

The Bell

Tushingam, Macefen & Bradley Parish Magazine



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Welcome

Autumn is already in full swing across TM&B, with harvesting, harvest festivals, the renowned Bickley harvest sale, and a lively coffee & shop all happening in September – as well as the sights and sounds of the annual Yesteryear rally passing through! Of course, our school and toddler group are back in session too, and much is planned for the rest of the season.

There has also been local sporting success (see page 7), and having been postponed from September, the new date for the Parish Meeting is on Monday 9th October, 7 pm at Tushingham School – do attend if you can.

To beat the Christmas ‘print rush’, do send any articles, photos, advertorials, or notices for our December/January issue as early as you can, latest 15th November.

Many thanks and best wishes,

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Cheshire West
and Chester

Report It

To report any Council-related issues or to track progress, visit:

www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/contact-us/report-it/report-it.aspx

Alternatively, you can use the reporting App, and log a report in four simple steps:

- 1) Pinpoint the location on the map;
- 2) Take a photo of the fault;
- 3) Select a category and provide more information;
- 4) Submit.

Season of mists...

As the apples ripen and the leaves fall, two local businesses are on hand to help.

Apple pressing at Old Chad's Orchard

Have your own apples pressed and bottled. We will wash, grade, press, pasteurise and bottle into new 750 ml glass bottles.

£1.70 a bottle and 75 kg minimum press (roughly 4 sacks).

Any dessert or cooking apple will do, even Bramley's on their own make excellent apple juice! We are happy to deal with group pressings if you want to get together with others with apple trees. If you plan to make your own cider we can provide just a pressing service into your own supplied containers for £0.70 a litre.

www.oldchadorsorchard.co.uk



Gutter clearing by Total Clean

Cleaning the gutters might not feature high on your list of home maintenance and improvement priorities, but regular upkeep is essential for protecting your property. Clogged or damaged gutters can result in expensive repairs so, although they are out of sight, they should never be out of mind!

Alongside our professional, friendly and reliable window cleaning service, based in Tushingham, we at Total Clean can help by clearing your gutters.

For a free quote call, text or e-mail.

Jamie & Paula Edwards

www.totalcleanwindowcleaning.co.uk

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Parish Meeting

Chairman's Report

September 2023

The great news is that we have finally received the money from Field's Farm Lightsource after much cajoling (and a few threats). This will enable us to move forward on any projects.

I am stepping down at the next Meeting and a new Chairman will be appointed.

I am willing to remain as Treasurer if the incoming Chair wants that separation. We also need a volunteer to take on the role of Parish Clerk to the Meeting. Please consider this and let me know before the Meeting if possible.

John

John Oakden
Chairman

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**** Next meeting ****
Monday 9th October
Tushingam Primary School
7 pm

Littler's Croft Play Area – Crowd Funding

No Man's Heath Parish Council has made a project bid to the 'Cheshire West Crowd' to kick start the funds required to add playground equipment for slightly older children to Littler's Croft play area in No Man's Heath. It is hoped to transform the space into a multi-use area over time, and the installation of a swing basket is the first phase of these plans. The CWC fund will provide 75% of a project's needs if the local community can raise the remaining 25%.



If you feel in a position to support the project, please visit the web address below. If the project fails to reach its target, all monies pledged will be refunded to the donors.

<https://www.spacehive.com/swing-basket-for-littlers-croft>

Also in No Man's Heath... for anyone wanting to leave produce (fruit/veg) or anything else for free for other people, a covered hut is now in place at 'the Monument' grassed area on Back Lane. "Take what you need, give what you don't."

Police Community Support



PCSO for Farndon, Malpas and Tattenhall
PCSO Rachael McKeivitt
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Beat Manager Rural South, **PC Steve Gardner**
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Dragon Hall Police Station, Whitchurch Road, Chowley, Tattenhall CH3 9DU

Website: cheshire.police.uk; **Facebook:** [ThallMalpasPol](https://www.facebook.com/ThallMalpasPol)

Dial 999 in an emergency, 101 in a non-emergency

You can also report incidents via the Cheshire Police website
(Please do not report incidents via Facebook)

Police surgeries in October

Mon 23rd (10–11 am) at Alison's Country Kitchen, High Street, Tattenhall

Fri 27th (10–11 am) at the Old Fire Station, High Street, Malpas

Tues 31st (10–11 am) outside the Memorial Hall, Tilston

Police surgeries in November

Mon 6th (9.30–10.30 am) at Lewis's, Farndon

Mon 13th (10–11 am) at Alison's Country Kitchen, High Street, Tattenhall

Tues 21st (10–11 am) at the Old Fire Station, High Street, Malpas

Sand blasted

On Thursday 7th September, most of us woke up to find our cars, windows and garden furniture covered in a fine layer of dust. It was amazing to realise that this dust had come all the way from the Sahara Desert in North Africa.

According to the Met Office, Saharan dust is relatively common in the UK, often happening several times a year when big dust storms in the Sahara coincide with southerly wind patterns. When the wind blows strongly over deserts, dust and sand can be whipped up high into the sky and, if the winds in the upper part of the atmosphere are blowing north, they can be carried as far as the UK. Then, for the dust to return to the ground, it needs to be washed out of the sky. Raindrops collect particles of dust on the way down, and when they land and eventually evaporate, they leave behind a layer of dust.

Although this isn't ideal for those with concerns over pollution and allergies, minerals in the dust such as phosphorus and iron, are great for plants!



News from St Chad's

Make Sunday Special

Do you remember when Sundays felt different? I do. I remember Sunday being a very different kind of day, a day when things slowed down, a day when family spent more time with one another because there wasn't much to do on a Sunday. I remember the experience of going to church, or sometimes chapel in my case, and feeling better about the world, and my part in it when I came out.

I looked forward to Sundays, but not Mondays because it all started again... the pressure, the expectations, the hurry... and I learned over the years to put into practice some of the things I used to hear about on a Sunday to help me cope with it all.

Sundays may have changed, but Church hasn't! We still offer a sense of family, a safe place to gather, a place where we hope we offer love, and a sense of community and care. We still encourage good ideas and teaching and coping strategies in a world that is in endless need of such.

The Church strives to be a place where people look forward to coming! A place that offers something different from other places and other organisations, not because we want to be different, but because... we are!

Why? Because the Church believes in a person; Jesus. And we choose to take our lead from this person and learn from Him, that we may live a different kind of life, a Sunday life! The Church can't promise anything, but He can and does.

If you think the Church is an outdated building where a few strange folk gather to make themselves feel better, think again.

Come and see who the Church are, why we are, and who we follow, and make Sunday a day worth setting apart for a million different reasons. Come and get to know the Person of Christ Jesus, who was, and is and is to come. Come and give your hearts, soul and mind a break from the rigours of 24/7!

And make Sunday special.

Rev Veronica x

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Services at St Chad's in October and November

Sunday 1 October	6.30 pm	Evening prayer
Sunday 8 October	9.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 15 October	9.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 22 October	11.00 am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 29 October	7.00 pm	Worship@7pm , music from 'Captivated'
Thursday 2 November	7.00 pm	All Souls' Service , Service of the Word
Sunday 5 November	4.30 pm	Evening prayer
Sunday 12 November	10.45 am	Remembrance Sunday
Sunday 19 November	9.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 26 November	11.00 am	Morning prayer
Every Tuesday	7.30 pm	Benefice Compline via Zoom

Worship@7pm Our ever-popular service of Praise and Sharing is back on Sunday 29th October. Join us at 7 pm for coffee and doughnuts and then for something even sweeter as we join with worship band *Captivated*. Contemporary music and singing for the glory of our ever-faithful God.

All Souls Service On Thursday 2nd November at 7 pm we look forward to offering a quiet and contemplative space to bring to mind and dedicate the lives of those who have been loved and lost to our families and communities, before our loving God. From 1st October there will be an opportunity to write your loved one's names down in each of our churches. These will be gathered and read out during our special service at St Chad's.

Remembrance Sunday Join Alison on Sunday 12th November at 10.45 am as the community comes together to remember all those who gave their lives for their country, and those who continue to do so.

Poppies worn with so much pride – for those who gave their lives and died.

Church Wardens

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Marbury, Tushingham and Whitewell Benefice website: www.parishmag.org

Bradley Unaffiliated Independent Congregational Chapel

Written at the end of August by Hon. Pastor Brian Faulkner, as his first contribution to The Bell:

Nights are drawing in, leaves change colour and drop to the ground – a time called ‘The Fall’ by transatlantic families. Summer has been quite mixed, with June being warm and very dry. A wet July, with August providing a mixture of all sorts but overall, not that bad. Those on school holidays have at least been out and about. Living in a rural area, at Bradley, we turn our thoughts to Harvest. We see at first hand the various crops of silage, hay and cereals being collected in. The maize still stands tall in the fields, the main crops of potatoes will soon be lifted. In our gardens, the runner beans will be finished and most of the fruits gathered. To our neighbours, the farming family of Pat & David Adams, we give thanks for car parking use – when available – of their Chapel Lane field.



On Sunday 8th October at 2.30 pm, Rev'd Jane Stephenson again leads our Harvest Thanksgiving, a quarterly service (followed by refreshments), as we celebrate and give thanks to God for all his provision to us.

On 12th November at 2.30 pm, at our Remembrance Sunday Service we will remember the many whose lives were damaged or cruelly taken in serving this country so selflessly that others, us included, may live in peace. Part of that November service will provide time to remember those close to us who have died – a partner, child, sister, brother, another family member or friend. Memorial candles will be available. If you want to light one, with a name to be mentioned, please let us know, either beforehand or even on the day. Remembering and Remembrance are mentioned many times in the Bible. God gave Moses the Ten Commandments, of which one is “Remember the Sabbath and keep it Holy”. With this in mind, we meet on Sundays. Jesus, before he left his disciples, gave them bread and wine, saying, “Take this, eat and drink in remembrance of me”. In response, at Bradley, open, unrestricted Communion is offered to all. Our services are always very welcoming, why not join us?

December 8th at 2.30 pm is our Annual Carols Service – with refreshments.

Hon Pastor Brian Faulkner

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Sporting successes

In recent months, Bradley resident Matt Hollins has been in training for the Ridgeway Challenge which took place on 3rd September. In this interview, Matt tells us more...

What is the Ridgeway 86? The Ridgeway Challenge is an 86-mile, fully supported continuous running event that starts at Ivinghoe Beacon near Tring and ends at Avebury Stone Circle. The route is along The Ridgeway National Trail, a 5,000-year-old prehistoric trackway through the Chiltern Hills and North Wessex Downs, with a 6328 feet ascent and a 6532 feet descent. It is also the British Trail Running Championship's Ultra Distance event.

What inspired you to enter? Compared to my previous races on coastal paths, the rolling hills of the Chilterns appealed because it would be 'easier' with a different type of scenery. The fact that the race was a National Championship made me keen to test my skills against other athletes on a nationwide basis.

How did you train for the event? Training involved an 8-week block of running ~70 miles over 6 days a week, on top of a previous 6 months of base training. The Sandstone Trail is a great training ground and is so easy to access.

What was your experience on the day? The race started at 10 am and the morning was especially tough due to the hot weather. The rolling hills of the Chilterns were an amazing sight, with huge 200 acre-plus arable fields on both sides of the Ridgeway. The scenery helped to pass the miles away. I paced myself accordingly, keeping in mind the distance involved and I was looking to finish in about 18 hrs. The evening cooled off and was pleasant to run in and I soon found myself getting into a good rhythm. However, the last 20 miles were very painful and I dug deep to push through and eventually finished in 17 hrs and 45 mins. Coming in 10th out of 104 runners was a great thrill. The satisfaction and elation of finishing is something that never becomes boring and I've already booked the first race of next year within one week of completing this one! It's always important to challenge and push yourself out of your comfort zone as much as possible. If I can do it, anyone can!



Also in local sporting news... many congratulations to Claire Snaith and Lloyd Chesters who won the mixed doubles at the annual Hollies Tennis Club Tournament. Showing great stamina, Claire then went on to win the ladies doubles (with Hannah Jones), and was runner up in the ladies' singles! Youngster Harry Hollins also had an impressive victory in the junior event. Well done to all 😊



It has been wonderful to see our children refreshed and excited to be back at **Tushingham CE Primary School** with their usual boundless energy, smiles and enthusiasm, ready for a year full of new adventures. Over the summer, not only has our kitchen had a new oven installed, but CWAC have repaired the roofs of our mobile classrooms, and we can reassure everyone that the school does not have any RAAC concrete.

At the start of the new term, we are pleased to welcome back Miss Smalls to Class 3 following her maternity leave, and also launch our school run wraparound care, '*The Honeypot – the home of busy bees*'. We have been successful in getting a Tesco grant application to support us in setting up this provision which we hope to extend further to promote children's wellbeing. **Please vote for us** with the blue tokens in Tesco Whitchurch between October and January so that we receive the maximum donation.

Getting a flying start to their learning this year, Class 4 have already visited Carding Mill Valley in the Long Mynd, in support of their rivers topic.

Wading in their wellies, the children measured the depth, course and flow of the river, while also fending off quite a lot of water from the skies! Back at school, Class 4 are staying on topic by reading *Queen of the Falls* and, to promote reading for pleasure to every child, there is access in class to high-quality 'recommended reads' for all year groups.



The school is also offering a varied range of after-school clubs with the Art Bus, Forest School, football, dancing,

Lego and painting to name but a few. In addition, marathon club has seen children clocking up the miles before school, to total up to a complete marathon!



Our wildflower edge to the field, which we planted to mark the King's Coronation, is growing well and we

wait excitedly to see which flowers and plants will flourish. We also have a new horse chestnut tree and a range of flowering bushes, so next Spring should be very colourful. The next step is to plant bulbs so if anyone has any to donate, please send them to school. Environment Club are also planning to develop some vegetable beds and a small orchard which will provide shade as well as fruit.

To read Mrs Davies' newsletters in full, visit: tushingham.cheshire.sch.uk

For those with younger children, come and join **Tushingham Toddlers** every Tuesday, 9.30–11.30 am



TUSHINGHAM TODDLERS

ALL WELCOME

Come and join us for a morning of fun and activities!

Snacks for the children and hot drinks & biscuits for the grown-ups included!

Tuesdays (termtime only) **9:30–11:30** **£2 for first child** (50p for each additional child)

Tushingham School Hall, Cheshire, SY13 4QS Tushingham Toddlers

The poster features a photograph of a young child in a yellow shirt playing with colorful toy cars. The background is purple with colorful confetti and circles.



Cheshire Wildlife Trust

Big Wild Walk

Don't forget **The Big Wild Walk** – the Wildlife Trusts' annual fundraising challenge! From 16th–30th October, set your own challenge to run, cycle, walk or roll, while fundraising to protect the wildlife you love.

Looking to take part as a family? Our **Hedgehog Walk**, specially co-created with Aardman Animations (of Wallace & Gromit fame) is designed with your little ones in mind. They can fundraise alongside a character from the popular *Timmy Time* series with fun activity sheets to download to help encourage them to get to the finishing line! Sign up at: www.cheshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/big-wild-walk

Film nights

Bickerton Village Hall

A Man Called Otto [15]

Monday 9th October, 7.30 pm

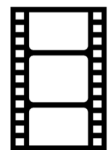
Comedy-drama about a grouchy old man who, following the loss of his wife, reluctantly gets involved in the lives of his neighbours, leading to a friendship that turns his world around. Stars Tom Hanks.

King Richard [12]

Monday 20th November, 7.30 pm

Biographical drama about Richard Williams, the father and coach of famed tennis players Venus and Serena Williams, who fought his way up to help his daughters become the world's most sensational winners. Stars Will Smith.

Tickets £5, including snacks; refreshments on sale



Bacon Baps

Craft stalls

Father Christmas
(£2.00 entry fee to visit Santa,
includes a small gift)

Christmas Market

St Chads church

Tushingham

Saturday 25th November

10am - 3pm

Refreshments & Mince Pie

school Choir

Grand Draw

And much more

