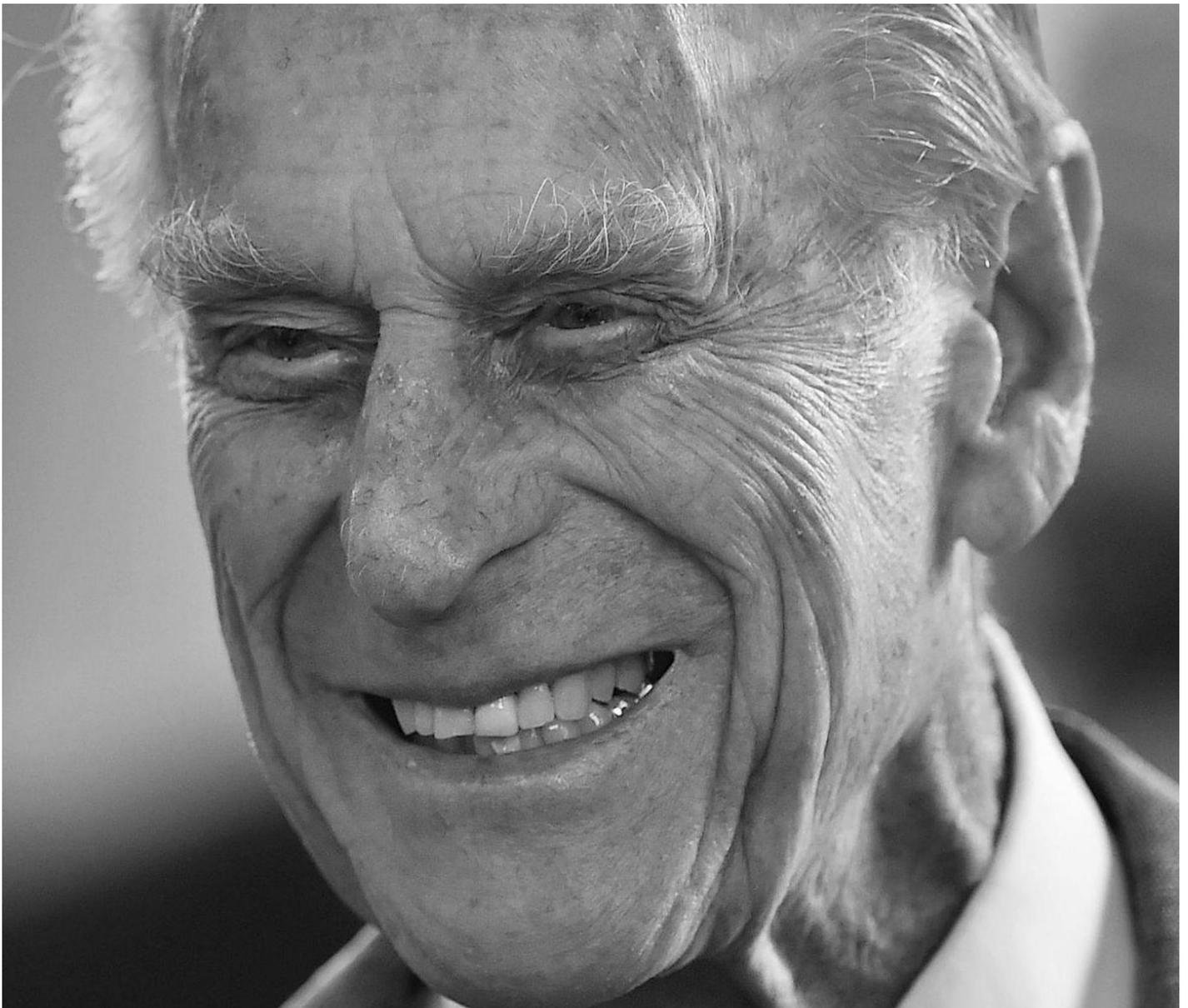


We are back, but now Insight Magazine is exclusively for Church Minshull residents



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Who we are ...

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What has been happening?

While we have been surviving the Coronavirus pandemic, we have kept in touch with everyone in Church Minshull by producing five *Insight* supplements, in partnership with the parish council. We were to review the magazine in March 2020, but that was inevitably delayed by lockdown. However, with life steadily returning to normal now, our review of the old magazine, produced with Acton, has concluded. Acton are going ahead with an online magazine and we wish them every success, but here in Church Minshull, where we know many people do not have easy access to a computer, we are continuing with a printed *Insight* that will also be online at stbartschurchminshull.org.uk under the *Insight* heading.

Just as we were going to print, the sad news of the death of HRH The Duke of Edinburgh broke and the magazine was hastily re designed to bring you the latest information on what the village was doing. Please see Church Minshull News.

So here is the new simplified magazine, solely dedicated to our village, which will continue to be delivered to every home, free. If you wish to contact us or write an article, please use the email address on the page header, or phone a churchwarden, but we may have to trim an article if we have limited space. We will bring you news from the parish, the parish council, local groups and the village hall, with information about forthcoming events in church, The Badger Inn and the village. We do have space for adverts so if you would like one, please contact us, our rates are very modest.

A Letter from the vicar

Over the last year we have come to value the little things. The acts of kindness as friends and family have done shopping, picked up prescriptions or have dropped off unexpected treats. We have learned to appreciate bird song, walks in our local area, the beauty of the countryside on our doorsteps and the small changes that mark the seasons.

We have also learned how important things are that we previously thought were so small we barely noticed them; seeing family and friends, the supportive hug, hand on the shoulder or squeeze of the hand: coffee and cake shared in a favourite cafe. It is my hope that, if nothing else, we will have learned as a result of Covid 19, the value of small things and the value of taking time not to rush through life so fast that we miss the things we now know are really important.

Speaking of St David, the patron saint of little things, Rowan Williams, former Archbishop of Canterbury, said that St David's words appealed to modern people because, "It reminds us that the primary things for us are the relationships around us, the need to work at what's under our hands, what's within our reach".

After all, the only thing God asks of any of us is that we do what we can, with what we have, where we are. If we do that in the name of Jesus, we will achieve great things indeed.

Prayer for Prince Philip *God of our lives, we give thanks for the life of Prince Philip, for his love of our country and for his devotion to duty. We entrust him now to your love and mercy, through our redeemer, Jesus Christ, Amen.*



Church Minshull News

It was with great sorrow that we learned of the death of HRH The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh on Friday 9th April. Flags on the church and village hall were immediately lowered to half-mast and a half muffled bell rang at St Bart's at 5pm. You can leave condolences either on the Royal Family website at: [The Royal Family](#) or on the Church of England website at: [Welcome to the Church of England's official website | The Church of England](#)

We are pleased to announce **The Badger Inn** will open at 1pm on Friday the 16th April, garden only. They will be running a 3 day week, Friday, Saturday and Sunday... details available on www.badgerinn.co.uk



Messy Church for the whole family will restart on 27th June at 11am. There will be all the usual activities and refreshments.

At the time of going to press, **Café Church** hopes to restart on 9th May at 11am, subject to government advice. Please see the church website and notice board for further announcements insightstbarts@gmail.com

In Memoriam - Margaret Gleave, 29th March
Restrictions limited the funeral congregation to 30 family members, so the route of the funeral cortege, from Margaret's house to the church, was lined with her friends and neighbours paying their respects. Margaret was a long term resident of the village and was an active member of village life and St Bart's. Her chocolate cakes at the W.I. and Plant Sales were legendary. She was laid to rest, with her husband, Alan, in the churchyard after the church service.

God Bless you, Margaret.
You will be sadly missed.

Join the Great British Spring Clean and litter pick the village 28th May – 30th June.



Even during the lockdowns some things have been continuing in the village. Those walking past St Bart's may have noticed the grassed sides to the church path, replacing the weed infested flower beds either side. New Rosemary bushes will be planted in the churchyard to replace the ones that had died. Rosemary is important in this village, as historically Rosemary biscuits were given to visiting funeral mourners and the recent excavations found Rosemary sprigs inside Tudor coffins, below the church floor. The meaning of Rosemary is remembrance.

St Bart's has been one of the few churches in Cheshire that stayed open throughout the last lockdown, but since Easter has been joined by many more. Traditional services were not allowed but worship continued with a 'Service of the Word' which was new to us and proved popular.

Easter Flowers in St Bart's Thank you to all who contributed flower arrangements in church.



The largest village event is coming soon - the Plant Sale and Art Exhibition, but now a 4 day event. There will be all the usual plants outside, but there will also be a new stall of summer and potted bulbs inside church. The art exhibition will be showing the work of many local artists and there will be take away refreshments available.

Services Correct at time of going to press.

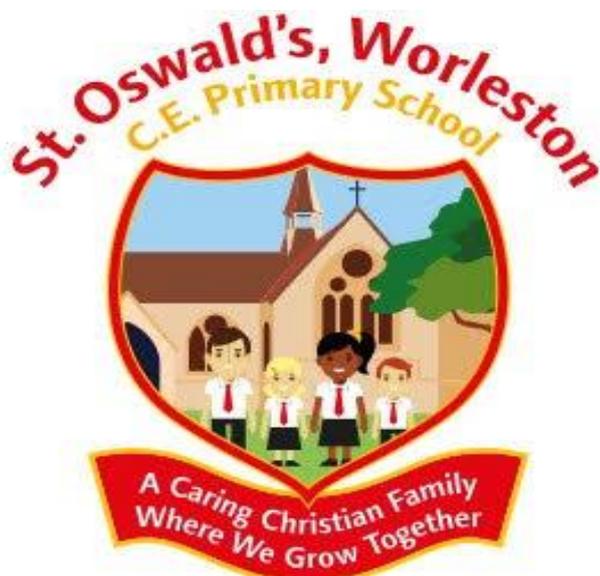
Date	St Bartholomew's Church Minshull	St Mary's Acton	St Davids Wettenhall	St Oswald's Worleston
18th April	11am Service of the Word	5pm Evensong	11am All Age	No Service
25th April	11am Service of the Word	11am Morning Prayer	6.30pm Communion	9.30pm Communion
2 nd May	9.30 Communion	11am Communion	11am Morning Prayer	No Service
9 th May	11am Café Church or Service of the Word	8am Communion 11am Morning Prayer	11am Communion	9.30am Morning Prayer
16 th May	11am Communion	5pm Evensong	11am All Age	No Service
23 rd May	11am Messy Church/ Service of the Word	11am Morning Prayer	6.30pm Communion	9.30am Communion
30 th May	11am Service of the Word	8am Communion 11am Morning Prayer	11am Morning Prayer	No Service
There is a Holy Communion service at Acton every Wednesday at 10.30 am				

St Oswald's Worleston CE Primary School

After 80 school days home home-learning and 78 live virtual lessons for our children, we were greatly looking forward to welcoming them back to St. Oswald's on Monday 8th March. We have been so proud of all of our children and the whole St. Oswald's community for their resilience to keep going and 'Let their Light Shine' over the past 9 weeks that school has been closed for. The 'Caring Christian Family' of St. Oswald's really has worked together to support each other and help everyone get through this tricky period in good spirits. Our number of children in school accessing our key worker provision has grown over the past months of February and March and

mile to ensure that all our families are cared for and have what they need to continue learning. On the 4th March, the whole school celebrated World Book Day 2021. Our School PTA parents bought all our children a goodie bag in preparation for the big day which included a new reading book, sachet of hot chocolate and a bookmark. These were then hung on the school gate for the children to come and choose which goodie bag they wanted to take home. On World Book Day itself the children got dressed up in either their favourite book character or just something cosy and shared their favourite book with their class. It was a lovely day to celebrate books and reading whether the children were at home or in school.

We currently have spaces in our Nursery and Reception provision at St. Oswald's Primary School and are able to provide COVID safe guided tours of our school outside school hours for any parents that are looking for a place for their child. Please visit our school website: <http://www.stoswald-worl.cheshire.sch.uk> or Tel. 01270 623826 for further information.



we have been balancing in-school learning with virtual home learning as a school so well. Our dedicated staff really have been going the extra-

Did I read that sign right?

- * Toilet out of order. Please use floor below.
- * We can repair anything. Please knock hard on door, bell not working.
- * Automatic Washing Machines: Please remove your clothes when the light goes out.
- * If you cannot read, this leaflet will give you instructions on how to remedy that.

Never Give Up!



In 1962, four nervous young musicians played their first record audition for the executives of the Decca Recording Company. The executives were not impressed. While turning down this group of musicians, one executive said, "We don't like their sound. Groups of guitars are on their way out". The group was called The Beatles.

When Graham Bell invented the telephone in 1876, it did not ring with calls from potential backers. After a demonstration call, President Rutherford Hayes said, "That's an amazing invention, but who would ever want to use one?"



In 1944, Emmaline Snively, director of the Blue Book Modelling Agency, told modelling hopeful Norma Jean Baker, "You'd better learn secretarial work or else get married". She went on and became Marilyn Monroe.

When Thomas Edison invented the light bulb, he tried over 2000 experiments before he got it to work. A young reporter asked him how it felt to fail so many times. He said, "I never failed once. I invented the light bulb. It just happened to be a 2000 step process".

Fed up with the diminishing power of his vacuum cleaner and having to empty dirty dust bags,

James Dyson invented the cyclonic system that maintained suction and eliminated the bag. He tried all the manufacturers to have it made, but was rejected every time, because supplying the dust bag was highly profitable. He set up his own business and when the Dyson Dual Cyclone became the fastest selling cleaner of all time, James was rewarded with a knighthood.



In 1954, Jimmy Denny, manager of the Grand Ole Opry fired a singer after only one performance. He told him, "You ain't goin' nowhere son. Go back to driving a truck". He went on to become better known as Elvis Presley.

When Nazi Germany invaded Greece on 6th April, 1941 the native Jewish population was 60,000, mainly dock workers in Thessalonica, where they were accepted members of the community. 50,000 were transported and exterminated in the Birkenau concentration camp, but some of the Bourla family survived and in 1961 they had a son named Israel Abraham Bourla. He studied veterinary medicine and reproductive biotechnology at Aristotle University, Salonika but aged 34 he went to the USA, changed Abraham to Albert and married. He joined a pharmaceutical company and became CEO in 2019. In 2020 all production was diverted to find a vaccine for Covid 19. The company, called Pfizer, succeeded and the first country sent the vaccine was Israel, in memory of his parents and grandparents. Now it is being sent across the world to fight the pandemic, including to Germany.

The moral of these true stories is that you gain strength, experience and confidence by looking fear in the face and persevering. Remember, the finest steel gets sent through the hottest furnace. A winner is not one who never fails, but one who never gives up. We pass this way once, so live life to the fullest and give it your best .

Parish Council News

In February, the **Village Arena website** underwent an upgrade, a refreshed



look sporting the Village logo and has new features, a Buy & Sell and a Chat box area. Going forward the website will actively render /display better on mobile and tablet devices too. An updated village map allows you to navigate to local business and services. A refreshed 'Services' page provides further details and contacts, web-links to local groups and other useful local sites. We've also been able to keep the more historic articles. The upgrade was vital for continued support from the platform provider and ensures we have a quality community web-platform for the future. A big 'thank you' to the volunteer web-team: Andy Baddeley, Andrew Guy, Bob Schiller, but especially PJ. Jones for all his hard work in ensuring a smooth transition. Our focus for Village Arena, along with Insight, is to continue to deliver local updates, so if you have ideas for an article or useful update for the community, please let us know. We look forward to hearing from you. Many thanks.

webteam@VillageArena.org

Village Improvements _Spring is here and following a similar plan to last year and the popular 'tree planting' activity near the river, we are actively looking for further locations to plant trees for the community. We have received a suggestion for this year, however if you have a good location suggestion, please let us know. Volunteers for assisting with tree planting on the weekend(s) following the plant sale this year, are again most welcome.

Flooding and Road Issues At that last council meeting, on 2nd March, a representative of our local MP, our Cheshire East Councillor, and representatives of Cheshire East Highways, the Environment Agency, the National Farmers Union and some representatives from other parish councils were invited to attend, which many did. Regarding flooding in our parish and north and south of here, based on the problems from the River Weaver and Eel Brook, we tried to make it clear that something needed to be done before next year, so the same issues can be prevented.

We also discussed the long term support being developed by the Government called the Environment Land Management Scheme. At the end of the meeting it was agreed a further meeting should be organised by our MP's representative to see what should be done, by whom and that our MP should be there to help. The discussion on roads was about the impact on them in our parish, from the number of (heavy) vehicles passing through, causing road damage and drain blockage. Cheshire East have been pressed on these issues by the public, the parish council and our Cheshire East Councillor, but very little has been done. It was agreed that a meeting should be organised by our Councillor and that Cheshire East Highways should attend to discuss concerns and agree improvements. We are waiting to hear when this will take place, while we continued to press for them.

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Village Hall Redevelopment

A committee of parish councillors, village hall trustees and interested parties has been set up to review ideas on how to improve the facilities at the village hall. It is currently well used by regular groups and ad hoc bookings (subject to covid restrictions). To gauge opinion and ideas, a questionnaire was distributed around the houses in the parish last year. We have now collated all the returns and suggestions for ideas. The feedback included ways to better divide the space, upgrade the lighting and improve the toilets. The committee members are currently looking at ways to incorporate the suggestions into the village hall plan and are in discussions with several architects. They will help to advise us on the best ways to incorporate these improvements. The next stage will be to select an architect and make recommendations back to the village hall trustees and parish council. Updates will be provided in due course.

If anyone would like to join the committee, please email timboote@cmparishcouncil.org