

TATTENHALL HANDLEY & BURWARDSLEY PARISH NEWS

DECEMBER 2015

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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR



Dear Residents

In the past, in the run up to Christmas there have been notable sightings of suspicious vehicles and their occupants especially in outlying areas. Special targets are usually diesel and heating oil storage tanks on farms and remote properties. Last month in outlying villages there have been a couple of Burglaries by opportunist thieves. Remember if you come across someone with a lame excuse for being there don't sit on the information, call 101 immediately with as much detail as possible.

It is likely that at Christmas you may find yourself with some presents that are replacement high value items, TV and sound equipment etc. You may want to security mark these as a number of items such as high value bikes have been stolen recently. Also you might want to discard the packaging on new items discretely, cold calling or passing opportunist thieves are made aware of what is available in your home by the new packaging left in view awaiting the waste collection.

If you have a feeling that something is untoward please do not sit on the information. Ring 101 and let the Police make the decision. If it warrants a Police officer attending especially in the rural areas they will not think it time wasted in dealing with your call. Even if it turns out to be a false alarm the Police will be grateful to you for taking the trouble to report it. The day you don't is usually the day that you should have. Every piece of information about an incident helps the Police to

concentrate their officers where they are most needed. If it helps them it ultimately helps you. Think about it what have you got to lose.

If you aren't sure, you can always call HomeWatch for advice, or call CRIMESTOPPERS anonymously, on 0800 555 111

More resources means Police back in our areas and better response times so make that call on 101 when you feel something is suspicious.

Rural officer contact details.

Our new senior officers for our area are now Inspector Paul Loughlin and Sergeant Graeme Carvell – Chester Rural Beat Management Sergeant.

Our local contact officers for Tattenhall via 101 are now...

Tattenhall (Tattenhall, Hargrave, Tiverton, Milton Green, Burwardsley, Beeston)

PC Tony Owens and Jonathan Hurst

If you wish to e-mail any of the above officers their address is their name followed

by @cheshire.pnn.police.uk For example

jonathan.hurst@cheshire.pnn.police.uk

antony.owens/graeme.carvell /

paul.loughlin

A number of differing versions of e-mail scams and telephone cons keep being reported to us of late. Most recent has been the offer of a scam Council tax Rebate.

Protect Yourself:

- Never respond to unsolicited phone calls.

POLICE CONTACT NUMBERS

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

FROM THE RECTOR

Unto Us A Child is Born

*For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given:
and the government shall be upon his shoulder:
and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God,
The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.*

So begins one of my favorite pieces of music at Christmas time. This passage from the book of the prophet Isaiah celebrating the coronation of King Hezekiah has long been seen in Christian tradition as a prefiguring of the birth of Christ.

But as I reflect on the "*child is born*" I cannot help but be reminded that there are some who are fond of saying that the child who is born to us, the son given to us, was "born to die." It is the kind of thing that can certainly put a damper on the celebrations of the birth of the baby Jesus.

I understand where that comes from, of course. It comes from a view of Jesus' salvation as having been accomplished by his atoning death. Jesus is the perfect sacrifice for our sins and like the sacred red heifer bred for sacrifice in the Temple, Jesus was born for this purpose. He was born to be the substitutionary sacrifice for our death penalty. Born to die. It is a very common view of Jesus' salvation, especially in the world we live, where we are fond of crime and punishment metaphors.

But it is not the only theory of atonement out there. There have been many over the centuries. Those who saw Jesus' atonement as a kind of ransom, those who see his atonement in his resurrection and not in his death. There are also those who see salvation in the divine declarations of solidarity with us in life, in death, and in new life.

I am inclined to lean on the last one and it is quite powerful especially at

Christmas. For the idea that the very Word of God should become flesh, should dwell with us, should come to us as a defenseless, utterly dependent, weak, and helpless child, is a staggering declaration of the Solidarity of God. It is a reminder that there is no aspect of our lives that is apart from God. In our weakness and in our strength, in our joys and sorrows, in our sufferings and our celebrations, in our living and our dying, there God is with us.

That is the real power of the Christmas story. The humble babe lying in a manger represents for us God coming to us fully. Not distant and removed. Not impassable and unreachable. But He is constantly there with us. That is cause for singing greater than the celebration of the birth of a sacrifice. It is the cause for real joy. We are not alone. God is with us. Immanuel.

Merry Christmas!



The Churches of Tattenhall, Handley and Burwardsley

Churches without Walls

Rector: Rev. Canon Lameck Mutete
770245

THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

Churchwardens:

Tattenhall	Georgina Blackhurst	770377	Dee Mason	458267
Handley	Alex Park	771277	Christine Walley	
Burwardsley	Jean Dutton	770379	Barbara Clare	770418

DIOCESAN NEWS CALLED TO SERVE

Are you wondering how best to serve God? Are you unclear what the options are? Are you ready to take the first step to find out? If so, then CALLED TO SERVE is an event that is designed to help you. Called To Serve is an annual event the Diocese runs for those interested in exploring the various licensed ministries of Pastoral Worker, Reader and Ordained ministry, with some input from the Church Army and a Franciscan brother (representing the religious life). There will be opportunities to ask questions and talk to people involved in these kinds of ministries. During the morning there will be input and a chance to talk to those already involved as well as time to ask questions. By lunch time you will be clearer about how these ministries differ and what training is involved. This year we are offering a free lunch so to book your place please email: ddo@chester.anglican.org or phone Anne on 01928 718834 ext 237 and we will send you more information and directions.

- Saturday, 30 January 2016
- 10am to 2pm
- Foxhill Conference and Retreat Centre, Tarvin Road, Frodsham WA6 6XB
- Closing date for bookings is Friday, 8 January 2016

MALPAS DEANERY NEWS

Clergy Chapter Meeting 7th December- Malpas

ST ALBAN'S CHURCH, TATTENHALL

SERVICES	Sunday mornings	8am and 10.30am
	Last Sunday of the month	6pm
	Wednesday	10am

Remembrance Sunday

The customary service was well supported by the community as was the procession to the War Memorial, which followed. We give thanks for 'The Friends of St Alban's Church' for providing a place for the Commemorative Poppies which were given to St Alban Church by the Parish Council for safe keeping. The collection as usual went to the British Legion Poppy Appeal Fund. We give thanks to our parishioners for laying the Wreaths at the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday and also to the Parish Council for providing refreshments after the service.

Services

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As part of our pastoral responsibility, we are once again going to be having a Toy Service at St Alban's Tattenhall. We encourage families to bring toys for children ranging from 0-16 years. These toys are to be given to **Save the Family Charity Organisation** in Chester as Christmas presents.

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Lessons and Carols

Our annual celebration of the Light of Christ at Christmas will take place on Sunday 20th December at 6.30pm. All are welcome to attend.

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This is followed by the 'The First Eucharist of Christmas' at 11.30pm.

Christmas Day Thursday 25th December

Christmas Services at 8.00 and 10.30 am

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May his soul rest in peace eternally.

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TOY SUNDAY

The first Sunday in December (December 6th) will be our

ANNUAL TOY SERVICE

when we ask for donations of new or good second-hand toys to send to the Chester charity

SAVE THE FAMILY.

We also extend the donations to general Christmas items, such as crackers, biscuits, puddings etc. – anything that will help their families have as good a time as our families.

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY – LEAVE YOUR DONATIONS AT THE RECTORY, 54 CASTLEFIELDS OR 17 OAKLANDS AVENUE OR TAKE TO YOUR CHURCH



**JOIN US
FOR FESTIVE FUN
ON FRIDAY 4TH
DECEMBER
FROM 4PM TO 6PM**

'Merry Church'

Church with a difference

Merry Church Children will be performing a short seasonal drama at the Crib Service to be held on Christmas Eve at 5.30pm

**ST. ALBANS
CHURCH
Come and
Meet Each
Other**



**CAMEO Lunch will be
on 17th December
12 noon for 12.30
at Carriages Restaurant**

**This is open to
everyone in the village.**

**Contact Kate on
771660**

tattparish.news@hotmail.com



**CAROL SERVICE
AT
ST JOHN THE DIVINE
BURWARDSLEY**

The Carol Service is on Sunday 13th December at 4.30pm followed by light refreshments. We look forward to meeting you. All welcome



**AT THE PHEASANT,
BURWARDSLEY**

Come and join the parishioners of St John's at the Pheasant, Burwardsley for the annual Carol Singing on Wednesday 16th December 2015 at 7.30pm to be led by Rev Lameck Mutete. Carol Sheets will be provided

*Best wishes for a Merry Christmas
and a Prosperous New Year*

The Parish News is delivered to all households across three Parishes by a band of willing volunteers. At this time of year, it is appropriate to thank them all for their help in getting the magazine to those who depend on it for church and community news.



tattenhall
amateur dramatics society

Celebrating 20 years of theatre presents....

Beauty & the Beast – the Pantomime

Directed by Alison Pritchard and Greg James

Thursday 28 January to Saturday 30th 2016

Tickets available from Complement, High St, Tattenhall.

A great opportunity has arisen for someone to assist with the sound and lighting for the Tattenhall pantomime from 28 – 30 January 2016. If you are interested, please contact Alison Pritchard on 01829 771330



Social Media

St. Alban's Church website can be found at
www.tattenhallchurch.co.uk for information about
forthcoming events,

then follow the links to
our Facebook



and Twitter accounts

for photos and comments on

Material for the Parish News should be sent to the Editor, preferably by email to tattparish.news@hotmail.com

If email is not possible, please forward written contributions (typed if possible) to 22 Greenlands, Tattenhall.

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BROWN KNOWL METHODIST CHAPEL
Rev. Marian Jones
01978 810292

The chapel Anniversary service and lunch were shared with friends from Bickerton Church, and the Methodists joined the Remembrance Service and laid a poppy wreath at Bickerton on 8th November.

Plans for AGM meetings and for new programmes for the coming year's activities abound.

Gifts for the Save the Family charity will be brought to the chapel at the end of November, and the proceeds from the afternoon carol concert on 7th December will go the Hospice of the Good Shepherd.

We will extend a warm welcome to the Bickerton Scout and Cub groups as they gather for their carol service and tea on Friday 18th December, joined by family

and friends.

Family worship and Junior Church take place each Sunday at 10.45am; a wonderful way to start the week in our beautiful chapel.

There are many other activities designed to help raise funds for building restoration.

Our Christmas celebrations are open to everyone as we end the year.

For more information, call 01829 270610 or the number above.

Margaret Cox



VILLAGE DIARY



DECEMBER			
1st	OPAL Club Coffee Morning	Barbour Institute	10.30am
3rd	TOFs Christmas Lunch	Carriages	
5th	Country Market Christmas Market	Barbour Institute	2-4.00pm
7th	Parish Council Meeting	Barbour Institute	7.30pm
9th	Tattenhall Gardening Society	Barbour Institute	7.45pm
11th	Children's Parties	Barbour Insitute	various
13th	Chester Bach Singers	St. Albans	7.30pm
15th	Tattenhall Singers—A Musical Celebration of Christmas	Barbour Institute	8.00pm
16th	Carol Singing in Burwardsley	The Pheasant	7.30pm
JANUARY 2016			
4th	Parish Council Meeting	Barbour Institute	7.30pm
7th	TOFs Meeting	Barbour Institute	2.00pm
13th	TGS and TWiG	Barbour Institute	7.45pm
16th	Community Land Trust Open Day	Barbour Institute	11-4.00pm
28-30th	Beauty and the Beast	Barbour Insitute	various
29th	WI Quiz	Barbour Institute	tbc



TATTENHALL and DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL



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Parish Clerk:
(770379)
Parish Council Chair:

Jean Dutton, Hill Farm, Burwardsley
Neil Matthews, Poplar Hall Farm, Newton Lane, Gatesheath

At the November meeting during Open Forum, Matthew Morris, of Bolesworth Estates informed the Parish Council about ticket sales during the initial launch of CarFest North 2016.

Residents with a CH3 9 postcode had been able to register for tickets in advance of the public sale and would have a further opportunity in Spring 2016 to buy. Watch out for further details on local media, posters, etc.

During the main meeting Councillor Pritchard announced that the Christmas Market would not take place on Friday 11th December on Barbour Square as in previous years. Fewer stallholders had booked spaces. A children's Christmas Party in the Barbour Institute was proposed on the same date, with a visit from Father Christmas. Further details are now available on the back page of the magazine.

Clr. Weaver brought Councillors up to date on the reopening of the Planning Inquiry at Winsford. Clr. Haynes undertook to raise with CWaC the fact that the Inquiry would not be webcast. As this was a matter of great public interest, he hoped to persuade the Borough Council to reverse that decision.

Discussions on the new play on the Park were going well. Three contractors had been contacted to provide quotes and once all had been received the Parish Council would be able to make a decision on the design of the playground. It is hoped to have a public consultation before a final decision is taken. Enforcement issues: The Parish Council had been informed that the garden wall at Gatesheath Hall Cottages will be removed 'within two months'. The Parish Council will monitor the situation.

Residents are welcome to raise any items of concern, during Open Forum at the commencement of meetings which are held on the first Monday of each month, upstairs in the Billiard Room of the Barbour Institute, commencing at 7.30 pm.

Clr. Sheila Chapman

Merry Christmas to everyone and a Very Happy New Year

TATTENHALL SURGERY

The Surgery will be closed from 12.30 on 15th December for a CCG event. The Surgery will reopen at 8.00am the following morning. In cases of emergency, please ring 01829 770234.

THE VAULT EVOLVES – WHAT A YEAR!

I am not really sad and I certainly wouldn't say I needed to go out more but having said that I have just found myself looking at back copies of articles relating to the development of The Vault!!

Actually it was rather inspiring!

Raising the huge amount of money needed can sometimes be daunting for the Privy Council. The tunnel can seem long and arduous so it was good to look back and realise the amount in the fund this time last year has been DOUBLED and the total amount raised as I write is £307,000.

Surely we will achieve the massive goal set and complete THE VAULT by the end of the first half of 2016.

We are very aware that YOU - the wonderful supporters, need a rest from our constant pleas to raise money so after the Promise Auction we shall have a little break. That is a rest from anything major but you can still help in the following ways:

- **THE PEE POTS** – a truly amazing steady income has been achieved with these
- **PERSONAL DONATIONS** – large and small
- **THE PEOPLES' PATH**

You will find in this magazine a final reminder leaflet regarding the Peoples' Path. It would be tragic to miss out on having one's legacy etched in fine paving stones. If you are struggling with an idea for a Christmas or Birthday present – an engraved brick would make an excellent gift. There is room for only 100 MORE BRICK PAVERS so LIKE ME (shameful I

know) YOU MUST FILL THAT LEAFLET IN NOW!

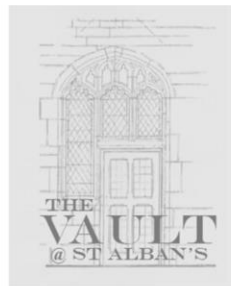
If you wish to give a brick as a gift, indicate this on the form and a Christmas Gift Certificate will be issued.

After a couple of months' respite, the February edition of the Parish News will contain some exciting new events which will be long awaited I'm sure!

In the meantime if you could have a brief word with the Boss or contribute in any way at all then the next article of this kind could have an altogether different approach. I know it is a shattering thought - no more Vault articles from yours truly but all good things..

I hope you have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Peaceful 2016.

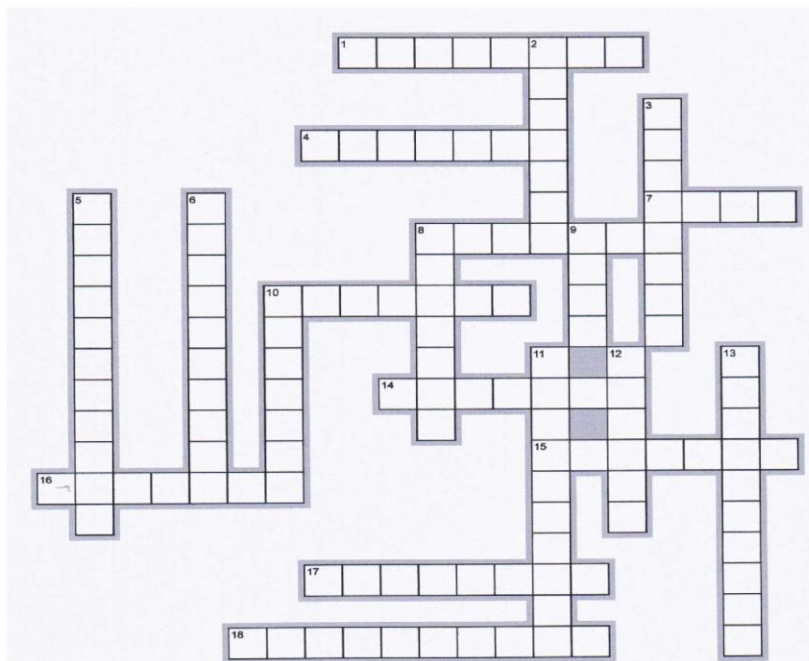
Jane Richards



PRIZE CROSSWORD

Complete the crossword and post your entry into the box in Alison's Coffee Shop, putting your name and contact details on the back.

The first correct entry drawn on Wednesday 30th December will win a voucher from **Salon Vie Hairdressing Salon**. Editor's decision is final.



ACROSS

1. The last banns, without Nicky, are all mixed up to allow you a moment's peace and quiet. (2, 6)
4. These are never seen in the sky but often from the Flacca (7)
7. This district sounds like ducks (4)
8. The Proclaimers would walk 491 miles less if they went there by foot (7)
10. She will not cut your hair at Salon Vie (7)
14. Only an old person will remember this hairstyle shop (7)
15. Is this somewhere between Christchurch and Leys? (7)
16. They will not sting you in here (7)
17. Rather wooden but it stands tall at the Primary (8)
18. To complete this you have to be on the same one as I am (10)

DOWN

2. Clay's boys may drink here (7)
3. On this farm young goats would love one (8)
5. Do magpies hide here (8, 3)
6. Towering outside, the ant, messed up in this place (10)
8. Rough sounding game (7)
9. A starter of tuna (and dressed salad) is something worth watching (4)
10. You will be slightly moved—before going initially to Nova Scotia to get some dough or cash (7)
11. It's not a low down way in Tattenhall but will still get you through it! (4,6)
12. Could you be in love when you play this? (6)
13. The Germans will say "no" to these homes. (4,6)

TATTENHALL PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mrs Laura Noble



Reception School Places

September 2016

If you have a child born between 1 September 2011 and 31 August 2012 you need to apply for a school place before 15 January 2016. You may apply online at www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/admissions or telephone the authority on 0300 123 7039 to request an application form.

SPORTS NEWS

Mr Sarginson's Hockey Report:

Team Tattenhall achieved our best-ever finish in the Deeside Ramblers Hockey Tournament. Firstly, our B team had two amazing wins against Farndon A and Tarvin A. They then drew against Bunbury A. When the final standings were announced they had finished second in their group and had only narrowly missed out on a semi-final place due to goal difference. Our A team stormed to the final, finishing top of their group and then winning their semi-final. The final was very tough, as Kelsall had a team full of Ramblers Hockey club players, however Tattenhall were determined to the end and despite losing the final they had still achieved our best-ever finish and were deservedly presented with second place medals for their achievement.

Mr Sarginson's Rugby Report:

Tattenhall took two teams to the Chester Area Y5/6 Tag Rugby event at Chester Rugby club, with over 30 other school teams taking part. Our A team performed exceptionally well in an incredibly competitive group,

which could not even be split on goal difference!

Tattenhall edged through to the semis, based on a better head-to-head record against Waverton. In an amazing semi-final we played a very talented Delamere team, and a vital interception gave us a narrow win. We then faced Overleigh in the finals but despite our best efforts, Overleigh achieved the win. As runner's up, Tattenhall had managed a school best-ever place in the 'A' division of this Tournament. Well done to all of the team, who were awarded medals for getting all the way to the final.

Year 4 Tag Rugby Megafest:

Nine of our Year 4 children went to Chester Rugby Club and took part in the Tag Rugby Megafest. The afternoon consisted of a mixture of games against other schools from the Chester area and training. Mr Jones is pleased to announce that the team won all 4 of their games, beating Saughton 4-1 and 2-1 and Highfield 3-0 and 4-0. The children then had coaching workshops in the key skills of passing, running, tagging and positioning. We have some very talented players and all the children once again represented the school in an excellent manner.

Y5/6 'Quick Sticks' Hockey Tournament:

Tattenhall took both an A and B team to take part in the Chester Partnership Hockey Tournament. Both our teams played with skill and determination, and showed excellent sportsmanship. Only one team could qualify from each group and our A

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team were very unlucky not to get out of their group and after gaining a draw against a very strong Kings A team, we finished second in the group (that same Kings A team won the tournament semi-finals and finals by a huge margins, which shows how well they did!).

Y1/2 Multi-Skills Activities:

On Thursday some of the Year 1 and 2 children attended a Multi-Skills event at Bishop Heber High School with Mr Jones. They thoroughly enjoyed the session and the opportunity to represent the school for the first time. The children learnt how to improve their balance, agility, speed and co-ordination skills through a variety of events run by the Year 10 play leaders. Look out for photographs on the school website.

HEALTHY LIVING

Healthbox Workshop

Children in Year 1 and 2 have recently taken part in a Hand Washing Programme. The activity focused on the importance of hand hygiene and demonstrated the most effective way to wash hands properly. The use of ultra violet hand wash helped children to see how effectively their handwashing routine really was! The children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the workshop and learning the best techniques for keeping their hands sanitised.

CELEBRATIONS AND FUN

Harvest Celebration

Our Harvest Festival was a super celebration for our whole school community. We were absolutely

packed to the rafters and I have received some lovely comments and words of praise from parents and visitors who attended. The collection raised a fantastic £110 for West Cheshire Food Bank together with a substantial amount of food donations brought in by the children. In addition Year six visited our senior villagers to wish them well and deliver a small harvest gift.

Hogwarts Disco

The Hogwarts Disco before half term was a splendidly spooky event with the children looking appropriately creepy in their scary costumes and stage make-up. A big thank you must go to our dedicated staff and superbly hard-working PTA members who once again pulled out all the stops to ensure that our children had an experience to enjoy whilst raising a fabulous £300 for school funds!

AND FINALLY

On behalf of the staff and Governors I would like to wish everyone a very safe and merry Christmas and I look forward to seeing everyone healthy and happy in the New Year.

Laura Noble Headteacher





**COUNTRY
MARKETS**
COOK • CRAFT • GROW

Tattenhall Country Market

**Our special Christmas Market is on Saturday 5th
December at the Barbour Institute from 2.00pm-
4.00pm.**

On sale will be lots of delicious home-made Christmas fare plus a good range of interesting handicrafts, plants wreaths etc., all ideal Christmas gifts. We will again be supporting the Children in Need appeal with a competition and collecting boxes.

Tea, coffee and cakes will be served.

Please note, there will be no market on Friday 4th December, but we will be open as usual at the Barbour Institute from 9.15-11.15 on the following two Fridays i.e. the 11th and 18th. The market will then be closed until the first Friday in February. **Please note our new opening time will be 9.30am.**

For more information or to place an order, please contact Marion Bevan 770196 or Liz Mogg 770998.

We would like to take this opportunity to offer Seasons Greetings to all our customers, producers and helpers.



Tribute to Brenda Davies A belated obituary

Brenda Davies died aged 77 years.

Brenda was the loving wife of Ken, mother of Janet and Jason and grandmother to Ben, Josh, Charlie, Rachel and Sam.

The family settled in Tattenhall 48 years ago. Brenda became the dispenser at the local surgery, run at that time by Dr. Kershaw, followed by Drs. Sanderson and Milner. When the pharmacy opened in the village she joined Tarporley Doctors' surgery.

She was a practising and devoted Roman Catholic and was a keen supporter of the local Church hall.

She will be deeply missed by her family and friends and by all who knew her.

Rest easy, love.

PARISH NEWS DEADLINES 2016
The first edition of 2016: 16th January

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TATTENHALL OVER FIFTIES (TOFS)

Chairman: Noel Atkinson 01829 770808

Treasurer: Jack Raine Secretary: Carol Weaver 01829 771443

Last month I had my crystal ball out and told how wonderful our day at Cadbury's World had been before the coach had even left Tattenhall!

Well, now that the event has taken place I can confirm it *was* a wonderful day, everyone enjoyed the tour and, if our household is anything to go by, large amounts of chocolate were both consumed and brought home.

On behalf of all TOFs I'd like to thank Noel and Diane for all the work that they put in organising the coach trips that take place throughout the year.

At the TOFs meeting on 5th November the speaker was Harry Watson who gave an amusing talk about his time as a driving instructor.

The meeting on Thursday 3rd December is the Christmas lunch which will take place at Carriages, 12 for 12.30 sit down.

The Christmas celebrations will continue with our trip to Llandudno to see Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs on Sunday 27th November. The coach leaves the Barbour Institute at 9.30 and the performance starts at 1.00 pm. There will be ample time for lunch (or shopping) beforehand.



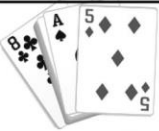
The first meeting on 2016 will take place on Thursday January 7th. As usual there will not be a speaker but there could be a quiz.

As we approach

Christmas TOF's would

like to say a huge thank you to those who have supported us over the last 12 months. We would also like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

There are great plans already in place for 2016 and new members are always welcome at 2 pm in the Barbour Institute on the first Thursday of every month. So let your New Years' resolution be TO COME ALONG AND BE A TOF.



TATTENHALL BRIDGE CLUB

New members welcome! A friendly introduction to club bridge

You do not need a partner just come along – we have a host system.

We meet at 7 p.m. every Friday in the Barbour Institute, High Street, Tattenhall, CH3 9PX

Interested?

Contact Val Meeks :- Email Val_Meeks@Yahoo.co.uk or phone 01829 770781



Tattenhall Gardening Society



TATTENHALL
WILDLIFE
GROUP

TGS and TWiG are holding their annual joint meeting on **Wednesday 13 January 2016 at 7.45 pm** in the

Barbour Institute when Richard Brown will be giving an illustrated talk on **Establishing and Maintaining Wildflowers** - a topic which should interest members of both groups.

Richard is Amenity Sales Manager for Germinal GB Ltd. On leaving school he worked in the horticultural industry, first in nurseries growing stock shrubs and trees and he then moved into landscaping. Richard then gained a degree in Horticulture from Writtle Colleg in Essex and following a short stint travelling he began working for

Germinal in 2002.

Non-members are very welcome to attend for £3.00 at the door.

There may well be an opportunity at this meeting to purchase/order wildflower seeds so a dark, winter's evening could be cheered up by the thought of colour in the spring and summer.

In the meantime Season's Greetings from both groups.

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INSPIRING WOMEN

What an eventful year for the WI; 100 years since the 1st WI was formed in Anglesey, 95 years of the WI in Cheshire and Tattenhall WI celebrating its 90th birthday in October!

By all accounts we had a wonderful party, celebrating the talents of our members and giving a taste of what we do at our monthly meetings. We made carnation buttonholes, read wonderful poetry, and showcased art and textiles. A lovely cake was cut by our Patron, Mrs Anthony Barbour and Mrs Frances Woolham, the Cheshire Chairman, toasted the National, the County and Tattenhall WI. Folk singers Barbara, Mac, Rosemary and Brian, representing our entertainers and speakers, rounded off the evening beautifully.

By the time you read this, we will have had our AGM and will be looking forward to celebrating Christmas.

Our programme next year is planned by four of our members and it is always a surprise to me.

The first meeting welcomes Professor

Cynthia Burek talking about "Science" and we would like to say hello to anyone who would like to join us then.

We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, at 7.30pm, upstairs in the Barbour.

Stop press news! Our ANNUAL QUIZ will take place downstairs in the Barbour on Friday, January 29th. Further details will be on Tattenhall WI website, the Village website and on posters in the village.

Although I did not succeed in my attempt to increase our membership in 2015 to 90, I feel pleased we have attracted many new members and as I write this who knows what will happen in the next 6 weeks?

Ever the optimist-
Ruth McPhillips. President.
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New class for 2016: Toddler Ballet Class

For children aged 2 1/2 - 4, both boys and girls welcome.

Get your child to start using their imagination through dance and music. From fireworks and fairies, to soldiers and statues, your child will be having fun while learning from start to finish.

Friday's 1:30-2:00pm, starting 8th January.

To reserve a place for your child please contact

Amy on 07562 325736, or email

amywest116@hotmail.co.uk

First class free, then £3.50 per class.

Film Nights:

A reminder that there isn't a Film night in December, or January, but we will have two films in February to make up!

The dates for your new calendar are...

Wed 3 February - 'A Royal Night Out'

Wed 24 February - 'What We Did on Our Holidays'

And Finally...



*Everyone at the
Barbour would like to
wish you a
Very Merry Christmas
and a Joyful New Year*

Tattenhall Community Association: Charity Number 1094557



Everyone is invited to
Come and join the **Tattenhall Singers**
in an informal

Musical Celebration of Christmas

on Tuesday 15th December

in the Barbour Institute at 8.00pm.

Listen to the Singers as they delight with seasonal music and join them in singing traditional Christmas songs and carols.

Admission £4.00 to include mulled wine and a mince pie. The Bar will also be open.

A MESSAGE FROM A 'TATTENHALL LAD'

A View of Chester from Behind
the Wheel of a Black Cab



By Alan (Dicky) Miles

Many of you will remember me; Alan Miles (known as Dicky Mint to my family and friends) – a local lad, born and brought up in Tattenhall. I have two sisters who still live in the village.

My first book was entitled 'Memories of a Tattenhall Lad' and I have now written another book "Behind the wheel of a Black Cab in Chester" – my experiences and thoughts in over 10 years and stories from other drivers.

The cost is £3 with the profit of 80p on each book going to St. Alban's Church who look after the churchyard where my Mum/Dad and several relatives are laid to rest.

If anyone would like a copy ring 01244 321791 or email R.woodworth@sky.com

So far there have been two print runs and hopefully a third will be ordered,
Alan(Dicky)Miles



Tattenhall Community Land Trust Your Village—Your future

We're looking for volunteers to create and run a Community Land Trust (CLT) in Tattenhall.

By working together as a CLT, the community can purchase land, build and rent out affordable houses, create employment opportunities and deliver initiatives that the people of Tattenhall really want. The CLT needs your help. It will only work if everybody joins in and plays their part.

Interested?

To find out more, come to the open day on Saturday 16th January at The Barbour Institute from 11am—4.00pm, chaired by John Heslewood from Cheshire Community Action.

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provide a few hours away from home for the majority of our

The Opal Club now has a full complement and it is good to

Christmas Party on our last meeting day.

We are closed for two weeks over the festive season and the first meeting in the New Year is the 5th January.

We wish villagers and friends a very happy Christmas and health and

Our fund raiser of the year is our annual coffee morning, concluding with The Famous Raffle.

This will take place on

Tuesday 1st December

from 10.30am at the Barbour Institute.

Admission £1 including coffee and a mincepie.

Hope to see YOU there!

members who are housebound if they have no assistance.

In November we enjoyed our usual activities, including gentle exercise led by Jill. Members also decorated plant pots and made Christmas flower arrangements to be sold at the Coffee Morning. Our outing to Bellis's Garden Centre at Holt was very successful and, besides choosing and enjoying a good lunch, most members were happy to visit the food hall and also do some Christmas shopping

We are now anticipating our annual one and only fund raising event which will be a Christmas Coffee Morning on Tuesday, 1st December in the main hall of the Barbour Institute from 10.30am to Midday. Coffee /Tea and mincepies are £1, and there will be the usual cake, bric-a-brac and bottle stalls, with the famous raffle. Later in December we will enjoy Christmas Lunch at the Egerton Arms at Broxton and a

good fortune in 2016.

With more members volunteers are now stretched and we are desperate both for drivers and carers. If YOU could consider helping on dates of your choice we would love to hear from you.

Please contact either Keith Titchener (01829 770716) or Elaine Dunham (01829 771059). Perhaps it could be one of your New Year resolutions!?



Tattenhall Gardening Society



Tattenhall Gardening Society's Christmas event will take place on Wednesday 9th December. This event, hosted by the Committee, has become an eagerly awaited fixture in our calendar and this year we expect it to be as popular as ever!

The title this year is **Gardens of the World** and features highlights of our globe-trotting committee's travels far and wide, together with seasonal refreshments. No need to book, just turn up on the night.

TGS meetings are held in the Barbour Institute, Tattenhall on the second Wednesday of the month at 7.45pm. New members are always welcome. Annual membership subscriptions: £17 double, £12 single, or non-members come along and just pay as you go.

CHESTER BACH SINGERS

CAROLS by CANDLELIGHT

Sunday 13th December at 7.30pm
St. Alban's Church, Tattenhall

Tickets £12
(includes seasonal refreshments)

Tickets are available from 770104, 770463 or
online at www.chesterbachsingers.org.uk



Dear Residents

In the past, in the run up to Christmas there have been notable sightings of suspicious vehicles and their occupants especially in outlying areas. Special targets are usually diesel and heating oil storage tanks on farms and remote properties. Last month in outlying villages there have been a couple of Burglaries by opportunist thieves. Remember if you come across someone with a lame excuse for being there don't sit on the information, call 101 immediately with as much detail as possible.

It is likely that at Christmas you may find yourself with some presents that are replacement high value items, TV and sound equipment etc. You may want to security mark these as a number of items such as high value bikes have been stolen recently. Also you might want to discard the packaging on new items discretely, cold calling or passing opportunist thieves are made aware of what is available in your home by the new packaging left in view awaiting the waste collection.

If you have a feeling that something is untoward please do not sit on the information. Ring 101 and let the Police make the decision. If it warrants a Police officer attending especially in the rural areas they will not think it time wasted in dealing with your call. Even if it turns out to be a false alarm the Police will be grateful to you for taking the trouble to report it. The day you don't is usually the day that you should have. Every piece of information about an incident helps the Police to

concentrate their officers where they are most needed. If it helps them it ultimately helps you. Think about it what have you got to lose.

If you aren't sure, you can always call HomeWatch for advice, or call CRIMESTOPPERS anonymously, on 0800 555 111

More resources means Police back in our areas and better response times so make that call on 101 when you feel something is suspicious.

Rural officer contact details.

Our new senior officers for our area are now Inspector Paul Loughlin and Sergeant Graeme Carvell – Chester Rural Beat Management Sergeant.

Our local contact officers for Tattenhall via 101 are now...

Tattenhall (Tattenhall, Hargrave, Tiverton, Milton Green, Burwardsley, Beeston)

PC Tony Owens and Jonathan Hurst

If you wish to e-mail any of the above officers their address is their name followed

by @cheshire.pnn.police.uk For example

jonathan.hurst@cheshire.pnn.police.uk

antony.owens@cheshire.pnn.police.uk

paul.loughlin@cheshire.pnn.police.uk

A number of differing versions of e-mail scams and telephone cons keep being reported to us of late. Most recent has been the offer of a scam Council tax Rebate.

Protect Yourself:

- Never respond to unsolicited phone calls.

POLICE CONTACT NUMBERS

EMERGENCY calls ONLY: Ring 999

INCIDENT calls: Ring 101

Crimestoppers: 0800 555 111

- Your local council won't ever phone out-of-the-blue to discuss a council tax rebate. If you receive a call of this nature, put the phone down straight away.
- No legitimate organisation will ask you to pay an advanced fee in order to receive money, so never give them your card details.

If you think you have been a victim of fraud, **hang up the phone and wait five minutes to clear the line** as fraudsters sometimes keep the line open. Then call your bank or card issuer to report the fraud. Where it is possible **use a different phone line to make the phone call.**

If you believe that you have been a victim of fraud you can report it online http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/report_fraud or by telephone 0300 123 2040. Some leaflets on potential scams are available at the Drop In (see below for details) Attempts at fraud via Telephone or e-mail are one of the increasingly growing ways of relieving you of your money. It is both annoying and potentially costly to the individual. Please report all scams attempts via the www.actionfraud.police.uk/report_fraud

To request help with lost and found pets/keys/jewellery etc contact me below asap. If you have a photo of a lost or found pet please send it in JPEG form.

FREE UV marker pens are available on request at the '**Drop In**' at the **Barbour Institute**, one for each person attending. This is held every Tuesday 10am – 12noon, all are welcome so come along for a chat and sort out the world's problems with endless cuppas and biscuits for £1 per person, along with security advice thrown in for free (Community Safety Wardens on the first Tuesday of the Month) With your free **FREE UV marker**

pens all that is required is that you mark your valued items with your house Name or number and Postcode. Sometimes items are stolen and discarded that are of no value to the thief but of great sentimental value to you. Think about it, what have you got to lose.

If you would like to be included in our e-mail HomeWatch updates contact list, send your details to graham@gmarsden.co.uk with your address and phone number in case of e-mails bouncing back.

Graham Marsden 771641

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

AT THE BARBOUR INSTITUTE
ON FRIDAY 11TH DECEMBER

FREE TO ALL LOCAL
CHILDREN

4.00-5.00pm Age 4 and under
(parents welcome)

5.10-6.30pm Age 5 to 11
(parents, please register
your child at the door)

FUN AND GAMES

ENTERTAINMENT

REFRESHMENTS

VISIT FROM

FATHER

CHRISTMAS



No entry without a ticket. Collect yours from
Tattenhall Library on 1st or 4th December
between 3.15 and 4.30pm

Sponsored by Tattenhall & District Parish Council



The Rector and Churchwardens
of our three churches
wish you and all your loved ones
A Very Happy Christmas
and a Peaceful New Year

These are our special Christmas Services

December 13th at 4.30pm Carol Service at Burwardsley
December 20th at 4.30pm Carol Service at Handley
December 20th at 6.30pm Carol Service at Tattenhall

Christmas Eve at Tattenhall

5.30pm The Blessing of the Crib
A special service for families
11.30pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

Tattenhall Services at 8am and 10.30am
Handley Service at 9.15am
Burwardsley Service at 10.30am

We look forward to seeing you



Churches engaging with the community
www.tattenhallchurch.co.uk
www.handleychurch.co.uk