



Weston & Crewe Green
Community
News
Winter 2025



Dear Residents,

As we enter the final season of the year, we can look back on the previous month's activities and achievements.

The successful village fete day on the revamped playing field with the new play equipment provided a chance for all to see the new play areas.

Following that event, in August the annual Garden Party and vehicle display followed by an evening of 'swing style' music, all of which proved a big success.

These and other events are well supported and without the dedicated groups of people who organise them, the whole community would be poorer.

The major refurbishment of All Saints Church, in Weston has now been completed after many years of both fundraising and decisions. The result is a lighter and warmer church, for use by all.

Another change after many years; The Church Organist, Mrs Irene Webb will be retiring at Christmas. She has been a fundamental part of the Church and without whom the services would have been poorer. Thank you.

With continued growth and expansion of the parish with the larger housing developments, there are opportunities for all to be inclusive in community life and to further enhance and enjoy the well-established community spirit.

To close with seasonal greeting and best wishes for the new year.

Regards

John Densem

Chairman of the Parish Council

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 when out and about in the community.

Please get in touch by emailing:

westonandbasfordcommunitynews@gmail.com

WESTON & CREWE GREEN NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

In the summer edition of Community News, I reported that before the Neighbourhood Plan could be formally submitted to Cheshire East for Independent Examination, the regulations require a 6-week consultation period known as Regulation 14. This ran until 12 September.

All comments have now been taken on board, including those of Cheshire East and outside statutory bodies.

I can advise you that nothing has been received, including from yourselves, which will substantially alter the content of the Draft Plan. This can be viewed on the Parish Council web site www.westonandcrewegreen-pc.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan/.

By the time you read this article the Parish Council's final draft will have been formally submitted to Cheshire East Council under Regulation 15 along with the associated documents.

This will in effect transfer the ownership of the Plan from the Parish Council to Cheshire East (the Local Planning Authority).

Cheshire East will publicise the plan under Regulation 16 for further consultation before an independent examination is held.

The independent inspector will review the plan to ensure compliance and assess whether a referendum will be required before the Plan is adopted by Cheshire East

We'll keep you posted as to the outcome.

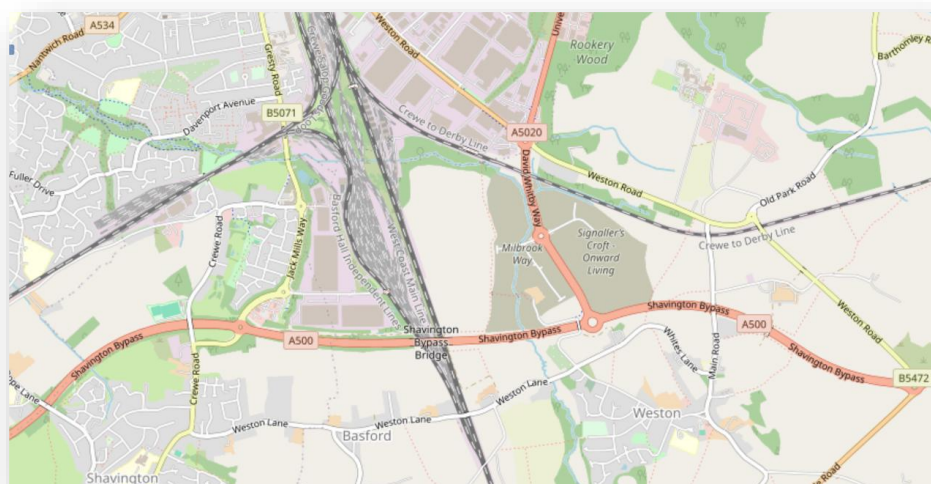
John Cornell

Chair Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

New School at Basford East

Members of the Parish Council attended a public drop-in session at All Saints' Church Hall on 6th November which was part of the public consultation on the New School for Basford East.

The proposal to progress a scheme for a new Primary School in Basford East, Crewe has been given the green light following approval at Cheshire East Council's children and families committee, with a proposed opening date of September 2028 (subject to statutory approvals).



Located within the Basford East development, the new school will provide 210 primary places, alongside a 30-place nursery, helping to meet growing demand in the area. It is anticipated that the new school will initially open with 30 Reception places and then increase year on year.

The building design will be a 1FE (210 pupils) DfE standard design format with infrastructure built to enable the expansion to 2FE (420 pupils in total) in the future. This will include the hall, kitchen, and staff facilities for a 2 Form of Entry (420 pupils) standard design.

The new school will be subject to statutory approvals including the Department for Education and Planning Permission.

Wychwood Village Hall

It sometimes comes time for people to move on with their lives, and this time has come for two of our stalwarts in Selina and Rennie who are leaving us and our community shortly for a new area and new home. The village Hall community would like to wish them good fortune and all the best, as well as thanking them for their service as key members of our community. They have both served with great distinction and we will miss them both, however their efforts will be continued as we strive to improve our services even further.

Wychwood Village Hall offers a wide range of regular classes and activities for adults and children. The hall is and has been for some time a popular venue for parties and is also used by groups for meetings and outreach activities.

The hall offers free Wi-Fi, free parking, a large open space for your chosen activity, chairs, tables as well as a kitchen and bar area that can be utilised as you like. The hall easily accommodates inflatables such as bouncy castles, soft play, DJ, Bands as well as many other activities. For details of activities costs and times we now have the new Village Hall Notice board which can be found by the front fence of the hall by the Parish Councils notice board.

You can arrange to hire the hall by going to www.wychwoodvillagehall.co.uk then check the up-to-date booking calendar and fill out the online booking form. Then submit your booking request. The casual booking rate is £27 per hour with a discount for regular bookings, you can contact the hall for further information.

A Christmas Carol



by Charles Dickens.

Performed by Elizabeth Morris.

7pm-8.30pm, Friday 12th December

Tickets £8 each, £3 for students, under 14s free.

Seasonal refreshments included.

Pay at the door. Parking available. Seating is limited so please email or phone to book tickets: learning@engleseabrook.org.uk/01270 820836

Englesea Brook Chapel and
Museum, Englesea Brook
Lane, CW2 5QW



A VICTORIAN FAMILY CHRISTMAS

Saturday 13th December, 2-4pm

Enjoy a Victorian Family Christmas experience in our beautifully atmospheric Primitive Methodist Chapel.

- ◆ Christmas Carols ◆
- ◆ Christmas Crafting ◆
- ◆ Victorian Refreshments ◆
- ◆ Storytelling ◆

Pay on the door: Over 14s
£2; under 14s £1; under 5s
free. Parking available.



Google Maps



Englesea
Brook
Chapel &
Museum

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ENGLESEA BROOK CHAPEL AND MUSEUM

INVITE YOU TO A

CAROL SERVICE

3PM SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2025

A service of carols, readings and sketches in the beautiful and atmospheric setting of the Englesea Brook Chapel, to be followed by seasonal refreshments.

Free entry, parking available



Scan to find us
on Google Maps





Allotment news

Autumn 2025



There are still a few crops to be harvested, parsnips seem to taste better after frost, but we have had a few already. Sprouts are doing well and have resisted the caterpillars who are still about due to the good weather of early Autumn. You can plant broad beans now, they will be an early crop next year along with onions, who are now showing green shoots (don't let the birds at them, they will enjoy a nice green snack)

If you are interested in a plot, then drop us an email or call along to the allotments for a chat

westonallotmentgroup@hotmail.com

Happy growing!

Mobile Library

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:

December 10th & 31st, January 21st, February 11th

To see other stops and dates then visit:

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



ALL SAINTS' CHURCH HALL

Our spacious and well-equipped Church Hall is available for hire. Situated right in the centre of Weston Village with its own car park and disabled access. The Hall is fully equipped with kitchen, tables and chairs, and toilets, and is a very good place for one-off events such as parties and long-standing bookings for regular activities.

All users have access to our full range of facilities which include:

- Spacious main Hall
- Wheelchair friendly
- Chairs and tables
- Kitchen with electric cooker and fridge
- Mugs & Crockery
- Toilets (*male, female and disabled*)
- Wi-Fi (*upgraded this year*)
- Range of Board games
- Gas central heating and hot water
- Electric Organ
- CD Player & Radio
- Computer Projector

For more information, including the most up to date hire costs, please contact Mrs Julia Cox on 01270 587 076.

Regular weekly bookings are:

Mondays 9am-10.30am Edward Bear Club for pre-schoolers

Mondays 5.30pm-8.30pm Squirrels, Beavers and Cubs

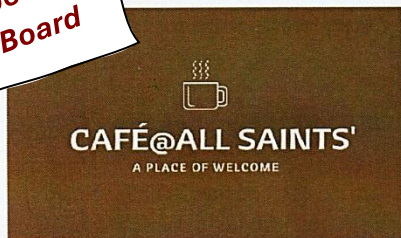
Tuesdays 6.30pm-8.30pm Scouts

Wednesdays 9am-3pm Cafe @ All Saints'

Second Thursday of the month: Parish Council, 7.30pm-9.30pm

Would anyone be interested in bringing back the 'Indoor Bowling Club'? We'd love the club to start up again on a Friday evening. Please contact us if you're interested.

**Weekly
Specials
Board**



**Open Weds 9.00am - 3.00pm
Last orders 2.30pm**

Menu

**PLEASE NOTIFY YOUR SERVER IF
YOU HAVE ANY FOOD ALLERGIES**

To Drink

<u>Coffee selection</u>	<u>Small</u>	<u>Large</u>
Latte	£2.50	£3.00
Cappuccino	£2.50	£3.00
Americano	£2.50	£3.00
Espresso Double	£2.50	
Mocha	£2.50	£3.00
Flat White	£2.50	£3.00
Hot Chocolate	£2.50	£3.00
Hot Choc with cream & marshmallows	£3.00	£3.50
Decaffeinated	£2.50	£3.00

Tea (per person)

English Breakfast (pot)	£1.50
Speciality teas (pot)	£2.00

Soft drinks

Cans / Fruit Shoot / Fruit Juice	£1.00
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To Eat

Traybakes / loaf cake	£2.00
Cakes	£2.50
Scone with butter & jam	£2.50
Toasted Tea cake with butter & jam	£1.50
Toast or crumpets with butter & jam	£1.50
Sandwiches/toasted sandwiches with salad & crisps	£3.50
Homemade soup & roll	£3.00
Soup & sandwich	£3.50
Jacket potato with fillings & salad	£3.50
Beans on toast	£2.00
Children's lunch bag	£2.50



**Fairtrade ingredients are
used wherever possible**

We take payment by cash or card - just let one of our servers know when you have finished

"Sharing the love of Jesus with all"

Please note that the last café before Christmas will be Wednesday 17th December and will re-open on Wednesday 7th January 2026

ALL SAINTS CHURCH UPDATE

Thanks to everyone who continued to support church services in the Hall whilst our church was closed for the long-awaited refurbishment - the first major work done on the interior for at least 40 years!

Our good news is that the church reopened on 1st November (appropriately All Saints' Day) and it is now much brighter, warmer and even more welcoming!

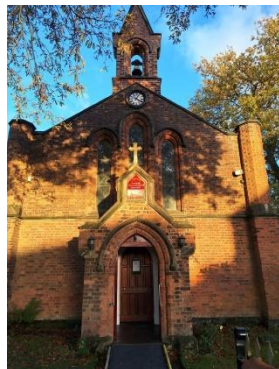
The works have included:

- A new modern (& “green”) Air:Air heat pump heating system (the church now feels warm after 30 minutes – we had to start the old gas boiler at least 7 hours before services)
- Removal of the ancient large heating pipes
- Insulation and repainting of the ceiling
- Repairs to the broken plaster and complete redecoration of the interior
- Cleaning of the visible brickwork around the chancel
- Cleaning of the Lord’s Prayer, Creed & 10 Commandment boards
- Sanding and re-varnishing of the floor and pews
- A new exterior clock – filling the ‘roundel’ below the bellcote that has been empty for as long as most people can remember

Huge thanks are due to everyone who has contributed to our fund-raising appeals and FOALS events over recent years and to all those who offered literally hundreds of hours of volunteer ‘DIY’ work – we are **extremely** grateful.



If you haven't already seen inside, then please do call in. The building is now open again every day during daylight hours for private prayer or just a little peace and quiet (with tea or coffee that you can help yourselves to) – or even better join us for any of our services The Carol Service by Candlelight on Sunday 14th December, Crib Service on Christmas Eve (especially for children and families) and the Midnight first Communion of Christmas are particularly special events.



Robert Galloway

ORGANIST(S) NEEDED

Irene Webb has been our church organist at All Saints for longer than most residents of Weston can remember – we are immensely grateful for her support for so long, but she has now definitely decided that she would like to retire at the end of this year so we desperately need someone who might be able to play our wonderful organ to accompany our hymn singing at church services.

Would you like to have a go a playing a traditional pipe organ?

Whilst we'd love a fully experienced organist, anyone capable of playing a piano or keyboard is welcome to come along and have a go.

This is a rare chance to be able to practice on a traditional pipe organ – it's a lovely instrument made by W.E. Richardson & sons and installed in 1906 and maintained to a high standard by a local organ tuner.



If you'd like to have a try, just get in touch with Sue Moore (our churchwarden): 01270 587566 ; suzan.moore@tiscali.co.uk

Edward Bear Club at All Saints Church Hall

Join us every Monday in term time, 9.00–10.30 am, for Edward Bear Club at All Saints Church Hall. This friendly, welcoming group is for babies and toddlers aged 0–4 years, along with their parents, grandparents, or carers. Entry is just £1 per family. We begin with a hot drink and toast for everyone while the children explore and play with a wide range of toys. The session then moves into lively singing and dancing, a shared story, and a simple, well-liked craft. After a fun round of “What’s in the Bag?”, we bring out the parachute before saying our goodbyes.

There is no need to book. Simply come along to the church hall. If you would like more information, please email CFW@allsaintsandstmarks.com.

Weston Village Playing Field

Mere Rd, Weston

It's been great to see all the activity on the playground over the past few months. It's certainly been a success and it's good to hear people now talking about the park rather than just the field.

Following the success of the Village Fete back in May the Trustees have been looking at mobility kissing gates to provide an accessible entrance to the playing field. We have selected the Woodstock large mobility kissing gate which would fit in place of the existing kissing gate. This functions in two modes, as a normal kissing gate or a mobility vehicle accessible entrance via a radar key. We didn't manage to get all the funding to purchase it, and we are currently looking at how to make up the balance.



Woodstock large mobility kissing gate

In addition to the Annual inspection of the field carried out by an independent inspector, the Trustees carry out weekly inspections. On a recent inspection we found one of the U-bolts that holds the spring down on the helicopter springie had broken. We removed the springie from the field and sourced and replaced all 6 U-bolts. While it was out of action a good neighbour refurbished the spring, Thank you.



Helicopter Springie

Cheshire East have done a good job this year in keeping the grass and hedges cut on a regular basis and neighbours backing onto the field have also worked on improvements. The field is looking really good now but there is always work to be done if anyone wants to help out.

Just for fun!
All related to Christmas

E	P	A	N	E	T	T	O	N	E
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A	O	E	A	Y	L	I	E	N	G
Y	F	V	E	P	D	K	E	R	A
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N	E	N	F	I	G	G	Y	R	B
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1. Slade wanted it to be Christmas, but how often?
2. A Russian three horse sleigh.
3. The traditional Christmas bird eaten in the Middle Ages.
4. How many pipers piping?
5. The song 'I'm dreaming of a White Christmas' was from what film.
6. An Italian sweet bread, or cake, very nice.
7. 'Walking in the air' is a song from what film.
8. Will Ferrell played this excited green character. How many can you find?
9. A Christmas_____, by Charles Dickens.
10. We won't go until we get some, but what type of pudding?



Vacancies on the Parish Council

Weston and Crewe Green Parish Council needs three new team members to cover Wychwood Village ; if you think you would like to join the Parish Council and support the area, and are over 18 years of age contact the Clerk by email at clerk@westonandcrewegreen-pc.gov.uk

How much time does it take up?

Quite often Councillors say that their duties occupy them for about an hour a week. Obviously, there are some Councillors who spend more time than this - and some less, but in the main, being a Parish Councillor is an enjoyable way of contributing to your community and helping to make it a better place to live and work.

As a Councillor representing your community, ideally living within the ward area that you would like to represent, you will help keep it a great place to live and work. You will be supported in your role and training will be provided. You should have a positive outlook and a can-do attitude and be willing to work as part of a team. If, after reading this notice you are interested in applying, please contact the Clerk to the Council using the above details.

For up-to-date information, agendas and minutes for *your* Weston & Crewe Green Parish Council please visit:

www.westonandcrewegreen-pc.gov.uk



All Saints Church

30th November
Christingle 11am.

14th December
Service of lessons and
carols 5pm

24th December
Crib service 3pm
Holy Communion
11.30pm

FOALS

(Friends Of All Saints)

Foals have continued to organise and raise funds for the church refurbishment in Weston.

The results of all this activity have enabled the refurbishment of the church to be undertaken during the last few months.

Thank you to all who help and support these events.

The most recent event has been the annual quiz evening in November, which certainly does test the memory of all there!

We will be losing two members the Foals team in the next few months as they are leaving the parish, they will be greatly missed, both for their input to the team and perhaps more importantly their cheerful humour when things have been hard. Thank you.

Great fun

No auditions

Vocal Workout

Weekly Rehearsals

Regular Performances



Come and sing with us!

@micwireuk

micwire@outlook.com

Just £5 otd
Wednesdays
in Weston
7.30-9pm
Term Time



14th SWC Scouts Christmas Fair

Sunday, 14th December at Betley Village Hall
from 11am - 3pm

Delicious festive food & drinks

Meet Santa

Have your face painted

See if you can win on our Raffle & Tombola too

Plus stalls from local sellers:

Lasermaze 3D printing

Everlasting Blooms Christmas floral displays

Kayes Cakes & Bakes irresistible treats

Entry £5 – adults go free!

Cash and card accepted. Entry fee does not include food



ANSWERS TO THE WORDSEARCH:

1. Every day
2. Troika
3. Goose
4. Eleven
5. Holiday Inn
6. Panettone
7. The Snowman
8. Elf (There are five of them in the quiz)
9. Carol
10. Figgy