

## WESTON AND BASFORD PARISH COUNCIL

It is hoped to revive the Speed Watch scheme in the Parish with a view to reducing the number of vehicles exceeding the speed limit and presenting a danger to residents. Volunteers are urgently needed to make this happen and PCSO Lizzie Jolley is arranging training sessions for anyone who would like to be involved. If you could spare a little time on a regular basis PCSO Jolley would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact her at this address:

[Lizzie.Jolley@cheshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Lizzie.Jolley@cheshire.pnn.police.uk)

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May is Election Day for Cheshire East Council and Weston and Basford Parish Council. To be eligible to vote your name must appear on the Electoral Register. If you are not sure whether you are registered or wish to apply for a postal or proxy vote please contact the Cheshire East Elections office.

Notice of Election will be published shortly and will contain information both for voters and potential candidates. The Annual Parish Council meeting, when members make their Declaration of Acceptance of Office and the Council will elect its Officers for the coming year, will be held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 7.30pm in the Church Hall.

D.G. OWEN DMA  
Clerk to the Council



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# Weston & Basford Community News



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SPRING 2019

## Community Comment

We welcome everyone to 2019 and this spring edition of the newsletter. For the last couple of editions, the unseasonable weather has opened these comments and yet again it grabs the headline with the unusually warm weather that is currently with us at the tail end of February.

Much has been going on in and around our parish, with some excellent news on the appointment of a new vicar and looking back on the continued support that the Weston Christmas Lights continues to receive. Graham Witter is to be commended for his skill and dedication in organising this now annual event. We know there are lots of other commendable fundraising activities going on – both from individuals and groups, and we'd love to hear from you and publicise these efforts for good causes.

On a similar note, we're in the process of expanding the newsletter, and are hoping to hear from you with all your village news. If you've got an event, an article of local interest or a society or club to promote, please get in touch on [newsletter@weston-basford.co.uk](mailto:newsletter@weston-basford.co.uk).

We know we've got lots of local businesses in the village too, and a local directory is being compiled for the parish website, and also on NextDoor, if you're on social media. Please log on to the app or the website if you'd like to be a part of the effort to both support local enterprise and highlight our parish amenities.

Until next time, enjoy spring in Weston – please send us your pictures of the village if you're out enjoying the local area in what we hope will be fine weather.

John Densem  
john.densem@gmail.com

## Weston Village Primary School

We are welcoming the children back after their February half term holidays. I'm sure they're all well rested after a very busy first half term. Eight teachers, seven volunteers and 113 very excited key stage 2 children spent the afternoon and evening at Manchester Arena rehearsing and performing in Young Voices with thousands of other primary and secondary children.

Songs included a Moana mash-up, a Greatest Showman medley, American folk songs and a Coldplay classic. They were accompanied by an incredible band and they sang alongside some famous artists – including Sharlene Hector from Basement Jaxx and Tony Hadley, who sang Spandau Ballet classics! Our children sang the songs beautifully, performed the dance routines with style and represented our school perfectly. We had class trips to Jodrell Bank as well as a church visit. The children also took some time out to enjoy our annual film night, organised by Friends of Weston.

Looking ahead to our new term now and we have lots planned. One of our classes is taking part in a stage production of Grease along with Alsager High School. We also have the annual residential for our year 6. This is a really exciting time for them as they approach the end of their primary school journey in preparation for secondary school.

### Save the date:

Parents Evening (3.30 – 6pm) **14th March**  
Start of school book fair (here for a week) **14th March**  
Parents Evening (5 – 7.30pm) **15th March**  
Red Nose Day **18th March**  
KS2 cross country **25th March**  
Turquoise class weather workshop **28th March**  
Blue and Aqua classes performances of Robin Hood **1st April**  
Theme week **5th April**

## Roast on Sunday – ROS

Continues every second Sunday of the month (March 10<sup>th</sup>) in the Church Hall. As the nice weather approaches there are occasional trips out to either a pub or other places of interest. To make these trips we need some volunteer drivers. To help with transport for those without their own transport. If you can help in this way please get in contact with Florence Densem (582541) or by email: [florence@densem.co.uk](mailto:florence@densem.co.uk)

## F.O.A.L.S

We continue to raise funding for the modernisation and repair of All Saints Church. Save the dates for your diaries:

- A Fashion show at M& Co Fashions, Nantwich - **April 4<sup>th</sup>**  
We require models for this event. For further information contact Florence Densem: 582541 or [florence@densem.co.uk](mailto:florence@densem.co.uk)
- Brass band Concert with Winterley Brass Band - **June 29<sup>th</sup>**
- Garden Party with vintage vehicles display - **July 13<sup>th</sup>**

## Community Cinema

We have shown a wide selection of films screened on every second Thursday of the month in the Church hall.

The next will be a film of a well-known Agatha Christie story. This will be on March 14<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. Entry is free (donations welcome) – so do come along. An extra series of films is being planned for viewing on March 28<sup>th</sup> and April 25<sup>th</sup>. These will be shown at 7pm and are aimed at those who have an interest in all things related to engineering – and include steam, machinery and cars. Extra films are free to attend, and again a donation would be gratefully received. This being split with the FOALS church restoration fund and the Neighbourhood plan updates project.

## Edward Bear Club



Monday mornings during term time

@ All Saints' Church Hall, Weston

9:00am–9:30am:

Breakfast

9:30am–10:30am:

Fun and games with Edward Bear

## Wildlife watch

Some of you may have just taken part in the RSPB's annual Big Garden Birdwatch – a great way of seeing which birds visit our gardens and the perfect reason to look out for flying visitors, old and new. But now spring is here, there's even more flora and fauna to see around the village. We'd love to hear from readers who spot anything unusual around Weston and feature in the next issue's round-up.

Until then, look out for the early snowdrops giving way to the banks of daffodils; bluebells and wild garlic in the woodlands; and skylarks and house martins in the spring skies.

## Weston Cricket Club

Weston C.C. runs 2 senior sides on a Saturday in the North Staffs and South Cheshire League (Division 1 & 5), A Sunday XI in the Stone league, and 4 junior teams in the South Moorlands Junior Cricket League at Under 8, Under 10, Under 12 and Under 14 age groups during the week.



We are always looking for new members of all abilities and any age, and the Club is ECB Clubmark accredited which ensures it is run in a fair and proper manner. We are looking for sponsors for the 2019 season. The sponsor price list is below:

- Board Sponsor - £250
- Match Sponsor - £75
- Ball Sponsor - £25
- Web Sponsor - £20

If you require any further information regarding the club, sponsorship or are interested in playing for Weston in 2019, please feel free to contact any of the following:

- President & Treasurer - Alec Stockton (07519422578)
- 1st Team Captain - James Rowland (07792260118)
- 2nd Team Captain - Sam Williams (07816825502)
- 3rd Team Captain - Dean Daly (07894271400)

or email: [westoncricketclub@outlook.com](mailto:westoncricketclub@outlook.com).

Car Boots run most Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays through the summer (weather permitting) at the ground, 5am-1pm.

## Neighbourhood Plan - Latest

Hopefully you'll have now received a leaflet containing an update on our Neighbourhood Plan and the fact that we're now in the process of updating its policies.

The Neighbourhood Plan became part of the Statutory Planning Process for Weston & Basford, alongside the Cheshire East Local Plan early in 2018. We believe it's already proving its worth. It's made a significant contribution to a couple of major planning decisions within the parish – the successful appeal against Haddon for vastly increased housing on Wychwood Village and the recent refusal of traveller accommodation off Cemetery Road.

The update process will need to tie in with Cheshire East's review of part 2 of their Local Plan which is currently scheduled for examination by Central Government towards the end of the year. It's important that we proactively work together as a community on our preferred position given that the parish remains under constant pressure for new development. With future plans submitted for HS2 and the newly proposed new hub station for Crewe along with the regeneration of Crewe itself, we have little time to lose.

Our review will hopefully include a Local Green Gap, separating Weston Village from Wychwood Park and Wychwood Village. Also, a re-appraisal of the Conservation Areas in Weston Village and Englesea Brook. Exhibitions will be held during the year to enable residents and other stakeholders to express their views. We'll advise you in good time both when and where these will take place.

Keep up to date with what's happening on your Neighbourhood Plan and your parish in general by visiting our web site at: [www.weston-basford.co.uk](http://www.weston-basford.co.uk). May we take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support in supporting the plan that we all worked so hard to achieve.

John Cornell (Chair Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group)

## Wychwood Village Hall



After a wonderful Christmas period with the Village Hall as one of the focal points for festive celebrations, the hall has been particularly busy with party bookings. We have also seen the return of our regular Street Dance class and the further introduction of a Meta Fit

class, three times a week. Our Facebook page has all of the details of these and all of our regular classes.

We've also seen the hall used for a number of "community events" including a Police Surgery and a meeting of residents to discuss events with regard to Haddon Developments.

We are always looking for more volunteers and were delighted to have 8 people attend a meeting in January to look at ideas for future events and to volunteer to help run the hall. We rely totally on our local resident volunteers as we only see a very small profit from "paid-for" classes/parties (in 2018, we made a £500 profit!).

Thanks for all of your support in the coming year, please continue to make use of our fantastic facilities.

If you are interested in booking the hall, take a look at our website for booking details at:

[www.wychwoodvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.wychwoodvillagehall.co.uk)

Jeremy Edwards  
- Chairperson Wychwood Village Hall

## Local Scouting Community

The 14th SWC is now into its fifth year and all sections have been busy with a number of events for all the age groups.

The Beavers went to Chester Zoo over Christmas to visit the lanterns, the Scouts visited Laser Quest in Newcastle for their Christmas party, The Cubs have also been busy visiting the climbing centre in Audley.



The group is looking for a number of volunteers to help us grow and improve, we are looking for a Cub Leader, Assistant Leaders for each section and a group secretary, all roles are flexible with full continuous support. If your child is aged between 6-14 and might be interested in joining scouting then please log onto our website:

[www.westonandwychwoodscouts.org.uk](http://www.westonandwychwoodscouts.org.uk) for more info and to see what we do. Beavers – Mondays @ 5:30 Cubs – Mondays @ 6:30 Scouts – Tuesdays @ 6:30

### Newsletter Contributions

We aim to cover everything of interest going on in Weston and Basford – so if you've got news to share, please let us know.

Do you run a community club, have a burgeoning business based in Weston or even a hobby you'd like to share? We welcome articles and interviews from everyone in the parish. Are you fundraising? We'd love to hear about all the feats, fun days and challenges you're getting up to in honour of good causes.

Budding photographer? We'd love to include photos of our village in the newsletter, and are always looking for cover shots.

If you've got something you'd like to shout about, please get in touch on [newsletter@weston-basford.co.uk](mailto:newsletter@weston-basford.co.uk)

## News from All Saints Church, Weston

We are delighted to announce that The Reverend Rachael Griffiths will be the next Incumbent for All Saints' Weston and St Mark's Shavington subject to formalities being completed. Rachel is presently curate at St. James', Audlem so knows our area well. The date of the Induction service (Rachel's "start date") is being agreed with the Bishop's office and will be announced shortly.

Christmas seems a long time past now, but thank you to everyone who joined us for our Carol Service, Crib Service or other events – and especially to those who worked so hard decorating the church, reading the lessons, singing in the choir, serving refreshments, or any of the other things that makes our Christmas so special.

It was lovely to see so many join us for our New Year Parish Meal – this year it happened to fall on Burns Night, so we couldn't resist including Cock-a-leekie soup, Haggis and Cranachan on the menu. The 'Ode to the Haggis' was read and singing of traditional Scottish songs helped to get everyone into the party spirit. Thank you to our wonderful catering team for organising it. Our thoughts are now turning to Lent and Easter, when many special events and services are planned

**LENT LUNCHESES - Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> March, 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> April** – in All Saints Church Hall - a lunch of bread, cheese and hot drinks; no charge, but any donations to charity are gratefully received.

**MOTHERING SUNDAY - 31<sup>st</sup> March** service at All Saints at 11:00am

**PASSOVER MEAL - Maundy Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April** – at St Mark's Shavington at 7.00pm (Ticket only)

**GOOD FRIDAY – 19<sup>th</sup> April** - "At the foot of the Cross" service at St Mark's Shavington at 2:00pm

**EASTER VIGIL and BONFIRE - Saturday April 20<sup>th</sup>** at All Saints at 9:30pm

## News from All Saints Church, Weston

**EASTER SUNDAY CELEBRATION and COMMUNION** at All Saints  
11:00 am

**EVERYONE is always welcome at all our events and services.**

*Robert Galloway*

*Churchwarden, All Saints*

*(01270 584922; [robgalloway@btinternet.com](mailto:robgalloway@btinternet.com))*

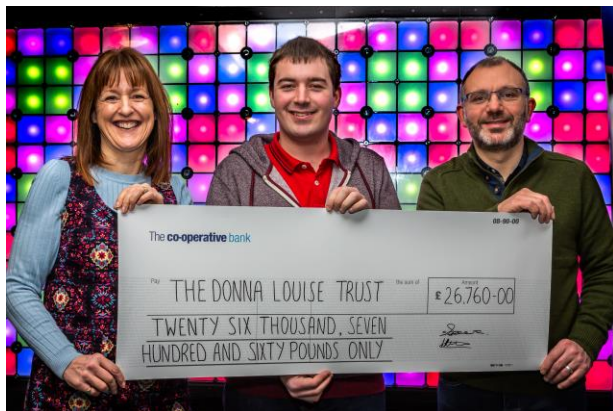
**COULD YOU SPARE AN HOUR OR SO ONCE A FORTNIGHT** to join a small team of volunteers who help to clean All Saints Church Hall and keep it smart for everyone who uses it? If you might be able to help or just would like to find out a bit more, then please get in touch with **Sue Moore (01270 587566)**.

## FRIENDSHIP LUNCH

Lunches are held on alternate Wednesdays in the Church Hall in Weston, starting at mid-day. We have between 20 and 40 diners from the village and surrounding area who come along for soup, followed by savouries, and then tea or coffee with homemade cake, all for the amazing price of £2.50.

There is also a raffle and sometimes the opportunity to buy jars of homemade jam or chutney. Next dates will be March 20<sup>th</sup>, then 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of April. 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 Christmas Lights Display



I would like to say a huge 'thank-you' to the local community for visiting the display in December and to let you know the amazing news on its festive success. It was

another pheno-menal achievement and saw more people attend during December than ever before. It was such a privilege to welcome the Weston and Basford community, amongst over 17,000 people who visited during the month. The amazing community spirit and local generosity has helped to raise the incredible sum of **£26,760.00** for the 'Donna Louise Fund'. This remarkable achievement means that since opening to the public in 2013, the light display has raised **£92,310.00**. Money raised during December will help fund a learning disability nurse for 12 months and provide two 'sign and symbol' communication workshops for the hospice staff.

This community fundraiser is a beautiful legacy to my sister, Jessica, and makes her fascination for colour, light and sound, live on in our local community. So, if you didn't manage to make a visit during 2018, I really hope you can make it this year!

Without your generous support and energy to visit the display, this record-breaking sum would not have been achieved. But my challenge now is to create another dazzling display this year and ensure the lights are brighter and more animated than ever before!

Sending cheerful wishes for a healthy 2019 - Graham

## Weston Village Playing Field

The playing field in Mere Road, Weston is owned by **Fields In Trust** and leased back to a very small group of 6 Trustees who manage it as a registered charity (1104448 Weston Village Playing Field (Cheshire)). We fought hard to get the field in the early 2000's and virtually the whole village turned up at the Crewe planning meeting to prevent houses being built on it. As time goes by people lose interest in looking after this wonderful asset and it's now down to just a few of the trustees. In the last 12 months the trustees have facilitated a number of activities to support the upkeep of the field, with the help of the Parish Council. Highlights include:

- Refurbishment of the small bouncy springers and the play surface that they sit on
- Replacement of the goal backs and having them re-painted
- Replacement of the memorial bench and having slabs laid in front of the bench to prevent the grass being worn
- Completely replacing the stile at the bottom end of the field

We are currently getting quotes to clear all the paths in the field of weeds, repair the off-road cycle track and improve the playing surface of the football pitch. Grants are always available for new equipment but so far we have not found any method for obtaining additional funds for upkeep and maintenance. The way people who use the field can help us by picking up litter instead of walking past it or reporting any problems they find. We would also like to offer the opportunity for community members to hold the position of being a responsible trustee. Please do contact us if interested.

If you are interested in helping support the field or know of ways of raising money for its upkeep please contact the trustees at [weston.basfordpc@gmail.com](mailto:weston.basfordpc@gmail.com)

## Gardeners' Corner



With spring arriving, there's lots to do outside whether in your garden or at the Weston Allotments. March is invariably the month to get busy with lots of fruit and veg planting.

Have you tried growing grapevines? With annual temperatures increasing and cool climate varieties more readily available it's now relatively simple to grow a vine without too much trouble. It makes sense to start the rooting in pots for the first few seasons, but once the root structure has been well established, with a

little attention, you should be able to get a few bunches of fruit by October. It's also time to:

- Plant Jerusalem artichoke tubers
- Chit early and main crop potatoes
- Plant onions and garlic sets
- Plant asparagus crowns
- Plant bare-root fruit trees

And if spring continues to be mild, you can think about sowing seed outdoors too. Beetroot, carrots, broad beans and peas would make for a warming autumn soup!

Visit the Weston Allotment group Facebook page or email [westonallotmentgroup@hotmail.com](mailto:westonallotmentgroup@hotmail.com).

Do you love your garden or plot? Tell us what you're doing for our summer edition.

## Englesea Brook Chapel

### Grand Opening of 'Outside the Box': New Open Museum Store

2:30 pm Englesea Brook Chapel & Museum Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April

After 4 years in the planning, we are delighted to announce the opening of our new Open Museum Store, which will give public access to our unique collection of over 5,000 artefacts. With specially designed display cases, drawers to open, light boxes to see stained glass panels and magic lantern slides and hanging space for our unique collection of banners.



The Open Museum Store will be opened by the Mayor of Cheshire East, with representatives from other funders The Methodist Church in Britain, Methodist Insurance and All Churches Trust. Tours of the new Store for small groups will be offered throughout the afternoon, with tea, coffee and cakes in the Cottage. Do come and join us and help celebrate this exciting new development!

## Wychwood Book Group

If you love a good story, the book club meets on the first Tuesday of every month. Our next meeting is on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Search Wychwood Book Group on Facebook or email Carolyn at [carolyncorden@gmail.com](mailto:carolyncorden@gmail.com) for times, venues and details.