

# **Round Tower**

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

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# A WELL DESERVED ACOLADE

Val Godfrey has been made an Honorary Freeman of the Borough. The award, presented at a ceremony in Chester Town Hall in December was in recognition of Val's role in community leadership and voluntary activities. Although it carries no privileges Val can expect to be invited

to 'major civic events'! The award is the highest that a borough can bestow.

Val has lived in Cuddington for 58 years and the village has benefitted enormously from her residence here. During this time she was active in the 13 year campaign to get us our state of the art village hall and she is still involved in its management. She was a parish councillor for 37 years and has been a governor at both our primary schools and also Weaverham High School. Val also gets involved on a personal level with village organisations, she is a Friend of Sandiway Manor, a Cuddington Station Volunteer and was at one time Tawny Owl to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sandiway brownies!



In the wider community Val has served as a Magistrate, Vale Royal Borough Councillor, Borough Mayor in 2003-4, and Chair of Eddisbury Liberal Democrats. She has also been involved with the Youth Forum, the Education Partnership, the Playschemes Association and Summer holiday activity programmes.

Anyone who has travelled the lovely scenic Settle to Carlisle railway line in recent years will be interested to know that Val was also involved at a high level in the battle to keep the line open.

# Ark Café re-opening on Friday 18th February!

St John's church hall, Fridays 9am-2pm (10am-2pm in school holidays) Serving a selection of Fair Trade teas and freshly ground Kingdom Coffee.

Try the new menu for Spring

While Covid numbers remain high there will be good ventilation so please dress warmly and use a mask until seated.

Incorporating an Art Exhibition by Gordon Wilkinson & his students. Gordon is well known as watercolour artist for Cheshire Life and also runs a painting class on Thursday mornings in the church hall. Contact him on 01244 531785.

# Lunchtime Concert, St John's church Hall, Monday 7th February, 12 noon, THE TEGID HARP DUO



50 minutes of music, followed by a soup lunch with tea / coffee at 1pm in the church hall. Inclusive ticket price £12.

### PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The next meeting of the parish council will take place on Monday February 21st in the meeting room of the village hall commencing at 7.15 pm. Any changes to the arrangements will be posted on the parish council noticeboards at the playing field car park and by the post box on Mere Lane. They will also be on the village website.

Contact the parish council via their e-mail: <a href="mailto:clerktocpc@hotmail.co.uk">clerktocpc@hotmail.co.uk</a>
Call 01606 852444, Monday to Thursday 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; <a href="https://www.candsonline.org">www.candsonline.org</a>

- The parish council considered the budget required for the financial year 2022-2023. The council meeting commended the finance committee for carrying out such a sensitive analysis of the budget required for 2022-2023, which came to £94,379.
- It was agreed to use £4,579.00 from free reserves and request a precept of £89,800 which is an annual increase of 4.9% thus meaning a £1.57 annual increase, based on a Council Tax "Band D house" from the last financial year.
- The Parish Council has planted a Cherry Blossom tree at Boundary Lane Green to replace the one planted last year which has unfortunately been vandalized.
- Concerns were raised about vandalism over the Christmas period. The parish council had
  planted a Christmas tree at Mere Lane and put battery lights on, only for someone to cut the
  wire in four places and steal the batteries. Next Year it is hoped that Christmas lights will come
  from a power source from the nearest lamp post and CCTV "should" deter the anti-social
  behavior around the shops.
- The parish council will soon be gifted a piece of land for allotments at Eden Grange from Taylor Wimpey, currently there is a waiting list for allotments

# **CAN YOU HELP YOUR COMMUNITY?**

Do you have some time you feel you could give to help support people in your neighbourhood? Across the country care providers are unable to recruit as many staff as they would like. CWAC is looking to recruit a small workforce that could be called on in times of emergency to help support people within their local areas.

All members of the workforce will receive a sign-up bonus, alongside a week's training, fully paid, before undertaking any roles and if and when called upon, members would be paid for their time. Members of the workforce can choose how much time they work and will be supported by CWAC staff if and when they are called upon.

Please visit www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/arcworkforce to find out more.

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

Monday 14 to Thursday 17 February

The 22.52 from Chester to Manchester (due Cuddington 23.14) will be a bus, calling at Cuddington at 23.42.

The 22.42 and 23.41 from Manchester Piccadilly to Chester (due Cuddington 23.52 and 00.48 respectively) will be buses calling at Cuddington to set down only at 00.37 and 01.36 respectively. Additional buses to Chester will depart Knutsford at 23.25 and 00.25, calling at Cuddington at 00.09 and 01.08

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# CHILDREN AT ST JOHN'S

At St John's church they are very aware of the fact that bringing your children along to church can be a stressful experience for parents and with this in mind they have introduced some child friendly services

#### **Breakfast Church**

A short service at **10.15am** in the church hall including a Bible story, crafts, prayers and songs, followed by refreshments. Everyone welcome!

Sunday 6th February

# Praise & Play - new time and venue

1.45pm – 2.45pm on Thursday afternoons in the church hall

Babies and pre-school children accompanied by a parent or carer are all welcome to join us for a Bible story, songs, craft and playtime. No need to book

Dates for this term: February 3rd, 10th & 17th

# **Junior Church**

This is being relaunched for children aged 3 and over in a new format called Godly Play that will usually meet during our Morning Praise service in term-time. Godly Play uses storytelling and creative activities to encourage children to explore their own questions about God and the world around them.

# **Muddy Church**

An outdoor service at 10.15am in St John's churchyard (behind the church) including activities and a Bible story, followed by refreshments. This will commence in April

For information about groups for **children and families**, contact Revd. Ruth Mock; call 01606 883286 or 07592 173871

or email; vicar.stjohnsandiway@gmail.com

For help or advice about general church related issues, please contact the churchwardens, **Steve** (883976) or **Kathryn** (889879).

# **PCSO SURGERIES** with Michelle Gillett

Tuesday 1st February, 1900-2000 hours, WEAVERHAM community centre car park Tuesday 15th February, 1200-1300 hours, ACTON BRIDGE parish room, CW83RA Friday 18th February, 1200-1300 hours, DELAMERE PARK leisure centre car park, CW82UJ Wednesday 23rd February, 1900-2000 hours, CUDDINGTON Norley Road playing fields car park

Saturday 26th February, 1200-1300 hours, SANDIWAY LIBRARY car park, CW82NS

#### POLICE CONTACT DETAILS

Contact our PCSO, Michelle Gillett at:

michelle.gillett@cheshire.pnn.police.uk or ring her on 07894 510 064

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 or visit www.actionfraud.police.uk

Every care is taken to provide accurate information, however please be aware that things can change after we have gone to print. Where possible we have included a phone number for you to confirm the information given. You can find up to date information on our village website including travel, news, events, and much more: <a href="https://www.cuddingtonandsandiwayonline.org">www.cuddingtonandsandiwayonline.org</a>



#### VILLAGE HALL NOTICEBOARD

The Playing Field and Hall facilities are open as normal but you are asked to wear a mask when moving about inside the building and to use the sanitizing gel provided



### AFTERNOON TEA

# Afternoon Tea - Thursday February 3rd, 2pm-4pm

£1.50 for tea/coffee and cake. All welcome

Please observe any covid precautions that are in place

# **250 Club January Draw winners**

1st prize £40 winner - member number 46 of Bridge Close 2nd prize £20 winner - member number 253 of Mill Lane

For further information visit; <a href="www.cuddingtonandsandiwayvillagehall.org.uk">www.cuddingtonandsandiwayvillagehall.org.uk</a> or ring 01606 888931

**NEW CLASS** - Tai Chi Beginners

Village Hall, Wednesdays, 4.00pm-5.00pm, commencing January 5

Not sure if Tai Chi is for you? Visit; www.liverpooltaichi.com

4 session taster courses are available. Phone Kam on 07931 725182

# EDDISBURY AND SANDIWAY FLOWER CLUB - February meeting cancelled

For more information visit: eddisburyandsandiwayflowerclub@gmail.com or call 01606 75405

NORTHWICH PROBUS - Tuesdays, 10.15am, Blue Cap

February 1st, Speaker: Peter Durnall - Wildlife around the UK

February 15th, Speaker: Graham Dodd - A Crewe Factory Girl. The life of Ada Nield Chew

March 1st, Speaker: Neil Sheldon - Lies, Damn Lies and Statistics Further information from 01606 852673 or: www.northwichprobus.org.uk

**YOUTH CLUB** - open for 11-17 year olds from 7.30pm - 9.30pm, Youth and Community Centre, Norley Road playing field. February dates - Friday 4th and 18th

JIGSAW LIBRARY - Friday February 4th, 9.30-11.30, church hall

**CUDDINGTON & SANDIWAY WI -** Thursday February 10th, 1.45pm.

Speaker: Sheryll Rawstron - I love Handbags. Competition - An Evening Bag

**PRAYER HOUR** - Every Saturday, 10-11am, St John's Church. You are warmly invited to come and spend some time in our beautiful church, to light a candle and pray, or to talk to our welcomers.

#### **GET READY FOR SPRING**

At this time of year we are all eagerly awaiting signs of spring, that first snowdrop or a little more daylight. Some of us will be thinking of getting out into the garden and soon we will need our green garden waste bins. There is a charge for these and you can pay any time from now onwards. The cost is £40 per bin for fortnightly collections from March to November.

You can subscribe by going to <a href="http://cwac.co/YwJrh">http://cwac.co/YwJrh</a>. If you do not have internet access you can ring CWAC on: 0300 123 7026. This is the Waste Management department.

Alternatively garden waste can be taken to Recycling Centres. Our nearest are Northwich, Winsford and Frodsham.

Please do not be tempted to dump it anywhere else. There are heart rending stories of livestock suffering or dying after eating green stuff which has been thrown into their field and is harmful to them.

