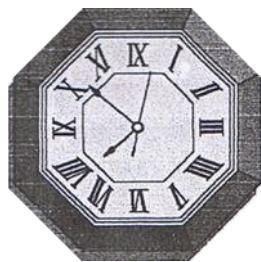


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KEY LOCAL EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

11th November	Remembrance Day Service at War Memorial -10.45am
29th November	Parish Council Meeting – 7.30pm Chorlton WI
10th December	Carol Service at St John's - 5.00pm

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

In response to concerns raised by residents, the PC held an extraordinary general meeting to consider plans for an intensive poultry installation alongside the Wych Brook on land near Mulsford Farm, Sarn on the 18th October. The meeting was well attended by local residents and the PC resolved to object to the application. Residents who feel they could be affected by the application are encouraged to make direct representation to Wrexham County Borough Council. Details can be seen on the Council's website by typing in planning applications and selecting case number P/2017/0799. Concerns can be registered on line or by writing to the planning department at the Guildhall, Wrexham, LL11 1AY

Road Closure: Following two years of representation, repair work to the carriage way is to be carried out in the dip of the B5069, Wrexham Road on the Malpas side of the Garage. This will result in a full road closure scheduled to start in the near future and is expected to last for two weeks. Traffic will be diverted down Oldcastle Lane.

First Aid: The Defibrillator is now up and running at Threapwood Garage. The unit is located on the garage at the side of the shop behind the pumps. To access the defibrillator you must dial 999 and the ambulance service will give you the code to open the cabinet. The unit provides instructions that are easy to follow. We are planning two evenings for residents to come along and learn about what to do in the event of a cardiac arrest and how to give CPR.

Planning: Since the refusal of planning application 17/00341/OUT for the erection of one dwelling and garage on land east of Springfield House, Back Lane, the applicant took the decision to appeal. The Inspector has upheld the decision of the planning authority and dismissed the appeal. This confirms the policy that Threapwood is not recognised as a

sustainable settlement and therefore the land between properties is considered “open countryside” and therefore protected from “greenfield” development. Other reasons given were the lack of public transport and local facilities.

Speeding: The Speed Watch carried out by members of the Parish Council and community volunteers has confirmed there is a speeding issue along Wrexham Road and Sarn Road. We are in touch with the Police to seek their support at key times when most offences occur.

Policing: Together with other Parish Councils we are making representation to the Police Commissioner about the lack of police presence in the rural area. It is important that all incidents of crime or suspicious activity are reported on 101 and an incident number recorded.

War Memorial: The railings of the War Memorial and the finger posts have been painted with funding from the PC.

Quality Status: The Chairman and Clerk will attend a civic event in December to receive the quality status certificate in recognition of our Parish Council procedures. We are particularly proud to be the first PC to achieve this in West Cheshire.

Contact with the Parish Council can be made via the Clerk – Richard Salmon on 07803 129477 or email: richard@offroading.net or any parish councillor.

COMMUNITY GROUP NEWS

By Sue Pickering, Chairperson

The new format of summer event, in July, has had excellent feedback from all age groups. The start time of 5.30pm with the hog roast at 6pm appeared to be an ideal time, especially with families. Our local band, “Calling the Cows” were catering to everyone’s taste (what hidden talents we have in Threapwood and district). We are delighted they agreed to play for us and indeed, made the whole evening a huge success. We hope, very much, that they will be able to join us next year.

Whilst there were no organised childrens’ games, the various activities provided were enjoyed by all ages and as always, children are extremely good at organising themselves. I will try to obtain more of the mini water balloons next year as the 250 ran out far too quickly by all accounts. Many thanks to the Faithful family for opening up their football pitch to one and all and also for the tent they provided.

As the members of the Community Group are all progressing in years it has been suggested that some younger volunteers may be on hand to assist in the erection of the marquees on the Friday evening. We will of course do this at a convenient time for all. If you feel able to be put on the list of helpers, please contact any member of the group, and give a contact telephone number. Your help will be much appreciated.

We were unable to provide the usual Harvest Supper this year, as Tallarn Green Village Hall is closed for three months for refurbishment. The Ladies of St John’s Church provided a finger buffet and wine at the Church, in lieu of this event.

The next date for your diary is the ever popular “Carols at Christmas” at St John’s 5pm Sunday 10th December. This will be followed by mulled wine and mince pies (free of charge) at Somerset House, by kind invitation of Sue and Jonathan Clark. There will be a Christmas raffle held at this event. The Church and Christmas tree will be decorated at

1pm on Saturday 9th December and all the children are invited to come and join in. We look forward to welcoming you all to this lovely evening which starts our Christmas celebrations.

As there was no Harvest Supper this year, it has been suggested that a Sunday lunch be held around March 2018, when Tallarn Green Village Hall work will be completed.

THE NATIONAL GARDEN SCHEME – THE WHITE COTTAGE

By Carol Bennion

Chris and Carol Bennion would like to thank everyone who visited their garden on 17th and 18th June during one of the hottest weekends in memory! This year £855 has been raised for the NGS and £1,150 for Shocklach and Threapwood School Association, which was a tremendous achievement. Shocklach Oviatt C of E school is absolutely delighted as it will be able to buy more iPads for the children to use. Their thanks to everyone who helped with car parking, providing and selling plants and cakes, displaying posters or providing parking for our visitors. Shocklach and Threapwood School Association would like to express their thanks. As always, it was a real team effort and without the help of friends and neighbours, none of it would have been possible.

THE NATIONAL GARDENS SCHEME – THE ROWANS

By Paul Philpotts

Alan and Paul at the Rowans in Threapwood would like to thank everyone who has supported their garden openings over the past eleven years in aid of the National Garden Scheme and Hope House Hospice. Our final open weekend on the 1st and 2nd July had an amazing 464 visitors, raising a fantastic £3,743, £2,743 went to the NGS charities including Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie, Hospice UK, and the Carers Trust, and £1,000 directly to Hope House Children's Hospice. This takes our overall total raised to in excess of £23,000. We are indebted to all those who visited the garden, donated either funds, plants, or cakes, and especially our brilliant team of helpers who served so many people with afternoon teas and greeted visitors with a smile!

FRIENDS OF ST JOHN'S CHURCH

By Gill Edwards

As many of you will have noticed, we have spent circa £1,200 on painting of the gates, railings and doors at St John's – maintenance which was desperately needed. Our thanks are extended to everyone who has helped us raise the necessary funds and also to all of those who work to keep the Church Yard and hedges so neat and tidy. Thanks also go to Alan and Paul at the 'Rowans' who supply plants for the tubs outside of the Church entrance. Our Harvest Festival was well attended and very enjoyable, the Church was beautifully decorated and the finger buffet and wine following the service was enjoyed by all. Do come and join in the Church decorating at 1pm on 9th December. Everyone is welcome at the "Carols for Christmas" 5pm on Sunday 10th December.

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