Acton Bridge Spring 2022 Newsletter

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"Thank You" Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Ukraine Appeal, Acton Bridge Community have responded generously to the recent UKRAINE Refugee Appeal. Six large car loads of warm clothes, blankets, footwear, nappies, food and personal hygiene products have been donated and are now safely on their way to help all the people affected by this unbelievable act of War. ABCA would like to thank Josephine Forbes for all her hard work on the Ukraine Appeal.



ACTON BRIDGE COMMUNITY QUIZ FOR

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Diary Dates:

Sat 26 March: WI Brews & Bake

Fri 1 April: Ukraine Quiz Night

Sat 2 April: Village Litter Pick

Thu 28 April: Jubilee Planning Event

Fri 6 - Sat 8 May: Weaver Vale Art Exhibition

Sat 11 June:

Jubilee Event

Fri 24 June:
Distaff Singers
Summer Concert



The Parish Council continues to be extremely busy. With significant progress on two major projects, bringing Fibre Broadband to the village and developing a Community Resilience Plan. Reducing speeding vehicles through the village also remains a priority.

As mentioned in the last newsletter Councillors Hayward and Charlton are leading on the Broadband and Resilience Plan respectively and both have put in a huge amount of work into these activities and updates on both projects are included in the Newsletter. We have also been working with ABCA to develop our Jubilee celebrations.

Councillor Clare Ballantyne-Roberts stood down from the Parish Council at the end of February, after five years of being a Parish Councillor. We would particularly like to acknowledge the contribution Clare has made to the Village.

This also means we have a vacancy, so if you are interested in getting involved in supporting the village please email Carole at clerk@actonbridgeparishcouncil.org

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: actonbridgeparishcouncil.org

Cllr Trevor Brocklebank: Chairman, Acton Bridge Parish Council

300 CLUB

Another year rolls by and it is time to mention that ABCA will be running a 300 Club again this year. Last year your support was truly outstanding and we thank all participants, be they residents or Room Users, for their generosity. Our valiant sales people will be coming round from about July with the share forms. It is proposed that the prizes will be on a monthly basis with the Christmas specials as per last year. Many thanks again for all your support.

Bob Holt: 300 Club Promoter.

Ultrafast Broadband Update



Following discussions with Freedom Fibre we are pleased to say that full fibre, gigabit-capable broadband will be available to every property in Acton Bridge.

The whole network will hopefully be completed by May this year. There is no obligation on anyone to sign up to the network or take a contract, but we know there will be plenty of households for whom this news comes as a boost, particularly for those who are working from home or have children studying for exams.

The new network will also mean that Acton Bridge is prepared for when Openreach turn off the old copper telephone network in 2025.

If you are going to take up the improved broadband, or are thinking about it, please do register beforehand on www.freedomfibre.com/register.

This will mean that the government will put some money towards the build of the network in the village, at no cost to you.

There are full details and information on this project on the Parish Council website: www.actonbridgeparishcouncil.org/broadband and you can email georgina.hayward@actonbridgeparishcouncil.org with any queries.

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 speedwatch and neighbourhood watch schemes. 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.

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: actonbridgenewsletter@gmail.com

The copy deadline for the Summer 2022 edition is 15 May 2022.



We were delighted to be back in the Parish Rooms for our monthly Meetings.

We had in February a moving presentation from the Children's Adventure Farm Trust who talked about a project that offers opportunities for disabled, disadvantaged and terminally ill children to have fun in a rural setting.

March there was a flower demonstration, April will be a talk about the work of Blood Bikes, whilst May will have a sting in the tail, the extraordinary work of the honey bee. A varied programme to look forward to.

On Saturday 26th March the WI are hosting a BREWS AND BAKES event for the Village Do come along and enjoy for a small charge a variety of coffees, teas, home baked cake etc. free entry, Children welcome.

There will be a stall with cake, home baked bread, produce, cards and paintings for sale, and a display outlining what happens at ABWI. all at the Parish Rooms:

10.30 to 12.00 Saturday 26th March



As well as our monthly meetings a number of activities were recently enjoyed, after the disappointments and worries of lockdown.

We have a series of walks every month, 8 members enjoyed a walk around the beautiful Weaver Valley and Little Leigh recently, stopping for refreshments at the Green Kitchen at Bartington.

Another enjoyable walk was near Frodsham at Snidley Moor. Tenpin bowling and a trip to Liverpool to see the Russian ballet, was a welcome chance to meet up again. Our book club and Flower continue to thrive.

We have plans as part of our adventure club to go horse riding in April, novices welcome! Then later on there are plans to try out Archery again and rifle shooting for any budding "Annie Oakley's" out there. More theatre outings are planned. We are looking forward to providing the teas for the Jubilee fun day in the village on Saturday June 11th .

Its nice to get back to our usual varied and busy programme .Hopefully something to interest everyone. New ideas always welcomed and visitors assured of a warm welcome. Further information contact:

E-mail: actonbridgewi@gmail.com or ring / text 07974 159284.

Article from Cheshire West & Chester Council website: Rubble Charges at Household Waste Recycling Centres

From 1 April 2022, residents will be required to pay for the disposal of DIY waste from works, improvements, repairs, alterations, and demolition at your home address. This includes rubble, hard core, soil, ceramics, glass, and plasterboard. To ensure residents can continue to dispose of materials for which you may otherwise need to hire a skip the fairest way to manage this waste is to make a small charge for users of the service.

DIY and construction waste from home improvements is not classed as household waste therefore we have no legal duty to accept it at the recycling centres. Charging for certain types of waste will help to reduce the increasing costs of disposal and further prevent the misuse by traders. It will also reduce the disposal tonnages and help to increase recycling rates. Please note: there will be no charge for up to three bags of non-household waste and ceramic materials.

Charges per bag - £3.70 per bag (bag size 800mm x 600mm) - slate, soil, wall and floor tiles (including ceramic tiles), bricks/breeze blocks, clay/sand, concrete/tarmac, paving slabs, clay drainage pipes, plate glass (windows and doors), plasterboard, mortar and rendering, rocks/gravel rubble/stone, other associated rubble or hardcore items.

Charges per ceramic item - £3.70 per item - shower tray, bidet, wash hand basin/sink, WC pedestal, toilet basin, toilet cistern, other similar items

Charges will not apply to - garden pots, crockery, fish tanks, domestic garden ornaments, metal and plastic baths, plastic shower trays and plastic cisterns, turf stripped of excess soil.

Payments can be made on arrival by credit or debit card only. Cash and cheques will not be accepted. The total cost will be calculated by the site staff. The decision of the Site Duty Manager is final. Anyone unwilling or unable to pay will be asked to leave the site with their items. Charges will apply to everyone.

Alternative disposal of rubble

You can dispose of bulky waste or rubble by hiring an authorised private skip or waste removal services. To ensure you don't fall foul of a fly-tipper, follow this simple checklist: (1) Use a reputable company (2) only deal with a company or tradesperson with a 'Registered Waste Carriers Licence' (3) check the registration details by telephoning the Environment Agency: 08708 506506 (4) get a receipt for the waste removed and take down the vehicle registration number and name of company (5) get several quotes

Please dispose of rubble responsibly. If you have seen anyone fly tipping or come across any, please report it.

https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/waste-and-recycling/

ACTON BRIDGE RESILIENCE PLAN

Following the flooding that took place in January 2021, the Parish Council, in conjunction with ABCA, have been producing a Community Resilience Plan to identify resources that could be called upon during an emergency.

As well as flooding, a number of different scenarios have been considered including severe storms, lengthy power outage, major transport incidents and fire.

We need your help

Initially in an emergency, the only resources we have to call on will be those within the village. Do you have skills or do you provide services that could be useful on these occasions? Please let us know what they are.

Already members of the WI have agreed to provide refreshments if a rest centre is needed and local farmers have agreed to remove obstacles where possible. We are keen to identify people who have been trained (or would be willing to be trained) in first aid and people who would be willing to accommodate extra pets at short notice.

Can you identify who will need extra help?

Do you know who is vulnerable in your part of the village and might need special support in an emergency? We are setting up a special phone line for these emergency events so that you can let us know the support they need.

Where can we store sandbags?

We hope to have a local store of sandbags so that these can be provided to "at risk" homes much faster than was the case in January 2021. We will need somewhere dry to store them. Can you provide a place?

Please let us know what services or skills you could offer as part of our resilience plan by contacting me by email:

david.charlton@actonbridgeparishcouncil.org

Thank you for your help.

David Charlton

Acton Bridge Community Association SATURDAY JUNE 11th JUBILEE FUNDAY



A chance to get the village and friends together after such a difficult 2 years. We are looking at various sources of funding to help keep the costs down and Phil from Acton Marquees has generously let us have one at cost. This will enable us to keep the price of the tickets down. PROCESSION of floats and fancy dress (Commonwealth theme) gathers at 1.30pm AT THE PARISH ROOM, leaves at 2pm, arrives at the field on CHAPEL LANE 2.30pm. Contact Veronica Oliver to take part - veronicaoliver2003@yahoo.co.uk.

Childrens races, side stalls, fun dog show. Teas provided in the marquee. We would like to have a vintage/retro car display; anyone who has or knows of someone who would like to display a vehicle please contact - sarah.pendy.sharp@gmail.com or 07888 733389

ABCA would like to continue the tradition of giving a commemorative mug to every resident child under 16 on the day. We just need to know who they are! If you have children under 16 please contact Vickie Fifield - willowcottage@hotmail.co.uk or 07971 840590.

Entry is FREE for the afternoon event. Souvenir programmes will be on sale for £1.

Entry for the evening event is strictly by ticket only (cost £10 each). Music from the band "Spitting Feathers". Bring your own drinks, the Outback Pizza van will be available, or bring your own picnic. Contact Selina Rooney - selinarooney@hotmail.co.uk for tickets / details.

Last time for the Queens Diamond jubilee people brought extra tents or a gazebo for the evening.

Help on the day is still required. The next planning meeting is at Parish Rooms Acton Bridge, Thursday 28th April 8pm. Contact Selina.

Saturday 2nd April: Acton Bridge village litter pick, meeting at the Parish Rooms in the afternoon. Arrangements including time and further details tbc via the village Facebook Page.

Weaverham History Society

The Society holds meetings at Weaverham Primary School (Northwich Road) on the second Tuesday in the month at 7.30pm.

On Tuesday, 12 April, when we have Simon La Frenais with his talk entitled: "Queen Victoria – who do you think she was?".

On Tuesday, 10 May, local historian Gavin Hunter will be telling us about the founding and development of the Liverpool Overhead Railway, known locally as the "Dockers' Umbrella", which operated along the Liverpool Docks from 1893 to 1975.

Please join us – all are welcome and we even have tea and biscuits.

Jacquie Williams: Chair Weaverham History Society www.history.weaverham.org.uk

ART EXHIBITION

Friday 6th May 6.00pm-9.00pm
Saturday 7th May 10.00am-5.00pm
Sunday 8th May 10.00am-5.00pm
Acton Bridge Parish Rooms

Art, prints, cards, tombola and refreshments
Organised by the Weaver Vale Art Society

Christ Church Crowton School

Crowton Christ Church CE Primary School is a small, rural school, 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.

Encouraging enquiring minds and developing global citizens of the future directs our approach to daily life. Children follow a wide and varied curriculum to meet their changing needs. Learning is enriched by visitors to school and educational visits, both on a day and residential basis. Everyone who crosses the doorway notes what a happy place of learning this is, with a tangible working buzz as the children undertake their activities. Excellent behaviour and positive relationships are evident throughout the school and it is not unusual to find children from Reception to Year Six playing together.

Singing is a strength of our school and we are thrilled to perform in local schools' festivals and for the wider community. As part of Northwich Education Partnership, we regularly participate in arts events, dance projects and the Children's Parliament. Our musical capabilities are encouraged by several peripatetic music teachers who provide lessons in various instruments, during the school day. This includes the children in the juniors all learning to play a brass instrument.

In our recent World Book Day celebrations, the children were challenged to represent a favourite book in a jar. The quality and range of these was stunning and the children enjoyed sharing their favourite stories in this creative manner.

Our school is fortunate to be supported in PE by a professional footballer who coaches across the school and offers after school and holiday clubs.

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.

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

Email: admin@crowton.cheshire.sch.uk

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Tuesday and Wednesday 9.30 - 1, 2 - 5pm

Thursday Closed. Saturday 9.30 - 1pm

Spring is here with brighter skies and longer days. A time to start something new? Would you like toMake some jewellery? Cook something different? Grow your own vegetables and flowers? Learn how to paint in watercolour? These are just a few of the inspiring ideas that you will find when you come to the library.

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.

Junior Easter crafts at 2.30pm on Friday 8 April and Tuesday 12 April.

Watch out at the end of May for the Queens' Platinum Jubilee junior craft session.

Baby bounce - Tuesdays 10.30am – 11.00am.

Rhyme time - Fridays 11am to 11.30am.

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 at £2 per hour. We also have a photocopier available for public use.

Come along and see us soon: Gill, Carol, Ann and Val. Weaverham Library, Russet Road CW8 3HY - 01606 274344

Acton Bridge Tennis Club

At present the tennis committee is investigating simplifying and automating the process of members paying their annual subscriptions as such please keep an eye open for an email detailing how to pay this years fees.

We are having the courts professionally cleaned and repainted once the weather is suitable to complete the works. If you are not a member why not consider joining yourself or your children and start a new activity in your village. Beginners or players of all levels are welcome at the club and coaching can be organised. Your village club is exceptional value for money.

To find out more about the facilities and membership options please review the web site:

www.actonbridgetennis.co.uk

The club, like all village associations, is run voluntarily and the club is urgently looking for people to join our committee, if you can help please use the contact us on web site.

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- 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."

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

Weaverham & Acton Bridge Village Show 2022

Spring is in the air and summer will soon come round. Despite the Pandemic last year, the Village Show went ahead and was deemed a success. With the news that restrictions are being reduced all the time, the committee have already started planning our 2022 show.

So, save the date in your diary:

Saturday 6th August

We want to keep you focused and busy in preparing those fabulous entries and of course encourage as many local residents as possible to support the show. To help celebrate Her Majesties Platinum Jubilee and the fact we are hosting the Commonwealth Games we wanted to let you know you might see a bit of a theme going on with some our show categories. Here are the photographic titles for this year:

1.Red, White & Due, 2. People in Sport, 3. Jubilee, 4. Plant Life, 5. Fur or Feathers 6.View from a Window (I don't think many of us have a balcony!).

I am sure that all you will be creative, whether entering photos, artwork, handicraft or flower arrangements, and I know some of you can grow fruit and veg, or make domestic produce fit for a Queen. So, lets hope the weather supports the growers and the makers have lots of time to prepare.

We will share more information with over the coming months through this newsletter, our website (www.weaverhamshow.co.uk and our Facebook page (Weaverham and Acton Bridge Village Show), you can even follow us on twitter:@WAB_VillageShow. If you have any questions about the show please do not hesitate to get in touch.

The show is a great event and the committee look forward to bringing our community together again to show case your many skills and talents.

Kind regards

Denise Whitney, on behalf of the WAB Village Show Committee.

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Broken Spring

Daffodils blooming - Shells are falling

Expectation blossoms - Buildings destroyed

Covid relaxing - Families shredded

Holidays planned - Flee to other countries

Countryside walks - Tanks block the way

Democracy rules - Democracy fools

Away on business - Away with arms

Water pistol fun - Fire real bullets

Fresh cold water - Taps running dry

The weekly shop - Empty shelves

We love happy endings

(Chris Metcalfe)