

The Bell

Tushingam, Macefen & Bradley Parish Magazine



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Welcome

While our last edition reported on celebratory events for the Jubilee, the country has now said farewell to our 'Platinum' Queen Elizabeth. Autumn is known as a time of change, but this year especially so with a new King, a new PM, and a new term for all those at School and Nursery here in TM&B.

Please note that our next **Parish Meeting** will be held on **Tuesday 11th October** at Tushingham Primary School, starting at 7 pm. All are welcome, to raise and discuss local issues and, all being well, our local PCSO, Angela Griffiths, will also be in attendance to answer any of your police-related queries.

Time flies, and our next issue will be the Christmas and New Year edition (!!), so please send any articles, advertorials, photos or notices by 16th November.

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.

What's On?



Film nights Bickerton Village Hall

Monday 17th October, 7.30 pm

The Duke

British comedy drama telling the story of a taxi driver who steals Goya's portrait of the Duke of Wellington and holds it ransom to the government. Stars Jim Broadbent, Helen Mirren.

Monday 21st November, 7. 30 pm

West Side Story

Spielberg's acclaimed 2021 adaptation of the classic musical. Stars Rachel Zegler, Ansel Elgort, Rita Moreno

Tickets £5, including table snacks; refreshments on sale.

School Choir
Craft Stalls
Father Christmas
(Includes Small gift)
Christmas Market
St Chads church
Tushingham
Saturday 26th November
10am - 3pm
REFRESHMENTS & MINCE PIE
Grand Draw
Bacon Baps
& much more



Workshop at The Old Dairy
Bradley Hall, Malpas

Design & Print Your Own Christmas Wrapping Paper

Oct 22nd 10am or 28th at 6:30pm

Come along and print your own wrapping paper using soft cut Lino. Design your own motif (or designs can be provided). You'll leave with printed wrapping paper & gift tags plus your lino cut design so that you can carry on printing at home. All tuition, refreshments and equipment included. (Unfortunately this is not suitable for children due to the carving process.) Price £35. Session: 3hrs

Text or call Jo: 07921 467 290

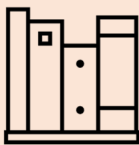
Parish Chairman's Notes

I hope you all had a great summer and are ready for the coming winter (whatever it brings). I will be back just before the next Parish Meeting having been away for much of the past five months in eight different countries. I have now retired as Chairman of Whitchurch Rugby Club and so should have more time to give to Parish matters.

We welcome PCSO for Malpas, Angela Griffiths, and I hope to meet with her shortly. If you have any concerns about events or problems, please contact me and I will do my best to engage them with Angela.

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John Oakden



Cheshire West mobile library service

There are currently 76 public mobile library stops across Cheshire West and ~670 customers actively using the service.

In 2022, the service will be introducing a new modern mobile library vehicle which will be fully electric and include solar panels and LED lighting. There will also be improvements to services offered, such as an awning for summer activities and Wi-Fi and digital access for customers.

The mobile library offers a wide range of stock, including adult and children's books as well as audiobooks. It also enables customers to access books from across the library service and to make reservations. Mobile library staff can provide online council information and a council enquiry service, and members have free access to a wide range of online resources, including eBooks.

Over the past 2 years the service has been significantly disrupted due to the pandemic. However, it is now running normally, and a recent public consultation reviewed existing stops, and proposed enhancements such as the addition of storytime or craft sessions in partnership with the local community.

No changes were proposed to our own local stops, on every third Tuesday:

Malpas: Craddock Court (10.00–10.40 am); Springfield Road (10.45–11 am)

No Man's Heath: Cross O'th Hill (11.10–11.30 am)

Bickley: St Wenefrede's Green (11.40–12.05 am)

Police Community Support



PCSO Angela Griffiths –Malpas
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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

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 the Facebook page*)

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

Police surgeries at Malpas – Old Fire Station Café

Thursday 20th October, 7.30 pm; Wednesday 26th October, 11 am

Thursday 10th November, 7.30 pm; Monday 28th November, 11 am

PCSO Angela says: “I would like to encourage as many people as possible to take the survey as this feedback is invaluable to Cheshire Constabulary and the community. It will help us to specifically target areas of concern and address any issues directly and promptly.”

Selecta DNA: As part of our ongoing work to deter people from committing crime in Cheshire, we have invested in forensic property marking kits to identify those responsible for theft – branded ‘Operation Shield’. if anyone would like me to pop around with a kit, please drop me an email to: angela.griffiths@cheshire.police.uk

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Resident's VOICE
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Have your say on policing in your area...

It is important to us that we know about the issues that cause you concern. We have set up a survey where you can tell us about the things you would like us to focus on in your area.

Open the camera or a dedicated QR code reading application on your phone and hover over the QR code to scan it.
You will be taken to a page where you can complete the survey.

If you can't scan the code you can go to www.cheshire.police.uk/residentsvoicechester

News from St Chad's

Our greatest need – Jehovah Jireh

A journey through the Biblical Names of God, and there are many, is like a never to be forgotten trek across a mountain range with awe inspiring views around every turn. The name Jehovah means God the ever dependable, God the promise keeper, God whose Word never fails, God the consistent and constant. Put together with the word Jireh, we see the great name of Jehovah inspiring us with His promise to provide. God the Provider.

In a culture where the word 'provider' is linked to the driven, fast-paced technology of our world, and its abilities to provide instant news, energy, communication, etc. it is perhaps difficult for us to accept this image of God who does indeed provide the deepest needs of life and its source.

The season of Harvest is traditionally a time when the church acknowledges and gives thanks for the provision of food and its production and availability; from the farmer's hard work in tilling the earth, to the many who bring it to the table... but what else is God able to provide?

The passing of our long-reigning Monarch and the security in the hope our new King will bring is one such thing perhaps? A royal family who is steeped in the riches of faith and all it teaches, looks to God in its moments of grief and sadness, opportunity and progress. King Charles III understands, as did Elizabeth the Great, that it will take God's strength within him to complete the heavy task and call of duty at hand.

This is a God who provides not just physical needs but also mental and spiritual needs... He has all our requirements in hand, knowing us as He does, for God is more than able to provide everything to sustain this world and its people. The age-old problem is of course humankind believes we know best! Not God!

As we approach a new season, a new era, a new time of concern and worry, where our own needs, plus the needs of many around us, are weighing heavy in our thoughts, may we encourage one another to look to the God who Provides. The Creator God, who formed the earth at the beginning, who breathed life into creatures of every kind, who gifted us with his Son Jesus; the one who created an opportunity to be in relationship with God and guides us with His Word and His Spirit, the Great Jehovah Jireh, the One who is able to meet our deepest needs.

A Name that always has and always will give true hope to the needy.

Veronica x

Services at St Chad's in October and November

Sunday 2 October	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer
Sunday 9 October	9.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 16 October	9.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 23 October	11.00 am	Morning Prayer on Bible Sunday
Sunday 30 October	7.00 pm	Worship@7pm, joined by 'Captivated'
Weds 2 November	7.00 pm	All Souls service for the departed
Sunday 6 November	4.30 pm	Evening Prayer
Sunday 13 November	10.45 am	Remembrance service
Sunday 20 November	9.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 27 November	11.00 am	Morning Prayer on Advent Sunday
Every Tuesday	7.30 pm	Benefice Compline via Zoom

In memory of... the late Ian Lawrence, whose funeral service took place in September. Our thoughts and prayers remain with Pauline and the family.

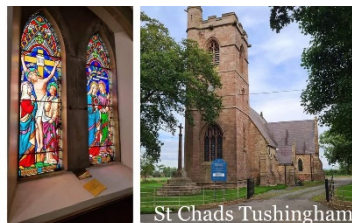
Services and events...

Worship@7pm is a service with a difference.

We gather at 7 pm for coffee, cake and a catch up, then Captivated, a local worship band, lead us in songs of worship, praise and prayer. It's a great evening so come and join us... x

Don't forget **St Chad's Christmas Market**, on Saturday 26th November, 10 am–3 pm. Including craft stalls for your Christmas gifts, refreshments (mince pies, bacon baps), School choir, and even a visit from Father Christmas! See advert on page 1.

For local events and service times, check out our new **St Chad's Facebook page** 🙌



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

Bradley Barns

This Summer at the Nursery we have been taking full advantage of fewer restrictions in place and have taken the children on several trips.

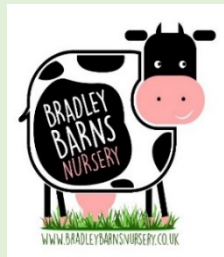
These have included a pre-school trip to Walk Mill in Waverton, to show the children how grain is turned into flour that makes our bread and cakes. They were lucky enough to see the combine harvesting the grain in the field next to the mill itself. The children were learning about how our food is made, which is something we're keen to teach, being a farm-based setting.

Other trips have included visiting Colemere and Malpas Recreation ground as a sports day.

The Nursery provides everything a child could possibly need but we are always keen to implement extra-curricular activities.

As we move into Autumn, we will have a menu change in the kitchen taking advantage of our home grown produce. However, even with the change in weather, this does not stop the children exploring the world around them.

Matt and Vicky Hollins



Cricket report: Chester Courant, 12th July 1865

MAESFEN v CHOLMONDELEY – A match was played between the above clubs on Saturday last, and resulted in favour of the Maesfen club, with 146 runs to spare.

The day was everything that a cricketer could desire. The ground was rather hard, owing to the want of rain. The match took place in the beautifully wooded park belonging to the Marquis of Cholmondeley. The bowling on the Maesfen side was very effective, and the batting of Arthan (50) and Platt (41) well worth our notice. It is but justice to add that the Cholmondeley club has only this year been established. Subjoined is the score: –

Cholmondeley, First innings total, 11; second innings total, 22

Maesfen, First innings total, 178

Teams – Maesfen: R Dodd, Mullinor, Raymond, F Arthan, Faulkner, A Davies, R Platt, Jos Davies, John Davies, J Williams; Cholmondeley: T Langley, W Wilkinson, J Tomlinson, G Robinson, E Sinclair, T Ankers, J Lee, G Coffin, C Nicholson, W Harris

Bradley Unaffiliated Independent Congregational Chapel



CAROLS SERVICE: SUNDAY 4th DECEMBER, 2.30 pm

Led by Pastor Mike Valentine

Organist: Gwen Reeves

We hope again, in the true Bradley tradition, to be able to offer after-service refreshments! Please come and once again share in the warm Bradley welcome. You being here really does make these times together very special.

This 'Bell' contribution is being written having just heard the sad news of the passing to further Glory of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Serving our United Kingdom, the Commonwealth and honouring her Coronation Oath throughout the longest reign of any of our monarchs, her Christian faith always shone out like a bright beacon. Her lifelong steadfast conviction and sense of duty convinced me so many years ago that 'my King's daughter' deliberately intended to follow the serving footsteps example of her father, King George VI.

At the very moment her earthly life came to an end there followed 'God save the King!' That in no way diminishes the late Queen's legacy or memory. Her crown will follow a well nurtured line of succession which, in line with expectations she clearly established, now must continue in royal service. After a royal State Funeral, in due course there will come a Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III. Thinking of both heavenly AND earthly Kingdoms, may we all join firmly and positively in that same acclamation, "GOD SAVE THE KING!"

Hon. Pastor Mike Valentine

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**Cheshire
Wildlife Trust**
1962 – 2022

The **Big Wild Walk** is our annual fundraising challenge, taking place from 24–30 October. In honour of our goal to have 30% of land and sea protected and managed for wildlife by 2030, you can use the number 30 as inspiration – for example, walk for 30 min every day, walk 30 km in 3 days, or even in 1 day! If you're taking part with small children, you can attempt our Hedgehog Walk by walking 3 km – the distance a hedgehog can cover in one night.

As this is a virtual challenge, you can complete it however you like, wherever you like. It's free and when you sign up, we'll send you everything you need to take part. When you raise over £30 you will receive an exclusive Big Wild Walk pin badge as a thank you. Visit: www.cheshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/bigwildwalk



The academic year has got off to a flying start at **Tushingham CE Primary School**, and the children have returned with their usual boundless energy, smiles and enthusiasm, ready for a year full of new adventures.

Changes have taken place in school over the holidays, with a makeover to the entrance area and main display showing our pledge to our children during their Tushingham journey. Work has also begun on a Sensory Garden where children can have some quiet break time, listening to wind chimes, smelling the lavender and mint, watching birds, or simply sitting amongst nature. We will continue to develop the area this year, so if you have any plants or ideas, please contact Mrs Davies.



There have also been fresh starts to embrace. As well as new arrivals in nursery class, the school has welcomed Miss Richards and Miss Johnson to run the before and after school wraparound club (S4YC), which has had a very successful start. New Class 2 teacher Mrs Scott is loving getting to know her pupils and, in an innovative new role, Miss Richards is working to support children emotionally across school. Forest School run by Mrs Holmes is another new beginning.

The sports' teams are literally up and running again, with the first inter-schools' event – cross country running – taking place at Bishop Heber at the end of September. Also in sport, Tushingham CE Primary was proud to achieve the *Sainsbury's School Games Gold Award*, recognising commitment to a high level of PE provision, including competition and the promotion of both physical and mental wellbeing.



Looking ahead, the school celebrates its Harvest Service at St Chad's and Pilgrim Day at Chester Cathedral (Class 4) during October, and on Saturday 26th November, the School Choir will sing at St Chad's Christmas Market.

To read Mrs Davies' newsletter in full, please visit the school website: www.tushingham.cheshire.sch.uk

News from 'Friends of Tushingham'

The Friends of Tushingham (FoT – the school's PTA) said farewell to Chair, Gemma Copping at the end of last term. Gemma worked incredibly hard to mastermind school fundraising, and was especially innovative at doing this during the tough 'lockdown' year, when socialising was not on the agenda... Thank you so much Gemma! The FoT AGM took place at the end of September, and details of the new committee and future events are to be confirmed.

Money raised by the FoT is used to benefit all children – for example by contributing to coach costs for trips or purchasing items identified by school which will benefit all pupils. Currently, the outdoor area is a focus, with FoT having purchased an outdoor speaker system and gazebos.

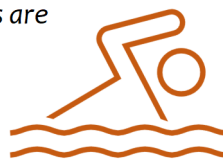
FoT will hold second-hand uniform sales throughout the year so if you have any 'grown out of but still useable items', please drop them off at the school office.

With our local swimming pool closed for a over a year, it was great that Tushingham School was able hire a pool to have onsite for two full weeks in the summer term, giving 55 hours of swimming lessons spread between all pupils aged 3–11 years. Following this success, two parents are raising money for FoT by walking 55 miles in 24 hours on

The LongMynd Hike to ensure the return of the pool in 2023.

If you are able to support their efforts, please do so via:

<https://www.gofundme.com>, and search '55 miles'.



Every Monday in term time
9:30am - 11:30am
Tushingham Primary School

TUSHINGHAM TODDLERS

£2.50 per child
50p per additional sibling

Meet new friends

Snacks & Juice

Messy Play

Story Time

Sing Along

Play Time

Outdoor Play

Toddlers – led by Mrs Glassonbury – now takes place at school every Monday morning, so if you have younger children, please bring them along!

Join us on Facebook
**@Tushingham
Toddlers**

Energy-saving tips and tricks



Little ideas to help save energy, and the planet...

- **Turn your heating thermostat down** – for each degree, bills could be cut by an average of £100 a year for a typical home; 18°C is suggested by the WHO, though higher temperatures are needed for the very old or young.
- Getting a **water meter** installed for free can bring big savings – especially in homes with fewer residents than bedrooms.



- Cutting just a minute off your **shower time** could save £207 a year in energy bills, and a further £105 a year in water bills if you have a meter. Also, try a free, water-saving shower head.
- Decent **draught-proofing** can cut 2–3% off energy bills. Consider draught excluders, draught-proof tape and secondary glazing film on windows.
- Don't overfill **the kettle**, or boil it once in the morning and keep the hot water in a thermos flask for the rest of the day for teas and coffees.
- Don't leave **devices on standby** – not the problem it once was, but as an example, a new microwave costs 24p/hr and SkyQ box 31p/hr on standby.
- Not all **energy-saving light bulbs** are equal. LED uses about half the energy of the bigger fluorescent spiral 'energy-saving bulbs'.
- Be **appliance savvy** – run the washing machine and dishwasher only when full, dry clothes outside (rather than tumble dry) when you can, and use the microwave rather than oven for certain foods.
- Make use of **radiator thermostats** so that you only heat the rooms you're using, and move furniture 6 inches away from radiators.
- **Insulate** your hot water cylinder and bleed your radiators regularly, to keep your central heating working effectively and eliminate 'cold spots'.
- Don't iron 😊



Ideas from MoneySavingExpert.com, and Cheshire campaigner, Maxine Watts, via her scheme 'Light and Warmth in the Port' (see Facebook) which promotes energy saving tips and is collecting for those in need this winter. To donate or for help setting up a similar scheme, contact maxinewatts2016@gmail.com