

The Bell

Tushingam, Macefen & Bradley Parish Magazine



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Welcome

Happy New Year! To welcome in 2020, we feature articles about Tushingam School – both past and present day – as well as the latest news from Cheshire Wildlife Trust, and our Church and Chapel.

The Parish Meeting takes places at Bradley Chapel on Monday 3rd February at 7 pm, so please come along to have your say on the future of our Parish Meeting, and raise any concerns at this open forum – everyone is welcome.

Thank you for continuing to support *The Bell* with content, distribution, and by reading it! If you would like to contribute any articles, notices, photographs or memories for the next issue in April/May, please send them in by 15th March.

Best wishes for 2020, Juliet

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Cheshire West
and Chester

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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?

February

- 1 **Malpas Parish Council Surgery**, Jubilee Hall, Malpas
Saturday, 10 am–12 pm
- 3 **Tushingham, Macefen & Bradley Parish Meeting**, Bradley Chapel
Monday, 7 pm
Everyone welcome
- 4 & 7 **Film nights** at Whitchurch Civic/Leisure Centre*
- 10 **Malpas Parish Council Meeting**, Jubilee Hall, Malpas
Monday, 7 pm
- 17,18 & 26 **Film nights** at Bickerton, Whitchurch and Tattenhall*

March

- 7 **Malpas Parish Council Surgery**, Jubilee Hall, Malpas
Saturday, 10 am–12 pm
- 16 & 25 **Film nights** at Bickerton and Tattenhall*

**For full details of films, venues and times, please see back cover.*

Drop-in Police Surgeries with PCSO Hurst

Old Fire Station Café, Malpas

February: 4th (11 am–12 pm) and 27th (1–2 pm)

March: 9th and 18th (11 am–12 pm)

Dragon Hall Police Station

February: 5th (2–3 pm), 15th (4–5 pm), 21st (3–4 pm) and 28th (2–3 pm)

March: 7th (4–5 pm), 13th (3–4 pm), 17th (2–3 pm) and 25th (3–4 pm)

TM&B Parish Meeting

As we enter a new decade, I wish you all a very happy new year! The next Parish Meeting will take place at 7 pm on Monday 3 February in Bradley Chapel and this note will serve to set out the agenda.

**** Next meeting ****

Monday 3rd February

Bradley Chapel, Bradley Lane
7 pm

All are welcome

Whilst the country can now plan ahead with some certainty, I'm afraid that the same cannot be said for the Parish Meeting. As yet no people have come forward to volunteer for the posts of Chairman, Treasurer and Clerk which will all be vacant next month so, if there is demand for this local service to continue, then we need to decide how it will do so.

We need to approve the funding of *The Bell* and I will also update you on our dealings with the Council's Highways department on the various outstanding traffic issues that have yet to be resolved after many rounds of chasing. These include new signage along the A41 at the Bell o' th' Hill junction, new 40 mph signs on the old A41 and a 'road narrows' sign at the A41 end of Bradley Lane. We also need to approve the plans and cost for new Tushingham boundary signs which have finally come through, but I am currently trying to negotiate a better deal as I am not happy with the value nor the general state of cleanliness and disrepair of the current array of signs along our small stretch of A41. I have also been promised that the drains along Bradley Lane will be cleared shortly...

I hope to see as many of you as possible on 3 February and it is not too late to notify me of any other issues for discussion.

David Young OBE, Chairman

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Home Watch

To join our local community Home Watch scheme, please visit cheshire.ourwatch.org.uk or contact coordinator Steve Egan to register for selected updates: steven.egan@bentley.co.uk.

Police Community Support



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Local Police Surgeries

Police Surgeries with PSCO Hurst take place several times a month at the Old Fire Station Café in Malpas, and at Dragon Hall Police Station on the A41 near Tattenhall (see 'What's On' page for February/March dates). Outside these times, PSCO Hurst can be contacted on **101** or by e-mail (see above), and home visits can be arranged to discuss any issues.

- ! **Identity theft/fraud** is when someone steals your name, your financial information or any other information that is specific to you as an individual.
- Someone committing identity theft might use your financial information to make purchases in your name. It can take months to realise that fraud is taking place. It may take even longer to recover what they have taken.

How can I avoid being a victim of identity theft?

Ask yourself:

- Who is asking for my details? Why do they need to know these details?
- Have they verified who they say they are?
- Would the person they claim to be request that information?
- Have I destroyed any personal or financial information, including receipts?
- **If you have any suspicions, don't give out your details.**

St Chad's Church newsletter

Investing in love

Question: What are you looking for?

It seems to me that our lives are a journey, we are born, we experience year upon year, and we die – and if you're like me you perhaps realise that there are more years behind you than are ahead! So, what do we do with those vital years inbetween life's first breath and its final one?

Well, we can choose to invest our time, skills, gifts, money and energy into creating a more comfortable life for ourselves and our families, so that we can sit back in our chairs in our final days and be content that we did all we needed to do. Or we can see with 2020 vision; the vision that lifts us up beyond ourselves and beyond our families to see the needs of our community, our country and our broken world. That is God's real vision for us.

Christians believe that in Jesus, God has walked this earth before us, and that with Jesus as our companion and guide we can travel through our lives differently. As pilgrims who set our sights on God's Kingdom of justice and peace we set off with a strong hope that our journey's end will be in finding a home with Him.

Are you willing to rethink your course, your dreams, your hopes and desires in order to achieve a life that becomes more meaningful and joyful while making the world a better place? 2020 is the Chester Diocese Year of Pilgrimage. Every year is a year in which we can journey as pilgrims but this year we are encouraged to take it seriously. Invest in something different! *Give church a try on a Sunday! *Dip into some reflection and join us for our Lent Course! *Lay aside some of your earnings for a worthy cause that will impact someone you don't even know. *Join us for one of our pilgrimage walks later this year. *Volunteer with a charity or organisation that you believe in and show your support.

Invest in 'Love' this 2020 and love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength, in a way that God will honour, for He has the grace to reward you in ways you could never imagine. *"Happy are those whose hearts are set on the pilgrim way"* Psalm 84.

Travel safely...

Veronica... x



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

Services at St Chad's

Sunday 2 February	7.00 pm	'Worship @ 7'
Sunday 9 February	9.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday 16 February	9.00 am	Holy Communion (CW)
Sunday 23 February	11.00 am	Service of the Word, <i>Jeremy Hunns</i>
Ash Wednesday Weds 26 February	7.00 pm	United Benefice Service at St Michael's, Marbury

Sunday 1 March	7.00 pm	'Worship @ 7'
Sunday 8 March	9.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday 15 March	9.00 am	Holy Communion (CW)
Mothering Sunday Sunday 22 March	11.00 am	Service of the Word <i>Jeremy Hunns</i>
Sunday 29 March	11.00 am	United Songs of Praise, <i>Carolyn Wort</i> at St Mary's, Whitewell

In memory of... *Rosalind Clare, 1945–2019*

We said goodbye to another one of our dear friends at the end of last year. 2018/19 saw us lose too many lovely members of our community and church family, but one thing is for sure, 'there will be a party in heaven' as they are all received by the God who welcomes them home. Rosalind was one of a kind, a character whose big heart touched the lives of many. We miss her generous attitude and enthusiasm. Our loss is heaven's gain... x

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Bradley Independent Congregational Chapel



Looking back on Christmas at Bradley Chapel

Christmas always begins early at Chapel, with the Carol Service on December 1st welcoming the season. A full Chapel took part in the service of Lessons and Carols, led by Pastor Mike Valentine, which included a special visit from Three (small) Wise Men.

The following week saw the Bradley Community coming together for their Christmas Music Evening in support of Chapel Funds. An enjoyable evening was had by all, and we are most grateful to Sally-Ann and Dave for providing refreshments after this Chapel event.

Many thanks to everyone for your continuing support of our little Chapel.

Happy New Year!

Liz

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SERVICES in 2020

Songs of Praise	April 19 th
Chapel Anniversary	June 28 th
Harvest Service	October 18 th
Carols & Lessons	December 6 th



For the past 5 years, Cheshire Wildlife Trust has been a partner in the UK National Tree Seed Project, a project set up by the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew's Millennium Seed Bank, with funding from players of People's Postcode Lottery. The project was set up to build a collection of the country's native tree seeds, including those of Cheshire, for long-term conservation.

Tree seeds that have been collected as part of the project are banked in the underground vaults of Kew's Millennium Seed Bank, the largest wild plant seed bank in the world, to form the UK's first national collection of tree seeds. These collections play a vital role in conservation work to protect UK trees and woodlands, including against pests and diseases such as ash dieback and global challenges such as the effects of climate change. The collections, and associated data, are available to researchers working on solutions to tackle the many threats facing our woodlands.

Cheshire Wildlife Trust has been working with volunteers collecting more than 200,000 seeds over the last 5 years. The group has worked successfully to collect tree species such as Wild Service, Grey Willow, and Goat Willow, and to ensure that Cheshire's native species will be conserved for years to come.



Goat Willow

The impact made is, however, far wider than trees – health and wellbeing volunteers have been able to get involved in seed collecting, giving them the opportunity to recover through nature and make a difference on a national scale. The project has also identified opportunities to support and protect lesser known Cheshire trees such as the Wild Service which is now restricted to just a few ancient woodland sites.

All seeds have been safely banked in Kew's Millennium Seed Bank of over 2 billion seeds and will be used for research to protect the UK's woodlands

For more info: www.cheshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/news/cheshire-wildlife-trust-collects-over-200000-seeds-across-county-protect-future-uk-trees



The weeks leading up to Christmas were busy and exciting. Class 1&2 put on two spirited performances of 'Born in a Barn' for family and friends, as well as the residents of Cloverfields Care Home at the dress rehearsal. The children also joined in with 'Sing the Christmas Story' at Chester Cathedral. The Christmas Fair (see below) was a great occasion and despite the severe weather, the hall and strongly tethered marquee were packed. 2020 began with a trip to Chester to see *Peter Pan*, before returning to the termly routine of lessons, sport and other activities. For Years 3–6, this includes practising for *Young Voices* – the largest school choir concerts in the world – to be held at Manchester Arena in late January. To read the school newsletter in full, please visit: www.tushingham.cheshire.dbprimary.com

A word from 'Friends of Tushingham' Chairman, Hayley Alldridge:

“The Friends of Tushingham hosted a successful Christmas Fair which attracted a number of external stall holders. The event raised £1,574 which has enabled us to make purchases for the outdoor play area and items to enhance learning. Recently, the school have taken delivery of new outdoor games which can be used during play times. Also items for the younger children to enhance their role play and outdoor learning experience. For all of the children, a number of planters have been purchased which will be planted up and displayed in the playground with the chance to see which class has the greenest fingers!

The Friends of Tushingham are grateful to the Parish, Tesco Bags for Help and Corbett's Malpas for their generous donations last year. These funds have been added to those from the Christmas Fair meaning these purchases can be made. The items will enhance learning and support the teachers in the delivery of the curriculum. The school is also grateful to Travis Perkins in Whitchurch for the donation of several bags of bark to replace the old bark in the nursery play area.

There are lots of activities planned for the Spring and Summer terms which will be communicated in the coming weeks.”

Tushingham Toddlers

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



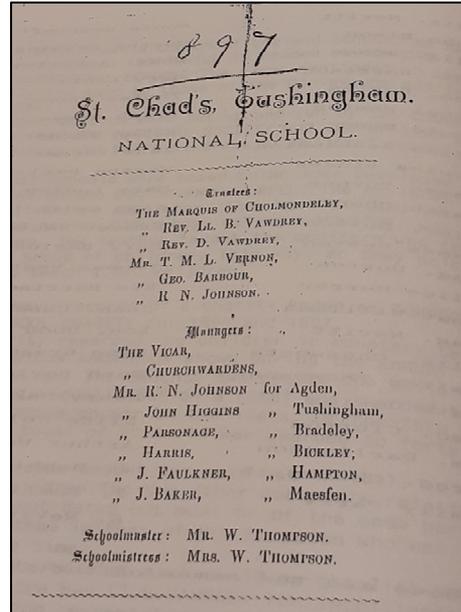
Join us for play, music and snacks.
Mums, Dads, Grandparents and carers all welcome
(tea and biscuits for grown-ups!). £1 entry.



Tushingham School at 125

Part 1: 'The early days'

'St Chad's Tushingham' opened in 1894 as an all-age school for pupils aged 5–15 years. Prior to this, local children were educated across the road at Macefen School. In 1894, Deeds of Conveyance and Trust for a new church school and house at Tushingham were made from Thomas Vernon Esq to The Marquis of Cholmondeley. The school and its funds were under the exclusive control of the Minister, and teachers were chosen by an elected committee of local residents, although, *"Any teacher may be dismissed by the Minister or the Bishop if he or she is found to be defective or unsound in their instruction of the children in religion."*



The school ran along the established National School system in which the children all sat in long rows in the same room, divided into groups of 10, each placed in the charge of an older boy called a 'monitor'. The teacher taught the monitors, who then taught their group of children. In 1897, the balance sheet listed salaries of £93 for the Schoolmaster, £43 for the Schoolmistress, and £10 for the Pupil Teacher. It was also noted that, *"The inspector's reports of the school have been so good that it will be exempt from annual inspection."*

The original school building consisted of two classrooms – a small room (now the library) and a large room (now Class 2) – planned to accommodate 100 children, allocating 10 sq ft per child! The school was heated by two coal-fired stoves until 1971, and water came from a pump as there was no mains supply in the district. In 1950, Sanatory Inspectors reported that the water had been unfit to drink for years! School dinners were introduced in 1943, coming from a canteen in Nantwich. As an all-age school in a rural area, many of the older children took days off to help with the harvest. However, even those who were out on agricultural work returned to school for their dinner...

We are grateful to the late Mrs Janet Barton – a much-loved teacher at Tushingham, and from whose 1994 Centenary booklets the above information is taken. We shall include more about the school's history in future issues.

Flicks

Bickerton Village Hall

www.bickertonvillagehall.com; 01829 720801

All 7.30 pm (bar open from 7 pm); Tickets £5

'Downton Abbey' [PG] – Monday 17 February, 122 min

The TV series moves to the big screen as Downton prepares for a Royal visit.

'Fighting with my family' [12A] – Monday 16 March, 108 min

Comedy about a girl's dream of becoming a professional wrestler, written and directed by Stephen Merchant. Starring Florence Pugh, Dwayne Johnson.

Whitchurch Leisure Centre, Sir John Talbot's School

www.artsalive.co.uk; 01948 660660 / 07506 724572

All 7.30 pm (bar open from 7 pm); Tickets £4.50/£4/£3.50 (U18s)

'Judy' [12A] – Tuesday 4 February, 118 min

Renée Zellweger gives an incredible performance as the legendary Judy Garland who arrives in London in 1968 for a series of sell-out shows.

'Bait' [15] – Tuesday 18 February, 89 min

Tension rises to breaking point in a Cornish fishing village when the locals are crowded out by tourists in this funny, yet poignant film, stunningly shot.

Whitchurch Civic Centre

www.artsalive.co.uk; 01948 665761 / 07812 668772

All 7.30 pm; Tickets £4.50/£3.00 (child)

'Joker' [15] – Friday 7 February, 122 min

Bullied by society, Arthur Fleck (Joaquin Phoenix) begins a slow descent into madness as he transforms into the criminal mastermind known as The Joker.

Barbour Institute, Tattenhall

www.barbourinstitute.co.uk; 01829 771649

All 8 pm (bar/refreshments available); Tickets £5/£4 (U18s)

'Joker' [15] – Wednesday 26 February, 122 min As described above.

Film to be confirmed – Wednesday 25 March

Please check details with venues