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St Paul's Church and Cenotaph — Remembrance Day 2019—We will Remember Them

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We Will Remember Them

Little Sutton Royal British Legion arranged the annual Remembrance Day Parade which marches from the British Legion Club to the Cenotaph at St Paul's Church. Our thanks to all of the community who support this event.



Remembrance Day March



Little Sutton C of E Primary School Choir



PALS Volunteers—Cleaning the Village in preparation

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Introduction

The Newsletter is provided jointly by the Village Regeneration Group Chairman, Graham Penness and John Hickey, Cheshire West Localities Officer.

The Group is a closed committee with an independent chairman, four elected ward Councillors, two Council officers and a number of local residents and business proprietors.

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Remembrance Day Parade

There was an excellent turn out by residents and organisations at this year's annual event organised and managed by the Little Sutton Royal British Legion.

Next year's parade will require careful organising as Cheshire Police have notified the British Legion that they will no longer provide parade escort and traffic management of the A41.

Therefore, a traffic management company will need to be employed to ensure the safety of all participants and onlookers. Controlling traffic on the A41 is no easy task and will be very expensive.

Monies cannot be found from existing British Legion funds due to restrictions placed on their charitable status.

We must never forget those who sacrificed their lives for usand we will not.

Discussions will continue to ensure this event continues.

Remembrance Sunday

Little Sutton was looking its best for Remembrance Sunday thanks to the efforts of the community. The Royal British Legion Remembrance Sunday parade set off from the Little Sutton Legion on Sunday 10th November for a service at St. Paul's Church in Hooton, where wreaths were placed at the cenotaph.

At the heart of the preparations was Little Sutton Sapphires WI, whose members created poppy wreaths and crosses in the year leading up to Remembrance Sunday which were displayed around St. Paul's, at the community centre and all along the A41.

Members of the Positive Action for Little Sutton (PALS), a community group set up to encourage community based action to improve the area, undertook a litter pick on Saturday 9th November when the parade route was cleared of any litter.

The Little Sutton Sapphires also hosted a crafting day with PALS, where all sorts of poppies were produced, alongside the popular painted stones that were hidden around the village.



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Little Sutton Methodist Church was also decorated for the occasion with an impressive cascade of poppies across the front of the building.



Local business owner Vicki Fogarty, owner of Devious Designs in Little Sutton, set up the "Pop Up Poppy Paint Project 2019" with a mission of creating 50 permanent or cling film graffiti poppies in readiness for the Armistice Day Parade.



Vicki Fogarty—Pop Up Paint Project 2019

Poppies started appearing in the village from early November, including a permanent poppy at Brookdale Garage in Ledsham Road, a piece of permanent art work at Alfie's Wine Bar & Bistro and a cling film poppy at the Royal British Legion.

Children at Little Sutton C of E Primary School were excited to watch former Little Sutton Primary School pupil Vicki create a Banksy inspired cling film poppy near to their entrance on Berwick Road.

The Little Sutton Primary School choir, dressed in poppy inspired red and black, performed readings and poems at the Remembrance Sunday service at St. Paul's.

Little Sutton Primary School held their own act of remembrance on the school playground on Armistice day, gathering together to hold a minute's silence.

Businesses in Little Sutton also got involved with the preparations for the parade, creating special window displays.

Founder of PALS Stephen Hewitt said: "The village was looking better than ever for Remembrance Sunday and that is thanks to the time and effort of so many people. We had an incredible turnout for the litter pick the day before the parade on a really cold and wet day.

Seeing the crowds line the streets for the Remembrance Sunday parade was fantastic, and I was proud of our community for pulling together to provide a fitting tribute on this important day."

PALS are active in a number of village improvement projects in Little Sutton and Ellesmere Port, including the recent Ellesmere Port in Bloom success. You can find out more about the work of PALS on their Positive Action for Little Sutton Facebook page

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Best Dressed

Christmas Window Display Sponsored by Burleydam



[Burleydam Garden Centre](#) have kindly sponsored us again and a £50 Burleydam Voucher is up for grabs for the Best Dressed Window Display. Judging will take place during the week of 16th December.

To further the spirit of community involvement, so evident with the support received for the Scarecrow Festival, Tour of Britain Cycle Race and more recently the Remembrance Parade. The Regeneration Group are encouraging ALL shops and businesses to participate in this year's Competition.

Over the past 2 years many businesses have taken part, but not all, so please let's have a 100% take up this year and make Xmas in the village one to remember.

**Let us build on last years success
and make Little Sutton Village
Sparkle**

Ticket Office Open Day

A very successful Open Day was held at Little Sutton Railway Station on 5th October with over 100 local residents attending.

It was a great opportunity to view the inside of this Grade 2 listed building built in 1863, and to discuss the proposed plans to bring it back to life as an asset to the local community.

Subsequent analysis of the 130 responses to the consultation exercise revealed overwhelming approval for the proposals with no real practical alternatives being put



forward.

The expected cost to bring this former ticket office back into community use will be approximately £200k.

If the funding from the sale of the old Reading Rooms site could be used, we could apply for match funding from Heritable Trusts and other sources.

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Reading Rooms

Just to recap, this 1904 building set back on Station Road is owned by the Council. It is now beyond any hope of repair /restoration.

The Charity Commissioners have given outline approval for the demolition of the building and the sale of the site provided all monies received from such sale are put back into the village for the overall benefit of its residents.

We have requested that the Regeneration Group be accountable and responsible for recommending how such proceeds are spent.

Community Notice Board

Local organisations are asked to email any posters they wish to have displayed to Regeneration Group member, Steve Hewitt at: adeleandstehewitt@hotmail.co.uk



ELLESMERE PORT GOLF CLUB

Celebrate Christmas

WITH YOUR WORK
COLLEAGUES, FAMILY OR
FRIENDS

TURKEY DINNER WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS

MINCE PIE & BRANDY SAUCE

£7.95 per person

Booking is essential, (0151 3390755 / events@ellesmereportgolfclub.co.uk)
available from 15th November onwards, 7 days a week

No minimum or maximum numbers of guests

Chester Road, Little Sutton, Cheshire, CH66 1QF

Welcome to the Village



Elan Hair & Beauty
363B Chester Road, CH66 3RB
Phone: 0151 200 0575

Little Sutton Library

Regular Activities at Little Sutton Library

Monday

Baby and toddler rhyme time 10.30am to 11
term time

Knit and natter group 2 to 4pm

Tuesday

Scrabble club 2pm to 4pm

Friday

Little Sutton Ladies Reading Group 2 to 3pm
first of each month

Literary Lounge Reading Group 5.30 to 6.30

Saturday

Children's board games 10am to noon

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Highway Disruption Brings Improvements to Village

Phase One Improvement Works have been completed at the Wetherby Way junction.

The new style of pedestrian crossings has caused some understandable safety concerns for visually impaired people and parents with young children.

Highways have informed us that this is the current National method of pedestrian crossing design, aimed at removing clutter and being more safety conscious than before, relying on reduced traffic speed when approaching.

However, this particular crossing point is on a 40 mph stretch of the A41.

Local Councillors are actively challenging these assertions with the Council's Highways Engineers, with a view to having railings added in the centre island on the A41.

Phase Two has started on the Station Road/ Chester Road Junction with a variety of improvements being added such as new crossing designs etc., and removal of the tight turn into Red Lion Lane.

Work should now be completed by December 5th, although final surface tarmacking will not take place until the Spring due to the cold weather.

Phase Three Work is now expected to start on the Ledsham Road Junction and the

central part of the village in January 2020, with completion in April.

This will include the removal of the dedicated, left turn filter lane from the A41 into Ledsham Road. In addition there will be changes to the crossing points, a newly designed, pedestrian controlled, crossing and the long awaited addition of 15 on-street parking bays.

All works are subject to delays but we will try to keep you updated as work is progressed.

Little Sutton Methodist Church



The community is invited to join us at the "Light switch On" at Little Sutton Methodist Church on Friday 29th November. The Christmas Tree and architectural lighting will be switched on following the carol singing that starts at 6pm.

Refreshments will be available in the church hall following the Switch On.

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STOP PRESS—REDROW

After several months patiently waiting for a response to our request for additional funding in advance of the next instalment of S106 money due in line with the agreement reached between the Council and Redrow.

We are very pleased to have received confirmation that as part of their ongoing commitment to the local community, they have agreed to make an early payment of £30k.

This will allow for further improvements to the village centre for the benefit of both new and existing residents.

The Group is, of course, very pleased with this outcome.

Daffodil Bulb Planting

Your local Councillors have used some of their respective budgets to purchase several thousand daffodil bulbs. Over the last few days PALS, local residents and volunteers have planted up several grassed areas including:

- Both sides of Wetherby Way/A41 junction
- The grass verge in front of Halfords
- Between the trees on Ledsham Road opposite the Travellers Rest
- The verge opposite Ledsham Road car park entrance.
- The grass at the entrance to the community centre
- Between the trees on the verge in front of Station Green on Station Road
- Station Road verges opposite, and to the side of Tesco

Little Sutton Councillors

Residents are reminded that all 6 Cllrs who represent various parts of the village can, and should, be approached with any questions / queriessee below

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FINALLY

On behalf of the whole Regeneration Group
may we wish you all a very Happy Christmas
and a Prosperous and Healthy New Year

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LIGHT UP LITTLE SUTTON

FRIDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 2019

At 6.00p.m.

LITTLE SUTTON METHODIST CHURCH

**Come and join us as
we sing some
Carols and light up
the Christmas tree
and community
buildings in
Little Sutton**

**Refreshments
to follow in the
church hall**

