

**TATTENHALL HANDLEY
& BURWARDSLEY
PARISH NEWS**

April 2021



Happy Easter

St George's Day April 23rd



Every nation has its own patron saint that in times of great peril is called upon to offer inspiration, hope and fortitude-just what we need in current times!

But who was St George and why did he become England's patron saint? Very little is known about him, but he is thought to have been born in the 3rd century in modern day Turkey.

He was an army officer and endured cruel torture at the hands of the Romans when he refused to denounce his Christian faith. He was admired for his incredible courage and unshakeable faith in Christianity. He was beheaded and his body was secretly taken to Rome where other Christians interred his body in a church which they dedicated to him.

Stories of George's strength and courage soon sprung up and legends such as his victorious fight with a dragon began to be told. In medieval literature a dragon was often used to symbolise the devil and evil. However, it was the 12th century crusaders who first invoked his name as an aid in battle and Edward III made him patron saint of England when he formed The Order of the Garter in St George's name. Until that time it had been St Edmund who had been regarded as England's patron saint.

St George's popularity increased with King Henry V and Shakespeare ensured nobody would forget St George and King Henry in the famous speech;

"Cry God for Harry, England and St George!"

On April 23rd look out for the St George's Cross flying from the church tower.



Christian life is at the heart of the community: you will find the St Alban's, All Saints and St John's news pages in the centre of the magazine.



TATTENHALL'S VILLAGE HALL will be re-opening on 12th April for children's activities including dance classes. Children's parties can also go ahead in line with Government guidelines. Call the office on 01829 771649 for the details.

We hope to re-open fully on 17th May within the guidelines.

200 Club Draws have continued throughout all the restrictions and our half-year prize draw of £500 will be on 10th April. Details of where the lucky number will be drawn will be available nearer the time.

Everyone at the Barbour Institute looks forward to welcoming Tattenhall back very soon.

TATTENHALL and DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL



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Chairman: Iain Keeping

Cllr Iain Keeping welcomed everyone to the March meeting and commented that there had now been a year of zoom meetings. During Public Participation, a resident raised concerns about the queue of traffic at the Newton recycling centre.

A suggestion was made that the PC might visit Aldersey Oaks development to highlight that it was happy to be involved at all stages of the process.

It was noted that the replacement of the missing sign on Rocky Lane was taking longer than anticipated.

Under planning, the PC raised no objections to tree works on Gorsefield or to a proposed single storey extension at Breen Close.

Regarding flooding some progress had been made; it had been established that the Mill Brook was a main river but it would be necessary to establish where it drained to. The responsible party was required to provide a flood risk assessment and make recommendations but would not be required to undertake and pay for the works. The Chair confirmed that the flooding review would include all areas of the village affected including Rosemary Row.

Cllr Blackhurst stated that the Emergency Plan had finally been approved by CWAC. The two 'emergency bags' would now be placed in their locations; in the Vault at St Albans and The Barbour Institute.

Cllr Keeping provided an update on the Neighbourhood Plan review. The Village Design Statement would be updated to a Design code which had some new requirements from the national model. Work would begin on updates to policies including suggestions for new ones. There had been representation to create a cycle path from Newton by Chester to Chester.

Several PCs including Waverton, Christleton and Huntington were already actively involved and had received funding support. The clerk would contact these councils to see how the planned cycleway could be extended.

The PC agreed feedback regarding the waste consultation and residents were also encouraged to respond. The PC would stress that IF the recycling centre was re-sited, it must remain within the parish.

The council had identified future priority projects and lead councillors had been assigned. One of the projects was to develop a 'brand' for Tattenhall to encourage people to visit and shop locally. The PC agreed to work in partnership with the Tattenhall Business Alliance and CWAC would be prepared to undertake a virtual workshop on the topic. CWAC also had a High Street Recovery strategy and in addition would recognise business that had stayed open during lockdown. It was important that our rural community was not forgotten in this.

The PC would run a **Welly Walk** in the summer when residents would be encouraged to either plant up old wellies or decorate wooden wellies and place them around the village. Plant plugs or wooden wellies for decoration would be available and there would be a guidebook to the walk, proceeds from which will go towards the MUGA (Multiple Use Games Area) project. For further details go to tattenhallpc.co.uk

The active Youth Council would be organising an **Easter Egg hunt** from Good Friday to Friday 9th April. Successful entries that were handed in at the Spar, would be rewarded with an Easter Egg. The Youth Council were undertaking a survey as to what 'transition' meant to the younger people of the village and they were also in discussions with CWAC regarding the formation of a 'Youth Club' in the village. Cllr Jones reported on the allotments which were now fully occupied, 2 plots having chickens on them. Anyone interested in having an allotment should contact the Clerk, but they might have to go on a waiting list. The clerk reported that we should hear regarding the outcome of the Spinney grant application by March 3rd.

All residents are invited to attend the Parish Council meetings and can raise items in the 15 minute public participation session at the start of the meeting. Meetings are currently taking place by Zoom on the first Monday of the month at 7.30pm. Whether you wish to make comment or just listen please contact the Parish Clerk to be given access.

Councillor Esther Sadler-Williams

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Parmigiana - £9 (V)

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James Taylor

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the contact button on our website

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Services at St Alban's

St Alban's will be resuming services as follows

From week beginning 5th April

Wednesdays 10am - Holy Communion

Sundays 10:30am - Holy Communion

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JANE'S JOTTINGS

A BIT OF NONSENSE

If Mary was the mother of Jesus and Jesus was the Lamb of God; does that mean Mary had a little lamb?

THE SERIOUS BIT – FACING THE FACTS

It is an occupational hazard that as Treasurer I have to keep on about money! I don't actually like doing it and to be honest I don't like figures that much either but I lived in ignorant bliss for years about every aspect of running a church. I had no idea how much there is to do or how much money it costs to run it. Having become very involved I now know how impossible it is to make ends meet.

PROBLEM

We do not take in enough money to cover our expenses. The appeals for help in 2020 were answered very positively; your donations along with an extra unusual £12,000 (the final payment of a legacy and a gift from the Diocese of £2,000) got us through last year but we still had a deficit for the year of over £2,000. What cripples us is £1000 a week to the Diocese for what is called the Parish Share. There is no space and it is too dull to explain this here but full details can be supplied on request. Lack of funds jeopardises important work on the fabric of the building.

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE

On average in normal times 50/60 people attend the various church services regularly and there are 84 on the

electoral roll. You may think these people should come up with the funds needed - they are the people using the church. THIS IS SO WRONG!

THE FACTS

The church does not belong to the few. The church belongs to everyone particularly St Alban's which works with and for the whole community not just "Church goers". You have to understand that some day you will undoubtedly need it or a close friend or relative will. Imagine when this day dawns and St Alban's isn't able to accommodate you because it is unsafe and the beautiful historic building is boarded up. It will be too late then to heed my words.

THE SOLUTION

How can you help? Yes please do contribute money (regularly, preferably). There are other ways too. For instance you could attend the fund raising events which are held throughout the year! Come for breakfast (Covid rules permitting) which is served on the first Sunday of each month from 9.30 am. You don't have to stay to pray – just come and enjoy talking to people. As you will see elsewhere in this magazine there is a call for people to help with maintenance jobs; We can't afford to pay anyone so why not contribute that way? What could be easier or more satisfying?

I was going to end by saying think about it – but don't; **JUST DO SOMETHING!**

Jane Richards

Thank You Page

If you would like to include a message, photo or shout out for this page, please get in touch .



Karen H: Thank you to the fabulous litter picking volunteers on Frog Lane. An amazing job!

Please help to keep Tattenhall a beautiful place to live by taking your litter home.



Thank you to Lydia and Hattie for volunteering to litter pick at the Keysbrook! A fantastic effort!



Tattenhall Flood Help Fund.

A huge thank you to everyone who donated so generously! We were able to distribute £2,500 through money raised by The Treasure Hunt, The Post Office Collection and Gofundme.

(Fr Lameck handing over the funds to some of those affected)

Sue Falla

Thanks to St Albans for setting up the Tattenhall Flood Relief Help Fund and to everyone who contributed to it.

This was a very kind and thoughtful gesture , much appreciated, and shows how fortunate we are to live in this community.



Kelly Pritchard:

To Tattenhall Local Care, for all the wonderful things they've done to support, help and keep service users safe Thank you so much!



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“Ask The Expert” – April 2021

This month, Rebecca was asked questions in the wake of the Chancellor’s budget and specifically, what, if any, changes are being made to the Inheritance Tax rules.

She was asked: “To your knowledge has any legislation concerning Inheritance Tax come into force or changed which would make a review of our Wills necessary/beneficial?”

Rebecca explains:

Inheritance Tax is payable on the value of a person’s estate, which is aggregated with any gifts over £3,000.00 made within 7 years of death.

The current Inheritance Tax threshold is £325,000.00. Any value up to the threshold is not liable to Inheritance Tax. Any value over the threshold is generally taxed at 40%, unless an exemption or relief applies.

It is possible for spouses to increase the Inheritance Tax threshold on the second death. If spouses leave the whole of their estate to the surviving spouse on the first death, this would create an Inheritance Tax threshold of £650,000.00 on the second death. In such circumstances, Inheritance Tax would only be payable on any value over £650,000.00. This is known as the Transferable Nil Rate Band.

From 2017 the Government introduced an additional Nil Rate Band when a residence is passed on death to a direct descendant. The additional Nil Rate Band was gradually added to the existing Inheritance Tax thresholds and started at £100,000 and increased by £25,000 each year until 2020-2021, now having reached £175,000.

This means for some families, an estate can be worth £1million before any Inheritance Tax becomes payable, but it is vital that your Will is drafted in an appropriate way to achieve this.

There is also planning that can be done throughout your lifetime to reduce the value of your taxable estate, making use of transfers to others that can become exempt from tax, annual allowances and other gifting reliefs.

The Chancellor did not alter any of the above in his most recent budget, freezing thresholds until 2026, but that doesn’t mean we shouldn’t all have a look at our affairs and check that they are in order. Inheritance is complex; the Government needs time to plan changes and this may come in the future. The message that seems to be coming across is to “get your house in order” whilst the current reliefs and thresholds are available.

For more information, or to discuss your personal circumstances, contact Rebecca on 01829 700 333.



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29th March will see the opening up again of outdoor sport facilities, for both juniors and adults, at Sport and Leisure Tattenhall! Cricket, tennis, croquet and running sections will be back in action to varying degrees: club sessions, junior holiday courses, coaching and training, fixtures, all adhering to COVID guidelines. With the re-opening of the club comes the culmination of work carried out during lockdown: a series of maintenance projects alongside

- Installation of new bike racks;
 - Re-laid cricket nets ready for the upcoming season;
 - New booking system for croquet;
 - Preparations for a junior cricket programme of AllStars (5-8 year-olds) and Dynamos (8 – 11 year-olds) starting 17 May, sponsored by Swayne-Johnson;
 - Holiday courses for junior tennis with professional coach, Berin Ames;
 - New SmartAccess gate and booking system for tennis, and
 - A new name and website: Sport and Leisure Tattenhall!
- Please visit the new website, look at what's going on, get details of the membership packages available, and get up-to-date information of what is happening in each section – crucial in the current climate where everything is subject to change!
- After months of lockdown, organised outdoor exercise on the doorstep is not to be missed!

Ken's Korner

Jottings from the crevices of his memory

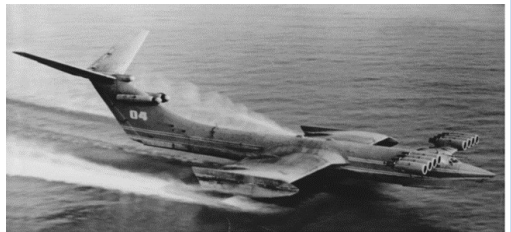
How high up have you flown? If you were fortunate enough to have flown in Concorde, then you've been higher than me, and faster, too. My highest is 53,350 feet. That's over 10 miles vertically up! I could just make out the curvature of the earth; light comes from two places, directly from the sun, and reflected from cloud cover below. The sky is almost black up there.

You won't have flown as low as we did on the squadron. We were low-flying experts. The legal limit, with permission, is 'not below 250 feet'. Just after WW2 we flew daisy-cutting sorties to get under radar. We even flew under power cables, while map-reading our way across the North German plain. Birds, particularly migrating storks, were our biggest hazard.

But I can beat that! I drove my own light hovercraft from Hoylake to Hilbre Island, and back, at an altitude of just 7 inches above the quicksands, at a speed

of over 40 mph. My life was in my own hands!

Did you know that the Russians built huge tank-carrying 'aircraft' called Ekranoplans which flew at high speed just 18 inches above the water across the Caspian Sea? That was during the Cold War. A small one still survives in a museum in Moscow. They were seen by spy satellites. It was said that they couldn't possibly fly. They did!



A huge Ekranoplan skims at speed just above the sea. It was about 10 storeys high

Father Lameck

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. (Mathew 28:5-6)

Easter has come at a time when we all have gone through the wilderness of darkness, sorrow, isolation, distress, depression and quarantine. The Roadmap to recovering from this pandemic will no doubt reveal frustrating bumps and diversions.

Let us travel together with our risen Lord at the pace God reveals and ask if the lock down has shown us anything about what really matters.

Perhaps we will be given a simpler, humbler, bolder faith to practise, as we emerge as a truly 'mixed ecology' church. Being confined to our own homes, and awareness of the challenges for those who do not have a safe home, has underlined our nation's housing crisis.

In response to a teacher of the law Jesus said; "Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head."

During the pandemic we have had an opportunity to understand this. If it has been stressful to be in the comfort of our homes, what about those who have no place they call home? Home is not the place we live, but the entire universe and all it contains. If other people are suffering or other parts of the world are being destroyed, then we have no peace or a place called home just like Jesus. With a biblical view, it may become clearer that what God is doing during this time of taking things away is actually giving us something wonderful and eternal - Himself!

As we prepare to celebrate the death and resurrection of our Lord, here are

four things to consider and reflect on as we start to come back to yet another new normal way of life with our risen Lord.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!!

Appreciate those around us

Our families, relatives, close friends, and all God's people are people we should care for. It is always our way to believe these people will always be in our lives but we can learn to care not only in times of despair but always.

Attend church

Church attendance has been undervalued but when we were locked outside the same buildings, we learnt one thing. I think for a very long time, we have taken our worship days, bible studies or social gatherings for granted but not anymore!

Be still

When we are driving and rushing around we feel like we are accomplishing something- great but the lockdown taught us otherwise. We were even beginning to dislike the times when we have to be at home as family thinking we are missing out. The pandemic has taught us to accomplish things by staying put and sitting still. It is teaching me to reclaim something I had forgotten was important – "being" somewhere and with someone.

Prayer

Many of us have made space for prayer over lockdown as our homes became sanctuaries of the Lord. May this spirit of prayer continue to be part of our journey of life even after lockdown is over.

May this Easter season be your season of spiritual growth and restoration.



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Diocesan and Deanery News



Bishop Keith retires

Sunday 7th March was a wonderful day and at the same time sad to all those who worked with Bishop Keith for many years in the Diocese of Chester. It was Bishop Keith's last working day and the diocese will always remember him as a man of great faith. We wish him well on his retirement. In his words of on his retirement Bishop Keith had this to say; "But whatever happens, God's promise remains, God's signs remain; his covenant and kingdom remain; we come in repentance and faith, we receive that promise and we enter fully that joy. Nothing that has happened in 2020 takes away from that promise of God to Noah, or that proclamation of the kingdom by Jesus. I would say to the little children, God has not taken away either the colours of the rainbow or the waters of baptism; they are not undone, but they go together, and our generation does not need one of the signs, but both; both are God's before they are ours, and he intends both for us to know the life he gives us to live".

Deanery Chapter

Our next Deanery Chapter Meeting will be on Monday 12th April on Zoom

The Rural Dean is retiring

The Revd Canon Ian Davenport will be retiring at the end of April, which means that his tenure as Rural Dean of Malpas Deanery will also come to an end. We are very grateful to Ian for the wise and capable way he has led the Deanery over the past few years.

Three Churches Together



Appreciation to all Parishes

As we prepare to go back to our churches on Easter Sunday, may I once again thank you all for your patience and dedication to serve God in season and out of season. This has been a long treacherous road but we are almost there. I am sure we cannot wait to meet and see each other but we must continue to observe the two metres social distance.

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I also know that whilst many of us may be looking forward to that glorious moment of meeting each other, there will be some of our dear parishioners who will not be able due to shielding or waiting for a vaccination. It is our duty, as Christians, to think and pray for our dear friends who will continue to isolate or due to illnesses, may not be part of us for some time. In times such as this, I also find it extremely hard to imagine that when the doors of the church are opened, there are some of our dear parishioners and friends who will not be with us because the Lord has called them. We need to pray for them and their families too.

ST ALBAN'S CHURCH, TATTENHALL

Parochial Annual Parish Meeting- 30th April 2021

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (which elects the Churchwardens) and the Annual Parish Meeting (which elects the P.C.C. and hears reports from all church organisations e.t.c.) are open to all parishioners, but only those on the Electoral Roll are allowed to vote. All parishioners are invited to attend, and if you would like your name added, please contact the Parish Secretary; Cathy Kitchin or the Churchwardens.



Holy Week Services

1st April- Maundy Thursday- Virtual Service (see our website for an online service)

2nd April- Good Friday Service- 10.30am at St Alban's

4th April Easter Sunday-10.30am- Holy Communion- Common Worship (with blessing of the paschal candle and Easter Garden)

It is unfortunate that this year we will not have our usual Easter egg hunt in the churchyard for children due to the pandemic.

Looking Ahead in our Church Calendar

Saturday 23rd April

The celebration of St George The Martyr of England, c304.

Ascension Day-Thursday 13th May

This is an important day in the church year. The Holy Communion will be celebrated at 7.30pm.

From The Registers



Alan George Davie (1943 - 2021)

Alan passed away on 30th January, aged 77. He lived in Tattenhall for over 40 years, the place that he raised his family and called home, having spent his childhood growing up in Worcestershire.

Throughout his life, he had a strong love of the outdoors from hiking in North Wales, the Lake District and the Alps, to more recent years pottering in the garden amongst the flowers and wildlife. His house had many guidebooks of walks he had done, or planned to do, printouts he used to pour over while planning his walks. He had been an active member of several local

walking groups and enjoyed many walks and social events across Cheshire. His career in Pharmaceuticals was recalled fondly by Alan, he formed some lifelong friendships and it also allowed him to travel which he loved. Alan keenly followed the business news for Pfizer in particular after he retired and maintained a strong interest in sciences, having started his first job as a research chemist for ICI. He liked to think that it would be hard to pull the wool over his eyes, and his enquiring mind usually proved him right.

A traditional family man, Alan was a loving and proud father to his two children, and grand dad to 5 grandchildren. He will be forever missed by his children, their families, and his friends. Rest peacefully.

Dianne Mathews (19th January 1941- 12th February 2021)

Di was born in Chobham to parents Sid and Jess. She had an older sister Pam and the two were always very close to each other, and enjoyed a happy childhood. Di attended grammar school, and loved cooking with her Granny Dodd. After she fell in love with John, Di moved to Chester and on 30th September 1961, she got married to John in St Albans Church.

During the early years of her marriage she worked at LN Jones as well as supporting John with the farm, and as always taking on the role she loved most; i.e. caring for relatives and friends. Nothing was too much trouble for Di and when the children came along she always put others first and had the kindest most generous heart. She was just a people person who was prepared to give more than to receive and her door was always open to friends and relatives. Di lived at Poplar Hall Farm until 1995. They then retired to Newton Cottage where they lived happily with wonderful friends around.

Whilst her cruel illness took Di in her last few years from the family, they were left with many special memories of the wonderful person she was. She will be sadly missed especially, by her family and all those who knew her.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, HANDLEY

Easter Service

April 4th Easter Sunday- this will be a Zoom Service

Parochial Annual Parish Meeting 28th April 2021



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ST JOHN'S CHURCH, BURWARDSLEY

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The Loss Café

The pandemic and subsequent lockdown has caused a lot of grief and suffering. In the next few months, the church would like to invite all those who wish to come and share their stories or just listen to other share their journey of life.

The Loss Café is not a religious group but a gathering of all people from all walks of life who would like to share their moments of despair and how they are managing their respective situations. Loss is not always about death but anything that adds value to your life. In the meantime, please let us know if you would like to join the Loss Café either as:

- A volunteer just to make tea/coffee for others
- A member of the loss Café willing to come and share, listen or teach

Please get in touch with: Father Lameck-01829 770245/07903951541

N.B. We only meet once a month on the last Friday of the month from **10am-12 noon.**

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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).

Emma Littler

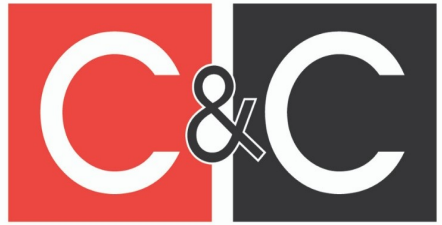
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Nature Notes for April

April is the month when spring really gets going. Here are four species to look out for in April:



Cuckoo: an old rhyme runs 'the Cuckoo comes in April, sings its song in May, changes its tune in the middle of June and then it

flies away'.

Sadly the once common song is now rarely heard around the village so head to Bickerton Hill where at least one pair can usually be found. The reasons for the Cuckoo's decline are mainly changes in agricultural practices and climate change which mean that birds are more common on heath and moorland areas. While at Bickerton look out for other species such as Willow Warbler with its lovely 'descending scale' song, Green Woodpecker, Garden Warbler, Redstart and the scarce Marsh Tit – one of the fastest declining birds in the UK.

Swallow: 'one Swallow doesn't make a summer' but the first sighting of the year certainly lifts one's spirits! In the past the date to look for was mid April but

these days – probably again a reflection of climate change – the first ones are often seen before the end of March.

Brimstone butterfly: it is often suggested that the yellow wings of the males gave rise to the name 'butter-coloured fly' - subsequently reduced to butterfly. They can be very conspicuous in spring as they fly around looking for females. They seem to be more common locally these days – possibly because Tattenhall Wildlife Group have planted many Alder Buckthorns which are the foodplant of the Brimstone caterpillars.

Bee-fly: this large fly looks very like a bee but with long legs and a long proboscis which it uses to hover hummingbird-like to extract nectar from flowers. They seem to favour blue flowers and can be seen in gardens, roadsides and footpaths such as



Bishop Bennet Way where Green Alkanet seems to be a favourite flower.



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There were reports of approximately 63 sheep in lamb being stolen from fields on the outskirts of Tattenhall last month.

Although these were later recovered, having strayed rather than being stolen, please report any suspicious activity around live stock especially in late evenings or early mornings under cover of darkness.

Please be wary of suspicious callers at remote locations, feigning breaking down or other excuses to potentially distract the occupants or appraise the properties outbuildings or stock as was reported recently in Broxton

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

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Electrostatic HomeWatch window stickers are now available as well as a small number of UV marker pens. If your existing HW sticker needs to be replaced or you are a new member and would like one, please get in touch.

Police Surgeries are an opportunity for residents to meet local officers and report any concerns or issues they might have. Please come and say hello at Dragon Hall Police Station

For further dates and locations ring 101 for advice.

The Police always welcome your call on 101. Let them make the decision on its urgency and the method of dealing with your concern. If you aren't sure about a suspicious situation you can always call HomeWatch 01829 771641 for advice, or speak anonymously to CRIMESTOPPERS on 0800 555 111.

Rural officer contact details.

PC Stephen Gardner

Please call 101, If you wish to email Steve his address is

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4th April at 10:30am

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