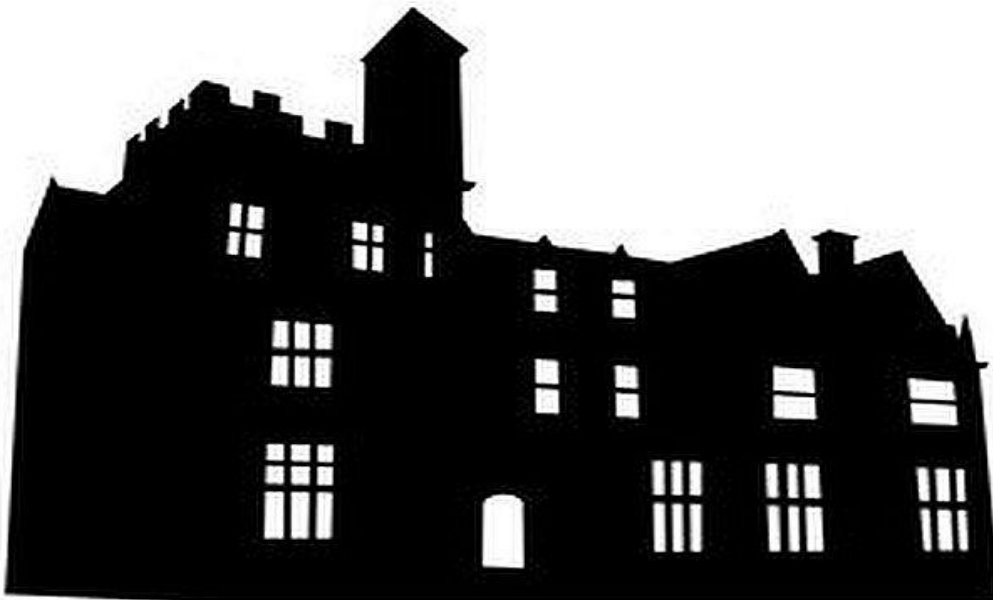




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The Minshull
Amateur
Dramatic Group
is relaunching
with a Murder
Mystery night
after Covid
caused the last
production to
be cancelled in
2020.

With new faces joining the cast, this production will have a cast of ten and a new member joining the backstage crew. The script is original and the three children involved, Ellie, Mimi and Alfie, have all said how excited they are to be acting on the village hall stage. The show will be on Saturday, 18th November, at 7.30pm in the village hall, doors open at 7pm, and there will be a licensed bar and snacks to keep the audience going while the action unfolds and they figure out 'who done it'.

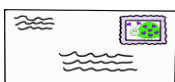
Tickets are available from webmaster@madgroup.co or from 01270 522353. Price £7.50

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A Letter from the Vicar



'Snow in Winter, Sunshine and Soft, Refreshing Rain'.

As we enter the time to celebrate the harvest, we will sing with gusto, *'He sends the snow in Winter, the warmth to swell the grain, the breezes and the sunshine and soft, refreshing rain'*. We've certainly had all of those things. We briefly had snow and fierce cold for a few days in December: enough to damage established plants in our gardens. Then it was dry. So dry crops sown in Winter, struggled to get established. The sun shone: perfect conditions for early hay, silage and hay crops. Then just as the grain was ready, it rained and rained and rained and then some. Hopefully, the hot dry days we are experiencing as I write will help, but for many it is too late.

God has sent the snow, the sunshine, the warmth and lots and lots of rain, but not necessarily in the right order ... but there is a harvest to give thanks for. It is sometimes helpful to think of our lives as a harvest which one day will be gathered and quality assessed. It can also feel that the equivalents of the snow, warmth, sun and rain, which crops need to thrive, don't quite come in the right order. It can feel as if we are overwhelmed, flooded by the circumstances of life, or parched because we've had to give so much of ourselves to support those around us. The good news is that, like the harvest that we celebrate at this time of year, when we trust God, especially in the challenging times, there will be a good harvest for Jesus to gather at the end of our lives.

Rev Anne



Dates for your Christmas Diary

Afternoon Sat. 2nd Dec. at St Bart's
Wreath and Decoration Making

7.30pm – Thurs. 14th Dec. at St Bart's
Carols Round the Tree with the Brass
Band, mulled wine and mince pies.

2 - 4pm Sun. 17th Dec. at Village Hall
Messy Church Team throw
A Children's Christmas Party
All Welcome - See Poster Below

7.30pm – Sun. 24th Dec. at St Bart's
Carols and Lessons with
Sound and Light

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Christmas

PARTY FOR FAMILIES

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023
2PM - 4PM

Church Minshull Village Hall

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Date	St Bartholomew's Church Minshull	St Mary's Acton	St Davids Wettenhall	St Oswald's Worleston
8 th October	11am Harvest Café Church	11am Morning Prayer	11am Communion	9.30am Communion
15 th October	11am Communion	10am Messy Church	10am All Age	No Service
22 nd October	11am Messy Church	8am Communion 11am Morning Prayer	6.30pm Informal Communion	9.30am Morning Prayer
29 th October	United at Wettenhall	United at Wettenhall	11am Communion	United at Wettenhall
5 th November	9.30am Café Church	11am Communion 6.30pm All Saints Day Commemoration	11am Morning Prayer	No Service
12 th November	10.50am Remembrance	8am Communion 10.50am Remembrance	10.50am Remembrance	10.50am Remembrance
19 th November	11am Communion	10am Messy Church	11am All Age	No Service
26 th November	11am Messy Church	8am Communion 11am Morning Prayer	6.30am Informal Communion	9.30am Morning Prayer
3 rd December	11am Service of the Word	11am Communion	4pm Christingle	4pm Advent Carol Service

There is a Communion Service at Acton every Wednesday at 10.30am

Please Note ... Our Harvest Café Church (above) at 11am on 8th October will , once again, collect donations of Long Life Food, cans and dry goods for the foodbank. Should you wish to donate but cannot attend the service, then donations can be left in the church porch on Saturday 7th October at any time until 4pm and again on the Sunday before 11am.

Thank you.



Church Minshull News



There was no Messy Church in August but in September the subject was Harvest. Our reading was 'The Sower' and our hymns were 'Colours of Day' and 'Autumn Days' before we did our craft of making hanging leaf mobiles. Thank you to all who organised the service and for the masses of cake.





Our August meeting was a united service for the whole benefice and was well attended, even though it was in the holiday peak. The topic was Mary, the Mother of Jesus, as St Mary's day was two days later. Our reading was the 'Wedding at Canaan' and our interval question, how we interpreted Mary's actions at the wedding, threw up some very thoughtful responses. The Rev Anne read three articles about Mary, two of which she had written herself.



In September our subject revolved around the lessons we can learn from bees. We watched a video of how two weaker hives became one strong one and we heard how bees co-operate to pool their talents and become a strong and organised unit to benefit everyone.



Our readings and prayers also followed the theme, telling how Jesus encouraged the disciples to share their mission and for us to pray together for strength and guidance. Richard and John were back on harp and mandolin, to accompany us and David and Ellie supplied everyone with drinks. Super service!

Swinging Woodpecker concert

On Saturday 23rd September the Big Band performed at the Village Hall. The event was originally planned for the Masonic Hall in Sandbach but the Council had booked a Fun Fair on the Sandbach Common for that weekend so the Masonic Hall was unwilling to proceed with little parking available. The Band were keen not to disappoint the many ticket holders for the sell out event, so they transferred the concert to Church Minshull. A few tickets were returned so a lucky few from the village managed to join in the fun. A second concert on October 28th has tickets available so contact the Band's MD – Richard Cluley (richardc@bdgassoc.com) to book.



Books on Wheels



The Cheshire mobile library bus service will be visiting Church Minshull next on October 10th and 31st then on November 21st.

It will arrive at the Badger Inn car park at 10am then travel to Home Farm Park South at 11.10am and Home Farm Park North at 11.30am.

September Plant Sale Photos



The plants were delivered



The Bulb stall was the usual outstanding success with everything supplied direct from the Netherlands



Gladiolus Murielae (Abyssinian Gladioli) was one of the most popular plants to sell and was a stunning addition at 6ft (83cm) for the back of flower beds.

The event raised over £1,000 for church funds and our thanks go to all who helped with the setting up, sales, refreshments and ice cream, Bric a Brac, Photo Exhibition and, of course, all who purchased from us.

The Bric a Brac, generously donated by the church congregation and village residents was an outstanding success, due to the trio who sold it and raised £160 for the charity, Hands at Work in Africa.



Lily, Ellie and Mimi sold Bric a Brac for the church's chosen charity for the year, Hands at Work in Africa.



Just browsing !



Summer Wedding

Ashleigh Emma Burbidge and William Peter Ellwood were married at St Bart's on 12th August. The bride arrived in a horse drawn carriage and then was followed into church by six bridesmaids and three flower girls. Rev Anne officiated and the following reception was held in a marquee in the garden of their new home, Meadow Brook Farm, in Wettenhall.



Spiced Apple Chutney



Ingredients

225g/8oz [onions](#), chopped
900g/2lb [apples](#), cored and chopped
110g/4oz [sultanas](#), raisins or chopped dates
15g/½oz ground coriander
15g/½oz [paprika](#)
15g/½oz [mixed spice](#)
15g/½oz [salt](#)
340g/12oz granulated [sugar](#)
425ml/¾ pints malt [vinegar](#)

Method

1. Put all the ingredients into a preserving pan. Slowly bring to the boil until the sugar has dissolved.
2. Simmer for 1½–2 hours, stirring from time to time to stop the chutney sticking to the pan.
3. When it is very thick and you can draw a wooden spoon across the base of the pan so that it leaves a channel behind it that does not immediately fill with liquid, the chutney is ready.
4. Turn into sterilised jars, seal and cool.
5. Store in a cool, dark cupboard for two to three months before eating.

Recipe Tip ; To clean the jam jars, preheat the oven to 140C/275F/Gas 1. Wash the jars well in warm, soapy water then rinse thoroughly. Leave the jars and lids to dry, upside down, in the oven. (Or clean the jars by putting them through the hot cycle of a dishwasher.)





Parish Council News

The parish council last met on 19th September PRESENT: Cllr Bob Schiller (Chair), Cllr Tim Boote, Cllr

Jill Dobson, Cllr Jacqui Groos and Cllr Nigel Lewis IN

ATTENDANCE: Borough Cllr Becky Posnett.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr Smith. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11 JULY 2023 approved.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT Borough Cllr Becky Posnett provided an update on matters at Cheshire East Council. It was noted that the green waste bin collection charge of £56 per year would be implemented in 2024. Cheshire East Council was undertaking an estates rationalisation exercise, aimed at reducing the number of Council owned buildings across the area. A number of road repairs in Church Minshull had been completed including the jetting works. However, concern was once again expressed at the speed of vehicles and damage to roads caused by HGVs and the volume of traffic generally. It was suggested that most canal bridges had weight restrictions except for those in Church Minshull.

Borough Cllr Posnett suggested that the Parish Council should contact the Police and Crime Commissioner and Canals and River Trust to discuss these issues.

FLOODING AND RIVER POLLUTION Borough Cllr Posnett was thanked for pushing for the jetting works recently undertaken in the village. It was noted that Flood Alleviation officers from Cheshire East Council would be undertaking a visit to the village to review the flooding issues.

ROAD ISSUES There were still concerns regarding the speed and volume of vehicles travelling through the village. Councillors would review the provision of a Speed Indicator Device and encourage the provision of the Police Speed Van within the village.

VILLAGE HALL REDEVELOPMENT Cllr Boote advised that sources of funding for the works were currently being considered.

VILLAGE IMPROVEMENTS Cllr Lewis advised that he was trying to obtain the provision of handrails on the footpath towards the river.

CLIMATE CHANGE Councillors would be interested to know what proposals Cheshire East Council had regarding climate change, in particular, the protection of wildlife in rural areas.

FINANCE REPORT Councillors reviewed the Finance report which identified that there was currently £9,132 in the Council's bank accounts and the forecast outturn was £4,521. 1) The Parish Council will donate £150 towards the Village Christmas Event.

2) Temporary Road Closure. Concern was expressed

at the disruption caused by the recent temporary road closure along Over Road. It was noted that Cheshire East Council could authorise immediate road closures in emergency cases and these would not have the usual notice.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING Tuesday, 21 November 2023

The meeting, which commenced at 7.30pm, concluded at 8.25pm

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