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The free monthly newsletter for Cuddington, Sandiway & Delamere Park.
Provided by your Parish Council

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WE WISH ALL OUR READERS A HAPPY AND SAFE CHRISTMAS

IN MEMORY OF KEN NIXON

The year cannot be allowed to end without us reflecting on the life of Ken Nixon, one of the most dedicated public servants the village has had, who thrived on serving the community. Ken passed away in March after a long illness and shortly before lockdown which prevented us from being able to celebrate his life at the time.

Ken was a parish councillor for 45 years and during that time he served as Chairman a number of times. He was an invaluable source of local knowledge and history; one councillor commented that what Ken didn't know about this village wasn't worth knowing. This knowledge has been invaluable to the council over the years. He also served as Chairman of Governors at Cuddington School, and on the Management Committee of the Playing Fields. He was involved in many village projects including the Multi Use Games Area, Boundary Lane Green Play Area and the Weaverham Road Playing Field. In addition he believed



in helping people on a personal level and many residents will remember his kind acts of support.

At the January 2019 parish council meeting Ken was presented with a long service award stating, "In recognition of being a passionate member of Cuddington Parish Council for over 45 years. A truly committed advocate for his constituents."

A bench in his memory was recently placed by the beautiful oak tree on Weaverham Road playing field, a project Ken was passionate about.

His family will arrange a Memorial Service when such events are possible once more.



INTRODUCING OUR NEW PCSO MICHELLE GILLETT

As from 9 November 2020 I have taken over as your new PCSO.

Previously my beat area was Hartford/Greenbank which I covered for the past 2 years. If you would like to discuss any policing issues/concerns my contact details are as follows - work mobile number is 07894 510 064

email; michelle.gillett@cheshire.pnn.police.uk.



We are doing our best to keep you up to date with what is happening in the village during the ever changing precautions against Covid 19. However we have to point out that information can change after we have gone to print. Where possible we have included a phone number for you to confirm the information given. If you are able to access our village website you will find information that may be more up to date

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The next meeting of the parish council is due to take place on December 14th. It was not clear at the time of going to print what form the meeting will take. Up to date details will be posted on the parish council noticeboards at the playing fields car park and by the post box on Mere Lane. It will also be on the village website.

Contact the parish council via their e-mail: clerktoipc@hotmail.co.uk call 852444 during office hours, or write to: Julie Chrimes, Clerk to the Parish Council, Sunnyside, Withens Lane, Weaverham, CW8 3HX

Agendas and Minutes of meetings can be found at: www.candsonline.org

- Hedges encroaching on pavements can be dangerous to pedestrians, especially children. Following a recent incident where a pedestrian was hit by the wing mirror of a passing vehicle because he was forced to the edge of the path by an overhanging hedge the parish council is asking all residents with hedges bordering paths to check them and if necessary cut them back so that they do not impinge on public rights of way.
- The council are extremely grateful to Weaver Vale Housing Trust for the fantastic job they have done in giving a new lease of life to the kiosk at Poplar Close. This iconic red kiosk, an instantly recognisable symbol of British history, will now become a lifeline for the community. A defibrillator is due to go live with North West Ambulance Service within the next 14 days. Once the world is a safer place the parish council will be holding a defibrillator training seminar, if any residents are interested in attending the seminar to help with awareness and confidence should the defibrillator need to be used, please contact the clerk (see above). The seminar will be free of charge and will be held at the Village Hall, Norley Road.
- Cleansing of Weaverham Road car park has taken place and line marking was carried out. The work has elicited many favourable comments

PUT YOUR USED STAMPS TO GOOD USE Over the past 30 years the Leprosy Mission has raised more than £1million to benefit people affected by this debilitating disease through the sale of your used stamps. Support the Leprosy Mission by saving the franked stamps from your mail. Christmas is a bumper time for stamps but you can donate at any time of the year. Just put them through David's letterbox at 31 Hadrian Way

ST JOHN'S CHURCH

Christmas services – if regulations allow:

Christmas Eve Communion: 9.30am, 9.30pm and 11.30pm in church

Christmas Day Communion: 10.15am in church

These services will be with choir recordings. Space in church will be limited, so please book in advance by contacting Heather Williams:

hwilliams24@gmail.com or ring 01606 883054 or 07909 924192.



Christingle This year, the Christingle service will be online, available from 10am on December 6th. At this service our village Christmas tree will be lit. Takeaway Christingle Bags can be collected from church between 10.15am and 11.15am with everything you need.

POLICE CONTACT DETAILS

Contact the police on 101. For emergencies only use 999

Non emergency contact with Northwich Police: northwich.lpu@cheshire.pnn.police.uk

Alternatively ring 101 and ask to be put through to your local neighbourhood officer. This may be an answer phone service. Your call will be returned.

To report a crime anonymously ring Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111

You can also call Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040

DECISION ON SANDIWAY SURGERY DEFERRED!!

The Primary Care Commissioning Committee (PCC) held a special meeting on the 5th November to discuss the application by Danebridge Medical Practice to close Sandiway Surgery. The PCC is the committee that will decide if the surgery can be closed by the Practice.

The PCC had received a report from the CWaC Health Overview Scrutiny Committee and agreed that Danebridge had not consulted widely enough with their patients and that they should have considered options other than closure.

The Save Our Surgery Residents Action Group (SOS Group) had submitted a second Report specifically for the PCC committee on the "Need for a Surgery in Sandiway" and spoke at the meeting. The Report and Presentation to the committee can be found on the Village Website Newsroom.

The committee, comprising GPs, other medical professionals and lay representatives discussed the application in detail. The meeting agenda and papers can be found on the Clinical Commissioning Group website.

The key points raised by members of the PCC were:

- The patient engagement with the SOS Group was "massive and fast" when the letter was sent to patients by the Practice, but Danebridge has not made its own assessment of the impact on its patients. They are leaving too many problems for patients that have not been addressed.
- DMP has not looked at alternatives to closing Sandiway and other options should be fully researched and reported on. There are many small surgeries in rural areas that do not necessarily offer the full range of facilities in one building.
- During the meeting Danebridge raised the issue of the Practice being unable to invest in Sandiway, but their application to the PCC made no mention of financial issues.
- The business case put forward by Danebridge was not a strong one and has overstated the problem of lone working.

Pam Smith, the Chair of the PCC, summarised the concerns of the committee as follows:

- Patients have identified a number of problems that should have been dealt with in focus groups. These have not happened and need to happen before a decision can be made.
- Danebridge needs to produce a Report to justify why Sandiway should close (5 miles from the Danebridge Medical Centre) whilst Kingsmead will remain open (less than 1 mile from the Medical Centre).
- Danebridge need to provide their own assessment of the impact of their decision on their patients.

The Primary Care Commissioning committee has now written to Danebridge Medical Practice to detail the work that Danebridge need to carry out before the Committee meets again on the **4th February 2021**. At that meeting they will consider the responses from the Practice.

If you are a patient with Danebridge Medical Practice and want to contact the Action Group to show your support for the campaign to keep the surgery open, please email: savesandiway@gmail.com

If you wish to voice your concerns directly to the Clinical Commissioning Group you can contact them at <https://www.cheshireccg.nhs.uk/get-in-touch/>

If you have a particular issue which will be made more difficult by the closure of Sandiway surgery then please write to the Practice offering to take part in the programme of Focus Groups which Danebridge have been asked by the PCC to run between now and the next PCC meeting.

VILLAGE HALL NOTICEBOARD



The children's playground at Norley Road is open again but users are requested to adhere to the special requirements due to Covid 19 that are on notices posted around the area. The public toilets are also now open again. The village hall has been made Covid 19 compliant and our regular users are starting to return albeit with some limitations on the numbers of persons who can attend. The kitchen and meeting room are out of bounds however. Where possible meetings can be arranged in the main hall. We are not currently taking bookings for parties and other social events however.

250 Club November Draw winners

1st prize £40 winner - member number 87 of Chester Road

2nd prize £20 winner - member number 8 of Fawn's Leap

For further information ring 888931 or visit; www.cuddingtonandsandiwayvillagehall.org.uk

SANDIWAY LIBRARY

The library is closed for lockdown and information on what will happen in December was not available at the time of going to print.

All loans have been extended until December 7th.

There is now an Order and Collect service operating. You can collect your books at set times from Northwich Library - ring 01606 275646, or Winsford Library - ring 01606 275065

Orders will be collected/ returned from the library entrance and masks must be worn

You can place your orders by phone or online at:

cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/libraries/order-and-collection-service.aspx

Contact the library on 01606 271767, or email: libraries@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

THE ARK CAFE

In the run up to Christmas, we will be offering a delivered sandwich and cake lunch on a Friday, free of charge, to those who need it. This is primarily for those who are elderly, feeling isolated, vulnerable or were previously in the shielding group and remain extra vigilant. If you have had our lunches before we will be in touch with you. If you would like to receive lunch, suggest someone you know who might benefit or want to know more please email

Kathryn: kathryn.stjohnsandway@gmail.com or ring her on 07955 600570. Details will be also be on our Facebook page at the beginning of each week and orders will be taken on a Wednesday morning. We're looking forward to seeing you all again soon!



RAILWAY LINES *Please check before you travel, alterations can happen at short notice:*
www.northernrailway.co.uk/timetables ~ or ~0800 200 6060.

A new Timetable will be in operation from December 13th

The train timetable will revert to a basic hourly service, 2-hourly on Sundays. Only three peak hour extras have not been reinstated. Northern have published it on their web site (see above)

Monday 21 to Wednesday 23 December

Buses replace the 2252 Chester to Manchester (calling at Cuddington at 2342), and 2341 Manchester to Chester (setting down only at Cuddington at 0136). An additional bus departs Knutsford at 0025 (Tuesday to Thursday mornings) to Chester, calling at Cuddington at 0108.

Christmas holiday alterations

Thursday 24 December The last trains will be the 21.23 to Manchester and 21.48 to Chester.

Friday 25 December & Saturday 26 December - No trains

Sunday 27 December onwards normal service

More information including up-to-date travel, news, events, and much more, can be found on our village website: www.cuddingtonandsandiwayonline.org

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