

WESTON AND BASFORD PARISH COUNCIL

The internal audit of the 2017/2018 accounts has been completed and the audit report concludes that the accounts are well kept and in order with statutory requirements. The accounts have now been submitted for external audit and the external auditor has issued a report agreeing with the internal auditor that all statutory requirements have been carried and the Parish Council is conducting its financial affairs correctly.

The accounts are available for public inspection by appointment.

Although the Parish Council did not meet in August the business of the Council continues to be conducted as necessary and in particular planning applications are considered and comments submitted as appropriate.

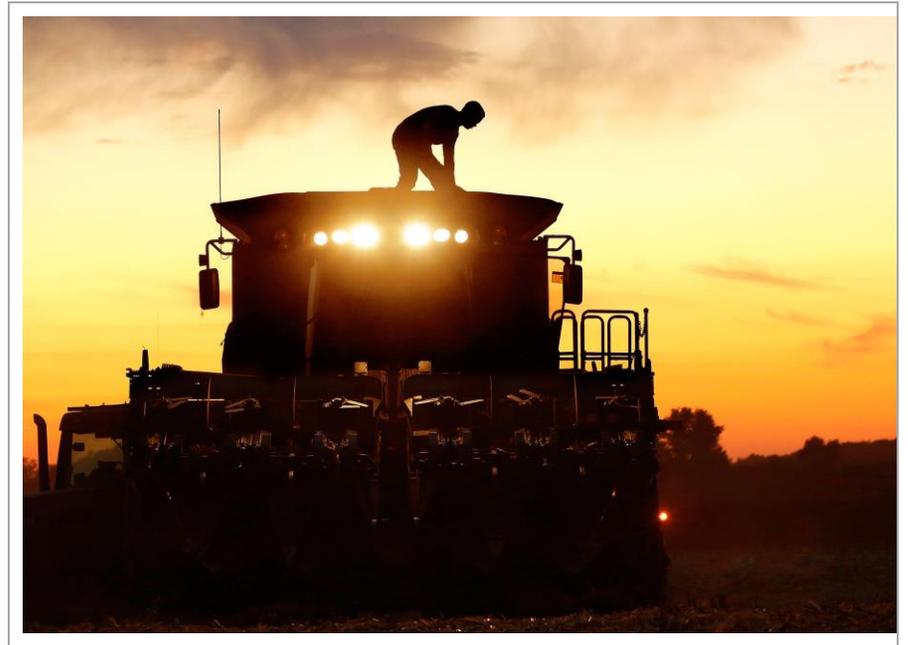
As the autumn approaches consideration will shortly be given to the draft 2019/2020 budget which is normally agreed at the December meeting in time for the precept requirement being forwarded to Cheshire East Council by the end of the year.

Thursday 2nd May 2019 will be Local Election Day. It is important that residents ensure that they are included on the Electoral Register to ensure that they are able to vote. Electoral Registration Forms are to be delivered shortly with full instructions on their completion.

The Parish Council meets on the second Thursday each month (except August) at 7.30 in the Church Hall. All meetings are held in public with an opportunity for public questions.

D G Owen DMA
Clerk to the Council.

Weston & Basford Community News



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Autumn 2018

Community Comment

What a summer that has been! Looking back at the last edition we were saying goodbye to Spring storms and hoping for some 'warm sunshine'. We certainly received that. Whilst the summer has been fantastic and all sorts of records broken, we must now look towards the Autumn and Winter months, I will not dare to wish for too much rain (we might get it!) but we should give thought for the difficulties that the farming community face through a reduced supply of feed for their animals.

There are several reports inside this edition from organisations within our community of what they have done, are doing and planning over the coming months, please do lend your support to them. These and other organisations are the life-blood of communities like ours: without them our community can wither away, followed by the often heard lament "There is nothing to do / going on in our village'. Unless the community supports itself, this is could well happen, and all too quickly.

The Parish Council can and does support activities within the parish, recent examples being the Allotments and refurbishment of some of the facilities on the playing fields. On a more personal level the Wybunbury United Trusts can provide help. This is a long-established Charity which provides support in our own parish and in other parishes in the area. There is an article included here from the Trust Chairman that outlines the aims and ways it can possibly help.

Hopefully by the time your household receives this Community News, several small areas of the parish will have been tidied and cleared of overgrown vegetation which had been encroaching on footpaths. This has been made possible through the generous offer of a local Company to help the parish, but cannot cover all areas. As always, there is more to be done. Please continue to send news of events and activities across the parish to john@densem.co.uk

Weston Village Primary School



The children at Weston Village Primary are settling into a new school year and have warmly welcomed our new starters into reception. We are sure it will be another busy and productive term.

We saw the Year 6 leavers last term perform their excellent Leavers' Assembly in front of the whole school, parents and families.

They will have no doubt enjoyed their summer break and are continuing their learning journey in their chosen Secondary school. We wish them every success!

We also saw the retirement of our Headteacher, Mrs Mitchell. The children held a lovely outdoor party for her, giving cards and gifts and the whole school sang to her. Mrs Mitchell has been a teacher for over 40 years and a Headteacher for half of that time. Throughout her career she has prioritised not simply teaching our children to pass exams or score points (as important as those things are) but also to become well rounded people, what she calls "global citizens", who are actively engaged in the world around. You will be familiar with her educational trips (sometimes overseas!), as well as her involvement with *We Day*, Young Voices, and choir. She has worked hard to create an ethos and culture at Weston that allows children to have a wide range of educational experiences and brings a host of pedagogical techniques and learning styles to the classroom. She has worked tirelessly for the good of our children to enable them to fulfil our school motto, "*Be the Best You Can Be*".

There is much in Mrs Mitchell's career for her to be proud of, and much that she has done at Weston for which we can be thankful. We all hope that she has a wonderful retirement."

Wybunbury United Charities

The Wybunbury United Charities was originally set up in the late 1500s to help the “poor and needy in the parish of Wybunbury”. At that time and until the mid to late 1800s this parish covered the wide area bordered by the county boundary and the parishes of Audlem, Nantwich and Barthomeley. Crewe was in the parish of Barthomeley. The parish was divided into 18 townships.

The Charities have investments which produce a certain income every year. It is this income that was designated as to be used for those in the parish in need of a little financial help. Each township receives a proportion of this annual income, set out by a formula in the trust’s charter which was last revised in 1897. This roughly corresponds to the population of each township in the sixteenth century

The Trust currently has assets of approximately £200,000. These monies are invested in funds specifically designed for charities, as they are ‘low risk’ and produce a relatively fixed income. Of the current income approximately 50% is distributed to the townships, with the remainder being given to other bodies including the Chester Diocesan Board of Education, Wybunbury Sunday School, the two local incumbents of St Chad’s Church, Wybunbury and Weston Church. A small amount is used to pay the administrative costs of the Charities.

The funds in each township are managed by Administrative Trustees, appointed by the local Parish council. These Administrating Trustees seek out individuals who might benefit, although in some cases individuals approach the Trustees. There is no limit to the amount that can be spent on one individual. If you know of someone who you feel might benefit from this charity, please contact me by email clownwb@doctors.org.uk and I will put you in contact with the appropriate Administering Trustee. Similarly, please feel free to contact me if you would like to know more about the charity.

Nicholas Clowes
Chairman Wybunbury United Charities

A500 Improvement Scheme

As you may be aware, Cheshire East Council have developed a proposal to improve the A500 between Meremoor Moss Roundabout and the M6 Junction 16. The works would involve the construction of a new carriageway to the south of the existing one, to bring this last section of the road up to dual carriageway standard. The scheme would support the growth plans for Crewe that are identified in Cheshire East’s Local Plan Strategy, and facilitate the development of the proposed HS2 hub station in Crewe, as well as easing a bottle neck on the region’s road network.

We are working with our delivery partners, Ringway Jacobs, to deliver the scheme, and you may have seen surveyors working on the A500 and the surrounding land. Over the last 18 months they have been collecting information to enable us to develop the design, to assess current traffic flows, and to assess the existing environmental conditions. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your patience and co-operation during these surveys.

A planning application for the project was submitted on the Cheshire East Planning Portal. This can be found on <http://planning.cheshireeast> with the Reference Number 18/3766N.

If you have any comments on the scheme please submit them via the Cheshire East Planning Portal.

Wychwood Village Hall

Our regular weekly classes have now been recently supplemented by the addition of a Yoga Class on a Thursday evening. All the regular weekly classes are listed on our website, together with contact details for you to get in touch with the lesson provider. Please do take a look at: www.wychwoodvillagehall.co.uk

Roast on Sunday – ROS Our group have been out and about for outings in this beautiful summer weather. We had lunch in the marquee on Sunday 8th July at Ashleigh. Twenty two enjoyed a buffet lunch and our usual time for a chat over our tea or coffee!

The Wheely boat was in action for two trips on 27th June when the Group had a perfect day for our trip on the Shropshire Union Canal at Over Water Marina. The heron did a display flight and there were some water hens around. Both groups went to the cafe after their trip, we recommend their menu and service!

Anyone can visit and take a trip to Audlem village: look up 'Wheely boat Audlem ' and find out about the two boats they have at Overwater. This boat is lottery funded and run by the Royal National Lifeboat Institution and maintained by donations.

The Roast on Sunday meets every second Sunday of the month and a roast meal with fresh vegetables followed by homemade pudding costing £7 is served. For Seniors needing some company on a Sunday please book your lunch by contacting Florence 01270 582541 by the Friday before. The next lunch will be on Sunday 14th October in the Church Hall at 1pm.

Friends of All Saints (FOALS) - It has been a busy summer for FOALS and the team members.

Band concert - ' Picnic in the Garden' held in June with Winterley Brass Band playing was enjoyed, especially the traditional proms music and flag waving. We raised £1,000 for the restoration of All Saints. Thank you to all who attended.

Garden Party and Vintage Vehicles - held in July, in the middle of our glorious summer and football excitement. We managed to see it on the big screen that was set up so no one missed it. This year John Williamson booked in 49 cars and vehicles of mixed vintage and brought back fond memories for many!

We raised £1,200, again for the Church restoration. Thank you for your support.

Community Flower Festival

An exciting new event for our parish, the Community Flower Festival at Harvest Time, will take place to celebrate the special harvest season. It will be held throughout the weekend of the 5th – 7th October in All Saints Church and Church Hall.

The event will be opened by the Mayor of Cheshire East on Friday the 5th October at 10.30am. Opening times for the Church and the church9 Hall for an Exhibition of Art are:

Friday 5th October 10.30am to 4pm
Saturday 6th October 10.30am to 4pm
Sunday 7th October 12.30 pm to 4 pm

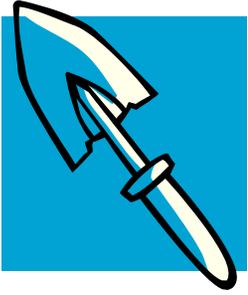
Refreshments will be available in the Church hall. Please feel free to come along, bring your friends and family, and enjoy and support this local celebration.

As part of the community flower festival, the Hough Choir of the Womens' Institute are holding an evening concert on Saturday 6th October at 7.30pm in the Church hall.

Tickets for the Concert are £8 each, and include a sample of cheese and a glass of wine.

All proceeds from the festival are in aid of the Restoration of All Saints Church (Grade II Listed Building)

For tickets, to find out more information, or if you would like to be involved please contact Florence for further details, on 01270 582541 or florence@densem.co.uk



Weston Allotment Group

A hard winter and extreme summer this year has seen a change to the growing season for everyone working hard on the allotments. The fruit season has been fantastic with an abundance of strawberries through to redcurrants, as well as great harvests of green beans and

courgettes. It will soon be time to harvest the corn (the sunny weather hopefully making them taste even sweeter!) and then the apples will be soon ready for pies and crumbles.

We have a strong membership now and only one half plot left. It is not too late to get involved if anyone wants to take this plot on and it will be free of charge for the rest of the allotment year. Any further enquiries will then go to a waiting list thus proving what a wonderful group the Allotment scheme is to be a part of.

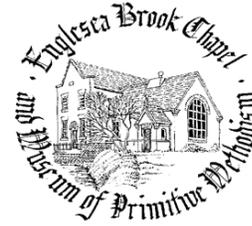
Please contact: westonallotmentgroup@hotmail.com or come along to the allotment and we will take you on a tour.

Community Cinema

We are now starting our third year of monthly afternoon cinema in the Church hall. These are on the second Thursday of each month through the Autumn to April with a start time of 2pm. The aim is to provide a relaxing afternoon with others and to enjoy some favourite well known, and maybe a few forgotten films.

There is no entry fee, however donations are welcome to cover the hall usage. Under the terms of our licence we cannot tell you what the next film will be, so come along and find out on the day.

Our next screening will be on 11th of October and is ?????? !



Jill, Margaret and Ruth, our new Heritage officer, look forward to welcoming YOU to the forthcoming events at your local museum.

In September we have a **Saturday morning talk** 'Methodists, Miners & the Minnie Pit disaster' On 12 Jan 1918 156 men and boys died in the Minnie Pit disaster at Halmer End. It took 18 months for all the men and boys to be recovered and the Chapel became a mortuary. Jill Barber looks at why so many miners were Methodists.

The September Heritage service is 'Peace & Protest in the Bible'. In October our Saturday morning talk will explore the story behind the paintings of 'W H Titcomb and the spirituality of Primitive Methodism' with particular reference to the famous Titcombe painting 'Primitive Methodists at Prayer' inspired by a trip to Cornwall. The Heritage service for this month is 'Celtic Worship'.

'Museums at Night event' **Calling all children** bring your parents & grandparents to our 'To Whit to Whoo where are you?' **Ian Jones and Tony Dickinson will present an illustrated talk about Barn Owls with a display and details of nesting boxes** on Saturday 27th October, 7pm. Light refreshments afterwards. Free event - donations welcome.

Dates for your diary

Saturday 15th Sept @ 10.30 - 11.30. Coffee from 10.00 and after the talk
Sunday 23rd Sept. @ 2.30 a Heritage service 'Peace & Protest in the Bible' do stay for coffee after the service

Saturday 13th October @ 10.30. Coffee from 10.00 and after the talk
Saturday 27th October @ 7pm. Barn owls – Museum s@ Night event.
Refreshments after the illustrated talk.

Sunday 28th October @ 2.30 a Heritage service 'Celtic Worship' do stay for coffee after the service

Do come along to any or all of our events - YOU will be most welcome.

Visit our community archive for Primitive Methodism at: www.myprimitivemethodists.org.uk

News from All Saints Church, Weston

As many of you will know our vicar, the Reverend Dr Michael Leyden, left us in early August to take up a senior post at St Melitus clergy college in Liverpool. We owe Michael and Anna very many thanks for all they have done to enhance the life of our Parish over the past four years and wish them the very best for the future.

The task to find a new vicar has begun and we ask for your prayers for all those involved in the search and selection process. However, the work of the church continues and all of our usual services will carry on as normal with the help of visiting clergy and our 'readers'. So please do join us at our regular 11:00am service each Sunday or at any of our smaller services. For something a little different, why not come along to our weekly "Parish Prayers" on Wednesday mornings at 9.05am – it is a simple, quiet 'said' service with bible readings and prayers and all are welcome.

All Saints' church will continue to be open during the daytime (except for occasions when it is being prepared for a wedding, funeral or another special event) – so please continue to drop in and help yourself to tea or coffee from the tray.

Please join us for our **Harvest Festival Service, at 11:00am on Sunday 7th October** which we hope will be an exciting occasion where all the family can offer Harvest gifts and give thanks for our lovely summer and all that God has provided for us.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME.

Our **Parish Harvest Supper** will take place on **Friday 12th October**. This will be "Ticket only" so don't forget to get yours – they will be available from me or other members of our PCC (keep an eye out for posters with more information)

Looking further ahead we are starting to plan for Christmas – all our usual events including the Crib & Carol Services will be going ahead, so look out for more news nearer the time.

We have just appointed a new part time Parish Administrator and we welcome Ms Becky Hurst who is now working on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 11am-1pm. During this time she will be available to answer the Vicarage phone (582585) and reply to any message left. She can also be contacted by email at admin@allsaintsandstmarks.com. Becky will be maintaining our website allsaintsandstmarks.com, and compiling our "Weekly Link" newsletter which continues to be available at Sunday services. This can also be emailed direct to your Inbox! If you would like to receive a copy directly please send a note to Becky on the email above.

If you would like to arrange a Wedding or Baptism or have any other questions then get in touch via admin@allsaintsandstmarks.com or feel free to contact me directly.

Robert Galloway
Churchwarden All Saints
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FRIENDSHIP LUNCH held on alternate Wednesdays in the Church Hall in Weston, starting at midday. We have soup, followed by savouries, and then tea or coffee with homemade cake, all for the amazing price of £2.50. The next lunch is 26th of September, followed by 10th and 24th of October. We call it the Friendship Lunch and would love to welcome you any time. If you would like any more information, please ring Florence on 01270 582541 or Yvonne on 01270 584612.

Weston Church Hall is available for hire at competitive rates, offering kitchen facilities. A projector, and a photocopier with printing facility are available at a competitive cost.