-15-Summary.pdf> The full plan can be viewed at <https://www.cheshirefire.gov.uk/news-events/latest-news/have-your-say-on-our-draft-plan-for-201819>



Boundary commission: consultation response

The parliamentary boundary commission for England has recently issued its latest report with revised recommendations. They have listened to the comments from Poynton, including the town council and abandoned plans for a 'Bramhall and Poynton' seat in favour of keeping Poynton in the Macclesfield constituency. <https://www.bce2018.org.uk/>

However, this is not the end of the process – there is a final consultation, ending on 11th December 2017. It is then up to Parliament to agree the new boundaries.

Cheshire East Council pre-budget consultation, 2018-21

The consultation is available [here](#) and in the library with paper copies of the consultation response forms. CEC state: 'This important consultation document provides a summary of proposals on how the council will continue to deal proactively with significant financial challenges and your feedback is welcome...The consultation closes on 12th January, when all responses will be analysed and a report on the consultation... provided to Council in February alongside the Final Budget Report. Comments received after 12th January can still be fed back to Members, as the actual decision on the Budget is not until the Council meeting of 22nd February 2018.'

Information from National Grid

National Grid had to stop work on the refurbishment of the 18km long overhead power line that runs between the substation at Macclesfield and a line junction south of Bredbury. Work on the scheme was due to be completed this autumn but power to the line had to be switched back on following damage to an underground cable in the Stockport area. The work is re-scheduled for completion in 2019. Contact the community relations team on 0800 819 9071 between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday or answerphone at other times.

Be aware of distraction risks

The police are encouraging residents to be careful not to be distracted in a shop, in the street or at your front door by someone asking for directions or for help. Whilst you are distracted someone may remove your purse or bank cards from your bag. Please be vigilant and make any vulnerable friends or relatives aware. Cover your PIN number when making transactions. Know where your cash and cards are and keep them close in a zipped bag or pocket. If you witness anyone acting suspiciously call 101 or 999 if you believe a crime is happening or about to happen.

Mahjong beginner's course

Following the success of the first course, Poynton Mahjong group presents a second beginners course. If you want to learn how to play, have fun and stretch your brain, come and join them. The course starts on Weds 10th Jan 2018 from 2pm - 4pm, then six weekly sessions up to 14th Feb at the civic hall. The cost is £24 for the six weeks. To find out more, contact Linda on 01625 875866 or Carole on 07913 014240.



Poynton in Bloom

Poynton in Bloom was formed in 2005 by residents who wanted to make Poynton look attractive. In association and with funding from the Town Council, this voluntary group have worked hard planting bulbs and seasonal plants. There are planting areas/planters around the Poynton area renewed twice a year in late spring and autumn. These include Fountain Place; the Alms Houses; Chester Road junctions with Burton Drive, Clifford Road, Woodford Road and outside the Post Office; Dickens Lane junction with Copperfield Road; Poynton station; wishing well at Clayton Cottages (Park Lane); Poynton Green; civic hall; the bus stops on Chester Road and Coppice Road; Park Lane and junction with Coppice Road and Middlewood Road; the notice board at Hockley Junction; and grass verges at Coppice Road junction with Waterloo Road and on Chester Road from Woodford Road junction to the boundary with Woodford (outside the oil terminal).

The Town Council expresses its appreciation for the work undertaken by the volunteers that make up Poynton in Bloom. The group has several future projects which will add colour and enhance the village's appearance. It holds a biennial 'Garden Safari' which raises money for local charities and the next one is planned for July 2018. The group welcomes new members and if you would like to know more, please contact chairman Janet Burton via email on poyntoninbloom@talktalk.net

Activities and events at the Civic Hall

November

Weds 29 th	8pm	Management and Establishment committee meeting	
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December

Sat 2 nd	10am - 12 noon	Joint Town Council, Cheshire East Council and Police working together surgery	Drop-in 10am to 11am. Call 872238 for appointments at 11am, 11.20am, 11.40am
Sat 2 nd	10am - 12 noon	Poynton pick & tidy	Light gardening and litter picking. All welcome
Tues 5 th	7pm - 9pm	Christmas Fest, Park Lane, Poynton	Free event
Fri 8 th	1.30 pm – 3.30pm	Cataluña - Spanish cultural event	miagendauno@gmail.com 07931 985810 Tickets £5
Fri 8 th	7.30pm	Opera Dudes, Poynton Library	Adults £8, Children £5
Sun 10 th	7.00pm	Vernon Brass Band concert	Tickets £8 enquiries@poyntonband.co.uk
Mon 11 th	8pm	Finance and General Purposes committee meeting	
Sun 17 th	2pm	Royal British Legion Band. Family Christmas Concert	Adults £7.50 Under 16's Free 01625 876865
Mon 18 th	7.30pm 8.15pm	Planning and Environment committee meeting Town Council meeting	
Tues 19 th	2pm – 3.30pm	Carers Trust4All. Singing together	Helen Smith 0333 3231990 hsmith@carerstrust4all.org.uk
Tues 19 th	7.00pm	Joel Wilding, The Sound of Musicals	Tickets £3.50 01625 872473 www.joelwilding.co.uk
Weds 20 th	1.00pm	Hullabaloo, Male Voices Choir	Free event, just turn up

Liz Osborn, Town Clerk

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