



Santa Sleigh Collection – Update

Holmes Chapel Partnership are delighted to announce that, after costs, the Santa’s Sleigh in December collection totalled £4560! Well done to everyone who helped prepare and maintain the Sleigh, and of course those who collected the money.

The money will be split between the 11 organisations listed below:



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| 41 Club | Holmes Chapel Rotary Club |
| Brereton Scouts | Holmes Chapel Scouts |
| Dane Sound Radio | Remembering Nell Foundation |
| Goostrey Scouts | Tangent |
| Holmes Chapel Guides (2 runs) | Viking Explorer Scout Unit |
| Holmes Chapel Pre-School | |

The organisation that managed each run will receive £380 (HC Guides, having run 2 nights will receive £760). We will be making a formal presentation to the organisations on Saturday 2nd February 2019, at 9:45 am, adjacent to the Sensory Garden in the village centre – all are welcome!

Holmes Chapel Christian Aid Annual Quiz Evening - Thank You

A very big **thank you** to everyone who supported our Annual Quiz Evening at the Victoria Club on January 18th, 2019. We raised a fantastic total of just over £750 which will be sent directly to Christian Aid to help the needy around the world. Once again a very big **thank you** for your continued support!



Holmes Chapel Christian Aid Ecumenical Committee.
Co-ordinator Christine Carr 01477 532412

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NEWS

PCSO Blog - Liz Chesters

We would like to focus our blog this month on road safety, and in particular parking outside of our local schools. We are very aware that this has always been an issue raised by local residents and that the areas around our schools are perhaps not best suited to a high volume of cars to park. With this in mind (and fingers crossed with a few lighter nights!) we are hoping to promote a 'cycle or walk to school' project – this is still within the very early stages and your local officers will be trying to develop it as best we can. Until we can get to this however, we need your support urgently to ensure you are not obstructing roads or pavements around the schools. We have had an increase in reports of vehicles double parking, blocking the pavements and abandoning cars on the yellow zig zag lines. None of the above is acceptable and if you are found to be in contravention of any of these you could be handed a fixed penalty notice of £30.00.



Furthermore we will be more actively enforcing with our police speed gun on roads which have been highlighted as a priority. Do you think you could help with the speed on our roads? We unfortunately have an extremely low number of volunteers for Holmes Chapel community speed watch team. Getting involved in this team can be as often as you like, and no commitments are needed other than the occasional session with other volunteers. This project is highly supported by the police and your local officers – if you wish to know more please do not hesitate to get in contact with us!

It seems we are seeing a bit of snow recently in the area and the odd bit of ice/frost, so we would like to take this opportunity to remind you to leave enough time in the morning before your journey to ensure your vehicle is fully defrosted and not left on the driveway unattended as it can only take a second for someone to take belongings from a vehicle – or the vehicle itself! We would recommend perhaps putting together your own winter car kit including a windscreen scraper, de-icer and ensure you have the necessary fluids to top up your car with.

Lastly we would like to encourage our community to report any suspicious activity to us on 101, or via the local contact mailbox - Crewe.LPU@cheshire.pnn.police.uk. Previously information given to us by residents has proved for successfully identifying criminal proceedings in the area and given us the knowledge to patrol in certain areas to reduce issues. If you are concerned about giving information, you can also do this anonymously through Crimestoppers where none of your personal information is taken or logged - 0800 555 111.

Please also be aware of our next upcoming dates for the community meetings we hold:

- 7th February 2019 19:30-20:30 - Holmes Chapel Parish Council office, Church Walk
- 15th February 2019 19:30-20:30 - Holmes Chapel Parish Council office, Church Walk
- 20th February 2019 13:30-14:30 - Holmes Chapel Community Centre
- 26th February 2019 16:00-17:00 - Holmes Chapel Community Centre

If you are interested in more of our activity please follow us on social media where 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'.

PCSO Liz Chesters, Dane Valley

Parish Council News

Youth Council

Holmes Chapel is establishing its first Youth Council to help young people become involved with village life. The parish council voted to launch the Youth Council, which will operate as a sub-committee of the Parish Council at its recent meeting on 17th January 2019. The inaugural meeting is set for 25th February at 6pm in the community centre, when the Youth Council will be established and its members elected.

Cllr Steve Ranger, who has headed the project, said “Young people represent the future of Holmes Chapel. Their views will be vital in deciding how the village should develop. The formation of the Youth Council will provide a forum in which young people can both influence the future of Holmes Chapel and launch more immediate projects for the benefit of young and old.

Clean up After Your Dog

Further to the introduction of the Public Spaces Protection Order, it is an offence to not clean up after your dog and dispose the waste in an appropriate bin i.e. any public litter bin or your black household waste bin.

To report irresponsible dog ownership, please contact Cheshire East Council 0300 123 5011

Holmes Chapel: Conservation Area

The Conservation area in Holmes Chapel has now been enhanced by the installation of four information panels around the area. The panels give information as to the history of the area in the vicinity. This is the result of extensive work by a group of Volunteers with an interest in history, which was supported by the Parish Council, and led by Vice chairman John Clowes. The four boards describe the history of some of the old buildings in the heart of the village which it is hoped will be of interest to residents and visitors. The group have a number of other initiatives underway including the installation shortly of some new heritage style street signs in the Conservation Area. The Parish Council has also submitted a bid to Cheshire East for a New Homes Bonus grant to contribute to improving the appearance of Church Walk but the outcome will not be known for a few weeks.



John Clowes said, “We have been pleased at the supportive response from businesses to our efforts to raise awareness of the Conservation Area including the Coop who have contributed to the cost of the information boards. Making the Conservation Area more attractive will make a contribution to keeping Holmes Chapel centre vibrant and active.

One of the four panels pictured with (L-R) Parish Council Vice Chairman John Clowes, History and Conservation Group member Alan Perrin and Coop manager Dave Meigh. The Coop supported the project via the Coop Community Grant Fund.

For any further information contact Sue McKay, admin@holmeschapelparishcouncil.gov.uk
Tel: 01477 533934



Connected Communities Centres



What Are They?

As part of the [Connected Communities](#) Strategy, venues across Cheshire East are becoming [Connected Communities Centres](#). Connected Communities Centres are buildings embedded within the community that will provide a base for a range of services and sign posting - making activities and support services more locally available.

Every centre will have a computer tablet connected to the [Live Well](#) community information web-site, helping residents to easily find out what's available within the centre and in the local area.

The **Dane Valley** Connected Communities Centres are:

- Holmes Chapel Library
- Holmes Chapel Community Centre
- Goostrey Village Hall

Dane Valley Connected Communities Centre update

In the Dane Valley area, lots of work has been taking place to establish the Dane Valley Partnership which is made up of individuals living and working in the area. The partnership is set up to identify the area priorities, identify solutions and select the Connected Communities Centre for the area.

Since its establishment in January 2018, the partnership has been growing and has a broad membership. We have looked at local data, talked to people who live and work in the area and identified 7 initial priorities – we have also opened 3 Connected Communities Centres in the area!!!

The priorities are

- **Social Isolation and Loneliness** – this will be looked at generically but also with a focus on widowed men and those from the farming community
- **Young people and Mental Wellbeing** – this would start at primary school age and also include work with parents and also areas such as social media and digital resilience
- **Young people's sexual health**
- **Self Care** – will include awareness raising campaigns specific to the area and opportunities to develop services in the area
- **Transport** – will look at local solutions and resources
- **Young people's activities** – this would look at issues relating to teenagers and perceptions in the community
- **Carers** – will look at support and resources for carers

We have been looking into some of the priorities in more depth – here is our first priority update:

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Young Peoples Sexual Health

A new confidential Sexual Health Service for under 19s living or going to school in the area is being piloted from February 2019.

Parents, carers and young people want to be able to access advice and support so that they can make the right decisions. Sexual health and safe relationships can be a difficult conversation between parents and young people. Having a service where they can have these conversations is vital.

Dane Valley Connected Communities partnership has identified Young Peoples Sexual Health as a priority and is keen to ensure services are available for young people and more importantly delivered in their own community. A pilot project is being rolled out which will ensure that confidential support, advice and appropriate access to contraception and STI testing is available.

The project will be delivered by Young Persons Nurse, Clare Woolley at Holmes Chapel Leisure Centre starting on Tuesday 26 Feb 2019 and continue on the following dates – March 12 & March 26 2019 3.30pm -5.00pm. Delivery from this venue ensures that the service is available for all U19's living in the area. There is no need to book, just turn up at Holmes Chapel Leisure Centre and ask for Clare. If you have any questions about the service please call 07778 368304 to speak to Clare

The door to Dane Valley Connected Communities is always open and we would be more than happy to welcome new people to come on board, either on the partnership or by supporting one of the sub groups which have been set up around each priority.

If you live or work in the area and have an interest and passion for your community or if you have expertise in any of our current priorities – please just get in touch by email

julie.walker@cheshireeast.gov.uk or call 07929 056745

Julie Walker, Coordinator, Dane Valley Connected Communities Centre

Singing in a choir is good for your health - FACT!

Holmes Chapel Chorus would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year.

There is no better time to join us, so if your new year's resolution is to try something new, or even return to an old hobby, come along and give us a try. Rehearsals start, with new music for our Summer Concert, on Monday, 14th January 2019, 7.30pm - 9.30pm in Holmes Chapel Methodist Church.

The Chorus has been in existence for over 30 years and we sing a wide range of music from musical theatre, songs from the shows, contemporary pop and the occasional madrigal style piece for good measure. The ability to read music is not essential as there are always members of the choir who can assist and guide. We are a friendly bunch who have a great deal of fun, while doing our utmost to perform to the very best we can. The Chorus is a not-for-profit choir, and our subscriptions (approx. £2.00 per week) cover the purchase of music, hire of our rehearsal venue and the cost of a professional accompanist. We perform 2 main concerts per year, where we support local charities. In 2018 we supported St. Luke's Hospice and the Neonatal Unit, Leighton Hospital.

If you would like more information please contact Julie on 01606833064 or come along on Monday 14th January 2019 at 7.30pm in the Methodist Church. We welcome singers in all parts, but would especially welcome sopranos, tenors and basses.

We hope to see (and hear) you soon.



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.

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| What | Holmes Chapel Community Cinema Film for February |
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| When | Thursday 21st February, 8pm |
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| Where | Holmes Chapel Community Centre |
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The February film will be Stan and Ollie, starring John C. Reilly and Steve Coogan, which has the rating of PG. Tickets cost £5.00, and are available from Holmes Chapel Gifts and Interiors, Church Walk, or the Community Centre. An excellent film, so be sure to buy your tickets in good time.

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| What | Holmes Chapel Community Cinema Film for March |
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| When | Thursday 21st March, 8pm |
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The film for March is The Favourite, which stars Olivia Colman, Rachel Weisz, and Emma Stone. Another excellent film, so make sure to buy tickets in good time again, which are available from the Community Centre, Church Walk, and Holmes Chapel Gifts and Interiors. Thanks to all for their continued support.

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| What | NSPCC Chocolate Morning |
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| When | Saturday 2nd February, 10.00 - 12.00 |
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| Where | St. Luke's Church Hall |
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We are asking for, as usual, donations of anything chocolate-y! Your contributions may be given to Ann Jack (535975), Pat Macmaster (533992), or be handed into St Luke's Church or the Methodist Church.

The other charities participating are Cystic Fibrosis, Down's Syndrome and Junior Diabetes Research Fund.

You are sure of a warm welcome and refreshment. Tickets £1.00 or pay on the door.

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| What | Jodrell Side W.I Jumble Sale |
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| When | Friday 22nd February, 7pm |
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| Where | Goostrey Village Hall |
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We are Jodrell Side W.I and are holding our annual jumble sale on the 22nd February in the Goostrey Village Hall. Admission is 50p (children free), and there will be good as new items plus toys, books, bric-a-brac, clothing, tombola and refreshments.

Any donated items for sale can be brought to Goostrey Village Hall from 3pm on the day.



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| What | Holmes Chapel Music Society - First February Concert |
| When | Saturday 9th February, 8pm |
| Where | Holmes Chapel Leisure Centre |

Young Musicians in Concert - Outstanding Students from Sir John Deane's College

Sir John Deane's Sixth Form College at Northwich has a lively and vibrant music department. Some of the students have outstanding talents; a selection perform at this concert. A similar concerts in the spring of 2015 and 2017 proved enormously popular and thoroughly astonishing.

More info: details and tickets at www.themusicsociety.org.uk

Tickets: £5, students, benefit claimants and children (under 16) with ticket-holder £1.

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| What | Holmes Chapel Music Society - Second February Concert |
| When | Saturday 23rd February, 8pm |
| Where | Holmes Chapel Leisure Centre |

Concert by Trio Isimsiz (piano trio)

“ a piano trio that already has that vital combination of unanimity of ensemble and musicianship, plus plenty of individual character and vitality.” - Andrew McGregor, BBC Radio 3

Trio Isimsiz was formed in 2009 at the Guildhall School of Music & Drama. Since then it has performed all over Europe and undertaken tours to China and Argentina.

More info: details and tickets at www.themusicsociety.org.uk

Tickets: £16 (members £10), students, benefit claimants and children (under 16) with ticket-holder £1



HOLMES CHAPEL PARTNERSHIP

Calendar of Monthly Events

February 2019

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| Fr 1 | 7.30 - 9.00pm | Holmes Chapel Ukulele Group | Fortnightly Session | Methodist Church Hall |
| Tu 5 | 2.00 - 4.00pm | Church Hulme Ladies Probus | Monthly Meeting | Cranage Village Hall |
| | 2.00pm | HC & District Mens Probus | Monthly Meeting | Methodist Church Hall |
| We 6 | 2.00pm | Church Hulme Mens Probus | Monthly Meeting | St. Luke's Church Hall |
| Fr 8 | 8.00 - 10.00pm | Focus Group | Monthly Meeting Khartoum to Cairo (Anne Vaughan) | Methodist Church Hall |
| Sa 9 | 8.00 - 10.00pm | Holmes Chapel Music Society | Young Musicians in Concert - Outstanding Students from Sir John Deane's College | Small Hall Holmes Chapel Leisure Centre |
| Su 10 | 10.00 - 12.00 | Village Volunteers | Sunday Session | Precinct Car Park |
| Tu 12 | 7.45 - 9.30pm | St. Luke's Mother's Union | Virtual Babies' with Anne Peach | St. Luke's Church Hall |
| We 13 | 7.45 - 9.30pm | The Arts Society Dane Valley | How the European Art Market Developed from the Renaissance to the Present - Dr Tom Flynn | Theatre, Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School |
| Th 14 | 10.00 - 12.00 | Holmes Chapel U3A | Monthly Meeting, John Parson - Official Town Crier and Master of Ceremonies | Methodist Church Hall |
| | 7.45 - 10.00pm | Holmes Chapel Photographic Society | Alsager Battle - Hosted by Holmes Chapel | Holmes Chapel Library |
| Fr 15 | 7.30 - 9.00pm | Holmes Chapel Ukulele Group | Fortnightly Sessions | Methodist Church Hall |
| We 20 | 2.00 - 3.30pm | St. Luke's Mother's Union | Virtual Babies' with Ann Peach | St. Luke's Church Hall |
| Th 21 | 7.30 for 8.00pm | Holmes Chapel Community Cinema | Film 'Stan and Ollie' - Biopic about Laurel and Hardy | Holmes Chapel Community Centre |
| Fr 22 | 7.00pm | Jodrell Side WI | Annual Jumble Sale | Goostrey Village Hall |
| Sa 23 | 8.00 - 10.00pm | Holmes Chapel Music Society | Concert by Trio Isimsiz (piano trio) | Small Hall Holmes Chapel Leisure Centre |
| Tu 26 | 7.30 - 9.00pm | Holmes Chapel Women's Union | Speaker: Melanie Latham - 'Chutney and Cheer' | St. Luke's Church Hall |
| We 27 | 7.00pm | Holmes Chapel Partnership | Monthly (Committee) Meeting | Methodist Church Hall |
| Th 28 | 7.45 - 10.00pm | Holmes Chapel Photographic Society | Knockout Competition - 3 Digital images per member | Holmes Chapel Library |
| March 2019 | | | | |
| Fr 1 | 7:30 - 9:00 pm | Holmes Chapel Ukulele Group | Fortnightly session | Methodist Church Hall |
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