

The Bell

Tushingam, Macefen & Bradley Parish Magazine



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Welcome

I'm writing this just as we head into a feared 3 days of dangerously high temperatures... not quite a typical English summer. I hope you've all been able to stay safe and out of the worst of the blast. It's been perfect timing for the School to have a temporary pool on site, with swimming lessons every day.

Fitting for a harvest edition, many items in this issue reflect our rural surroundings – whether that's nature around us in fields and gardens, country traditions from the past, local produce from our orchards and farms, or safeguarding the countryside for generations to come.

Thank you to all those who have contributed to the magazine – please send any ideas, articles, photos or notices for our Oct/Nov edition by 16th September.

Have a lovely summer -

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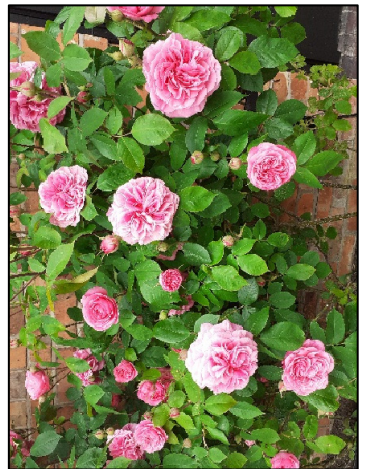
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What's (Been Going) On?

No Man's Heath Garden Trail

The open garden and farm day around No Man's Heath took place at the end of May, and attracted many visitors during a sunny afternoon. Thanks go to the numerous volunteers who ran the stalls and provided refreshments, and to generous hosts, Penny and Mike Voisey, Sally Ann and David Chesters, Cath Geall and Ann Johnson, and Colin Langley. A terrific total of over £3,000 was raised for St Chad's Church.



Parish Chairman's Notes

The bench has arrived and looks great and will be put into position on the newly laid tarmac opposite The Blue Bell within the next two weeks (if not already done when his magazine comes out). Martin is still trying to purchase the phone box for the defibrillator but we will have to consider alternatives if he is not successful.

The solar farm application at Old St Chad's has disappeared from the planning website and is no longer classified as either 'Awaiting decision' or 'Refused'. I have asked CWAC for comment but, to date, have not had any confirmation one way or another.

The summer holidays are upon us and many meeting regulars are away or about to go away. I have to confess that I have been away and am about to go away again for a few weeks. I, therefore, feel that it would be better to postpone the Parish Meeting proposed for the end of July and arrange it for early in September. We will arrange a date and venue and let everyone know shortly. Have a great summer.

John Oakden



Community bench at No Man's Heath decked out for the Jubilee – TM&B's own coming soon!



Home Watch

To join the Home Watch scheme for Tushingam, Macefen & Bradley and receive selected updates, please contact local coordinator Steve Egan: steven@lawngraft.co.uk

Police Community Support



Malpas / Tattenhall (in absence of PCSO Hurst):

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You can also now report incidents via the Cheshire Police website
(*please do not report incidents via the Facebook page*)

Facebook: ThallMalpasPol **Website:** cheshire.police.uk/a/your-area/cheshire/cheshire-west-and-chester/tattenhall-and-malpas/

Police surgeries at Malpas

August: Weds 3rd Old Fire Station Café, 10–11 am; **Weds 24th** Jubilee Hall, 12–1 pm

September: Fri 9th Jubilee Hall, 5–6 pm; **Weds 21st** Jubilee Hall, 4–5 pm

CPRE – The Countryside Charity (formerly known as *The Campaign to Protect Rural England*) has worked for almost a century to support and promote the countryside.



**The
countryside
charity**

We believe in countryside and green spaces that are accessible to all, rich in nature and playing a crucial role in responding to the climate emergency. With a local CPRE group in every county in England, we're advocating nationwide for the kind of countryside we all want: one with sustainable, healthy communities and available to more people than ever.

We care about nature and landscapes, farming, climate change and energy, better places to live, and sustainable transport – and our current campaigns include 'What gets built and where', 'dark skies', and the climate emergency.

We stand for a countryside that enriches all of our lives, regenerating our wellbeing, and that we in turn regenerate, protect and celebrate.

Find out more at <https://www.cpre.org.uk/>

*CPRE are visiting Tushingham to present on 'Farming then and now' at the Harvest Service at Old St Chad's on **Sunday 25th September** at 11 am (see page 5).*

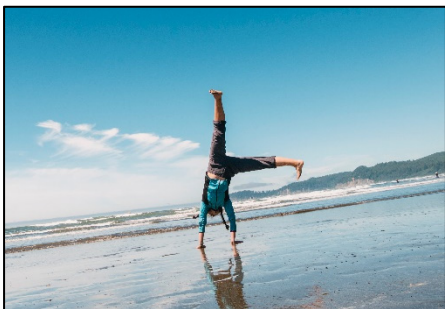
News from St Chad's

A Sabbath Rest...

The news of families being turned away from airports and their dreams of a long-awaited Summer holiday being dashed to pieces is another sign of our times, as our society tries to return to some kind of 'normal' following the pandemic.

It would be easy to down play the idea of a holiday and see it as a luxury perhaps these days, however, a word given by the Archbishop of York at the clergy conference this May stayed with me. A Sabbath rest he said, is not just one of the Commandments but it is a given. For even God took rest!

Some people are really good at this while others struggle. For a while Covid taught us that taking a rest was OK and that we didn't need to work ourselves to a frazzle (unless you were one of the amazing key workers who kept the whole country going of course), but how soon we forget these things.



I have a lovely children's book in my study called *Jesus' Day Off* by Nicholas Adam. It tells the story of this wonderful man called Jesus who 'worked hard each day to make everything around him more beautiful'. But Jesus got so exhausted from saving the world that his miracles and stories began to suffer, so under doctor's orders - he took a day off!

He walked in the sun, did cartwheels across the sand, swam in the sea, and picnicked under a palm tree and fell asleep...

When Jesus woke up he felt guilty, he thought he had wasted a day when he could have been saving people. He was sad, so he spoke to his Dad who was incredibly wise and always had the right answers. 'Do you feel better, Jesus?' God asked. Jesus nodded. 'So, when you're feeling better yourself,' his Dad continued, 'you can only make others feel better too!'

If God rested on the seventh day and commands us to do likewise, we should listen and value our rest and refreshment.

Happy holidays – however and whenever they are.

Veronica x

Services at St Chad's in August and September

Sunday 7 August	6.30 pm	Rushbearing at Old St Chad's
Sunday 14 August	9.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 21 August	9.00 am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 28 August	11.00 am	Service of the Word
Sunday 4 September	6.30 pm	Celtic Evening Prayer at Old St Chad's
Sunday 11 September	9.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 18 September	9.00 am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 25 September	11.00 am	Harvest service at Old St Chad's
Every Tuesday	7.30 pm	Benefice Compline <i>via Zoom</i>

Services coming soon...

As a Parish, we are blessed in having not one, but two St Chad's churches. We are making the most of this very special feature in a variety of upcoming services...

All are welcome at **Worship@7** – a different kind of worship at St Chad's with contemporary music and a guest speaker. The next two Worship@7 services are planned for **Sunday 31st July** and **Sunday 30th October**, both at 7 pm!

The custom of Rushbearing takes place throughout the country, recalling times when the floors of churches were simply of earth, and parishioners brought in sweet-smelling rushes at the feasts of dedication to purify the air and help insulate the worshippers from the cold. The **Rushbearing service** will be held at Old St Chad's on **Sunday 7th August** at 6.30 pm.

The following monthly service at Old St Chad's on **Sunday 4th September** will be an introduction to a gentle **Celtic Evening Prayer** service at 6.30 pm.

For our **Harvest service** on **Sunday 25th September**, we will walk across the fields from St Chad's to Old St Chad's, joined by CPRE – the Countryside Charity – for an 11 am service on the theme of 'Farming then and now'. Everyone is welcome to walk back to St Chad's afterwards for refreshments.

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

Wild About Gardens

Attracting butterflies in your garden at home



**Cheshire
Wildlife Trust**
1962 – 2022

A sunny, sheltered garden or window box is ideal for tempting in butterflies. Many flowers provide both pollen and nectar so will attract a range of visitors, and sometimes the clue is in the shape.



Red admiral

Flowers of the daisy family, such as sunflowers and asters, help to attract butterflies and bees with their flat, open tops, perfect for landing. Other flowers in the campion and honeysuckle families have narrow tubular centres, to which moths and butterflies may have exclusive access by making use of their long tongues. Brush-like

flowers, like buddleia, also make for good resting places and nectar access.

An ideal butterfly garden would include a wide range of flower shapes, full of seasonal perennials that offer nectar for early arrivals such as brimstones, through to the last red admirals in autumn. But it's also important to think about caterpillars – the more you support, the more butterflies and moths there will be.



Peacock

Top plants to lure in the butterflies

Spring: primroses, sweet William, native bluebells, bugle, and forget-me-not.

Summer: cornflower, French marigold, knapweed, marjoram, scabious, thistle, purple loosestrife, hemp agrimony, bramble, and many herbs, including marjoram, thyme, lavender and sage.

Autumn: flowering ivy, asters, ice plant, hebe, buddleia and verbena.

Top larval food plants include Lady's-smock (orange-tip), bird's foot trefoil (common blue), common sorrel (small copper), fescue grass (meadow brown), holly and ivy (holly blue), nasturtium (large white, small white, green-veined white), and stinging nettles (comma, peacock, red admiral, small tortoiseshell).

The Wildlife Trusts and the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) set up Wild About Gardens to celebrate wildlife gardening and encourage people to act for nature: wildaboutgardens.org.uk

Bradley Independent Congregational Chapel

While writing this August–September ‘Bell’ contribution, there have been so many changes that it can be difficult for us all to keep up.

There have been continued, grave concerns about the tragedies within war torn Ukraine and, for neighbouring countries in Eastern Europe, severe questioning of their own National Sovereignty and Security.



Here at home, the words ‘normality’ and ‘stability’ seem to have gone walkabout and many of us would welcome within UK Society time for us all to regroup and rebuild.

In April at Bradley Chapel, after the earlier COVID related closures, we valued coming together again. We now look forward to October 16th when, once again we will welcome Rev’d Jane Stephenson to lead at Harvest. The possibility of Bradley’s traditional after-service refreshments seem to be anticipated as a welcome sign of normality!

In a true Local Ecumenical Spirit, may we share joy in Rev’d Veronica Green’s continued Ministry, together with the new appointment from 21st June of Rev’d Dr Janine Arnott at St Oswald’s, Malpas. The continued Ministry of the new Community Church in Malpas is also a very positive sign of Community Ministry in this area.

Blessings,

Hon. Pastor Mike Valentine

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Film night – Monday 12th September – Bickerton Village Hall, 7.30 pm
Showing **‘Death on the Nile’**, 2022 adaptation of Agatha Christie’s classic Hercule Poirot murder mystery. All-star cast including Kenneth Branagh, Annette Bening, Gal Gadot, Sophie Okonedo, Rose Leslie, Russell Brand, Jennifer Saunders and Dawn French. Tickets £5, refreshments available.

Also, at Bickerton Village Hall on **Saturday 3rd September** at 7.30pm, **live music** from Claude Bourbon, classical & jazz guitarist – a fusion of blues, jazz, folk, classical and Spanish guitar from a stunning guitar virtuoso



The school year has raced to its close at **Tushingham CE Primary School**. With SATS tests now behind us, sights are set firmly on the future. All classes had a taster of next year on 'moving up' morning, and the Year 6 leavers visited Bishop Heber for transition day. Back at school, Years 5 and 6 gave two storming, lively performances of 'Cinderella and Rockerfella' and, after the excitement of the end of term disco, Year 6 will say a final goodbye at the leavers' service at St Chad's on Friday 22nd July.

Just as May ended with everyone clad in colourful Jubilee fashion, this half-term had the whole school dressed in a rainbow of colours for non-uniform day, to mark support for PRIDE month. Class 3 also enjoyed some themed dressing up for 'Ancient Greek Day' to bring their study topic to life. They performed Greek Myths, and even had their own ancient Greek banquet!

Class 4 had a wonderful residential to York where they experienced first-hand the history of York, learning interesting facts and developing their independence. The children, as always, were a true credit to the school. Class 4 also displayed the musical talent they have gained through the year at the Bridgewater Hall, playing with the Hallé Orchestra, and all children who are learning an instrument gave a concert for school and their parents.

Toddlers is thriving every Tuesday morning and it's lovely to see the little ones enjoying themselves while getting to know our children and staff.

Sports Day made its return at the start of July, with a Commonwealth theme. There was great spirit all round and much encouragement between the older and younger children, and from Mrs Davies on the PA system! It ended with a 'Pledge of Hope' lap around the field, with each child pledging how to make our world a better place. The school's summer fair followed in the afternoon, and the weather was kind throughout the day.

After much anticipation, the swimming pool arrived for the last fortnight of term (you may have seen the big marquee on the playground), and the children benefitted from having swimming lessons every day – and during the hottest days of the year so far.

It has been an incredible year when we have lived life to the full and flourished despite the challenges in our path. We look forward with optimism and hope for the future.



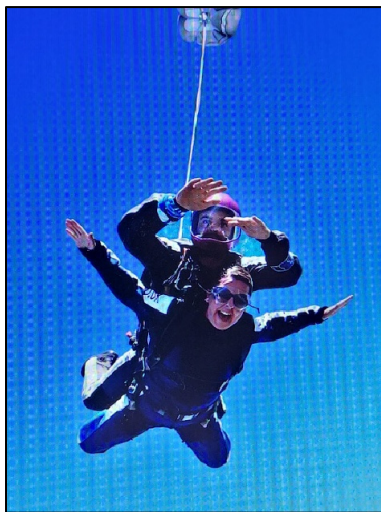
The new school year starts on Monday 5th September. Happy holidays ☺

News from 'Friends of Tushingham'

On 28th May our intrepid headteacher Mrs Davies took part in a parachute jump, throwing herself out of a plane at 15,000 feet. Her bravery raised over £400 for our school charity which will go towards funding learning and development initiatives for all of the children. Well done Mrs Davies!

On Friday 1st July we held our first summer fair in over 3 years and what a wonderful afternoon it was! Stalls included old favourites with tombolas, face painting, delicious cakes and refreshments, as well as hook a duck, welly wanging, a bouncy castle and penalty shoot out. The weather held out for us, there was plenty of fun and smiles, and we raised £1,389 for our school.

Special thanks to the team of amazing people who selflessly gave up their time to help in the run up and on the day and to all of the local businesses and families who donated such a fantastic selection of raffle prizes.



Gemma Copping

Chair, Friends of Tushingham



PRIDE in our rainbow fish (left page);
Music lessons for all ages;
Class 4 at the National Railway
Museum during their visit to York;
and the fabulous swimming pool!



Old Chad's Orchard

Old Chad's Orchard, producing pressed apple juice, cider
& fruit spirits in South Cheshire

Old Chad's is a family business based in South Cheshire which specialises in pure pressed apple juice and ciders, using apples from our own 600 tree orchard plus other local orchards in the Malpas area.

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**Still Medium & Sweet
Cider (5.8%)**

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in 5L Bag in Box - £18

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(7.2%)**

5L Bag in Box - £18



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