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Hello and welcome to the June My Village News. As we write we are into three weeks, maybe four, without rain, the water barrels have very little left in them, hopefully we can last out until the rain arrives, without using the tap water.

Luckily, flowering shrubs and perennials are thriving in this warm spell and gardens and countryside are a mass of colour.

One of the many benefits of delivering My Village News is enjoying the plants in front gardens and passing the time of day with people we meet along the way, plus exercise and fresh air.

David Hayns has supplied us with an interesting article 'Safe Strongholds' in and around our villages throughout the ages. page 43

Keith Crump sent in one of his verses Moments page 43

Bunbury village day will take place on Saturday the 14th of June, a great day out details on page 48

Our front-page photograph was taken on the outskirts of Clutton

Don't forget if you have a photograph you would like to send in from your village, a fete, a colourful scene etc please email ann@myvillagenews.co.uk and attach.

See you when we are out and about

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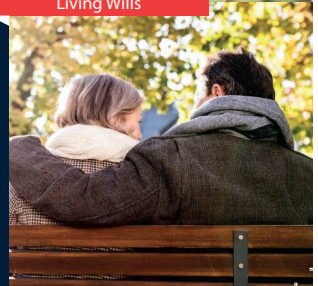
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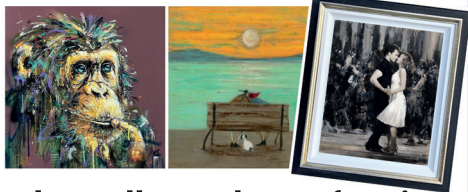
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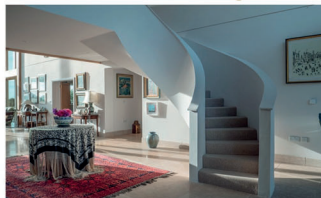
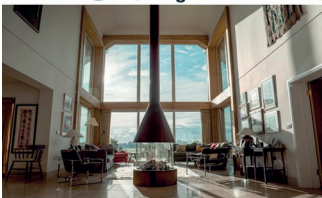




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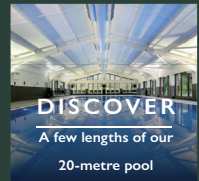
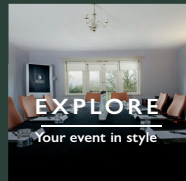
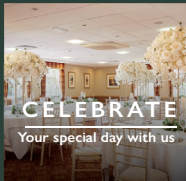
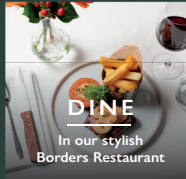
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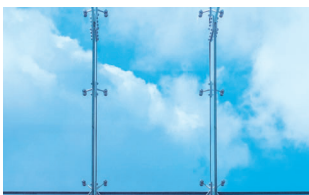
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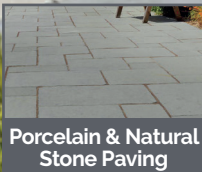


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Financial protection such as insurance cover helps ensure that you and your family will be able to pay bills, maintain your lifestyle and safeguard your savings, should anything happen.

A financial adviser can help you pick the right level of protection for you, both now and in the future.

We can all see the logic in financial protection. In fact, 2024 saw a record number of people taking out income protection policies according to the Association of British Insurers website.¹

We insure our tangible assets – cars, the contents of our homes, even our pets – almost as a matter of course. But protecting yourself, your standard of living and your health can be far more valuable than protecting your material possessions.

What types of protection should I be thinking about?

The rule of thumb is, if you value it – protect it. Different types of protection insurance exist, depending on what, or whom, you need to protect, and for how long. The three most widely available are Life Assurance, Income Protection and Critical Illness Protection.

Income protection pays a percentage of your income so you can continue to cover bills and outgoings, if you're unable to work through illness.

Critical Illness Cover pays out a lump sum if you suffer a serious illness such as cancer or a heart attack.

Life Assurance pays out a lump sum on death. If the policy is written in trust, the pay-out will be free from IHT. More importantly, for most people, this will help avoid delays during probate.

Protecting your income protects your family

Income protection is more than just a safety net, particularly if you're one of the UK's 4.25m self-employed.² If you're self-employed, you have responsibility for your health and welfare, as well as your pension.

The impact of losing an income can send shock waves through a family. An Income Protection plan replaces a percentage of your income if you can't earn, meaning you can continue to pay the bills and stay afloat.

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Your protection checklist

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- Do you have a 'rainy day' cash fund that you could live on for six months?
- Would you be able to afford to keep up payments for the family home if you or your partner lost an income?
- Would your older children manage if they were unable to pay their mortgage? Would you be able to step in to help?
- Would you have to cut back or dip into savings to keep afloat?

If you answered no any of these questions, then you may not be properly insured. A financial adviser can help you decide on a proper level of protection.

What do Life Assurance and Life Insurance policies cover?

Life Assurance Life Assurance is a whole life policy that pays out a tax-free lump sum on death whenever that occurs. Life Assurance policies can be useful if you're anticipating an Inheritance Tax bill.

Life Insurance covers you for a fixed term, not the whole of your life. These fixed term protection policies are useful when covering a financial commitment that will reduce or end in the future, such as a mortgage, or school fees. And is cheaper as a result.

Do I need Critical Illness Cover?

Critical Illness Cover plans provide a lump sum if you're diagnosed with one of a large number of specified illnesses. The cover can be for a specific time period or for your whole life. Given that we are all living longer, a critical illness policy may be one of the most important for your future financial resilience.

Why protection matters

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Wed 11 Jun	Sun 15 Jun	Isle of Wight - The Diamond Isle	5	The Brunswick	£549.50	Nil
Mon 16 Jun	Fri 20 Jun	Constable Country & Suffolk Explorer	5	Stoke By Nayland Golf & Spa (Colchester)	£629.50	£100.00
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SAFE STRONGHOLDS David Hayns

Beeston Castle stands out as a heavily defended stronghold, well portrayed by Robin Gleek's atmospheric photograph on the cover of My Village News for February 2025. It is a former Royal castle, perched on a rocky sandstone crag 350 feet (107 m) above the Cheshire Plain. Built in the 1220s by Ranulf de Blondeville, 6th Earl of Chester (1170–1232), on his return from the Crusades, it is part of a network of major castles (Chester, Shotwick, Frodsham, Macclesfield and Beeston), with lesser baronial castles including, in our area, Malpas. A number of other minor strongholds of the motte-and-bailey type were built along the frontier with Wales, including Aldford, Shocklach and maybe Oldcastle. The Castle was not the first fortification on Beeston Hill and excavations in the 1960s and 1970s discovered evidence for a hillfort dating from the Bronze Age (c.3,000-c.1,200 BC). Better known are the visible remains of Maiden Castle, in the form of ramparts and a ditch on Bickerton Hill, one of a chain of Iron Age (c.1,200 BC – c.55 AD) hillforts running from Helsby Hill down to, possibly, Oldcastle. Archaeologists are still undecided on how to interpret the earthworks (now covered by trees) overlooking the Wych Brook at Oldcastle – hillfort, or medieval castle? There are well over a thousand hillforts known in England, originating in the Bronze and Iron Ages. It is not known for all of them why they were constructed. Certainly many were for defensive purposes and were the sites of violent conflict, such as the more famous Maiden Castle in Dorset where badly wounded bodies have been excavated. However, others were probably just settlement sites, or served other purposes such as livestock enclosures, tribal meeting places, or trading centres. One leading place-name expert interprets 'Beeston' as meaning 'rock, or hill, where a market is held'.

Right on the edge of the My Village News area and just over the Welsh border are the remains of another stone-built castle, at Holt. Built for Edward 1st soon after his invasion of North Wales in 1277, it became known as 'Castrum Leonis' or 'Castle Lyons' after the lion motif carved into the stonework above its main gate. The village sign, which faces you as you come into Holt from the bypass, features an excellent depiction of the original castle. Both Beeston and Holt played significant roles during the 17th century Civil Wars. During most of the conflict Holt was a Royalist (Cavalier) garrison, whereas Beeston changed sides a number of times. Both were 'reduced' (demolished) by the Parliamentarians (Roundheads) after the end of the wars and much of their stonework was recycled, in various ways. Some stone from Holt was shipped up the Dee to help build the first Eaton Hall, seat of the Dukes of Westminster. Stone from Beeston was 'robbed' and used for less exalted work, including the repair of roads in the surrounding townships. There are some interesting videos about the histories of both castles, to be found on Youtube.

Also seeing action during the Civil Wars was the Royalist garrison at Cholmondeley House, forerunner of the present Cholmondeley Castle. The timber-framed house was assaulted and finally taken by the Parliamentarians in 1643/4. It was rendered so uninhabitable that after the war the staunchly Royalist Lord Cholmondeley had to move out and live for the rest of his life at Bickley Hall (now the headquarters of the Cheshire Wildlife Trust). In 1801-4 a new house, described by Pevsner as 'in the Gothick style, battlemented but not otherwise castle-like', was built on another site within the park. Considerable alterations were made in 1828/9, when new features included a tower and tower-like features, and new battlements with machiolations (the holes through which boiling oil could be poured onto attackers!). Another village, just outside our area, which was garrisoned and attacked at times by both Royalists and Parliamentarians, is Tarvin. In 1644 the Parliamentarians fortified the village by surrounding it with a substantial rampart, of which all traces have now vanished. Tarvin remained in their hands until the end of the war. Even some of our parish churches were involved. At Holt there are depressions in the walls of St Chad's, caused by musket balls, and Malpas church was at one time used as an overnight dormitory for Parliamentary troops from the garrison at Nantwich. In 1643 Farndon church was being used as a barracks for the Parliamentarians when it was attacked and badly damaged by the Royalists. Enigmatic clues to other possible once fortified sites in our area are provided by place-names containing the element 'burgh' or 'bury' from which is derived the terms 'borough' and 'burgess'. We have Bunbury ('Buna's stronghold'), Marbury ('fortified place near a lake') and Norbury ('northern stronghold'). These three villages received their early English names before the Norman Conquest of 1066 and their origins are difficult to determine – but there are clues in their names to suggest that our local countryside was not always so peaceful as it is today!

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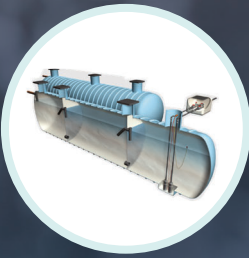
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Bunbury Village Day - Summer Sounds – UPDATE!

Bunbury Village Day is now in its 56th year, and the BVD team is busy putting the final touches in place for this much-anticipated event, which will take place on Saturday, 14 June. This year, Bunbury Village Day is turning up the volume with a celebration of music and a day of Summer Sounds!

A host of musical contributors will ensure there's something for everyone. You won't want to miss the very energetic and colourful Karama Samba, Wombat & Muttley with their infectious pirate ditties, Bunbury's very own Just Sing Choir, the ever-popular Chester Brass Band, newly formed rockers Rebel Yeld, versatile vocal duo The Harmonies, the legendary Lost Boys, and firm favourites The Easy Peelers, not to mention a liberal sprinkling of "Open Mic" performers.

Everyone is invited to find their musical groove by joining in the fun and performing with first-time visitors Green Man Morris, as well as adding to the wonderful rhythms of Karama Samba in the main arena. There are also plans for musical party games in the arena for children of all ages! Bunbury Village Day is well known for its Parade, and this year will be no exception. Anyone dressed in a music-themed costume can take part, and we are looking forward to seeing Rock Stars, Disco Divas, Rock and Roll Legends, as well as Classical Composers and Conductors! The Parade will also feature an array of vehicles, from tractors to cars, scooters, and bikes! This special day will also include the Bunbury Rose Queen and Attendants, a well-stocked bar and BBQ, a super selection of stalls, thrilling fairground rides, and much, much more!

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THE TATTENHALL AND DISTRICT PROBUS CLUB

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Malpas Parish Council now meets on the last Thursday of the month at 7pm in Malpas Community Church, High Street Malpas.
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Play competitive duplicate Bridge at Malpas Bridge club Jubilee Hall on Wednesday evenings 6.30 to 10 pm contact bill 07695 181208



Malpas Flower Club -The Committee have been very busy organising trips to the Theatre and our Annual Open Event. Forty ladies had a successful trip to see "Calamity Jane" at the Opera House, Manchester Our next Theatre trip is planned for October to see "Fiddler on the Roof" at the Palace Theatre. In March we had our ever popular Open Day attended by 70 ladies enjoying a lovely lunch followed by a very interesting talk from one of the Late Queen's Dress Makers. For more info on what we get up, please contact our Chairman, Janet Blake on 01948 860359.

CHESS So far 2025 has been an amazing year for local chess player Charles Higgle. In February he played for the England 65+ 3rd team in Prague in the World Seniors Team Tournament, where he scored 6 wins, 2 loses and a draw. He was then selected for the England 65+ 2nd team for the World Seniors Team Tournament in Poland in April where he scored 2 wins, 2 draws and one loss. On May 1st his chess rating went to 2016, the first time it has ever been above 2000. A few days later the English Chess Federation awarded him the title of "English Club Master".

Charles runs a chess club at The Lion@Malpas every Thursday 5.30 to 7pm. There is a rota of events,-

First Thursday of the month - How Good is Your Chess? - try to guess the next move in a master game.

2nd Thursday - 10 second tournament. Pictured are the players who took part in the first tournament on Thursday May 8. Charles is presenting the trophy to Michael, who will keep it for a month. This was the last meeting at our the venue at the library at the Bishop Heber High School.

3rd Thursday - Charles takes on all comers simultaneously and goes over the games afterwards. The photo is of the five players Charles took on simultaneously at the first meeting at The Lion on Thursday May 15.

4th Thursday - Improve your play, finding solutions to tactical exercises

5th Thursday of the month (if there is one) Charles plays without sight of the board.

Further details from Charles Higgle on 01948 860083 or 07981074373, email higgiecharles@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 Tilston 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

Tilston 10K and Children's Races Sunday 29th June 2025

- Raising money for the Tilston Playing Field
- Children's races for all children up to and including school Year 9: medal and prize for all children
- Fully closed roads, supported by a wonderful community
- <https://niftyentries.com/Tilston10k>

SHOCKLACH

Shocklach Gardening Group

Our speaker on 16 June 2025, will be Kate Brophy of Fryers Roses, with her talk, 'From seed to pot- the journey of a new rose.'
We meet for a 7:30 pm start at the W.I hall on Chorlton Lane, SY14 7EP and look forward to seeing you there. Visitors are always welcome.
Information: Wendy Gilpin: 01829 250 413

ALDFORD

Aldford Crown Green 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.

Club members play regularly on Saturday mornings and Tuesday evenings from mid-April to mid-September and have unlimited access to the green during the summer season.

If you have never tried Crown Green bowling why not give it a go? Tuition can be arranged, and bowls can be borrowed from the club.

Interested in joining us? For further information please contact Gordon Wright on 01829 770176 or Julie Binnarsley on 07484882043.



TILSTON COMMUNITY CAR PARK & OPEN SPACE PROJECT

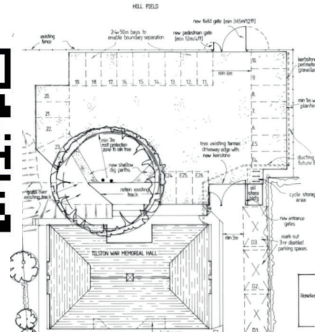


It's been a busy few weeks since our project launch on 1st March. Petitions have been posted in Tilston Village Store, The Carden Arms as well as the Village Hall itself and have more than 200 signatures already. Our Facebook page "**Tilston Community Car Park**" is now live with over 150 regular members and many more statements of support registered.

Our Car Park Action Group have recently marked out the car park on site so that everyone can see what we are aiming to achieve and they have produced a video update with a 'birds eye view' of proposals that you can see on our facebook page (see QR code link below).



Facebook link for full video update.



They have also been working hard to raise the funding needed to secure this valuable community project and with support from local residents and businesses have already raised more than **£17,000** together with pledges of various materials to save construction costs. However, we have just had a fantastic offer from two very generous local benefactors to donate a further **£40,000** if we can raise the remaining £20,000 to cover the cost of works.

So we are now only £3,000 short of our target & so close to bringing this project to fruition.

This is a simple, practical project that'll make a big difference - safer parking, easier access and creating a community space that the whole village can use whenever it is needed. It supports the hall, it supports village life and it's nearly there. To get us over the finishing line we have created a '**Go Fund Me**' page so that anyone can donate any amount, no matter how small, to help us create a real benefit for the whole village. Let's make it happen!



Please provide your Support for this Valuable Community Project



Aldersey & Coddington W I at Coddington Village Hall

June meeting a garden visit to ErLas followed by a meal at the Egerton Arms We are a mixed group, do come along, we meet 1st Tues. of the month 7.15 pm Contact Mrs. Liz Macphee 01829

Broxton and Bickerton WI: Our meetings are held on the last Wednesday of the month in the Bickerton Village Hall at 7.30 pm. At the meeting on 25th June Caroline Jones will talk on "A Year of Frugal Fashion" 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. Members enjoyed a Cream Tea Afternoon in May. The Speaker at the meeting on 12 June is Sallie Bancroft 'The Alexander Technique' and on 10 July we look forward to Viv Bettley-Eagles and Bollywood Dance for Fun Team. New Members and guests are warmly welcomed. For further information contact Lynda Davies 01829 863781.

Chorlton & Cuddington WI There was no speaker in May as we discussed the W I resolutions for 2025 and afterwards had a quiz and stand up bingo with snacks and a Bucks Fizz.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 4th June at 2pm, the speaker is Hazel Griffiths whose subject is "Audrey Hepburn - The Epitome of Elegance", guests are welcome to join us.

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. Should you require any further information please contact Dianne Ouseley (President) on 01829 733639.

Farndon & District WI On Tuesday 24th June we will be entertaining our members with a talk-cum-quiz all about the extraordinary objects that we find, or used to find, around us in our homes. Hosted by Paul Stockton, this promises to be an informative and informal evening. Come along and join us in Farndon Memorial Hall, Church Lane, Farndon at 7:30 for 8:00pm. For more information, please contact Sarah Scott 01829 270692 or look at our website: <https://farndonwi.weebly.com/>





Huxley & Hargrave WI

At the monthly meeting on Wednesday 11th June at Hargrave Church Hall at 7.30pm we are pleased to have Mark Forrest, a Paramedic and local Huxley resident, coming to talk

The competition is for a Herbal remedy.

Special Event - Friday 27th June at 7.30pm prompt, Huxley & Hargrave WI are hosting The Chester Male Voice Choir in the marquee at Hargrave Church field.

Tickets are £12pp and include refreshments of Quiches, cakes and cuppas, bar on site and a superb raffle. Tickets from Tricia on 078662 62500.

Marbury WI meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 1.30 from November to December and 7.30 from April to October in Marbury Village Hall. 10th June 7.30 pm Chair Pilates Competition A keep fit item.

Visitors are very welcome - we are a very friendly Group.

For further information please contact Janet Wheeler 01948 665981

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TIVERTON & TARPORLEY

Tiverton Bridge Club Monday evenings 6.15pm play 6.30pm
Wednesday 1.15 for 1.30pm 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 U3a at Tarporley Community Hall. Doors open at 09.45 meeting 10.15 with a few announcements, the talk at 10.30

On Thursday 26 June 2025 Our talk is Cheshire Search and Rescue Liam Bagley will tell us about the vital lifesaving work that the volunteers of the Cheshire Search and Rescue Team do across the 904 square miles of Cheshire. They assist Cheshire Police with searches for vulnerable missing people and the North-West Ambulance Service in reaching and extracting patients from remote and difficult areas.

Cheshire also boasts more waterways than many counties and the team therefore has a significant waterborne capability with powerboat and flood response teams. Liam will discuss the origins of the team, the functions, the training, the equipment used and give us an insight and understanding into the complexity of searching for missing people who are in desperate circumstances.

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.

Just sing and guests soloists present A Summer Beat including Summertime, Fly me to the Moon, Over the Rainbow and many more
Saturday 28th of June 7:30 pm at Tarporley Baptist and Methodist Chapel
Tickets £10 including refreshments available from Tilly's Coffee Shop, The Sheds, Bunbury Hair Academy, Tarporley Ginger and Pickles Tea Room
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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.



BUNBURY

Photography Club in Bunbury. If you enjoy taking photos with a camera or your phone and want to meet other photo enthusiasts in a very relaxed fun environment with no membership fees or committees please get in touch. Everyone's welcome with all levels of experience from Bunbury and surrounding villages.

As its a new club meeting day still tbc. It could be daytime or evening!
Please contact me for further information and to register your interest.
Carol Wallace 07789668044 or cwallace0910@gmail.com.

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 surrounding area. Information includes regular events in the Pavilion and Village Hall, the latest Parish Council news and the annual village day. You can send requests to post news but we do not publish opinion pieces

Bunbury Gardening Club

17th June is a visit to Kate Huet's Physic Garden,
57 High Street, Great Budworth, Northwich CW9 6HF
PLEASE attend at venue promptly at 6.30pm. Share lifts with friends where possible. Members and visitors all welcome
See Bunbury Gardening Club FACEBOOK page or contact Margaret Bourne on 01829 260944 or email:mjbourn249@tiscali.co.uk

HUXLEY

Hargrave and Huxley Historical Society

Our programme of talks has now finished for the summer.

We will recommence on Monday 8th September at Hargrave Church Hall, starting at 7.30pm.

Rob Phillpot will be giving a talk titled The Huxley Hoard and the Vikings in Cheshire.

Non members are very welcome. £3.00, including light refreshments.
contact: denisecheetham@hotmail.co.uk.

BICKERTON

Bickerton Village Hall Website: bickertonvillagehall.com & on Facebook or bickvillagehall@outlook.com Film Night is June 23rd (Bridget Jones; Mad About the Boy). Doors & Bar open at 7pm Film starts at 7.30pm
Further information on all regular classes can be found on our website.

New Pilates Class Bickerton Village Hall Tuesdays 10:00 am
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07957 413 887 e-mail Estellebatty@gmail.com

Bickerton and Egerton Parish Council.

website is www.bickertonandegertonpc.org

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Contact Jackie Bourne, jackiebourne2756@gmail.com
or Georgia Morris, georgia.morris@dtmlegal.com
for membership details

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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.

Brown Knowl Methodist Church Minister – the Rev Donna Broadbent-Kelly.
Contact Number 01948 664369

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Saturday 12 July – PUB QUIZ NIGHT -- come and pit your wits against your neighbours. Prizes, bar, raffle and snacks. All welcome!

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).



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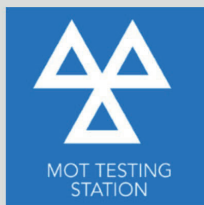
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