

# TATTENHALL HANDLEY & BURWARDSLEY PARISH NEWS August 2021



St Alban's Fete



Saturday 31st July

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BBQ

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*Find notices and news from the Three Churches from page 13<sub>1</sub>*

## **The Loss Café**



Are you struggling with grief caused by the loss  
of a loved one or pet?  
Has the lockdown separated you from those close to your heart?  
Has the lockdown brought a sense of loss and stress?

### **Don't be Alone!**

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OUR NEXT MEETING IS ON FRIDAY 30TH JULY

Our August speaker will talk about "Mental Wellbeing"

**Venue:** you can find us at the rear of St Albans Church  
in the Community Hall (The Vault)

**When:** Last Friday of each month 10am – 11:30am  
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## **MAKING IT LOOK EASY.....JEAN GRIFFITHS writes**

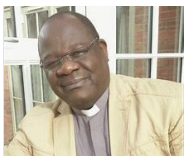
It is a privilege to be a Deputy Church Warden and a member of the Parochial Church Council which also means I am a member of the Standing Committee too! I help with lots of different Church jobs and don't mind standing in for people when they can't make it.

I am also personally responsible for several other jobs. Things have been different during the pandemic but when regular Services are held I produce rotas which ensure we have Sidesmen, Lesson Readers and someone to lead prayers every week. I keep the box of readings in good order and distribute the appropriate lesson to the designated Reader. I remind the people on the rotas of their obligation and make sure everything is available, including the elements, for George, Church Warden, to prepare the altar for Communion. I clear it away after the Service

Since the introduction of the new Family Service which includes favourite hymns from the Congregation every month, I find I am going about asking people for their choices. Once given I look up the music, consult Fr Lameck and play the piano during the Service. Oh yes I mustn't forget the Coffee servers rota – I do that rota as well.

It's flurry of activity for a while making sure all is in order for the following week but I still have time for a coffee and natter with folk before returning home but not till I have checked the tea, coffee and biscuit levels!!

It is busy but very worthwhile! If you would like to volunteer for a job, please get in touch with me or Jane Richards



## Greetings From Father Lameck

### *An Invitation to The Tattenhall and Zimbabwe National Anglican North West Fellowship Fundraising Festival*

In Mark 12:30-31, Jesus said, 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these. But in a world full of need, it can feel like an overwhelming call. Many of us, if we are to be honest, we struggle to follow Jesus' call to love our neighbours as much as we love ourselves.

- What if my neighbour is someone I disagree with?
- What if my neighbour is different to me?
- What if my neighbour is antagonistic towards me?

All these worries are taken care of by God, for He is grace-filled and compassionate as we learn the lesson of how to love others again and again. Thankfully God gives us His word, which encourages and gives us powerful and practical lessons about how to love our neighbour.



Our next community event is one in which the above scripture is being fulfilled by our brothers and sisters in Christ from the Zimbabwe National Anglican Fellowship (UK) who are coming to have fun and raise funds for

our church.

On 28<sup>th</sup> August, the Zimbabwe National Anglican Fellowship in the North West, together with Tattenhall Church, is hosting the above event and all are welcome. After the devastating financial effects left behind by Covid-19 on many

of our churches, the two are coming together in what we call; **"Unlocking the Lockdown"** by raising much needed funds for the life of Tattenhall Church.



### Programme Outline

- |          |   |
|----------|---|
| 11 am    | Choral Communion Service<br>In church     |
| 12.30pm- | Official opening of the<br>Festival event |

### The Day's Activities

Barbecue, raffle prizes, auction, children's games, top 5 African cuisine, Cheshire ice cream, barrel of booze, choral music and Zimbabwe Music Extravaganza.

It is one thing to have faith but the Bible tells us that, "faith without deeds is dead". Let us all come and have fun but at the same time raising much needed funds for our community church.

Please come and hear the African Drums and choral music. See *you in the Rectory Garden!!*



Photos from previous events



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# 'Unlocking the Lockdown'

with Zimbabwe National Anglican Fellowship (UK) and Tattenhall Church



Join us on Saturday 28th August to enjoy a day of fun and African music.

**Everyone is welcome!**

**11am** Choral Communication Service in Church  
**12:30 pm** Official opening of the Festival Event

African drums, BBQ, games, raffle, African cuisine and choral music.



**This is an occasion not to be missed!**

All proceeds to St Alban's Church

## TATTENHALL and DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL



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Chairman: Iain Keeping



We urgently need help to form a **Management Committee** to run the **Community Room** at the Park Primary School.

Without this Committee the Community will not be able to make use of this fabulous facility and plans to run a Youth Club may not happen.

We need **enthusiastic** people with a range of skills, who are up for a **challenge**, who **get things done**, and who have a **passion to get involved!**

For more information contact the School Business Manager Yvonne Morgan, Tattenhall Park Primary School, Chester Road Tattenhall, CH3 9AH 01244 981260 or email

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**Because of the ongoing situation with Covid-19, the Parish Council did not hold a meeting in June. At the time of writing, plans were being considered to hold a face to face meeting on 26th July if the restrictions were lifted. If this could not go ahead, the next Parish Council meeting would be held on Monday 6th September. Please look out for further details.**



**TATTENHALL TOGETHER AGAIN  
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### Pepperoni £10 @home

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### Goats Cheese & Fig £11 (V) @home

The cheese is crumbled directly onto the dough with wedges of fresh fig, scattered with finely chopped rosemary and drizzled with honey for a hint of sweetness.

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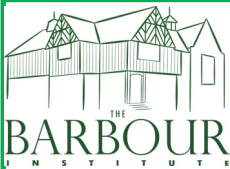
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It's an exciting time at the Barbour as we are currently in talks with some of our regular classes which are planning to return following recent news from Number 10.

We are also thrilled to welcome new classes for over the summer including Gentle Yoga, a daytime Panache Dance Class and Synergy (Pilates and Yoga Fusion). Details of all Activities, Groups and Clubs can be found on the new website at

[www.barbourinstitute.com](http://www.barbourinstitute.com)

We've been working hard this week planning long awaited birthday parties and looking forward we've received several wedding, summer party and christening enquiries. Get in touch to find out about our packages and check dates – the office diary is looking busy!

This week we've been focussing on the Past Times section of the Barbour website. Contact the office to share your memories; we'd love to hear from you and include your stories in our history!

Please also note our new email address: [info@barbourinstitute.com](mailto:info@barbourinstitute.com)

**Last month, we wrote that the Trustees were keen to recruit the next generations to come forward and learn how the building works. No-one, so far, has shown any interest but there is considerable concern about how the Barbour Institute will continue unless there some people volunteer to get involved. Please consider getting in touch or at least pass this message to someone who might be interested.**

**Please call the office on 01829 771649 or email as above and one of the Trustees will be delighted to talk you through what is involved. There is no financial liability to Trustees as Tattenhall Community Association is a Charity registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, similar to a Limited Company. It would be great to have some more Trustees with new ideas to keep the Barbour Institute at the heart of the community.**

**200  
CLUB**

The winning numbers in the JULY draw of the 200 Club were: £50 number 45; £25 number 92; £15 number 65.

If you haven't joined yet the new membership year will be opened on 1st August when forms will be available at the Village Show.

## **TATTENHALL BRIDGE CLUB is READY TO RE-START!**

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## Expert Challenge!



Our regular “Ask the Expert” feature is taking an interlude this month in order to let you know about a challenge that our expert, Rebecca is taking up in her personal life.

Rebecca was selected from 750 applicants to be chosen as one of 100 “trekkers” to take on a 100km five day trek in the Scottish Highlands in aid of the charity Coppafeel. The trekkers are to include I’m a Celebrity Winner Giovanna Fletcher and some of her celebrity pals as they undertake the walk which will include climbing Ben Lawers, which at 3,982ft is the highest mountain in the southern Highlands.

Of her upcoming adventure, Rebecca said:

“I wanted to do something completely out of my comfort zone and I think the feeling of completing 100km in five days will be a massive achievement for me personally.

I lost my lovely mum in 2018 and although not to cancer, the loss of someone so very close to me changed my outlook on life entirely. Making the most of opportunities that present

themselves to me is my new outlook on life. My family has a huge connection to Scotland. My maternal grandmother was Scottish and we spent the majority of our school holidays there. My father’s family also lived in Scotland and he spent his youth travelling up and down from Manchester enjoying trips to all areas of Scotland! Since we lost my mum he has talked nostalgically about those trips and even took his first independent holiday to Knoydart less than 12 months after mum’s death. I vowed to explore the country more when I had the opportunity!”

Your donations will not only support the trekkers, but also our work at the charity, Coppafeel!, who are on a mission to stamp out the late diagnosis of breast cancer by making sure that young people are regularly checking their boobs and know their bodies to be able to have the confidence to see their GP if something just doesn’t feel normal.

To find out more about the charity and where these vital funds go at the charity, please visit [www.coppafeel.org](http://www.coppafeel.org)



# Welly Walk 2021

The Welly Walk is now open and wellies are appearing all over Tattenhall. Get a Guide for just £1.00 from local shops and have a fun time spotting all the displays. Raffle tickets are also on sale, again at £1.00, with some exciting prizes. All proceeds will go to the Parish Council MUGA fund.

## Christian Aid Week 2021 –Thank You



The Tattenhall Appeal raised 3833.50 this year to support those living in poverty around the World.



On a wet July morning the “not the fete” plant sale raised £200 for church funds. Thank you to all who contributed and bought plants. There will be a smaller plant stall at the now CONFIRMED fete on July 31<sup>st</sup> in The Rectory Garden.

### PLANT SALE

### APOSTLE WELLY GARDEN

Have you seen our Apostle Welly Garden next to the porch? Can you name all the Apostles?



### Photos of The Memorial Service And Dedication

Thank you to everyone involved with this emotional and sensitive service.



## The Village Surgeries Group

The Surgeries will  
be closed on  
17th August and  
22nd September  
for Training  
afternoons.

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emergency,  
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## PARISH NEWS DEADLINES 2021

Please remember that if you miss the  
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published.

**Deadlines for 2021 are:  
13th August; 10th September;  
15th October;  
12th November; 10th December**

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# The Churches of Tattenhall, Handley and Burwardsley Churches without Walls

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## Diocesan News



The Bishop of Chester, Mark Tanner, was formally enthroned at Chester Cathedral on Saturday 26 June at 2pm in a service that was live streamed on YouTube.

The Dean of Chester, Tim Stratford, presided at the service. This is a service in which the bishop is officially given 'The Cathedra', the physical seat of the diocesan bishop. Bishop Mark formally and legally took up his Episcopal duties in July 2020 but was unable to be enthroned at Chester Cathedral, a tradition that goes back centuries. A bishop's enthronement can only take place after paying homage to the Queen. Bishop Mark spoke with the Queen by video link in May almost a year after legally taking up Episcopal duties.

## Malpas Deanery

Our next Deanery Chapter meeting will be on 2nd August.

## Three Churches Together



Celebrating 'Back to Church Sunday'  
'as a new way of life (August month)  
**Millions of People are Ready to Come  
Back to Church**



The easing of the lockdown brings loads of opportunities for our three churches to invite God's people back to church. The month of August is the perfect time to invite everyone in our community to gather together! Virus cases are down and vaccinations are up, so people are ready to return to in-person events, connect with new friends and find renewed hope for their lives. During the month of August, our three churches will be celebrating 'Back to Church' on three different Sundays. Parishioners are encouraged to bring a friend on that Sunday. Do not miss this opportunity.

Tattenhall Church	1 <sup>st</sup> August	10.30am	Songs of Praise with breakfast
Handley	1 <sup>st</sup> August	9.15am	Family service
St John's The Divine	8 <sup>th</sup> August	4.30pm	Songs of praise with refreshments

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. - **Romans 15.13***

## ST. ALBAN'S, TATTENHALL

### The Re-Launch of The Family Songs of Praise with Breakfast

The long awaited service which did not take place during the month of July is finally going to be relaunched on the 1<sup>st</sup> August following the easing of the lockdown. This all age service begins with a sit down breakfast in our Community room at 9.15 am. At 10.30am, we have the 'Songs of Praise Service' in church. Sunday school takes place in The Community Room during the service. We welcome anyone who would like to experience the presence of God in their life even for the first time. All are welcome and please do not miss this opportunity of coming to meet and fellowship with others as we continue with our theme of 'Unlocking the Lockdown'.



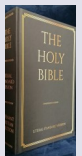
### Sunday School

St Alban's Church now runs a Sunday School on the first Sunday of each month. This special service is run in the Community Room (The Vault) every first Sunday at 10.30am where the children enjoy a Bible story and a craft activity relating to the lesson of the main service. If you would like to help in the running of the Sunday School, please get in touch with Ruth Morgan, our Churchwarden



### Summer Bible Study

Many thanks to all who have been part of our Summer Bible Study. Our next Autumn Bible Study will be in October.



### From the Registers



#### Weddings

The parish of Tattenhall is happy to announce the marriage of **Catrin Bell and Carlo Salvador** who were married on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June at St Alban's Church.

### Obituaries

#### Gordon Fredrick Young- 1947-2021

Gordon was a Treasured husband of his late wife, Janet and cherished dad to Andrew, Jennaya and Christopher. He was also a much loved father in law to Kirsty, David and Maria and precious granddad to Eloise and Oliver. Gordon was born on the 7<sup>th</sup> July 1946 in Tinstone Fernall and was the son of Fred & Barbara. He was one of 5 children with eldest brother Mike and sisters Rowena, Sue and Karen. After moving homes many times in their early years together, Gordon and Janet finally settled down in their family home on Harding Avenue, Tattenhall where all three of their children were born, Andrew, Jennaya then Christopher. He was dearly loved by his family and all those whom knew him.

## Susan Elizabeth Cooper

Sue was born at home, in Tattenhall, on 27<sup>th</sup> May, 1964.

After attending play group in her early years, she was fortunate to begin school the year that the pupils at the old primary school on the High Street were transferred to the wonderful new Park Community School on the Park. Seven lively years later, her year was transferred to Bishop Heber High School where she spent the next seven years, her final year as Head Girl, before starting her English & Drama degree course at Goldsmiths College, London. She was then married in St Alban's Church and moved to Bristol where she worked for local radio and where her daughter Kathryn was born.

Moving back to Tattenhall was very important to her and she spent several productive years as a primary school teacher where she became well-known for her prowess with children's' choirs and as an inspirational special needs teacher. She was so well-suited to her final work at Gifford Lea Retirement Village, a job she dearly loved. Sadly, her work was curtailed by the onset of a rare form of Cancer from which she passed on 14<sup>th</sup> June. She is sorely missed by so many friends and family.

## ALL SAINTS CHURCH, HANDLEY

### Covid Memorial Sunday

The parish church in inviting all those who live in Handley and Milton Green to come for the Covid Memorial Sunday Service on the 1<sup>st</sup> August 2021. This is a service in which we will remember all those who died during the pandemic phase. Everyone is welcome to be part of this memorable service in which we are trying to find some form of closure. There will also be some refreshments soon after the service so that we can have a moment of meeting friends and relatives. All are welcome



## ST JOHN'S CHURCH, BURWARDSLEY

### Special Service in August

Good News

At "Comeback to Church Sunday" at 4.30pm on 8<sup>th</sup> August our doors will be open to all and refreshments will be served after the service.

There will also

be a display of photographs of people/families who once lived in Burwardsley.

The photographs were displayed on the walls of the of the Village Hall/Institute  
We look forward to seeing you.



### Service Times for August

Songs of Praise	8 <sup>th</sup> August at 4.30pm
Communion Service	2 <sup>nd</sup> August at 9.15am

## OBITUARY



Mike Kennerley (1936 -2021) , a Cestrian, moved with his wife Jennifer, from Chester to live in Tattenhall in 1993. In Tattenhall, he was a keen supporter of the Country and Village Markets, Tattenhall Music Society, a member of local History Societies and Huxley Methodist Church.

A lifelong supporter of Chester Football club, he was always happy to talk on that topic and many others with people around the village.

A long ago connection was through his father, Jim Kennerley, who worked for many years at Anfields, in Chester, along with a number of Tattenhall

folk still living here.

He died peacefully at home on June 22nd. A private family funeral was held on Friday, July 16th, and there will be a memorial event in September.



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We are delighted to announce that Netball has returned to the Flacca! Players of all abilities, from Year 3 upwards, are welcome. Weather permitting, sessions take place on

Saturday mornings, from 10am to 11 am, February to December, and generally include a warm-up, drills and then a game. As well as being fun, many players have found it has helped them secure a place on school and club teams. Anyone interested in joining in should contact Rachel please on 07500 783377. She would also welcome hearing from anyone who would like to help out generally or with coaching!

August also sees a host of sports' courses for juniors of all ages and ability taking place; full details can be found on [www.sporttattenhall.co.uk](http://www.sporttattenhall.co.uk) but dates are as follows:

**Junior Football:**

Monday, 9 August – Friday, 13 August.

Junior Tennis:

Monday, 2 August – Thursday, 5 August

Monday, 23 August – Thursday, 26 August.

Cheshire Cricket Board Summer Course:

Monday, 23 August – Friday, 27 August

Places are filling fast, so don't delay in booking yours!

Elsewhere:

- the newly refurbished members' bar is now open again. New decor and the installation of a large screen together with Sky Sports have been welcomed by all sports' sections, and subsequently well-supported both post home-matches and during screening of major events!
- our ever-popular Friday@theFlacca will hopefully have resumed by the time this edition is published. Dates, as they become confirmed, can be found on the website calendar and on Tattenhall Online; so please keep an eye out and come along!
- and meanwhile, all sections: cricket, tennis, croquet, running, squash, racketball, football and the gym, are once again enjoying a busy summer of matches, social sessions and training. Spectators are warmly welcomed to all matches, so please do come along and support your local teams!

Fixtures, membership and details of all these sports, together with the latest news from the Club, can be found on [www.sporttattenhall.co.uk](http://www.sporttattenhall.co.uk)

**WILLS**



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If you would like a general no obligation chat with us before deciding or would like information about what will happen to your gift should you leave one, please contact the Rector (Lameck Mutute 770345) or the Treasurer (Jane Richards 770482).

Brian Crossley MBE

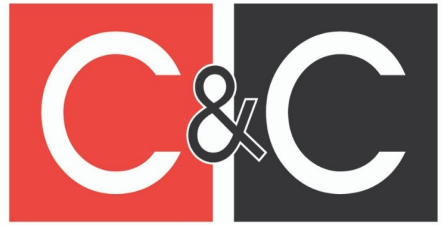
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## JANE'S JOTTINGS

At the time of writing the Prime Minister has stated the intention to lift restrictions considerably from the 19th July. I was thinking about commenting on this and then thought what if those I am trying to persuade happened to make this month the first to indulge in a bit of light reading and immediately found themselves at odds with this Scribe! Not exactly the start one would hope for so that idea got the elbow!

Whatever one thinks, whatever the situation, St Alban's financial plight is not going to be remedied any time soon. We just have to get more money in. Don't groan and move on - I am the Treasurer at the end of the day and it is my duty to do the best for the St Alban's coffers! A concern I have (I have a few actually but this will do for now) is finding money when and if repairs to the church are required. EVERYONE will need the Church one day and it is vitally important that anything structural is dealt with before it becomes

unsafe or irreparable.

The upkeep and the maintenance at St Albans is OUR collective responsibility We have an obligation to make sure it is accessible now and for the generations that come after us! It is not just up to the Rector or me or the Churchwardens .

It has to be acknowledged it is YOUR VILLAGE CHURCH and serious consequences can occur if this is not heeded.

Please do read Sue Orme's story elsewhere in this magazine in which she writes about what happened to her beautiful childhood Church. It was built in 1841. Through lack of care and support it was closed in 1995 eventually vandalised and robbed of all the fittings. The land is now owned by a large group of companies and is not accessible to the public. How awful it would be for that to happen to St Alban's.

PLEASE DON'T LET IT.

### IT CAN HAPPEN ..

I went to Christ Church, Weston Point, in Runcorn as a child.

It was a very special Church, although I didn't realise it as a youngster. What made it so special was the fact it was situated on an Island in Weston Point docks.

I used to walk from my house and collect my cousin Mike en-route, and we would walk along the dockside past the occasional vessel unloading its cargo, and across a bridge to our lovely Church on an Island. It was built in 1841, on a headland jutting out into the river Mersey. However the Manchester Ship Canal was built on its river-side, and the Runcorn and Weston canal on the land-side, leaving it on an Island. At this time it was said to be the only Church in Britain in use on an uninhabited Island.

You may wonder why was a Church built there at all. Well it seems that in 1839 employees of the Weaver Navigation Trust, who transported Salt from the mines in the Winsford area, petitioned their employers to allow them the privilege of resting on the Sabbath, and being given the opportunity of attending divine worship. Thus my Church was built.

In 1995 Christ Church was sadly declared redundant, and on 10th June, 2004 was granted provision to be used as an office, for storage and as a monument.

In 2002 the interior of the Church was vandalised by thieves, and all the fittings were taken.

The building now stands within the Port of Weston and is inaccessible to the public. As of 2011 the land on which the Church stands is owned by the Stobart Group of companies.

What a sad ending to a unique treasure. The photographs I have seen of my Church as it stands today are heartbreaking. I have only fond memories of my childhood going to Church and listening to the organ playing, learning to sing so many wonderful Hymns.

How times change and it is a sad lesson for all of us, that what happened to Christ Church, Runcorn can happen to any of our lovely buildings, if we do not cherish them and they become unloved.

Sue Orme



**Cheshire  
Constabulary**

## HOMEWATCH



Dear Residents

I have decided to step down as your contact HomeWatch coordinator and I will not be sending any further HW e-mails or updates on local incidents.

To continue receiving Neighbourhood Watch or Police Alerts please contact [cheshirenw@outlook.com](mailto:cheshirenw@outlook.com) or visit their website

[www.cheshirenw.org.uk](http://www.cheshirenw.org.uk) to find your nearest coordinator and group.

I would like to thank you all for your support over the years, especially recently the kind e-mails members have sent, and wish you all the very best in keeping safe and crime free.

The 'Don't Fall For A Scam' booklets are still available. It is FREE and in the entrance at the Country Market on Friday mornings at The Barbour Institute.

It has helpful information on how not to be caught out along with useful contacts and telephone numbers that you might need in a hurry.

Why not get a copy for an elderly neighbour or relative that may not be able to get out. If you receive scam e-mails or telephone calls contact Action Fraud on their website or Tel 0300 1232040.

To report non urgent information on suspicious activity, call our local PCSO e-mail, [jonathan.hurst@cheshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:jonathan.hurst@cheshire.pnn.police.uk) at Dragon Hall, tel 101. or e-mail <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/tua/tell-us-about>

**In the event of seeing a crime taking place or if the offenders are still in the nearby area call 999 immediately.**

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**or Anti Social Behaviour** through your Council, e-mail [ASBUnitChesterandRuralWest@cheshirestandchester.gov.uk](mailto:ASBUnitChesterandRuralWest@cheshirestandchester.gov.uk)

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For further dates and locations ring 101 for advice.

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### **Rural officer contact details.**

PC Stephen Gardner

Please call 101, or if you wish to e-mail Steve his address is [stephen.gardner@cheshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:stephen.gardner@cheshire.pnn.police.uk)

**Graham Marsden**

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West Cheshire Rural u3a does not normally have a monthly

meeting in August, but given that we have been unable to meet up in person for the last 18 months, if the Covid restrictions allow, we will meet on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> August at 2.30pm in the Barbour Institute.**

There is no speaker slot at this meeting, but it will be a chance for members to catch up over a cup of tea and piece of cake.

u3a membership is £15pa. For more details on membership visit our website at <https://u3asites.org.uk/west-cheshire/home> or email us at [wrcu3a@hotmail.com](mailto:wrcu3a@hotmail.com)

## **TATTENHALL OVER FIFTIES (TOFs)**

**Chairman Noel Atkinson 770808**

Despite the fact that all the groups Christmas activities had been cancelled the TOF's committee approached the festive season with some optimism that COVID numbers were heading in the right direction and we might be able to start holding club meetings from around Easter onwards.

However, as we know things took a severe downturn there has been another lockdown and TOF's was put on "hold" again. But we have remained in contact with the Barbour Institute and assured them that TOF's will return as soon as it is safe for members to feel comfortable venturing out.

To that end we are in discussions with the BI about holding TOF's welcome back meeting on Thursday 2nd September, when the AGM which is usually held in August will also take place. There will be changes to the room layout and there may be other restrictions in place but the club will be as warm and friendly as always.

As the date draws nearer there will be further information in the September parish news, on notice boards and the usual posters around the village.

It's taken a while but you can't keep a good group down and everyone is welcome to come along and be a TOF.

## **AUGUST NATURE NOTES**

This is the quiet season for bird activity as most have finished breeding, migrants are beginning their long journeys to Africa and our winter visitors won't arrive till at least September. Our resident birds often start their post-breeding moult and gardens can seem suddenly deserted –this is because birds need to hide away as they moult their flight feathers and are vulnerable to predators. Spotted Flycatcher used to be a common summer visitor but sadly it has declined considerably and very few arrive in the village now. It has been great to find them back in the churchyard after a few years absence: let's hope they breed successfully.



A greedy white tail bumblebee determined to collect more pollen.

It has been good to find that there are at least two sites around the village where Spotted Orchids can still be found. At one, managed by TWiG, over 90 flower heads were counted in June along with an abundance of other wild flowers attracting bees and other pollinators. The number of good sites is increasing as rewilding gathers pace and we can all do our bit by leaving parts of our lawns unmown during spring and summer. It is amazing how wild plants arrive over time but this can be accelerated by sowing wild flower seed – either scattered in autumn or by digging small areas in the lawn and sowing seed. A good plant to have is Yellow Rattle which parasitizes grasses reducing their vigour and allowing other species to colonise.

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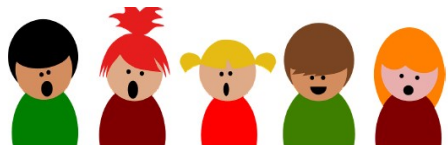
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