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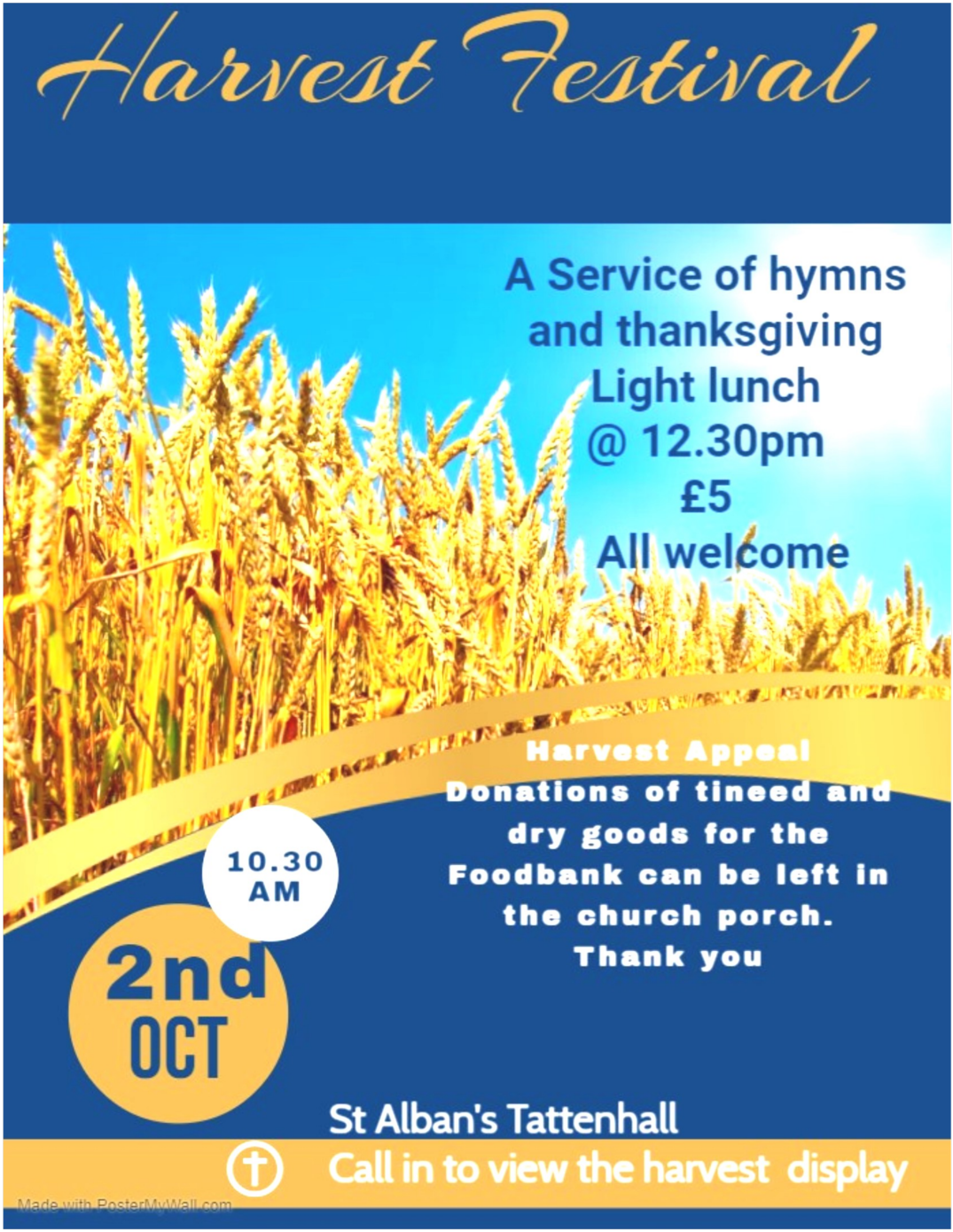
August/September 2022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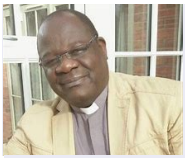

From Father Lameck

Celebrating the Season of Trinity

Trinity season (Ordinary Time or the Season after Pentecost) is the longest season of the Anglican liturgical cycle. It lasts from the week after Pentecost to Advent. It is during this season that we study the life of Christ as He completely obeyed the commands of the Father, as He taught His disciples, and as He ministered to the people around Him. Green is again the colour used in Trinity. God, the Creator and Sustainer of the universe, reveals Himself in the Bible. The Bible clearly tells us there is only one God. *"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one"* (Deuteronomy 6:4). At the same time, we encounter multiple passages in the Bible that show that the one God consists of more persons. This is hard for us to understand. We should realise that is not because of a logical contradiction, but because of our limitations.

When we take the passages that are talking about a plurality in God together, we see that there are actually three persons. God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. This is what we call the Trinity. The term Trinity is not used in the Bible. But the concept is clearly there. It means one God in three persons. The New Testament makes this all much clearer. Many verses teach us about the divinity of God the Father. One example is 1 Corinthians 8:6. *"For us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things"*

As Christians we do have a tendency to get into a state about the Trinity. We find it hard to explain to others and difficult to talk about. And yet we are blessed, baptised, confirmed, married and buried in the name of the Trinity, 'the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.' The Trinity falls into that category of things that we know we should believe but which, to our rational, 21st century minds, we actually find difficult to believe. Where did the doctrine of the Trinity come from? It was not handed down from heaven as a kind of divine CV. The doctrine of the Trinity is simply an attempt to explain our experience of God.

We experience God as creator, the prime mover, the source of all that is. We also experience God as personal, one of us, someone who shares in our humanity and identifies with our life experience that is Jesus. We are not here to defend or explain the doctrine of the Trinity we are here to lead others into an experience of the awesomeness and wonder of God who creates, redeems and sustains. We need all three persons; God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We need them all. God the Father is our creator. God the Son is our Saviour. And God the Holy Spirit sanctifies us.

When we cannot completely wrap our heads around the concept of a God who is three-in-one, let us just break out in praise:

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

HARVEST FESTIVAL WEEKEND
1ST and 2ND OCTOBER

St Alban's has stood at the spiritual heart of Tattenhall for many hundreds of years. Keeping up with the huge task of looking after the fabric of the church is reliant on financial donations – there is no direct funding available. A healthy response to our Harvest Appeal will help to ensure St Alban's can continue to be there for us and for future generations providing for life's events – weddings, baptisms, funerals and Services to help us remember Christmas, Easter, Harvest and Remembrance Day.

The Church will be open until 5.00 pm
On SUNDAY 2ND OCTOBER

COME AND SEE THE BEAUTIFUL FLOWER AND HARVEST DISPLAYS
AND ENJOY A CUP OF TE A OR COFFEE AND A LARGE SLICE OF CAKE!

SUPPORT THE CAUSE – SEE BELOW

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Via the Church website or google St Alban's Tattenhall and it will go straight to St Alban's page

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Jane Richards, 6 Brockway East, Tattenhall, Chester CH3 9EY

DONATE DIRECTLY IN TO THE CHURCH BANK ACCOUNT

Details from Jane, please call 01829 770482

PURCHASE A TICKET

For The Rector's Grand Harvest Supper and Auction to be held at Gifford Lea on Saturday 1st October (6-30 pm for 7pm)

BLACK TIE - £50 a ticket

PURCHASE A TICKET

For Harvest Lunch to be held in the Church Community Room on Sunday 2nd October at 12.30 pm

£5 a ticket. No breakfast that day.

COME TO THE HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE

On Sunday 2nd October at 10.30 am – refreshments after the Service

The Village Surgeries Group

The surgeries will close at 1.00pm on 16th August and 21st September for staff training. During this time, please ring 111 for urgent advice or in case of emergency, dial 999. The surgery phone lines will re-open at 5.00pm

PARISH NEWS DEADLINES 2022

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

The Parish News will now be published every second month. The deadlines for 2022 are: 9th September; 11th November

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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

I love my husband very much!

Yes I know- you're all cringing and thinking of course she would say that wouldn't she and you are right - I am hardly likely to publicly state I can't stand the sight of him – after all you don't know how many people will read this!! But the truth is I do and I love spending time with him.

This, however, does not preclude me from enjoying the time when he frequently disappears to do good works! Until a few years ago I had the house to myself every week day and was able to do what I liked when I liked. Retirement and Covid put a stop to that! It is my view (which may not necessarily be shared by you or the Editor) that the house is mostly the woman's domain. It is she who notices the dust and cobwebs, decides where everything from disinfectant to perfume goes, places the vase of flowers exactly in the right place and generally does the things that men never think of doing. I am not implying that men are useless in the home or don't appreciate all that is done for them, they just don't think about it. It doesn't occur to them there might not be clean clothes available and would be shocked to discover that Father Christmas and his elves don't purchase and wrap ALL the Christmas presents!

This reminds me of how I was before becoming involved with St Alban's. I went to Church regularly but never gave a thought to what happened behind the scenes. I was blissfully unaware. Everything was always there ready and waiting. This train of thought inevitably steered me on to my current fixation - Volunteering! I can't get it out of my mind and can't understand why so few step up. Fixated as I am I even surveyed the Flacca during the Queen's Jubilee celebrations one afternoon. It was packed with families all having a lovely time and I found myself thinking there must be some people here who have the skills St Alban's needs - why doesn't anyone come forward and offer to help!

Suddenly I had an Epiphany! Actually I don't think an epiphany can be anything but sudden! I realised that we have done pretty well with people coming forward to enquire and some actually VOLUNTEERING for specific jobs and it occurred to me a change of tactics is called for. I think there are a lot of people out there who are willing and ready to help but find it hard to step up for fear of being considered pushy or concerned about treading on toes and they need to be approached directly . I am not suggesting everyone should stop volunteering in person just don't be surprised if one day soon you feel a tap on the shoulder!

In case you are wondering what the first paragraph has to do with anything, before I got distracted I was going to say if your darling partner is getting under your feet – volunteer them for something! It ensures "me and my house" time and an opportunity for the Fairies to do all those jobs men don't!

Ken's Korner

Postcards from his memories

When on holiday I had the misfortune to have to help two ladies in trouble, one Canadian, the other American.

Margaret and I were travelling through the Rockies on a tour bus and stopped for lunch at a high lay-by where the Trans-Canada highway transits the Frazer River canyon. Our lunch venue was below at river level, reached by cable car. I boarded first and was greeted by a lady squatting on the floor. She grabbed my legs. "What next"? I wondered, but she explained she couldn't stand heights. Margaret was by me. Others were behind when the car swung out over the roaring cataract below, exclaiming "What a wonderful sight". Said lady said she wanted to see but daren't.

Margaret said "Stand up and pretend you're not looking"! She did, was thrilled, apologised to me, and thanked Margaret profusely.

The American lady, all bright colours and hugely overdressed for where she was – crossing a flimsy, single file, suspension bridge over a saurian infested river in Sabah (Borneo). She was ahead of me and froze when her high-heel shod foot dislodged a plank. She could go no further, my big feet easily spanned two planks so I moved up to her. Shouting to those behind to be patient. Placing my hands on this shaking woman's waist, I very slowly coaxed her forwards telling her where to place each foot. On reaching the other side, someone gave her a nip of something strong from a hip flask.

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	771841	
Handley	Christine Walley	771976	Alison Carter
Burwardsley	Barbara Sculthorpe	770418	Debbie Spencer

Diocesan News

The Ordination of Priests and Deacons

On Saturday 18 June, there was joy at Chester Cathedral when12 men and women were ordained as priests. Please hold the newly ordained priests in your prayers as they go forward to do God's work in our diocese.

On Sunday 4th July, 12 men and women were also ordained Deacons at Chester Cathedral. Please hold each of them in your prayers as they begin their respective ministeries.

Deanery News

Bishop Mark

Bishop Julie

Bishop Sam

The Deanery of Malpas was visited by the three Bishops of Chester; Bishop Mark, Bishop Julie and Bishop Sam. This was a pastoral visit to businesses around the deanery. In our own parish, they visited the Ice Cream Farm and toured around with the Manager and staff.

Deanery Chapter Meeting- Our next chapter meeting is on 6th September. Venue to be confirmed.

OUR THREE CHURCHES TOGETHER

ST. ALBAN'S, TATTENHALL

Appreciation

On behalf of the P.C.C. I wish to thank all those who supported and decorated our Church for the Queen's Jubilee Service celebration in June. This was a memorable service and one which will always be part of our lives. The

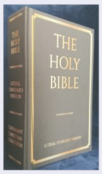
service was well attended and the Jubilee Breakfast made by Dee and Steve was great.

Church now open
The doors of St Alban's Church are now open for all those who would like to stop and pray or reflect.
You do not have to make an appointment. St Alban's belongs to our community and beyond. Just come any day between 10am and 5pm.

Sunday school
St Alban's Church now runs a Sunday school on the first Sunday of each month. All children are most welcome with their parents. The Sunday school is run in the Community Room (The Vault) every first Sunday at 10.30am where the children enjoy a Bible story and craft activities. If you feel that you can help in running the Sunday school, please get in touch with the Churchwarden; Ruth Morgan or the Rector; Father Lameck.

Weddings and Baptisms
if you live in the parish and you are planning for a baptism of your child or planning a wedding, please get in touch with the Rector, Churchwardens or send a message on our website.

Church Calendar



Autumn Bible Study
We give thanks to God for all those who took part in the Spring Bible Study as we tackled issues related to 'Emotions after the pandemic'. Our next Autumn Bible Study in the community room starts on the 21st September. Time 6pm. We will be looking at the book of the Prophet Daniel.

From the Registers
Marriages
3rd June 2022
Christopher Richard Thomas Wiseman and Emma Louise Davenport
Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Wiseman

Obituaries

Mark Higgins- 1959-2022

Mark was born in Eccleston before moving to Blackpool. He later went on went on to live in West Midlands for 30 years before coming to settle here in Tattenhall. Mark was a kind, gentle and humorous person whose heart was full of love and kindness. He had a passion in drawing and painting, a talent that was God given to the extent that he could explain better in picture form than talking. Mark is a man who would like to be remembered as modest, humble, sociable, strong minded, kind,

extremely generous and someone to count on in season and out of season. He will be dearly missed by his dear wife Helen, family members and all those who knew him.

Constance Moss 1923- 2022

As many of you know Connie enjoyed crafty things such as knitting, sewing and card making. This is something that inspired her children from a young age. Connie and her late husband had a long and very happy relationship for more than 60 years, treating each other with unfailing devotion and respect. After the death of her husband, Connie was devastated, but strong and stoical and coped well. May her soul rest in peace eternally.

Burial of Remains

3rd May	Maurice Raymond Sheen
3rd May	Doris Mary Dutton
10th May	Joan Winifred Dutton
10th May	Michael Dutton
12th May	Laura Patricia Dolton-Radley
21st June	Margaret Rundell
24th June	Elizabeth Farrall

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, HANDLEY

The church of All Saints Handley has been part of the village for centuries serving the community. Services are still being held in this beautiful church on the first and third Sundays respectively. The first Sundays is a Family or All age type of service. Please note that this not a Communion Service at all. On the third Sunday, we have a Communion Service. All our services are held at 09.15 am. We continue to celebrate all our festival services such as Easter and Christmas. If you live in the area or you do have some connection with the parish and intend to get married or have a christening at this beautiful church, please get in touch with Rector or Churchwardens.

From the Registers

Baptisms

21st May	Edward Arthur Ankers
2nd July	Beatrice Selby

Burial of Remains

30th June	Sylvia Jones

ST JOHN'S CHURCH, BURWARDSLEY

Songs of Praise

Sunday 14th August at 4.30pm

Sunday 11th September at 4.30pm

Songs of Praise is a relaxed service of hymns/songs with tea, coffee and cake after the service. We look forward to seeing you.

How blessed we were to have two weddings in May when the weather was kind .We wish Jayne and James, Kate and Sam our very best wishes for future happiness.

Barbara and Debbie attended the Wardens Service in June at St Michaels plas Newton an opportunity to meet with other wardens.

The PCC attended the social evening at St Boniface Church Bunbury to meet the new Bishops a good evening had by all.

From the Register

Marriages

21st May	Jayne Kathrine Burrell and James Parry
28th May	Sam Peter Clifford Melvyn and Kate Elizabeth Ashley

Initially, Tattenhall kind was set up to support the Ukrainian refugees that are living and studying in our village. In the long term, we hope it will become a valuable resource to support anyone in need in the village and create the sense of community spirit and cohesion that is heart of a strong and kind village.

TATTENHALL kind

tattenhallkind@outlook.com

The three principles of Tattenhall kind are:

Donating items to those in need.

Items can be request (anonymously if required) by emailing tattenhallkind@outlook.com or by completing one of the request forms found at the Barbour Institute or Tattenhall library. These items will be sourced via the Tattenhall kind Facebook page and by word of mouth. Already there is an inventory of items offered, but currently there is nowhere to store such items.

Sharing stuff.

Saving items from the tip or charity shop such as school uniforms, plants, paving slabs, paint, surplus veggies etc keeps charity within the community.

Helping out.

Any specific skills such as bike repairs or lending items, for example DIY tools and gardening equipment.

The above already happens throughout Tattenhall, amongst neighbours, friends and through the Library, Facebook, Transition Tattenhall and other causes. The aim is to create a network to connect people through the new **Tattenhall kind Facebook Page**, celebrating the efforts of all those who get involved in spreading kindness.

How can you help? By joining the **Tattenhall kind Facebook group**. By telling your friends and neighbours. By thinking before taking items to the tip or charity shop 'might someone in the Village be able to make use of this?'. By donating items. By being kind:)

Thank you for your support.

Tattenhall & District Parish Council Annual Report 2021-2022

Chairman's Report - Councillor Iain Keeping

At last the restrictions imposed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic are lifting even though the virus is still with us and further variants are likely to appear. The Parish Council has this year recommenced face-to-face meetings in public and we expect normal service to be maintained for the foreseeable future.

With the end of lock-down in the summer of 2021, the Parish Council resurrected an old village tradition of a Wakes' week parade through the village as part of the **Tattenhall Together Again** event in September. The event proved hugely popular and attendance surely included everyone in the village regardless of age. The donkey rides, brass band, children's activities, and stalls brought back memories of former, more relaxed times. The sense of freedom and relief was palpable. Thanks are due to all who were involved in organisation of the project, especially; the Events Working Group chaired by Lisa White; the many volunteers who had helped out before and on the day; Alison's Country Kitchen; The Spar; The Ice Cream Farm; Tattenhall Sport. Plus, Yvonne Keeping who had had the idea. There have been multiple requests for the event to become more permanent and this year the celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee will take its place, I am sure with the same success.

The work towards creating a **Nature Park** has progressed. The Spinney Project, the first phase, is almost complete and already an important focus in the centre of the village. Feed-back to the council has been overwhelmingly positive. To see so many people delighting in this quiet area of woodland, wild flowers and bird song whether on scooters, in wheelchairs or just sitting, is vindication for the hard work in rescuing this previously neglected area. The additional aim of enhancing biodiversity by thinning top growth of trees, in order to allow more light into the area, can already be see. Unfortunately, many of the aged willow trees are at risk of falling especially with increasing severity and frequency of storms. In addition, it seems the ash trees have die-back and will in coming years need to be replaced. The trees will be regularly surveyed, only those identified as unsafe will undergo remedial work or be replaced. Thanks are due to; FCC Communities Foundation, land-fill fund, whose grant enabled this part of the project; Horticon, the contractors; John Seiler, Cheshire West & Chester Council, landscape architect and project manager; Ann Wright, Parish Council Clerk, who has worked beyond her contracted hours to secure the grant, manage the tendering process, and ensure the timely completion.

Adjacent to the Spinney is a grassed area, loosely referred to as the 'triangle' which belongs to Cheshire West & Chester Council. Agreement has been secured to managed the area as a wild flower meadow and only the footpath borders will be cut in the future. Two new surfaced paths have been created allowing better disabled and all-weather access. In addition, CW&C have funded the re-creation of a 'pond' which is expected to dry out in the summer. There has already been representation to the Parish Council that a permanent pond be created and consideration will be given to this.

The Parish Council have now agreed, after consultation with the team leader, CW&C Green Infrastructure, a management plan for Glebe Meadow. The main change is that there will be two mowings per year, one in early summer the other in September, instead of just one. The meadow is a designated Local Wildlife Site and a rare example of unimproved grassland which the Parish Council has a duty to protect. Ecological surveys will be carried out this year and again in 3 years time to monitor the effect of the plan, to ensure that no harm is being done. For the first time, as part of the Nature Park plan, public access will be allowed, limited to a mown path with dogs on short leads. Public access to sites of this type is usual throughout the country especially when publicly owned. The Council is aware of concerns that biodiversity could be harmed, but this will be kept under review in light of the ecological surveys. The benefits of access on wellbeing and appreciation of this special, natural site will be at least as strong as those already experienced in the Spinney.

The Open Spaces Working Group have for some years wondered about the best use the field, owned and mowed by CW&C, behind Gorsefield. CW&C identified this, in 2011, as their most under-utilised area of land in West Cheshire with the best potential for improvement. The suggestion that it would make a good site for a **community orchard** was met with enthusiasm and the orchard has now been planted, at CW&C's expense, in February, with the help of a large

Chairman's Report contd.

number of community volunteers. The Orchard has been accepted as part of the Queen's Green Canopy and will be named as The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Orchard. Inauguration will be part of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations. Future management will involve pruning and some mowing in early years to allow the trees to establish, but the grassed area will be managed to encourage wildflower growth. Plans are underway to encourage pollinators especially native bees (leaf-cutter, mason and masonry) initially. The Council are exploring the possibility of creating a footpath from the orchard through to Gifford Lea which would link the retirement village via Covert Rise to the Spinney, the Church and the village centre without exposure to traffic and its pollution on Frog Lane and the length of the High Street.

Review of the **Neighbourhood Plan** and Village Design Statement have progressed, albeit slowed by the restrictions of the pandemic. Policy changes are almost finalised ready for submission to CW&C before rewriting the final document. The Review Committee are hopeful that the proposed changes will not be enough to need another referendum. The transformation of the design statement to design code has been slow largely due to a resource issue, but this many now be resolved. The aim is that the Neighbourhood Plan and Design Code will be combined in a single document.

Planning

Some of the planned housing developments are underway. The development of 30 houses adjacent to Grakle Croft and Chester Road has started, as has the construction of 4 houses on Burwardsley Road. There is no indication that the construction of 6 dwellings on the site at Rose Corner will commence in the near future. The only applications for new housing has been for 27 new units at Gifford Lea which would bring the total for the site to 177. The Parish Council are confident that the imposed minimum, for the entire Service Centre of Tattenhall, of 250 dwellings by 2030 has already been met and a total of over 300 will be completed by 2024. Meeting the target does not preclude new development nor is the possibility of a new target excluded. There is very little land available within the settlement boundary to accommodate a significant new allocation which would, of necessity, need to be on protected land or in open countryside. For this reason an up-to-date Neighbourhood Plan + Design Code is essential.

Grants

The Council awarded grants totalling £3,725 to 10 organisations. Details are available to view on the Parish Council website in the minutes of the April 2022 Council Meeting.

Community Building

The lack of availability of the Community Building at the Park School continues to be a concern to the Council. £220k went towards the building which should have been designed to be used by the whole community. The Council has asked the Ward Councillor to suggest a motion to CW&C full Council meeting to carry out a review of the situation.

War Memorial

The War Memorial continues to be a problem not least because it appears to be leaning further. Advice has been taken from an expert team from Chester Cathedral, highly experienced in working with Cheshire sandstone. The plan to dismantle the cross prior to replacing the foundations has been deemed likely to cause irreparable damage. Also, removal and storage of the stones off-site would be difficult, costly and also high risk of significant damage.

For these reasons it has been suggested that the Memorial it is not dismantled but held in place while works are carried out underneath. A brief is now being developed for the project on this basis which will be used to appoint a consultant to carry out the repairs. Thanks are due to Chester Cathedral – Ted Comer (Clerk of Works), Tom Livingston (Stonemason), Naomi Watts- Kitto (Conservator),

The rolling program to replace the **Millennium Mile** posts has seen 5 new posts in position. More are planned for this year.

The Council has also started to explore the possibility of replacing stiles with kissing gates on **Public Rights of Way** in the Parish. The two initial choices are the paths to Manor Farm from Chester Road and to Dark Lane from Burwardsley Road.

Finally, I would like to thank all Councillors and public members of committees and working groups for the support you have given through another difficult year. I couldn't do this job without the expertise and hard work of Ann Wright, our Clerk, for which many thanks.

Dr Iain Keeping MD FRCP

Accounts & Precept

Balance Brought Forward (2019-2020)	121,056.00	
Precept 2021-2022	56,405	2% increase per Band D on previous year.
Other Income	16,813	Includes: £5020 Neighbourhood Plan Review Grant £4230 Spinney Arts Grant £3,502 VAT Refund £1,758 Welly walk Income £318 Gatesheath Allotments Rent £204 Tattenhall Book Sales
Staff Costs & Administration	16,853	Includes: £656 Insurance
Other Costs	109,575	Includes: £73,968 Projects Spinney Arts & Spinney £12,214 Grounds maintenance £5,315 Community Events/Tattenhall Together Again/ Christmas £847 Room Hire
Balance Carried Forward (2022-2023)	67,846	+ £63,063 Spinney Works Grant to be paid 2022-2023 Includes: £20,000 Asset Refurbishment & Maintenance

Planning

Parish Councils do not decide planning applications however they can influence the decisions made by submitting comments or observations. Parish Councils have the statutory right to be notified of planning applications, Cheshire West and Chester deal with the Parish Councils in their area as 'statutory consultees'.
It should be noted that anyone can submit comments on planning applications not just Parish Councils or statutory consultees. You can find out more about commenting on planning applications including what are material factors when commenting on planning applications on the CW&C website under planning.
The Parish Council has been notified of 38 planning applications during the Council year from May 2021until May 2022 of which 13 were for extensions and alterations to dwellings and another 13 were for trees works either for listed trees or trees in a conservation area.
2 applications related to a vehicle access and gates.
At the start of the year the Council was notified of the application for Bolesworth Estate for its Winter Wonderland which was approved.
More recently the Council received an application for a Phase 4 development of the Retirement Village, Gifford Lea, at the time of writing this application has not yet been decided.
You can keep up to date with planning by following our Facebook page

Tattenhall, Village of Culture

The Parish Council was fortunate to be awarded a grant for Spinney Arts Workshops on Saturday 12 February to run two Environmental Art Workships in the recently renovated Spinney. The first session in the morning was for young children accompanied by their parents. Tim Pugh, the Environmental Artist, encouraged the children to create their own designs with leaves, seeds, mosses and sticks that they found on the ground. The children created delightful patterns and pictures of, for example, a soldier, a bus, towers and a vase of flowers. The creations were left on the floor of the Spinney or on tree stumps and eventually blew away returning whence they came.

Unfortunately when the older children arrived in the afternoon the weather was so bad they had to work inside, at the Vault, St. Alban's Church. Tim had brought dried leaves and pebbles for them to decorate. The children's imaginations ran wild and not only did they decorate leaves and pebbles to take home but they left enough decorated leaves behind to create a large picture which is now framed and on show in the Green Room at the Barbour Institute.

During the months of February and March the Parish Council acquired more funding for further Spinney related workshops involving the arts. On 19 February a willow weaving workshop was held in the Barbour Institute with Sarah Hayes of Twigtwisters. Adults and children created large butterflies and dragonflies to hang in the Spinney. Everyone also took home a willow heart or bird feeder. It was an extremely popular event.

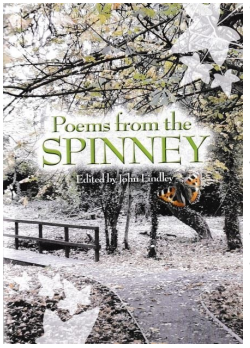
On 20 February a poetry workshop for adults was held in the Barbour Institute with John Lindley and award winning poet. The adults who attended all created a poem using the Spinney as inspiration and they were eventually combined in a book with photographs from some of the other workshops. One of the many comments was;

"*A great poetry workshop, so lucky to have this in Tattenhall - thanks.*"

John Lindley also went into Tattenhall Park School to work with the top two classes. Their two poems were also included in the book along with several poems created at the Opal Club. Pam Moyle, a local poet, went to work with members of the Opal Club and thoroughly enjoyed her visit. Subsequently the Opal Club created some Easter decorations to hang on two trees in the Spinney. The Spinney Poems books were later sold in the Post Office in aid of the Ukraine appeal.

The Children at Sandy Bears really enjoy their Forest School sessions which they are now able to have in the Spinney. It was arranged that a music specialist would visit the nursery on two occasions and create a song for the children about the Spinney. The children really enjoyed taking part.

Two art workshops were held at the Tattenhall Centre on 5 and 6 March. Jon Clayton, artist in residence, presented a multi-media technique using the Spinney for inspiration. The first workshop was with older children. They all produced a canvas and were very proud of their results. The second workshop was for adults and one particular artist was so thrilled with her finished picture she invited all her friends to the later exhibition.



The willow woven butterflies and dragonflies were hung in the Spinney in preparation for the Spinney exhibition which was held in the Barbour Institute on Sunday 13 March. Villagers were invited to see the giant insects on the way to the exhibition. On arrival at the Barbour a video of the children from Sandy Bears singing their song was being shown. The paintings were all on show and the Poetry book was on sale. Some of the poets read their poems and they were very well received as were the paintings. Jon Clayton kindly donated some of his Spinney sketches and they were sold in aid of the Ukraine appeal. The amount donated to the Appeal so far as a result of these workshops is over £370.

The Return of Christmas 2021

Covid restrictions had eased by December and so the Parish Council's Christmas events could go ahead as usual.

Our younger children aged 0-5 (reception) had a great time dancing and playing games with 'Diddy Dance' followed by a special visit from Santa giving Christmas gifts. There were a lot of happy smiling faces as they left.

Our older children aged 6 - 11had a special Christmas film show and were served with drinks, ice cream and popcorn. Santa paid another visit at the end of the film, again delivering Christmas gifts.

As the children were collected, they joined families on the Mill Field for hot chocolate, mulled wine and sweet treats. Big thanks to Alison's country Kitchen for providing the mince pies!!

Santa made a final appearance to switch on the lights on the huge Mill field tree.

A GREAT START TO CHRISTMAS IN TATTENHALL!

Free tickets to these parties have always been allocated on a first come first served basis. That arrangement may be changed this year, tickets collected may require a deposit (to be returned as the child arrives at the party). This will hopefully ease the problem of children not showing up on the day while other children on the waiting list miss out.

This year also saw the introduction of our **Snowman Trail** with six jolly snowmen hidden amongst our Christmas lights and decorations on the High street. Each snowman had a hidden letter that made a Christmas word. A Chocolate treat was then awarded to the children when their form was received by Thom Morton owner of the Spa. Many thanks to Thom and his staff for their support.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Orchard

Working with Cheshire West and Chester Council, the Parish Council has planted a Community Orchard on land off Gorsefield.

The Orchard which is known as The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Orchard has been registered as part of the Queen's Green Canopy was planted by volunteers on the 24th February.

The Orchard contains 40 trees of various species including plums, apples, pears and quince. There are also some hazelnut trees and a walnut tree.

We are currently working on setting up a page on the Council's website providing more details about the Orchard, including a plan identifying the different trees, and have been in discussions with Inspired Villages to create an access from the Gifford Lea Site into the Orchard.

The intention is that the Orchard which been kept as natural as possible as such it is only planned to mow it twice a year other than strimming around the trees as required and possibly a mowing a path.

In the next couple of weeks we are also planning to install the Willow Crown which was created by volunteers in a workshop run by Sarah Gallagher Hayes of Twigtwisters

War Memorial Update

As I am sure you are all aware the War Memorial remains fenced off due to subsidence issues.

The original plan had been to look at dismantling the Memorial to allow works to be carried out to create a platform which it would sit on. However following a meeting with representatives of Chester Cathedral it has become clear this is not going to be an option as it is believed that dismantling is likely to result in the Memorial shattering.

As such we are now looking to scope a scheme which involves the Memorial being supported and held in place while works take place under neath it. It is hoped once a scheme has been agreed and prices can be obtained to undertake the works we will be able to apply for grant funding to undertake the repairs.

More information will be posted as the project progresses on our Facebook page or https://tattenhallpc.co.uk/tattenhall-war-memorial

2023 Election Year

Next May, 2023 will see all out elections for Tattenhall and District Parish Council which means all Councillors will step down and will need to stand for election.

The Council has 15 seats and if 15 or fewer people stand to be on the Council they will be classed as elected without voting being held. However if 16 or more people stand to fill the seats then voting will take place.

Why be a Parish Councillor?

If you've never been to a parish council meeting before, you may be forgiven for thinking that parish councillors are a group of (probably older) people who meet now and then in a draughty village hall, Vicar of Dibley style.
Tattenhall & District Parish Council is a very active Parish Council which undertakes a range of activities some of which you will have read about in this Report.
Some of the things we do:
Own land including Barnfields, Glebe Meadow & The Spinney as well as The Park Play Area.
Consider planning applications and submit comments to Cheshire West & Chester Council (CW&C).
Try to influence CW&C decision which impact out area and take part in consultations.
Organise Community events including Christmas Parties and recent Jubilee Jamboree.
Try to address issues and concerns raised by residents.

It's all about making a difference and seeing your community change for the better, as a result of decisions you have helped make!

If you would like to find out more about being a Parish Councillor for Tattenhall contact the Clerk or any of the Parish Councillor's or join us at one of our meetings.

Who can stand for election?

- be at least 18 years old
- be a British citizen, an eligible Commonwealth citizen or a citizen of any member state of the European Union
- meet at least one of the following four qualifications:
  a. You are, and will continue to be, registered as a local government elector for the parish/ community in which you wish to stand from the day of your nomination onwards.
  b. You have occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in the parish/ community area during the whole of the 12 months before the day of your nomination and the day of election.
  c. Your main or only place of work during the 12 months prior to the day of your nomination and the day of election has been in the parish/community area.
  d. You have lived in the parish/community area or within three miles of it during the whole of the 12 months before the day of your nomination and the day of election.

Meeting Dates 2022-2023

Monday 4th July 2022
Monday 5th September 2022
Monday 7th November 2022
Monday 9th January 2023
Monday 6th March 2023
May 2022 TBC (Due to elections)

The Parish Council meets on the first Monday of every other month beginning in May each year, from 7.30pm in the Barbour Institute, the agenda is published a week before the meeting and can be found on the Council's website and is displayed on the Council's notice board on the High Street.
The Council calls extraordinary meetings as required, and the agendas for these are published in the same way as schedule meetings.

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For more information contact the Clerk:
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MOW A MEADOW AND MEET A MATE!

It will probably come as quite a surprise to most of our readers that one of the main social meeting places in Tattenhall is the Churchyard.

The majority of people taking walks around the village will pass through the Churchyard. and that amounts to a lot of people per year.

The band of volunteers that continue to maintain the Churchyard to such a high standard has the opportunity to meet and chat with the large number of people this amounts to. Having a chat often allows a welcome break from work and the feedback that we all get is very encouraging. It is good to be appreciated.

In addition to the locals there are a lot of visitors to Tattenhall who find the Church and Churchyard a pivotal part of there trip. One meets a mixture of interesting people who always have a story to tell. I recently met a couple of people trying to trace relatives who ran the Sportsmans before Colin and Tracy!!

If you want to join a band of volunteers doing a very rewarding job and enjoy having a chat call George Richards on 01829 770482.

MOW A MEADOW (CHURCHYARD)
AND MEET A MATE.

A note from the Treasurer about Harvest Festival

Publishing the Parish Magazine every other month means we have had to announce and advertise the Harvest Festival and Harvest Appeal in this issue which is some way off the actual date - 1st and 2nd OCTOBER. Please look out for posters, check the website and Tattenhall.org for relevant information as October draws nearer.

As you will see from the information elsewhere in this magazine there are several ways you can contribute. Many people in the village don't attend church but take an interest in its upkeep and are keen to see it is cared for and well maintained. If YOU fit into this category the Harvest Appeal is perfect for you.

The Appeal Target is £5,000. If we can reach this sum the disparity between income and expenditure could be further reduced allowing us to concentrate on the fabric of the church.

LET'S SEE IF WE CAN DUMP THE DEFICIT!

ST ALBAN'S CHURCH WEBSITE

If you use this facility you will have noticed how shockingly out of date some of it is!

Fingers crossed this will be remedied in the near future. Watch this space or better still the website!!

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Telephone: 01948 861035 Email: clerk@tattenhallpc.co.uk
Chairman: Iain Keeping

Instead of monthly meetings, the Parish Council now meets every two months in the Barbour Institute. Other business is conducted by email or Zoom which has proved effective.

In July, during Public Participation, the subject of speeding in the village was again raised. The Clerk reported that a date had now been set for Community Speedwatch training on 10th August. The date would be advertised in due course.

Inspired Villages provided an update on their application for Phase 4. Amendments have been submitted to CWaC and the Parish Council would have an opportunity to comment on these. It was hoped that Phase 3 would be handed over at the end of July.

The Parish Council was pleased to co-opt Mr **Richard Carden** to one of the two vacancies.

War Memorial

Following the meeting with experts from Chester Cathedral who had advised the memorial should not be dismantled as it was likely to shatter, the working group had obtained two quotes for underpinning the memorial using resin piles down to the sandstone base. The Council would seek a third quote if possible and that the working group would meet to discuss quotes in detail.

CW&C Cllr Mike Jones confirmed he would provide the contact details of the CW&C expert working the Chester Walls project.

Footpath Stiles

Fifteen stiles had been identified on Footpaths 8 and 2. Bolesworth Estate had been contacted about FP2 and had agreed to discuss the matter with their tenant farmers.

Concerns had been raised regarding access particularly for dogs on the Chester Road to Newton Lane path. This route has 7 stiles but CW&C have 3 gates which they could reuse along the route. To include this route in the project would require an additional 4 kissing gates The cost of 19 gates would be approximately £7.750.

Transition Tattenhall

The Council would seek to increase signposting of services to residents in need and promote this through the Council's website, social media and Tattenhall Online.

Single Use Plastic

The Council agreed to support the project to reduce the use of single use plastic in Tattenhall.

Youth Club

The Council had struggled to find help and support in this project, and it was suggested that it might try to employ/ contract a youth worker to engage with the young people of Tattenhall to see if they wanted and would use a Youth Club and what that Youth Club would be like.. Creating a Youth Club would tie into discussions about the Community Room and that the funding for this project could be reallocated to the village via the appointment of a youth worker. It was agreed the Clerk would raise the matter with CW&C

Village Cup

It was agreed to advertise for nominations for the Village Cup which would be awarded at the Parish Meeting on Wednesday 21st September, and that a winner would be selected from the nominations by a working group following the Council's September meeting.

Summer at St Alban's

We have enjoyed a busy summer with Jubilee celebrations, The Church Village Fete and our service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance.

Thank you to everyone who helped make them happen and who joined in along the way.

The Platinum Jubilee of HM The Queen as the Head of The Anglican Church was celebrated with a beautifully florally decorated church, a service of Thanksgiving and a Jubilee brunch.

The Fete was well attended with plenty to keep us entertained, including Zimbabwe singers. Thank you to local businesses for your support. We raised £3700!

A service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving provided an opportunity to pray and reflect on the impact of the pandemic on all our lives. Flowers and prayers were placed at the tree.

Soup and Pudding @ St Alban's £3 All Welcome!

The Community Room

First Friday of the Month 12-2pm

First Event September 2nd

Help Needed!

Could you volunteer in any of these areas?

We need help with mowing sections of the Churchyard. All equipment is provided

Painting the gates and metalwork

The Holy Dusters!

Some light dusting and cleaning either on a rota or a one off

Can you use Wix website builder? We need someone to update our website (1-2 hours per month)

Please contact George on 01829 770482

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

We are pleased to say that Breakfast is back!
Come and join us for a pastry or

Come and join us for a pastry or a bacon sandwich at 9.45am

Your Church is Open

St. Alban's Church is open everyday From 10am until 5pm

You are always welcome

From Tattenhall to Zimbabwe

When we started our appeal to support the children in the schools in Fr Lameck's home village we had no idea the impact it would have.

We hoped to send 1 or 2 drums of school items and sanitary wear but with the generosity of the village we sent FIVE !

They arrived a little battered but were quickly unpacked, sorted and put to use.

Your generous donations made it possible to purchase a small piece of land and draw up plans to build an Early Years Unit in the village. We are now planning ways to help fund the build!

THANK YOU TATTENHALL, YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Loss Café/Forget-me-not

This Cafe is not all doom and gloom nor does it focus solely on death or losing someone dear. This Loss café is similar to what was known as 'Forget-me-not'. There are many aspects around loss and coming to the cafe gives a chance to explore them. A time to reflect, think, listen, laugh and offer any experiences you may have to help others. Sharing can help and time spent at the Cafe can be a comfort. You do not have to bring anything. Tea and coffee is served at the beginning of our session. All our meetings are held on the last Friday of the month unless stated. The next meeting will be held on Friday 26th August in the Church Community Room. If you would like to know more about the 'Loss Café/Forget-me not', please contact the Rector on 01829 770245. All are welcome.

"Sometimes the best medicine is just a good chat in friendly company"

Sport & LEISURE TATTENHALL

.... On Your Doorstep!

Did you know? Located on the Flacca, with plenty of parking available, Sport and Leisure Tattenhall offers a vast range of sports' facilities and packages for all age groups and demands: from families with juniors, to students, office workers and seniors; from the social to the competitive player and from single-sport membership to multi-sport membership. The Club's comprehensive facilities include:

Gym with Personal Trainers
Cricket Ground and Nets
Croquet Lawns
Junior & Senior Football Pitches
Netball Court
Two Squash/Racketball Courts
Active Running Club
Two All-Weather Floodlit Tennis Courts
Women's American Football

A Friendly, Purpose-Built Clubhouse with Breath-Taking Views
Licensed Bar with Big Screen and SkySports/BT Sport Total
Active Social Calendar

Flexible Sport and Social Membership Packages
Coaching, Social Play, Competitive Play, League
Junior and Senior Members
Online Booking

For further information on any of the above, or to request a tour of the facilities, please email info@sporttattenhall.co.uk. or visit www.sporttattenhall.co.uk.

TATTENHALL OVER FIFTIES (TOFs)

Chairman Noel Atkinson 770808

Despite the technical hitch of a missing laptop of music, TOF's enjoyed their Queens Plantinum Jubilee celebrations at the beginning of June. Members toasted the Queen, had a lovely afternoon tea and took away a commemorative fridge magnet

After having to postpone at the beginning of Covid, the July meeting was a lovely talk and slideshow from Norman Sadler of the RSPB on the birds you may see in your garden.

The meeting on Thursday 4th August will start with the AGM when a new committee will be elected. Being on the committee is not a big task; we meet once a month to arrange meetings and coach trips and enjoy coffee, cake and chat at the same time. It really would be lovely to see some new faces and hear some new ideas.

TOF's good luck with coach trips continues as the weather for the day in Carnforth and Morecambe was glorious. Members enjoyed the museum and displays at Carnforth Station and recalled their memories of seeing Brief Encounter; then strolled on the prom at Morecambe or relaxed with ice cream, fish and chips and the rumour of a couple of beers. The tide was a long way out but a couple of hardy souls did wander down and have a paddle.

The next coach trip will be our annual visit to Llandudno and will take place on Thursday 18th August leaving the Barbour Institute at 9.30 am. If you come in a car please try to find alternate parking to the BI as they will need their spaces for hall users. If you do have to leave a car there please park in the field to the right of the building.

The final coach trip of this year will be to the Llyn Peninsula on Thursday 15th September. Please note that there will be NO PARKING at the Barbour Institute for this trip.

Tattenhall Over Fifties (TOF's) meets in the main hall at the Barbour Institute 2 til 4pm on the first Thursday of every month. We have speakers, entertainers, and other events including the coach trips. New members are always welcome so why not come along and be a TOF

Mindfulness/ Meditation in St. Albans church
Every Tuesday evening from 6.15 to 7.00pm.
Guided mindful breathing meditation via a CD. No experience necessary
No fee, but donations towards the upkeep of the church always welcomed
All welcome, (warm clothes advised)

TATTENHALL BRIDGE CLUB
Established in 1982

We meet on Fridays at 7.00 p.m. in the Community Room at St Albans Church, Tattenhall

This small friendly club is ideal for anyone ready to try club duplicate bridge.

Visitors and new members welcomed. You do not need a partner to join us.

If you are interested please contact the Secretary:

Email Val_Meeks@Yahoo.co.uk Tel: 01829 770781

BROWN KNOWL METHODIST CHAPEL

Rev. Donna Broadbent-Kelly

You are welcome to join us for worship on Sunday mornings at 10.45 am.

We will also be holding an Afternoon Tea on Saturday 13th August from 2pm to 4pm in the Church Hall.

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

www.brownknowlmethodist.com

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

TRANSITION TATTENHALL
Our village • Our future

It's been a busy two months for Transition Tattenhall. We've held our first General Meeting, welcomed lots of new members, elected Directors, held the Mini Meadows Trail, completed crowdfunding for the Repair Cafe, held weekly meditation sessions, began working on Plastic Free Tattenhall and held our first Member's Meeting.

We had a very successful first ever General Meeting on 15th June. Lots of new members turned up to hear about our journey so far and updates from our various project groups, as well as to take part in the election of our first directors. We've elected five out of a possible ten directors, so if you are interested and think you have the skills and ability to help Transition Tattenhall then we'd love for you to be involved.

On 26th June we had a wonderful afternoon welcoming visitors to the 14 mini meadows that had been grown around the village. Lots of people showed up to see both the newly planted as well as the well established plots.

Our Repair Café hit its fundraising target thanks to the generosity of the Tattenhall community as well as the Parish Council, CWaC's Cheshire West Crowd Fund and CWaC's Tackling Poverty Fund. The first Repair Café will be held on 31st July in the Barbour Institute. A repair cafe is a pop-up where volunteers fix your household equipment which might otherwise get thrown away. So do come along if you have items to fix or would like to learn more about how to make repairs yourself.

We held our first ever Members' Meeting on 6th July where we discussed project ideas around our key themes or carbon neutrality, community resilience, improving biodiversity and reducing consumption. We'll be launching new projects in the coming weeks so watch this space. You can become a member and get involved at any time, the details are available on our website, or you can contact us directly.

Our weekly Meditation sessions continue each Tuesday 6:15 – 7pm in St Alban's Church. This peaceful venue is ideal for quiet contemplation, helping mental health and building personal resilience. Join us next Tuesday to find out what it's all about.

As always, you can find out more at www.transitiontattenhall.co.uk and contact us on transition.tattenhall@gmail.com

There is no u3a monthly meeting in August.
In September our speaker is Ken Clarke with a talk titled "What's the Weather Like". Ken Clarke has avidly studied astronomy for over 50 years and is currently Hon. Vice President of the Liverpool Astronomical Society. The main enemy of the astronomer is cloud and it was not long after starting with astronomy, Ken realised that watching weather forecasts was pretty much essential. As a result, Ken's interest in meteorology developed.

For more information about u3a membership contact our membership secretary, Dorothy Turpy from the contacts page on our website. https://u3asites.org.uk/west-cheshire/contact