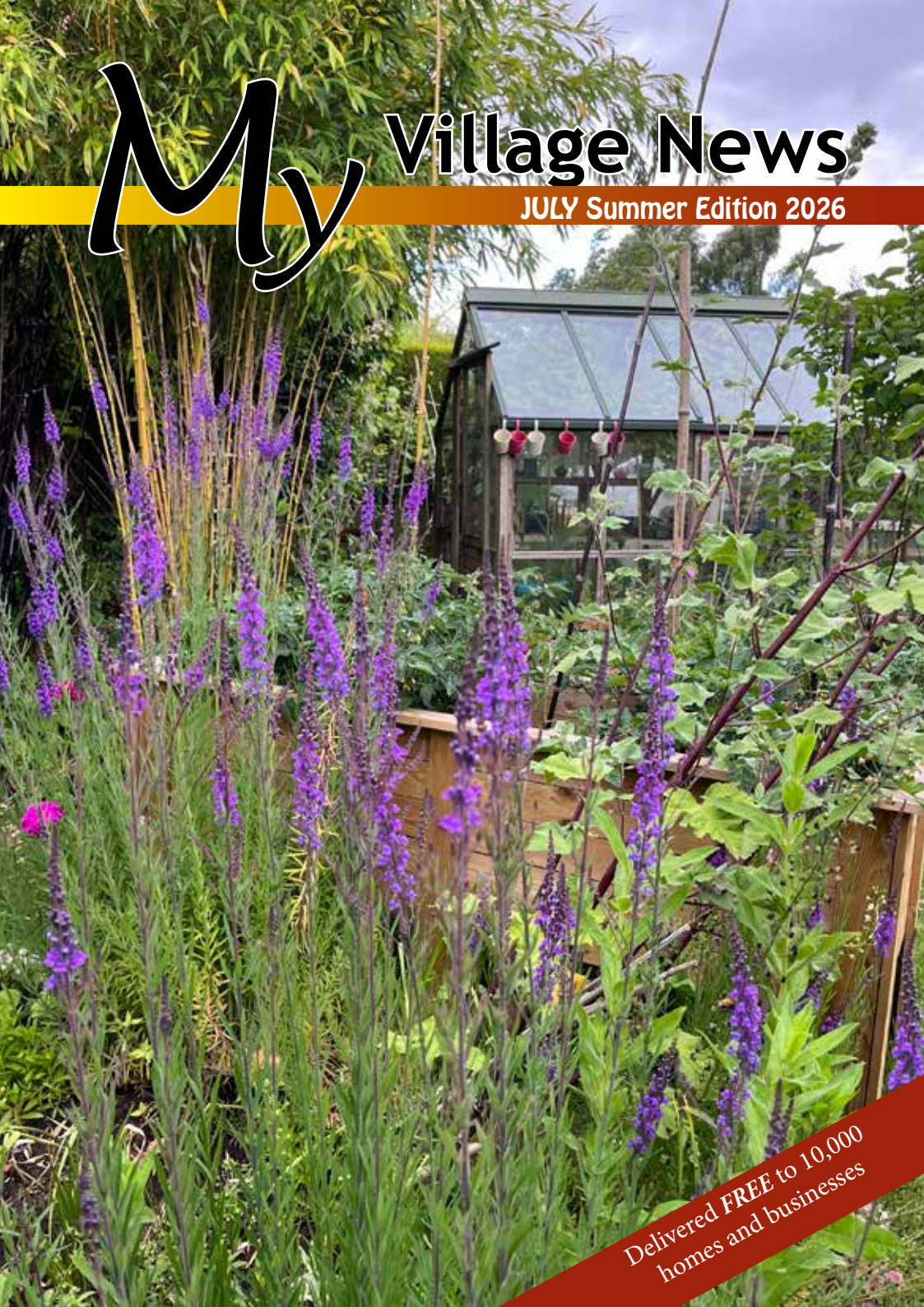


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Hello and a warm welcome to our July “Summer’ Issue” of My Village News

We have packed in as much as possible with local events taking place over the summer, including the now famous Bickerton Art Exhibition taking place 25th – 2nd August (see page 46) and DevaFest 6th to 9th at Cholmondeley Castle (see page 22).

Beeston Hike is an article about 80 Beavers and Cubs from 1st Sandstone and 1st Tarporley Scout Groups on a sponsored walk back in May, plus opportunities to get involved (see page 48).

We wish you all a wonderful summer and will be back with our September issue

See you when we are out and about supporting one of our local pubs, fêtes and events

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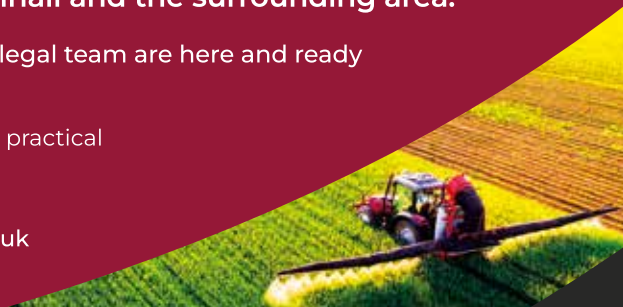


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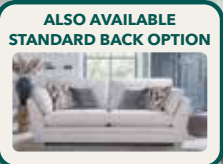


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Will my pension die when I do?

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.

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Donating to charity can help your IHT bill

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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.

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Chairman's Annual Report

The economic climate continues to limit council budgets in Cheshire West and Chester which makes it hard for your Parish Council to persuade CW&C Council to complete 'discretionary' work in the Parish. The Parish Council has, however, been successful in raising the priority of some work and has also deployed its own resources to improve facilities in the area. These are highlighted below.

The Parish is the largest civil Parish in south west Cheshire extending from Larkton in the north to Tushingham in the south, and from Tilston in the west to the country boundary in the east. Although No Mans Heath village accommodates most of the population of the Parish a priority this year has been to improve facilities in Larkton, Edge, Hampton and Bickley.

This year we have completed or progressed action in a number of important areas, including:

Littlers Croft: *(led by Cllr Collings)* The Parish Council recently arranged the installation of much improved playground facilities at a cost of £42,000. The main games area is now being regularly mown to a satisfactory standard and the goal posts have been equipped with nets.

We are now planning the installation of outdoor gym equipment to further improve the facilities. We have obtained approval from CW&C (who own the site) and compiled a draft proposal and the next step will be to secure funding for those elements which the Council cannot fund.

Village Events: *(led by Cllr Collings)* working party, including both Parish Councillors and local residents, organised the ever popular Christmas event last December and this year hopes to organise a village fete in the summer and, of course, another Christmas event.

Accessible Footpaths: *(led by Cllr Fran Lithgow Smith)* your Parish Council is intending to eliminate all stiles on footpaths in the Parish to improve access to the local countryside. Stiles will be replaced by suitable gates – in most cases kissing gates.

All footpaths have been surveyed and all stiles and other obstacles identified and many stiles have already been replaced.

The Sandstone Trail is already stile free. The footpath from No Mans Heath (starting opposite the Wheatsheaf) to the Sandstone Trail below Robber Hill is almost complete, and the boggy section eliminated, with the kind assistance of Mr Simon Midwood. This route continues via Hetherson Green to the A49 at Bickley Moss and will be completed imminently with the help of the Cholmondeley Estate.



Some footpaths in Larkton are complete with footpaths in the north west corner of Edge next on the priority list.

Thanks are also due to United Utilities who have donated £10,000 to the project in recognition of the disturbance caused by the renovation of the Vyrnwy Aqueduct recently.

Public Access Defibrillators (CPADs)

The Parish Council maintains five CPADs which are available 24 hrs every day. These are at No Mans Heath Post Office, No Mans Heath BT building (opposite the Wheatsheaf), Hampton Telephone box (by the railway bridge), Bickley Coronation Hall and a new one at Edge Village Hall installed in May 26 and fully funded by the Parish Council (illustrated).



Larkton residents also have access to CPADs at Bickerton Village Hall and Bickerton Scout Hut on Goldford Lane.

Highways: (led by Cllr Harrop) your Council shares the concern of residents regarding the state of the roads in our area. Our Highways Steering Group continually presses CW&C to resolve our priority improvements and repairs

This is evidenced by the reconstruction of the No Mans Heath mini roundabouts sooner than planned, and the accompanying installation of Village entry signs organised by Cllr Collings.

Pot holes are also being repaired although not as quickly as we would like. The most effective way to get potholes repaired is for all residents to report potholes via the CW&C Report It on line process at <https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/contact-us/report-it> It is likely that more reports produces faster responses.

The Speed Watch initiative, run by the Parish Council, monitors speed in the area in order to direct Police effort to best effect. Any resident willing and able to help with this for a few hours from time to time would be very welcome.

Leading on 'Highways' for the Council is a demanding and frustrating task and our special thanks are due to Cllr Harrop for performing this role.

Planters: funded by the Parish Council, these have been installed and maintained at key sites around the local area; we are grateful to Tony Day and his team of volunteers for this.

Police Liaison: (led by Cllr Harrop) following a meeting with the Chief Constable and PCC last year a regular 'cluster meeting' is held between the local police and parish council representatives to review and resolve local issues; these are proving to be very useful and productive

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The Parish Council continues to be grateful to the "invisible" residents who support neighbours, friends, and the whole community. In particular those who keep our streets, green spaces and main roads clean through their individual efforts. When you see them please thank them from all of us.

We do rely on all residents to report issues such as potholes, road faults, fly tipping, litter, lack of grass cutting etc to Cheshire West & Chester Council as soon as they occur. When they are not rectified in a reasonable time the Parish Council can then take up the problem with CW&C. The easiest and most effective way to make reports is via the "Report It" page on the Cheshire West and Chester Council website home page.

David Lithgow Smith, Chairman

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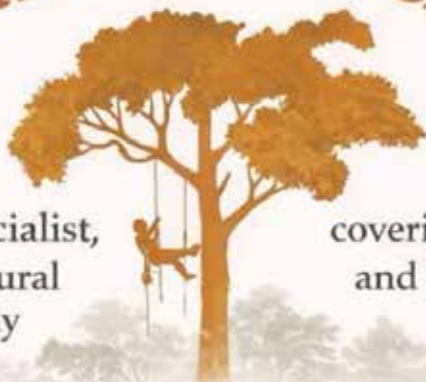
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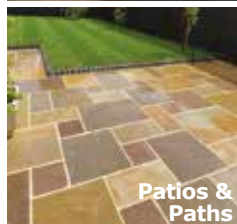
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Sunday 12th July Service of the Word, 11am
Sunday 19th July Holy Communion Service, 9am
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Sunday 2nd August Evening Prayer, 6pm
Sunday 9th August Service of the Word, 11am
Sunday 16th August Holy Communion Service, 9am
Sunday 23rd August Holy Communion Service, 11am

ST CHAD'S CHURCH TUSHINGHAM

Sunday 5th July Evening Prayer at Old St Chad's, 6pm
Sunday 12th July Holy Communion Service, 9am
Sunday 19th July Church at Four, 4pm
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Sunday 12th July Morning Prayer, 11am
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Sunday 26th July Evening Prayer at St Nicholas's Chapel Cholmondeley, 6pm
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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

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THE TATTENHALL AND DISTRICT PROBUS CLUB

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11:00am Parish Communion service with hymns, and a sermon,

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Wednesday 10:00am Holy Communion (traditional BCP service no hymns)

10:30am - 12:00pm Welcome Cafe

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Play competitive duplicate Bridge at Malpas Bridge club Jubilee Hall on Wednesday evenings 6.30 to 10 pm contact Bill 07695 181208



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

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 Paul Brooks by email: cpaulbrooks@btinternet.com

Malpas & Friends Chess Club is now operating on 2 nights a week. The adult club meets at The Lion@Malpas from 5.45pm on Tuesdays. All Welcome. The Junior (under 21) Club meets at the Bishop Heber High School Library 5.45 to 6.45 on Thursdays.

Both sessions are free.

Further details from me, Charles Higgle, higgiecharles@gmail.com or 01948 860083 or Charles Chessman Higgle on Facebook.

I have been selected to play for England 65+ in Heraklion, Crete, August 26 to September 5, 2026, so the clubs may not run while I am away.

Malpas Amateur Gardeners.August 2026

Our July meeting on July 9th is a Garden Visit to one of our members gardens at Bronington. This is a members only visit, but it's still not too late to join our friendly club. If you are interested in joining please e mail Julie Cummings on juliecummings.mag@outlook.com

Our next lecture is on August 13th and is by our chairlady Anne Harrison, who is talking about 'Good Plants For Difficult Places' this will give you ideas as to which are the right plants for particular spots like dry shade. Anne is a Kew trained ex lecturer from Reaseheath College. We now meet in the Jubilee Hall ,and the meeting starts at 7.15 for 7.30. All are welcome including guests. Refreshments are served afterwards.

Malpas yesteryear rally 2026 A fundraising Event organised by Malpas Vintage Machinery Association. Saturday the 12 and Sunday 13th September experience the power of 30 steam engines in action this year. See them doing what they're built to do in the working area, there are approximately 1000 exhibits,, including steam engines commercial vehicles ,military vehicles, cars, motorcycles,, working demonstrations extensive model display, rural crafts, craft marquee, old time fairground and variety of catering outlets.

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

BEV'S MIDWEEK WALK

Wednesday 8th July meet at Sherrymill Car Park 10am

This will be a local walk

Sunday 12th July meet at Sherrymill Car Park 10am

Exact walk details to be confirmed see www.whitchurchwalkers.co.uk

Saturday 25th July meet at Sherrymill Car park at 10am

Exact walk details to be confirmed see www.whitchurchwalkers.co.uk

SHOCKLACH

Shocklach Gardening Group By the time you read this we shall have made our return visit to RHS Bridgewater and be looking forward to visiting Sandymere Gardens on 2 July. We shall be back in the WI hall on 20 July 2026 for the visit of Lisette Davies, whose planned talk on Weeds: 'Friends, Foes and Frenemies', scheduled for January, was cancelled at the last minute. We are so pleased that we have been able to reschedule it for July. Lisette is head gardener at Plas Newydd and brings a lot of experience with her.

We meet for a 7:30 pm start at the WI hall on Chorlton Lane, SY14 7EP and look forward to seeing everyone there. As always, visitors are most welcome to join us.

Information: Wendy Gilpin 01829 250 413

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

WHIST & BINGO at Coddington Parish Room

Whist Drive Now Every Saturday

Bingo 15th & 20th JULY and 10TH 17TH AUGUST



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

TUSHINGHAM

Services will be held at Old St Chad's Church, Tushingham, on the first Sunday of each month from May to September at 6.00 pm, weather permitting. All welcome

The Alpha Course will run at St Chads, Tushingham every Tuesday evening in September and October. 7 - 9 pm

ALDFORD

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.

Bingo Mon 11th May 19:30 - 21:30

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.

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

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

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



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

Our June 26 annual garden visit was to Abbeywood Estate at Kelsal. We met for lunch and a walk around the gardens.

Next meeting Tuesday 7th July we will welcome Linda and David Williams from The Hidden Vineyard a family run vineyard in the beautiful Dee Valley at Bangor On Dee. Mount Vines began with just 30 vines, and over the years have expanded their high quality Welsh wines.

During the evening we will be tasting the wines.

Our speaker in August will be Hilary McCumisky, and the title for the evening "Backstage at the ballet. Our coffee morning will be held at The Lost Barn, Tilston. The next catch up will be Mon. 13th July. Information on events or to join our fantastic group please call Linda Harrison 07990 774866."

Broxton and Bickerton WI : Our meetings are generally held on the last Wednesday of the month in the Bickerton Village Hall at 7.30 pm. This month we will meet at 7.00pm on 15th July for our centenary meal with choir. 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 7:30. At our July meeting we will welcome Lena Keane - Medical Detection Dogs. August Meeting is a Members only Social with cheese and wine. Bunbury WI warmly welcomes visitors and new members. For further information contact Lynda Davies 01829 863781.

Chorlton & Cuddington WI.

We all enjoyed an evening of Chinese food for members and partners cooked by Judy and her team at the end of May. It was a beautiful sunny evening and a lot of fun. Our last meeting was on Wednesday 3rd June when the speaker Simon Hodgkinson talked about Artificial Intelligence and gave us a different perspective introducing us to Claude.

Our July meeting is at 2pm on Wednesday 1st July and the speaker is Danny Daynes talking about The NW Air Ambulance Service

Our August meeting on 5th at 2pm our speaker is Bronwen Guest, talking about Wagon Trains.

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. Further information please contact Dianne Ouseley (President) on 01829 733639.

Farndon & District W.I. On Tuesday 30th June Claire Marie, an holistic therapist based in Tilston, will be helping members of find their way back to wellbeing. Then on Tuesday 28th July we will enjoy a performance by Alison Utting of “The life and adventures of Dame Agnes Hunt” which have been adapted from Aggie’s memoirs. Aggie founded the Gobowen Orthopaedic hospital, amongst the other achievements of her life. 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

Meeting on Tuesday 14th July at 7.30, in the Kenyon hall, Holt.
Talk by Caroline Eames entitled ‘Forensic Science-Fact or Fiction
Visitors welcome. Contact Ann Bowdler on agbowdler@gmail.com.

Huxley & Hargrave WI. We are planning trips and events for the summer months at present . We meet from April to October at our summer venue . Hargrave Church Hall 7.30 pm Every second Wednesday in the month . Visitors always welcome .
Contact Trish 07866262500 or Connie 01829781298

Marbury WI July 14th 7.30pm (Evening)

Shaun Higgins Creative Writer , actor and playwright Strange meetings (Wilfred Owen, Shropshire Poet)
Competition - World War One Memorabilia
Theatrical Monologue in costume : portraying Wilfred Owen, soldier and poet. (from Shropshire) Dressed as a soldier, portraying Wilfred Owen’s life story as soldier and poet, who served during the First World War. He had joined the army in 1915 as a cadet, and although injured during service, he had returned home, later returning to the battlefield where he sadly lost his life, a week after the war finished at the age of 25 years. Poignant and memorable

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 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 23 July 2026

Chester Celebrates

David Cunnings, a local historian well known to our members, with his wealth of knowledge about Cheshire brings us an update on activities in Chester throughout the year.

Scenes from the major celebrations held in the city including the Mystery Plays, Easter Passion, Civil War Re-enactments, the Roman Weekend, the Lord Mayor's Procession and WWI Remembrance Day.

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 Bunbury line dance class is moving venue (from 22nd June) - from the Pavilion to Bunbury Village Hall!! Still Mondays at 2.30-3.30pm £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.

Photography Club in Bunbury. We're an enthusiastic group who enjoy taking photographs either with a camera or phone.

Its a very relaxed, fun environment, with no committees or membership fees.

We meet on the last Thursday of the month at 2pm at the Yew Tree Bunbury. If you want to meet other photo enthusiasts please contact: Carol Wallace, 07789668044 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

HUXLEY

Hargrave and Huxley Historical Society

Our programme of talks has now finished for the summer.

We will recommence on Tuesday 15th September at Hargrave Church Hall, commencing at 7.30 p.m

Dr. Sharon Varey will be giving us a talk:

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Guests very welcome £3.00.

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.

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 July we have the car boot sale on Sat 11th 9.00 - 1.00pm
and Makers Market Sunday 12th 11.00 - 3.00pm
August car boot sale on Sat. 8th 9-1pm and Makers Market Sunday 9th 11 -3pm

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

Facebook page is Bickerton and Egerton Parish Council.

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

BULKELEY AND RIDLEY

The Bulkeley and Ridley Parish Council website is now fully functioning. It contains all the latest accounts, minutes of meetings and other relevant information.

Bulkeley and Ridley Parish Council have a new Facebook Page.

Please visit and 'Like us' at: <https://www.facebook.com/bulkeleyandridleyparishcouncil>

You may access the website through www.bulkeleyandridley.pc.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

We will be holding our Afternoon Teas: July Saturday 25th and August Saturday 21st. The cost will be £14 per person. Time: 2.00pm – 4.00pm
Please contact Brenda Jones: 01829 782470 or Wendy Windsor: 01948 820568

To book your place.

September Sunday 27th Harvest Festival. 10.45am

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.

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.

The Friends of St Wenefrede's, Bickley will have a cake stall at the Plant Hunters Fair at Cholmondeley Castle on Wednesday 22nd of July. Any donations of homemade tray bakes, scones, biscuits and small cakes or produce would be gratefully received. The Friends raise funds to help repair, maintain and improve the church and its grounds. More information available from Jacqui at thecandyfamily@hotmail.co.uk

BEESTON & PECKFORTON

Peckforton Parish For any Parish enquiries please contact

Chair: Neil Dyer (Peckfortonparishchair@gmail.com)

Clerk: Chris Jones (Peckfortonparishclerk@gmail.com)

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

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Contact pbvhcommittee@gmail.com

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 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 decision. Recent representations have gone to CW&C on planning applications, United Utilities re: Pipeline works, Peckforton Estate, Cheshire Police, The Beeston & Tarporley Stat 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 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



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