



Holmes Chapel Community Newsletter

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Dane Sound Community Radio - Broadcasting Online

Dane Sound Community Radio is now broadcasting online from its studio at Cranage Village Hall. The station is a non-profit making organisation, run by volunteers and offers a wide range of programming, including music, chat shows, community interest programmes, local business, local news, traffic and weather. It is also providing music, Public Address (PA) & entertainment at a host of local community events such as the Scott Penlington Tournament, Goostrey Rose Day, Holmes Chapel Village Fair, the Cranage Hall Beer Festival and the Celebrating Holmes Chapel Show.



The station originally carried out a temporary RSL FM broadcast in the Summer of 2015. This was so well received that a decision was then made to try to launch as an online station. Since then the volunteers have been fundraising whilst trying to find a home for the station & Cranage Village Hall came to the rescue!

Dane Sound offers a unique channel of communication to bring our community together, providing an informative and enjoyable way for residents to find out more about what's going on in our local area and beyond. Volunteering is open to all age groups and is not limited to presenting shows; there is a lot of work behind the scenes too. Our local Cubs and Comprehensive students are already presenting their own weekly shows. The station is looking for more community groups to get involved with special interest programmes or being interviewed about their activities.

However, it needs more volunteers and more funding. If you are interested in volunteering, are a community group wanting to get involved or a business interested in advertising or sponsoring the station please email contact@danessound.com or call 07769 214100.

- You can listen to the station on your computer, tablet or phone by visiting www.danessound.com, and selecting the 'LISTEN LIVE' button and then the PLAY button on the Dane Sound logo.

See the What's On section for details of our regular shows

DON'T FORGET the Holmes Chapel Village Fair on Sunday 8th July, 2-5 pm, at the Vic Club

There will be lots of stalls, food and entertainment – plenty to do and see for the whole family!

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NEWS

Celebrating Holmes Chapel and Holmes Chapel Show

This year's event takes place on **Sunday 16th September** at the Community Centre, between 2 and 5 pm

As we did last year, there will be:

- a number of local clubs, societies and other local organisations exhibiting
- a 'Village Show' where you can enter in one or more of the many and varied categories; there are special categories for under 16s
- Activities for the younger members of our community (more details nearer the time)
- a Classic Car Show
- Fire Engine / Police Car (subject to availability)

Local Organisations:

By now you should have received an invitation to the event from Dorothy Davidson. This is the ideal opportunity for you to tell the community who you are and what you do, recruit new members, and have a bit of fun!

Entry is free – all you have to do, once booked, is provide your own gazebo/tent and come along on the day. We are hoping for even more gazebos this year show-casing all that is on offer in our village through our voluntary and charity organisations.

If you haven't already done so, please request your form today, by email (events@hcpartnership.org.uk).

Ladies, Gents and Young People:

Here's your opportunity to show off your talents:

- Are you a talented artist, cook, photographer?
- Do you have a hobby, making things such as making greetings cards, knitting, needle work, paper craft, woodwork?
- Perhaps you grow/arrange flower, or grow fruit and vegetables?

If the answer to any of these is 'Yes', then there is a category for you to enter!

- What's more we have special categories for the younger members of our community to enter, including cookery, creative topics (Lego/Duplo models, poems, selfie photo, any other creative topic/model) and painting.

If you haven't collected your show schedule/entry form yet, copies are available:

- in the library
- at Holmes Gifts and Interiors on Church Walk
- at the Community Centre
- on our website: www.hcpartnership.org.uk/community_events.html
- or by email: events@hcpartnership.org.uk

Holmes Chapel Christmas Market

Sunday 2 December 2018. 4.00 – 7.00pm

Remember to put this popular annual event date in your diary!

PCSO Blog – Liz Chesters, your local Support Officer for Dane Valley

It is coming up to the busy time of the year for us and we are very aware that the sunny days and light evenings are starting to attract more people into Dane Valley. However, I am very pleased to have had our new beat manager PC Roger Need join us last month to help tackle the community concerns you have been raising. Many of you who have met PC Need will realise that he is a strict but fair officer and his priority is to help the residents of Dane Valley feel safe and confident with the Police.



We have been working together closely on tackling anti-social behaviour that has been reported in Holmes Chapel and Cranage. This has involved various meetings with the Parish Councillors, home watch co-ordinators and residents themselves to identify individuals who we need to be aware of and to discuss the type of behaviour that is being displayed. We understand that residents may not want to be directly involved in this type of issue, however we urge anyone who is having to deal with or witness any behaviour which is not acceptable to report it to us on 101 or through CrimeStoppers on 0800 555 111.

Whilst on the subject of 101, Cheshire Police have recently been experiencing high levels of demand for this service. Our call handlers continue to work hard to meet this demand at a time of year that is traditionally busier than others. We are currently recruiting and training staff to meet this additional demand. We are also aware that a large proportion of calls into 101 could be dealt with by other means and therefore we would also advise you to fill in a general enquiry form on our website <https://cheshire.police.uk/contact/general-enquiries/> - though this option should not be used when reporting a crime or urgent matter and 999 should be dialled always in these situations.

With the end of the summer term looming, I have various Primary School visits booked to discuss anti-social behaviour, what it means for them to be involved, and to ensure that they are aware of the expectations from us as their local officers; but also to ensure that they themselves have a fun and positive summer break!

I would like to take this opportunity to advertise our new social media pages which have been created specifically for Dane Valley. This means that we are able to speak directly to you as our community about incidents and crimes we are finding in the area. Please like our Facebook page 'Dane Valley Police' or follow our Twitter account '@DaneValleyPol'.

If you need to contact me, please ring 101, and leave a message with the control room OR send an email to Crewe.LPU@cheshire.pnn.police.uk.

Parish Council News

Traffic matters

The Parish Council (PC) is heavily involved in pursuing traffic related issues at present.

Both Cheshire East Council (CEC) and the Cheshire & Warrington Local Enterprise Partnership (C&W LEP) have transport strategy proposals out for public consultation at present. The PC is attending all the presentations and will be responding with views on relevant matters. We also take these opportunities to "bang our drum" on behalf of local residents, who we know are concerned about traffic related issues.

The PC also had one of its routine meetings with CEC Highways in June where once again we raised a wide range of local concerns with them. On some we made progress, but on others there is a frustrating lack of action or agreement.

We have also completed a full survey of the condition of our footways (carried out by a team of volunteers who serve on a Traffic & Transport working group). We will be using this to urge CEC Highways to come up with an improvement programme, initially for the worst areas. We are particularly concerned that those of our residents who use mobility aids find the condition of our footways a real problem when travelling around the village. No doubt there are parents with buggies who would also agree! *(continued ...)*



Parish Council News (continued)

Some highways updates are:

- The new pedestrian crossing on Middlewich Road near to the new Cottons development is due to be constructed in the autumn (precise timetable awaited, dependent on the developers creating their access point onto Middlewich Road).
- The upgrading of the pedestrian crossing on London Road from zebra to light controlled is due to take place late July / August. There will be some disruption and road closures to allow the work to be undertaken
- The roundabout proposal at the junction of London, Chester & Station Roads was discussed at a meeting between CEC Highways, the Parish Council and Holmes Chapel Partnership on June 29th, where we gave our views on the need for improved pedestrian crossing provision at this busy junction.
- Some patching work has been completed on Balmoral Drive and we are waiting to find out if a top coating will be included in this year's budget. We are still chasing CEC Highways about the condition of Selkirk Drive and Crofter's Court
- The mini roundabout area in the village centre is due to be repaired and new white lining carried out later this year. Exact timing is not yet available.

Council Members Become Dementia Friends

The Parish Council are very supportive of the Holmes Chapel Partnership initiative in making Holmes Chapel a Dementia Friendly village. As a result of this initiative, several Councillors and an officer recently benefitted from an informative talk from local Volunteer Dorothy Davidson. The outcome of the evening was that the attendees all agreed to become "Dementia Friends"

Planning Applications

The PC review all applications made to CEC for developments in the village – of which there are many. Most are for extensions and alterations to existing premises, but of course some are for much larger developments. The vast majority are passed with no objection from the PC.

One recent application for Bank Farm House which was opposed by many residents and the PC was initially refused by CEC, but a revised application was approved.

The PC considers the approval was wrong in planning terms and is in the process of complaining to CEC about the way the decision was taken.

Holmes Chapel Civic Service

This was held on Sunday June 24th to celebrate the range of Community Voluntary Organisations in the village and the great work all our volunteers do.

We have a great community spirit in Holmes Chapel and the PC is proud to promote and thank all those who give willingly of their time to the wide range of organisations and clubs we have.

As well as our Parish Councillors, Cheshire East was represented by the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liz Durham; and of course we were pleased to welcome our MP Fiona Bruce.

Village Fair – Sunday July 8th

The PC will have a stand at the fair where we will be covering the following issues:

- What the Parish Council does – you may be surprised!
- The need for new volunteers to stand for election in May 2019
- The progress the Conservation Group has made to enhance our conservation area
- What the Traffic & Transport Group has done to focus on the village's traffic problem. We have a questionnaire for residents and we need your support to lobby Cheshire East Council for action

Come along and talk to us, see what we're doing and maybe see if you can help too

We are here to represent you, so come and talk!



Holmes Chapel Ukulele Group play at Biddulph Ukulele Festival

In late 2017 we learnt that there was to be a Ukulele Festival, run by the Biddulph Ukulele Group (in June), at which ukulele groups from the local area could take part. Always up for a challenge we agreed and booked a 10 minute slot in the 'Open Mic' part of the day.

By the time Christmas and Easter had passed it was essential for us to pick some songs to sing and, after some deliberation we settled on 3 songs – Jackson (by Johnny Cash), Make You Feel My Love (Bob Dylan) and O Mary Don't You Weep (African Spiritual). Over a period of two months we practiced and practiced, until it came to the day of the performance – Saturday 23rd June; a final practice was done that morning before the 6 of us set out for Biddulph mid-afternoon.

When we arrived the Open Mic session was well under way, with a real mix of performers taking part – from duos to large groups; the prospect of our own performance in front of an audience of over 100 fellow ukulele players was quite daunting! The programme was running early due to a number of issues and; before we knew it, we were called to the practice room and very quickly ushered onto the stage – we had barely had enough time to tune up! Fortunately, the set went very well and seemed to be over surprisingly quickly – and we got a hearty round of applause, so it couldn't have been too bad!

There were a few more acts after us, then the stage was set for some professional performances in the evening – Sam Muir (playing classical ukulele), Pete Moss (contemporary) and singer/songwriter Manitoba Hal.

All in all we had a great afternoon and evening and returned home both relieved and happy.

Are you interested in playing the ukulele for fun?

We meet every other Friday evening at the Methodist Church Hall for an informal session playing and singing the songs we like. If you would like to know more email hcukuleles@gmail.com or call Stuart Gammon on 01477 534394

Appeal for Articles / Advertise your Group in this Newsletter

We have been very lucky, to date, with the number and quality of articles sent to us by members of the local community, and on behalf of local organisations.

We could always do with more articles!

- Have you been involved in an event or competition, or do you have some exciting news which you think would be of interest to the community as a whole?
- Perhaps you have memories about Holmes Chapel as it was in the past?
- Do you run a local club/organisation or charity support group and want to recruit new members, raise funds, advertise meetings or tell the community about an event which you have (or are about to) run?
- Perhaps our younger members of the community (or schools) have a short story or poem that they would like to share?

All you have to do is send us the article (either as a Word document, or plain text in an email - sorry, we cannot accept PDF files), with relevant photos/logo, to news@hcpartnership.org.uk and we'll do the rest!

If you don't have the technology to create an article, you can call our Chairman for assistance (on 01477 534394).

Please Note:

- The deadline for receipt of articles or event notices is the 25th of the month preceding the newsletter month – so for the August issue it will be 25th July.
- We can only accept articles from non-commercial organisations.

FIONA BRUCE - DIARY:

6th June 2018: Local Transport Strategy

Fiona Bruce MP has asked as many of her constituents as possible from Middlewich to contribute to the Cheshire and Warrington Local Enterprise Partnership's (LEP) consultation on its draft Transport Strategy. In particular, Fiona Bruce is asking that they join her longstanding campaign in pressing for the Middlewich Railway Station to be reopened.



Fiona said: "Having a great transport system is vital in supporting residents and businesses to succeed. The reopening of the Middlewich Railway Station to passengers would benefit the people in the local area immensely. I encourage everyone to contribute to the consultation pressing for this, improve the quality of life for the people of Middlewich and along with the recently approved the bypass, help the town achieve its full economic potential.

You can take part in the consultation by writing to consultation@871candwep.co.uk or by writing to Cheshire & Warrington Local Enterprise Partnership, 1st Floor, Wyvern House, The Drummer, Winsford, CW7 1AH. Let's get Middlewich on the local rail map – the more people who press for this the louder our local voice!"

- The Draft Transport Strategy can be found here: <http://www.871candwep.co.uk/resources/draft-transport-strategy/>

20th June 2018: Action against rogue directors for nuisance calls and messages

Fiona Bruce MP has welcomed the announcement of a Government consultation on action against rogue directors for nuisance calls and messages.

The Government has already taken a number of actions to address nuisance calls and messages. These include:

- Forcing direct marketing companies to display their caller ID
- Increasing the fines for wrongdoers
- Transferring the responsibility for the Telephone Preference Service to the Information Commissioner's Office to ensure that a single regulator can take enforcement action
- Restrictions of marketing calls relating to claims management as part of the Financial Guidance and Claims Act 2018

However, it has accepted that more must be done, and has launched a public consultation to invite views on further action in this area. In particular, the consultation is looking at how to stop directors from dissolving companies to avoid incurring fines, only to form new ones which can continue to flout the rules – potentially making company directors personally liable for breaches of the relevant legislation.

For more information:

Website: <https://www.fionabruce.org.uk>
Contact Details: Fiona Bruce MP:
Tel: 01260 274044
Email: Fiona.bruce.mp@parliament.uk



WHATS ON

Welcome to the 'What's On' section of the newsletter. In this section we are highlighting events open to the public in Holmes Chapel during the next month.

If you would like to put your (non-profit making) event in this section, please email the details to news@hcpartnership.org.uk

Submissions must include a date, time, contact detail and short description no longer than 40 words.

- Unfortunately images cannot normally accompany "What's On" entries.

Become A Dementia Friend

What	All invited to a "Become a friend of Dementia". The session will last about 45 minutes and should be especially helpful for family members, friends, members of groups or businesses who know or work with anyone living with dementia or, for you, if you just wish to find out more.
When	Wednesday 4 th July, 7:30 pm
Where	Methodist Church Hall

Holmes Chapel Chorus Summer Concert

What	Holmes Chapel Chorus would like to invite you to join them for their "Summer of Love" concert. Tickets (£10) are now available from choir members or phone 07810-528347, so why not gather together a group of friends, bring along a summer picnic for our "interval with a difference" and enjoy a summer's evening while the choir entertain with songs connected to the subject of love. We have all been working very hard for the past few months putting together a varied programme. It's going to be a lovely evening.
When	Saturday 7 th July, 7:30 pm
Where	Holmes Chapel Leisure Centre, Small Hall

Holmes Chapel and District Gooseberry Show

What	Holmes Chapel and District 194 th Gooseberry Show Berries will be on display in the Bar after the Show Free admission, Bar open, All Welcome.
When	Saturday 28 th July, 1:00 to 5:00 pm
Where	Vic Club

Dane Sound – Regular Shows

Monday

10:00 am – Paw Trax Radio with HC Cubs
6:00pm – Extend the Weekend with Theo & James from HCCS

Tuesday

10:00am – Breakfast Show with Debs
11:00am – The Community Show with Chloe
5:30pm – The Henry Simpson Show

Wednesday

10:00am – Breakfast Show with Debs

12:15 – Lucy's Lunchtime Show

6:00pm – The Lee Oulton Show

Thursday

New Morning Show to be announced soon

3:00pm – Sy's Number 1's Show

7:30pm – Sports Show

Friday

9:30am Marie & Debs Chat Show

2:00pm – Music by Favourite Artists

3:30pm – Paw Trax Radio with HC Cubs



HOLMES CHAPEL PARTNERSHIP				
Calendar of Monthly Events				
JULY 2018				
Mo 2	8:00 - 9:30 pm	Home Grown In Holmes Chapel	Monthly Planning and Chatting Meeting	The Beer Emporium
Tu 3	2:00 pm	HC & District Ladies Probus	Monthly Meeting	St Luke's Church Hall
	2:00 pm	HC & District Mens Probus	Monthly Meeting	Methodist Church Hall
	2:00 pm	Church Hulme Ladies Probus	Summer Lunch	TBA
We 4	10:00 - 12:00	Dementia Friendly Village	Memory Café	Methodist Church Hall
	2:00 pm	Church Hulme Mens Probus	Monthly Meeting	St Luke's Church Hall
	7:30 pm	Dementia Friendly Village	Become A Dementia Friend	Methodist Church Hall
Fr 6	8:00 pm	Focus	"A Moment in Time" - Speaker: Rodger Burgess	Methodist Church Hall
Sa 7	7:30 pm	Holmes Chapel Chorus	Summer Concert	Small Hall, Holmes Chapel Leisure Centre
Su 8	10:00-12:00	Village Volunteers	Monthly Session	Precinct Carpark
	12:00 - 5:00 pm	Vic Club	HOLMES CHAPEL VILLAGE FAIR Fun for all the family	Vic Club Sports Field
Mo 9	9:00 - 5:00	Holmes Chapel Older People's Association	Monthly Outing - Llandudno £11 members, £12 Non-members	Departs from Sutton Oaks
Tu 10	7:45 pm	St Luke's Mother's Union	Monthly (Evening) Meeting Theatre Trip or Meal	St Luke's Church Hall
Sa 14	10:00 - 12:00	Home Grown In Holmes Chapel	Monthly Dig	Carpet Shop Patio
Mo 16	18:00-19:00	Village Volunteers	Monthly Evening Session	Precinct Carpark
We 18	10:00 - 12:00	Dementia Friendly Village	Memory Café	Methodist Church Hall
	2:00 pm	St Luke's Mother's Union	Monthly (Afternoon) Meeting Afternoon Tea	St Luke's Church Hall
Tu 24	7:30 pm	HC Womens Institute	Monthly Meeting The Colossus of Roads - Normal Walmsley	St Luke's Church Hall
We 25	7:00 pm	Holmes Chapel Partnership	Monthly (Committee) Meeting	Methodist Church Hall
Sa 28	1:00 – 5:00 pm	HC & District Gooseberry Society	Holmes Chapel and District Gooseberry Show	Vic Club
AUGUST 2018				
We 1	10:00 - 12:00	Dementia Friendly Village	Memory Café	Methodist Church Hall
	2:00 pm	Church Hulme Mens Probus	Monthly Meeting	St Luke's Church Hall
Mo 6	9:00 - 5:00	Holmes Chapel Older People's Association	Monthly Outing - Liverpool £9 members, £10 Non-members	Departs from Sutton Oaks
Tu 7	2:00 pm	HC & District Ladies Probus	Garden Party	TBA
	2:00 pm	HC & District Mens Probus	Monthly Meeting	Methodist Church Hall
	2:00 pm	Church Hulme Ladies Probus	Monthly Meeting	Cranage Village Hall