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Hello and a warm welcome to the February 2026 My Village News. 19 years ago we were making plans and speaking to potential customers and contacts to join our new venture; a community magazine serving local villages. The first magazine was delivered out in May 2007. Looking back to those early days we still retain some of our very first contacts and advertisers.

Dave Trevor contacted MVNews asking us to publish his article "A Well-Meaning Investigation" about an exploration of Beaston Castel well that took place in 1935 - 36. He is hoping to hear from readers who might be able to help provide further photos or stories from within their community or family history linked to the project.

We very nearly had a white Christmas, the snow arrived just a few days late. Our snowy front page was taken by Jo Parsons in Peckforton

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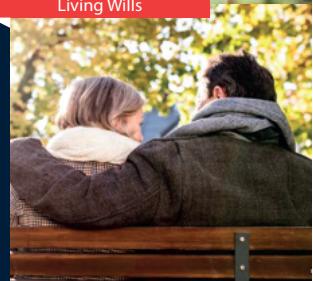
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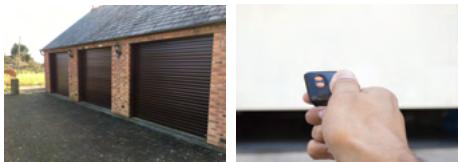
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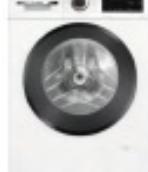


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A well meaning investigation.**Dave Trevor**

Volunteering with The Sandstone Ridge Trust during their Beneath The Ridge landscape archaeology survey and more recently with English Heritage at Beeston Castle has prompted my interest in an unusual story. Beeston Castle's well was explored during 1935-36 by members of ICI Winnington's workforce, an endeavour that also involved local people from Bunbury, Beeston, and further afield.

At a meeting in late 1934 the ICI team's leaders decided to investigate the well as a weekend activity to find a hidden tunnel, which according to local folklore ran between the well bottom and Beeston Hall. Inevitably the press also cited Beeston's treasure legends, but the team's main goal was the tunnel, and among its members were some experienced potholers.

The well had reputedly been emptied in 1842 by Peckforton estate workers undertaking general improvements ordered by John Tollemache, including the construction of Peckforton Castle. An enigmatic third-hand account of a draughty tunnel and a depth of 116.5 yards from nearly a century before had spurred the ICI team into action, but the well was no longer empty. In the intervening years nearly 40 tons of rubble had been thrown back down the 300+ foot shaft, often by visitors to the annual village Festival that was held at the castle.

The project taxed the team's scientific, engineering and potholing skills, and filled many weekends. Various means of raising buckets of excavated rubble were devised, including muscle power, a hired horse, and a visiting cycling club who'd rather rashly offered to help. They also employed a battered old Morris Bullnose attached to one end of a 400ft cable and driven down the outer ward with deflated rear tyres and two people clinging to its back end to improve traction(!)

Did they reach their goal? Not exactly – they recorded three tunnels of uncertain age in the well shaft. Two short tunnels near the well bottom, and higher up a longer tunnel with a corner and a collapsed roof that was too dangerous to explore further. It was not heading to Beeston Hall. By early 1936 at a measured depth of 113 yards the well began to fulfil its original purpose and started collecting water again. A few yards short of their target the ICI team stopped digging and departed, leaving castle visitors free to continue lobbing rocks down it.

Nobody has since been as far down the well as Dr Reginald Gibson, who on 26th April 1936 had deposited a vacuum sealed flask at the bottom of the well containing the team members' names, before signalling to his colleagues in the wellhouse to haul him back to the surface.

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Sun 22 Feb	Thu 26 Feb	"Llandubbers" Mock Cruise	5	Tynedale (Llandudno)	£549.50	-
Fri 27 Mar	Mon 30 Mar	"Showtime" in Torbay	4	Derwent (Torquay)	£279.50	£60
Fri 10 Apr	Tue 14 Apr	Stunning Sidmouth	5	Royal York & Faulkner	£549.50	-
Fri 17 Apr	Tue 21 Apr	Springtime Splendours of the Lake District	5	Cumbria Grand (Grange-over-Sands)	£549.50	£65
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Sat 9 May	Sat 16 May	Lake Annecy & The French Alps	8	Novotel Tinqueux (Reims) Saint Gervais Hotel & Spa	£1350.00	£160
Sun 17 May	Fri 22 May	Newquay - Spring into Cornwall	6	Esplanade (Newquay)	£749.50	£100.00
Sun 24 May	Thu 28 May	Wells - Delights of Somerset	5	The Swan Hotel (Wells)	£699.50	£100.00
Sun 31 May	Thu 4 Jun	Highlights of Kent "Call the Midwife to the Garden of England"	5	Bridgewood Manor (Chatham)	£659.50	£100.00
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Sun 14 Jun	Thu 18 Jun	All about Yorkshire!	5	Crowne Plaza (Harrogate)	£629.50	£150.00
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Wed 1 Jul	Fri 10 Jul	Portugal Pleasures	10	Hotel Cristal (Vieira Praia)	£1999.50	£395.00
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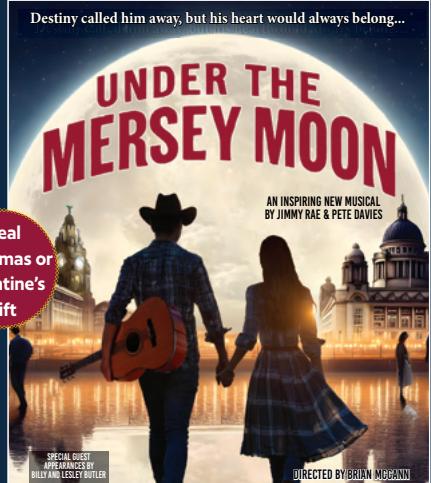
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Freezing income tax thresholds

National insurance (NI) and income tax thresholds have been frozen for an extra three years beyond 2028, dragging more people into higher bands over time.

The decision to freeze income tax thresholds for a further three years – until April 2031 – is expected to raise £23 billion for the government over the period, according to the Office for Budget Responsibility (OBR).

The move creates fiscal drag, which means as people's wages go up, they will be pulled into paying higher rates of income tax. It also means more workers will be caught in the so-called "60% tax trap".

Freezing the inheritance tax (IHT) threshold

Reeves also opted to put the IHT threshold in the deep freeze for a further year. This means the nil-rate band remains at £325,000 and the residence nil-rate band is unchanged at £175,000 until April 2031.

According to the OBR, IHT will raise £9.1 billion for the Treasury in 2025-26.¹ These revenues are expected to rise every year given that assets tend to go up in value – while the tax-free allowances remain static.

Reducing tax relief on venture capital trusts (VCTs)

The government is reducing the income tax relief that can be claimed by a VCT investor from 30% to 20%, from April 2026. The measure is expected to save the government £315 million from 2027-28 to 2029-30.² Critics of the move are concerned that cutting tax relief could undermine the incentive to invest in VCTs and therefore slow investment in start-ups and small companies. Alongside this, the government also announced it was introducing higher limits for investing in VCTs and enterprise investment schemes (EISs) to allow investment into more mature businesses.

Ending the lifetime ISA

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Hiking savings, property and dividend taxes

Reeves also chose to hike taxes in her Budget, by increasing the tax rates on dividends, property and savings income.

From April 2026, the ordinary tax rate on dividend income will rise from 8.75% to 10.75%, and the higher rate from 33.75% to 35.75%. The additional rate will remain unchanged at 39.35%.

A year later – from April 2027 – savings and property income tax

will rise for each band of taxpayers. So, basic-rate taxpayers will pay 22%, higher-rate taxpayers will pay 42% and additional-rate taxpayers will face a 47% tax.

The move could hit savers, investors and buy-to-let landlords hard. It means pensions and ISAs will become even more important at protecting people's money from the taxman, while another tax hike on landlords could give them another reason to sell up and quit the property market.

Transferring unused IHT agricultural and business property reliefs

The £1 million allowance for the 100% rate of agricultural property relief and business property relief will be transferrable to surviving spouses and civil partners from April 2026, even if the first death occurred before then.

This announcement follows last year's change to business and agriculture IHT rules, where the government cut the rate of relief on assets qualifying for business property relief or agricultural property relief from 100% to 50%.

The latest move means one half of a couple could now benefit from relief of £2 million.

Cutting tax breaks for home workers

Employees who work from home will no longer be able to claim tax relief on expenses related to additional household costs not reimbursed by the employer. This rule takes effect on 6 April 2026.

The government said it was removing the tax break due to concerns around non-compliance, given that half of the claims were ineligible for relief.

Imposing electric car taxes

Drivers of electric and plug-in hybrid cars will face higher bills from April 2028. In a move that had been widely expected, the government is introducing a new mileage charge for electric and plug-in hybrid vehicles, where drivers will pay for their mileage alongside their existing vehicle excise duty.

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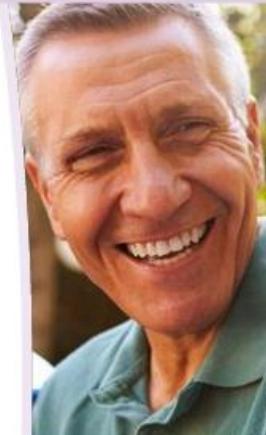
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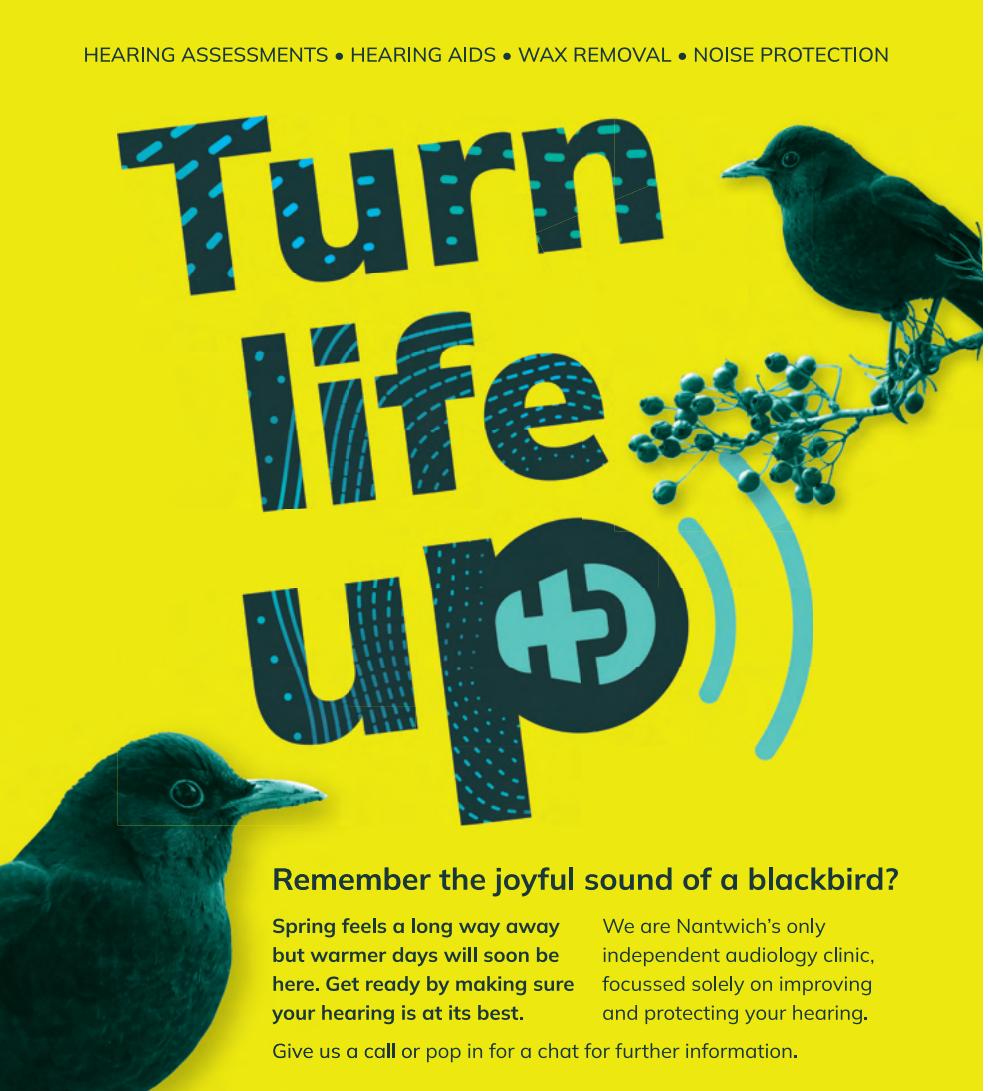
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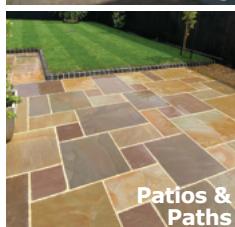
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Holy Trinity, Bickerton 9:30am Parish Communion

(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

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

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.

Our speaker on February 12th is Eddie Roberts a self confessed galanthophile, (snowdrop addict) who will speak to us about Snowdrops. They are already flowering in my garden and are a welcome sight. Collecting them can be highly addictive, but can seriously harm your pocket with some fetching £1000 a bulb. This meeting is also your chance to renew your membership and collect your membership card. We meet in our new venue of The Youth Centre in Malpas, behind the Fire station, the meeting starts at 7.00 , entrance is £2 for members, £5 for visitors, this includes a drink and raffle ticket. All are welcome to our friendly club.

Malpas Flower Club February Report

Our Flower Club has had a very busy few months, with some spectacular demonstrations.

We enjoyed a busy and festive December with our ever popular 'Soup and Pudding Event' drawing a wonderful turnout of members. Our January Demonstration was by the very talented Louise Jones from Wallasey where she inspired us with her flowers entitled "Back to the Future".

For our February Monthly Meeting we will be welcoming Jane Tully from Welshpool to be held at the Jubilee Hall on Monday 16th February at 2pm. If you are free, do come and join us for an afternoon filled with flowers, friendly chat and a good cuppa! See our Facebook Page for further details, or contact, Janet Blake on 01948 860359

Malpas Chess Player Charles Higbie played in the Irish Seniors chess tournament in Dublin January 1st to 4th. Although he is 68 years old and so could have played in the aged 65 and above section, he sportingly agreed to play in the aged 50 and over section so that both sections had an even number of competitors. He was the second highest rated player in the 12 man section, and finished equal 3rd, meaning he took home 50 Euros in prize money as half of the 100 Euro prize for third place. Charles scored 3 wins, 2 draws and 2 losses.

For further details visit <https://s1.chess-results.com/tnr1326672.aspx?lan=1&art=4&SNode=S0>

The Malpas School of Chess continues to meet 6pm to 7pm at The Lion@ Malpas every Thursday. The chess element is completely free. For further details contact Charles on higbiecharles@gmail.com or telephone 01948 860083 or Charles Chessman Higbie on Facebook.

SHOCKLACH

Shocklach Gardening Group

We shall be back in the W.I hall on Monday, 16 February 2026 for our February meeting when we shall be delighted to welcome Linda Williams from Mount Wines, a newly opened Boutique vineyard set on a hillside overlooking the Dee valley and the picturesque village of Bangor Isycoed (Bangor on Dee).

What began in 2013 as a hobby for retirees David and Linda Williams, has blossomed into a beautiful vineyard producing an elegant, sparkling rose wine with hints of summer berries and a crisp, refreshing finish. Perfect for any occasion and a great gift!

Linda will share the story of her and David's vineyard and the captivating story of their inspiring journey from hobbyists to establishing and running a growing business.

We meet for a 7:30 pm start in the Chorlton and Cuddington WI hall on Chorlton Lane, SY14 7EP and look forward to seeing you there. Visitors are always very welcome.

Information: 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 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 Binersley 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.



Aldersey & Coddington WI at Coddington village hall
 3rd of February with Steph Glover demonstrating candle making
 9th of February coffee morning at Bellis' Farm shop 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. On February 25th Victoria Graham will give a talk , "The Biscuit Club". 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. At our meeting on 12 February we welcome Anne Smart for a talk 'Camino de Santiago by bike' and in March Peter Holloway 'Retail Thinking'. New members and visitors are always welcome. For further information contact Lynda Davies 01829 863781

Chorlton & Cuddington WI. Unfortunately we had to cancel our January meeting on safety grounds due to the snow and ice.
 The next meeting is at 2pm on Wednesday 4th February and we will be again holding our very popular St Valentines Day coffee morning, complete with delicious cakes.
 This will be at 1100 on Saturday 14th February in the WI hall on Chorlton Lane, guests are most welcome.
 For further information contact Maggie Low 07958 876043.

Eaton WI 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 WI. will be welcoming Huw Jones and Michael Hett of the Wrexham Miner's Project to give us an overview of the charity's background and their vision for the future. There will of course be time for a chat, cake and a cuppa! We meet in Farndon Memorial Hall, Church Lane, Farndon on the last Tuesday of each month. For more information, please contact Sarah Scott 01829 270692 or look at our website: <https://farndonwi.weebly.com/>

Huxley & Hargrave WI. We enjoyed our first meeting of the New Year. An excellent speaker Mr Tom Kenny told us about 'A Delamere Mystery. A fascinating account full of local History.

Out February meeting is Wednesday 11 th February 2 p.m. at Huxley Village Hall

Our Speaker will be Dr. Karen Castle and her talk is titled ' How I ended up in Prison .

Our meetings are the Second Wednesday in the month April to September 7.30 p.m.Hargrave Church Hall and October to March 2p.m.Huxley Village Hall Visitors are always welcome

Contacts Trish 07866262500 Connie 01829781298

Marbury WI meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 1.30 from October to March and 7.30 from April to September in Marbury Village Hall. Guests are most welcome. For further information contact Janet Wheeler on 07713 811636.

February 10th 1.30pm (Afternoon) - Open Meeting – Marbury Village Hall Neil Hanson Inn and Out at the Top Competition Beer Mat

"Inn & Out at the Top" is a laugh-a-minute tour of the quirks and foibles, highs and lows of running Britain's highest inn - so isolated that its next-door neighbour was 4 miles away and so high above sea level that it had its own climate, with winds that could tear car-doors off their hinges, and winter snows that cut off the inn for weeks on end.

As this is an Open Meeting, visitors are very welcome. There is a £5 charge

SPURSTOW

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

TIVERTON & TARPORLEY

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

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

Tarporley and District u3a February 2026

The monthly meeting is held at Tarporley Community Hall.

Doors open at 09.45 the meeting begins at about 10.15 with a few announcements, followed by the talk at about 10.20 .

The meeting closes around 11.30

On Thursday 26 February 2026 Ron Hutchinson is a weaponry and chemical warfare instructor who turned chauffeur to the aristocracy and the Royal Family – and tells some - but definitely not all - in: -

Life Through the Rear-View Mirror

He joined the army and served in an airborne unit seeing service in a host of countries and when he left the forces, he found himself in the interesting position of chauffeur to Viscount Leverhulme, Lord Lieutenant of Cheshire – for 26 years, nd the rest is history and is hilarious.

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.

DEADLINE FOR THE MARCH ISSUE IS 11TH FEBRUARY

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 club meeting at Bunbury village hall Tuesday the 17th of February 7:30 pm guest speaker Frank Forest - talk subject is Mary Mary how does Your Garden Grow ?

New members are always welcome to attend meetings contact Margaret Bourne on 01829 260944 or email mjbourne249@tiscali.co.uk

Facebook users: Join BUNBURY GARDENING CLUB page

Advance date for your diary Annual Show Saturday 5th September

HUXLEY**Hargrave and Huxley Historical Society**

Our next meeting will be held on Monday 9th February at Huxley Village Hall, commencing at 7.30 p.m., when Tony Bostock will be giving us a talk on Cheshire Historic Houses.

Our March meeting will be held on Monday 9th Alan Kibble will be giving us a talk titled Reinvestigation of the Moors Murders.

Non members are very welcome £3.00.

Light refreshments to follow.

Contact: denisecheetham@hotmail.co.uk

Huxley Film Night Friday 13th February 7.00 for 7.30pm

Huxley Village Hall Huxley Lane CH39BG

"Downton Abbey the grand finale" Entrance £5

Wine/beer/tea/coffee/ice cream on sale

Information 07810216399 or 01829781573

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 16th Feb - "The Ballad of Wallis Island", a lovely romcom

Highly rated by Mike

Doors & Bar open at 7pm Film starts at 7.30pm

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 and Egerton Parish Council.

website is www.bickertonandegertonpc.org

Bickerton Tennis Club@ Bickerton Village Hall Come along to a Tuesday Club night from 7pm and enjoy a game of tennis

Improve your game on Friday mornings 9:30am with Alex Mullins Tennis coach. All age coaching with Adam 'We Do Tennis' on Thursday evenings

Look out for Fundraising events for a new Bickerton tennis court surface

Contact Jackie Bourne, jackiebourne2756@gmail.com

or Georgia Morris, georgia.morris@dtmlegal.com

for membership details Annual Senior membership £60, Family £100, Junior £20, Intermediate £25

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.



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information.

Website: www.brownknowlmethodist.com

Feb 22nd: There will be no service at Brown Knowl but all will be welcome
to join us at St John's Whitchurch for a Mission area service at 10.30am

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

Whitchurch WALKERS February Activities 2026

Bickerton and Eddisbury way

Sunday 8th February at 10am meet Sherrymill car park

A way in the Bickerton area 7 miles

Midweek walk

Wednesday 11th February 10am meet at Sherrymill car park

Bevs Midweek walk

50th Anniversary Walk 1

Saturday 28th February meet 10am at Sherrymill car park

A local walk from our 10 walks around Whitchurch Book.

Fields and Fairways 4 miles

For final details on all events see our website

www.whitchurchwalkers.co.uk

BEESTON**Beeston Parish Council**

Meets quarterly, all residents welcome. See parish council website www.beestonparishcouncil.co.uk for dates and agendas, also for regular information affecting local residents

BEESTON & PECKFORTON**Peckforton Parish**

For any Parish enquiries please contact

Chair: Neil Dyer (Peckfortonparishchair@gmail.com)

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS AT THE HALL:

Sunday 25 January and Sunday 22 February- 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 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).

CODDINGTON, ALDERSEY & CLUTTON

Coddington and District Parish Council: Please visit our website for all items such as Agendas, Minutes, Council Governance, Councillor contact details and other Parish related matters. www.cheshireparishcouncils.co.uk

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