

# Acton Bridge Spring 2021 Newsletter

Acton Bridge Community Association Publication

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St Mary's Church,  
Weaverham



Donations of dog food and supplies were made recently from in and around Acton Bridge to Dusters Ark Animal Sanctuary and The Manchester & Cheshire Dogs Home. Stay tuned for news of a further collection in summer, organised by Lorraine Hall

## Events

Christ Church pilgrimage to Chester Cathedral, **24 July, 8:30am**

WI Afternoon Tea, **4th July, 4pm**

The Police and Crime Commissioner Election, **6th May, 6am-10pm**

Cream Teas in Crowton, Sarah's Garden

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**Saturday 3 & Sunday 4 July**

## **VOLUNTARY VILLAGE RESPONSE**

The village helpline continues to run throughout spring to provide assistance, advice, or just a general chat for anyone who may want it.

If we can be of any help, please don't hesitate to ring us on 07933 765928, whether you have called before or not!

## **300 CLUB**

Time goes by so fast but that does not dilute the thanks from ABCA to all who took the trouble to complete and return the 2020 300 Club share forms. The support for the Community Association in these difficult times is much appreciated. As mentioned in the last Newsletter, because of the number of shares taken up, further prizes can be paid in addition to those indicated on the share form. The draw for prizes in the 2020 300 Club were made in October, November and December. The winners for October were published in the previous Newsletter.

### **The November prize winners were;**

£75 - Joyce Woodward, Old Lane  
£50 – Mr & Mrs Williams, Old Lane  
£25 – Anthony Mainwaring, Tae Kwon Do  
£25 – David Charlton, Warrington Road

### **The December prize winners were;**

£200–Elizabeth Gidley, Station Road	£100 - Paul Gilmour, Cliff Rd
£100–Irene Hurst, Cliff Rd	£50–David Boardman, Bancroft
£50–Philip Roberts, Hill Top Rd	£50–Helen Golding, Milton Rough
£20- Heather Law, Station Road	£20 -Mrs F Davies, Cliff Road

## **Message from the editor**

Hi everyone! I hope all is well this spring. Once again, a massive thank you to those who have contributed to this newsletter - we're already seeing twice the content that we saw through the previous months. It's so nice to see people getting out and about as lockdown restrictions gradually lift - here's to hoping the summer newsletter has even more to talk about!

If you'd like to contribute to the next newsletter, you can contact me on 07739941331, or email me at [actonbridgenewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:actonbridgenewsletter@gmail.com).

Thank you all! Keira

# **P**arish Council News

## **Meetings**

Meetings of the Parish Council continue using the media of 'Zoom' during the restrictions imposed to combat the virus. Residents can contact the Clerk (Carole Robinson, email [clerk@actonbridgeparishcouncil.org](mailto:clerk@actonbridgeparishcouncil.org)) if they wish to be included and attend a Zoom meeting.

The Parish Council AGM will be held on Tuesday 4th May at 7:30pm, again by Zoom. Any residents wishing to attend are invited to contact the Clerk for information on how to join the meeting.

## **January Flooding**

It is doubtful if we have any residents who have seen the like (in Acton Bridge) of the January floods. In total across Warrington Road and Sandy Lane (Weaverham) there were approx. 30 houses wiped out at ground floor level, 20 vehicles written off, probably 10-15 boats that were damaged and hundreds of acres of agricultural land extending westwards towards Dutton Locks that were flooded. The whole Village shares the pain of the residents that have been so dramatically affected.

The shining light in the terrible business has been the efforts of our Ward Councillors. Their actions at the height of the flooding were, if you pardon the expression, 'above and beyond the call of duty'. The facts are that their magnificent efforts should have been shouldered by other parties. Obviously, deep investigations are being conducted by all the major parties on what happened, what was done and what should have been done.

On Wednesday 20th January the Environment Agency had issued a flood warning for the River Weaver at Acton Bridge and Weaverham. That day, Cllrs Gillian Edwards and Paul Williams spoke with Highways regarding concerns for the imminent bad weather and possible contingencies. The situation was monitored throughout the night and both Councillors attended site early on Thursday 21 January. The drains did get some attention from Highways. The Fire Service also arrived, as well as a contractor who had been sent by the council to pump the water away, but it was making little impact and the A49 had a significant amount of water flowing down it, all the drains were blocked or full. On Thursday 21st January the houses next to the Riverside pub flooded and around 40 residents had to be re-housed, some in a local guest house. The A49 was closed due to the flooding.

The Parish Council held an emergency meeting on Sunday 24th January and were given a review and latest update by the Ward Councillors. As will be appreciated, there are many features that require investigation and action. To try and cover everything would take many pages of the Newsletter, please refer to the website for the Parish Council minutes of the Emergency Meeting and the meeting of 1st February where further details on some matters can be found. Updating discussions have been together with the Parish Council meeting on 1st March but these minutes are yet to be ratified and published.

Some update information is;

The Government has not recognised 'Storm Christoph' as being so severe as to initiate compensation payments.

Zoom meetings attended by Parish and Ward Councillors have been held by CW&C and also by Cheshire Association of Town and Parish Councils (ChALC) together with the major parties covering the events and flooding in CW&C. The Parish Council has responded to a questionnaire from CW&C.

CW&C have set up a Flood Risk Action Group and it is pleasing to note that Cllr Paul Williams is a member.

Parish Council has agreed that it is necessary that a Contingency Plan be put in place for reaction to any future flooding. Work on this has been commenced by Cllr D Charlton (Warrington Road).

## **Planning Matters**

At the time of going to press, there is no further news on the Nursery Site on Station Road (where the application for Park Homes was withdrawn). The application for alterations and change of use at the Maypole Inn have eventually been decided. After the possible community use of the building was concluded and amendments were made to the extension at the rear of the building the plans were approved. A piece of Acton Bridge history comes to an end.

## **Speed Indicating Devices**

The Parish Council continue to discuss with Highways and Police further measures to eliminate the unacceptable speeds being recorded in our Village. The Station Road figures are alarming. A further sign for installation in Acton Lane has been installed. This completes the set of four signs in the Village at the locations originally agreed with CW&C. These cover the entrances to the Village plus the road outside the Parish Rooms.

Members of the Parish Council attended a Zoom meeting arranged by Cheshire Association of Town and Parish Councils (ChALC). The meeting was called following the results of a survey carried out by ChALC over all Cheshire. It was some comfort but still very worrying to find from the survey that the big majority of Parish Councils in Cheshire find speeding as their main issue. Actions are in hand to bring the results and concerns to the CW&C Highways and The Police. The print-outs from the Acton Bridge signs are sent to Highways and the Police.

### **Police Community Support Officer**

There has been a further change of personnel. There was a quick amendment to our appointed PCSO and we now have PCSO Michelle Gillett looking after us. She has made a very impressive impact already on a number of issues and we can all have confidence in her dedication to her work for us. Surgeries are held at Weaverham for the time being but will soon be back to the Parish Rooms. She can be contacted on her email address of **michelle.gillett@cheshire.pnn.police.uk**. Phone contacts are the normal 101 and then 999 for emergencies.

### **Vacancy and Changes of Personnel**

Further to the information given in the last Newsletter and following the mandatory advertising, the Parish Council is pleased to give a warm welcome to Georgina Hayward as a new member of the Council. Georgina attended her first meeting on the 1st March. She is wished much satisfaction in representing the Village.

## **Acton Bridge Community Association**

ABCA's AGM will be held on 19th May.

Like last year, it will be a ZOOM based meeting. We will produce a Trustees report as we did last year, containing reports from our chairperson, Selina, the Tennis and Bowls sections, and our annual Accounts. This report will be available on our (new!) website for you to download and read. Everyone in the village is welcome to attend, and can do so by contacting Selina for the Zoom meeting details nearer the time. Thanks, as always, for your continued support.

## Milton Baptist Church from Margaret Nixon

We still have to keep the church closed and we still share the live service with NWBA on Youtube which is accessible from the website at 10.30 a.m.

I continue to write a short message for the noticeboard at the church for those who wish to read it and I hope it is helpful and an encouragement in these difficult times for everybody.

If anyone would like to try some English Folk Dancing, I could point to some evening opportunities for that on Zoom - dances which are being adapted or written for solo dancers or couples. One new dance has been called "It's better than the Alternative." The alternative is, of course, no dancing at all. Callers are giving their time for free and it has proved to be a real experience of sharing and the music is so wonderful.

For information on this, email [margaret.nixon1@btinternet.com](mailto:margaret.nixon1@btinternet.com) or call 01606 851852.

## Crowton Church 150th anniversary

Crowton's beautiful Victorian parish church will be 150 years old this year and parishioners are planning a major programme of events and fund-raising to mark the special anniversary. In preparation, the church has just been totally re-decorated, and there is a plan to install new pew cushions and improve the sound system. Church organisers have also commissioned Chester textile artist Sandra Christie to work with the local community to produce a new decorative collage, inspired by the well-known hymn 'All things bright and beautiful'.

A year of celebrations started on Sunday 22 November 2020 with a special online commemorative service, and will be followed by numerous Christmas festivities and a host of events during 2021, including a pub quiz night, exhibitions, summer fete, gardens open day, school fashion show, harvest supper, choral concert by the William Byrd Singers and a hilarious "Allo Allo" evening with Kingsley Players. The new Bishop of Chester Mark Tanner will be guest of honour at a special harvest festival on Sunday 3 October 2021.

For more information, please visit 'what's new' on [actonbridge.org](http://actonbridge.org).

This last year has been very different for WI members from usual. We have not been able to meet in the Parish Rooms\* and only allowed to meet last summer for the occasional walk of up to six people. Since last July, the programme secretary has managed to organise monthly meetings on 'Zoom.' Not all members have been happy about relying on this technology, but as the months have continued, more members have logged on. This system has enabled members to see and hear speakers from right across Britain and beyond. They have also been able to participate and hear talks organised by Cheshire H.Q. and other local WIs' Courses run by the WI college, Denman in Oxfordshire, cost a mere £5 instead of the old very expensive residential courses. Every cloud has a silver lining!

In January, members learnt about Rosie Lee's life as a 'Reluctant Shepherdess' at her parent's farm near Winsford. Rosie left her job at a bank in her forties to help her mother when her father died. She developed a passion for breeding sheep after attending Reaseheath College. She also planted orchards and constructed pathways to enable educational visits to take place from nursery age children to WI groups. She offers Afternoon Teas as well. Her talk was informative and amusing.

Travels in a Quirky Car' was the title for the February talk by Peta Allingham. The car in question was a 2CV Citroën. Peta showed pictures of the many International Gatherings of flamboyantly decorated 2CVs that she has visited in Europe. She spoke of the fun and friendship amongst the drivers and the opportunities for experiencing different cultures and their regional dishes. She told many humorous stories that brightened a dark, cold winter's evening during 'lockdown'.

A talk called "The Rubbish Picker's Wife" told of an unlikely friendship between an English woman and a Kosovan woman, from the Roma community. Hatemja, the mother, asked the English woman, Elizabeth Gowing, if she could do anything to help her child who had been badly scalded down his legs. Elizabeth managed to get hold of some ointment to alleviate the pain and so the friendship developed.

The Kosovan family, including the children, made a living by combing through the town's rubbish tip to find plastic water bottles to sell for recycling. When Elizabeth realised that none of the children attended school she asked the mother why not, the answer was that the children had no shoes, which meant they were barred from school. Elizabeth set about

raising money for shoes, not only for this family but others as well. Elizabeth was an inspirational speaker who has helped this Kosovan community build their own small businesses making soap and sewing tote bags, among other initiatives so that the children can be educated.

There have also been Flower Arranging demonstrations on Zoom, Book Club discussions and coffee mornings. The next topic for the meeting in April is about Knickers through the ages!

On Wednesday 17 March, Rosemary Mullett, March President of Acton Bridge WI, presented Jane Evans with a card designed by a member, signed "from all your friends in Acton Bridge WI". Later, in Jane's garden, Valerie Mitchell, secretary, gave Jane an envelope containing information about a gift.



Jane joined the WI in 2003, shortly after she and her husband David arrived in the village. In 2006 she became treasurer, a position she held until last year's AGM. She was an influential and hard working member, contributing flower displays for monthly Raffles and baking whenever it was required.

WI members were asked if they would like to contribute to a thank you and leaving gift for Jane. Thanks to all the generous donations, we were able to purchase a modern teak bench and fitted cushions for Jane to use her new garden. Due to the current restrictions, it was impossible for us to have a WI meeting or a gathering to present Jane with her thank you and gift. We wish her well in her new venture.

## **The WI Christmas Celebration 2020**

Each year, AB WI invites villagers aged over 60 to join the WI at their Christmas Party. The restrictions imposed in 2020 meant that the party could not be held in the Parish Room. A WI Member, Diana Brown, designed a Christmas card. This was printed and a card delivered to the all villagers who are usually invited to the Christmas Party. The WI wanted them to know that we were thinking of them at Christmas even though we could not meet.

A WI Member, Selina Rooney, made and decorated 46 individual Christmas cakes and another Member, Yvonne Hardcastle, beautifully cellophaned

each one. The Committee Members delivered a Christmas cake and Christmas card to each WI Member.

Members met via zoom on 8th December to enjoy a Christmas Celebration. Valerie Mitchell devised a Christmas Themed Quiz and afterwards, members chatted whilst enjoying their Christmas cake and a festive drink.

If you would like to know more about your local WI please contact the Secretary, Valerie, on 01606 854144.



## **Acton Bridge Pre-school**

We have been making the most of our lovely outdoor spaces and in addition to playing in our garden we have been exploring new routes to walk which has been very exciting with lots to see and do. The children made beautiful craft creations and chocolate bark to give to their Mums on

Mother's day (don't worry Dads, we'll be making something special for you in June). The children are looking forward to Easter cooking and craft activities as well as egg and spoon races with a chocolate egg to take home afterwards. We will of course be doing all of our regular activities and using the indoor play and climbing equipment too. All cooking activities are carried out in a COVID safe manner on an individual basis.

Preschool places are available for 2, 3 and 4 year olds. Please email [manager@actonbridgepreschool.co.uk](mailto:manager@actonbridgepreschool.co.uk) to reserve a place or for more information.

### **WE ARE RECRUITING**

We are also looking for a friendly, enthusiastic person to join our team delivering fun educational activities in line with the EYFS framework and early learning goals during school term times for one day a week (8.15am until 3.45pm) plus supply cover when needed. Please email [manager@actonbridgepreschool.co.uk](mailto:manager@actonbridgepreschool.co.uk) or ring 07999 633011 for more information and to request an application form.

## **Weaverham & Acton Bridge Village Show 2021**

After the disappointment of having to cancel the August 2020 show due to the pandemic, the committee wants to reassure you that we are doing our best to plan for a show on August 7th this year, so save the date! Obviously, this will be dependent on Government decisions re the Covid 19 situation, but with the vaccination programme being rolled out, we are very hopeful that some kind of normality might resume by August. We will make a decision when we know more later in March, but it is likely that if the show goes ahead, we will need to make some significant changes in terms of exhibiting and visiting the community centre to ensure that guidelines are met and it is safe for all.

One thing the committee have decided, is that if we unable to hold a show at the community centre due to any future restrictions, then we will be looking to organise some kind of community activity or activities that you can participate

in while still adhering to the pandemic rules. After all, we need something to lift our community spirit and for all to look forward too.

A number of our committee members have retired this after volunteering their service for a number of years - they will very much be missed. We are always on the lookout for volunteers to help with planning or support activities on show day, so if you would like to be involved, please do get in touch with us. our contact details are below.

When we know more, we will keep you updated through this newsletter, our website and our Facebook page. In the meantime, keep practising your skills and talents at home, keep safe and stay well!

Denise Whitney on behalf of the WAB Village show Committee.

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

## **Acton Bridge Tennis Club**

We are pleased to announce that, thanks to the generosity of ABCA, the club has determined to waive this seasons fees for all existing members. The tennis club committee is well aware that, due to Covid, members have been unable to use the courts for the majority of this past season, and have determined not too seek fees from existing members but roll over your membership.

If you're not a member, why not join your local club, which offers a low cost way of exercising and enjoying tennis in the heart of the village. The club welcomes members of all ages and standards and, as in previous years, we hope to offer social sessions and coaching.

To find out more about your local tennis club please review  
[www.actonbridgetennis.co.uk](http://www.actonbridgetennis.co.uk)

The Club is keen to seek people interested in joining the committee to help make the most of the great facilities and anyone interested should contact Lynn Fowler.

## **The Weaverham Up-cycling Shed**

The “Weaverham Up-cycling Shed” had been meeting at the lighthouse in Weaverham for about 1 Year before it was forced to close during the Covid lockdowns. We know that people have taken up various crafts and projects during lockdown and we would like you to share your projects with us. A project can be anything that was produced by you in lockdown ranging from knitting, painting, photography, writing to Upcycling.

If you are able to, upload your projects directly on Facebook. To find the up-cycling shed page search weaverham up-cycling shed. If you are unable to add your project yourself then David Whitfield can help you. David Tel 852036

We are hoping, if the entries are sufficient and interesting, to add them to our Church website, and possibly hold an exhibition when all the lockdowns are over.

# Bird and Nature Watching

We have survived the winter and COVID lockdown and here we are at the Spring equinox and an hour goes on the clock!

The big garden birdwatch has been and gone and, because of lockdown, the response has been fantastic. And now it's nesting time. The obvious candidates are the hen blackbirds, pinching bits and pieces everywhere whilst the cocks just look on, singing. The long-tail tits are hunting for cobwebs under the eaves and the sparrows fly, trailing long pieces of anything behind them before hiding and carefully building their nest.

Buds are bursting everywhere. The snowdrops and crocus are going over and cyclamen, daffodils and hyacinths are all thriving.

We have frogspawn in our small pond with a chance of it not being frozen for the first time. Bumblebees and honey bees are more active when the sun is out. So are the ants!

A red kite has been spotted near the station. We have a stock dove visiting regularly again. Notice the blue/green neck flash and dark eye that distinguish it from the larger wood pigeon. A pair of visiting siskin arrived recently and we have lots of greenfinch, goldfinch, chaffinch, tits and sparrows. One or two song thrushes are singing, but there are not nearly as many as there have been in the past.

When the swallows, martins and swifts return, let's hope there are many more this year. Hopefully there will be many other summer visitors too. Around the village, skylarks and yellow hammers are singing, and near the river, the sandpipers have been piping noisily. Soon, the reed and sedge warblers will be returning to nest along the river and canal.

*Stock dove*



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# CELEBRATE THE N.H.S. TEA PARTY

4PM SUNDAY 4TH JULY AT THE PARISH ROOM CAR PARK



Afternoon teas served by the W.I  
Donations to the NHS  
Cakes, Gifts and Preserves Stall (For W.I funds)  
(All providing the Government restrictions allow)



Donations made by people in and around Acton Bridge to collection organised by Lorraine Hall for Dusters Ark Animal Sanctuary and The Manchester & Cheshire Dogs Home. Another collection is hoped to take place over summer.



## Feathered Friends by Chris Metcalfe

*Robins fight for their bit of space*

*Red breast displayed to help win the race*

*Blue tits find spiders on the window frames*

*Their little ones flutter and join in the game*

*Sparrows twitter in the fast - growing bush*

*We know they are there, it must be a crush*

*Jackdaws wreck the vegetable patch*

*Their claws dig the earth, insects to catch*

*The woodpecker drums to find a mate*

*Trees, poles, and even the gate*

*Head on one side, its got seconds to squirm*

*Blackbird eyes up a tasty long worm*

*Starlings swarm then sit on the lines*

*How do they balance, feathers black as mines*

*Thrushes display their speckled breast*

*Out of all birds they look the best*

*Collared doves with their light smooth coat*

*An elegant sight to raise our hope*

*Feeders are full, some falls to the ground*

*Pigeons are there to peck all around*

*Birdsong is loud as the sun shows its face*

*This gracious gift filling time and space*