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Hello and a warm welcome to the Winter December / January edition of My Village News.

There are lots of festive events taking place, church and carol services, village fairs, bingo, and Christmas quizzes, and many clubs are sharing their plans for the New Year, see the village news section.

The weather has certainly put it's winter coat on and it's time to enjoy the warmth and comfort of home and to wrap up for a winter walk.

Thanks to our regular contributors for their updates and news, not forgetting local historian, David Hayns for sending his wonderful historical tales of times past in our local villages.

Thanks to our delivery teams who will be delivering in December, February and March in the challenging weather and short daylight hours.

Thank you to our readers who tell us you enjoy receiving My Village News through your letterbox each month and for your positive feedbacks. It's also the time of year when we would like to thank our advertisers, some have been with us for the past 18 years, without them MVNews would not exist.

The front photograph was taken last year at Bellis Bros Farm & Garden Centre and was sent in from the Farndon and District Brass Band.

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See you when we are out and about.

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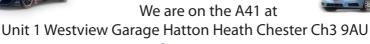
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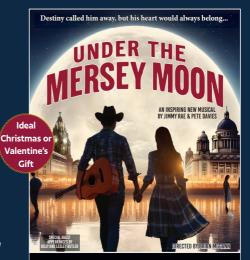
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Each tax year, you can give away £3,000 without any IHT consequences — this is your 'annual exemption'. If you and your partner both make use of the exemption, that's £6,000. As a bonus you can carry the annual exemption forward one year, if you don't use it. So, a couple could potentially gift up to £12,000 and this would reduce their estate by that amount with immediate effect.

Can I gift more than £3,000 a year?

You can gift any sum of money you want – with one important 'health warning'. Your gift could fall back into your estate if you die within seven years of making the gift, and may be liable for IHT as a result. This is known as the seven year rule.

The good news is that if you do die within 7 years - and the gift itself gives rise to an IHT liability on death (which could happen if the amount of your gift is greater than the nil rate band) - the IHT liability tapers off the longer you live. Furthermore, if you want to protect your gift, you can insure it with what's called an inter vivos life insurance policy. But before your generosity gets the better of you, talk your plans through with a financial adviser, just to make sure you don't gift but live to regret it.

Gifting out of disposable income

Gifting out of regular income is another potential option for reducing your IHT liability in your lifetime. If you gift surplus income on a regular basis as part of your 'normal expenditure', it's immediately removed from your estate. So, you could decide to use surplus income to help cover a grandchild's first mortgage or contribute towards school fees.

The golden rule is that the gift is from surplus income, in other words money you don't need to live on. It can't come from savings, and it must not reduce your standard of living to the extent that you need to then resort to your capital in order to maintain yourself. This form of gifting has another benefit that protects you too. Since it's discretionary, you can stop it, increase or decrease it, if your own situation changes. If you plan to make gifts out of surplus income, it's important that you keep records of income, expenditure and the amount of surplus income gifted to make it easier for your personal representatives to claim the exemption following your death.

Gifting for the greater good

Legacy gifts or bequests are a lifeline for charities, as well as being a useful estate protection tool. Not only are gifts made to charities exempt from IHT (whether made on death or during lifetime), if you're planning to leave more than 10% of your estate to charity on your death, the IHT rate payable on the rest of your estate could fall from 40% to 36%. You can either leave

a lump sum legacy, or a percentage of your estate but it is important that you take advice from a solicitor to ensure that the amount gifted meets the 10% rule.

Using a trust to protect your estate

Discretionary trusts are often used to help people pass on assets such as money or property in a controlled and flexible way which also ring-fences the gifted assets from third party claims. Once an asset is inside a trust, it usually sits outside your estate after 7 years and therefore isn't liable for IHT. However, if the amount gifted to a discretionary trust is more than your available nil rate band then IHT at the rate of 20% will be due at the time the gift is made. Discretionary trusts do what it says on the tin. The trust money will be paid out at the discretion of the trustees, who decide how much the beneficiaries get and when. You should leave a letter of wishes with your trustees, making it clear who you want the money to go to and what it can be used for.

Taking a whole of life insurance policy to cover your IHT bill

Many people who know they are going to have an IHT bill are exploring whole of life insurance policies written in trust to either pay or compensate their intended beneficiaries for the IHT that will be payable on their estate. In 2022, the most recent year for which figures are available, an estimated 2.5 million such policies were sold.

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The importance of financial advice

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Many of the landowners in the Malpas area and across the border in North Wales were Jacobite supporters. Most of them were also members of the 'Cycle of the White Rose', a not particularly secret society whose ringleader appears to have been Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, of Wynnstay near Ruabon. The Cycle was named for the Old Pretender, whose birthday was on White Rose Day, June 10th. Among its members was Richard Minshull, an enigmatic and somewhat legendary character, who later became tenant of half of the Earl of Cholmondeley's Malpas Hall estate.

Minshull is supposed to have been a confidant of the Young Pretender himself; to have fought with him at the Battle of Prestonpans in September 1745; to have been wounded at the Battle of Falkirk in January 1746;

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(Contiued from 45) and to have assisted Charles in his final escape after the defeat at Culloden. Referred to only as 'The Mysterious M of M', he is a central character in The Long Day Closes (1934), Beatrice Tunstall's novel about the Cheshire Jacobites.

It had been the declared intention of the members of the Cycle to assist the Young Pretender on his march to London. However, that assistance was not forthcoming when the rebel army arrived in Macclesfield on December 1st 1745. When false intelligence reached Whitchurch that the Highlanders might be about to march on the town it 'threw Whitchurch into confusion; the mob began to gather in the villages near [including Malpas?], people were driving off their cattle; all the Chester strangers deserted the town; and in an hour's time seven families, in as many coaches, fled from one Inn'.

So why did the members of the Cycle of the White Rose do nothing to help the Young Pretender? It is known that the Earl of Cholmondeley, Lord Lieutenant of Cheshire, had been keeping them under surveillance. In November 1745 he wrote to the Duke of Newcastle, Secretary of State to King George II: 'I can not imagine that any thing serious, or formidable is to be expected from that quarter [i.e. the Cheshire and North Wales Jacobites] ... all his Majesty's Officers have had directions from me to watch their motions ... it is impossible any exclusive scheme can subsist, and the secret kept among such numbers.'

Sir Watkin Williams Wynn seems to have understood the situation.

He disappeared from Wynnstay into Gloucestershire to stay with his friend the Duke of Beaufort until all the fuss had died down. What of 'Mysterious Minshull'? Legend has it

that when he died huge quantities of gold coin and armour were found in the cellars at Malpas Old Hall. Otherwise his life remains a mystery, preserved only as part of the story later contrived by Beatrice Tunstall in The Long Day Closes. The Times reviewer was enthusiastic about the novel: 'Lovers of the romantic historical novel will find the best ingredients in "The Long Day Closes". There is an eighteenth-century setting; a strange and haunted old Cheshire manor house, Starmont, with its burden of legend and traditions; Dick Turpin jumps in and out of the beginning of the book on Black Bess; and Prince Charlie, his Lords and his Highlanders, defile through the closing pages.' Bunbury features in the novel as 'Clock Abbott' and 'Starmont' seems to be based on Spurstow Hall, close to Bunbury. The book is still available in Cheshire libraries or reasonably priced through websites such as ABE Books.

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The Butterflies toddler group meet Fridays 09.15 to 10.45am at Shocklach school.

Our Family Fun group meet at the Chapel Fridays 5pm to 6.30pm with crafts, ukelele music and refreshments, everyone welcome.

Please see our website for details

www.crewebyfarndonmethodistchapel.org or contact Roland Twydell on 01829 270116 for further details.

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 Jill 01829 270388

Holt Local History Society - all lectures at 7.30 p.m. at Holt Community Centre, Chapel St, LL13 9DJ Membership is £15 p.p.a - Lectures are free to members - Visitors £5 For BACS payments: Holt Local History Society 20-25-69 33199592 (letting me know you have done this by email to briansue.payne@btinternet.

TATTENHALL

Events at the Barbour Institute, Tattenhall.

Tel: 01829 771649 email: info@barbourinstitute.com

www.barbourinstitute.com

Office hours: Tuesday and Wednesday mornings



West Cheshire Rural u3a

Does not have a monthly meeting in December. At our January meeting the speaker will be Tullis Matson, Founder and Chair of Nature's SAF. Tullis is a pioneering expert in cryopreservation who is expanding his work to include conservation efforts for endangered species

Join us at the Barbour Institute Tattenhall from 2pm. For more information on u3a membership contact our membership secretary at membershipwcru3a@gmail.com

Tattenhall Singers We are a friendly and diverse group of people who share one important thing in common....our love of singing! We meet once a week on Tuesday evening from 08.00-9.30pm at the Barbour Institute, Tattenhall. There is a fee of £5 per session. Under the talented, enthusiastic and patient leadership of our Musical Director we have fun learning a wide variety of musical pieces. No previous experience is required and the ability to read music is not necessary. The only entry qualification is that you 'enjoy a good warble'. We are always looking to welcome new members. If you are interested, please visit our Tattenhall Singers Facebook page, or alternatively email tattenhallsingers@gmail.com or 07710720850.

Circle Dancing We are a newish group of friendly dancers who meet the 4th Thursday afternoon of each month 2 – 3.30 pm. Circle dancing, as its name implies, means we dance holding hands in a circle to a wide variety of music. Some are livelier dances and some more meditative. All dances are taught and newcomers are welcome. Circle dancing is great for your body, mind and spirit. Sessions are £10 and your first time is free so do get in touch with Helen Newton at soullife12@gmail.com if you'd like to give it a try.

TATTENHALL VILLAGE MARKET is now at the flacca sports club Tattenhall. We are open every Friday morning 10am till 12pm selling an array of products and lovely coffee in a beautiful setting .



THE TATTENHALL AND DISTRICT PROBUS CLUB

The Probus Club of Tattenhall and District meets for lunch (normally followed by a speaker), at Gifford Lea, Tattenhall on the second Thursday each month. Although it is a luncheon club for retired PROfessional and BUSiness men, being a rural community members are also from other disciplines. Wives (Partners) are invited to other activities including a Coffee morning on the fourth Thursday and regular social gatherings, for example a Walking group, days out to places of interest. There are also Spring and Christmas special lunches in a different location also including Wives(Partners).

We are seeking new members and if you would like to find out more please

Discover Inner Peace with Julia Ford Yoga

Unwind and rejuvenate with yoga that blends stretching, relaxation, and mindfulness.

My classes guide you to a serene state of mind, body, and soul. Tuesday 9am, Tuesday 1pm and Thursday 630pm at The Studio, Glow, Tattenhall CH3 9AH

Stay Strong, Flexible, and Relaxed

Discover the joy of chair yoga, designed for older adults to boost flexibility, strengthen joints, and promote relaxation—all from the comfort of a chair. My classes help you retain independence and find calm.

Tuesday 11am and Thursday 2pm at The Studio, Glow, Tattenhall CH3 9AH Sign up at yoheyoga.co.uk

£15 per person. Hope to see you there

"Tattenhall Runners run club runs on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with groups of different speeds and distances suitable for all runners. Winter runs are on runs and summer runs are on the trails. We would love to welcome you to join us. Full information is on our facebook page, website, or by emailing info@tattenhallrunners.com

In addition, did you know that by joining Tattenhall Runners you get the following benefits? What a bargain!

- Free entry to Borders Road Running League races (7 races this year) and the North Wales Cross Country League (5 races this year)
- A free club vest
- 2 training nights each week, with a range of wonderful qualified coaches
- Social events, fancy dress handicap race, trophies and awards, friends to join at other races and events and much more!"

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 HIII contact Mehr Fardoonji 01948 860213.

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.

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

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)

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

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 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

Malpas Amateur Gardeners.

The last meeting of the year is on December 11th when Ruth Clarke, one of our members, and a retired Floristry Lecturer from Reaseheath College will show us how to make an Xmas arrangement.

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. Please avoid walking across the Fire Station car park, as the firemen are using it for practicing.

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.

Malpas Flower Club Our October demonstration was given by Beverley Artis from Nottingham. Beverley shared some wonderful ideas and valuable tips.

In November, we were delighted to welcome Lorena Dyer, a National Demonstrator from Coventry with her presentation titled 'Sleigh Bells, Slippers and Sparkle.' Lorena's festive creations gave members plenty of inspiration for Christmas arrangements and perfectly set the mood for the festive season ahead.

December brings our traditional Soup and Pudding Event which is once again a sell-out among members. We'll be joined by singers, and even Father Christmas will be making a special appearance!

Looking ahead to the New Year, join us again for our next Monthly Meeting on Monday 19th January, when we'll be welcoming Louise Jones with her demonstration titled "Back to the Future."

Visitors are most welcome to join us for a small fee of £10, or why not become a member for the year for just £45? Members enjoy access to all our events as well as opportunities to attend our popular theatre trips. See our FB page for details or contact, Janet Blake on 01948 860359

DECEMBER 2025

Malpas Chess Club @The Lion@Malpas will continue to meet at 5.45pm over December and January, but with a slight alteration to the programme. December 4th - being the first Thursday of the month, there is a "How Good is Your Chess" session, featuring a game from the "How Good is Your Chess" column by Grandmaster Danny King.

December 11 - in a change to the usual programme - chess doubles.

December 18 - in a change to the usual programme - Club Christmas Dinner @The Lion@Malpas

December 25 - no club - Christmas Day! January 1 - no club - New Year's Day Thursday, January 8, being the second Thursday of the month, there is a Club Championship.

Thursday, January 15, being the third Thursday of the month, there is a simultaneous match. Thursday, January 22, being the fourth Thursday of the month, there are tactical situations to solve

Thursday January 29 - demonstration of "blindfold chess" - Charles will play without sight of the board.

The chess element of this club is completely free and open to all, although, as it is a licensed premise, any player aged under 18 must be supervised at all times. Charles is also running a side in the National Online League, the 4NCL league and also he is running a team in the World Chess Online League, which is played at the rapid-play time limit of 5 minutes plus 2 seconds increment per move. For more information contact Charles on 01948 860083, email higgiecharles@gmail.com or Charles Chessman Higgie on

Malpas Jubilee Hall. 17th Dec. Doors open 7pm. Great prizes, free kids' game. £1 admission. Refreshments. Mince pies. Raffle.

As always, money raised at our bingo at Christmas is donated to Claire House Children's Hospice .

SHOCKLACH

Shocklach Gardening Group What a superb talk we heard in November, when Dawn Gough told us of her two joys Bees and Gardening and how we could help the bees to overcome some of the problems facing them. We have no meeting in December, to give everyone time to prepare for Christmas, but return to the Chorlton & Cuddington W.I hall on Chorlton Lane SY14 7EP, on Monday 19 January 2026 when Lis Zwart, Head Gardener at Plas Newydd in Llangollen will be our speaker with: 'Weeds: Friends, Foes and Frenemies'. Meeting starts at 7:30 pm and we look forward to welcoming everyone back for a fascinating talk.

Contact Wendy Gilpin 01829 250413



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 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.

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.

TUSHINGHAM

St Chad's Church, Tushingham Sunday 21st December, Carols by Candlelight at 4:30pm. All welcome Thursday 25th December. Family Communion Service at 9:00am. All welcome.

WHITCHURCH

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



Aldersey & Coddington W I at Coddington Village Hall

For our December meeting members will enjoy a Christmas Party at the Cock O' Barton.

A regular coffee morning is held on the Monday following our WI meetings Bellis' Farm shop at 10 am

We meet the first Tuesday of the month at 7:15 PM contact Mrs Liz Macphee 01829 782 692

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 December event is a Christmas Party on 10th December. On Jan 28th Eric Windsor will talk about his life as a JP. 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 Bunbury WI meets on the second Thursday of the month at Bunbury Playing Fields Pavilion at 7:30pm. Our Members are looking forward to the Festive Lunch at Dysart Arms on 4 December and Members only Christmas Wreath making workshop at monthly meeting on 11 December. We do not have a meeting in Jan. New members and visitors are warmly welcome.

For further information contact Lynda Davies 01829 863781.

ChorIton & Cuddington WI. At our November meeting we thoroughly enjoyed a presentation about the life and loves of Fanny Middleton by Jill Burton who had carefully researched her subject and clearly had great respect and affection for a very spirited and enterprising young woman. We celebrated the festive season at The Lion in Malpas for a lovely Christmas lunch and our first meeting of the new year is at 2pm on 7th January. Guests are most welcome.

For further information contact Maggie Low 07958 876043.



Village News



INSPIRING WOMEN 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. For more information, please contact Sarah Scott 01829 270692 or look at our website: https://farndonwi.weebly.com/

Farndon & District W.I. . will hold their next meeting on January 27th, 2026, when Kate Huet, medical herbalist and Chair Person of The Herb Society, will be joining us. Come along to Farndon Memorial Hall, Church Lane, Farndon at 7:30 for 8:00pm to find out more! For more information, please contact Sarah Scott 01829 270692 or look at our website: https://farndonwi.weebly.com/

Huxley & Hargrave WI. In December we will be holding our in house Christmas party . Our entertainment is to be a young lady singer . She sings 60's and 70 's music . I think she is hoping for some audience participation !! We are planning our 2026 programme at present and looking forward to another year with interesting speakers and planning our visits to various Venues .

We meet from April to September at Hargrave Church Hall ,7.30 pm .Every second Wednesday in the month and October to March at 2 pm at Huxley Village Hall again every second Wednesday in the month . Visitors will be made most welcome. Contact Trish Onslow-MacAulay 07866262500 or Connie Peters (Sec) 01829 781298

Marbury WI Our next meeting is on Tuesday January 13th - time 13.30 pm in Marbury Village Hall when our Speaker will be Martin Gaffney a former Greater Manchester Police Counter Terrorism Security Co-ordinator.

Title: A funny thing happened on the way to the Police station
He is also an experienced speaker & Cruise Ship Lecturer. 32 years in Police
and consultancy

Visitors always welcome. For more information, please contact: Janet Wheeler on 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 & Disrict U3a 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 10.30 and questions to the speaker at about 11.15. The meeting closes around 11.30

We do not hold a monthly meeting during December and we wish everyone A Very Happy Christmas and a Wonderful 2026

On Thursday 22 January 2026 Having made us laugh at his exploits in his former rather wide-ranging career from Landlord to Ghostwriter, Neil Hanson returns to bring in the new year for us with: -

Champagne Breakfasts and Flying Pigs

Neil daws on the many curious characters he has met along the way, tales of high and low life, false teeth, a thespian piglet, how to flog a dead horse and how to survive on a diet of beer and pot noodles.

Strange but true and very funny.

Find out more at https://tarporleyanddistrict.u3asite.uk - where the monthly newsletter is available, as is information on how to join the u3a.

BUNBURY

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



Photography Club in Bunbury. If you enjoy taking photos with a camera or phone and want to meet other enthusiasts in a 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 GARDENING CLUB

We wish all our members a Happy Christmas and New Year! There will be no meeting in December.

We will be having our fun Quiz night on January 20th 2026 at 7:30pm at the Village Hall Bunbury.

Thanks for your support in making 2025 a successful and enjoyable year for the club. New members always welcome please contact Margaret on mjbourne249@tiscali.co.uk.

HUXLEY

Hargrave and Huxley Historical Society Our first meeting of 2026 will be held at Hargrave Church Hall on Monday 12th January,

Commencing at 7.30p.m. Our speaker Pat Symms will be giving a talk on The History of Tarporley High Street.

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

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

Film Night Monday 19th January "title to be announced - see bickertonvillagehall website for details" Doors & Bar open at 7pm Film starts at 7.30pm

Bickerton and Egerton Parish Council.

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



BICKERTON cont

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

Beginners Line dancing Thursdays 6.30pm £5 (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 Tennis Club@ Bickerton Village Hall

Come along and have a game of tennis
Contact Jackie Bourne jackiebourne2756@gmail.com
or Georgia Morris, georgia.morris@dtmlegal.com for membership details.
Tuesdays from 7pm club night, Thursdays All age tuition.
Fridays 9:30am with We Do Tennis Alex tuition.

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

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

Friday Dec 12th at 5.30pm Scouts carol service

Sunday Dec 21st at 10.45am Church carol service

CHRISTMAS DAY: No Service Sunday Dec 28th: Service 10,45pm



BICKLEY & CHOLMONDELEY

ST. WENEFREDE'S CHURCH, BICKLEY will be OPEN on Saturday 6th & 13th December from 10.00am until 2.00pm when everyone is invited to place a message in memory of a loved one, or someone they wish to remember on our "TREE OF REMEMBRANCE" Cards and Baubles will be provided ~ or you may wish to bring your own ~ tea, coffee and cake will be available. Christmas gifts and decorations will also be on sale, many being homemade locally, all proceeds are for Bickley Church. Please put the dates in your diary we would be pleased to welcome you.

BICKLEY CHURCH 100 CLUB DRAW

Tickets are now available for this years 100 Club Draw with prizes of 1 at £250, 2 at £75, and 4 at £25, the tickets are £10 each and are available from Herbert Ackerley 01948 820367, or Ann Bailey 07762 451154, The draw will take place following the "Carols by Candlelight" service on Sunday 14th December at 6.30pm in church. Wine & Mincepies will also be served following this service.

SERVICES FOR CHRISTMAS AT ST. WENEFREDE'S CHURCH, BICKLEY.
"Carols by Candlelight" on Sunday 14th December at 6.30pm taken by Rev.
Veronica Green.

Christmas Day at 10.30am a service of Family Holy Communion will be taken by Rev. Mike Rogers.

Everyone is welcome to any of our services.

ST. NICHOLAS CHAPEL, Cholmondeley.

On Friday 19th December at 6.30pm a Carols by Candlelight service will be taken by Rev. Veronica Green.

CAROL SINGING AT CHOLMONDELEY ARMS.

On Thursday 18th December at 7.00pm we will be singing carols in the Cholmondeley Arms, please do come along and join us for this festive occasion. All proceeds will be for the Childrens Society.

ELVIS TRIBUTE EVENING on FRIDAY 20th FEBRUARY 2026.

We are nearly sold out of tickets, if you wish to come along please contact Ann Bailey 07762 451154 as soon as possible for update on availability.

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 Available for hire by the hour, day or half day at reasonable rates. Fully equipped kitchen including glasses and crockery, spacious enclosed garden and ample parking. Ideal for parties, meetings, classes and private events.

Contact pbvhcommittee@gmail.com

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AT THE HALL:

Sunday 25 January - PIT STOP CAFE - tea, coffee and bacon butties on sale from 10.30 am to 1pm. All welcome. Free admission.

Friday 6 February - Winter social - bar and hot food available. Come and enjoy a chinwag with your fellow villagers. All welcome. From 7.30pm.

Visit www.peckfortonparish.org.uk/PBVH or the page for more information on all events including Peckforton Pit-Stop Cafes (last Sunday of month), PBVH Facebook our regular **Craft and Chat**

(every Weds) and health and wellness classes (Pilates, Tai Chi, Restorative Movement and Sound Bath sessions).

CODDINGTON, ALDERSEY & CLUTTON

WHIST & BINGO at Codddington Parish Room. Whist Drive 13th December. 10th and 24th January Bingo 1st, 8th December & 26th January

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. www. cheshireparishcouncils.co.uk

Deadline is Wednesday the 7th of January 2026 for the February issue.



CHRISTMAS AT THE BEAR TATTENHALL



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time of year

VIEW OUR DECEMBER FOOD MENU



CHRISTMAS OPENINGS

CHRISTMAS EVE - OPEN AS USUAL
CHRISTMAS DAY - CLOSED
BOXING DAY - OPEN AS USUAL

New Year's Eve - Open As Usual New Year's Day - Join Us For Our 'Sinner Or Saint Brunch'

Head to our website, www.thebeartattenhall.co.uk
for more info & reservations





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