

TATTENHALL HANDLEY & BURWARDSLEY PARISH NEWS

June 2021



AN OPPORTUNITY TO REFLECT AND REMEMBER
LOSS AND BEREAVEMENT DURING THE PANDEMIC.

ST ALBAN'S DAY MEMORIAL SERVICE

THERE WILL BE A DEDICATION OF A PLAQUE
AND TREE, AN OPPORTUNITY TO LIGHT A
CANDLE IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE AND
PLACE A ROSE AT THE MEMORIAL.

10:30AM
JUNE 27TH, 2021

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

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

FLOWERS AT ST. ALBAN'S



We would like to introduce ourselves to you. We are the "flower ladies" of St Alban's; Gill Friswell and Sue Orme. We have been friends and flower ladies together for many years and have enjoyed decorating our beautiful church.



We are lucky to have a long-standing team of dedicated helpers who can be called upon for major festivals in St



Alban's and we always have flowers at the Altar (except during Lent). At Christmas time the church is filled with decorated trees, window ledges and floral arrangements, whilst lilies and basket arrangements are theme of Easter



celebrations. Harvest, is of course, a feast of colour with arrangement of fruit, vegetables and flowers that complement the season.

We have created displays for weddings, funerals, anniversaries, birthdays, blessings and baptisms and simply dedicated arrangements in memory of a loved one. Our love of flowers has been a source of joy and satisfaction to us and what better hobby could we wish for? That's not to say it is always easy. There is also quite a lot of preparatory work and many days are spent buying and costing flowers, collecting greenery and deciding on the types of arrangements to be made. We can usually say that decorating the church for Christmas will take at least a week of work and preparation. To know we have created a beautifully decorated church, with our amazing team of flower ladies, is what has kept us going for so many years.

If you love flowers and would like to join our team we would love to hear from you. No experience necessary, just enthusiasm, a couple of hours to spare a willingness to help and, of course, a love of flowers.

(Sue: 458354 Gill: 770463)



**From Father Lameck
An Invitation
to The St Alban's Day Memorial Service
June 27th at 10.30am**

**Remembering loss and all those who died
during the Covid -19 Pandemic**

*But God will never forget the needy; the
hope of the afflicted will never perish".
(Psalm 19:8)*

The impact of the pandemic, and the national lockdown that has been in place to support the NHS and essential services during the emergency, has made it virtually impossible for relatives and friends to comfort and support their loved ones in their final hours. The social distancing measures have also resulted in restrictions for funerals and cremations. These circumstances have left so many people feeling desolate, depressed and in many cases, heartbroken. The lockdown meant that mourners were not in a position to sit by the side of loved ones on their final hour or even attend funeral due to restricted numbers.

And so St Alban's Church is inviting all those who lost their loved ones during the Covid-19 pandemic era to come and attend the memorial service. This service which is to be held on St Alban's Day is a service to offer comfort and support not only to those whose loved ones died of

Covid but all who have died during this pandemic phase or have experienced loss and grief. There will be an opportunity for families to light a candle in remembrance of their loved ones. After the service, a plaque and flowers will be laid at a dedicated tree in the churchyard in memory of our loss during this time.

This service is open to all our community and the wider area. Death has a stigma and the burden of grief can hold us captive if we let it. The service will also remember our patron, St Alban, as it is also his dedication day. May this be a process through which a loved one can be remembered and through which memories can be relived. Even though the pain of the loss may remain, may this go some way in relieving the hurt and the stigma of death and act as a public declaration that death has lost its sting. It is our hope that in this way, we will be able to walk alongside all who have been bereaved during the pandemic, and, by sharing the good news of God's love, bring some comfort and healing to all who have struggled to grieve properly during the restrictions.



**St Alban's Day
Who was St Alban?**

The church in Tattenhall is dedicated to St Alban who is considered to be the first English Christian martyr. Until the more popular St George came along he was considered to be the patron saint of England.

Having met a Christian priest fleeing from the invading Romans (about 200AD) Alban gave him sanctuary in his home and as he got to know him, Alban was inspired to be converted to Christianity. When the Roman soldiers came to seize the priest, Alban put on his guest's cloak and presented himself to the soldiers. Despite being tortured Alban refused to give up the hiding place of the priest and he was executed. At the place where he died an abundance of wild flowers sprung up. Later, writing about St Alban's martyrdom, William of Newbury wrote, "of all the roses of the martyrs brightly shines Saint Alban".

St Alban's Day is June 22nd and he is commemorated with a rose.



Services at St Alban's

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)



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

Flood Defence Work Starts at China Meadow

'Slowing the Flow' of the Mill Brook to alleviate flood risk in the centre of the village is progressing well.

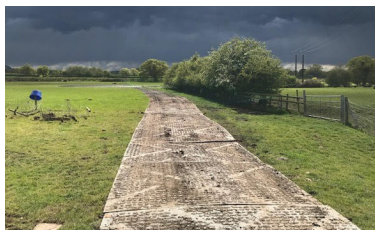
Current work relates to Phase 2a of the project which is a collaborative partnership between Bolesworth Estate, TWiG, The Environment Agency, local farmer Robin Langford, Elm Associates and Mersey Forest.

The key objective is to hold back flood water at times of peak flow overspill from the Mill Brook upstream at China Meadow. This builds on the good practice of Phase 1 which was completed in 2016.

Already, stream-side vegetation has been removed and the location of new fencing has been staked out. The contractors have also started the preparation of drainage ditches and the installation of the earthwork bunds.

TWiG is closely monitoring the work and, when complete, they will host a couple of site visits so as to better inform those residents in Old Mill Place, in particular, of this innovative flood management initiative.

Andrew Hull, Chair TWiG



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Election of Chairman

The May meeting saw Cllr Iain Keeping elected as Chairman for 2021-2022. The Council owes Cllr Keeping a debt of thanks for taking the chair again for another twelve months having already served for a number of years. Cllr Keeping has done a huge amount of work during his time as Chairman.

Jubilee Wood

The Council was disappointed to receive a report that a large amount of rubbish had been dumped in Jubilee Wood which is at the rear of the Flacca Sports Ground. The rubbish included scaffolding, barrier fencing, 7 pallets, a duvet, a tyre and large amounts of micro-plastic which were impossible to remove fully. In addition, a number of firepits had been created and damage had been done to a tree.

The Council noted the letter sent from the Bolesworth Estate which owns the land, which is managed by TWiG. It stated the amount of litter was unacceptable and warned that if rubbish continued to be dumped there, they would have no alternative but to stop public access to that area.

Community Event – Sunday 5th September 2021

The Council agreed to organise a community event which would be held on the Flacca on Sunday 5th September. The event would be a simple community get together with stalls and activities as we eased out of lockdown – more details to follow.

Welly Walk

Plans for our summer Welly Walk were coming together. The Parish Council has encouraged families, community groups, and businesses to plant up old wellies, decorate large wooden wellies and create welly displays to be included

in a guide which would be sold to raise funds for a Multi-Use Games Area for Tattenhall (MUGA).

The Welly Walk will be launched at the Church Fete on 3rd July, and it is not too late if you would like to get involved.

For more information visit <https://tattenhallpc.co.uk/welly-walk-2021>.

Memorial Update

Investigative works had been undertaken by a specialist company who would now produce a report identifying the cause of the sink holes that had developed in the front of the war memorial and make recommendations as to how to resolve this problem.

Virtual Meetings

It was likely that our May Parish Council meeting would be our last virtual meeting at least for the foreseeable future. Councils along with other bodies were given the power to meet virtually as part of the Covid Legislation introduced in 2020 however this expired on 7th May 2021.

It had been hoped that the Government would extend this power or even make it permanent but that has not happened. As a result, and due to on-going Covid restrictions it was agreed to cancel our June meeting, it was hoped we would meet face to face in July for the first time since March 2020, if it was safe to do so.

Details of the July meeting will be available on the Parish Council website and on social media as soon as they have been finalised.



We are delighted to be able to confirm that preparations are now well underway to re-open the bar and clubhouse on 21 June, with the return of Friday@theFlacca on

Friday, 25 June! We look forward to welcoming everyone back, so keep an eye on our website for the latest information on plans and dates, and make sure you come along!

May and June are seeing a very welcome flurry of sporting activity at Sport & Leisure Tattenhall as all sections continue to return to normal. We are now well into this season's Cricket and AFC Tattenhall fixtures, both mid-week and weekends, and spectators are very welcome to come along again. Across other sections, club sessions and training are also in full action.

Online booking systems have been introduced for tennis, squash, racket ball, croquet and the gym, which allows members, and in the case of tennis, non-members for a fee, to be able to not only book ahead but to book remotely.

The croquet club is running taster sessions on Wednesday, 26 May, from 6 – 8pm, and Wednesday, 2 June, from 2 – 4pm. All

ages are welcome, and equipment is provided, so just come along on the day in flat shoes and have a go! Take a look on YouTube at the Tattenhall Croquet Club video for an introduction to the club and the game: <https://youtu.be/TYhKnIBJsLE>

Football, tennis and cricket junior sections have been especially busy with around 150 primary-aged youngsters taking part in holiday camps, coaching courses and club sessions. New courses and training, as well as free-play sessions, are constantly being developed by the sections; Sport & Leisure Tattenhall urges juniors to take up the club-wide annual membership offer of just £20, for Under-12s, and £40, for 12-17 year-olds, in order to take advantage of these wonderful opportunities!

Our thanks as always, go to Thom Morton and Spar for subsidising this junior membership scheme.

The Cheshire Bears have also returned to Tattenhall! The Women's American Football Team trains each Saturday morning from 10am at Sport & Leisure Tattenhall. Come along and have a look; they are always on the lookout for new members!

As always, further and up-to-date information on all the above can be found on our website: <https://www.sporttattenhall.co.uk>



If all goes well with the Road Map, Tattenhall's Village Hall will have opened more fully on 17th May.

The Trustees are delighted that bookings are being taken for a number of new classes for children and adults alike. We will be pleased to welcome back the Tattenhall Singers and Yoga classes, and the drop in will be starting up again. The Library Bus will be on the car park on Wednesday afternoons until further notice. If you run a group and haven't been in touch yet, please let us know if you are coming back. Your regular slot might have to be booked to some other group if we don't hear from you. Plans are being made for repair and repainting of the building, starting with the front elevation which is looking very shabby. We hope it will be done before we host our first wedding in June. Our new website is almost ready—expect a fanfare when it goes live as it has taken quite a lot of work to update all the information. In the meantime, find us at barbourinstitute.co.uk; email barbourinstitute@btconnect.com or phone 01829 771649.



The May draw for £50, £25 and £15 was made on 9th May at the Parish Council Welly Walk plant give away. The lucky numbers were 53, 90 and 70. Congratulations to our winners.



u3a - Life after Lockdown's Lifted

Let's face it, most of last year was nothing to write home about – most of us were already *at* home! Being out and about again, unrestricted, is already tantalisingly close, so after you've had a haircut and switched off Zoom, what then?

For some of us daily life has changed a lot during the past 12 months or so and we now have more time on our hands than ever before. Leaving full-time work may be longed for or perhaps dreaded, but whenever it happens, especially if unexpected or earlier than planned, it can feel like a loss and, whilst a lack of routine may be liberating, it can also be unsettling, particularly in the early days. West Cheshire Rural u3a (WCRu3a) began in Tattenhall some 11 years ago and welcomes members from surrounding towns & villages no longer in full-time work - from all walks of life - who want to meet socially to share their interests and explore new ones. Interest Groups are at the heart of what we offer – enjoy making music in the Ukulele Group, a ramble (long or short) with the Walking Group, a lively debate in the Discussion Group and there are many more.

At present, some Interest Groups can meet again outdoors, others are still online for now. As one of our members recently said : "Last year would have been pretty miserable without the u3a groups to look forward to."

We are run by our members for our members, so if your special interest doesn't yet have a group of its own -

start one! The *Solving Cryptic Crosswords* Group and *Reading Group 2* both started during lockdown. A *French or Spanish for Holidays* and a *Bridge Group* are waiting in the wings. New ideas are always welcomed and supported by our Groups' Co-ordinator (email him via our website's *Contacts* page).

On National u3a Day expect to see and hear more from all twenty-two u3as throughout Cheshire. **A Date for Your Diary** is our own planned **Open Day in Tattenhall on Thursday 21st October, 2021**, when we invite you to come along, learn more about Interest Groups and have a chat.

We understand that going anywhere for the first time can be a bit daunting, but don't let that put you off. If you're online, check us out at: <https://u3asites.org.uk/west-cheshire/welcome> - or on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/WCRU3A>. Get in touch via our website's **Contact** page or email: wcru3a@hotmail.com – ask as many questions as you like. If you're not online, write to: Hilary Scarratt, Membership Secretary, WCRu3a, Parsley Woods, Newton by Tattenhall, Chester CH3 9BD.

Linda Davenport, Treasurer, West Cheshire Rural u3a.

Potential Bridge Group - u3a



Some interest has been expressed in starting up a Bridge Group at West Cheshire Rural u3a. Would you be interested?

Please contact Mike Wollard using the Interest Group Co-ordinator button on our website contact page.

<https://u3asites.org.uk/west-cheshire/contact>

The Village Surgeries Group

**The Surgeries will
be closed on
23rd June and
15th July for
Training afternoons.
They will re-open at
5.00pm.
In case of
emergency,
telephone
01829 771588**

PARISH NEWS DEADLINES 2021

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

**Deadlines for 2021 are:
11th June; 9th July; 13th August;
10th September; 15th October;
12th November; 10th December**

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Diocesan News

Enthronement of Bishop Mark

The Rt Revd Mark Tanner is to be enthroned as the 41st Bishop of Chester on the 26th June at 2pm. Venue- Chester Cathedral.

Three Churches Together



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

Our next 'Three Churches Together' will be on St Alban's Sunday combined with The Memorial Service for the all those who died during the Covid-19 pandemic, at 10.30am

ST ALBAN'S CHURCH, TATTENHALL

AGM 2021

On behalf of the Tattenhall Parish Church, may I congratulate George and Ruth who were duly elected Churchwardens for 2021-2022. May the Almighty continue to inspire and give them wisdom as they lead us once again during this year.



Festival Services

The doors of the church opened on Good Friday and we are most grateful to those whose particular contributions made it possible for all those who came to the services. The church is grateful to the members of the choir who sang beautifully at the service on Good Friday and Easter Sunday as well as the flower arrangers, whose arrangements of the spring flowers gave to St Alban's the atmosphere of a building in which truly to rejoice.

Holy Dusters needed!

Have you ever heard of the name 'Holy Dusters'? This is a team who come to church on the first Wednesday of each month at 10.30am (straight after the midweek service) to spruce up the church. You do not have to be a church



goer to join the team. The 'Holy Dusters' are our tireless team of Church Cleaners. They dust and polish the church each month with great enthusiasm and at the same time enjoy fellowship and fun together. The church is home to us all who live in this community and we need to take care of this beautiful building. If this is something you feel you love contributing to, please get in touch with Tricia Morris through the Church Warden (ruthemorgan92@gmail.com)

Sunday School

St Alban's Church now runs a Sunday School on the first Sunday of each month. This special service is run in the Community Room (The Vault) every first Sunday at 10.30am where the children enjoy a Bible story and a craft activity relating to the lesson of the main service. If you would like to help in the running of the Sunday School, please get in touch with Ruth Morgan, our Churchwarden



Services Resume

St Alban's Church is now open for all liturgical services.

Sundays: 8.00am Communion Service- Book of Common Prayer

N.B. The first Sunday in July will see us resuming our 'Songs of Praise with Breakfast. Our breakfast starts at **9.15am** in the Community Room followed by a Songs of Praise Family Service at 10.30am.

Family Service: 10.30am on the first Sunday and Communion Services on the remaining Sundays.

Wednesdays: 10.00am Holy Communion

Weddings and Baptisms

If you are planning a Baptism of your child or planning for a wedding, please get in touch with the Rector, Churchwardens or send a message on our website.

Church Calendar

4 th July	Baptism	Esmée Grace Moyre	Time-2pm
25 th July		St James The Apostle	

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.

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

"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)

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

From The Registers

Obituaries

Alan George Davie (1943 - 2021)



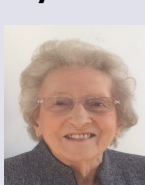
Alan passed away on 30th January, aged 77. He lived in Tattenhall for over 40 years, the place that he raised his family and called home, having spent his childhood growing up in Worcestershire.

Throughout his life, he had a strong love of the outdoors from hiking in North Wales, the Lake District and the Alps, to more recent years pottering in the garden amongst the flowers and wildlife. His house had many guidebooks of walks he had done, or planned to do, printouts he used to pour over while planning his walks. He had been an active member of several local walking groups and enjoyed many walks and social events across Cheshire. His career in Pharmaceuticals was recalled fondly by Alan, he formed some lifelong friendships and it also allowed him to travel which he loved. Alan keenly followed the business news for Pfizer in particular after he retired and maintained a strong interest in sciences, having started his first job as a research chemist for ICI. He liked to think that it would be hard to pull the wool over his eyes, and his enquiring mind usually proved him right. A traditional family man, Alan was a loving and proud father to his two children, and granddad to 5 grandchildren. He will be forever missed by his children, their families, and his friends. Rest peacefully.

Revd Arthur Hargreaves 87 years

Born in Lancashire, Arthur, qualified at Manchester University in , where he also met his future wife of 40 years, Jill. Following surgical positions at Withington Hospital and Manchester Royal Infirmary, he became a Consultant General Surgeon at Salford Royal & Hope Hospitals in 1968, where he stayed for the remainder of his career. Arthur was an examiner at the Royal College of Surgeons in England, Edinburgh and Glasgow during the Eighties and Nineties. He was President of the Manchester Regional Association of Surgeons in 1984-85, following a period of years as Secretary. He was also a Council Member of the Association of Surgeons of GB & Ireland from 1989-1992. Elected to the Moynihan Chirurgical Club in 1974, he served as President in 1996. Jill Hargreaves (Consultant Anaesthetist) predeceased him in 2001, and he leaves his three children and four grandchildren.

Joyce Raine 95 years



Only five months after the death of her husband Jack we are sad to share the news that Joyce Raine passed away on 17 April. Joyce lived to 95 and for most of her life despite underlying health conditions was well and active and a much loved member of the church and village community. Joyce and Jack moved to Tattenhall in 2008 and were delighted to tell everyone it was the best move they ever made! Joyce attended the WI meetings which she really enjoyed and was a regular worshipper at St Albans. She was a regular helper at coffee mornings, church fetes and anywhere else she was needed.

She had many friends in the village and her kindness and warm smile will be missed by many. Joyce had one daughter Pamela and she lived next door to Pam and her family for the last few years of her life. Family was very important to Joyce and as her health weakened they were there to support and help each other. Joyce had one grandchild of whom she was so proud and who was a frequent visitor through these last five months since the death of her husband. The family would like to send heartfelt thanks to everyone who has sent cards, notes and good wishes.

Betty Thompson 89 years

Betty was born in County Armagh on 12th June 1931 and travelled the world during her extensive career as a travel consultant. From performing as a young woman in Portadown's Brightspots to watching the Bolshoi Ballet in Russia, Betty always had a great love of theatre, music and dance. Flowers and plants brought her enormous pleasure and her garden was her great joy. Always a keen sports fan, she enjoyed rugby, football, tennis, and formula 1 racing and kept all the family up to speed on the latest results. She loved living with Nelson in Cheshire, and particularly in Tattenhall. She made many friends during her years in Tattenhall, and was an active member of the WI and the local church. Betty leaves behind five children, eleven grandchildren and six great grandchildren who all miss her very much.

Marriage

8th May 2021 Stephen Andrew Fisher and Lucy Elizabeth Chesters (Mr and Mrs Fisher)

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, HANDLEY

APCM 2021

Please be advised that Alex Park and Christine Walley were once again nominated Churchwardens for the 2021-2022. May God continue to give them wisdom and guidance as they continue to lead.

Services

All Saints Handley is a small, beautiful church right at the centre of the village. There are so many faithful worshippers who have looked after the life of this church for years. Many weddings and baptisms continue to take place in the sanctuary of this church. We continue to hold services twice a month and celebrate all festival services such as Christmas and Easter.

The two monthly services are held on the first Sunday at 9.15am (Family Service) and on the second Sunday, it is a Communion. The Family Service is an all age type of service and ideal for children since it is a short one.

If you live within the village and you would like to get married in the church, have a baptism or any memorial service you may intend to have, please get in touch with the Rector or any of the Churchwardens who are always willing to assist.



ST JOHN'S CHURCH, BURWARDSLEY

APCM 2021

Please be advised that Barbra Clare were once again nominated Churchwardens for the 2021-2022. May God continue to give them wisdom and guidance as they continue to lead.



Services: Second Sunday 4.30pm Songs of Praise
Fourth Sunday 9.15am Communion Service

N.B. There will be no Communion Service in June as we will be celebrating 3 Churches together at Tattenhall.

As we move in the right direction of COVID results we look forward to the day "The church on the hill" can open daily to welcome visitors looking for "peace and tranquillity"; the visitor's book can again be opened.

The parish news spreads far and wide and we are delighted to say we have received two donations from people who have read the May issue and have connections to the Village. The donations will be used towards the notice board and heating system. We are eternally grateful.

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.

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

This is the third edition of the revamped Parish News. I hope you are enjoying it and more to the point you have noticed the change! It is gratifying when people specifically mention something that has been written proving that it is read by some - alas I think many don't bother which is a shame because there is some good stuff to read but then I guess I would say that, wouldn't I? I do believe it though.

It is amazing how quickly the deadline for the next lot of articles comes round. I now have nothing but admiration for the Editors of magazines who come up with loads of new ideas every month or week. I had writer's block this month struggling with what would be good to write about as nothing very exciting had happened. After a period of indecision I began to think of several things I could choose but couldn't decide which way to go so I gave up! Not all is lost though because failure to concentrate my mind means I have the opportunity to thank those who have

exercised their literary skills and submitted articles to complement our new format. The articles have been excellent and interesting to read. If you have something you would like to write about (which obviously needs to be Parish News friendly) just get in touch with me or Ruth Morgan. You don't have to wait to be asked! This is a good way to support YOUR Church.

Talking of support I recently wrote an article which outlined ways to help and support OUR lovely Church. One of the ways mentioned was attend the fund raising events. If we are fortunate and lock down restrictions are lifted, there will be a few coming up!

MAKE A NOTE AND COME ALONG – YOU MIGHT JUST FIND YOU HAVE A GOOD TIME!

Best wishes

Jane R

Ken's Korner

Jottings from the crevices of his memory

I did my low flying in Vampires which stood less than 6 feet high on the ground, much less with undercarriage retracted. That's what helped us to slither below power cables. The squadron converted to F86E Sabres which were taller and faster; unsuited to low flying but ideal at high altitude. They could fly supersonic in a vertical dive.

Our squadron 'boss' was promoted to Wing Commander and posted to another airfield. They always paraded on Saturday mornings. He would be there, so we decided to give him a send-off.

After precision planning and a weather check, all was OK. Four of us – I was one – checked our aircraft, synchronised our watches, and took off. Two of us climbed to 45,000 feet, the other two hugged the ground. At the precise second, we commenced our dive as the low pair started their run in. We, parade ground in our sunsights, accelerated vertically

downward, exceeded the speed of sound, pulled out of the dive, and made for base. The low two overflowed the parade a second or two after our sonic booms hit. This caused chaos. Personnel broke ranks and ran for cover. Surprise was total.

Back at base, we were interviewed by our Commanding Officer who fined us £5 each (more than a quarter of a month's salary), because we had broken several windows on the camp!





Dear Residents

There has been a large increase in scam e-mails and telephone calls recently. Sometimes there can be four in a day, continually worrying those of us that may not be aware of these different versions and playing on our minds; is it true, isn't it?

Jon, our PCSO, has supplied us with booklets called Don't Fall For A Scam. It is available FREE in the entrance at the Village Market and also from The Barbour Institute when it's open, or from me if they have run out. It has helpful information on how not to be caught out along with useful contacts and telephone numbers that you might need in a hurry. Why not get a copy for an elderly neighbour or relative that may not be able to get out.

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

Nature Notes for June

After a cold and late Spring we all need some 'flaming June' weather! Let's hope for some seasonal warmth at least. All the migrant birds should have arrived before the end of May with the last ones being Swifts and Spotted Flycatchers. At the time of writing (mid May) the first Swifts have arrived and the flycatchers are eagerly awaited. Swifts are much bigger than Swallows and House Martins and have a sickle shaped wing.

They are true masters of the skies spending their whole lives in the air apart from nesting in buildings – they sleep on the wing and even mate while flying.

Other species to look out for are the first dragon and damselflies. If you have a garden pond you may already have seen Large Red Damselfly and maybe one of the



blue damsels such as Blue-tailed. Broad-bodied and Four-spotted Chasers may also have appeared: the former loving newly dug ponds. If you travel slightly further afield to the River Dee at Aldford you should see numerous Banded Demoiselles and possibly a very rare Club-tailed Dragonfly: the Dee is a stronghold for both species.

Work has started on Phase 2 of the flood alleviation scheme on the Mill Brook. As part of the project a detailed survey for water voles has been completed. We knew that some were present in the stretch behind the Flacca but it was great to find signs much further upstream. Water Vole has declined by over 90% in the last 50 years mainly because of predation by escaped American Mink so it's really pleasing to find them surviving locally.

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laugh,
live

West Cheshire Rural u3a Monthly Meeting
June 17th at 2.30 pm online

Aimee Best from The Dogs Trust

<https://u3asites.org.uk/west-cheshire/>



The Dogs Trust is the largest dog welfare charity in the UK, caring for around 15,500 stray and abandoned dogs across their rehoming centres every year.

**BROWN KNOWL
METHODIST CHAPEL**
Rev. Rob Weir
01948 663936



The Chapel is now open for Sunday Worship at 10.45am only.

Due to the ongoing threat of Covid-19, social distancing is being observed .

For up-to-date information, please phone or see our website, details below.

Contact: General Info: 01244 535231, or see our website.

www.brownknowlmethodist.com

If you would like to advertise in the Parish News, there are a number of options in terms of size of advert, frequency and price.

For more details, please contact Dee

Mason at

deezel2206@sky.com

St Alban's Fete

Saturday 3rd July

Ice - cream

12:30pm Rector's Garden



Cakes and Jams



Raffle



Plants



Kid's
Games



Tombola

Beer Tent

and much, much more!



Barrow of
Booze



Afternoon
Tea

BBQ

