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Hello and a warm welcome to the September issue of My Village News,
We have lots of interesting articles for you to read this month;
A new venture, The Bear in Tattenhall; this gastropub has all you might wish for.

A catch up on The Bunbury Village Day when the sun shone brightly for this lovely village event.

Brown Knowl residents launch their children's books Indy and the Deep Dug Hole &, Indy the Golden Un-retriever

David Hayns has written Local Boys who Made Good on page 48-49

The gardens have been spectacular this year and the fruit and vegetables are coming along a treat.

We enjoyed a day around the Cholmondeley Castle Gardens everything seemed to have bloomed early giving a wonderful show of colour and perfume.

Enjoy the rest of the summer in this special and beautiful part of the countryside

Our front page photograph was taken in Tilston

See you when we are out and about

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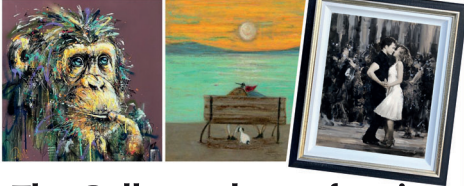


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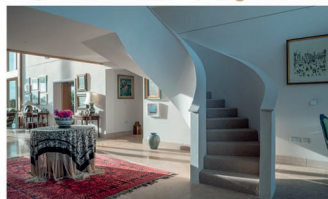
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Our music makers included – Karamba Samba, City of Chester Bluecoat Band, Green Man Morris, Just Sing Choir, Wombat and Muttley, The Remedys, Paul Parish, Rebel Yeld, The Lost Boys and the Easy Peelers.

Despite forecasts to the contrary the sun shone brightly all afternoon on the Bunbury Jubilee Playing Fields.

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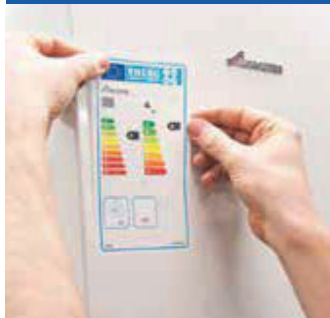
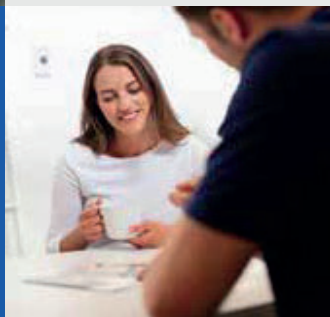
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What is the seven year rule in Inheritance Tax?

Not all inheritances happen once you've died. Gifting larger sums of money to loved ones while you're still alive is both a practical and tax-smart way to get money flowing between generations. Some people call this a 'living inheritance,' since they're passing on money that would have been inherited – just sooner, rather than later.

As long as you're aware of the seven year rule.

If you die within seven years of making a substantial gift, the value of the gift will be counted as part of your estate (if not covered by an IHT exemption), and will therefore potentially be liable for IHT if you do not have sufficient nil rate band available on death to protect the gift.

These are the essentials you need to know.

1. The seven year gifting rule

Two thirds (68%) of UK adults say it's important to them to leave an inheritance, and 65% of retired people plan to pass property or money on.

However, changes which will potentially bring more assets into scope for IHT and proposed amendments to the IHT treatment of pensions announced in the Autumn Budget, mean that thousands of taxpayers may find themselves facing a much higher tax bill – and leaving a much lower legacy. As a result, many people are considering gifting money or assets during their lifetime.

Under the seven year gifting rule, however, you need to live for seven years from the date of the gift. Otherwise, your beneficiaries may end up returning some of the gift back to HMRC.

2. What counts as a gift?

HMRC defines a gift as anything you give away. This includes money, property or land, stocks and shares listed on the London Stock Exchange, household and personal goods, furniture, jewellery or antiques. It also covers unlisted shares if you held them for less than two years before your death.

These gifts are called Potentially Exempt Transfers or PETs (unless they fall under an IHT exemption, such as the £3,000 annual exemption). The name sounds more complicated than it actually is. Essentially, your gift is 'potentially exempt' from IHT – an outright gift from one person to another, and you'll only pay IHT on a PET if you do not survive for 7 years from the date of the gift, and the gift is not covered by your available nil rate band on death.

A gift over £3,000 could also be considered a Chargeable Lifetime Transfer (CLT). A CLT is most commonly a gift made into a discretionary trust, where you pay the IHT upfront – at 20% on any amount over the Nil Rate Band (currently £325,000 per person).

Gifting and IHT can seem complex – it certainly has its fair share of financial jargon. We do strongly advise that you talk to a financial adviser if you're considering a CLT or any kind of Trust, so you can check that it's the right choice for you and your family.

3. The 'tapering off' rule

The good news is that the rate of IHT on gifts made above the available nil rate band tapers off on a sliding scale. This is known as taper relief, and it ranges from 32% to 8% if you die six years after gifting.

The rule of thumb is, longer you live, the more you'll give. Survive for seven years, and your gift is IHT tax-free.

How taper relief works

- If you die 3 to 4 years after gifting, the rate of IHT on your gift reduces to 32%
- If you die 4 to 5 years after gifting, the rate of IHT reduces to 24%
- If you die 5 to 6 years after gifting, the rate of IHT reduces to 16%
- If you die 6 to 7 years after gifting, the rate of IHT on your gift to 8%.

4. Can I protect my gift from IHT?

If the amount of your gift exceeds your available nil rate band, you can protect it by taking out a 'gift inter vivos policy'. This is a form of life insurance that protects the recipient from Inheritance Tax (IHT) should you not live for seven years. These policies are designed to mirror the tapering effect of your liability. So that, for example, if you die in year six, it'll pay out the exact amount you'd need. It's a less commonly known insurance, but a financial adviser will be happy to help if you'd like to know more.

It is also possible to protect gifts which are made within the available nil rate band using a level term assurance policy, with the term arranged to match the period until the gift falls outside of the estate - this would be 7 years if the gift had just been made.

5. What other gifts can I make tax-free?

You can make tax-exempt gifts of up to £3,000 every tax year. Your annual gifting allowance can be split between several people or given in full to one person.

When making your first gift, you can roll the gifting allowance from the previous year, so you can gift £6,000. Smaller gifts under £250 are tax free. And any gift to your civil partner or spouse is automatically tax exempt too.

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The Real Life Advice Report was commissioned by St. James's Place. Opinium surveyed 12,000 UK adults between May and August 2024. Quotas and post-weighting were applied to the sample to make the dataset representative of the UK adult population. Quantitative data referenced is sourced from the first poll which had a total sample of 7,995 respondents.

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Local Authors Celebrate the Publication of their Children's Book Series

Mike and Leanne Horobin moved to Brown Knowl in 2022 with their two dogs: Tetley – an obedient and energetic border collie, and Indy – a daft but lovable golden retriever. They can often be found walking the hills of Bickerton or Rawhead, or any of the footpaths across Cheshire – usually watching Indy doing something silly, or occasionally even a little bit mischievous.

After welcoming their daughter Jess in 2024, like every new parent, they soon had a library of picture books taking over their bookshelf. It was such a pleasure to see the enjoyment Jess got from being read picture books, and they thought how nice it would be to create their own – of course, based on the adventures (and occasional misadventures) of that silly golden retriever, Indy. After all, this is a nation of dog lovers.

With very little previous writing experience, they started jotting down a few ideas, based on Indy's follies in the Cheshire countryside. Ideas soon turned into plots, plots into rhyming sentences, and sentences eventually turned into stories. After being offered a publishing contract by an international publishing house, the stories quickly became physical books, turning their dream into reality.

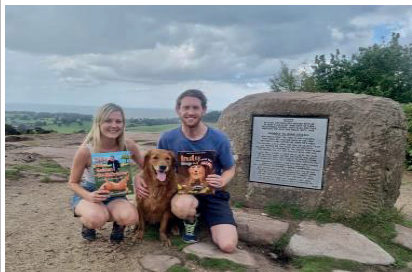
Their first book, *Indy and the Deep Dug Hole*, is inspired by Indy's great love for digging... everywhere and anywhere. This epic tale follows Indy's mission to dig the deepest hole on Earth, taking her through layers of history, geology, and archaeology before she emerges in a faraway land. This debut book was released on 18th July 2025.

Their second book, *Indy the Golden Un-retriever* – the title gives you a hint – was released on 15th August. It highlights Indy's inability to bring anything back, contrary to her breed. This book further introduces the reader to Mr Jones, Indy's doting but long-suffering owner. Hopefully, children will find Indy's antics amusing, while parents may relate to Mr Jones's carefully captured exasperation at his unruly dog.

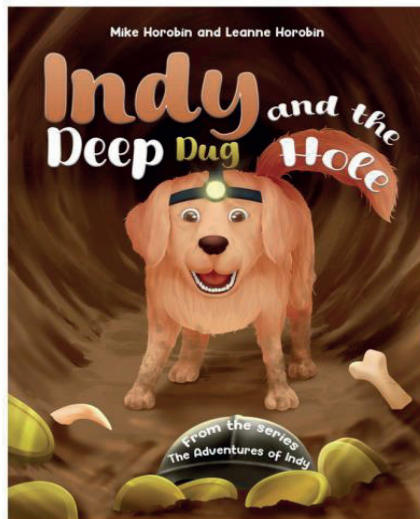
The third book, *Indy and the Bog Monster*, is due to be released in September (sorry – no spoilers!), and the fourth, fifth, and sixth instalments are already in production for release in early 2026.

Mike and Leanne (and Indy, of course) are now busy promoting the new series *The Adventures of Indy*, and are donating copies to local schools, nurseries, libraries, and the hospital, with the aim of increasing children's engagement with and enjoyment of reading.

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Green Flag flying at Holt Car Park

Environmental charity Keep Wales Tidy has unveiled this year's Green Flag Award winners – the international mark of a quality park or green space.

Holt Car Park has achieved the coveted Green Flag Community Award in recognition of its high environmental standards, cleanliness, safety, and community involvement.

Since 2022, Holt Community Gardeners have worked with the North Wales Wildlife Trust and Holt Community Council to transform the car park and the surrounding area into a haven for wildlife, tranquillity and sculpture. The area is very well used by residents and visitors alike and is further helping wildlife and insects to thrive

Bharti Gittins, Chair of HCG said, "The award of a Green Flag means that we have succeeded in creating a welcoming space in our village. Visitors and residents can take time to enjoy the quiet area knowing that we have greatly improved the opportunities for wildlife to thrive in the heart of our community."

223 community managed green spaces across the country have met the high standards needed to receive the Green Flag Community Award.

Now in its third decade, Green Flag recognises well-managed parks and green spaces in 20 countries around the world.

In Wales, the awards scheme is run by Keep Wales Tidy. **Lucy Prisk, Green Flag Coordinator for Keep Wales Tidy said:**

"We're thrilled to see a new record number of 223 community managed green spaces in Wales have achieved Green Flag status, which is testament to the dedication and hard work of hundreds of volunteers.

"These sites, which play a vital role in the physical and mental well-being of communities across Wales, are now recognised as among the best in the world, having met the high standards required to achieved Green Flag Community status. Congratulations!"

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CHATTY CAFE SCHEME Tilly's Bunbury has joined The Chatty Cafe Scheme - reducing loneliness to get people chatting!

Look out for the 'Chatter & Natter table' on Thursday 28th August 2025 at 9am

The Chatty Café is a great way of encouraging people to talk to others. The scheme is the

brainchild of Alexandra Hoskyn, who founded it after a miserable day at a supermarket café

with her infant son, where she noticed that no one was talking to each other. She found that

by simply putting 'Chatter & Natter' signs on tables in cafes it created a space for people to talk.

A Chatter & Natter table brings people together and everyone is invited!

Who can join in?

Anyone... if you're on your own, in a couple, with a friend, if you're a carer why not sit there with who you care for, mums and babies, dads and babies, grandparents and babies, young people, older people and anyone in between! It's a great way to meet new people in your community.

What do I do?

When you are deciding where to sit, look for the Chatter & Natter table and sit there! Stay for five minutes while you have your drink or longer. It's not about making life-long friends,

just having good old fashioned human interaction!

It's official! The Chatty Cafe Scheme is reducing loneliness and social isolation by getting people chatting! Coventry University have published their May 2022 initial report and the key findings are that 100% of Chatter & Natter table users said it made them feel less lonely and socially isolated, plus, 97% of venues feel that the Chatter & Natter tables are encouraging community spirit. The Chatty Café Scheme commented that, "The coronavirus

pandemic has highlighted those experiencing loneliness and we know that simply having a chat can brighten someone's day."

For more information, please visit their website: <https://thechattycafescheme.co.uk/>

Please contact Tillys Bunbury for more information about the day. We are hoping there will be a good turnout to our new initiative. We have also reached out to the Mayor to see if he is available.

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Our area includes the birthplaces of a number of men and women who in their adult life played significant roles in national history. Among them were John Speed of Farndon, George Beeston of Bunbury and William Brereton of Malpas. The three of them could well be described as 'local boys who made good'.

Incorporated by Royal Charter in 1327, the Worshipful Company of Merchant Taylors had begun in London as the trade guild for tailoring and its allied crafts. By the end of the 17th century it had reduced its links with the tailoring trades and the guild became a philanthropic organisation, supporting schools and colleges, the arts and charitable causes. John Speed, born in Farndon in 1552, was the son of a merchant taylor and was brought up in the trade, being admitted to the Worshipful Company in 1580. However, he developed strong interests in history and cartography, presenting maps to Queen Elizabeth 1st in 1598 and to the Merchant Taylors' Company in 1600. It is said that from Farndon church tower he first began to study 'the land that is afar off'. He did no actual surveying himself, utilising work done already by others. As he expressed it, 'I have put my sickle into other men's corn'. Produced with vellum (calf skin) covers of such a size as would fit into a coat pocket, the maps were described as being 'useful for all Commanders for quarterings of Soldiers and all sorts of persons who would be informed where the armies be'. During the Civil Wars Farndon church itself was used as a billet for Roundhead soldiers. Possibly some of you reading this may have hanging on your wall a framed reproduction of one of these highly decorative maps. Later in his life, John Speed became recognised as a historian when in 1611 he wrote and dedicated to King James 1st 'The History of Great Britain under the Conquests of the Romans, Saxons, Danes and Normans'. He went on to write a number of other historical works before his death in 1629.

In the north wall of the sanctuary in Bunbury's church of Saint Boniface is the richly painted tomb surmounted by the effigy of Sir George Beeston, former Lord of the Manor of Beeston, where he was born in 1529.



He was a son of John and Catherine Beeston. Some historians claim that he died at the age of 102, as is recorded on the tomb, others that he only lived to 80 or 81. He is perhaps best remembered as the commander of the 'Dreadnought', in the great sea battle in 1588 against the Spanish Armada when other ships were commanded by Francis Drake, Martin Frobisher and John Hawkins. Sir George's ship was one of the four which broke the Spanish battle line. He was knighted on the deck of the 'Ark Royal' by Lord Effingham on 26 July 1588. After his death he was described as 'a promoter of valour and truth'.

One of the children depicted as a 'weeper' (mourner) on the tomb which commemorates Sir Randle and Eleanor Brereton in Saint Oswald's church in Malpas is William, their sixth son, although it is not known which carving on the tomb actually represents him. Through advantageous connections he eventually became Groom of the Privy Chamber to Henry VIII. He was not slow to exploit his position and accumulated considerable possessions in Cheshire and the Marches. His other offices included Knight Chamberlain of Chester. He saw military service and fought at the battles of Théroutanne and Tournai in France in a campaign headed by Henry VIII. It may have been jealousy on the part of his enemies at Court which led eventually to William being falsely accused, along with others, of adultery with Queen Anne Boleyn. He was beheaded on Tower Hill on 17th May 1536. Two days later the Queen herself met the same fate. William appears as a character in Hilary Mantel's prize-winning novels *Wolf Hall* (2010) and *Bring Up the Bodies* (2012).

John Speed, George Beeston and William Brereton are just three men from our area who 'made good' in their lives. But what of the many women who achieved similar prominence? As used to be the case in so many areas of life, until fairly recently our historical records seemed to ignore their achievements. Hopefully nowadays, with the availability and accessibility of a much greater range of records, their contributions will come to be more widely recognised.

West Cheshire Rural u3a – Activities

Here's a snapshot of some things we've been up to:

- The Historic Houses and Places Group enjoyed a visit to Speke Hall in late July.

- The Ukulele Group relocated to the Barbour Institute in Tattenhall in August while the usual venue in Farndon was temporarily closed for the summer.

- Plans are underway for a Concert Goers group outing to a concert at the Liverpool Philharmonic in September.

- The Bird Watching Group had a delightful afternoon at Parkgate on the Dee.

- The Walking Group completed two walks—one in Waverton and another around Tushingham each ending with an enjoyable lunch. You can find about the groups we run in West Cheshire Rural u3a on our website: www.west-cheshire.u3asite.uk

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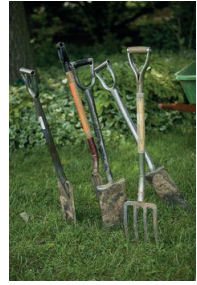
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Tuesday 9-10am beginners/intermediate yoga

Thursday 2-3pm chair yoga

Thursday 6-7pm beginners/intermediate yoga

Sunday 6-7pm yin yoga

All classes are suitable for everyone and use EMR-TEK red light technology.

Booking and payment via the website www.yoheyoga.co.uk

or contact Julia Ford on 07812341176 / yoheyoga78@gmail.com

MALPAS

Yoga Class Tuesdays, 6.30-7.30 in the upstairs room of Malpas High Street

Hatha Yoga for Body Mind and Spirit Physical exercises for the first hour. Second hour includes concentration, meditation, breathing exercises to calm the nervous system and a short discussion on yoga philosophy
Suitable for beginners and advanced Mondays 7:15 to 9:15 pm at Oak Croft Gardens Cross O the Hill contact Mehr Fardoonji 01948 860213.

**Malpas
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Malpas Parish Council now meets on the last Thursday of the month at 7pm We are now back in the Jubilee Hall At least one Parish Councillor will be available for a surgery to meet any parishioner to discuss any local government issue on the first Saturday of the month 10am to 11am at The Old Fire Station. If a private discussion is needed, provision can be made.

St Oswald's, Malpas

Sunday 8:00am Holy Communion (BCP service with no hymns)
11:00am Parish Communion service with hymns, and a sermon,
5:00pm Evening Prayer short BCP service no hymns or sermon
Wednesday 10:00am Holy Communion (traditional BCP service no hymns)
10:30am - 12:00pm Welcome Cafe

St John's, Threapwood 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month

9:30am Holy Communion (BCP with hymns and a sermon)

Holy Trinity, Bickerton 9:30am Parish Communion

(service with hymns, a sermon, and refreshments afterwards)

Play Bridge Learn, improve, and enjoy playing Chicago on Tuesday afternoon 1.30 to 4.00 with Whitchurch u3a Bar Gate Hall

Regular beginners courses

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

One Achord Choir have recently moved their weekly practices to Alport School in Malpas. We are a friendly 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 and we aim to perform at least a couple of concerts and various other engagements during the year. If you're interested, get in touch through our Facebook page, website oneachord.org or call Krista on 07522 882874.



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Malpas Flower Club Our AGM was attended by some 60 members who all enjoyed a lovely strawberry afternoon tea at Whitchurch Rugby Club with delicious food being provided by the Committee. We were lucky enough to have our very own Sionedd Hughes as the demonstrator who arranged beautiful flowers in line with our theme of commemorating the VE celebrations. Mrs Joan Allen gave a lovely talk on her memories of being a child of just 9 years old when the war started which enlighten us all of times gone by and we had a good turnout of entrants for our annual floral competitions too.

Our next meeting is on Monday 15th September which starts our membership year so please come and join us every third Monday of the month in the Jubilee Hall for an afternoon of flowers and fun. For further details please contact our Chairman, Janet Blake on 01948 860359

RICHARD ALPORT'S SCHOOL FOUNDATION GRANTS OPEN

Grant Applications are now being accepted for the Richard Alport's School Foundation.

Applications are accepted from individuals aged up to 25 who have attended Malpas Alport Endowed Primary School for a minimum of 2 years to:

- 1) Support education/training at any college, university, or other institution of further/higher education.
- 2) Provide financial assistance, outfits, clothing, tools, instruments or books to enable those leaving school, university or any other educational establishment, to start work.
- 3) Provide financial assistance for travel, whether in this country or abroad, to pursue their education.

PLEASE NOTE: Only one grant can be awarded to any individual for any of the above purposes. All applications are at the discretion of the Trustees as is the maximum grant level of £200.00.

Voluntary Organisations who work with children and young people from Malpas, Cuddington, Chorlton, Edge, Hampton, Newton, Oldcastle, Overton, Stockton, Wigland and Wychough can apply for funding.

The closing date for applications is 1pm on Wednesday 1st October 2025.

Application forms are available from the Clerk to the Trustees:

Mrs A Wright, 62 Well Street, Malpas, SY14 8QH

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 Graeme Campbell by email: geesea2@gmail.com

Malpas Amateur Gardeners. September 2025.

Our next meeting is on September 11th. Our Speaker for this month is one of our members Gordon Malt . Gordon was trained at Edinburgh Botanic Gardens and was a lecturer at Rodbaston College, he is also a very knowledgeable plantsman. His subject is 'Silver Foliage Plants', this group of plants are not only beautiful to look at but they are mostly very drought tolerant, which makes them good choices for our dry springs and summers. We meet in our new venue, The Young Person's Centre behind the Fire Station at 7.30. Parking is available at the Allport Primary School just opposite the Fire Station, with entrance from that direction also it is not available behind the Station itself. Membership is £10 , entrance is £2.00 to members, £5.00 for non members , light refreshments and a raffle are included in this price. All are welcome to our friendly club.

SHOCKLACH

Shocklach Gardening Group

What a glorious time we had on Monday 30 July visiting Southlands, the garden of artist and designer Maureen Sawyer and artist Duncan Whatmough. It was an amazing garden, an oasis of calm and peace, and a real joy.

So it is with great pleasure that we shall be welcoming Maureen as our speaker on Monday, 15 September, when we return to the W.I hall on Chorlton Lane (SY14 7EP) for the first meeting of our 2025-26 Gardening Year. Maureen's topic will be: **'Hardworking plants for small gardens.** The meeting starts at 7:30 pm and annual membership fees (£10) will be due. We do hope you will join us again or come as a visitor and look forward to welcoming everyone back.

We are inviting people who have not been to a meeting of Shocklach Gardening Group before, to come on the 15 September for a taster session. Entrance will be free for new visitors for this meeting -come and enjoy and maybe you will decide to come again or to join us.

Information: Wendy Gilpin :01829 250 413



TUSHINGHAM

St Chad's Church, Tushingham

Sunday 31st August, Alpha Launch at 7.00 pm

Friday 5th September, "Rule Britannia" Concert of English Choral Music by "The Advent Singers" at 7.30 pm. Admission free with retiring collection.

Sunday 7th September, Service at Old St Chad's at 6.30 pm

Sunday 21st September, Harvest Thanksgiving at 9.00 am

Monday 22nd September, Harvest Supper and Auction at Coronation Hall, Bickley at 7.30 pm All welcome

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

ALDFORD

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.



Aldersey & Coddington WI at Coddington Village Hall
3rd September meeting with Gillian Biggs & Lynda Khalisa
“The History of Afternoon Tea” We are a mixed group, do come along, we meet 1st Tues. of the month 7.15 pm
Contact Mrs. Liz Macphee 01829 782692

Broxton and Bickerton WI: Our meetings are normally held on the last Wednesday of the month in the Bickerton Village Hall at 7.30 pm. The meeting this month will be on 24th September when Dr Karen Castle will give the talk, “How I ended up in Prison”.
A Colours fashion show at the Bickerton village hall on October 8th.
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 11 September we welcome Tina Saunders ‘An Embroiderer’s Tale’ and at October meeting Tom Jones will present an illustrated talk on Chester Zoo. New members and guests are warmly welcomed. For further information contact Lynda Davies 01829 863781

Chorlton & Cuddington WI. At our last meeting on Wednesday 6th August we welcomed Linda Williams talking about her amazing vineyard in Bangor on Dee and the fabulous wines they produce. We really enjoyed the wines she kindly brought with her. Our next meeting is at 2pm on September 3rd when the speaker is Ann Harrison, talking about Baskets for Winter Colour. Guests are most welcome. For further information contact Maggie Low 07958 876043.





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 W.I. On Tuesday 30th September we will be joined by Tina Saunders of Needles and Sparkles. Her "embroiderer's tale" covers her career so far in all things textiles! 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. Meetings are the 2nd Wednesday in the month - October to March @ Huxley Village Hall @ 2pm / April to September @ Hargrave Church Hall @ 7.30pm.
September 10th - 'Chocolate-the History and Life running a Chocoate Shop in Tarporley' with C.Hardy
October 8th - Members Afternoon (organised by members, so unknown speaker).
Visitors always welcome - details of future speakers, visits and outings from Secretary on 01829 781298.

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
9th of September 7:30 pm with Simon Michael "My Life in Crime Competition A Crime novel
14th October 7:30 pm Louise Condon with Botanical Ceramics Competition a small Floual China object
Visitors are very welcome - we are a very friendly Group.
For further information please contact Janet Wheeler 01948 665981

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
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 & District U3a

Our monthly meeting is held at Tarporley Community Hall. Doors open at 9.45 for tea, coffee, biscuits and a chat. We start about 10.15 and finish around 11.30

Thursday 25 September 2025 My Life in Crime

No – not a criminal but a criminal barrister – Simon Michael

Simon is an author, was a council labourer, was a gardener and is member of the Honourable Society of the Middle Temple – The Bar.

Simon was a barrister for 37 years working at the Old Bailey and other criminal courts defending and prosecuting a wide selection of murderers armed robbers, con artists and other assorted villainy.

This as an hour of Tales from the Bar and of writing crime novels and family history.

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.

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.



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 Village Show Sat 6th September 6pm

Tuesday OCTOBER 21st we are hoping to have a talk about Hedgehogs at the village hall in Bunbury 7:30pm Members and visitors all welcome
See Bunbury Gardening Club FACEBOOK page or contact Margaret Bourne on 01829 260944 or email: mjbourne249@tiscali.co.uk

An autumn evening of jazz guitar with Mere Morsels at Bunbury Mill on Friday the 19th of September 7:30 PM tickets £12
telephone Nick 07383 108 232

SATIRE RETURNS As part of its current nationwide tour, the quick-fire satirical sketch show, *From Here to Absurdity*, is returning to Cheshire this autumn and will perform at Bickerton Village Hall on Friday 3rd October. Written and performed by Richard Kelly (former contributor to *Private Eye*) and Ashley Hern (historian-broadcaster on *Talk-Radio*), *From Here to Absurdity* comprises 90 minutes of original comedy sketches, performed in a style recalling the hey-day of Peter Cook, Stephen Fry and Alas Smith and Jones.

The show has already performed at innumerable venues across the country and has also appeared at both the Edinburgh Fringe and Chicago Sketch Festivals. But it is no stranger to these parts either, having performed at Tilston, Marchwiell, Gresford and Rossett during the past decade.

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BICKERTON

Bickerton Village Hall Website: bickertonvillagehall.com & on Facebook or bickvillagehall@outlook.com

Further information on all regular classes can be found on our website.

The September car boot sale and market will be Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th September respectively

Film Night on 15th Sept - showing "A Complete Unknown" (the Bob Dylan film) Doors & Bar open at 7pm Film starts at 7.30pm

Comedy evening with "From Here to Absurdity" on Friday October 3rd.

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 and Egerton Parish Council.

website is www.bickertonandegertonpc.org

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.bulkeleyandridley.org.uk. Your feed back would be appreciated via the email address given on the website.

Brown Knowl Methodist Church 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

Sunday September 28th We will be holding our Harvest Festival Service at 10.45am All will be made welcome to join us.



continued from page 71 Kelly and Hern will be joined on stage by Lucy Simons, a stand-up comedienne from Chester who has performed at numerous comedy clubs in Manchester, Liverpool. In the course of their set, the Absurdity trio will skewer numerous features of everyday life, including (to quote the cast) “death, divorce and decay...Starmer, Sturgeon and Trump”. Those with a healthy suspicion of political correctness, senior managers and Liberal Democrats are also likely to find something moderately amusing. According to one reviewer, “It is a show unsuitable for anyone under 20; completely suitable for anyone over 40; and utterly unmissable for anyone over 50”. So... if you fancy live comedy that’s a bit different to stand-up, Bickerton Village Hall is the place to be on Friday 3 October – even more so given that the event will be licenced. Doors open at 7pm, the show starts at 7.30pm, and tickets, costing £10, can be bought from Fran Lithgow Smith via franis63@outlook.com. Further details of the show itself can be found at www.2absurdity.co.uk.

BEESTON & PECKFORTON

Peckforton Parish

For any Parish enquiries please contact

Chair: Neil Dyer (Peckfortonparishchair@gmail.com)

Clerk: Chris Jones (Peckfortonparishclerk@gmail.com)

Peckforton and Beeston Village Hall, Hill Lane, Peckforton CW6 9TW

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Contact pbvhcommittee@gmail.com

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AT THE HALL:

Sunday 31 August - PIT STOP CAFE – tea, coffee and bacon butties on sale from 10 am to 1pm. All welcome. Free admission.

Friday 19 September – FRIDAY NIGHT SOCIAL – join your fellow villagers for a fun evening with our low-priced pop up bar plus hot and cold snacks. From 7pm onwards. All welcome.

Sunday 28 September - PIT STOP CAFE – tea, coffee and bacon butties on sale from 10 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).



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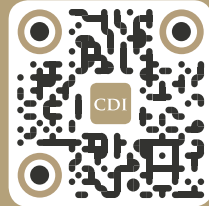


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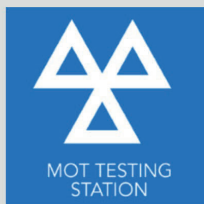
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