

The Bell

Tushingam, Macefen & Bradley Parish Magazine



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Welcome

Welcome to *The Bell* – a new magazine for the community of Tushingham, Macefen & Bradley, and intended as a combination of the ‘Parish update’ e-mail and St Chad’s newsletter. To be produced every 2 months, *The Bell* aims to serve as a useful source of information and communication – with notices, events, adverts, articles, photographs and anything else that residents wish to share – all focussed towards our local community.

Thank you to all those who have contributed so enthusiastically to this trial issue, and we look forward to more interesting content for the next magazine in December/January (any contributions by 12th November, please!).

All best wishes, Juliet

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NHS Out-of-hours 111
For out-of-hours medical attention, call 111 (NHS Freephone); lines open 24/7



Report It

To report any Council-related issues directly (e.g., potholes, litter, highways), and receive an enquiry number to track progress, visit:

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



What's on?

October

- 5–13 **Sandstone ridge: Walk and Ride Festival**
www.sandstoneridge.org.uk
- 12 **Autumn bird walk at Bickley Hall Farm***
Saturday, 9 am–12 pm; £6 adult; £5 members ; U16s free
Join us for a walk around our wildlife friendly farm
- 14 **Malpas Parish Council Meeting, Jubilee Hall Malpas**
Monday, 7.30 pm
- 17 **Wild supper and quiz at Bickley Hall Farm***
Thursday, 7–9 pm; £12 per person
Join us this Autumn for our Wild Supper made with seasonal produce from our wildlife friendly garden followed by a fun wildlife quiz!
- 26 **Pumpkin party, at Bickley Hall Farm***
Saturday, 10.30 am–12.30 pm; £5 per person
Harvest a pumpkin from our garden and carve it into a Halloween lantern

November

- 2 **Malpas Parish Council Surgery, Jubilee Hall, Malpas**
Saturday, 10 am–12 pm
- 30 **Tushingam Christmas Market, St Chad's Church**
Saturday, 10 am–3 pm; Free entry
Local craft stalls (including retro curios), hot food, children's school choir, and Father Christmas at ~11.30 am! (see advert, p6)
- 1 Dec **Christingle Service, St Chad's Church**
Sunday, 5pm
All are welcome to this family event

*Booking is required for all events at Bickley Hall Farm.

Please call 01948 820728 or visit website: www.cheshirewildlifetrust.org.uk



TM&B Parish Meeting

I very much welcome this new initiative to improve communication within the Parish and thank Juliet Szestak for volunteering to edit *The Bell*.

The Parish Meeting for Tushingham, Macefen and Bradley meets three times a year in either St Chad's or Bradley Chapel to discuss issues which affect the local community, resolving them whenever possible. Over the last couple of years we have covered a lot of ground and achieved much, but the highlights include the new monthly e-mail updates, our new neighbourhood watch scheme with forensic marking kits for every property, the numerous improvements to road safety and local tidiness and our financial contributions towards significant projects at the School and the Church.

**** Next meeting ****

Monday 3rd February

Bradley Chapel, Bradley Lane
7 pm

All are welcome

We have also prepared a subsidised scheme to deliver faster broadband speeds to those in the Parish who are not benefiting from a proper fibre service – if only enough people now wanted it to make it happen. But probably the main achievement was the community gathering on 11 November 2018 when nearly the whole Parish, the School

and the Church came together in the shippen at Yew Tree Farm to commemorate the 18 members of the Parish who fell during the Great War. Bringing our three local institutions together in this manner is a model that should be repeated on a routine basis and I sincerely hope that *The Bell* will help to facilitate this and improve cohesion more generally within the Parish.

The Parish is geographically disjointed into three hamlets (four if you include Willey Moor) with the busy A41 dissecting it, but the Meeting definitely serves an overarching purpose and is reasonably well attended. However it does rely on a roster of three volunteers to keep it going on 3-year tenures and, if the service is to continue, the positions of Chairman and Clerk will need replacing before the end of the year. Only a small percentage of the current number of relatively long-standing residents have given their time to this central community service, so, if you feel it is now your turn to give something back to the Parish, then please let me know.

David Young OBE, Chairman

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Police Community Support

Our local Police Community Support Officer
PCSO 20398 Jonathan Hurst



Dragon Hall Police Station, Whitchurch Road, Chowley,
Tattenhall CH3 9DU
E-mail: jonathan.hurst@cheshire.pnn.police.uk
Non-urgent calls to Cheshire Police, 101

PCSO Hurst, whose role is dedicated to the areas of Tattenhall and Malpas, says that communication from residents is always welcome, and home visits can be arranged to discuss any issues. He can be contacted on **101**, or by e-mail for less urgent matters, and he also posts updates on social media:

Facebook: Tattenhall & Malpas Police
Twitter: ThallMalpasPol
www.cheshire.police.uk/tattenhall-malpas

Local Police Surgeries

Old Fire Station Café, Malpas
1st and 22nd October, 11 am–12 pm
25th November, 11 am–12 pm

Dragon Hall Police Station
October: 4th (2–3 pm), **7th** (3–4 pm), **17th** (2–3 pm) and **25th** (4–5 pm)
November: 2nd (3–4 pm), **4th** (2–3 pm), **13th** (2–3 pm), **18th** (3–4 pm)



Home Watch

The Home Watch Scheme helps the local police distribute information on safety alerts and crime, and our own scheme in Bradley and Macefen has now been running for 2 years.

To join the scheme visit cheshire.ourwatch.org.uk, or contact Steve Egan, our local coordinator, to find out more and register for selected updates: steven.egan@bentley.co.uk.



St Chad's Church newsletter

Ring out those Bells...

The melodious sound of church bells ringing is hopefully a sound enjoyed by all. Non-churchgoers and the devout alike know that they are a call to prayer... and very often a way to announce News! Important events of peace and freedom are associated with their ringing.

The old Town Criers too use the ringing of a bell to draw people to their message or proclamations... sometimes known as 'A Bellman' he/she is an officer of a royal court or public authority who makes public pronouncements when and as required. There couldn't be a more appropriate name then for our new Community Magazine, *The Bell!*

Why do we need a magazine in these days of social media some may ask? Quite simply because we are a community of people... and people are different, gloriously different... what one person deems to be of importance can vary so much from another and so to have a communication that all can be a part of is really useful.

The joy of rural living can be a great challenge these days as our society becomes more home based and less community based... how do we keep in touch with our neighbour and care for them should the need arise...?

Jesus asked us to love Him and love those around us, a task that becomes more difficult if we don't even know who our neighbour is.

I pray that *The Bell* becomes a resource for our community that all will embrace. That it will be like a friend dropping in through the door for some, a reminder to get out and about for others and an encouragement to all of us to care for each other and this beautiful Community of which we are a part.

"Oyez, Oyez" or as I am more used to saying "Amen, Amen"...

Rev Veronica... x

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Please try to avoid contacting Veronica on Mondays. Thank you.

Services at St Chad's

Sunday 6 October	7.00 pm	'Worship @ 7'
Sunday 13 October	9.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday 20 October	9.00 am	Morning prayer (BCP) <i>Jeremy Hunns</i>
Sunday 27 October	11.00 am	Family Communion <i>Rev Mike Rogers</i>

Sunday 3 November	7.00 pm	'Worship @ 7'
Remembrance Sunday	10.45 am	Service of the Word <i>Rev John Whitehead</i>
Sunday 10 November		
Sunday 17 November	9.00 am	Holy Communion (CW)
Sunday 24 November	11.00 am	Family Communion

In memory of...

The end of the Summer saw the passing of two wonderful ladies from our Community... Betty Adams, of Pinecrest and Dot Lush, of School House. Both will be remembered by many for their commitment to friends and neighbours. Betty, who sold produce from her door and always welcomed strangers with a friendly word, smile and piece of cake and Dot, who for many years took care of the school far beyond the physical part of caretaking! As one friend said of both... "this is the end of an era"! Rest in deserved peace lovely ladies... x

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For more information on services and events in the parishes of Marbury, Tushingham and Whitewell, visit the benefice website: www.parishmag.org

Bradley Independent Congregational Chapel



Built in 1891, Bradley Chapel is now the only Independent Congregational Chapel in Cheshire!

We hold services in April, June, October and December each year, and usually fill the chapel on each occasion. Our Honorary Pastor, Mike Valentine from Whitchurch, arranges local clergy and lay readers to lead services, as well leading them himself.

We also accommodate weddings, baptisms and funerals.

Our next service, the Harvest Festival, will be held on Sunday 20 October at 2.30pm, and will be led by Rev Jane Stephenson of Tilston.

All are welcome: please come along to support the continuing life of our Chapel in our community.

For further details please contact Liz Jones.

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Tushingham Christmas market



Saturday 30 November, 10 am–3 pm
St Chad's Church, Tushingham

Local craft stalls, vintage retro curios, hot food (top quality bacon baps!), children's school choir, and Father Christmas at ~11.30 am! Free entry

*A few stall pitches are still available – please contact Louise Mountford:
dmountford372@btinternet.com*

Remember, remember

Local artist, Sara Wood, looks back at this time last year, and her commission to mark the centenary of the end of the First World War.

“I was truly honoured to be asked to produce the poppies to commemorate the 18 fallen soldiers from our Parish. Having spent some time exploring design ideas and techniques I came up with a design loosely based on the Tower of London poppies, although mine were substantially bigger! This has lent itself perfectly to the designated area of the church and has created a real focal point. The process of producing the 18 pieces was surprisingly emotional and it was wonderful to be able to access the war diary written by one of the soldiers, Frank Green, whilst working on the commission.”



Sara's poppies can be seen in St Chad's all year round, taking centre stage during Remembrance events



It has been an eventful start to the new school year as ground works continue (see below), but academic life marches on and Mrs Shephard's first newsletter of the term has much to relate. There has been an extremely positive report from the Chester Diocesan Education Adviser; the Harvest Service is planned for early October; Mrs Himsworth, the school bursar, is moving on to pastures new; the school team has once again entered the small schools football league; and Aldi vouchers are being collected for 'Kit for schools'. To read the newsletter in full, visit the school website: www.tushingham.cheshire.dbprimary.com

Earlier this year, the Parish Meeting granted funds to the school garden project. 'Friends of Tushingham' Chairman, Hayley Alldridge, gives an update on progress.

"The Friends of Tushingham have been working hard to raise funds for the grounds development project and now have significant funds ready for the project to start. However, due to the much needed replacement and relocation of the septic tank which has taken place over the summer (funded by the Local Authority) we have had to delay this project until next year... this gives us extra time to design something really special and look for some good deals over winter for equipment 😊

Due to the fundraising we were doing alongside the garden project, we have been able to support the school by funding a new English resource package which every child will benefit from. We also have agreed to pay for some new bark to spruce up the Class 1&2 outdoor area, as well as a new rug for Class 1.

The Friends Of Tushingham work tirelessly with the school, the children, parents and the community. We raise money to improve the facilities and equipment whilst ensuring the children get access to the best opportunities via trips and experiences. We look forward to sharing our fundraising events with you and invite you to be part of this fantastic school community."

Tushingham Toddlers

Tushingham Primary School, Tuesdays 9.30–11.30 am, during term time



Join us for play, music and snacks.
Mums, Dads, Grandparents and carers all welcome
(tea and biscuits for grown-ups!). £1 entry





Cheshire Wildlife Trust

Bickley Hall Farm Trail

Located just outside Malpas in the heart of rural Cheshire Bickley Hall Farm, HQ of Cheshire Wildlife Trust is a 210-acre organic working farm and home to a dedicated nature trail leading off the ever-popular Sandstone Trail walking route. The circular trail route leads through species-rich hay meadows and pastures along with their flower rich margins and wild bird seed plots, bordered by diverse hedgerows are great for invertebrates, small mammals and in particular, hundreds of feeding farmland birds in autumn and winter.

Our fields of spring sown cereals with overwintered stubbles host hundreds of finches and other seed eating birds and our mosaic of wet meadows, intersected by a network of ditches and scattered ponds are managed specifically for wintering and breeding wading birds.

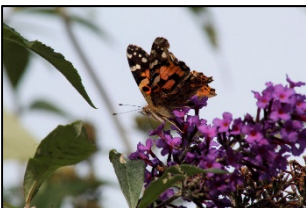
The trail can be accessed from the farm where you can find parking and toilets Monday–Friday, 10 am–3 pm. Outside of these times the trail can be accessed from the Sandstone Trail and parking can be found along Bickley Lane. For further information about the trail or wildlife friendly farm management please visit www.cheshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/nature-reserves/bickley-hall-farm or call us on 01948 820 728.



In addition to the general events listed on the ‘What’s On’ page, we are running the following workshops during October and November. For further details, or to book a place, please call or visit our website.

Stone carving with Pam Gordon: carve a woodland creature

Saturday 26 October; 10 am–4 pm; £85.00 pp



Wildlife photography with Ben Hall

Friday 1 November; 10 am–3.30 pm; £80.00 pp

Christmas gift making workshop

Saturday 9 November; 10 am–4 pm;
£75 pp, £50 members



Flicks

*Please check with venues
– dates/times may alter!*

Bickerton Village Hall

www.bickertonvillagehall.com; 01829 720801

All 7.30 pm; Tickets £5

Monday 21 October – ‘Fisherman’s Friends’ [12A] 109 min

A group of fishermen with a talent for Sea Shanties are given the chance to sign a record deal. Stars Tuppence Middleton, James Purefoy, Daniel Mays

Monday 25 November – ‘Green Book’ [12A] 127 min

Drama in which an Italian-American takes a job as driver to a black pianist on tour through the Deep South. Stars Viggo Mortensen, Mahershala Ali

Whitchurch Leisure Centre, Sir John Talbot’s School

www.artsalive.co.uk;

All 7.30 pm; Tickets £4.50/£3.50 (U18s)

Tuesday 8 October – ‘Wild Rose’ [15] 98 min

A young single mother in Glasgow dreams of travelling to Nashville to be a country singer. Stars Jessie Buckley, Julie Walters, Sophie Okonedo

Thursday 15 October – The Keeper [15] 119 min

A German PoW falls in love with the daughter of his coach after he is recruited to play for the local football team. Stars David Kross, Freya Mavor

Wednesday 6 November – Yesterday [12A] 113 min

Romantic comedy in which a man wakes up after an accident and finds he is the only person who remembers The Beatles. Stars Himesh Patel, Lily James

Tuesday 19 November – film to be confirmed

Barbour Institute, Tattenhall

www.barbourinstitute.co.uk; 01829 771649

All 8 pm; Tickets £5/£4 (U18s)

Wednesday 30 October – Rocketman [15] 121 min

The spectacular transformation of shy pianist Reg Dwight into flamboyant superstar Elton John. Stars Taron Egerton, Richard Madden, Jamie Bell

Wednesday 27 November – film to be confirmed