



Community News

November 2023



Dear Residents,

Welcome to our latest edition of the Community News.

Once again as we approach the winter season, and having endured the almost continuous downpours, we are now enjoying the spectacle of a late autumn and the splendid colours as the trees shed their leaves, together with some unseasonably warm weather.

The joining of Weston & Basford with Crewe Green parish to form the combined new parish of Weston & Crewe Green as one entity has now settled and the new parish council is working, along with all the regular activities, to enhance and tidy the parish.

The recent, and ongoing clearing of various footpaths in the parish is making it much safer for us all. There is a lot to be attended to in the coming months. Thank you to all our volunteers who help in the tidying and clearing of our parish.

Thank you to all who have contributed articles and information for this edition and to the team who compile and ultimately deliver this to you. Some have information about future events and others provide a summary of activities that have taken place.

Now wishing you all a happy festive season and New Year.

John Densem

Got a story? Talk to Us!

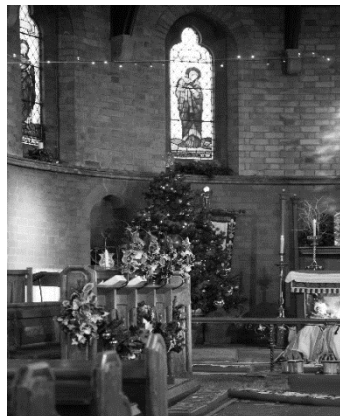
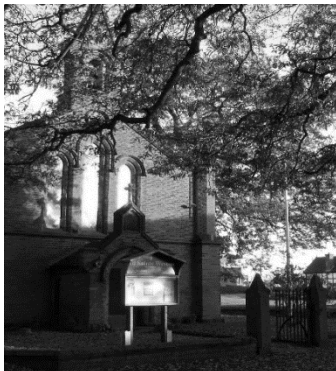
We want to hear from you with all your village news. If you've got an event, an article of local interest or a society or club to highlight, or photographs you've taken out and about in the community, please get in touch by emailing:

All Saints' Church Update

Autumn 2023

I wonder if you have noticed the sound of the church bell ringing just before 11am on Sunday mornings? It was with great joy that we were able to ring it again for the first time in several years at our Harvest Festival service in October following the completion of repairs to the bellcote. The repairs were undertaken by Dominic Barber, grandson of another builder in the village Tony Parker who is sadly no longer with us, but who was a faithful and dedicated member of our church family for many years. Tony was the last person to ring the bell before it became unsafe to do so, and his wife Cynthia rang it in his memory at our harvest festival service. We are grateful to Dominic and his team for undertaking the structural repairs for us, and for the many people who raised the funds needed for the repairs to be carried out. This includes the contribution made by FOALS (Friends of All Saints') who have, over many years, organised events to raise the funds for the church. We hope that when you hear the church bell, you will know that you are always welcome to worship with us. To this end, may I also warmly invite you to celebrate Christmas with us at one of our special services during December. We look forward to welcoming you.

Rev Rachael Griffiths



Weston Church Hall

The Autumn/Winter Seasons signal the recommencement of the main activities within the Hall.

The Monday morning Edward Bear sessions, bring children together again for fun and light refreshments.

Monday and Tuesday evenings see the re-start of the Scouts Group meetings.

The Wednesday Community Café continues, and its menu has been amended in line with the change of season, now offering home-made soup, jacket potatoes and toasties. The various delicious home baked cakes remain plentiful alongside the usual sandwiches and daily specials.

A new Yoga Group is now running on Wednesday evenings, and the Parish Council Meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month. The Indoor Bowlers meet every Friday evening throughout the winter months.

The Hall remains available to hire for events such as Children's and Adult's Parties, Receptions following Christenings and Funerals, General and Local Elections, Fitness Classes and General Meetings, along with most other types of gathering.

For more information on any of the above Events, to book or enquire about Church Hall Hire Costs, please contact Julia Cox on 01270 587076

Award Winning Community Café

Yes, we've won an award! We've won a 'Safeguarding and Dignity award' in the volunteer's category of the Cheshire East Safeguarding Adults awards.

Members of the Safeguarding Board were really impressed by all our volunteers, and they will be presenting us with a certificate at an event in Holmes Chapel on the 23rd of November. CONGRATULATIONS to you all and thank you so much for all your hard work. You are now officially an award-winning team!

F.O.A.LS

FOALS (Friends Of All Saints) has had a very successful summer of organising events and raising much needed funding for the ongoing repairs to the Church in Weston.

As you will have seen and read, the bellcote on top of the church has been completely rebuilt and is now structurally secure. The bell can now be rung!!

Other structural work to the building was also undertaken. All this could not have been done without the very generous support of everyone – Thank you.

Not a 'but,' more a, however. - The exterior repairs are only part of the need. The interior is now the focus of attention with a heating upgrade and interior decoration proving essential.

To help this interior work proceed FOALS has been busy during the summer months with a Garden party and vehicle display, which despite the weather (it rained a bit!) was extremely well attended and supported to produce a very large financial contribution – Thank you.

This was followed in September by a very much delayed Brass Band concert, which again exceeded all expectations (it only drizzled a bit) and again provided a large contribution to the funds, Thank you again.

Finally for the year, what has become like the other two events an annual diary event, was the quiz in the Church Hall – again a lot of hard work that was enjoyable and worthwhile.

Thank you to all who helped or participated in these events.

We are aiming to run these events again next year as well as some additional ones.

Allotment news

PLOTS AVAILABLE FOR 2024

We are now in that time of year where the allotment is looking a bit bare. However, on closer inspection sprouts, parsnips, kale and several other crops can be seen. Members are now tidying and covering beds with sheeting, cardboard and a thick layer of manure ready for whatever winter throws at us.

A couple of members have decided to reduce plot size next year resulting in some availability.

If you are interested in going on the small waiting list then please email westonallotmentgroup@hotmail.com

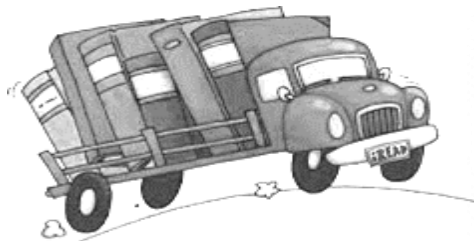
Mobile Library

If you are running out of books to read, now is the time to try the mobile library. There is an excellent selection of books, both fiction and non-fiction, and a large print section.

The library van comes to Mere Road in Weston (10-10.25am) then onto Holly Mount, Basford (10.35-11am) every three weeks, on a Wednesday. The next visits will be Wednesday 6th December and Wednesday 27th December.

To see other stops and dates then visit:

www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/libraries/nearest-library



Apples and Pears

Long lost varieties of apples (and pears) might be waiting to be discovered or re-discovered in the remnants of our old farm orchards and in cottage gardens.

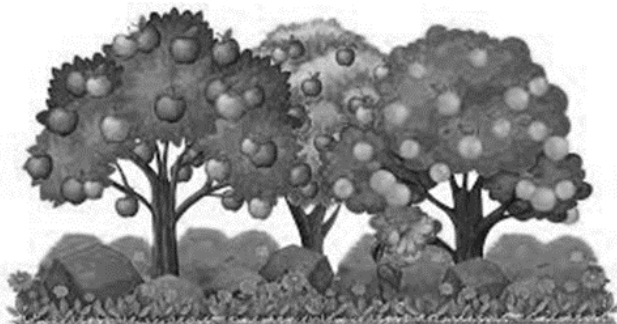
In Victorian times there was a profusion of cultivars available, Fresh fruit was prized as a healthy dessert after dinner and the expansion of the railways and the industrial revolution meant that fruit was readily available to all.

Before about 1800, apple and pear cultivation had evolved haphazardly. Some really good cultivars, arising from chance seedlings might be propagated in just a few villages. They would suit the local soil and climate and would be reproduced by grafting and spread amongst the local farm orchards.

The old Ordnance Survey maps show most farms had an orchard, for dessert apples, cooking apples and of course cider (and perry). These old farm orchards are disappearing fast, lost to development and new farming practices, but there might still be remnants remaining. Individual old trees can be located, identified and if found to be rare they can be propagated and saved.

Britain is the only country that separates apples into Cookers (culinary) and Eaters (dessert) apples, France and America don't distinguish and regard all apples as 'dual purpose', some sweet and some sharp!

Anyone who knows of an ancient fruit tree, with a lost or hazy provenance can contact me at staffsheritagefruittrees.co.uk.



Wychwood Village Hall

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27	28	29	30			
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Times for each class and contact details can also be found on the website.

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To book Wychwood Village Hall on a casual basis please go to the website and fill in the online form - www.wychwoodvillagehall.co.uk

For regular bookings please email at:
wychwoodvillagehall@hotmail.co.uk



White Lion Bowling Club, Weston.

As our outdoor season draws to an end, we can reflect on the years progress.

2023 has been a very successful one on the playing front. Our friendly matches team have once again been very successful, winning some 90% of the games played, which is some result when you consider the teams we play against. In many ways this is due to some of our newer members testing their skills on the friendly scene, my grateful thanks go out to them and long may it continue. On the competition front we are each year invited to join some 8 other local teams in taking part in two challenge events. 'The Trentham Trophy' held in April each year, followed by 'The Crown Stone Challenge' played in September. This season I am proud to say we managed to win BOTH. A feat which had not been achieved during the life of the tournaments. So, our congratulations go out to team members Barbara Goodwin, Alison Davies, Mandy Glover, Phil Jones and Mike Blackemore.

Our social side was complimented by 'Our Shire Oaks' day. This is a full day out played each year at a different venue and commemorates the memory of Reg and Mrs Spencer who were among those who helped form our club at its very beginning. This year the bowls was played on Adderley BC green, followed later by a really good meal at the Lord Combermere at Burleydam. I think I can safely say we all had a really good time.

To round off 2023, we will be holding our End of Season Prize Presentation Dinner to be held at the 'White Lion' on Friday 1st December at 7pm

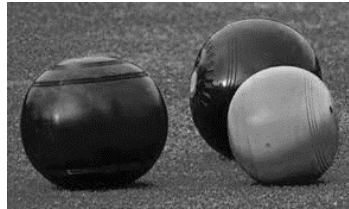


Going forward we look toward the new season with optimism and a real hope we can, as a result of the new development in the village, secure some more new members. So, if you read this and have an interest in a friendly bowling club 'on your doorstep', please contact us through our secretary Peter Easman on 01270 586987. Or myself (number below)

Join our Indoor Bowling every Friday evening from October commencing at 7pm in the Church Hall, Weston. We will provide all the teaching and equipment you will need.

Mike Blackemore

Fixture Secretary 07970934129



The White Lion at Weston

Join us for our Christmas market on Sunday 17th December 12pm until 5pm. We have various stalls attending with crafts, baked goods, candles, sweets etc.

We will have the outside bar, grill and trailer open selling mulled wine/cider, hot drinks, soft drinks and yorkie wraps.

Santa and his reindeer will be here on the day too.



Just for fun....

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1. He told me a lie, now his nose has grown.
2. He can't fly, can he?
3. The boy who would never grow up.
4. I will have three wishes thank you.
5. The brave Indian girl.
6. To infinity and beyond.
7. Lots to see on the motorway.
8. An ice lolly is definitely one.
9. Oh deer oh deer.
10. We don't talk about Bruno.
11. A little lost fish.
12. Usain knows the dog is fast.



Use the unused letters to make a film series, clue, a sparrow knows his way around the islands, aarrggghh!

Resident's Voice: Crewe Local Policing Unit

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.

To take part in the survey please go to:

<https://www.cheshire.police.uk/residentsvoicecrewe>

If you go to the Your Area section of this site and put your postcode in you'll be able to find out which area you live in and who your local PC and PCSO are.

When you take the survey, we will ask you which Community Area you live in so please check on the map on the above link before completing the survey. (Please note that the map is the Community Area and not the Parish/Council boundary).



Christmas Bin Collections

The changes to collections over the festive season will only affect those households that have their recycling or black bin collections on a Monday or a Tuesday.

There will be no recycling or black bin collections on **Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.**

- If your black bin was due for collection on **Monday 25 December**, it will now be collected on **Thursday 21 December.**
- If your silver bin was due for collection on **Monday 25 December**, it will now be collected on **Wednesday 20 December.**
- If your black bin was due for collection on **Tuesday 26 December**, it will now be collected on **Wednesday 27 December.**
- If your silver bin was due for collection on **Tuesday 26 December**, it will now be collected on **Thursday 28 December.**
- If your black bin was due for collection on **Monday 1 January**, it will now be collected on **Tuesday 2 January.**
- If your silver bin was due for collection on **Monday 1 January**, it will now be collected on **Wednesday 3 January.**

Please ensure your bin is out for 6.30am on all collection days.

Our local household waste and recycling centres will remain open over the festive season with the exception of Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

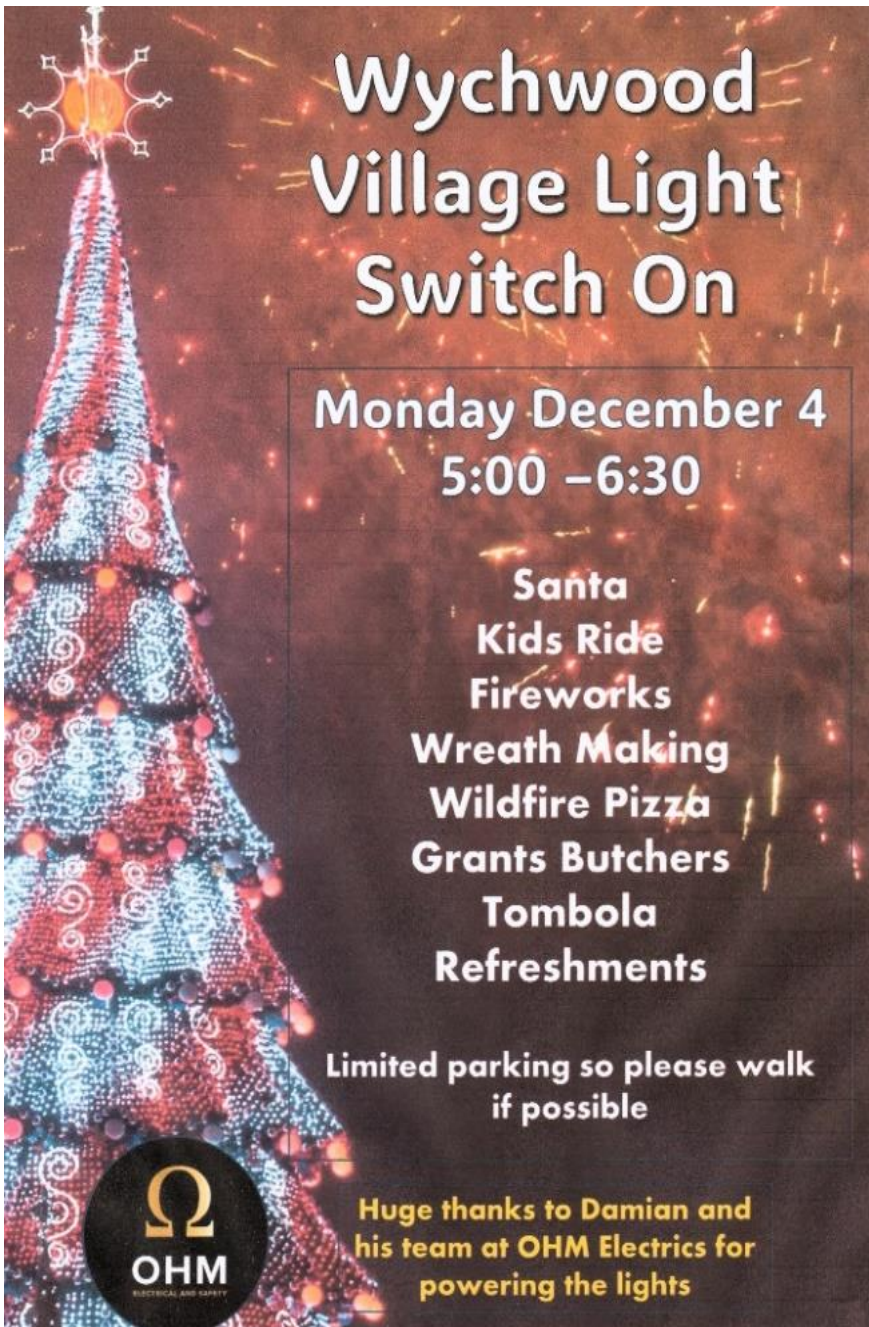
More information on Christmas and New Year bin collections can be found on the waste and recycling pages of the Cheshire East Council website www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/recycling

Keep up to date with what bin goes out on which day for your property with the 'Waste Watchers App'.
(Available on Google Play)

Waste Watchers provides all the information you may need about your bins, recycling and waste for the areas covered by the Cheshire East Council. Find information on when your bin day is, how to recycle or sort your waste, becoming a waste reduction volunteer and more right at your fingertips!

**Waste
Watchers**





Wychwood Village Light Switch On

Monday December 4
5:00 – 6:30

Santa
Kids Ride
Fireworks
Wreath Making
Wildfire Pizza
Grants Butchers
Tombola
Refreshments

Limited parking so please walk
if possible



Huge thanks to Damian and
his team at OHM Electrics for
powering the lights

Celebrate Christmas With Us

All Saints' Weston

Sunday 10th December 11am Christingle Service
Sunday 17th December 5pm Carols by Candlelight
Christmas Eve 3.30pm Crib Service
Christmas Eve 11.30pm Midnight Holy Communion
New Year's Eve 10am Holy Communion

St Mark's Shavington

Sunday 3rd December 9.30am Christingle Service
Sunday 17th December 3pm Carol Service
Christmas Eve 5pm Crib Service
Christmas Day 10am Holy Communion



Wordsearch answers:

1.Pinocchio 2.Dumbo 3.Peter Pan 4.Aladdin 5.Pocahontas
6.Toy Story 7.Cars 8.Frozen 9.Bambi 10.Encanto
11.Finding Nemo 12.Bolt

Left over letters answer is 'Pirates of the Caribbean.'

Wishing all our readers a Merry Christmas & a
Happy New Year

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