



Official Opening of the Sensory Garden



The Sensory Garden was resplendent in the spring sunshine when Hazel Sutcliffe, recently elected Chair of Holmes Chapel Partnership, cut the ribbon and officially opened it. The refurbishment of the garden came into being as a collaboration between various community minded individuals and organisations: it was funded by the Partnership, designed by John Clowes, planted and maintained by the Village Volunteers, whilst the chit chat benches were restored by Anita Armitt. Please take a moment to appreciate this attractive garden – every time you go past there will be something different to see as the plants all change with the seasons.

The date of May 18th was chosen as the official opening, as it marked the start of Dementia Action week. The splendid wishing well was installed next to the garden to encourage donations to the Alzheimer’s Society for research into dementia. Over £100 was raised by people dropping their money into the well (yes, there was even water in it!) Over £2,000 was raised for the same cause on Sunday 19th from the Open Garden at the home of John and Linda Clowes.

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NEWS

Jodrell Trefoil is looking for new members!

Throughout your life have you had an interest in Girl Guiding? You might have been a Brownie, a Guide, a Ranger, a helper or a Guider but not anymore. Between them, members of Jodrell Trefoil have been all these but now just enjoy meeting together once a month for a relaxing and social time. We are still part of Guiding but our activities are perhaps less adventurous and challenging but we do still have a lot of fun and on occasions are invited to Guiding units and events. If you would like to find out more please email: dedavidson1@aol.com or telephone: 01477 537679.

Holmes Chapel Guiders Receive awards

The Carlsberg Lounge at Crewe Alexandra was the setting for an evening of celebration of Cheshire Border Guiding. The room was transformed to almost a sea of blue with attractive flower decorations of blue, yellow and white adorning every table and the stage. This was an evening to celebrate achievements of the girls, to recognise and thank the dedication of this voluntary organisation and to feel proud of all that Guiding is encouraging throughout this country and the World.



Karen Cragg, from Holmes Chapel and the new County Commissioner for Cheshire Border presented the awards which included from Holmes Chapel – certificates for Alison Dale and Claire Bevan for ten years service. Good service brooches for Jo Holttum and Dorothy Davidson for excellent service within Girl Guiding. Louise Smith is also pictured after receiving her excellent service award, Louise is a member of Jodrell Trefoil which also includes Holmes Chapel. Daisy Soddy was one of the girls who gave excellent presentations and spoke with great enthusiasm of their travels and charity projects during 2018. Daisy was one of last year's Holmes Chapel INTOPS (International opportunities), she represented us in Berlin, Vienna and as part of a North West region event in Prague.

Is this something for Holmes Chapel to be proud of?

Six members of Congleton Cycling Club recently kept a log of incidents - from "annoying" to "very scary" - whilst they were out and about on the bikes. The member who lives in Holmes Chapel, and uses his bike for utilitarian trips around the village, clocked up 17 incidents in 26 miles; this is a far higher ratio than any of the others. He says:

"My worst incident in April was when I was going to a U3A talk at the Vic Club. I rode down the A50, signalled to turn right into the Vic Club in good time and moved out to the white line. A car behind decided to overtake me on the wrong side of the road, while my right arm was still extended. He got just behind me when he saw a car coming in the opposite direction. He hit the brakes, and switched over to the left hand side of the road to pass me".

So what conclusion do we draw? Should we ban bike riding in Holmes Chapel because the standard of driving is too poor? It cannot be said as an excuse that the A50 is too narrow and therefore unsuitable for cyclists as well as other road users! Should we maybe try and improve the situation for cyclists?

Comments to seccag@yahoogroups.com

What a week!

Holmes Chapel Methodist Church hosted the third event for Holmes Chapel recognising Dementia Action Week – the hall was packed as people arrived to share in what was advertised as a relaxing afternoon. Gordon Davies, a local artist, displayed, and sold! some of his artwork. John Jack played the piano for two hours solid, giving much enjoyment as people recognised songs from shows and favourites from the hit parades of past years. Quizzes on the tables gave much fun as films, musicals and nursery rhymes were recalled, although it was the biscuits and sweets quiz which gave the game away as to who had a sweet tooth! But choosing which piece of delicious homemade cake to go with the cups of tea was perhaps the most difficult decision of the afternoon! To those who came along, we hope that you enjoyed your afternoon and thank you for donating so generously, £709 will be added to the total from Holmes Chapel being sent to the Alzheimer's Society.



Rural Information and Advice Service

Age UK Cheshire are running a monthly Information and Advice drop in session at Holmes Chapel Library every 2nd Wednesday of the month from 10am to 12.30pm. This service is aimed at older people and is free, impartial and confidential, and aims to offer support and advice on a range of issues including welfare benefits, accessing the care system, community transport, blue badges, energy advice, and housing issues.



We can also provide information on what local services are available and how to access them.

Age UK Cheshire are offering this service to people who are unable to access our offices or phone services, and give the opportunity to have a one to one chat with our friendly advisor. We will be in Holmes Chapel Library on the following dates:

8 May, 12 June, 10 July, 14 August, 11 September, 13 November and 11 December 2019.

No appointment necessary.

I am your local officer for Dane Valley – PCSO Liz Chesters.

Recently we have had an increased amount of reports of suspicious activity and theft from motor vehicles in the Sandbach and Dane Valley area – specifically Holmes Chapel. We received a total of eight vehicles which had been targeted by thieves. As a result we are urging vehicle owners to be vigilant and to take steps to reduce their chances of becoming victims of this type of crime.



Whether you are leaving your vehicle parked up somewhere whilst you are out and about or leaving it outside your home overnight, please ensure that it is secure and does not have any items of value on show. I also urge residents to report any suspicious activity to the police to aid our ongoing battle against vehicle crime and help us to bring offenders to justice.

Here are a few top tips that can help prevent you from car theft:

- Try to park your vehicle in well-lit areas
- Ensure that your vehicle is locked and secure with the windows up whenever you are not inside it, even if you are only leaving it unattended for a brief moment
- Remember to activate your alarm and/or steering lock whenever you get out of your vehicle
- Never leave valuable items inside your vehicle, such as mobile phones, laptops and cash

Anyone with any information about thefts from motor vehicles in Sandbach or Holmes Chapel is urged to call Cheshire Constabulary on 101 or give the details via <https://cheshire.police.uk/contact/general-enquiries>.

We have within the last four weeks taken time to target obstructive parking in conjunction with Cheshire East enforcement officers who have also been targeting double yellow lines outside of primary schools in the area. Following on from this, a traffic enforcement week has been organised to take place in the Dane Valley area where the Fatal Five will be targeted – those being careless driving, drink and drug driving, not wearing a seatbelt, using a mobile phone and speeding. Watch this space where we will update you with the figures!

Please also be aware of our next upcoming dates for the community meetings we hold where you can come along to speak to your local officers about any issues you have in the area, or just for a general chat!

There is no appointment needed as the meetings are a 'drop-in' session:

5th June 2019 13:30-14:30 - Holmes Chapel Community Centre, Station Road
15th June 2019 15:00-16:00 - Holmes Chapel Parish Council Office, Church Walk
20th June 2019 17:00-18:00 - Holmes Chapel Parish Council Office, Church Walk
26th June 2019 10:00-11:00 - Holmes Chapel Community Centre, Station Road

If you are concerned about giving information in person, you can also do this anonymously through Crimestoppers where none of your personal information is taken or logged - 0800 555 111.

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'.

Introducing the new Parish Council

Following the elections on 2nd May 2019, 12 Councillors were elected to serve on the Parish Council for the next four years. These Councillors are Anita Armitt, Brian Bath, Michael Blomeley, Michelle Boath, John Clowes, Patricia Cotton, Stewart Hamilton, Rab Parry, David Savage, Michael Street, Diane Tams and Richard Wilson.



On Thursday 16th May, we held our first Full Council meeting with the new Council and elected Cllr Brian Bath as Chairman and Cllr John Clowes as Vice-Chairman for the year. It was a productive meeting, as Councillors joined different committees and took on various roles, in addition to the business of Council being carried out.

(Photograph taken at Council meeting on 16th May 2019. Left to right: Cllrs Michelle Boath, Richard Wilson, Anita Armitt, Stewart Hamilton, Michael Street, Michael Blomeley, John Clowes - Vice-Chairman, Brian Bath - Chairman, Diane Tams, Rab Parry & David Savage; Tina Cartlidge - Clerk & Sue McKay - Admin Assistant/RFO, Cllr Patricia Cotton was unable to attend due to a pre-booked holiday).

New Councillors

The Parish Council is delighted that three new Councillors have joined us; Michelle Boath, Diane Tams and Richard Wilson.

Michelle Boath lived in Holmes Chapel for almost 30 years and now lives a short distance outside the village. Holmes Chapel is central to her life and she regularly visits to use services including the medical centre, shops, restaurants and leisure facilities. Michelle is a director of a small consultancy firm working in the public sector. In her spare time she volunteers for a local greyhound and lurcher rescue, enjoys walking with her husband and two rescue dogs, and makes use of Holmes Chapel library's excellent reading groups service.



Diane Tams moved to Holmes Chapel with her children in 2007 having previously worked in the village for a number of years. Her children both attended nursery, primary and senior schools in Holmes Chapel before moving on to University. She had a long career in the pharmaceutical industry and now, having some spare time, would like to use this to give something back to the community. She has specific expertise in developing strategy, enabling change and building teams to work to a common goal.

Richard Wilson lives on the Brooklands estate and is the only Parish Councillor based on one of Holmes Chapel's new estates. As a result, he is able to stand up for the newest residents of the parish and provide a unique insight into the realities of Holmes Chapel's recent expansions.





Parish Council - Upcoming Meetings and Events

Members of the public are very welcome to attend any meeting of the Council or Committee. There are three committees of the council; Amenities, Village Infrastructure and Strategy & Finance. All the meetings are held in the Academy Suite at Holmes Chapel Community Centre and start at 7pm. Here are the dates of meetings being held in June/July:

6th June: Village Infrastructure

13th June: Amenities

20th June: Strategy & Finance

23rd June: Civic Service – all are welcome to attend this service starting at 10am St Luke's Church

4th July: Full Council

18th July: Village Infrastructure

25th July: Amenities

CHRISTIAN AID – House to House Collection May 2019

A very big Thank You to everyone who supported us during Christian Aid Week in May.



You all raised the magnificent sum of £5548.56 plus Gift Aid tax of £687.46 which gives an overall total of £6236.02 which we have been able to send to Christian Aid to help Refugees and the needy throughout the world.

Thanks to all our Collectors in and around Holmes Chapel.

Holmes Chapel Ecumenical Christian Aid Committee



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.

The Arts Society Dane Valley Lecture

What Warwick Castle: A Forgotten Collection

When Wednesday 12th June, 7.30-9.30pm

Where New Theatre, Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School

Adam Busiakiewicz, ex-sotheby's Art Historian, lutenist and lecturer shares his insider's view of Warwick Castle, one of Britain's best-preserved medieval castles. Adam was formerly a curator at the castle.

Free for members: guests are welcome, £8 including refreshments.

For more information phone: 07856 721087 - Email: danevalley@theartsociety.org

Holmes Chapel Singers

What Holmes Chapel Singers Summer Concert

When Saturday 15th June, 7.30pm

Where New Theatre, Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School

The singers will be presenting an evening of Gilbert and Sullivan, extracts from Pirates of Penzance, The Mikado, Gondoliers, Yeoman of the Guard, HMS Pinafore and many more. Members of the recently formed Saxon Players will be adding narration and mime.

Come along and enjoy a melodic, relaxed evening. Tickets are available at £10 from Ticket Secretary (01477 534928), Jayne Guest (piano-tales@hotmail.co.uk), Chethams in the village, via Facebook; Holmes Chapel Singers, www.holmeschapelsingers.co.uk

Holmes Chapel Chorus

What Holmes Chapel Chorus Summer Concert

When Saturday 6th July, 7.30pm

Where Small Hall, Holmes Chapel Leisure Centre

Holmes Chapel Chorus, a lively mixed voice choir, invites you to join them for a summer picnic accompanied by songs from musical theatre and contemporary pop, on Saturday 6th July.

Tickets £10 from any choir member or call 01781 528347. Bring your own picnic for an interval with a difference! Should be a great evening! Raffle fundraiser for St. Luke's Hospice.



Music at The Bottle Bank

What	'Sing Wednesdays' at The Bottle Bank
When	Wednesday Afternoons 2-5pm
Where	The Bottle Bank

Come along to The Bottle Bank for live music on Wednesday afternoons from 2pm to about 5pm - Folk Songs, Country, Blues, Poems- whatever you like. Come along and play, sing or just listen and enjoy a drink - it's a great atmosphere! We started last year with just a few of us and now we have a regular number of guitar players and others who come to listen and join in with the songs. Why not drop in and see for yourself.

Holmes Chapel Music Society

What	Holmes Chapel Music Society AGM
When	Wednesday 5th June, 7.30pm
Where	Holmes Chapel Library

Members of the Holmes Chapel Music Society are reminded that the Annual General Meeting of the society is to be held in the Library at 7.30pm on Wednesday 5th June. Please attend if you are able to.

More information: details of next season's concerts and tickets are available at www.themusicsociety.org.uk

Royal British Legion

What	D Day Commemoration
When	Thursday 6th June, 10.30am
Where	St. Luke's Churchyard

Holmes Chapel Branch of the Royal British Legion are holding a commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the D Day Landings on Thursday 6th June in St. Luke's churchyard at 10.30am. There will be a two minute silence followed by a wreath laying ceremony.

Contact Chairman Malcolm Coates for further details: m.coates547@btinternet.com



HOLMES CHAPEL PARTNERSHIP				
Calendar of Monthly Events				
JUNE 2019				
Tu 4	2:00 - 4:00 pm	Church Hulme Ladies Probus	Monthly Meeting	Cranage Village Hall
	2:00 pm	HC & District Mens Probus	Monthly Meeting	Methodist Church Hall
We 5	2:00 pm	Church Hulme Mens Probus	Monthly Meeting	St Luke's Church Hall
We 5	7.30pm	HC Music Soc	AGM	Library
Sa 8	10am	Home Grown	Saturday Dig	patio Carpet Shop
Su 9	10:00 - 12:00	Village Volunteers	Sunday Session	Precinct Car Park
Tu 11	7:45 - 9:30 pm	St Luke's Mother's Union	Strawberry Supper (open to all Deanery members) both groups	St Luke's Church Hall
We 12	7:45 - 9:30 pm	The Arts Society Dane Valley	Warwick Castle: A Forgotten Collection Speaker: Adam Busiakiewicz	Theatre, Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School
Th 13	10:00 - 12:00	Holmes Chapel U3A	Monthly Meeting Linda Pyatt The Samaritans	Methodist Church Hall
Fr 14	8:00 - 10:00 pm	Focus Group	Monthly Meeting South Island, New Zealand (Brian & Christine Donlon)	Methodist Church Hall
Mo 17	6:00 - 7:00pm	Village Volunteers	Monday Evening Session	Precinct Car Park
Th 20	8pm	Home Grown	Meet up and chat	Red Lion
Su 23	10am	HC Parish Council	Civic Service for the Community	St Luke's Church
Tu 25	7:30 - 9:00 pm	Holmes Chapel Women's Institute	Speaker: Diana Leitch - "The Story Of Pyrex"	St Luke's Church Hall
We 26	7:00 pm	Holmes Chapel Partnership	Monthly (Committee) Meeting	Methodist Church Hall