

Poynton Update and News, August 2023

Free events for Heritage Open Days

Poynton's first town-wide local history event is nearly here!

There's tours, talks, coffee mornings, a Poynton quiz, children's craft, an exhibition created with the people of Poynton and the Anson Engine Museum is opening up for free!

For the full programme of events and further information, visit www.heritageopendays.org.uk and search 'Poynton'.

An overview of events can also be found on the poster at the end of this month's PUN.

Menopause Matters

This free event has been put together by Bollington, Disley and Poynton's Care Community and offers presentations about menopause symptoms, holistic therapies, menopause management and HRT. There's also an opportunity to speak to Middlewood Partnership's Social Prescribers. Come along to Poynton Civic Hall on Wednesday 13th September, 6.30pm – 8pm.

If you are interested in finding out more, Dr Ellison-Smith from Middlewood Partnership will be giving a specific talk at the event on the menopause for patients who are considering HRT. Places for this talk are limited on a first come first served basis. Please book a place via the following email cmicb-cheshire.middlewood.events@nhs.net

FREE Mental Health First Aid Training for parents and carers in Poynton.

Just Drop-In are a small charity, based in Macclesfield and provide a range of early-help services for children and young people (and their families) who are struggling with their emotional wellbeing. Just Drop-In already provide much needed counselling services for young people at Poynton Civic Hall on Thursday's, which is supported by Poynton Town Council.

Cllr Hayley Whitaker Poynton Town Council's Deputy Mayor, as part of fund raising for her Poynton Youth Mental Health Fund during her term as Mayor, is pleased to have worked with Just Drop-In and Poynton Town Council to provide a Mental Health First Aid course for parents and carers of young people aged 11 – 18, from Poynton. The sessions are led by a qualified MHFA trainer from Just Drop-In over two Saturday sessions on the 16th and 23rd September, 9am – 5pm at Poynton Civic Hall.

To enquire about booking a place, email; parenting@justdropin.co.uk

Let's Get F.I.T! – Move More, Feel Better!

The F.I.T. programme is a physiotherapist-led strength and balance class for seniors to help prevent falls and boost confidence with daily movement. All sessions are led by a trained professional and you can start at any level. It's a great way to meet people too! A new class starts on Friday 1st September at Poynton Civic Hall, 4.30pm – 5.30pm.

For more information call 07804306742 or email bookings@core-fundamentals.com

Join the indoor bowling club!

Park Lane indoor bowling club are looking for new members. They play on a Sunday afternoon at the civic hall if you are interested in joining please contact Andy on tel 07309734484 or email housleyandrew23@gmail.com



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Dance classes with Strictly legends

Join Darren Bennett & Lilia Kopylova, Stars & Winner of 'Strictly Come Dancing' for Ballroom & Latin dance classes in a fun, relaxed, social dance setting. Dance classes for beginners and improvers will be held at Poynton Civic Centre from September 2023. You can come along as a couple or solo and learn to dance like the stars!

They will be running in 2 x 6-week courses until Christmas. **20th, 27th September, 4th, 11th,18th and 25th October then 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th November, 6th and 13th December**. Classes will recommence in the New year.

6pm - Kids/Teens – A mix of Ballroom, Latin & Salsa. Dance classes are a great way to help children with musicality, co-ordination, interaction and learning whilst having fun. £45 for the 6-week course or £8 pay as you go per class. (Priority will be given to package bookings)

7pm – Adult Beginners – This class will be aimed at beginners who would like to learn the basics of Ballroom & Latin dancing. Theywill be teaching popular dances like the Cha Cha Cha, Waltz, Jive and Tango. £50 for the 6-week course or £10 pay as you go per class. (Priority will be given to package bookings)

8pm – Adult Improvers – If you have a little experience in Ballroom and Latin dancing this class is for you! They will focus more on technique and show you how to get the most out of your dancing. £50 for the 6-week course or £10 pay as you go per class. (Priority will be given to package bookings)

Sign-up is now open! Dance classes are inclusive and open to all.

Please email info@darrenandliliadancestudio.com for more information or message on 07548764137.

Are you looking for a venue to run a weekly class or group?

Our newly refurbished Council Chamber has two new, recurring day time slots available from September.

It is perfect for toddler groups, yoga, exercise classes, or interest groups to name a few and can hold around 40-50 people depending on the lay out.

Tuesday mornings any time between 9am - 12 noon

Friday mornings any time between 9am - 1 pm

Email kate.mcdowell@poyntontowncouncil.gov.uk for further details.

(Other dates and rooms are available for one off or recurring bookings too.)

August–September 2023			
Sat 2nd September	Councillors' surgery	10am – 12pm, Civic Hall	
Mon 4th September	Planning and Environment meeting	8pm, Civic Hall	
Sat 9th September	Heritage Open Days events begin. Crafts, talks, tours, exhibition.	Civic Hall, various times. See www.heritageopendays.org.uk	
Mon11th September	Facilities, Infrastructure and Development meeting	8pm, Civic Hall	
Sat 16th September	Mayor's quiz night	7:30pm for an 8:30pm start, Poynton Legion	
Mon 18th September	Town Council meeting	8pm, Civic Hall	
Mon 25th September	Planning and Environment meeting	8pm, Civic Hall	
Wednesdays	Free youth football sessions	6pm—7pm, Barnaby Park	
Fridays	Dance sessions for ages 8-15	6:30pm—7:30pm, Civic Hall	

A message from Friends of Poynton Pool

Friends of Poynton Pool have identified a major critical error in Jacob's reports on Poynton Pool.

This error has resulted in the Council, Poynton Town Council, and the public being misled into believing that the risk is unacceptable when it is clearly demonstrated in our open letter that it is within tolerable limits. Going forward, any consideration of mitigating the risk from the release of Poynton Pool should be on the basis that it is already within tolerable limits and on balance of the costs and benefits of intervention any risk mitigation measures must be proportionate to the projected reduction in risk. It is Friends of Poynton Pool's position that when considering this balance, the Council must account for all the negative impacts. It is simply not enough to say that the risk must be reduced at any cost.

We understand Jacobs are currently redrafting their reports, correcting the errors and any inferences dependent upon them. However, with no acknowledgment yet of their significance from CEC we must be prepared for the worst and need your urgent help.

There are two major areas where we need your help. Firstly, we need to raise money for professional legal support and secondly if you have signed our online petition, we also need you to sign our latest paper petition.

Why is this urgent?

Cheshire East Council will imminently be applying for planning permission to undertake spillway works (structures that either form part of a dam or are found just beside one) at Poynton Pool. If plans are approved up to 81 trees will be at risk of removal before the end of 2023. The cost of the work is £1.38 million, PLUS the loss of trees, which has been valued at a further £3 to £5 million.

There will be a 3-week planning consultation period where the public will be able to submit objections. If these plans are approved, then there will be just a few weeks, if there are grounds, for Friends of Poynton Pool to lodge an application for a judicial review to challenge the decision. This means the trees could be gone before Christmas!!

What can you do to help?

Donate to raise money for professional legal support

We are currently crowdfunding and will need a minimum of £5,000 to proceed with a judicial review, if we don't reach £5,000, we can't legally challenge the proposal. Please donate as little or as much as possible on our Just Giving page, or by a direct bank transfer to Account number: 72828068, Sort code: 30 99 50 Business Account Name: Friends of Poynton Pool. More details can be found at Preserve Poynton Pool - Friends of Poynton Pool.

Sign our paper petition

This will be presented to Cheshire East when we have 5,000 signatures and will enforce the Council to fully debate the works and take account of further information provided by Friends of Poynton Pool. This is separate to the online petition as Cheshire East Council will only count signatures from their residents who are eligible to vote. We are collecting signatures door-to-door and at the following locations:

Acoustic Lounge	Poynton Civic Hall Reception	Pilates
Café Azul	Stratagem Finance	Yew Tree Lane
Ethical Ice Cream Company	Queensway	Poynton Leisure Centre Reception
Fire & Ice Café	Beijing Restaurant	George's Road West
Mates DIY Centre	London Road North	Poynton Legion Club
Poynton Baptist Church/Clay	Bulls Head	
Coffee House	Fountain Place	
The Greener Grocer	ABLE 2 Physiotherapy &	

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Saturday 9th September:

• Make a card and string Victorian illusion, 11:30am—1:30pm, Poynton Civic Hall

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- Exhibition: A Diary of Poynton, with Poynton Local History Society and Poynton Heritage Garden Group: 9:30am—4pm, Poynton Civic Hall
- Poynton walking tour: 11, 11:30, 2, 2:30 (pre-book only)

Monday 11th September:

- Poynton quiz and history morning: 10am—12pm, Poynton Library
- Exhibition: A Diary of Poynton, with Poynton Local History Society and Poynton Heritage Garden Group: 9:30am—4pm, Poynton Civic Hall

Tuesday 12th September:

An introduction to the history of Lyme: 5:30pm—7pm, Poynton Library (pre-book only)

Friday 15th September:

• The Anson Engine Museum open day: 10am—4pm

Saturday 16th September:

- The Anson Engine Museum open day: 10am—4pm
- Collieries and Canals walking tour: 10:30am, The Anson Engine Museum, (prebook only)
- St George's Church Open Day: 10am—3pm For queries, visit www.heritageopendays.org.uk or call Poynton Town Council on 01625 872238

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