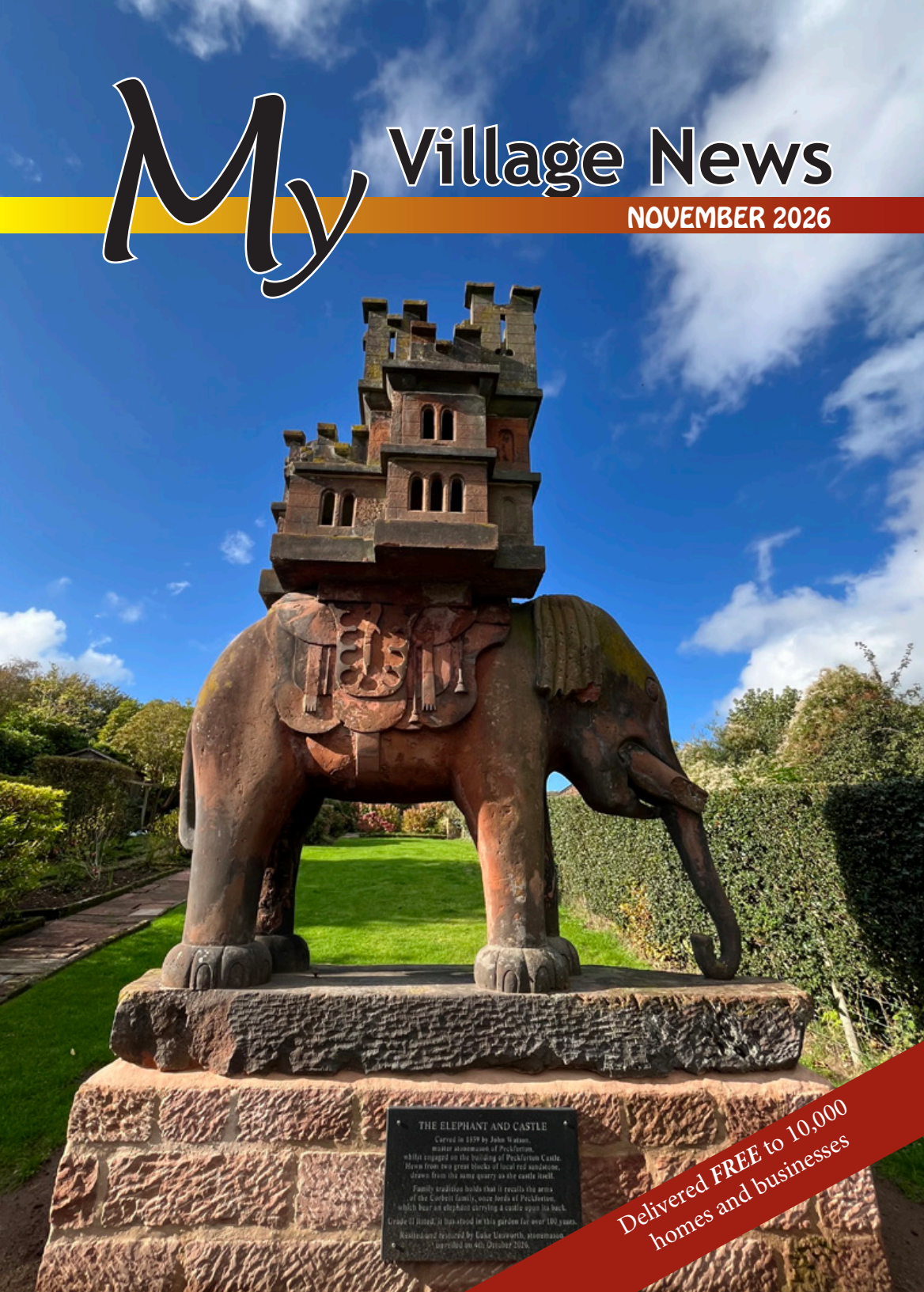
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Hello and a warm welcome to the November My Village News.
It is only now turning to colder temperatures, after a very warm start to autumn.
We have grapes to harvest, the tomatoes are coming to an end after a fantastic daily supply, and the apples despite some falling off the trees, are still plentiful.
The pubs and eateries are doing their best in these difficult economic times to entice everyone with offers, read the adverts in our October and November magazine to see when you can get a great deal and enjoy special events; Like our churches, they are at the heart of our communities.
We have lots of information on services and events in our churches for November and December.

Our front page photograph this month is of the elephant and castle monument in Peckforton, you can read about it on p 61.

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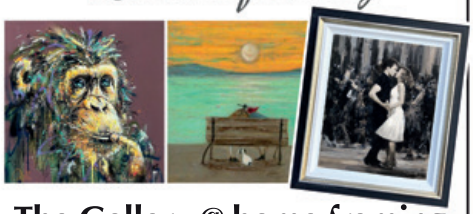
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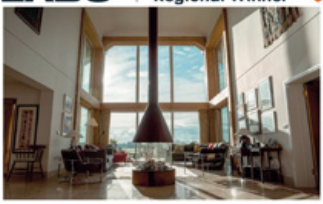
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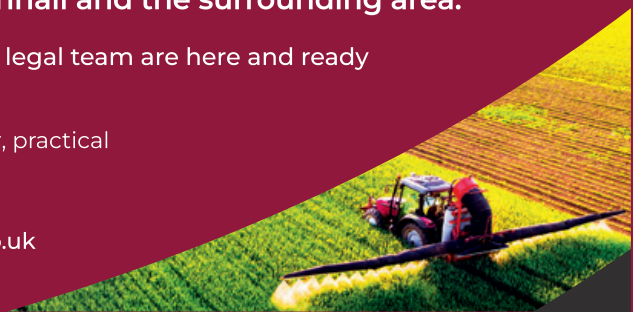
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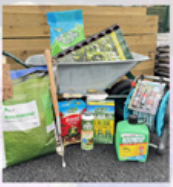
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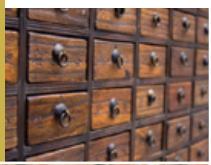
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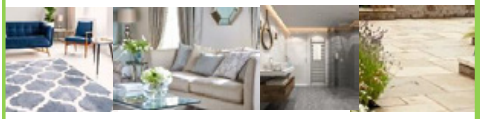
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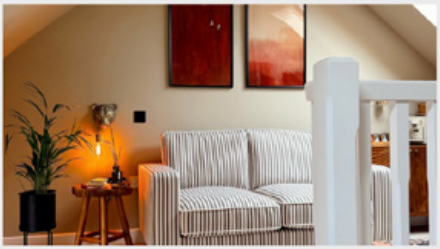
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- Most unused pension assets will be included in an estate for inheritance tax purposes from 6 April 2027.
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- Most pensions can be accessed from age 55 (rising to 57 from 2028).

The pensions and IHT changes coming in from 6 April next year, mean many families may need to review their estate planning strategy. This includes how they access assets, and in what order of priority, in retirement.

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**Should I access ISAs or pensions first in retirement?**

Whether you should draw on your ISAs or pension first will depend on your own personal circumstances. The right approach will take account of factors such as your income needs, tax position, estate planning objectives and the assets you want to leave behind.

Most pensions can be accessed from age 55, rising to 57 from April 2028. In some cases, taking money out of pension savings and making gifts during your lifetime can form part of an estate planning strategy. However, this will not be right for everyone, particularly if you rely on your pension to provide retirement income.

If reducing the value of your estate is a goal, there may be a range of options available, including gifting. However, different types of gifts are subject to different rules and tax considerations.

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For families, the main attraction will be the Christmas Trail around the stables, where Father Christmas will be making an appearance. For £2.50 per child, they can follow the trail, meet him and receive a gift. All profits from this will go to the Injured Jockeys Fund which is a charity supporting people who have been injured while working in racing and who are joining us for the day with their lovely Christmas gifts and cards.

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## OATS, PEAS, BEANS AND BARLEY GROW

by David Hayns

Readers from my generation may remember the days of children's birthday parties when we played unsophisticated games such as 'Oranges and lemons' and 'The big ship sails through the alley-alleyoo'. I remember particularly 'Oats, peas, beans and barley grow', of which the words meant little to me as a boy growing up in the south on the edge of a town. It was in an area once noted for its market gardening, helping to feed nearby London.

By way of contrast, in our part of rural Cheshire from the beginning of the 18th century land use changed gradually from roughly 50% arable and 50% meadow and pasture, to 20% arable and 80% meadow and pasture. By the beginning of the 18th century, dairy farming was on the increase, with most of the milk being used for making cheese or butter. Crops, either 'on the ground' (i.e standing crops) and 'in the barn', were wheat, barley, oats, rye, beans, peas, 'fytches' (vetches), flax and hemp. Evidence for the cereals is found in the 19th century names for fields in the My Village News area: barley (Bunbury, Broxton, Bickerton); oats (Bradley, Handley, Malpas, Stockton, Tattenhall); rye and rye grass (Agden, Broxton, Bunbury, Chorlton, Egerton, Marbury, Norbury, Oldcastle, Peckforton, Spurstow, Stretton, Tattenhall, Tilston); wheat (Agden, Burwardsley, Carden, Clutton, Egerton, Handley, Harthill, Horton, Iscoyd, Norbury, Oldcastle, Shocklach, Tattenhall, Tilston, Tiverton).

Corn crops (wheat, barley, oats, rye) were used for essential tasks such as bread-making and for the huge quantities of beer that were brewed by housewives for everyday use. 'Small' beer was a very low alcohol drink for everyday use in place of water, which could not be replied upon for its safety or purity. The leguminous crops (beans, peas, vetches) carry nitrogen-fixing bacteria in their root nodules and some of this essential nitrogen is available for later crops in crop rotation, such as was practised on the old open fields. Flax and hemp were the raw materials for a range of everyday essentials including textiles, clothing, rope and paper.



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And, returning to the rhyme in my first paragraph, 'First the farmer sows the seed/Then he stands and takes his ease/Stamps his feet (to firm the seed into the ground) and claps his hand (to scare off the crows)/And turns around to view the land'. Then he rewards himself with a flagon (or two) of small beer!

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Sunday 20th December Carols by Candlelight at 11.00am
Friday 25th December Christmas Day Family Holy Communion at 10.30am.

100 Club Tickets are now available with prizes of one at £250. 2 at £75, and 4 at £25. the tickets are £10 each and are available from Ann Bailey 07762 451154. The draw will take place following the "Carols by Candlelight" service on Sunday 20th December. Wine, Fruit Juice & Mincepies will also be served following this service.
Celebrating Christmas on Saturday 5th & 12th December ~ the church will be decorated and open from 10.00am ~ 2.00pm when there will be a "Tree of Remembrance" for anyone wishing to place a message in memory of a loved one or friend, baubles and message tags will be provided, together with Tea, Coffee & Cake being available. There will also be a stall with lots of festive goods to help solve your ideas for Christmas presents. We look forward to welcoming you, just come along for a chat and enjoy the displays in church for the season of Advent and Christmas.
Carol Concert on Monday 7th December in Church with the Border Singers commencing at 7.00pm. Please come along and enjoy the evening ~ wine, fruit juice & shortbread will be served, and there will be a retiring collection.
Carol Singing at the Cholmondeley Arms ~ On Thursday 17th December we will be singing carols from 6.30pm, everyone is invited to join us, the collection is for the Cheshire Agricultural Chaplaincy, a charity providing mental health and pastoral support to farmers and rural communities.
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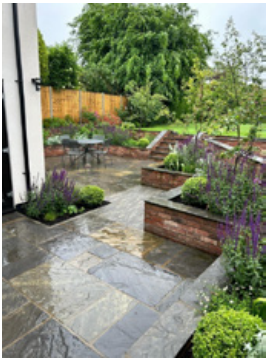
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Sunday 29 November - PIT STOP CAFE – tea, coffee, cake and bacon butties on sale from 10.30 am to 1pm. All welcome. Free admission.
Visit www.peckfortonparish.org.uk/PBVH or the PBVH Facebook page for more information on all events including our regular Peckforton Pit-Stop Cafes (last Sunday of month), Craft and Chat (every Weds) and health and wellness classes (Pilates, Tai Chi, Restorative Movement and Sound Bath sessions).



## The Elephant & Castle Monument

From the Haunted Bridge in Hill Lane towards the centre of Peckforton village there are a row of cottages.
Mason Watson lived in one, he carved the Elephant and Castle statue 1859, the stone came from the same quarry that was used for Peckforton Castle.

Over the years this landmark slipped, now thanks to Peckforton resident Alison Barlow who funded the works.
Structural advice, planning permission, specialist stonemasonry and the building of a new level plinth was completed and the eight-ton monument was levelled, and re positioned on large sandstone plinth.
Residents celebrated the official plaque unveiling with a tea party in the village hall on Sunday 4th October

Pictures kindly sent by Jimmy Rae



**Curated in Bunbury to bring historic village church to life this Christmas** A carefully curated Christmas market celebrating local artists, independent makers and artisan food producers is coming to the historic Cheshire village of Bunbury this November, taking place at St Boniface Church on Saturday 14 November 2026, from 10am until 3pm.

Set within the beautiful surroundings of one of Cheshire's most distinctive village churches, the event will bring St Boniface to life for the day with creativity, craftsmanship and festive atmosphere.

Visitors will be able to browse a carefully selected collection of original artwork, handmade gifts, home accessories, jewellery, embroidery, glass art, candles, craft kits, handmade cards, seasonal flowers and artisan food.

Organiser and local artist Sally Belinda said:

"We wanted to create something that feels special and fitting for Bunbury—bringing this beautiful historic church to life while showcasing talented local artists, independent makers and artisan producers.

"Curated in Bunbury is about quality, creativity and beautifully made products. "There is so much talent and creativity within Cheshire and the surrounding area, and it is important to give independent makers a setting in which their work can really be appreciated."

Rather than a traditional Christmas fair, Curated in Bunbury has been designed as a considered seasonal shopping experience.

Every exhibitor has been selected to create a varied and high-quality collection of gifts, food and handcrafted products.

Bunbury, is often described as part of the "Cotswolds of Cheshire", with its historic buildings, thatched cottages and surrounding countryside. The village is also close to Beeston Castle and Peckforton, making Curated in Bunbury an ideal addition to a festive day out in rural Cheshire.

## CODDINGTON, ALDERSEY & CLUTTON

**Coddington and District Parish Council**: Please visit our website for all items such as agendas, minutes council governance, councillor contact details and other parish related matters.
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**Whist & Bingo** at Coddington Parish Room
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## HOLT

**Kenyon Hall Holt** The Kenyon Hall is a traditional village hall and is an ideal venue for clubs, groups, exercise classes, children's and family parties to hold their events and activities. For more information, please contact Dave.Kenyon.Hall@gmail.com Tel. 07485290773

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Christmas Coffee Morning December 5th 10.30-12.00 £5 entry Raffle £2 for a huge Christmas hamper. Follow us for more information about events at the hall on our Facebook page Kenyon Hall

**Holt Local History Society** The new season began 0n September 24th, 2026. Peter Edwards' talk, 'Looking at Holt Afresh: The View from Outside' replaced the scheduled talk on Cammel Lairds, which will now take place in October. Peter's talk, presented with gusto and enormous enthusiasm, was entitled 'Holt in Context: The View from the Outside'. He began with the Roman conquest of Wales 40-50 AD, the tile/ pottery finds of the XXth Legion and the name given to Holt of Castrum Leonum (the Fort of the Legions). The Romans were keen to develop the rich mineral deposits in North Wales. Moving on to medieval times, he explained that Holt was in England in 1066 and the linear town it represented contrasted with the circular Anglo-Saxon settlement of Farndon. The Frontier Trip Wires of Offa's, and Watt's, Dykes were highlighted.
Holt as with other Edwardian castles had a town built around it (the Bastides). Conflict was often present with Owain Glyndwr's burning of the town and the Civil war damage (still observable today) Over the centuries, the lords and gentry of Holt, John de Warenne; Fitzalan de Mowbray; William Barnston and Sir Thomas Grosvenor. have also left their legacy.

Date of next meeting: Thursday, November 19th, 2026
Rethinking the Hill Forts of Wales, a talk by Dr Toby Driver
£15 annual membership. Visitors £5.
Talks: Community Hall, Chapel Street, Holt LL13 9DJ, usually fourth Thursday in the Month.
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## FARNDON

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**Men in Sheds Farndon** Interested in getting involed with this new project? Contact Tim Kenney fandhmensshed@outlook.com
**St. Chad's Church Christmas Tree Festival 2026** Friday 4th December - Sunday 13th December.
On Friday 4th December at approximately 6.30pm (following the switching on of the village tree) Farndon Brass Band will open the festival, then each tree will be introduced and switched on, seasonal refreshments will be available.
Saturday 12th December a Christmas Fair in the church 2-4 pm.
The trees will be available for viewing all week, with the church open from, 10am - 4pm, Saturday 5th to Sunday 13th December.

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HARGRAVE & HUXLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY Our next meeting will be held Monday 9th November at Hargrave Church Hall, commencing at 7.30 p.m. Laurie Bradley will be giving us a talk titled "From Cook to Pastor to SAS Padre"
Monday 7th December will commence at the earlier time of 7.00 p.m. The talk, given by Julian Garratt, is titled, How cheese shaped where we live in North Cheshire.
The first meeting of the New Year will be held on Monday 11th January at ll, commencing at 7.30 p.m. Gary Ashby will be giving a talk on the subject of Chester Castle. Light refreshments to follow.
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10.00-12.00 U3A Discussion Group (alternate Tuesdays)
20.00-21.30 Tattenhall Singers
**Wednesday** 6.00-7.00 Yoga with Lynn Owen
**Thursday** 09.30-10.30 RAK Pilates with Rachel Kidd
**14.00-15.30** Circle Dancing (last Thurs of the month)
**14.00-16.00** TOFS (1st Thurs of the month)

**TATTENHALL VILLAGE MARKET is now at the flacca sports club Tattenhall.** We are open every Friday morning 10am till 12pm selling an

**West Cheshire Rural u3a** The talk at the West Cheshire Rural u3a meeting on November 19th given by Andrew Emerson JP is "The History and work of the Magistrate Service" The talk will give an insight into the role of the Magistrate and how the criminal justice system works with examples of the type of cases JPs deal with.
Join us at the Barbour Institute Tattenhall from 2pm with the speaker slot starting at 2.30 pm. For more information on u3a membership contact our membership secretary at membershipwcru3a@gmail.com or visit our website for details of the activities and interest groups

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## THE TATTENHALL AND DISTRICT PROBUS CLUB

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We are seeking new members and if you would like to find out more please contact John Mann on 01829 782286 or John.Mann100@gmail.

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**Malpas Parish Council** now meets on the last Thursday of the month at 7pm in the Jubilee Hall. There will be an "Open Forum" where any parishioner can raise any issue. Also at least one Parish Councillor will be available for a surgery to meet any parishioner to discuss any local at The Old Fire Station, 10 - 11 AM on the first Saturday of the month,

**Malpas Bridge Club** Wednesday evenings at the Jubilee Hall, Malpas from 6.15pm for a 6.45pm start. For further information please contact Bill Stevenson 07495 181208

**Malpas Backgammon Group** meets on Tuesday evenings at 7pm at The Lion at Malpas. All experience levels are welcome to join at any time. Tuition is provided to those who need or want it. For further information contact Paul Brooks by email: cpaulbrooks@btinternet.com

**One Achord Choir** One Achord Choir have recently moved their weekly practices to The Lion at Malpas. We are a friendly, sociable group of ladies all sharing a love of singing. Why not come and join us? Practices are held 7:15 to 9:15pm on Tuesday evenings during school term time, performing several concerts and various other engagements throughout the year. Find out more or get in touch through our Facebook page, website oneachord.org or call Krista on 07522 882874

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Contact John 07803 234005
Play competitive duplicate Bridge at Malpas Bridge club Jubilee Hall on Wednesday evenings 6.30 to 10 pm contact Bill 07695 181208

**Bingo** WED 18TH NOVEMBER. Bingo to raise money for the FRIDAY FRIENDS. MALPAS JUBILEE HALL. Doors open at 7pm for refreshments. Eyes down at 7.30pm. £1 entry.
WED 16TH. DECEMBER. Bingo to raise money for CLAIRE HOUSE CHILDREN'S HOSPICE. MALPAS JUBILEE HALL. Doors open at 7pm for refreshments. Eyes down at 7.30pm. £1 entry.

**Malpas & Friends Chess** I have been very pleased with the start of the season my teams have made.
In the online World Chess League in the arenas we have had so far Malpas & Friends came 6th and 8th. The top 16 qualify for the knock-out stages so if we carry on like this we should once again qualify.
In the 4NCL online at the time of writing (October 13) the only points we have dropped is when two of our teams play each other.
It has been nice to see some of the players I have been training in the weekly sessions start to play for my online teams.
I have weekly sessions at The Lion@Malpas on Tuesdays 5.45pm onwards and at The Library at the Bishop Heber High School 5.30pm to 6.30pm.
For further information, please contact me, Charles Higgie on -01948 860083, 07981074373 or higgiecharles@gmail.com

**Malpas Amateur Gardeners November 2026 - Please turn to page 33**

**St Oswald's Malpas, St John's Threapwood, Holy Trinity Bickerton**
Regular Services and events
St Oswald's Malpas
Sunday
8:00am BCP with Holy Communion
11:00am Parish Communion
5:00pm Evening Prayer
Tuesday
10:00am BCP with Holy Communion
St John's Threapwood
9:30am Traditional Parish Communion (1st and 3rd Sunday)
Holy Trinity, Bickerton
9:30am Parish Communion
Community Services
Propsect House (Monthly)
11:00am Traditional Service (shortened) with Holy Communion
Children and Young People
Stay and Play each Wednesday morning during term time 9:00– 11:00am
Contact for more information
Email: rev.janinearnott@outlook.com or Tel: 01948 860922
or see our website: https://www.malpasthreapwoodbickerton.org.uk/

## WHITCHURCH

Whitchurch WALKERS at Sherry Mill Hill car park, unless otherwise stated
Sun 8th November 10.00am Kingsmill & Bersham meet Sherrymill 10am
Starting from The King's Mill, Wrexham - about a 7 mile figure of eight walk to Felin Puleston & Bersham including parts of the Clywedog Valley Trail and Erddig Country Park. Please bring lunch and a drink.
Wed 11 November 9.30am Bev's Midweek Walk Farmer's stroll meet Sherymill at 9.30am
This lovely and easy 5 mile walk starts from the pub and will take us down the beautiful scenic canal (which has water lilies ) and across Cheshire farmland and bridleways.
There will be a pub lunch after the walk which serves very tasty food (good portions) and good value but please let me know if you will be attending for lunch as i have to let the pub know.
Sat 28 November
13.00pm Boothsdale and Kelsborrow Castle; 4 miles; Car share from Sherrymill For further details, www.whitchurchwalkers.co.uk

**In St John's** Whitchurch each Monday 12 to 4 meet to keep warm, chat with tea and toast soup if you like and tea /coffee and biscuits. All made very welcome come and join us for try if in Whitchurch

Whitchurch Singers
Sing for Fun. Would you like to join an informal welcoming and friendly group of people who enjoy singing. All abilities welcome, Monday evenings 6.30 for 7:00 pm start finish 8:50 pm
The Watergate Centre (opposite Boots) SY13 1DW
e-mail tamla.motown1964@gmail.com

## TILSTON

**1st Tilston Guides** invites girls aged 10-14 to join our Guides unit, where they'll explore, learn, and create amazing memories together. Are you ready for fun, friendship, and new experiences? Although based in Til-ston we welcome girls from anywhere in the local area willing to travel into Tilston for our sessions on Monday evenings from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm during term time. We also do various trips and activities at other times.
If your daughter is interested in joining or if you have any questions, please contact Claire and Sarah at tilstonguides@gmail.com

## ALDFORD

**Aldford Village Hall** is located in the charming village of Aldford on the Eaton Estate. The well equipped and well maintained Hall is available for one-off and regular bookings. Please email with enquiries to info@aldfordvillagehall.co.uk.

**Aldford Bowls Club is situated in the scenic village of Aldford.**
We are a friendly, non-league, social club where new members, of all ages, are always welcome.
From October to the end of March, we meet at 7pm on Tuesday evenings to play indoor carpet bowls in Aldford Village Hall.
If you've never played indoor bowls before why not give it a try, it's great fun.
We also play outdoors on our Crown Green from April to mid-September.
Interested in joining us?
For further information please contact Gordon Wright on 01829 770176 or Julie Binnersley on 07484882043.

## MARBURY & TUSHINGHAM

**St Michael's Church Marbury**

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| Sunday 1st November | 4pm | Evening Prayer |
| Sunday 8th November | 10.45am | Remembrance Service |
| Sunday 15th November | 9am | Holy Communion Service |
| Sunday 22nd November | 11am | Holy Communion Service |
| Sunday 29th November | 11am | United Benefice Service at St Chad's |

**St Chad's Church Tushingham**

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| Sunday 1st November | 11am | Morning Prayer |
| Sunday 8th November | 10.45am | Remembrance Service |
| Sunday 15th November | 4pm | Church at Four |
| Sunday 22nd November | 9am | Holy Communion Service |
| Sunday 29th November | 11am | United Benefice Service at St Chad's |

**St Chad's Church Tushingham are holding a Christmas Market and Christmas Tree Festival on Saturday 28th November from 10 am - 2pm. All welcome**

**Aldersey & Coddington WI** Aldersey and Coddington WI meets on the first Tuesday of the month at Coddington village Hall (next to the church) at 7.15pm.
On November 3rd we welcome Nicky Patterson, with the subject being Female Air Traffic controller.
The following Monday after a meeting at 10.00am we get together for a coffee and a chat at The Lost Barn, Tilston.
If you are interested in joining our WI group or to find out more information on these events, please call Linda Harrison 07990 774866

**Broxton and Bickerton WI** Our meetings are held on the last Wednesday of the month in the Bickerton Village Hall at 7.30 pm. On the 25th November, Rose Mary Lee will be talking about life as a shepherdess. This meeting will be open to guests and family. Our Coffee Morning, is on the first Wednesday of the month at the Bickerton Poacher. We have two monthly Walking Groups and many other activities. Guests are very welcome. Check our website, broxtonbickertonwi.org.uk or phone Jenny Jones on 01829 847 220

**Bunbury WI** : meets on the second Thursday of the month at Bunbury Playing Fields Pavilion at 7:30pm. On 22 October our Members enjoyed an Autumn Lunch catered by The Little Deli Malpas. Our November Meeting will be AGM and Quiz followed by our Christmas Social Evening in December. New Members and guests are warmly welcomed. For further information contact Lynda Davies 01829 863781.

**Chorlton & Cuddington WI**. At our October meeting we enjoyed an insight into the life and times of cardiology nurse, author, adventurer and inspirational speaker Michelle Beaver. She described the challenges particularly during COVID and her dedication to fitness and fund raising during her long nursing career.
Our next meeting is our AGM at 2pm on Wednesday 4th November there is no speaker but we plan to hold a quiz and bingo with nibbles, guests are most welcome.

**Eaton W I** Regular groups such as Learning to Crochet; Art and a Lunch Group continue to prove successful. Eaton WI welcomes visitors to meetings: we meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7.30p.m. The full programme can be seen on the noticeboard in the Jessie Hughes Village Hall and on the Village noticeboard. Further information please contact Dianne Ouseley (President) on 01829 733639.

**Farndon & District W.I**. This month is for our Annual Meeting so it is members only I am afraid. We meet on the last Tuesday of the month in Farndon Memorial Hall, Church Lane, Farndon at 7:30pm. Visitors are always welcome to our meetings normally. For more information, please contact Sarah Scott 01829 270692 or look at our website: https://farndonwi.weebly.com/

**Holt WI** meeting on 10th November at 7.30 in Kenyon Hall Holt.
A talk by Michael Hett on the Wrexham Miners Project.
More details agbowdler@hotmail.com

**Huxley & Hargrave WI**. We have had a former member of our WI back for a visit . She did a quiz for us . So good to see her .
We are planning our programme for 2027 and looking forward to an interesting WI year . As always visitors are always welcome .
Contact Trish 07866262500 or Connie 01829781298

**Marbury WI** Marbury Village Hall
November 10th 1.00pm (Afternoon)
David Hearn - Christmas Traditions in the UK and around the World
Competition - Foreign Country Christmas Item
As this is an Open Meeting, visitors are very welcome.
There is a £5 charge for visitors. If you would like to come along, please phone Janet Wheeler on 07713 811636.

## SPURSTOW

**Spurstow Parish Council** www.spurstow-pc.gov.uk Please visit us for all items such as Agendas, Minutes of Parish Meetings, Council Governance, Councillor contact details and other parish related matters.

## TIVERTON & TARPORLEY

**Tiverton Bridge Club** Monday evenings 6.15pm play 6.30pm
Contact Barbara Davies 01829 720368

**Tiverton Garden Club** On the 1st Tuesday of every month at 19.30 in Tiverton Village Hall Huxley Lane Tiverton. £2 members non-members £3 All welcome membership £10 includes 10% discount card for Oakells Garden Centre. Membership enquiries: Email jeanette.devine.jd@gmail.com..

**Tarporley and District u3a**
Tarporley and District u3a – Press Notice – My Village News
Programme November 2026
The monthly meeting is held at Tarporley Community Hall.
Doors open at 09.45 and there is time for tea, coffee, biscuits and a chat before the meeting begins at about 10.15 with a few announcements, followed by the talk at about 10.20 and questions to the speaker at about 11.15. The meeting closes around 11.30
On Thursday 26 November 2026
"Scams' and How to Protect Yourself and Your Family
Detective Constable Andy Kevan from the Cheshire Policy Cyber Crime Team will talk to us again with an updated talk on the importance of on-line security, how to spot fraudsters and what to do if you think you've been scammed.
He will also discuss the rapidly developing world of AI and how it has, and how it will, impact our lives – for good and for bad – and how to protect ourselves and keep ahead of the criminals.
You can find out more from the u3a website – https://tarporleyanddistrict.u3asite.uk - where
the monthly newsletter is available, as is information on how to join the u3a.

## BUNBURY

**Absolute beginner line dancing Bunbury line dance class Bunbury Village Hall!!** Still Mondays at 2.30-3.30pm £6.
Contact Faye, email bickertonbootscooters@gmail.com for more info.

**Bunbury Website** For more news about what is happening in Bunbury please visit www.bunburyvillage.info. This site is run by volunteers and is intended as a resource for visitors and anyone living in the village or surrou nding area. Information includes regular events in the Pavilion and Village

**Bunbury Baby & Toddler Group**
Every Wednesday 9.30-11.30am during term-time. All parents, carers, grandparents welcome.
£3 per child (50p extra per sibling). Toys for all ages (including a baby corner), snacks & refreshments provided for all.
Email us for more info: bunburytoddlergroup@gmail.com

**Photography Club in Bunbury.** We're an enthusiastic group who enjoy taking photographs either with a camera or phone.
Its a very relaxed, fun environment, with no committees or membership fees.
We meet on the last Thursday of the month at 2pm at the Yew Tree Bunbury. If you want to meet other photo enthusiasts please contact: Carol Wallace, 07789668044 cwallace0910@gmail.com

**BUNBURY GARDENING CLUB**
Tuesday 7:30pm 17th November AGM SUPPER for MEMBERS ONLY at Bunbury Village Hall, tickets £6 available from Kath or Margaret.
Friday 7-9pm 20th November XMAS WREATH making at the Pavilion £25 includes all materials required and refreshments! Places are limited and likely to sell out fast so please book early to avoid disappointment! Event open to members & non members.
Contact Kath on 07905 932805 or Kathrodenn@hotmail.com

**Bunbury Village Hall**
For what's on in our regular classes and clubs, together with what's coming up please visit our website https://bunburyvillage.info/village-facilities/bunbury-village-hall/ or find us on facebook https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61593958466479

## BICKERTON

**Bickerton Village Ha**ll Website: bickertonvillagehall.com & on Facebook or bickvillagehall@outlook.com
Further information on all regular classes can be found on our website.

**November film night** is "The Devil Wears Prada 2", showing on Nov 23rd Door & Bar open 7pm films startrs 7.30pm

**Christmas Wreath-making workshops** on Sunday 29th and Monday 30th November(proceeds to Bickerton Church). Seee poster on page —

**10th November Prize Bingo at Bickerton Church** doors open at 6:30pm eyes down 7:30 pm, everyone welcome

**Beginners Line dancing** Thursdays 6.30pm £6 (stay as long as you like, tea break & improver dances after 7.30, All welcome In Bickerton village hall. Email bickertonbootscooters@gmail.com for info!

**Bickerton and Egerton Parish Council.**
website is www.bickertonandegertonpc.org
Facebook page is Bickerton and Egerton Parish Council.

**New Pilates Class** Bickerton Village Hall Tuesdays 10:00 am
All abilities welcome please contact Estelle to book your place
07957 413 887 e-mail Estellebatty@gmail.com

**Bickerton Car Boot and Makers Market Sunday 8th November**
11am - 3pm www.carbootandmarket.co.uk

**Bickerton Tennis Club@ Bickerton Village Hall**
Come along and have a game of tennis
Contact Jackie Bourne jackiebourne2756@gmail.com

## BULKELEY AND RIDLEY

**The Bulkeley and Ridley Parish Council website** is now fully functioning. It contains all the latest accounts, minutes of meetings and other relevant information.
Bulkeley and Ridley Parish Council have a new Facebook Page.
Please visit and 'Like us' at: https://www.facebook.com/bulkeleyandridleyparishcouncil
You may access the website through www.bulkeleyandridleypc.org.uk. Your feed back would be appreciated via the email address given on the website.

**Advent & Christmas at Bickerton Church**

29th of November advent Sunday service at 9:00 30 AM
our annual wreath making sessions will take place on the 29th of November during the afternoon and evening at Bickerton village hall the cost is £40 including all materials and light refreshments sessions begin at 1:30 and 5:30
30th of November an additional wreath making session will be held at the Bickerton village hall at 1:30 to reserve a place please contact Steph Griffith on 07507250833 or e-mail
bickertonchurchwarden@gmail.com
Please make cheques payable to Bickerton church warden

From 1st of December join us every Tuesday throughout December for a pop-up cafe in the church from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm
3rd of December 6:00 pm onwards carols around the Christmas tree with Farndon Brass Band plus stalls hot chocolate and mince pies weather permitting outdoors or in church
20th December at 4:00 pm carols by candlelight in the church followed by mince pies and Prosecco
24th of December at 3:00 pm our annual crib service
Christmas Day at 9:30 am our first Christmas communion

**10th of November Prize Bingo at Bickerton church doorsopen at 6:30pm eyes down 7:30 pm, everyone welcome'**

## BROWN KNOWL

**Brown Knowl Methodist Church** – the Rev Donna Broadbent-Kelly
Brown Knowl Methodist Church Minister – the Rev Donna Broadbent-Kelly
You are welcome to join us for worship on Sunday Mornings at 10.45am followed by Coffee and biscuits. For any further information please phone or see our website. Details below or contact 01244 535231 for general information.
Website: www.brownknowlmethodist.com
November 1st Remembering Service 10.45am
November 8th No Service at Brown Knowl.

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