

The Wavertonian

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Chairman’s statement

It’s time to look forward to the summer and in particular our own Waverton Fete! Many of the Parish Council members will be there as usual either running stalls, or as part of the group looking to fund raise for the third phase of the play area and for opportunity to discuss thoughts about the future for Waverton in the second part of our Survey activity this year.

In our last Budget year 20% of our Precept (or income) was used in providing litter picking, tidying and grass cutting in addition to the level of services provided by Cheshire West & Chester Council. You may or may not know that our grass cutting and hedging responsibility is limited to the surrounds of the Village Hall, Queen’s Field, Burley Hall, and grass verges from the Village Hall through to Old Waverton. The remainder is the responsibility of Cheshire West. Several complaints have been received as to the standards achieved and we have added our own complaints as to the service we are receiving to Cheshire West.

This 20% mentioned before is half of the 40% of our Precept which is spent on the essential and statutory duties of a Parish Council such as the costs to run and insure a Parish Council acting as a public body, and maintain many of the village common areas. The

balance of our Income is spent on various projects such as the play area, the increasing effort of road safety campaigning and action, to the many little things we feel important for the community such as; Christmas tree lights and decorations, Remembrance Day, and of course publication of the “Wavertonian” itself. You may wish to talk to us about such things when you meet us at the Fete.

Finally can we ask that you please support the Fete and all fund raising activity in the Village - it’s all intended to keep Waverton a great place to live and a community to enjoy!

Waverton Good Read Award - There will be a meeting of the Waverton Good Read Award on Thursday 27th June at 7.30 at the Burley Hall.

The speaker will be Geoffrey Benson author of “The Case of the Fraudulent Conversion” This will be one of next year’s debut novels. If you haven’t already voted for one of the five short listed books for the 2019 Award this will be your opportunity to vote.

Come along and enjoy a glass of wine whilst the votes are counted and the 16th winner of the WGRA is announced. Cost: £3.00 on the door.

Road Safety

We continue to work closely with Jack Makin our Community Police Support Officer on road safety. He has been using the enforceable speed gun on several occasions in Brownheath Road and Guy Lane. The plan is to continue this with his support at least once a month on the main roads through Waverton.

We are looking at the option to install village gateways, for example as you enter the Village along Guy Lane.

Here is a typical example from another parish council



We would welcome any comments and suggestions from you on these and other ideas that will help to improve road safety in Waverton.

Christleton to Waverton Fun Run, Thursday 4th July, 7.00pm starting at Christleton Primary School

Entry registration process as follows:

- There is an entry limit of 500 runners. The run numbers will be issued on a first come first served basis.
- Numbers will only be available on the night if the entry limit has not been reached beforehand
- Numbers will only be issued on completion of the Fun Run entry form with the correct payment (£5 adults, £2.50 Under 18s)
- All entry forms for Under 18s must have a parental signature completed
- All Under 9s must be accompanied by an adult on the run
- Entry forms will be available to download online from the start of June at <http://www.wavertonparishcouncil.co.uk> and <http://www.christleton.org.uk>. Paper copies will be issued to Christleton and Waverton Primary Schools.

Beer, wine and burgers for sale on Waverton Queen's Field after the Fun Run!

WAVERTON VILLAGE FETE
Saturday, 6th July
Queen's Field, Waverton

Admission this year will again be FREE.

The procession will be led by
City of Chester Band

and

“The Circus comes to Waverton”
is the theme for the day

**Entertainment will be provided throughout the afternoon
by the Conwy Jester**

Why not dress up, join the procession, and make this year's event a memorable occasion? Maybe your road/street/avenue/cul-de-sac could have a theme, join in and make the event even bigger and better!

The Rose Queen Procession will assemble at the top end of Ringway at 12.30pm, moving off at 1 p.m. with the Fete opening at 1.30pm on the Queen's Field.

The organisations in the village are busy working on their stalls and sideshows and there will be a baking competition (full details below and on the Village notice boards).

There will be music, Grand Draw, fairground, children's sports, tombola, beer and wine, afternoon tea, burgers and hot dogs, ice-cream In fact everything that makes for a fantastic English summer event. Come along and share in the fun!

Over the last 6 years in excess of £18,000 has been donated to Village organisations and the development of the play area.



Volunteers are required to help set up stalls etc. on Saturday morning from 8 a.m. and also to help run stalls during the afternoon. Please let Jill Windsor know if you are interested (jill.windsor@btinternet.com).

Many thanks.

CHURCH SERVICE – Waverton Churches together will hold a Service on Sunday, 7th July in the Village Hall at 10.30 a.m. Everyone welcome!



WAVERTON VILLAGE FETE - Saturday, 6th JULY 2019

Why not come along, bring your dog and enter the owner/dog agility competitions.

Lots of “doggy” fun, prizes, medals and treats!

Well behaved dogs on a leash at all times please.

The theme for this year's baking competition is **“Healthy Cakes with a secret Vegetable ingredient”** for both adult and child category.

The entries will be judged in two categories – Primary School age and High School and above.

All entries should be brought to Waverton Village Hall between 10 a.m. and 11.30 a.m. on the day of the Fete, Saturday, 6th July 2019.

Judging will again be undertaken by Walk Mill and unless otherwise requested, cakes will be sold for Fete funds.

Once again it's wonderful to report that the new play areas are being utilised and enjoyed on a regular basis. After all the hard work in raising funds and project managing the play areas the sub-committee team are pleased to see the benefit it is providing to the community. Typically there are 30 or 40 visitors after school in the week days for instance, particularly during the light and warm afternoons.

On a few occasions it has been noted that excessive littering is causing the play area to look unsavoury. I know that many of us will pick up the odd piece of errant litter on our visits to or through the park to help; however, there have been some occasions where the litter dropping is excessive, and equipment soiled, requiring a thorough clean up to rectify. All we can do is ask you to spread the word through your household to help look after and respect the play areas. Thank you!

If you'd like to meet the Play Area subcommittee members and give feedback for ideas as to how to expand the area, then please visit us at the Parish Council stand (blue topped gazebo) at the Village Fete. We're interested in feedback about the play area just built and what we should do next. At the moment we have plans (and funds) to add additional seating but bigger ideas are also being discussed!

We look forward to seeing you at the Fete. Dave Clarke