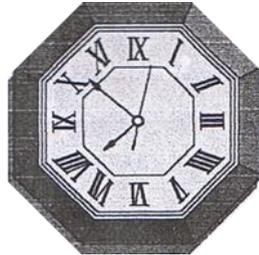


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KEY LOCAL EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

Fri. 13th April	Silent Auction, Tallarn Green Village Hall
Sun. 15th April	Archdeacon's visit to St John's Church
Wed. 30th May	Parish Council Annual Public Meeting
Sat./Sun. 2nd/3rd June	Gardens open at The White Cottage, Wrexham Road
Sun. 3rd Jun/8th July	Gardens open at Mill House, Greaves Lane
Sun. 17th June	Bishop Peter's visit to St John's Church
Sun. 24th June	Threapwood Horse Show
Sat. 30th June	Village Event, Acorn Cottage

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be the Annual Public Open Meeting starting at 7pm in the Chorlton Lane WI Hall. You are invited to attend and hear about the work of the Parish Council or raise any issues you wish to bring to our attention. Contact with the Parish Council can be made via the Clerk – Richard Salmon on 07803 129477 or email: clerk@threapwoodparishcouncil.co.uk or any parish councillor.

Further to the refusal of planning permission on appeal to the erection of one dwelling and garage on land to the east of Springfield House, Back Lane the applicants re-submitted a new application (17/05252/OUT). The applicants argued a recent decision by the High Court between Braintree District Council v Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government which overturned a refusal by the authority set a precedent that supports their application. However Chester West and Chester Council Planning Authority have again refused the application on the same grounds as previously stated. Threapwood is not recognised as a sustainable settlement because of the lack of facilities and therefore the land between properties is considered "open countryside" and protected by the policies that apply to that classification.

Following the installation of a Defibrillator at Threapwood Garage, a training session on its use and giving CPR was held at Chorlton Lane WI Hall on 7th February provided by Tattenhall First Responders. Over twenty residents attended the course which was well received. A further course is planned for those who could not attend.

Betty Young, our longest serving parish councillor, attended a full meeting of Cheshire West and Chester Council meeting on 14th December to receive the first Quality Parish Council award in the Borough. Particular congratulations are due to our Clerk, Richard Salmon who has worked hard to achieve this standard.

COMMUNITY GROUP NEWS

By Sue Pickering, Chairperson

I'm sure we are all emerging from a very cold winter and looking forward to a lovely spring and summer.

Our first event this year will be the silent auction at Tallarn Green Village Hall, commencing at 7pm. Tickets will be available from any community group member at a cost of £5, or pay on the door. The entrance fee includes a cheese and pate buffet and a glass of wine. Proceeds are in aid of the Community Group Fund, which enables us to fund the annual Village Event, War Memorial flowers and flower rings at the entrance to the village. We also strive to send a donation annually to either Hope House Childrens' Hospice or Hospice of the Good Shepherd.

Of course a Silent Auction requires lots to be bid for so if you can offer any items or service these can be given to Sue Clark, Sue Pickering, Gill Edwards or Wendy Paton. All will be gratefully received.

The Village Day this year will take the same format as last year's very successful event, commencing at 5pm with Hog Roast 6pm. The local band "Calling the Cows" will entertain us once again. The venue is the field at the rear of Acorn Cottage, Sarn Road. We pray, as ever, for fine weather and look forward to welcoming everyone.

Plans are afoot to commemorate the ending of the 1st World War, 100 years ago. Further information regarding this will be issued later in the year.

THE NATIONAL GARDENS SCHEME – THE WHITE COTTAGE

By Chris and Carol Bennion

After such a long, cold and wet winter we are pleased to say that we will be opening our gardens again this summer on Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd June between 1-5pm under the National Gardens Scheme. For those of you who haven't yet visited us, we have developed a pretty and relaxed country garden which was featured in Cheshire Life last year. As well as meandering herbaceous borders crammed full of flowers and bulbs, we have lots of shrubs and topiary, statuary, raised vegetable beds, an orchard area and pots full of unusual plants. Ours is a plant-lover's garden, brimming with colour and a haven for bees. Lovely home-made cakes and teas will be provided by Shocklach and Threapwood School Association and we will be selling some good plants. The proceeds from the teas and plants will be going to Shocklach School.

Do come and visit our garden as the entrance money goes to the National Garden Scheme, which supports Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie, Hospice UK and other caring organisations – last year a record £3 million was donated nationally. Entrance to our garden is only £4 and there is no charge for children. We'd be really grateful if you could make cakes or donate plants – if so please contact Chris or Carol Bennion on 770085. We'd love to see you.

THE NATIONAL GARDENS SCHEME = MILL HOUSE

The garden at Mill House off Greaves Lane will be open under the National Gardens Scheme on Sunday 3rd June and Sunday 8th July. This is a large garden set in the midst of a small holding. Split into three areas, a young meadow, extensive vegetable garden and a cottage garden. The majority of the plants are grown from seeds and cuttings. The remains of an old orchard has provided a home for unusual and exotic plants. This is a true plantsman's garden with tree ferns. Visitors will be able to enjoy tea and cakes with proceeds going to charity. The initiative to open the Garden was taken by Mathew Stephenson who sadly passed away unexpectedly last November. His wife, Alison has decided to continue with the opening in his memory. It is hoped as many residents as possible will take the opportunity to visit the garden.

THREAPWOOD HORSE SHOW

You are invited to come along and enjoy watching the entertaining events at the Threapwood Horse Show to be held on Sunday 24th June. The show is held in the field adjacent to Wrexham Road and the turning to Shocklach. Gates open for registration from 9.30am with the events continuing into the afternoon. Events include show jumping, novelty and fancy dress. Why not enter your dog into the show with friendly pedigree and novelty classes which are open to anyone registering before the start of the show at 2pm. There is even a section for the best pet. Refreshments will be available to sustain you while you watch the activities. You don't have to own a horse to enjoy the day so please come along to watch and support the participants. Better still, entry is free. Funds raised by the activities will be donated to charity. Further information is available from Tracey Jones at traceyjones10@outlook.com or tel. 770583.

THE SARN MEMORIAL CYCLING CHALLENGE

By David Paton

We are a local group of friends from the villages of Threapwood and Tallarn Green who are undertaking to complete a cycle route which will take in the war cemeteries in Northern France and Belgium. The chosen cemeteries and route are based on the names which are recorded on the War Memorials of both villages with the intention of visiting each and every one identified and whilst there we are adding a poppy of remembrance. The party is anticipated to be about 10 strong and is planned to happen on 6th to 12th September 2018.

The cycle challenge starts on the 7th at Landrecies in France and ends on 11th at Paris Plage in France – a total of 294 cycling miles in 5 days! There will be two support vehicles / drivers and we will be travelling to and from France via Eurotunnel. In total we plan to visit 19 graves and in addition we will be visiting The Memorial Museum Passchendale 1917, The Sanctuary Wood Museum and The Menin Gate, all of which are in Belgium. As we approach the Centenary of the end of WW1 in 2018 we, as a group, are very mindful of what our young local villagers, their families and their friends, must have had to face during 1914-18 and consequently we would like to pay our respects to their bravery, on behalf of our villages, by completing our own challenge in their memory. Each one of us is funding our own travelling, accommodation and living expenses so that any monies raised will be donated to our chosen charity SSAFA who offer a lot of help and support in many ways to ex-servicemen in the Wrexham area. We would welcome any sponsorship for this worthy cause. If you would like to donate, please contact myself, David Paton 01948 770687 or by email to thepatonsdw@gmail.com – we will have a Just Giving page set up soon so if you let me know that you are interested in supporting our cause I can forward the link to you when it becomes available. Many thanks, David.

LOWER HOUSE DONATIONS FOR THE FRUIT SEASON OF 2017

By David Paton

The year was excellent with plenty of plums and damsons and an excellent supply of apples and pears. When we have a good supply of plums we can expect a good collection of donations and consequently we are able to say a big thank you to all who came regularly to our supply at the gate and donated so generously. We are delighted to report that even in a year when there were so many apples available locally we sent a cheque in time for Christmas for £236 to Hope House Hospice for Children who are terminally ill. On behalf of H.H.H. a sincere thank you from David and Wendy, Lower House, Oldcastle Lane.

FRIENDS OF ST JOHN'S CHURCH

By Sue Pickering

Towards the end of last year, the Archdeacon paid an inspection visit to our Church and was amazed and delighted to see the building looking so lovely and cared for. All of the work carried out has been funded in no small part by the help and support of so many people in the village. Our congregation continues to increase and everyone is made very welcome. As a result of all the above the Archdeacon expressed a wish to come and join us for one of our morning services and having passed on his findings to Bishop Peter, he also intends to visit our Church and join in a service. Their intention for both of these visits is to express their thanks to you all for helping to resurrect our Church and its congregation. We hope as many of you who are able, can join us at 9.30 am on Sunday 15th April for the Archdeacon and Sunday 17th June for Bishop Peter. Both occasions will be a celebration of your efforts.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

There is some enthusiasm within the village for Threapwood to enter the Best Kept Village Competition next year. We are looking for someone to form and head up a committee to prepare the village in time for judging in 2019. If you are interested, please contact The Clerk – Richard Salmon on 07803 129477 or email: clerk@threapwoodparishcouncil.co.uk.

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