



Round Tower

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HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR READERS

AN ACCIDENT WAITING TO HAPPEN?

As the new year starts and children go back to school to start the new term parents of pupils at Sandiway School will once more start to worry about the safety of their children. The cause of their concern is the zebra crossing outside the school. Once there was a 'lollipop lady' at this point but now there is a pedestrian crossing instead and it seems that its effectiveness is reliant on the goodwill of motorists. Parents are asking for something to be done to make drivers more aware of the crossing and of their responsibilities towards pedestrians.

They say that vehicles coming from the Round Tower end of Norley Road where the speed limit is 40mph have not slowed down sufficiently as they arrive at the crossing, although they will by that time have passed the 30mph sign. They therefore do not stop for the crossing even when pedestrians are obviously waiting to cross. There have even been instances where cars have driven onto the crossing while people are already on it.

Highway code Rule 195 - **Zebra crossings** -states;

As you approach a zebra crossing;

- look out for pedestrians waiting to cross and be ready to slow down or stop to let them cross
- you **MUST** give way when a pedestrian has moved onto a crossing
- allow more time for stopping on wet or icy roads
- be aware of pedestrians approaching from the side of the crossing.

Parents are asking for the police to attend to assess the situation there. They are also suggesting that more visible warnings are put in place such as LED lights.

The school's Head Teacher, Chris Priddey, commented, "This morning I witnessed a car driving onto the crossing as a parent was using it; the car had to brake suddenly to avoid an impact. It is very worrying that there are so many near-misses". He said that a number of parents had raised this problem with him.

IT'S PANTOMIME TIME

Sandiway Pantomime Group proudly presents their 2016 production

'Charlotte in Candyland'

Written by Phil and Becki Hosker, the writers who brought you 'Dick Whittington and the 2012 Olympics', the production follows the ups and downs of Charlotte's visit to Candyland.

Venue; St John's Church Hall, Norley Road, Sandiway

Performances

Thursday 28th January at 7:30 pm

Friday 29th January at 7:30 pm

Saturday 30th January at 2:00 pm and 7:30 pm

Sunday 31st January at 2:00 pm

Tickets will be available from early January and the Box Office may be contacted on 01606 882748.

Debit cards are welcome.



SAVE YOUR STAMPS

It is not too late to give your stamps to David Frith. In fact you can do it all year round.

They provide a valuable boost to the funds of the Leprosy Mission.

Just drop them off at 31 Hadrian Way



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS - DECEMBER 2015

The next meeting of the parish council will take place at the village hall on Monday January 18th at 7.30pm - with a Public Forum at 7.15pm when residents can put questions to the council.

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.cuddingtonandsandiway.co.uk

A representative of the Community Independence Department of CWAC, Melanie Davenport, attended the Public Forum to explain the changes in the way vulnerable people are supported in their homes. The present system involves pull cords in each room of the residence and regular visits by a warden. This will stop in April and councillors had been worried about what would happen to current users. It was explained that a new system will be introduced. Clients will have a pendant or wrist strap to wear which they can activate to summon help in an emergency and this will work anywhere in their property. If help is needed someone will be on call at all times and will contact one of the clients' nominated helpers or send a staff member out if helpers cannot be contacted. A key safe will also be provided so that the emergency services will be able to gain access to the property if the client is unable to answer the door. Routine warden visits will no longer be made as they are not considered to be particularly useful and the department has had its budget reduced along with many others because of cuts in central government funding. The service will cost approximately £20 a month and users will need to have a telephone landline.

The Meeting

- Withdrawal of school buses. Charles Fifield, one of our CWAC Ward Councillors, said that a report will be made available in January which will address the issues raised with regard to the decision to stop school buses from the village to Weaverham High School. Our 3 Borough councillors are supporting objections to this move and so are all our parish councillors.
- Charles Fifield has also offered to speak to the Highways Department about the traffic situation on Norley Road outside Sandiway Primary School where a parent has asked for action as there are a number of issues there. Cars are not stopping at the zebra crossing, are speeding on Norley Road, and heavy vehicles are using the road despite the weight limit. (see page 1)
- The plan to create more parking spaces around the Mere Lane shops will go ahead as the required funding has been found. This will include £6,000 from the 2015/2016 parish precept and £17,500 will come from the New Homes Bonus grant. There will also be £13,000 from our 3 CWAC Ward Councillors. There was a shortfall of £3,500 before the meeting but the council resolved that they would make available the required amount up to £3,500.
- The council has received 2 applications for Fleamoss Pit and has decided that the land will be sold by tender. There is outline planning permission to build 3 dwellings suitable for the elderly or disabled with access from Warrington Road next to Garners' Butchers.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

More volunteers are required to help implement the Cuddington, Delamere Park & Sandiway Village Plan. If you are interested please contact John Faulkner 01606 882780 or johnfaulkner11@sky.com
The Implementation Group has formed 3 Working Groups namely Traffic & Transport, Environment and Facilities & Communities. John says, " their purpose is to work through the Actions recommended in the Plan. It is a real opportunity to make a difference to our community".

Traffic & Transport - how we drive in the village, access and parking, public transport, road crossings/ safety, provision for others such as cyclists, road conditions.

Environment - Flooding, access to countryside/ pathways/ parks, street lighting, condition of footpaths, plants & shrubs, waste managements and energy use/ schemes

Facilities & Communities - provision of medical, dental, social and care services, leisure facilities for different age groups. Provision of shops, phone systems, broadband and village communications, safety and security.

Copy for the next issue must be at one of the collection points (The Library or either news-agent), by Friday January 15th or you can email it to; rtdtors@gmail.com

SOMETHING FOR THE NEW YEAR

CUDDINGTON & SANDIWAY YOUTH CLUB

The Club is open every Thursday during term time from 7pm to 8.30pm and is for anyone between the ages of 11 and 16. It offers a wide range of activities as well as somewhere to meet your friends and there is tuck available to purchase.

The club is looking for new members so why not go along and check it out. If you want to know more ring 07979 802465

NEW GARDENING CLUB

Love gardening? Want to meet and chat with others, share seeds, cuttings, advice?

Sandiway Library gardening club could be the place to make new friends and chat!

Contact the library on 01606 888065 or ask staff for details

YOGA FOR BEGINNERS

New classes starting soon. For more information call 07977298991

DRAMA CLUB

For 8 to 12 year olds. Saturdays - 1.30 to 2.30, St John's Church Hall.

For more information call 07977298991

SANDIWAY LIBRARY HEALTH & WELLBEING WEEK - 18th-23rd January

Some events need booking. Contact the library on 888065

- Monday 18th** 10-11 Dementia awareness - find out more about dealing with dementia
11.30-12.30 Reminiscence coffee morning - come and share memories, admire artefacts and enjoy cake!
2.30-4pm Claire Britton – find out about Nordic walking, the fun way to enjoy the outdoors!
2-3pm Wendy Broad - enjoy some peace and relaxation with Mindfulness after the busy holiday
- Tuesday 19th** 11-12 Louise Comley – want to be more relaxed, flexible and toned? Find out about the benefits of Pilates with Louise!
11-12 Wendy Broad – Mindfulness
11pm Rhymetime – fun for children, parents and carers!
2-4.30pm Starting family history? Try our Ancestry sessions – booking essential.
2-5pm Colouring fun - peaceful, calming and fun for adults!
- Thursday 21st** 10.30-12.30 David Crosthwaite – Healthwatch
Healthwatch England is the consumer champion for health and social care. Share your experiences of health and care in England so that we can work together.
10-11 Casserole Club – If you can cook an extra portion of food every once in a while, become a Casserole Club Cook today. We can put you in touch with an older neighbour who would benefit from one of your meals and a friendly chat.
10.30-12.30pm Wendy Broad - Mindfulness
2.30-4pm Claire Britton- seated exercise. Don't want to go to the gym, but would like some gentle exercise? This could be for you!
2-4pm Action on Hearing Loss – 1 in 6 of us has some hearing loss – come and find out how we can help
2-4pm Knit and natter – come and meet new people, learn skills or share knowledge!
10-1 Arthur Neil – Dial-a-ride
- Fiday 22nd** Want to get out more, but need help? See what we can do
2-4pm Books on prescription - let us help you find books for your health issues or just to cheer you up! Books can change your life!

RAILWAY LINES Please check before you travel: www.northernrail.org, or **0333 222 0125**
Information screens have been installed on the station, giving details of the next train. If a train is cancelled, only the time of the following train may be shown.

Sundays 3,10 and 17 January: Trains will run to Manchester Piccadilly and then terminate at Manchester Oxford Road. Southport trains will run from Victoria.

Monday 11 to Thursday 14 January: the 2248 Chester to Manchester (due Cuddington 2309) will be a bus, calling at Cuddington at 2338.

There is a minor error in some of the new timetables. The 0735 Chester to Stockport will actually run 2 minutes earlier most of the way (calling at Cuddington 0754) .

Dates for your diary



- Tues Jan 5th **Cuddington & Sandiway Methodist Wives** - 7.45pm, Methodist Schoolroom. Speaker: Graham Rowe - Audio Visual presentation. Visitors welcome, £2
- Fri Jan 8th **Mid Cheshire Ornithological Society**, 7.45pm (doors open 7.30), Village Hall. Speaker: Jim Almond - Norfolk here I come. Visitors welcome, Adults £3, Children £1. For more information ring 01606 882529
- Mon Jan 11th **Northwich Family History Society** - 7.30pm, Methodist Church Hall, Hartford. Speaker: Clare Moores - Baptist Records. Contact Dave - 01606 624215
- Tues Jan 12th **Low Vision Services** - provided by the Iris Centre at AGE UK, Chester Road, Hartford. Free advice on vision problems and aids. For further information and/or an appointment please ring The IRIS Centre in Crewe on 01270 250316
- Tues Jan 12th **English Speaking Union** - Portal Premier Golf Club, 12 noon for 12.30. Speaker: Sarah Brookes from Weaverham High School will speak on how the school has used 'The Day', an on-line news resource sponsored by the Branch. Booking necessary. Please contact Valerie Mais on 01606 76534 or via email: valerie@mais.demon.co.uk
- Thur Jan 14th **Cuddington and Sandiway WI** - 1.45pm, village hall. Speaker: Pat Barrow - The Trials and Tribulations of being a Wardrobe Mistress.
- Saturdays **St John's Church** is open from 10am-12noon. Coffee & cake available (no charge). Come and enjoy some time in this beautiful setting.
- Thursdays **Community Engagement Drop-In** - 2pm onwards, Sandiway Library with Fiona Dunning. Groups can come and discuss funding, events, and community activities
- Tuesdays **Action Worship** - Sandiway Methodist Church, 9.30-10am. Gentle exercise to uplifting music. No charge and everyone welcome. Coffee shop opens at 10am.

VILLAGE HALL NOTICEBOARD

Afternoon Tea - There will not be an Afternoon Tea in January. They will resume in February on the first Thursday of the month.

Film Night - Wednesday January 13th, 7.30pm

Far from the Madding Crowd This is the 2015 film version of the famous Thomas Hardy novel and stars Carey Mulligan as Bathsheba and Matthias Scheonaerts as Gabriel Cert 12A, £3.50 includes refreshments.

250 Club winners - December Bumper Draw

1st prize (£200) winner: member number 158 of Chester Road

2nd prize (£100) winner: member number 123 of St Mary's Drive, Whitegate

Visit; www.cuddingtonandsandiwayvillagehall.org.uk for enquiries, bookings, to join the 250 club or see the timetable of regular events (please contact organisers before attending) Alternatively see Village Hall Noticeboard by the Car Park Entrance or ring 888366 or 888931.



HOMEWATCH - Police have issued the following advice following a new scam where fraudsters ring or visit vulnerable people claiming to be police officers investigating cases of fraud

- Before letting anyone into your home who claims to be from any law enforcement agency, ask to see their identity card and check it by calling 101.
- Ask if they can attend at a pre-arranged time when a family member or friend can also be present.
- If you receive a phone call from a police officer, ask for their name and force and tell them you will call them back. Wait a few minutes and then use 101 to call them back through their force's switchboard and verify their identity.
- The Police will **never** ask for your PIN or passwords. Do not give this information to anyone.
- The Police will **never** request that you withdraw/transfer any money to them.



Contact the police on 101. For emergencies only use 999

To report a crime anonymously – Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111

northwich.npu@cheshire.pnn.police.uk Northwich police station; 0845 458 6378

Community Action Team Voicemail / Neighbourhood Policing Scheme - 0845 458 6392 - for non-urgent calls unrelated to specific incidents or issues about your local community