

Acton Bridge Autumn 2022 Newsletter

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**ACTON BRIDGE
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

**FUN, FESTIVE CHRISTMAS QUIZ
FRIDAY 2ND DECEMBER 7PM**
at the Parish Rooms, Acton Bridge

BAR & SNACKS

Entry by ticket only £5 per person
To book and pay for your tickets
Tel: Rob Forbes on 07966 771659 or
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Call or Text Pete on 07725 266521 – Quote
Xmas Quiz, by November 25th

**Golden Monkey Quiz Trophy and Quiz prizes,
Raffle, and Prize for the Best Dressed XMAS
Themed Table.**

Maximum 8 team members per table.

(Further details see page 14)

Diary Dates:

Sunday 27th November:

Christmas Lights switch on
(4pm)

Friday 2nd December:

ABCA Christmas Quiz 7pm
for 7.30pm

Friday 9th December:

Distaff Singers Winter
Concert 7.30pm

Tuesday 13th December: WI
Village Xmas Party 6.30pm



Acton Bridge WI
prepare
Poppy Tributes

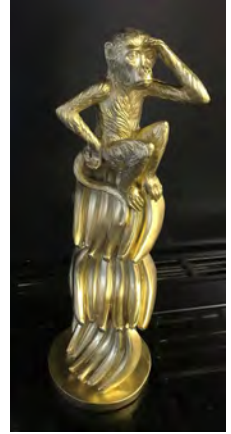


Acton Bridge Community Association

ABCA are all volunteers, as individuals or representing the various groups in the village, but all working together for the good of the village. We have several events over the forthcoming months, including the Christmas Lights Switch on Sunday 27th November at 4pm and the ABCA Quiz on Friday 2 December, 7 for 7.30pm, for the honour of holding the illustrious Golden Monkey ABCA Quiz Trophy.

We are looking to hold a village event in May 2023 to mark the Coronation of our new King in a similar fashion to the Jubilee event which we held in June this year for our late Queen. If you would be interested in volunteering please contact our Chair Selina Rooney.

We are also looking to establish a "Britain in Bloom" working group for next year, if you would like to find out more about this or other aspects of ABCA, please contact our Chair Selina Rooney (selinarooney@hotmail.co.uk).



Remembrance Service 2022

The Weaverham War Memorial lists the names of those who were from both Acton Bridge and Weaverham. On Sunday 13th November 2022,

the marching parade left Weaverham shops at 2.30pm, proceeding to the War Memorial at St. Mary's Church, Weaverham, followed by a Service of Remembrance within St Mary's Church at 3pm.

CLlr Brocklebank laid the Wreath on behalf of Acton Bridge.



Message from the Editor

Do you have an article of interest or an event coming up, for consideration for our next edition of the ABCA Newsletter?

If so please e-mail the editor Charles Fifield:

actonbridgenewsletter@gmail.com

The copy deadline for the Winter 2023 edition is **15 February 2023**.

Parish Council News

Average Speed Camera System: Thousands of vehicles each day pass through our village, at high speed, on our narrow rural roads, passing very close to residents (young and old). There are people horse riding, cycling, or walking, running, exercising their pets on our narrow adjacent footpaths. How do we attempt to manage this speeding traffic that presents an ever present growing danger. As with most rural Villages this is the number one issue for our residents.

The Parish Council has been very active over the past few years in exploring solutions to this issue. We know the degree and extent of the problem from the data provided by the four speed indicator devices we have in the village:

Over 94% of all journeys on Station Road are in excess of the 30mph speed limit. Over 77% on Milton Rough. Over 74% on Acton Lane. Over 60% on Hilltop Road. We regularly have recorded speeds in excess of 80mph.

There is a solution in the form of an average speed camera system. This is monitored and managed by the police. Therefore there are would be consequences for those who choose to exceed the speed limit in Acton Bridge.

This is a proven effective deterrent. We, as a Parish, have the opportunity to take part in an average speed camera trial. This is supported by the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cheshire, John Dwyer. It also has the backing of ChALC (Cheshire Association of Local Councils)

As a trial, there is financial support, but as a Village we would also have to make a financial contribution to the installation costs. This would equate to approximately £16 per annum for the average Band D property. We welcome your thoughts and feedback: consultation@actonbridgeparishcouncil.org

You also have the opportunity to voice and share these in the public open forum as part of the next Parish Council meeting, at **7.00pm, Monday 5th December.**

If you are interested in getting involved, for example with our resilience planning or being trained to use the speed detector please get in touch – our contact details are on our website: www.actonbridgeparishcouncil.org

Cllr Trevor Brocklebank, Chair of Acton Bridge Parish Council

300 CLUB

What a wonderful response this year, one of the best, if not the best yet.

It would not have been possible without the efforts of our volunteers so many thanks also to our sales people for doing such a grand job. The wonderful support means that more money can be added to the prize pot and thus more prizes. The new list of prizes is;

Each month of Sept, Oct, Nov and Dec there will be prizes of £100, £50 and £25, i.e an extra £25 each month. The Jackpot, in time for Christmas, will be £200, with two prizes at £100, and three at £30, i.e. an extra £100 and three at £30. Prize winners to date are;

September £100 John West, £50 Shirley White, £25 Elizabeth Pearson.

October: £100 David Pickering, £50 Tom Robins, £25 Steve Harley.

November: £100 Adrian Thiemicke, £50 C Steel, Mr & Mrs Law.

Contact: Bob Holt (300 Club Promoter) 853698.

Police Community Support Officer

PCSO Michelle Gillett is busy looking after us and has surgeries held monthly in the Parish Rooms. She is also looking for volunteers for community speed watch and neighbourhood watch schemes.

Michelle's contact E-mail: michelle.gillett@cheshire.pnn.police.uk.

Phone contacts are the normal 101 and then 999 for emergencies.

Tae Kwon Do

07754 801190

Acton Bridge Parish Rooms. Monday & Wednesday Evenings.

Juniors 6.30 - 7.30pm Adults 7.30 - 8.30pm

Instructor - Mr G Smithies - 4th Degree International Instructor

SP Energy Network - Priority Service Register

PRIORITY SERVICES REGISTER

"In the event of a power cut, our teams work around the clock to restore your electricity as quickly as possible. We appreciate for some customers this may be particularly distressing and that's why we offer extra support to customers who feel they need our help. You can join our Priority Services Register if you:

- Are over the age of 60
- Have a special communication need
- Depend on electricity for home or medical care
- Have a child under 5 years of age
- Have chronic illness
- Or just feel you need a little extra help

You can also register with us if you feel you need support for a short period of time e.g. if you're recovering from an operation, if you are pregnant, or if you are recently bereaved.

Being on our register won't necessarily mean we can restore your power more quickly, however we will try to proactively contact you if we know of a problem in your area."

www.spenergynetworks.co.uk/pages/priority_services_register.aspx

ACTON BRIDGE RESILIENCE PLAN:

What would you do in a flood?

We all remember the devastating scenes when part of the village was flooded in January 2021. As we approach the winter months it is worth considering whether your home could be flooded and what would you do if this happened (continued opposite).

How likely is your home to be flooded?

The environment agency website allows you to find out the likelihood of your home being flooded by Rivers (or the Sea) and by Surface Water. Go to www.gov.uk/check-long-term-flood-risk click the Start button, enter your post code and find your address. Many insurance companies give premiums based on a postcode, irrespective of your particular property. This information helps you to challenge their assessment of your insurance risk.

Will you get warnings about flooding before it happens?

The environment agency website also allows you to sign up for warnings which will be sent direct to your phone or email. Go to www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings, then click start and follow through the steps to sign up to get warnings regarding your address.

What if I get a flood warning?

There are 3 levels of flood warning. Flood Alert (flooding is possible), Flood warning (flooding is expected) Severe Flood Warning (there is a danger to life – act now). According to the level of flood warning there is action you need to take. This is summarised in the table on the next page. If you receive a flooding is expected warning or a severe flood warning please call the emergency number which is part of the resilience plan - 07933 765928 There is more detailed information on the environment agency website which you can find here <https://check-for-flooding.service.gov.uk/what-to-do-in-a-flood> . The GoCompare website has useful information about preparing for a flood and what to do if you find yourself flooded www.gocompare.com/home-insurance/flooding-and-home-insurance/limiting-flood-risk-and-damage . Of course they want you to get your insurance through them, but that is entirely for you to decide.

Could the events of January 2021 happen again?

We hope not, but yes, they could. Although CW&C have done work on the drains some of the underlying issues regarding management of the River Weaver remain. This is despite the best efforts of the Parish Council and our local councillors who are part of the CW&C Flood Risk Action Group. In addition, global warming means that extreme weather events are more likely to occur. So, be prepared!

How to respond if you receive a flood alert

Warning Level	What it Means	Action	What you need to do
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Flood Alert	Flooding is possible	Prepare:	
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- Have a bag ready with vital items like insurance documents and medications in case you need to leave your home
- Check you know how to turn off your gas, electricity and water mains supplies
- Plan how you'll move family and pets to safety

Flood Warning	Flooding is expected	Act:	
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- Turn off gas, water and electricity
- Move things upstairs or to safety
- Move family, pets and car to safety

Severe Flood Warning	There is a danger to life	Survive:	
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You must act now!

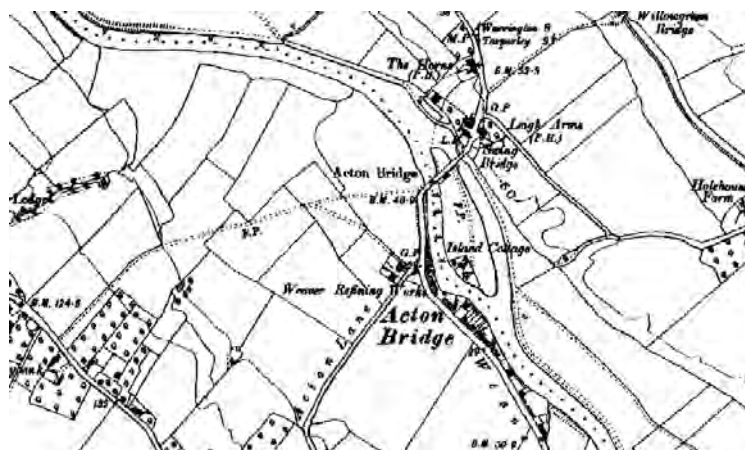
- Call 999 if in immediate danger
- Follow advice from emergency services
- Keep yourself and your family safe

Weaverham History Society

Acton Bridge's Industrial Past (3/3): From manure to gunpowder

On 13 December 1902 in an extract from the Minute book of the Parish Council of the Township of Acton, one of the resolutions was that the Clerk was to “write to the Weaver Refining Co and say that complaints had been made, about the disagreeable smell connected with the (bone) works, also the steam which escaped on to the highway, making it dangerous for horses passing.”

The Lowwood Gunpowder Co Ltd, Acton Bridge was responsible for the production of saltpetre which is used in the manufacture of gunpowder. The process required thoroughly rotted muck and manure being mixed with potash or lime and urine. The resulting mixture had to be sheltered from leaching rain while at the same time being regularly turned to expose it the air. The festering could last a year before the whitish efflorescence of the nitre appeared. So, what was Acton Bridge by the River Weaver like in “the good old days” – maybe not so bucolic as one might imagine.



**Ordnance
Survey
c.1910**

Submitted by the Weaverham History Society which holds meetings at Weaverham Primary School (Northwich Road) on the second Tuesday in the month at 7.30pm. Jacquie Williams: Chair Weaverham History Society: www.history.weaverham.org.uk

Acton Bridge Tennis Club



The tennis courts are in “tip top” condition for next season, having been professionally cleaned and repainted recently.

We are pleased to advise that next season we will again be organising junior coaching sessions, on Saturday mornings, in various age groups starting at 9am for 5-8 year olds and going through the age groups until 12-1 pm completes the morning for 15-18 year olds.

The sessions will again be run by a very experienced and exceptionally well qualified coach, Bill Connell. Members will be advised of the details of the coaching but should you wish to find out more about coaching or joining the club please review our web site www.actonbridgetennis.co.uk or email us at actonbttennis@aol.com.

We are also looking for villagers interested in joining the committee which meets circa 3 times a year.

Membership of the village tennis club is amazing value at only £40 for a family.

Christ Church Crowton School

Crowton Christ Church CE Primary School is a small, rural school, founded in 1875 and set in amongst some of Cheshire’s most beautiful countryside. Our family-orientated school is a special place, with hope and love at its heart, where everyone is celebrated and welcomed.

As a church school, we value the individual and their unique contribution to our school family; Christian values underpin everything we do. The school has close links with the church, visiting for key events such as Remembrance, Christmas and Easter. The ministry team are regular visitors to school and lead a range of styles of worship, on a weekly basis.

We’d be delighted to welcome you to visit our vibrant village school; please phone the school office to arrange to come and see what we do.

T:01928 788230

E: admin@crowton.cheshire.sch.uk

Website: www.crowton.cheshire.sch.uk/



Weaverham Library

Our opening hours are as follows:

Monday and Friday:	9.30 - 1, 2 - 7pm
Tuesday and Wednesday	9.30 - 1, 2 - 5pm
Thursday Closed.	Saturday 9.30 - 1pm



We celebrated 60 years in our present building this October, we had tea and cakes it was a lovely day, thank you to everyone and our local councillors for calling in to see us.

Christmas Events

Tues 13 Dec and Fri 16 Christmas Crafts 3.30pm
Mon 19 Dec and Wed 21 Xmas Story time 3.30pm



New books are arriving all year round and can be reserved for £1. If you can't find what you want on our shelves you can reserve one from another library for just £1 – a bargain at any time of the year. Audio books are also available for a small rental charge.

Knit & Natter Group - Mondays 10.30am - 12.30pm
Baby bounce - Tuesdays 10.30am – 11.00am (booking essential)
Rhyme time - Fridays 11am to 11.30am (booking essential)
Lego drop in - Saturdays 10.30am - 12.30pm

Remember the library is free to join. It only takes a couple of minutes! Members have free internet access for 1 hour every day on our public computers. Non-members are welcome and are charged. Come in read the paper use the computers have a warm drink we would love to see you. To all our borrowers we like to send our best wishes over the Christmas period and thank you for your support.

Come along and see us soon: Gill, Carol, Ann and Val.

Weaverham Library, Russet Road CW8 3HY -

01606 274344

Village Contacts: 2022/23

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John Mahan	Flat Green Bowling Club	01606 593886
Graham Soutar	Scottish Dancers	01606 883496
Gary Smithies	Tae Kwon Do	07754 801190
Dee Smith/ Anna Alexander	Distaff Singers	01477 532982 01925 658447
Peter Richards	Tennis	07802 885010
Cheryl Hamilton	Verdin Beaders Group	01606 852878
Jane Caldwell	Weaver Vale Art Society	01606 851008
Veronica Oliver	WI Secretary	01606 853226
INCIDENT DESK	LOCAL POLICE	0845 458 0000
NON EMERGENCY		101
NHS medical advice		111
Cheshire West Council		0300 123 8123

Village Contacts: 2022/23

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actonbridgenewsletter@gmail.com

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Visits by appointment - *Contact Phil and Nanette on 01606 851873 / 07974 064078 or visit www.valeroyalfalconry.com*

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Legal



For all your legal requirements speak to one of our friendly team on **01606 74301** or email

reception@mosshaselhurst.co.uk or visit www.mosshaselhurst.co.uk

Marquees

Acton Marquees

Whatever the event, we've got it covered!

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Four Seasons Pest Solutions Ltd for domestic and commercial pest control of all pests including birds, rats, mice, wasps and bees. Phone Robert on **01606 620524/07828149211** or email info@fourseasonpestsolutions.co.uk or see www.fourseasonpestsolutions.co.uk



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Email: kate@weaverfootcare.co.uk

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careline@freedomfibre.com



0333 011 5110

Christmas Quiz Further information:

On arrival at 7pm, please present your pre-paid Quiz ticket at the door, where you will be able to purchase raffle tickets @ £5 per strip and your Reindeer Antlers or Santa headband for £3. Don't forget the bar is cash only, so please ensure you have plenty to hand.

The Best Dressed Christmas Table will be judged at the interval.

Make sure you have pre-ordered your PIZZA'S from the Outback Pizza Co. The raffle will be drawn at the end of the Quiz followed by the presentation of prizes to the 1st, 2nd and third placed teams. Thank you Darren at Littlers Butchers of Hartford for donating £25 meat voucher prize.

theWI

INSPIRING WOMEN

Acton Bridge WI continues to seek more ways to have fun!

Some of our latest activities (see photos overleaf) were open water swimming, and gin tasting! We continue with our monthly walks, book club, craft club and outings.

Members made the poppy water fall outside the parish rooms for armistice day, (see photos on front cover of this newsletter).

We have just started a gardening group, we share tips via WhatsApp, and plan to visit gardens and garden centres in the new year. We still have fencing taster session to look forward to in November, well as our monthly meetings, with a variety of speakers.

After a break of three years, we are very much looking forward to sharing our Christmas party with all the older members of the Village. Invitations will be sent out shortly to anyone over the age of 60 and their partners or if you are the partner of a WI member. If you haven't received an invitation or know some one else who hasn't, by the end of November please get in touch with the secretary Veronica Oliver 853226.

The Christmas party will start at 6:30 we will have a meal followed by entertainment and a raffle. The price for the meal is £15 which the WI is subsidising so you only pay £13. Menu choices are with the invitations.

Please return your menu choices and money to 71 Hill top Rd in a named envelope marked xmas party before the end of November.

Pay by cheque Acton bridge women's institute or by BAACS acton bridge womens institute 09.01.51 A/C 27669809 (please note this is a business account).

There is no bar but you are welcome to bring your own drinks , water and glasses provided. We anticipate an enthusiastic response, after a 3 year break. Numbers are limited, so get your replies in as soon as possible.

We are looking forward to meeting up again. Remember visitors are always welcome to our meetings. The second Tuesday of the month, in the Parish Rooms starting at 6.30pm. If you need any further information please contact the Secretary Veronica Oliver 853226, or the President Pam Lyon.



WT's scientific approach to Gin tasting. Open Water Swimming Amazons Ahoy!

Christmas Concert by The Distaff Singers

in aid of the CLIC Sargent Charity

Friday 9th December

7.30pm

Acton Bridge Parish Rooms

Come and join us for our first Christmas concert in three years. We are pleased to present you with a programme of Christmas music, carols, readings and instrumentals, to celebrate the season and raise money for this worthwhile children's charity.

Tickets cost £8 and include a glass of wine or a non-alcoholic beverage and various nibbles.

Tickets can be purchased from members of the choir, on the door, or via 07531 420 590.

We look forward to welcoming you for this family concert.