



## TATTENHALL & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL NEW HOMES BONUS

Tattenhall Parish stands to lose many thousands of pounds if the New Homes Bonus is withdrawn by CWaC. This could mean that projects such as the new playground; community buildings; modern and up to date CCTV; the restoration of Glebe Meadow; school parking area; Community Land Trust or Wildlife Conservation cannot go ahead.

The New Homes Bonus is money from Central Government paid to CWaC with the intention that at least some of it is passed to local communities to spend on improved infrastructure and is meant to offset the impact of new development.

**CWaC already keeps 80% of this money—now it wants to keep it all!**

Please write to the Leader of the Council, Samantha Dixon, Cheshire West and Chester Council, HQ, Nicholas Street, Chester, CH1 2NP.  
email: [samantha.dixon@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk](mailto:samantha.dixon@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk) and demand that the Council withdraws this proposal.

**With the help of all residents, we hope to keep the  
New Homes Bonus for the people of Tattenhall.**



## Tattenhall Community Land Trust

An Open Day was held on 16th January in the Barbour Institute at which John Heslewood of Cheshire Community Action gave a number of presentations to local residents on the concept of a Community Land Trust (CLT) and what it could achieve in Tattenhall.

The first project is to build some affordable units for single occupancy on the site of the demolished garages on Keysbrook Avenue.

To enable the Steering Group to set up a legal framework, possibly a Community Benefit Society, to take this forward, it is important to be able to demonstrate that there is support from the local community. Residents are being asked to become Life Members of the Association for a fee of just £1.00. There is no legal obligation on joining the Society but membership entitles residents to vote at meetings and to elect the Board of Directors who will run the Society.

If you would like more information and become a member, please download the leaflet from the Tattenhall Online website or the Parish Council website, or collect a copy from the Library, Alison's Coffee Shop or the Newsagents. You can also phone Sheila Chapman on 01829 770960.

# TATTENHALL HANDLEY & BURWARDSLEY PARISH NEWS

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St. Alban's Church, Tattenhall

# CHRISTINGLE FAMILY SERVICE



Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February

at 10.30am

Please return the collection candles that were distributed at our Christmas services.

They will be exchanged for a Christingle.

Donations will go to  
**THE CHILDRENS SOCIETY**  
'making childhood better for vulnerable children'

If you haven't got a candle - don't worry

# JUST COME

St Alban's engaging with the Community

If you believe that you have been a victim of fraud you can report it online [http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/report\\_fraud](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/report_fraud) or by telephone 0300 123 2040. Some leaflets on potential scams are available at the Drop In (see below for details)

Attempts at fraud via Telephone or e-mail are one of the increasingly growing ways of relieving you of your money. It is both annoying and potentially costly to the individual. Please report all scams attempts via the [www.actionfraud.police.uk/report\\_fraud](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/report_fraud)

To request help with lost and found pets/keys/jewellery etc contact me below asap. If you have a photo of a lost or found pet please send it in JPEG form.

**FREE UV marker pens** are available on request at the 'Drop In' at the **Barbour Institute**, one for each person attending. This is held every Tuesday 10am - 12noon, all are welcome so come along for a chat and sort out

the world's problems with endless cuppas and biscuits for £1 per person, along with security advice thrown in for free (Community Safety Wardens on the first Tuesday of the Month)

With your free **FREE UV marker pens** all that is required is that you mark your valued items with your house Name or number and Postcode. Sometimes items are stolen and discarded that are of no value to the thief but of great sentimental value to you. Think about it, what have you got to lose.

**If you would like to be included in our e-mail HomeWatch updates contact list, send your details to [graham@gmar.sden.co.uk](mailto:graham@gmar.sden.co.uk) with your address and phone number in case of e-mails bouncing back.**

**Graham Marsden  
771641**



## LUNCH & LEARN

I am writing to tell those who regularly attend Lunch & Learn meetings that, sadly, there is no funding for further free Lunch & Learn sessions.

I would like to say a huge thank you to all those who supported the sessions; the speakers, Alison for letting us hold Lunch & Learn in the café and for providing such lovely lunches and particularly Sheila Chapman and Sue Adams who kindly ran the project after I injured my toe.

My biggest thanks though go to all those who came along each fortnight and supported the project. Despite this, further funding has not been forthcoming and so the formal project has come to an end.

I know that some of the group has previously met informally at Alison's.

I hope that you will continue to do so and I look forward to joining you when my schedule allows

Thanks again  
Carol Weaver  
Community Agent

## HOMEWATCH



Dear Residents

Although generally it has been quiet crime wise, we had a couple of break-ins in early January, one to a sports facility on Field Lane where entry was forced through more than one door causing considerable damage and disruption to the users of the building. It was reported that items taken were bottles of alcohol from the bar area.

Another large facility on the outer area of Tattenhall on Newton Lane was also broken into on the same night and it's believed that these were the same offenders. A man was recorded on CCTV stacking drinks ready for collection but was disturbed and made off. A vehicle recorded on CCTV was described as a dark coloured Transit type vehicle. This was later believed to have been dark blue where a possible registration number and description of the occupants was passed to the Police.

A group of rowdy men were reported on the High Street late one night in mid January. Damage to Property For Sale signs by the Barbour Institute were part of the disruption along with the dislodging of large bins at the Pharmacy. If disturbed at night by this type of behaviour please call 101 to report it. Alternatively phone Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 in complete confidence. The Police need to know at the time so they can deal with it then, not the day after.

It is likely that at after Christmas you may find yourself with some presents that are replacement high value items, TV and sound equipment etc. You may want to security mark these as a number of items such as high value

bikes have been stolen recently. Also you might want to discard the packaging on new items recently bought in the sales discreetly; cold calling or passing opportunist thieves are made aware of what is available in your home by the new packaging left in view awaiting the waste collection.

The Police always welcome your call on 101 to let them make the decision to attend or not, If you aren't sure you can always call HomeWatch 771641 for advice or phone anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

More resources means Police back in our areas and better response times. So make that call on 101 when you feel something is suspicious.

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

Some of our senior officers for our area have changed and these are now:  
Rural Inspector Paul Loughlin,  
Sergeant Ian Wilson – Chester Rural Beat Management Sergeant.

Our local contact officers for Tattenhall via 101 are now...

### **Tattenhall (Tattenhall, Hargrave, Tiverton, Milton Green, Burwardsley, Beeston)**

PC Gerard Gigg and PCSO Jonathan Hurst

If you wish to e-mail any of the above individuals their address is their name followed by @cheshire.pnn.police.uk. For example:

[jonathan.hurst@cheshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:jonathan.hurst@cheshire.pnn.police.uk)  
gerard.gigg ian.Wilson  
paul.loughlin

## FROM THE RECTOR

### NEW COMMITMENTS FOR THE NEW YEAR

Well, it is that time of the year again when many of us make great promises to ourselves about what we are going to do in the New Year. Experience now tells us that about the third week of January, we usually abandon some of these so called annual resolutions. Let us try to be honest to ourselves now. How many of us kept to the diet last year? How many of us actually kept the commitment of going to the gym the whole year? So I am not the only one, am I? Well this year, I suppose we are still determined to make a difference. I have once again made a couple of New Year resolutions I know many of us love to pick and choose each year. Here they are.

- I have decided to eat less fat foods
- I have decided to eat less and do more exercises
- I have decided to spend very little on clothing
- I have decided to stop smoking completely

Now we might well be able to keep these kind of resolutions but they do not make a great deal of difference to our lives, except perhaps to make us lose one or two stones for the whole year. This year in contrast, I would like to share with you some resolutions or commitments which I guarantee will make a radical difference in our lives if we follow them through. In fact, I would like to offer you a way of starting the New Year which could significantly change your life. Here is what I want to suggest to you. 'If you will make just two commitments that God in His Word encourages you to make, I guarantee you that the start of 2016 could become one of the most significant events in your life. This

could become a gate way to a transformed life. Here are the two commitments for 2016. 1: COMMIT YOURSELF TO FORGET YOUR FAILURES St Paul gave this advice "Forgetting what is behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for which God has called me heavenwards in Christ Jesus." Phil 3:13-14. That advice from God's Word has stood the test of time. I do not know of any more relevant and practical advice for us at the start of 2016. You should never allow your life to be imprisoned by your past. There are millions of people in this world who are stuck on their past and cannot move an inch. St Paul challenges you and me to forget the past and move on with your lives. 2: COMMIT YOURSELF TO GIVE UP YOUR GRUDGES "Bear with each other and forgive each other whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you" Col 3:13. God in these words is challenging you directly and personally to give up your grudges. That is what he means when he says forgive each other whatever grievances you may have against one another. A grudge is a deep ongoing resentment that we cultivate in our hearts against someone else. A grudge is an unforgiving spirit that leads to unforgiving attitudes and unforgiving actions. What you need to know is that grudges are dangerous because they are destructive. Grudges break up families. Grudges ruin friendships. Grudges split churches. Will this New Year be just a calendar changing event for you or are you willing to rise to these challenges from God's word and make these commitments and so make it a life changing event?

Happy New Year to you all

**POLICE CONTACT NUMBERS**  
**EMERGENCY calls ONLY: Ring 999      INCIDENT calls: Ring 101**  
**Crimestoppers: 0800 555 111**



The Churches of Tattenhall, Handley and Burwardsley

Churches without Walls

Rector: Rev. Canon Lameck Mutete  
770245

THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND

Churchwardens:

Tattenhall	Georgina Blackhurst	770377	Dee Mason	458267
Handley	Alex Park	771277	Christine Walley	
Burwardsley	Jean Dutton	770379	Barbara Clare	770418

### MALPAS DEANERY NEWS

The Deanery Chapter meeting will be held on Monday 1st February at Tarporley Church

### ST ALBAN'S CHURCH, TATTENHALL

<b>SERVICES</b>	Sunday mornings	8am and 10.30am
	Last Sunday of the month	6pm
	Wednesday	10am

### FESTIVAL SERVICES

All our festival services were well attended this year. The Crib Service continues to bring more children every year and we give thanks to our Messy Church children and leaders who led the Nativity play Thanks to the Messy Church team for their continued effort in building the future church. God bless you all.

**P.C.C. MEETING-** The next meeting is on 2nd February at 7.30pm in church.

**LENTEN PROGRAMME** (A time of spiritual reflection)

### SHROVE TUESDAY

On Shrove Tuesday, 9th February, we begin to prepare for Lent by doing our traditional pancake race- on Church Bank. All children and parents are invited to take part in this annual event which has no age restrictions at all. Just come!

### ASH WEDNESDAY – 10th February

This is a day on which devout church people endeavour to mark the beginning of Lent by attending the Holy Communion service in church during which there will also be the imposition of ashes. This is also a praying and fasting period. There will be two services on the day; 10.00am and 7.30pm. May I also ask all those who have old palm branches to bring them to church anytime before 7th February. We prepare our ashes from these old crosses.

### LENTEN COURSE 2016

The Lenten Course commences on the 10th February with the Ash Wednesday Service. Every week during Lent we will be meeting every Wednesday at 8pm in different houses in our parish. The first meeting will be at the Rectory on 17th February



### British Heart Foundation "Heartstart" Training 2016

The **Heartstart** programme includes: assessing an unconscious patient, performing cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), dealing with choking, dealing with serious bleeding, helping someone who may be having a heart attack.

The next sessions are on Saturdays, 2-5pm on:

**19 March; 18 June; 3 September; 19 November 2016**

### Defibrillator Training 2016

Tattenhall Community First Responders have funded wholly or in part the provision of a number of defibrillators in the locality, and everyone should know how to use them. The next sessions are on Saturdays, 2-4.30pm on the following dates:

**27 February; 25 June; 24 September; 3 December 2016**

The training is being delivered by

**Tattenhall Community First Responders**

at **The Studio, Worley Court, Bolesworth Road, Tattenhall, CH3 9HW**

To book a place, phone either:

**Jill Raine on 01829 771895 or Rob Selby on 01829 770586**

**Cost:** This training is provided free of charge - however donations to Tattenhall Community First Responders are gratefully received.

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

[tattparish.news@hotmail.com](mailto:tattparish.news@hotmail.com)



**Saturday 27th February  
2016 8PM  
Barbour Institute  
Tickets £10**

# BACKFIELD —

## YOUR LOCAL BAND

Dance your February blues away with  
an evening of Rock, Pop and Blues.

Nibbles, Bar, Quiz and Raffle.

All proceeds in aid of PANCREATIC CANCER

TICKETS: TEL: JO & ANDY MORRIS 01829 770323  
OR CALL INTO COMPLEMENT, HIGH ST, TATTENHALL

### CONFIRMATION 2016- ST ALBAN'S CHURCH

The Bishop of Birkenhead is our visiting bishop this year on the 26th June. If there are people who would like to be confirmed, please let me know in time so that adequate preparations can be done. Anyone, young or 'older' wanting to prepare for Confirmation at St Alban's, please contact the Rector for further details. The closing month is March 2016.

### ST ALBAN'S PRAYER BOARD

'Do not be afraid I have redeemed you. I have called you by your name. You are mine.' (Isaiah43:1)

As we enter in to 2016, St Alban's Church is going to have the doors of the church open on a number of days so as to allow more people to come and have a quiet moment in the presence of their God. We have also realized that there are some people who have some prayer requests and would like the church to pray for them during services.

There is a saying: "Prayer is when you talk to God and meditation is when you listen." I love that phrase because it points out a basic flaw that I think most everyone has committed from time to time. As from February 2016, the church is going to have a 'Prayer Board' in the porch where people can write their prayers and requests. God would like to have relationship with us all irrespective of our background. He wants us to talk to him about all things: good, the bad and the ugly. God knows everything about us but he wants us to talk to Him, just like when you talk to your best friend face-to-face. Prayer is important for our everyday Christian life. But what about praying for others? Is it essential?

Did you know that many people in the Bible prayed for others?

Here are some examples:

- Abraham prayed for Abimelech, his wife and other women to be healed. (Genesis 20:17)
- The church prayed for Peter earnestly when he was imprisoned, he was able to get out of prison by an angel leading his way out! (Acts 12:6-19)
- Paul also prayed for Timothy (2 Timothy 1:3)

Prayer requests left on the board will be offered to God during services held on Wednesday and Sundays. If you have any prayer request you would like to bring to the church for prayer or thanksgiving, then please do use the Prayer Board, at the entrance to the main door.

### ALL SAINTS CHURCH, HANDLEY

**SERVICES** 1st SUNDAY Family Service 9.15am  
3rd SUNDAY Communion Service 9.15am

Thanks to the Christmas Carol choir, the organists for their wonderful performance and also the flower ladies who worked tirelessly in the cleaning and decoration of our church during the Christmas period. God bless you all.

We also would like to give thanks to Jan and Rory for the refreshments and hospitality.

## SERVICES

At All Saints, we continue to hold two services every month and all festival services such as Easter and Christmas.

1st Sunday- Family Service- This is a non-communion service which is aimed at meeting the needs of all worshippers including children.

3rd Sunday- Communion Service.

## WEDDINGS

If you would like to get married in All Saints Handley Church, please get in touch with the Churchwardens or the Rector. All those who live within the area or have strong connections with Handley Church are eligible to be married in Handley Church.

## ST JOHN'S CHURCH, BURWARDSLEY

<b>SERVICES</b> 2nd SUNDAY	Songs of Praise	4.30pm
4th SUNDAY	Communion Service	9.15am

A special thanks for all who took part in our Christmas Carol Service this year as well as at the Pheasant. The singing was extremely good and the church beautifully decorated. It was also joy to see more people joining the Carol singing. Thanks to The Revd. Melvyn Davies for taking the Christmas service this year.

## APPRECIATION

St John's The Divine would like to thank all those who help in cleaning, decorating, or making tea and coffee at the church. We are extremely grateful for your valued time that you give to the church.

## SERVICES

We continue to meet twice a month for our services.

On the second Sunday of the month, we have 'The Songs of Praise Service' at 16.30pm in which we come together for worship and also sing those beautiful songs that will have been chosen by the congregation. This service is becoming a blessing to many people who find their comfort and spiritual solace during and after the service.

On the Fourth Sunday, we have a Communion Service at 9.15 am.

Please come and be part of our growing congregation.



St Alban's Church invites you and your family to take part in the monthly family fun 'Messy Church'

Join us on the first Friday of every month for

**Church with a difference**

Next meetings:- 5th February and 4th March;  
from 4pm to approximately 5.30pm



## Tattenhall's Village Hall

High Street Tattenhall Chester CH3 9PX

Telephone: 01829 771649

Email: [barbourinstitute@btconnect.com](mailto:barbourinstitute@btconnect.com)

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



Follow us on Facebook

NB Please note our new email address

**Film Night at the Barbour ~ two films this month!**

### Age UK Cheshire: Information and Advice Bus

We are delighted to host a new service from Age UK Cheshire, which has been given the opportunity to visit rural villages in Cheshire with their Information and Advice bus.

The bus will be visiting the Barbour every 1st and 3rd Tuesday morning (10am-12noon) from January to June 2016.

If you are aged over 50, pop down and speak to Gail; advice can be offered on a wide range of topics from welfare benefits, to help to find care, and everything in between.

For more information call Age UK Cheshire on 01606 881660. (The February dates will be Tues 2nd and Tues 16th)

### Book Explorers: New Session for Children

Book Explorers introduces your child to the wonder of books. They will bring the pages alive with an engaging story and activities, including messy play and arts and crafts.

Classes are on Wednesdays at 9.30am and start 3rd February. £6 per class.

To find out more or to book your place call 07958 126438 or email [literatedelights@gmail.com](mailto:literatedelights@gmail.com).

### Wednesday 3rd February: 'A Royal Night Out' cert 12A

On VE Day in 1945 as peace breaks out across Europe, London is celebrating. Inside Buckingham Palace the young princesses are fighting their own battle; to be allowed to mingle for just one night with the celebrating crowds. This one night will be filled with excitement, danger and the first flutterings of romance?

### Wednesday 24th February: 'What We Did on Our Holidays' PG

If you want to keep a secret - don't go on holiday with your relatives! Doug (David Tennant) and Abi (Rosamund Pike) have many of their most intimate details hilariously revealed by their kids. Also stars Billy Connolly, Ben Miller, Celia Imrie and Annette Crosbie.

Films starts at 8.00pm (doors open at 7.30pm). We don't have an interval, but the bar will remain open. No need to book in advance, just pay on the door: £5 Adults, £4 under 18s. (Children must be accompanied).

Tattenhall Community Association: Charity Number 1094557

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Happy New Year to all. As usual we started the new year with our annual quiz which is meant to cheer us up at a bleak time of the year. Our meetings for the year are planned. Don't worry if you missed coming to the first one which was about "Women in Science"; you will be even more fascinated to hear about "Can I keep an alpaca in my garden?" at 7.30pm on February 17<sup>th</sup> at the Barbour Institute. When I next write I will give you an update on our new members. (I know you will be anxious to see if we have reached the 100 mark!) So please do come and swell the ranks and make it so.

At our Craft Group which takes place on the first Monday in each month we have decided to make Christmas decorations for a tree in the Church for December 2016. A few years ago we made decorations for one in the Cathedral. I made a gold star from card. We plan to use a variety of crafts.

Our Walking Group has a few energetic members who walk about 3 miles in the surrounding countryside before having something to eat at a pub or café. In the winter we may do a town walk or a canal or river walk. The January walk was around Tarporley, ending up at the Rising Sun.

The next meeting of the W I will take place on February 17th at 7.30pm in the upstairs room of the Barbour Institute. Our speaker will be Dianne Hall with a talk entitled 'Can I Keep an Alpaca in my Garden?' Do come along and enjoy a free taster visit with our friendly group. If you enjoy walking, crafts and Scrabble these are all part of our monthly activities. We would love to see you.

Some of us like to exercise our brains and play scrabble; this we do on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in the month. Of course we are open to any other activities like the Bee Walks we do in the summer, or whatever a group of us want to do. We do go on trips round gardens or visits to the theatre. A trip to Oliver is coming up soon.

We have an afternoon Garden Party in August, hopefully in the sunshine; this year we have been invited to a member's garden in Peckforton. We also have a Christmas meal together, usually at lunchtime, but we are conscious of members who work and cannot attend so we have an evening meal out in January for them. We take part in village events like the fete, and the Garden Show and show off our decorated aprons.

Please come and join us if you would like an interesting two hours once a month, at 7.30pm on the third Wednesday in the month upstairs in the Barbour.

Eileen White is our hostess and will introduce you to a few others. We are a very informal group of all ages; some have been members for years, others, like myself, not that long at all!

Ruth McPhillips

(President) 01829770762

## SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE RACES

**Tuesday 9th February  
on Church Bank  
Starting at 3:45pm**

**Please bring your own pancake and pan. Races for all ages**



Shrove Tuesday, perhaps better known nowadays as Pancake Day, is the day before Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent.

Lent is the 40 day period leading up to Easter and by tradition was a period of fasting or at least eating plainer food - in many cultures this means no dairy products or eggs. Hence the tradition of eating pancakes began; to use up the rich foods of eggs, milk and sugar.

In some countries this day is known as Mardi Gras and is a Carnival Day. The term Mardi Gras is French for "Fat Tuesday", referring to the practice of the last night of eating richer, fatty foods

The word shrove is a form of the English word shrive, which means to obtain forgiveness for one's sins

Thus Shrove Tuesday gets its name from the custom for Christians to be "shriven" before the start of Lent.

**HANDLEY & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Handley Cowley Milton Green Golborne David**  
**handleyipc@live.co.uk**  
**Chairman: Cllr. Mary Pleavin**

All the Council members attended the meeting on 26th November 2015. Cllr. Mike Jones was also present. No members of the public were there. Planning matters which were discussed included an application to build on land adjacent to Pump House in Frog Lane. Concern was expressed about the continuing state of the old Council Depot and its future development. Some enquiries had been made about the use of the Handley Village Hall fund and it may be possible to free the money for facilities which would be for the benefit of local residents. Further contact will be made with the Charity Commissioners. CWAC had asked for our opinion on the allocation of the New Homes Bonus—it was not felt appropriate to leave the money at county level.

Councillors Pleavin and Wells had attended a meeting about next year's CARFEST which is to be at Bolesworth. They reported some positive feed-back and are confident that it will be a well-run family event. We were informed that the rats mentioned at the previous meeting had now been dealt with. Councillor Pleavin commented on the lack of representation from the Chowley area of the district. There is a vacancy for one person to join the council. The dates for next year's meetings are: January 21<sup>st</sup>, March 24<sup>th</sup>, May 12<sup>th</sup>, July 21<sup>st</sup>, September 15<sup>th</sup>, November 17<sup>th</sup>. Members of the public living in the area are welcome to attend and are allowed the first 5 minutes to speak on matters which they feel are relevant to the



Come and join us for the next meeting of West Cheshire Rural U3A on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February** at the Barbour Institute in Tattenhall.



Francis Illing will talk about his work in the "Vice Squad" at 2.30pm. Refreshments will be available from 2pm.

For further information on membership and forthcoming events please contact either Hilary Scarratt 01829 770516 [Hilary@Scarratt.com](mailto:Hilary@Scarratt.com) or Jean Hancox. [jean.hancox1922@btinternet.com](mailto:jean.hancox1922@btinternet.com)


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**TATTENHALL OVER FIFTIES (TOFS)**

Chairman: Noel Atkinson 01829 770808  
 Treasurer: Jack Raine Secretary: Carol Weaver 01829 771443

The TOFs Christmas got off to a great start with our Christmas meal at Carriages. Thanks to Paul, Diane and staff for a warm welcome and a lovely lunch. On the Sunday between Christmas and New Year we had our trip to the pantomime at Llandudno. It was lovely to see such a mixture of grandparents, mums and dads and young people on the coach and every one had a great time. At the January meeting there was a fun

quiz which was won by Jean Williams and Pam Cooper. There was also discussion about places to go on coach trips this Summer. A list has been made and the committee will consider it at their next meeting. At the meeting on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February there will be entertainment from Andy Anderson and the March meeting will take place on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. We're a fun and friendly group so don't be shy, come along and be a TOF.



**PICNIC ON THE PARK**  
**12th June 2016**  
**4.00—7.00pm**

**Tattenhall's Celebration of the Queen's 90th Birthday**

Watch out for more details in the coming months but keep the date free as it's sure to be good fun for all ages.

***Do you know someone living in Tattenhall who will be 90 in 2016?***

We would like to help make the celebration of this special birthday an event to remember so send details—name, address, date of birth—to Jean Dutton at Hill Farm, Burwardsley, Tattenhall CH3 9PF or phone her on 01829 770379. You can also email [Dutton@tdpc.wanadoo.co.uk](mailto:Dutton@tdpc.wanadoo.co.uk).



**TATTENHALL BRIDGE CLUB**

***New members welcome! A friendly introduction to club bridge***  
***You do not need a partner just come along – we have a host system.***

We meet at 7 p.m. every Friday in the Barbour Institute, High Street, Tattenhall, CH3 9PX

*Interested?*

Contact Val Meeks :- Email [Val\\_Meeks@Yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Val_Meeks@Yahoo.co.uk) or phone 01829 770781





## Tattenhall Country Market

The market will re-open on Friday 5th February at the Barbour Institute. from 9.30-11.00a.m. Please note the new time.

Remember, the market is an excellent source of good quality, local, home made food, including ready meals, pies (both sweet and savoury), bread, cakes, preserves, local honey, free range eggs, seasonal fruit and vegetables, plants and crafts. We are open every Friday morning.

For more information or to place an order, please contact Marion Bevan on 770196 or Liz Mogg on 770998, or visit our website at [www.tattenhallcountrymarket.com](http://www.tattenhallcountrymarket.com)



The fourth concert of the season falls on Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup> and is also Valentine's Day. Concert goes will be entertained by English National Opera singer, Alison Dunne and she will be accompanied by Viv McClean, piano, Gemma Dunne, viola, Jessica Schaffer, cello and Ronan Dunne, double bass. All are players with the BBC Philharmonic Orchestra. They will perform a varied programme including Chopin – Ballade No.3 Op.47, Elgar-Salut d'Amour, Saint- Saens- Mon Couer s'ouevre and the Trout Quintet.

The replacement concert last month was wonderful and although it was disappointing to learn of the injury to one of the guitarist's hands the emergency stand in musicians, Leland Chen, violinist and accompanist Benjamin Powell were superb. Both praised the acoustics of St. Alban's and they were very delighted with the response of the audience. An

excellent start to the New Year!

February's concert is held as always in the Parish Church of St. Alban and starts at 6.30pm.

Tickets are £10 for non-members and £8 for members and can be purchased from Tattenhall News or just pay on the door. Under 19's are always free and we encourage any music students to come along and enjoy the concert and meet and chat to the musicians during the interval or at the end. Concerts end between 8.30pm and 9pm so it's not a late evening for youngsters and a tremendous opportunity for young musicians.

If you have any enquiries contact Anne McGrath 01829 770932.



**Social Media**  
St. Alban's Church website can be found at [www.tattenhallchurch.co.uk](http://www.tattenhallchurch.co.uk) for information about forthcoming events,

then follow the links to our Facebook and Twitter accounts for photos and comments on recent events.



### TATTENHALL SURGERY

The Surgery will be closed from 12.30 on 23rd February for staff training and on 16th March for a CCG event.

The Surgery will reopen at 8.00am the following morning. In cases of emergency, please ring 01829 770234.

### BROWN KNOWL METHODIST CHAPEL Rev. Marian Jones 01978 810292

After the events of Christmas and the New Year, we are looking forward to combined worship for the week of Prayer for Christian Unity and the service at Hargrave Church for the Women's World Day of Prayer at 2.00pm on 4th March.

There is a varied programme of speakers and events each second Tuesday as we begin the 85th year of the ladies meeting together, which we will celebrate on 10th May with Rev. Ian Davenport as the guest speaker.

Rev. Jenny Arthurs, leads the Tuesday morning house group which meets twice each month. If you would like to join the group, please call 01829 771820 for details.

The gentlemen meet on a Tuesday morning to ramble around the area and the ladies meet for Food and Friendship lunches. To book, call 01829 782283.

Morning worship is at 10.45am.; the children move into the hall for their time together and there is coffee for everyone to end the morning. Family worship is with Rev. Marian Jones and visiting preachers.



### PARISH NEWS DEADLINES 2016

**10th February, 9th March, 8th April, 11th May, 10th June, 13th July, 10th August, 9th September, 12th October, 11th November**

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# TATTENHALL and DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

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Chairman: Neil Matthews, Poplar Hall Farm, Newton Lane, Gatesheath

Tattenhall and District Parish Council met for its first meeting of the New Year on 4<sup>th</sup> January.

At the start of the meeting, the Chairman welcomed our new member, Cllr Christine Snowden to her first meeting.

The meeting opened with Open Forum when our P.C.S.O, John Hurst updated us all on the changes due to take place in policing in the coming April. He told the meeting that PC Tony Owen would be retiring this year and it was proposed that a letter of thanks and appreciation for all his work on behalf of our village should be sent to him from all of us.

Cllr Matthews commented on his experience at the Liverpool International Horse Show which had been run by Bolesworth Estate and on his meeting with the Estate and Car Fest organisers. He will arrange for their representatives to come to the February meeting of the Parish Council to meet with Tattenhall and other local Parish Councils.

There were a number of concerns arising from the new housing development on Harding Avenue and it was agreed that Cllrs Weaver and Black should meet with the developer's site manager to address these issues.

Some urgent work was required on trees in the Spinney and on the footpath between Ravensholme Court and the Spinney bridge, which also required repair.

The chairman thanked all those who had helped with the Christmas parties held for the young children of the village which were reported to have been very

successful.

It is almost time to set our Tattenhall and District 2016/7 Village Precept and discussion about a date for this meeting raised the issue of the proposal coming through for the CWaC council to retain the New Homes Bonus that we have been receiving in recent years, and were expecting to receive for years to come. This is a significant amount of money which the village was proposing to use to provide facilities for the community. The proposal is out for consultation at the moment and ALL villagers are asked to address this matter and respond to CWaC. Information would be put on both the Tattenhall and Parish Council websites on how to do this. In the meantime, the Parish Council would write to CWaC and to local newspapers to highlight the issue.

Cllr Black brought us up to date on the proposals for the new play area. The main issue at the moment is the very wet and muddy condition of the site which will have to have drainage installed at a considerable cost. The Clerk was asked to write to CWaC for a plan of the drains and manholes on the site.

It was agreed that The Parish Council would support an event to celebrate the Queen's forthcoming 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Further information will be published as it becomes available.

Cllr. Doug Haynes

*session at the hospice, enabling children to express their feelings, relax and most importantly have fun. £250 means we can arrange a day out to remember for a child with complex health needs and their family. The family will be accompanied by a children's nurse allowing the whole family to enjoy a trip that many of us take for granted. Thank you."*

## Poppy Appeal

On a similar theme, we were proud of all our children and parents who supported the Poppy Appeal in school last year. Together we raised £259.95 for this wonderful charity which is fantastic. The representative who collected the donation from us was understandably thrilled to bits!

Laura Noble Headteacher



The members and volunteers of the

Tattenhall OPAL Club would like to thank everyone for supporting their Christmas Coffee Morning held in early December. This major fundraising event provides monies for additional outings and activities for the members and this year we raised in the order of £400 so once again thank you all. The club members ended 2015 on a happy note with a Christmas dinner at the Edgerton Arms and a Christmas Party at the Barbour Institute.

***Do you have time to spare for the older members of our community?***

## Volunteers Wanted

The Opal Club provides a social club in Tattenhall for the older members of our community who, for a number of reasons, may experience a degree of social isolation. The members meet once a week (currently on a Tuesday) from 10.30am to 2.30pm at the

Barbour Institute to enjoy each other's company and to take part in a variety of activities which often includes quizzes, exercise, crafts, games, singing, talks and demonstrations.

Members enjoy a locally prepared meal each week and the club organises outings on a regular basis.

Our volunteers take on a variety of roles which may, for example, include helping provide transport as a driver, acting as a general helper at our meetings, administration, or providing and/or participating in activities.

Our volunteers operate on a flexible basis some giving as little as 1 or 2 hours a month others up to 5 or 6 hours a month, or more if they wish.

For more information on how to get involved in this fun and rewarding club please contact:

Brenda Platt, Organiser  
Telephone 07514 104210  
or Keith Titchener  
Telephone 01829 770716

# TATTENHALL PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mrs Laura Noble  
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## SAFETY

**PCSO Jonathan Hurst** At the end of last term we welcomed PCSO Jonathan Hurst into school to work with the children on a variety of health and safety issues. The younger children learnt more about safety and stranger danger whilst the junior children discussed extremism, e-safety and 'cyberbullying'. This was followed by a workshop on e-safety for our parents.

## SPORTS NEWS

### Y 5/6 Sportshall Athletics

Congratulations to our Y5/6 Sportshall Athletics team for a wonderful performance at the Bishop Heber Athletics competition. Our team of 20 children took part in a range of events including long jump, javelin, high jump, distance running, hurdling and relay racing. We managed to get in the top two in every single one of our running events, and waited with trepidation as the final results were announced!

Out of the seven schools taking part, Farndon had come in 3rd place and Bickerton had placed second, with Tattenhall coming in 1st place, retaining the trophy for another year with a spectacular points total!

Thanks to all of the parents who helped with transport and supported the team.

## AWARDS

### Spirited Arts

At the end of the summer term, children from each year group in school produced some stunning art work for the Spirited Arts

competition. Over 25000 children across the country took part in this event with only 25 individual prize winners being chosen.

I am, therefore, hugely delighted to announce that one of those 25 winners selected was our very own Oliver Wilson, Y2, with his entry entitled 'What Matters Most'. To accompany the picture Oliver explained what he thinks matters most in the following way - 'It doesn't matter what you look like as long as you have a heart of gold'. Oliver received a £20 Amazon voucher as his prize and his winning entry can be found on the Spirited Arts website - [www.natre.org.uk](http://www.natre.org.uk) located in the Faith (Or Doubt) section of 'The art in Heaven' page.

I would like to add my own congratulations to Oliver, to those children short-listed and to everyone who took part and created some wonderful pieces of art.

## CHARITY NEWS

### Hope House

We were delighted to receive a lovely 'thank you' from Hope House Fundraiser, Nicola, following our children's efforts to raise money in support of the excellent work they do.

Nicola wrote: "Thank you for raising money for Hope House. I am pleased to tell you that you have raised the following: £123.50 - Superhero Challenge and £153.25 - Christmas Jumper Day! A fantastic amount to help the children who are cared for locally by Hope House. To give you an idea of how your money will help - £125 will pay for a music therapy

# VILLAGE DIARY

FEBRUARY			
1st	Parish Council Meeting	Barbour Institute	7.30pm
3rd	Film@Barbour	Barbour Institute	8.00pm
4th	TOFs Meeting	Barbour Institute	2.00pm
5th	Country Market re-opens	Barbour Institute	9.30pm
7th	Christingle Service	St. Albans	10.30am
9th	Pancake Races	Church Bank	3.45pm
10th	PARISH NEWS DEADLINE		
14th	Tattenhall Music Society	St. Albans	6.30pm
17th	WI Meeting	Barbour Institute	7.30pm
18th	U3A Meeting	Barbour Institute	2.00pm
24th	Film@Barbour	Barbour Institute	8.00pm
27th	Defibrillator Training	The Studio	2-4.30pm
27th	Backfield Dance	Barbour Institute	8.00pm

# VICTORY and THE VAULT EVER NEARER!

Can you imagine it?

**ACTUAL TOILETS IN CHURCH?**  
no more portaloos!

OK so they are not connected yet (we await Welsh Water's pleasure) but they are in situ!

I went into The Vault for the first time a few weeks ago. The windows, which are fabulous, were still bare, there was no flooring or furniture and a kitchen stacked in boxes was waiting to be fitted and it looked amazing. To be honest I was a little overcome.

Parishioners were invited to view it after the 10.30 Service recently and I don't think there was anyone who was not impressed.

The fund now stands at **£325,000** making us £25,000 short of the time when **ALL** can visit it and use it.

£25,000 seems like a drop in the ocean in comparison but it is often the last hurdle which is the greatest to climb. We need to remain focused but this is an exciting time! After a lot of hard work the Privy Council can see "retirement" ahead.

In the last article I indicated there would be news of more exciting fund raising events but we are holding off on anything major for the time being.

WE ARE NOT RESTING ON OUR LAURELS THOUGH  
THERE IS WORK TO BE DONE!

You too can still help- much appreciated contributions can still be made through:

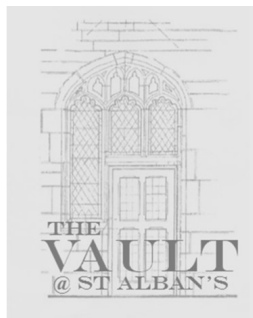
**Personal Donations –  
no amount ever too small!  
The Good Old Lucrative Pee Pots  
and  
The PEOPLE'S PATH**

As you may recall a deadline was given for the Path Pavers but if you get cracking you could still get an order in. Many orders have been placed with a large percentage of requests from outside the regular congregation so **THIS REALLY IS GOING TO BE THE PEOPLE'S PATH.**

If you don't secure yours you will be really cross with yourself when the path is down. Only £25 to leave your legacy for hundreds of years to come? **Go for it!**

Fingers crossed for good news next time.

Jane Richards  
770482



## PRIZE CROSSWORD SOLUTION

There were no entries so the prize, donated by Salon Vie, will be used at another event.



## UPDATE ON THE PARK PLAYGROUND

The Parish Council has now had three quotes for new equipment for the play area and will be choosing one provider very soon.

It had been intended to clear the site over the winter months to make way for the new surface but the very wet weather has held this up and has highlighted the fact that the ground will need to be properly drained. The Parish Council has asked CWaC for a plan of the drains on the Park and will then find someone to do this work before the new play area can be built.

We still hope to have the new play area ready in the Spring and will keep everyone informed of progress through the Parish News.

Cllrs Alison Pritchard and Pat Black