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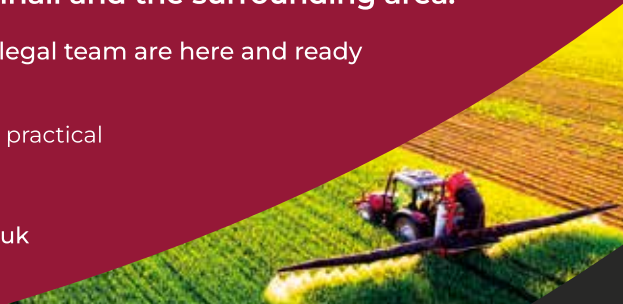


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In the 1880s Liverpool Corporation constructed its underground aqueduct to take water to the city from Lake Vyrnwy in North Wales. Since this passed through Malpas, the Corporation offered the town a connection to the aqueduct. The offer was finally accepted in 1892 and the old waterworks gradually went out of use. The reservoir at the Oathills is part of the balancing system for the Liverpool aqueduct and many Malpas residents continue to enjoy the benefits of soft Vyrnwy water. Along the 110 km route of the aqueduct are a number of valve houses, which originally housed self-acting burst control valves to maintain security and control of the water flow. Alongside some of them are houses built to accommodate inspectors, known as lengthsmen or walkmen, who each had responsibility for oversight of a specific section of the pipeline. The example in Beeston's Moss Lane, now converted for domestic use, is known as 'Walkman's Lodge'. I used to meet a walkman who lived in Malpas, who by then had swapped walking for a bicycle! The aqueduct, which now comprises three large pipes, passes directly under the fields known as the Oxheyes, originally part of the church-owned 'glebe' land and now a very popular walking area for Malpas residents and visitors. It has become the subject of much recent controversy and concern since the Diocese of Chester has put the land on the market, as a potential housing development area.

Some 65 years after the construction of the Vyrnwy to Liverpool aqueduct the second World War was drawing to a close. The Allied forces were moving into France to begin the clear-up and reconstruction after all the huge damage caused by the hostilities. Vast reserves of men and equipment were transported across the Channel, including motor vehicles of many types. These vehicles all needed petrol for their operations and eventually an ambitious project was launched to convey fuel from British oil refineries, via a specially constructed underwater pipeline from England to France. The project became known as PLUTO (Pipeline Under the Ocean). The construction of the pipeline involved the active collaboration of rival commercial firms, government departments and the armed services to develop and test a pipeline in total secrecy and then construct it beneath the English Channel. It would eventually deliver more than one million gallons of petrol each day by 1945.

One of the sources of the fuel was the Stanlow refinery near Ellesmere Port. To maintain a constant pressure along the length of the land-based pipeline a number of depots were built comprising storage tanks and necessary pressure monitoring and pumping gear. The hill overlooking the railway and the site of the former livestock market (now a housing development) at Beeston was excavated in 1942/3 so that tanks and other equipment could be inserted. The whole site was landscaped to make it invisible from the air and on the ground. Known as Beeston Castle Reserve Depot, it could hold 29,000 tons of petrol and is said to have been in full operation by September 1943. The site was chosen for being of strategic importance for carrying the tanks and other machinery required, since it was within fifty yards of the main Chester-Crewe railway line. It was also close to the main A49 road and less than 100 yards from the canal. As a 'reserve' depot it supported a number of distribution depots which, in their turn, supplied airfields and other users by road tanker.

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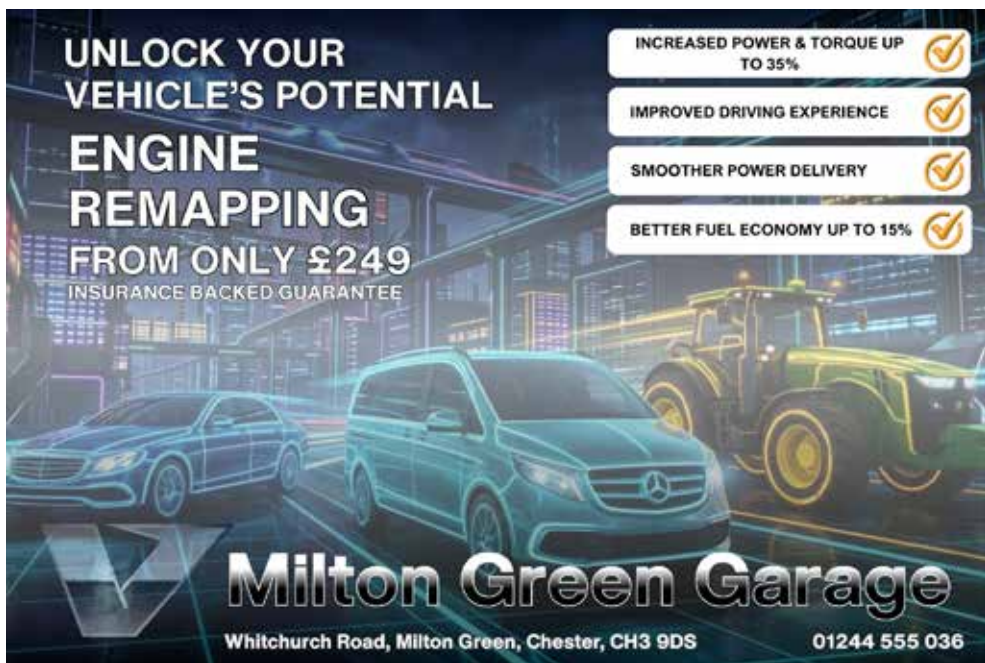


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On Saturday 13 June, the village will come alive with Wild Bunbury – a celebration of the incredible wildlife, countryside and community spirit that make Cheshire such a special place to live.

Building on the much-loved traditions of Bunbury Village Day, this year’s event adds a fresh and exciting nature-inspired theme. Visitors can expect all the familiar highlights – the parade through the village, Rose Queen celebrations, an array of stalls, BBQ and Bar, live music, brass band, Morris dancers and family entertainment – alongside a host of wildlife experiences for all ages.

We’re delighted to welcome a growing number of fantastic organisations bringing the “wild” to Bunbury:

Gauntlet Birds of Prey will deliver breathtaking flying displays (with bird species to be revealed soon)

Cheshire Wildlife Trust protecting wildlife across the county, and how we can all play a part locally

The Creepy Crawly Show will introduce visitors to an amazing range of creatures including snakes, tarantulas, scorpions, lizards, giant African snails and even hissing cockroaches

Let’s Farm sharing inspiring work at their community farm supporting young people with learning disabilities

Mid-Cheshire Beekeepers Association will be offering insight into the fascinating world of beekeeping

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Bunbury Gardening Club will highlight local planting and wildlife-friendly gardening

Bunbury Mill, our beautiful Grade II listed watermill, will be sharing information about the rich wildlife that surrounds it

Sadlers Wells Community Woodland will be on hand to share how we can all enjoy and care for this ancient wood on the outskirts of our village

And this is just the beginning – many more wildlife organisations and activities are still to be announced.

Wild Bunbury is not just about showcasing wildlife, but about bringing the community together – inspiring costumes for the parade, sparking creativity in decorations, and creating memorable, hands-on experiences throughout the day.

Whether you come for the tradition, the wildlife, or simply the atmosphere, Bunbury Village Day 2026 promises to be a fantastic day out for all ages.

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Will my pension die when I do?

It's a stark question, but one with a positive answer. Most pensions can still be passed on – with one caveat. In her 2024 Autumn Budget, the chancellor announced that pensions would no longer sit outside an estate. Effectively this means pension funds are no longer exempt from inheritance tax (IHT). From the beginning of the 2027 tax year, leaving someone an unspent pension could land them with an IHT bill of 40%.

This change sent a minor shockwave through many middle and high income households who had already planned to pass some or all of their pension on when they die. For many people, pensions have often been the last asset to be touched when drawing income in retirement, precisely because of their IHT-free status. Putting money into pensions meant reducing the size – and IHT liability – of an estate, plus being able to pass on significant sums of money, all in one fell stroke.

However, now the dust has settled, clear, tax-efficient estate planning alternatives are emerging. In this article, we'll look at your options for gifting or donating some of those pension savings tax free, during your lifetime once you are old enough to access your pension.

What happens to my pension when I die?

What happens to your pension when you die depends on the type of pension you hold, and your age at the time of your death. If you have a Defined Benefit (DB) pension, sometimes referred to as a final salary pension, it guarantees you a fixed income in retirement based on your salary and length of service, primarily funded by your employer.

Unlike a Defined Contribution (DC) pension, where both you and your employer contribute and which can be passed on more freely, the transfer of a DB pension to beneficiaries works differently. While you generally can't pass on the full value of a DB pension, these plans often provide certain benefits upon your death. These may include a surviving spouse's or civil partner's pension, a lump sum payment, or a percentage of the pension income to a spouse, civil partner, or nominated beneficiary.

On the other hand, your state pension can't be passed on to anyone.

When it comes to a DC pension, the way benefits are passed on to a beneficiary may depend on the type of scheme, the circumstance of your death, and the age at which you die. This distinction is important, as whether you die before or after the age of 75 will affect what your beneficiary can expect to receive.

What is the 'rule of 75'?

With DC pensions, if you die before the age of 75 then in most cases, your named beneficiary won't pay income tax on withdrawals from the pension. However, if you die after the age of 75, they will pay income tax on any withdrawals or when they cash in. The income tax rate will vary depending on whether they are a basic rate, higher rate or additional rate taxpayer.

The rule of 75 can seem quirky and unnecessarily complex. As with all aspects of pension planning, it's best to discuss with your financial adviser if you're unsure about what it could mean for your estate. This is especially valuable if you have several pensions or hold a mix of DB and DC plans.

Even with a possible IHT liability, your pension savings can still do great things after you've gone. But that money could start to do even more, even sooner, if you begin to pass it on during your lifetime.

Gifting and donating – how to pass money on tax-free

Each tax year, you can gift up to £3,000 tax free. Using that full annual gifting exemption (£6,000 for a couple) to give money to loved ones during your lifetime steadily reduces the size of your estate, and lowers your eventual IHT bill. And, if you didn't gift in the previous tax year, you can carry forward that allowance. This means that a couple could potentially gift as much as £12,000 in a single year.

Although the gifting allowance is set at £3,000 per year, there's no limit on the size or value of the gift itself. You can make a gift of any size, but if you die within seven years of the gift, the money may still count as part of your estate. The good news is that this tax liability does start to 'taper off' after three years on any amount over the IHT threshold of £325,000 – so the longer you live (or the sooner you make substantial gifts) the better chance your gift has of passing in its entirety.

According to HMRC a gift can be 'anything you give away'. This includes money, property or land, stocks and shares listed on the London Stock Exchange, even jewellery or antiques. It also covers unlisted shares if you held them for less than two years before your death.

These larger gifts are, in tax-jargon, sometimes referred to as PETs or Potentially Exempt Transfers; meaning that they are potentially tax-exempt, so long as you live for the full seven years.

You can also make gifts of up to £5,000 to a child getting married, or £2,500 to a grandchild or even great-grandchild. That's a lovely honeymoon – tax free. You can also make any number of smaller gifts of up to £250 in a tax year.

Donating to charity can help your IHT bill

If there is a charity or organisation that is particularly close to your heart, you could benefit them while making a significant difference to your IHT bill too. Gifting more than 10% of your net estate not only reduces the size of your IHT liability, it can also cut your IHT rate from 40% to 36%. That's a generous gift to leave both your favourite charity, and your family.

Who can I pass my pension onto?

A pension doesn't have to be earmarked for children or even relatives; you can leave it to anyone. However, you can – and should – nominate the beneficiary you want to receive the pension or a proportion of it, when you die.

Under the proposed change to the IHT rules, you can still pass on both a DB or DC pension to your spouse or civil partner without paying IHT, but when they die, it stops there. For DC pensions, any money remaining in the pension (if it's passed down the family again) will be counted as part of the estate and become taxable. Not only that, but your beneficiary needs to be aware that, in addition to a possible IHT bill, they may also find themselves paying income tax when they start to withdraw the pension money.

Passing money on sooner rather than later can be a powerfully positive step towards achieving financial wellbeing earlier in life. A 'living legacy gift' can enable other family members to start businesses, pay off mortgages or send grandchildren on an unforgettable gap year without waiting to inherit a lump sum. With many of us living longer, you might be in your sixties and financially stable before you receive an inheritance.

The levels and bases of taxation and reliefs from taxation can change at any time. The value of any tax relief depends on individual circumstances.

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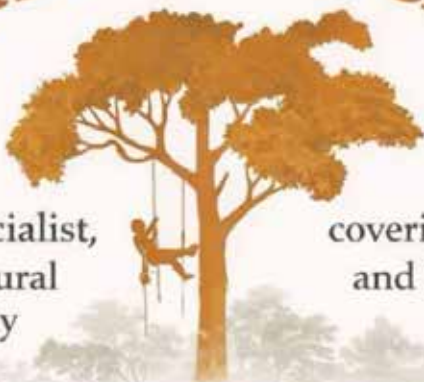
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Holt Local History Society

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Date of next meeting: Thursday September 24, 2026

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19.30-21.00 Iyengar Yoga with Julia Chandler

Tuesday **10.00-12.00** Drop-in Coffee Morning

10.00-12.00 U3A Discussion Group (alternate Tuesdays)

20.00-21.30 Tattenhall Singers

Wednesday **6.00-7.00** Yoga with Lynn Owen

Thursday **09.30-10.30** RAK Pilates with Rachel Kidd

14.00-15.30 Circle Dancing (last Thurs of the month)

14.00-16.00 TOFS (1st Thurs of the month)

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Join us at the Barbour Institute Tattenhall from 2pm with the speaker slot starting at 2.30 pm. For more information on u3a membership contact our membership secretary at membershipwcr3a@gmail.com or visit our website for details of the activities and interest groups we run

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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 contact John Mann on 01829782286 or John.Mann100@gmail.

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. 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 Contact Helen Newton at soullife12@gmail.com if you'd like to give it a try.

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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 Chess

As well as the adult Malpas & Friends Chess Club at The Lion@Malpas 5.45pm to 7pm on Tuesdays, I am restarting the junior chess club at the Library at the Bishop Heber High School 6pm to 7pm on Thursdays. For more details about any of this information please contact me, Charles Higgle on 01948 860083, email higglecharles@gmail.com or Charles Chessman Higgle on Facebook.

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



Aldersey & Coddington WI meets on the first Tuesday of the month at Coddington village Hall (next to the church)

Our meet up on June 2nd 2026 will be a visit to Abbeywood Gardens. Our group will gather for lunch in the conservatory followed by a garden visit. Abbeywood is a 45 Acre Estate nestling in the Chehire countryside. This will replace our evening meeting at the hall.

In the hope of better weather ahead our coffee mornings will move to The Lost Barn, Tilston. Where we gather on the benches outside for a drink and a chat. The next catch up will be Monday 8th June. More info on these events or to join our fantastic group please call Linda Harrison 07990 774866.

Broxton and Bickerton WI : Our meetings are held on the last Wednesday of the month in the Bickerton Village Hall at 7.30 pm. On the 24th June, Jenny Jones will talk about the founding of our WI in 1926. 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 7:30. At our June meeting Hen Johnson will speak on 'The WI in Wartime' and in July we will welcome Lena Keane - Medical Detection Dogs. Bunbury WI warmly welcomes visitors and new members. For further information contact Lynda Davies 01829 863781.

Chorlton & Cuddington WI. Our last meeting on 29th April was a social afternoon of nibbles and bucks fizz whilst we discussed and voted on the WI resolutions.

Our next meeting is at 2pm on Wednesday 3rd June when the speaker Simon Hodgkinson will be talking about Artificial Intelligence. It is in the WI hall on Chorlton Lane and guests are most welcome.

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.





Farndon & District W.I.

In June Claire Marie, an holistic therapist based in Tilston, will be helping the members of Farndon & District WI find their way back to wellbeing. There will of course be time to take a pause and connect with each other over tea and a chat! We meet in Farndon Memorial Hall, Church Lane, Farndon on the last Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm. For more information, please contact Sarah Scott 01829 270692 or look at our website: <https://farndonwi.weebly.com/>

Holt WI We meet on the 2nd Tuesday every month at 7.30 in the Kenyon Hall on the Cross Holt. LL13 9YL.

Our meeting on the 9th June Topic will be Talk and taste Rose Wines from Mount Vines. Visitors welcome.

Contact Ann on 07931905587 or agbowdler@gmail.com

Huxley & Hargrave WI. .

Our June Meeting on Wednesday 10 th June at 7.30.pm will be at Hargrave Church Hall . Our speaker will be talking to us about 'Women in the NHS'.

On Friday 26th Jun. 7 pm for 7.30 pm We are having the Chester Ukes to entertain us in a marquee on the Church Field This is part of our Villages 'Happy Days 'Weekend . Tickets are £12 .this includes a Buffet .

Our contacts are as follows where tickets for this event can be reserved.

Trish 07866262500 or Connie 0182978129

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.

June 9th 7.30pm (Evening) with Julie Wright " Stained Glass"

Competition A Coloured Glass Item

For further information contact Janet Wheeler on 07713 811636.

SPURSTOW

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

TIVERTON & TARPORLEY

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

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

Tarporley and District u3a

The monthly meeting is held at Tarporley Community Hall.

Doors open at 09.45 and there is time for tea, coffee, biscuits and a chat before the meeting begins at about 10.15 with a few announcements, followed by the talk at about 10.20 and questions to the speaker at about 11.15.

On Thursday 25 June 2026 My Life in Crime

Part I was last year and was hilarious - this is Part II

As we now know Simon Michael is not a criminal but a criminal barrister.

And is also 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.

Another hour of more 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.



BUNBURY

Absolute beginner line dancing on Mondays 2.30-3.30pm at the Pavilion, £5. Contact Faye, email bickertonbootscooters@gmail.com for more info.

Bunbury Baby & Toddler Group

Every Wednesday 9.30-11.30am during term-time. All parents, carers, grandparents welcome.

£3 per child (50p extra per sibling). Toys for all ages (including a baby corner), snacks & refreshments provided for all.

Email us for more info: bunburytoddlergroup@gmail.com

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

Our annual show date is Saturday September 5th for you to consider exhibiting your flowers, plants, fruit, vegetables, art, craft, photography and baking. Schedules will be available in advance.

For further details contact Margaret Bourne on 01829 260944 or mjbourne249@tiscali.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.

New Pilates Class Bickerton Village Hall Tuesdays 10:00 am

All abilities welcome please contact Estelle to book your place

07957 413 887 e-mail Estellebatty@gmail.com

Bickerton Car Boot 9th May 9am -1 pm

Makers Market 11am - 3pm more information on

www.carbootandmarket.co.uk

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 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 9:30pm with We Do Tennis Alex tuition

Prize Bingo 9th June 2026

To be held in Bickerton Church

“Carl will call “ plus raffle, Everyone welcome

For info tel. Pam 01829 782 144

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/](https://www.facebook.com/bulkeleyandridleyparishcouncil)

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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

Brown Knowl Methodist Church Minister – the Rev Donna Broadbent-Kelly
 You are welcome to join us for worship on Sunday Mornings at 10.45am followed by Coffee and biscuits. For any further information please phone or see our website. Details below or contact 01244 535231 for general information.

Website: www.brownknowlmethodist.com

June 27th Saturday. We will be having our first Afternoon tea of 2026. Please contact Brenda Jones on 01829 782470 or Wendy Windsor on 01948 820568 to book your place. The cost will be £14 per person.
July 25th Afternoon Tea & Aug 21st Afternoon Tea

BICKLEY & CHOLMONDELEY

Service Times at St. Wenefredes Church, Bickley

1st Sunday of the Month 9.00am Holy Communion

2nd Sunday of the Month 11.00am Morning Prayer

3rd Sunday of the Month 11.00am Holy Communion

4th Sunday of the Month 11.00am Morning Prayer.

St. Nicholas Chapel, Cholmondeley

4th Sunday of the Month 6.00pm Evening Prayer.

ST. WENEFREDE'S SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB.

OUTING TO LLANDUDNO.

On Tuesday 16th June Lakeside Coaches are taking the club on an outing to Llandudno, leaving the Coronation Hall at Bickley at 9.30am, returning from Llandudno at 4.00pm via the scenic route. The cost to members is £15, and to non-members £20. If anyone would like to join us for this visit you will be made most welcome, just give Ann Bailey 07762 451154 a ring to book your seat on the coach.

The Club meet once a month on the 3rd Tuesday in the Coronation Hall at 2.00pm, we are a friendly club for both men and women that offers interesting talks and entertainment, along with afternoon tea. If you would like a copy of our programme for the remainder of the year or for more information please ring Ann Bailey 07762 451154.

Date for your Diary

Bunbury Village Day

Saturday
13 June 2026

bunburyvillage.info/village-day

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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FORTHCOMING EVENTS AT THE HALL:

Sunday 28 June - PIT STOP CAFE – tea, coffee, cake and bacon butties on sale from 10.30 am to 1pm. All welcome. Free admission.

Visit www.peckfortonparish.org.uk/PBVH or the PBVH Facebook page for more information on all events including our regular Peckforton Pit-Stop Cafes (last Sunday of month), Craft and Chat (every Weds) and health and wellness classes (Pilates, Tai Chi, Restorative Movement and Sound Bath sessions).



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

ELIGIBLE TO BE A PARISH COUNCILLOR?

To stand for election on a parish council, you must:

- be 18 years old or over
- and a UK, EU or Commonwealth Citizen,
- and have either worked or lived or been an owner or tenant of property in the Beeston Parish for 12 months.

WHAT DECISIONS DO PARISH COUNCILS MAKE?

Honestly, there are only limited powers to make decisions. However, the Parish Council are able to influence those other organisations who will make the final decisions. Recent representations have gone to CW&C on planning applications, United Utilities re: Pipeline works, Peckforton Estate, Cheshire Police, The Beeston & Tarpoley Station Reopening Group.

HOW MUCH TIME DOES IT TAKE UP BEING A COUNCILLOR?

There are four (evening) meetings a year each lasting for no more than 2 hours. Between these there may be some matters, due to a time pressures, dealt with by email.

Once elected a Councillor remains in office for 4 years, but may be re-elected.

Applicants or for more information please email: chairman@beestonparishcouncil.co.uk

HUXLEY

Hargrave and Huxley Historical Society Our next meeting will be held on Monday 11th May at Huxley Village Hall, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

There will be a short AGM followed by a talk given by Tony Smith, on the subject of Chester Trams and restoration of the last remaining tram.

Guests are very welcome £3.00, light refreshments will follow the talk.

This will be the final talk of this season. We will recommence in September.

Details to follow.

Contact: denisecheetham@hotmail.co.uk.

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