

TATTENHALL HANDLEY & BURWARDSLEY PARISH NEWS

May 2021



Welly Walk Update

For those who are planting up wellies for our
Welly Walk in July and August



Walker Nurseries, Huntington will be providing the welly plants to the Parish Council for collection by the welly gardeners. We will let you know the date and there will be a huge choice of plants that will include
.....ageratum, alyssum, begonias, geraniums, busy lizzies, lobelia, bacopa fuchsia, nepeta, petunia and several other varieties. For those who would prefer to grow vegetables there will be a range of cabbage, dwarf beans, peppers, strawberries and some herbs. Plants are free to those who have registered with the Parish Council to take part in the Welly Walk.

(if you still haven't registered email: tattenhallpc@outlook.com)

3 plants per welly will be available to collect from a central place. Rather than choose in advance you will be able to make your selection from the above range on the day. A small bag of compost will be provided too but please bring your own container. Exact details of collection times and dates will be announced later in the month. Check in with Facebook and Tattenhall Online for exact date!

If you have chosen to decorate a cut out wooden welly they will also be available on the plant collection date. Your welly should be decorated/ planted up in May ready for display in July. Walkers Nursery has generously offered vouchers for 20% discount both online and at their Nursery and these will be available on the date of collection. The PC are also producing a planting guide for anyone who would like some basic advice.
Good Luck to all welly gardeners and painters !!



Nature Notes

"April showers bring forth May flowers" and this is indeed the month to enjoy a rainbow of British wildflowers in hedgerows and woodlands. Bluebells maybe passing their peak but there is plenty of colour to be seen in red campions, purple loosestrife, yellow creeping Jenny and red field poppies.

One of the loveliest things about May is watching the birds busying around with nesting material and then zipping back and forth with food for their demanding loud mouthed youngsters. Swallows and martins will be flying high

swooping to catch flies and winged insects. It is phenomenal to think these agile flying darts have decided to nest in

leafy Cheshire having overwintered in the Sahara or Nile Delta.

If you want to encourage birds, bees, butterflies and other pollinators into your garden you may want to take part in The National Trust challenge of NO MOW

MAY. The National Trust is encouraging us all to leave our lawn mowers in the shed for May and let nature do her best. At the end of the month count the flowers in the lawn and take part in the Every Flower Counts survey to receive your personal Nectar Score. (Check out The National Trust website for more details)





Services at St Alban's

St Alban's will be resuming services as follows

Wednesdays 10am - Holy Communion

Sundays 10:30am - Holy Communion

Family Service (including Sunday School activity)

on 1st of the month will still be held but without breakfast until restrictions are lifted

8am Services will recommence once restrictions are lifted

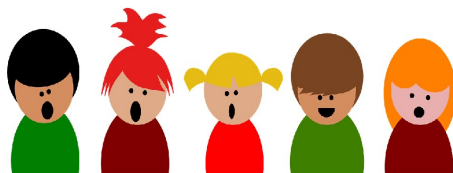
Family Songs of Praise



Come and join us on the first Sunday of the Month at 10:30am

We are inviting the children to attend a Sunday School story and craft activity

(breakfast will resume when restrictions allow)



Sport & Leisure Tattenhall is now up and running again - both outdoor and indoor!

Some Covid restrictions

are still in place for particular sports; nevertheless it has been wonderful to see pitches and courts busy and back in action with training, social play and matches.

This season there has been a drive to increase junior activity and opportunities.

Thanks to generous sponsorship from Thom Morton and Spar, juniors can now get club-wide annual membership for just £20, for Under-12s, and £40, for 12-17 year-olds. This means all year round they can participate in some physical activity or other at the club, have access to junior coaching programmes (additional fees may be applicable), and try out new sports, whether cricket, tennis, squash, racketball or football!

This season alone sees the introduction of three new junior programmes, all for boys and girls:

- the ECB's All Stars (5 – 8 year-olds) and Dynamos (8 – 11 year-olds) junior cricket development programmes, in conjunction with the Cheshire Cricket Board and Swayne-Johnson Solicitors, running for 8 weeks from 17 May,
- LTA junior tennis coaching programmes, April to July, including the new LTA Youth Start programme introducing primary aged children to tennis, and
- Junior Football coaching courses for primary-aged children, starting Thursday, 6 May, for 7 weeks.

Details of all these courses, together with further junior coaching opportunities and membership, can be found on our new website at <https://www.sporttattenhall.co.uk>

TATTENHALL and DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL



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Chairman: Iain Keeping

At the April meeting the issue of increasing amounts of litter was raised. A resident who regularly picks up litter around the village suggested that the Council should employ a part time litter picker as well as creating a working group from the Parish Council, Youth Council, Tattenhall Wildlife Group and other interested parties. These issues will be discussed at the May meeting.

A resident reported that there was a continuous flow of water on the car park at Old Mill Place and this was also flowing into the electricity substation which was highly dangerous. He also stated that water was flowing into his cellar and was being pumped out at about 240 litres per hour. The water is believed to be from the bore hole originally owned by Calypso and now owned by Refresco. He asked the Parish Council to help resolve this issue and that this was urgent as the current situation is not sustainable.

It was agreed that the Council would contact Cheshire West & Chester Council (CW&C) to request a meeting with CW&C, Refresco, the Bolesworth Estate, the Barbour Institute, the Environment Agency, local residents and the Parish Councillors on the Flood Response Working Group. The Barbour Institute also reported increasing water levels which require to be constantly pumped out from the cellar.

Under Planning issues, the application at Gifford Lea for a new maintenance store, movement of parking provision and re-siting of the pavilion and village green was discussed. The Council supported the application provided satisfactory resolution to the issues of

drainage/flooding, surface water run-off, enhancing biodiversity (as required under the Tattenhall and District Local Plan), and giving access to all Parish residents to the green open spaces created or providing such access elsewhere in the village.

It was agreed that the Council appoint Tier Consult to investigate and provide a report on the holes which have appeared at the front of the memorial next to the Barbour Institute.

Possible locations for a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) were discussed. These included the Tattenhall Centre, The Park Primary School, and the Flacca Sports Club. Costings would now be obtained.

The Spinney Project is progressing and payment was approved for CW&C Total Environment team to manage and implement the project.

The Clerk reported that she had contacted neighbouring Parish Councils along the canal towpath from Newton by Tattenhall to Chester to ask for their views on the development of a cycle route. The Canal & River Trust and the Sustainable Transport Task Force have also been contacted.

All residents are welcome to attend Parish Council meetings and can raise any issue in the 15 minute Public Participation section at the start of the meeting. Meetings are held on the first Monday of the month at 7.30pm. Meetings are currently held via Zoom and if you wish to join the meeting, whether to make comments or just to listen, then please contact the Clerk for details.

Councillor Andy Scarratt



Christian Aid Week 10-16th May 2021

Christian Aid Week began in 1957, with the aim to encourage public awareness; this led to the Charity adopting the name Christian Aid in 1964. Its aim in the 1960s was to make people aware of the threat of hunger and the possibility of famine. This year Christian Aid Week will focus on the plight of drought which numerous countries around the world face. It recognises that droughts have become more intense and more common because of the changing climate. The impact on the world population is great, as it means that millions of people around the world struggle to get the food and water that they need.

Because of the continuing Coronavirus pandemic Christian Aid Week this year will be taking place virtually.

Christian Aid and partners already have experience of limiting the spread of infection during the Ebola crisis, and are building on this experience to continue to stand together with communities living in poverty during this period. If infection rates start to develop as they are in Europe, then people in poorer countries will be hit even harder. Many are already

living with reduced health resilience because of extreme poverty, or in overcrowded humanitarian camps and in countries which do not have the healthcare infrastructures needed to combat widespread disease. Christian Aid will be working on the ground to help prepare communities to limit the impact of Covid-19.

With this Parish News there is a NO COLLECT ENVELOPE; if you wish to donate using this please return the envelope with your donation to **49, Greenlands, Tattenhall**, or it can be left in church which will be open for services - Sundays for the 8am and 10.30am services, also Wednesday 10am. Alternatively you can give online – **visit www.christianaid.org.uk**

Please pray for this vital work, and support where you can.



PARISH NEWS DEADLINES 2021

Please remember that if you miss the deadline your item may not be published.

Deadlines for 2021 are:

14th May; 11th June; 9th July; 13th August; 10th September; 15th October; 12th November; 10th December

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St Alban's Fete

Saturday 3rd July

Ice - cream

12:30pm Rector's Garden



Cakes and Jams



Plants



Raffle



Beer Tent

Tombola

and much, much more!



Barrow of
Booze



Afternoon
Tea

BBQ



VACCINE VOLUNTEERING

In late Autumn last year, the Prime Minister put out a plea for retired Medical Practitioners to re-register with their Professional Bodies in order to help vaccinate the adult population of the UK.

As a retired nurse, this was an opportunity to volunteer to do something to make a difference. Little did I know what was involved before being accepted as a volunteer vaccinator.

The Co-ordinator of the Cheshire Covid 19 Vaccination Programme contacted me and having completed complete various forms I was given access to the NHS E learning site. Numerous modules included in-depth Covid 19 virus physiology, vaccine information and mandatory skills, such as life support and anaphylaxis treatment, had to be completed. This intense learning was overwhelming at first after having several years break from studying.

After various checks on identification, re-registering with my Professional Body, a

D.B.S certificate, plus a Hepatitis b booster vaccination in early February I was asked to join the Rural Alliance Covid Team based at Cheshire View in Christleton.

I was mentored by the Clinical Lead for the first few patients, bearing in mind I had not given an injection for at least 5 years. After the second vaccination I had got my confidence back, quicker than I thought I would.

Throughout that first morning, the flow of patients, with their carers and relatives, was steady. The elderly patients were keen to chat and everyone was so grateful to receive their vaccine and there was a sense of relief from all who attended.

Over the last few weeks, it has been a privilege to be part of such a dedicated team at Cheshire View and to meet up with friends, neighbours and strangers who appreciated the time and care given by the Rural Alliance Covid 19 Team.

Father Lameck

Loss Café

Before lockdown, Tattenhall Church established the **LOSS CAFÉ**.

This was a unique space in the Community Room (The Vault) where we offered people from all walks of life the opportunity to meet and speak openly about their respective experiences on loss topics be it death of a loved one, a pet, job, friendship or marriage.

Any form of loss is a subject many people find uncomfortable to speak about initially but once they have a safe opportunity to explore feelings freely it can be helpful in processing emotions. These meetings provide a warm and welcoming atmosphere for those who want to discuss issues of this nature in a relaxed setting, usually over tea and cake.

There are also times when we invite professional speakers and therapists who are experienced in such topics.

It is now our vision that after such a long period in lockdown and the aftermath left by Covid-19, the church is now going to resume Loss Café.

The first meeting will be **on Friday the 25th June from 10am to 11.30pm.**

We have been inundated with calls from people wanting to come and share their respective experiences during lockdown. This is the perfect opportunity for you to come and meet others with similar experiences.

Please note that this meeting is not a religious group but everyone from our community and nearby villages are welcome.

All necessary Covid-19 measures of social distancing will be put in place during meetings.



The Loss Café

Are you struggling with grief caused by the loss of a loved one or pet?

Has the lockdown separated you from those close to your heart?
Has the lockdown brought a sense of loss and stress?

Don't be Alone!

Come along to the Loss Café where you can get a cup of tea and cake in a friendly environment while talking, listening or sharing your journey with like-minded people.

We offer all kinds of advice/positive solutions/counselling/advice
On hobbies/home visits/quarterly guest speakers.

ALL ARE WELCOME

THIS IS COMMUNITY LED AND NOT A RELIGIOUS GROUP
OUR NEXT MEETING IS ON FRIDAY 25th June

Venue: you can find us at the rear of St Albans Church
in the Community Hall (The Vault)

When: Last Friday of each month 10am – 11:30am
Contact: Mob 07903 951541or 01829 770245



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

The Churches of Tattenhall, Handley and Burwardsley Churches without Walls

Rector: Rev. Canon Lameck Mutete, The Rectory, Tattenhall 770245

Churchwardens Tattenhall

George Richards

770482

Ruth Morgan

Handley

Alex Park 771556

Christine Walley 771976

Burwardsley

Jean Dutton 770379

Barbara Sculthorpe 770418

Diocesan and Deanery News

Thy Kingdom Come 2021

"Thy Kingdom Come" is a line from the prayer which Jesus taught his followers. The Church of England every year reflects on this passage on the parable of the lost coin in Luke 15. This year, from Ascension to Pentecost (13th to 23rd May), we are urged to pray for five people we know, that they might come to know the love of God through faith in Jesus. Every single day, millions of people around the world say this prayer, 'Thy Kingdom Come'. After this year of disruption we will be praying particularly for those who have newly connected with the church, perhaps through online services, and for those who become distanced, that they might find a way back to the family of the church.

Deanery Chapter

A meeting will be held at the end of June (if the situation permits) at Malpas Church at the end of June.

The Rural Dean is retiring

The Revd Canon Ian Davenport will be retiring at the end of April, which means that his tenure as Rural Dean of Malpas Deanery will also come to an end. We are very grateful to Ian for the wise and capable way he has led the Deanery over the past few years.

Three Churches Together



The 3 Churches Working Together- 27th June- St Albans Festival Service

Our next 'Three Churches Together' service will be celebrated at Tattenhall Church. It will be the celebration of St Alban the Martyr. All our parishioners from Handley and Burwardsley are invited to attend.

ST ALBAN'S CHURCH, TATTENHALL

Parochial Annual Parish Meeting- 30th April 2021

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (which elects the Churchwardens) and the Annual Parish Meeting (which elects the P.C.C. and hears reports from all church organisations e.t.c.) are open to all parishioners, but only those on the Electoral Roll are allowed to vote. All parishioners are invited to attend, and if you would like your name added, please contact the Parish Secretary; Cathy Kitchen or the Churchwardens.



Holy Week and Easter Services

The principal services went on well throughout the period of Holy Week and Easter, and we are most grateful to those all those who contributed to the services. Good Friday saw the return to our normal services in church. A total of 27 attended on Good Friday and 47 on Easter Sunday.

A special thanks to our Churchwardens, members of P.C.C., flower ladies and the Reynolds family whose arrangements of the spring flowers gave St Alban's a spiritual atmosphere.

Services

With effect from Easter Sunday the 10.30am service will resume (8am service from June). There will also be a Communion Service on Wednesdays at 10am.

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| Sundays | 10.30am | Common Worship Communion Service |
| May 2nd | 10.30am | Family Service with Sunday School |
| Wednesdays | 10am | Communion |

Church Calendar

Ascension Day-Thursday 13th May

This is an important day in the church year. The Holy Communion will be celebrated at 7.30pm in the Lady Chapel.

Wednesday 26th May is the feast of Augustine, the first Archbishop of Canterbury.

Sunday 20th May is Whitsunday.

This is an important day in the calendar and one which, since the abandonment in this country of the Bank Holiday which was once attached to it, has lost its public prominence. All who worship at St Alban's are urged to worship on this day, if at all possible.

Sunday 30th May is Trinity Sunday.

Officially called "The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity," this is one of the few celebrations of the Christian Year that commemorates a reality and doctrine rather than a person or event. On Trinity Sunday, Christians remember and honour the eternal God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Trinity Sunday is celebrated the Sunday after Pentecost, and lasts only one day, which is symbolic of the unity of the Trinity.

From The Registers

Obituaries

David Hall



David Hall, of Great Boughton, formerly of Tattenhall, passed away peacefully at his home on 21st March 2021.

A much loved husband to Ann, a dear father to Richard, Ashley and Amy, and a loving brother to Rachel. David was a member of St Alban's Church in Tattenhall where he served as a sides man for many years. May his soul rest in peace eternally.

Jean Beaty

10th January 1932 – 24th March 2021



Jean was born in Bowdon, Cheshire where she and her sister Barbara attended Culcheth Hall School for girls. She excelled in sport and won many cups. She was also a wonderful dancer but her father advised against it as a career so it became an amateur interest where she participated in many productions whilst working as a PA. Her great love of animals started at a very young age in a home filled with dogs, cats and horses.

Jean married Kenyon in 1954 and they settled in Sale where they had 3 children, who provided her with 5 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. She gave up her work to care for her family, whilst Ken was often travelling abroad with his job. Her love of English and creativity enabled her to teach literacy to adults for many years and to write much poetry. She also played the piano to a high standard and continued playing throughout her later years.

Jean moved with her son David to Wilmslow in 2001 and then to Tattenhall in 2013 to be close to her daughter. She enjoyed village life and became a member of St Albans Church where she regularly attended. She will be remembered for her caring and compassionate nature, always putting others first, and also for her wonderful sense of humour.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, HANDLEY

Please note that we will be celebrating our 'Three Churches Together' at Tattenhall on Sunday the 27th June at 10am

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ST JOHN'S CHURCH, BURWARDSLEY

The first service was held on Easter Sunday and we would like to thank our Treasurer; Jean, Debbie and all those who looked after the church during the lockdown and beyond.



St. John's contd.

As we look ahead, we resume our two Sunday Services per month.

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| 2 nd Sunday | 4.30pm | Songs of Praise |
| 4 th Sunday | 9.15 am | Communion Service. |

Services

St John's Burwardsley is one of the few churches in Diocese that remains open during the day. This is a special privilege to all our parishioners and visitors to our tourist's attraction sites in the parish. Every month we have two services as advertised in the Parish Magazine. We invite you to come to any of the services; if you are new in the parish you will be most welcome to a very warm Christian environment where Christ is Lord. If you are planning to have a wedding, this is the perfect spiritual location for your sacrament. All you have to do is just to contact the Rector or Churchwardens.

At last we opened our doors for Easter Sunday, the sun was shining Rev Peter Lea took the service our first since October , it was a joyous and uplifting occasion. Songs of Praise is back and will take place on the second Sunday of each month at 4.30pm. We are still governed by COVID guidelines but look forward to seeing you.

CHURCH APPEAL

Looking after St Johns these past few years has got harder to manage. Costs have escalated; the guidelines to follow have gone up such as insurance, health and safety; maintenance requirements. Combine this with a reduction in congregation and closure due to COVID, and funds have dramatically decreased to a point where we will no longer be viable.

What is the future of St John's?

The PCC are caretakers but the church belongs to the community and we ask you - do you want the church to remain and stand as part of the Village or to close and more than likely be sold?

On a recent building inspection apart from the damp issues, the gutters have been declared unfit and have to be replaced as soon as possible. A quote of £1,300 has been received.

The noticeboard has suffered with the weather and has been taped up for safety reasons. The cost to repair this is £200.

The boiler has recently been serviced and has required a part replacement at a cost of £150 and all of this is apart from the general running costs

All the above we do not have the funds to do.

You do not have to come to church to preserve it (although it would be good to see you)

If the church is to survive we are asking for your help. We have an envelope scheme to give a monthly regular amount. This can be collected or left in the Poffee Shop/ Village Post Office with Sheryl, or you could make a regular direct debit payment or a one off donation. All will be gratefully received.

For further information or if you would like to speak to us about the work required please do not hesitate to contact Jeanne Parsons 01829 771227 or Debbie Davies 07718279440.



St Alban's Church 'Summer Bible Study'

I am delighted to invite you to our Summer Bible Study after having gone through such a difficult phase due to the pandemic. In such extraordinary times, it is not only helpful but vital that we engage together with God's Word. Firstly, it enables us to root ourselves in the truth of God's utter faithfulness. We discover afresh that, in Christ, we are never abandoned but are held by God, who comes alongside us. Secondly, God's Word calls us to action. In opening Scripture together, we are reminded that we are the body of Christ, with new opportunities to serve our communities and to witness very practically to Christ's love. And thirdly, we are filled anew with authentic hope. We can live the present and look to the future knowing the sovereignty of God and His reconciling love. I pray that, through these encouraging Bible studies, we will find comfort, strength and inspiration from God's word, and be empowered by the Spirit to share and celebrate our only hope in Christ. I know that we have lost a lot during the Covid-19 era but God will rescue us.

"I will repay you for the years the locusts have eaten— the great locust and the young locust, the other locusts and the locust swarm — my great army that I sent among you. You will have plenty to eat, until you are full, and you will praise the name of the LORD your God, who has worked wonders for you; never again will my people be shamed.(Joel 2:25-26)

All meetings will take place on Wednesday in our Community Room from 6pm to 7pm . Topics to be covered on restoring fellowship:

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| 2nd June | Do not be afraid –Romans 8:38-39 |
| 9th June | Calming the storm- Mark 4:35-41 |
| 16th June | Building hope- Hebrews 6:10-11 |
| 23rd June | Hope Rooted in God- Isaiah 41:10 and 43:1-2 |
| 30th June | Your Kingdom Come Mathew 6:9-13 |
| 24th July | Emphasize reconciliation, not resolution. |

(1 Peter 3:11)

WILLS



*Have you written yours?
Have you considered writing one but haven't got round to it yet?
Have you considered leaving something to St Alban 's Church?*

ST ALBAN'S CHURCH welcomes all gifts left in Wills – large or small. Our policy is to use the gift wisely and it would almost certainly go towards maintaining the fabric of the church building thus ensuring it will remain in a stable and safe condition for generations to come.

YOUR WILL is of course a very private matter and you do not need to disclose anything about what you leave or to whom. There are plenty of Solicitors who can guide and help you write it.

If you would like a general no obligation chat with us before deciding or would like information about what will happen to your gift should you leave one, please contact the Rector (Lameck Mutute 770345) or the Treasurer (Jane Richards 770482).

JANE'S JOTTINGS

WANTED – UNwanted Wellington Boots (Wellies!)

St Alban's will be participating in the Plant a Wellie campaign so if you have any spare wellington boots (any colour) gathering dust in the garage, please pass on to Ruth Morgan, Tricia Morris or leave in church porch.

Actually it isn't a good idea to leave wellies unattended and unloved. I had wellies once; I don't know what happened to them. Probably borrowed by my daughter or one of her friends and yet to be returned like the top once purloined for a night out 20 years ago – not that I am one to dwell on such matters you understand! Perhaps the boots complemented the top - Wellies can look elegant and very smart on some people. On me they look like plain unattractive ploddy cloddy great big boots! Fortunately when the floods hit Tattenhall in January my husband still had his resting in the garage where they had been for a number of years. When he left the house to offer help where needed there was a great deal of snow as well as water to contend with and wellies were a must. Unfortunately they had not been worn or moved or touched for such a long they had gone brittle so when he finally returned home he was very wet and walking in a most peculiar fashion. The

boots were so the opposite of supple it was as if iron rods had been clamped round his feet and lower leg and of course he couldn't get them off! It was like trying to shift Delaney's Donkey. Perhaps the heat of the house softened them up a bit – I don't know – but after some considerable time heaving and pulling and just as we were thinking of calling the Fire Brigade to cut him out they finally came off weighing in heavier than me it seemed. Being stuck in wellies is not to be recommended so take a tip from me – either wear them or give them to Ruth Morgan !

MONEY MATTERS

If you are not attending church regularly, or indeed don't attend Church at all, but still want to give to the collection plate or donate each week, I can accept cheques made out to Tattenhall PCC, cash or give you bank details for direct payment into the Bank. What is more I would be more than delighted to do so!!

Jane Richards
6 Brockway East
01829 770482

THANK YOU! And a HEARTFELT PLEA!

To Everyone at the Chemist.
The staff are always helpful and patient and during the pandemic and lock down they delivered my medication. I didn't have to ask - my medication just turned up! It was such a help especially when we were ill. THANK YOU!

From a resident:

This is a plea to the person/ persons who do NOT clear up after their pets when visiting the Churchyard. It happens on a regular basis and in the same spot.

It causes distress when visiting loved ones and is not nice and it's certainly not the responsibility of the people who keep it tidy to have to deal with this. They give their time freely to ensure that our Churchyard is kept beautiful and I am very grateful for their hard work.





Dear Residents

There seems to have been an increase in thieves breaking through the perimeter fences of some isolated properties in a bid to gain access to remove property. This has mainly occurred in some of our outlying hamlets around Tattenhall.

In one burglary a perimeter fence was cut and a number of car parts were taken from a property in the Milton Green area. Later in the month in the same area another incident was reported of a fence wire being cut. In another more outlying area a farmer's fence was cut and a high value slurry pump was stolen. Other incidents in the Malpas area involved damage to fencing and a gate and furniture.

To report non urgent information on suspicious activity, call our local PCSO email jonathan.hurst@cheshire.pnn.police.uk at Dragon Hall tel 101 or e-mail <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/tua/tell-us-about>

If you see a crime taking place and if the offenders are still in the nearby area call 999 immediately.

To report information anonymously in complete confidence, call CRIMESTOPPERS on 0800 555 111/ or Anti Social Behaviour through your Council, email :

ASBUnitChesterandRuralWest@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

Electrostatic HomeWatch window stickers are now available as well as a small number of UV marker pens. If your existing HW sticker needs to be replaced or you are a new member and would like one, please get in touch.

Police Surgeries are an opportunity for residents to meet local officers and report any concerns or issues they might have. Please come and say hello at Dragon Hall Police Station

For further dates and locations ring 101 for advice.

The Police always welcome your call on 101. Let them make the decision on its urgency and the method of dealing with your concern. If you aren't sure about a suspicious situation you can always call HomeWatch 01829 771641 for advice, or speak anonymously to CRIMESTOPPERS on 0800 555 111.

Rural officer contact details.

PC Stephen Gardner

Please call 101, If you wish to email Steve his address is

stephen.gardner@cheshire.pnn.police.uk

If you would like to be included in our email HomeWatch updates contact list, send your details

to graham@gmarsden.co.uk together with your address and phone number in case of e-mails bouncing back.

Graham Marsden 771641

POLICE CONTACT NUMBERS
EMERGENCY calls ONLY:
Ring 999
INCIDENT calls: Ring 101
Crimestoppers: 0800 555 111

MY LOCK DOWN WEDDING

by Anna Cresswell, Pilates Coach



Anyone planning a wedding will know it is an exciting time but the process is not without its obstacles and stresses. My own wedding planning began in early 2020. I was expecting the usual ups and downs - trying on gowns, staying within budget, things of that nature. Then COVID-19 hit bringing with it a whole new set of hurdles but I had hopes that it would end by December 2020 when my wedding was due to take place. Little did I know this was not to be the case. After months of planning, I had to put my ideas on hold until further notice was given. When it was announced that wedding guest numbers were to be restricted to just six people my heart sunk. However, I was still very positive and hopeful that things would change nearer to our date. We had our special day planned out - 50 guests, venues booked and all suppliers booked. We never expected those plans to be ruined.

During the summer months I had to re-plan everything, from venues, dates, suppliers, guests and more. This became more and more difficult as nobody knew when the restrictions would ease. I had to book in 5 different dates just to be on the safe side but was very fortunate that all my suppliers could change with me. I cried a lot, had many meltdowns with thoughts running through my mind wondering if my wedding day would ever happen. One of the most painful things about the process was constantly carrying the thought we may be wrong in having X number of people. So many people told us to cancel and many told us to go ahead! It's hard to plan your wedding with the constant question of "Is it even ethical or safe to have a wedding celebration?" hanging over your head. An event that you intended to have as a celebration is suddenly an event that feels like a danger or a threat. I cried because I

felt the weight of that along with the disappointment of missing a bachelorette party and even more tears over wanting to keep loved ones safe – I didn't want to miss being able to celebrate with those I wanted to celebrate with.

In September 2020, I made the decision to change the date back to the earlier original date just in case we did have the proposed additional lock down in December. The church (alas not St Alban's) was so very helpful and wanted this wedding as much as we did. We contacted our guests with the new date and planned round it. I got my excitement back again, knowing I could count down the days to the special day we had been waiting for. Everyone around me was so positive and kept me calm, something in me was adamant our wedding would go ahead and as the day got nearer I knew it would happen. Even though my guests had to wear masks and we had to social distance, everyone was so excited to have something to look forward to in this uncertain, miserable time.

My wedding finally went ahead and was exactly how I wanted it to be, and was even better than I could have imagined. God helped us through the storm and provided us with a sense of what is really important in life. Having our close family and friends with us was even more special and our wedding was a reminder that even in the midst of something dark and difficult, there are still things happening in life that are worth celebrating. It's hard to remember that at the moment. I had the beautiful privilege of accidentally providing that reminder for a few people who might have needed it. It became a reminder for me. We've lost so many celebrations this season, yet there are still so many things happening worth celebrating—weddings, birthdays, baby showers, and graduations. In the midst of this pandemic, I felt like I got to celebrate, and be celebrated.

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parties can also go ahead in line with Government guidelines. Call the office on 01829 771649 for the details. The Village Market will also be returning, on a Saturday morning for now, and we hope it is well supported.

All being well we will re-open more fully on 17th May within the guidelines.

The draw for £500 was made on 10th April on the Millfield, by Graham Marsden.

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