

St Mary's Acton
St David's Wettenhall &
St Oswald's Worleston
November 2023



**They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We will remember them.**

Laurence Binyon

**The Cross Country Parishes
of
Acton with Worleston, Church
Minshull and Wettenhall .**

Dear Friends,

November is a month for remembering.....

Many families love the colourful, noisy excitement of fireworks as we celebrate Bonfire Night and recall the history of Guy Fawkes amidst the bangs and popping of rockets and Roman candles.



For others, the quiet remembrance of Armistice Day and the two minutes silence gives them time to think about the huge sacrifice given by so many, to enable us to live in relative peace today.

In our churches we remember those who have gone before us, with All Saints Day at the beginning of November, followed by All Souls Day, which will be commemorated in Acton church on 5th November at 6.30pm. At this service, families who have been bereaved throughout the previous year, or indeed longer, are invited to attend and light a candle in memory of their loved ones. It's not a particularly sad or mournful occasion but a few moments in quiet contemplation can be both helpful and healing.

In this busy, noisy world we don't often get very much time for wrapping ourselves in silence. The chances are that we are missing something vital in our lives.

There is a story about a six year old girl who wrote a letter to God :

'Dear God, how did you get invented?' Her father sent a copy of the letter to the then Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams, who replied saying 'I think God might reply a bit like this:

'Nobody invents me- but lots of people discovered me and were quite surprised. They discovered me when they looked around the world and thought it was really beautiful or really mysterious and wondered where it came from. They discovered me when they were very quiet on their own and felt a sort of peace and love they hadn't expected'

For those who are mourning, or overworked, stressed or under pressure, then some kind of solace is never far away. We are promised that.

May we all find that special peace and love in our lives as we remember past loved ones this month.

Ann

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Sunday Services

Acton

- 5th Nov 11:00 am Communion, 6:30pm Commemoration
- 12th Nov 8:00 am Communion, **10:50 am Remembrance**
- 19th Nov 10:00 am Messy Church
- 26th Nov 8:00 am Communion, 11:00 am Morning Prayer
- 3rd Dec 11:00 am Communion

Church Minshull

- 5th Nov 11:00 am Service of the Word
- 12th Nov **10:50 am Remembrance**
- 19th Nov 11:00 am Communion
- 26th Nov 11:00 am Messy Church
- 3rd Dec 11:00 am Service of the Word

Worleston

- 5th Nov No Service
- 12th Nov **10:50 am Remembrance**
- 19th Nov No Service
- 26th Nov 9:30 am Morning Prayer
- 3rd Dec 4:00 pm Advent Carol Service

Wettenhall

- 5th Nov 11:00 am Morning Prayer
- 12th Nov **10:50 am Remembrance**
- 19th Nov 11:00 am All Age
- 26th Nov 6:30 pm Communion
- 3rd Dec 4:00 pm Christingle

| St David's Church Wettenhall | | |
|--|----------------|------------------------------------|
| Sidespersons | | Cleaning and Flowers |
| 5 th Nov | Mr G Tucker | Mrs M Sherry |
| 12 th Nov | Mrs M Drinkall | |
| 19 th Nov | Brownies | Mrs K Noden |
| 26 th Nov | Informal | |
| 3 rd Dec | Churchwardens | Mrs M Drinkall and Mrs B Brockbank |
| <i>Visit: www.wettenhallchurch.org.uk</i> | | |

From The Registers

Funeral Service followed by Burial
 19th September 2023
Edith Carr
 6th October 2023
Isabel Mary Johnson



Thank You

Edith Carr's family would like to thank everyone for the many kind messages of sympathy and very generous donations in aid of St. David's Church received at this sad time. They are greatly appreciated, thank you.



Baptism Photograph

10th September 2023
Harry Oliver Ashley Walton
 was baptised at St David's.
Harry is pictured here with his parents
Emma and Ashley.

Coffee and Cake

The next meetings will be on
Thursday 2nd November and 7th December
 from 10-12 noon in Church.
 Everyone is very welcome to pop in for as
 little or as long as they wish.



Remembrance

Our Remembrance Service will be held on 12th November beginning at 10.50am.

We will remember them.

Christingle

Our annual Christingle service will take place on 3rd December at 4pm. We look forward to welcoming the children and families of Calveley Academy.



Darnhall Brownies

In September we were thrilled to welcome several new members.

We enjoyed working towards our Agility Badge by catching beanbags and playing traditional Brownie games. The Brownies have also been working towards their book-lover badge. They brought in their favourite books and shared the storyline with each other.



More Photos over the page

Brownies Continued



WANTED

NEW PARISH COUNCILLORS

Cholmondeston and Wettenhall Parish Council is looking for new Parish Councillors because we have vacancies following the local elections earlier this year.

You can be any age, from 18 years onwards, and must live in the Parish of Wettenhall and Cholmondeston. It doesn't matter what your political beliefs are [if any] we simply need people who are interested in making our villages better places to live. The time commitment is to attend a meeting at least every 6 months, and there are 4 meetings each year. You will not have to be elected to be a member, at this stage. Come along to the next Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 20th December 7.30pm at St. David's Church Wettenhall and request that you are co-opted onto the panel of councillors. There will be an informal talk between you and the councillors, and the decision will be made at the meeting.

If you need any further information please contact:

John Woodward on woodwardjohn@hotmail.co.uk or 01270 528255
or Heather Pope on hclp@btinternet.com 01270 528755.

Looking forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

St David's Harvest Festival

A United service and Harvest festival was held at St. David's church on Sunday the 2nd October. The service was led by Rev Anne with musical accompaniment from Alan Burnley, who kept us all in key - well he tried and so did we. The service concluded with a shared meal with meat provided by John Major and delicious salads courtesy of Audrey Howard. Lots of desserts followed in the St. Davids tradition, that is, delicious and very generous, and when you add in the wine and tea it all made for a very special celebration of the wonder of God's harvest. Thanks to all those who helped make this a most enjoyable and praise filled evening.





St David's 'Big Night Out'

The entertainment evening on 14th October proved to be more exciting than any of us imagined! Unfortunately Adrian, aka Don Reid, was taken ill and at short notice Chris Pope gallantly stepped into his shoes! Obviously, not literally, as Chris's opening debut was a singing and dancing number which set the scene for a lively evening's entertainment.

We enjoyed comedy clips from the classics - Fawlty Towers, The Vicar of Dibley, Blackadder, Only Fools & Horses and many more.

During the interval Audrey Howard and her helpers served up a variety of hot meat pies & pickles, kindly prepared by Foodcraft of Winsford. It goes without saying that the assortment of puddings generously donated by the resident caterers was amazing! The meal was followed by a raffle, again thanks to Chris & Heather. Graham Tucker weaved his own magic in the kitchen with the washing up!

We are extremely grateful to Chris and give thanks for his wonderful talent to entertain. By the time you read this we hope that Adrian has fully recovered. Thanks to everyone who supplied food and drinks, singing and laughter, and helped to raise £800 for church funds. A good time was had by all!

Next time come and join us!!



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St Mary's Church, Acton Sidespersons

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|--|--------------------------------|
| 5 th Nov | Sandra and Mike Houlston |
| 12 th Nov | Susan and Charles Hull |
| 19 th Nov | Tracey and Peter Foster |
| 26 th Nov | Lesley and Peter Latronico |
| 3 rd Dec | Miriam Harvey and Steve Davies |
| <i>Visit: www.stmarysacton.org</i> | |

Tea at the Tower Guided Walks

The next walks are:

5th November 2023

17th December 2023, the Christmas walk

Tea at the Tower is open every Sunday from 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm.

On the above dates there is a guided walk departing the church at 12:45 pm. Nick organises circular walks varying between 3 to 5 miles, then returning to the church for a refreshing cup of tea or coffee and a slice of delicious cake.

The pace of the walks is relaxed, and the routes generally involve canal towpath and lane walking. The footpaths should be good (also hopefully dry?) and only a small number of stiles are negotiated. Stout outdoor shoes or walking shoes / boots are recommended.

All are welcome including dogs on leads

For further information please phone Nick Harley, Lead Walker, on 01270-620612 or 07710983125.



Bag a Bargain in the Barn

A 'Bag a Bargain in the Barn' event took place at Henhull Hall farm on Welshmans Lane in Nantwich on Saturday 9th September 2023.

The event was hosted and organised by Philip and Joyce Percival with the help and support from their family, friends and local charities.

There were games and activities for the children and refreshments on hand too.

Visitors had a wonderful time seeking out treasures to take home - and many people bagged a bargain!

Keen gardeners flocked to the plant stall.

The event was a terrific success and raised £750 for these local charities and organisations: Acton and Reaseheath WI, Acton Church, Cancer Research UK, Crewe and Nantwich Weaver Rotary Club, and Friends of Acton Primary Academy.

One visitor said, "This has been a splendid opportunity to buy something special and support our local charities; where better to be than a cool barn on one of the hottest days of the year!"





Tickets available from Stephan Davies 01270 624135 | 07731 800663

Nursery Rhymes; Magical Times

At St Mary's, Acton this Christmas-time we will transport you back to your childhood. The forest of Christmas trees that twinkle at St Mary's Church, Acton, this year will be adorned with decorations based on our favourite nursery rhymes.

If you have never been to Acton at Christmas time, be warned we do it on a big scale. There is no entrance fee and refreshments are not charged for – however, donations are welcome.

The itinerary for this year's festival starts on Friday 8th December when members from Acton CE Primary Academy will open the festival with carols and songs at 2:30pm. All welcome.

On Saturday 9th December, doors will open to visitors at 10:30am through to 4:30pm. A warm welcome will be accompanied by teas, and in the afternoon a visiting choir will perform Carols and Christmas songs – while you are free to wander viewing the exhibits.

The Christmas Concert will be held on the evening of Saturday 9th December and this year will be performed by the fabulous Acton Operatic Society. Please contact Stephan for details and bookings 01270 624135.

On Sunday 10th December, doors will open after the morning service. Music in the afternoon will be provided by a local folk band and Tea@Tower will be part of this. Come and enjoy the magic and warmth of welcome that is abundant at St Mary's, Acton this Christmas.

For more details, or if you are interested in sponsoring a tree contact: Deana (daytime) 01270 624889, Claire (evening) 01270 611803.

Dates for your Diary

Sunday 12th November 2023 (6:30pm start) "The Proms at Acton"

will take place on Remembrance Sunday

A medley of rousing music will be performed by the highly acclaimed Nantwich Concert Band (<http://www.nantwichband.co.uk/>) and will feature talented soprano Jessica Thayer.

Tickets cost £10. Tickets are available from staff at the weekly "Tea at the Tower" community café, which takes place at the Church every Sunday afternoon (2:30-4:30pm). Alternatively, please call Stephan Davies on 01270-624135 or 07731800663. Profits from this Remembrance Sunday concert will go to the Royal British Legion (<https://www.britishlegion.org.uk>) who support the Armed Forces community and run the Poppy Appeal. They are the country's largest Armed Forces charity.

Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th December - Christmas Tree Festival. Theme: Nursery Rhymes.

Alison Phillips will lead a 'sing-a-long' with carols around the trees on Saturday afternoon until 4.30pm.

A folk band will entertain on Sunday afternoon.

Saturday 9th December (7.30pm) - "Christmas Concert" Acton Operatic Society.

Performing a wonderful medley of Christmas Favourites.

Saturday 16th December (7:30pm) - 'A Christmas Carol' performed by The Groves Singers.

Sunday 17th December (1.45pm) - Christmas Walk

The walk will start at Acton Church before heading to Dorfold Hall grounds. Santa Claus will be there to greet everyone!

Saturday 20th January 2024: - Battle of Nantwich

'Tea & Toast - and Key-Note talk by Mike Lea (Historian) followed by a walk to the battlefields

Churchyard Tidy

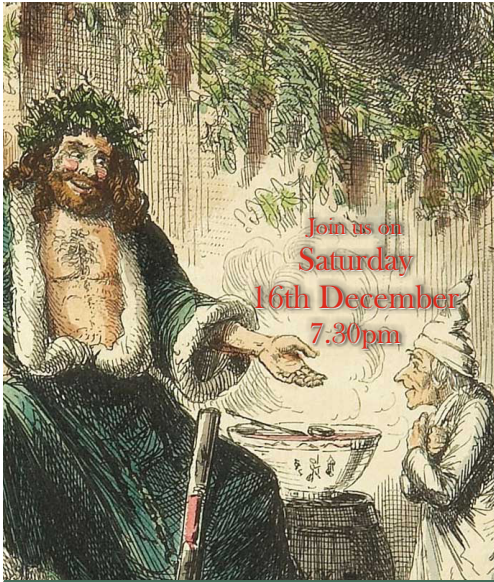
St Mary's Acton, Churchyard Tidy Saturday 11th of November, 2023

10:00 am until 12:00 noon.

We continually receive wonderful comments on how well our churchyard is kept and we are very grateful to Dave and Scott for all the hard work they do. We recently received an offer of help to clean, carefully wash the stonework and weed around the graves, some of which are no longer tended by family but would benefit from a little TLC. If you would like to help and can spare some time on Saturday 11th November we would be pleased to see you.

Further details from Philip Percival
01270 624158





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Come and enjoy our
Christmas Concert
at Acton Church

Saturday 9th December @ 7.30pm

featuring ACTON OPERATIC SOCIETY

Tickets are £10 and available from Stephan Davies (01270 624135)

Alternatively, why not collect yours with tea and cake at our **Tea at The Tower** every Sunday

Acton Harvest Festival brings local community together

A 'Celebrate Harvest - Pumpkins, Plants and Pollinators' event took place at St Mary's Church on Sunday 1st October 2023.

Inside the church, 'Tea at the Tower' embraced harvest with delicious drinks & cakes, numerous craft and harvest exhibits, a harvest pollinator quiz, a folk band and Acton Academy displays.

The harvest-themed exhibits and displays which adorned the church included cornucopias, sheaves of wheat, pumpkins, and other autumnal produce, which all created a colourful and jovial atmosphere. The folk band played a wonderful medley of folk music. The pollinator quiz had people's heads buzzing with questions such as how fast can a bee fly, what methods are used by bees to detect flowers with plenty of nectar, and how much do bees in the UK annually benefit crop production based on yield. Parishioners had donated non-perishable food items to the church, which will be donated to the Nantwich Foodbank.

Outside the church, behind the Almshouses, visitors could view the new 'Buzzingham Palace' insect hotel.

Donations were gratefully received at the event for funds towards the upkeep of St Mary's Church, a Grade 1 listed building.

The festival was an opportunity for dozens of people to come together, express gratitude for the harvest, and support those less fortunate by sharing food and resources.

A representative from St Mary's said: "Working as a team is what we like to do at Acton Church - and the results are clear to see; it was a wonderful afternoon."





Acton and Reaseheath WI

In September **Diana Boyles** representing ANSA reminded members of what should and should not go in our various bins and explained the changes to our garden waste collection service. She is particularly committed to avoiding food waste, sharing her enthusiasm for wormeries and ideas for minimising our environmental footprint. We have yet to try her recipe for washing clothes - first gather chestnuts, slice and dry thoroughly..... She hasn't bought washing powder for 5 years!

Steve Cornes, Civil War re-enactor and member of Sealed Knot entertained and fascinated members with an account of the Siege/Massacre (depending which side you were on) of Barthomley which happened at Christmas 1643. Poorly fed, shod, and armed were the ordinary soldiers of the Civil War, many of whom were killed by

“friendly fire” as most could only be identified by red ankle ribbons (if for the King) or possibly a coloured jacket if a leading family paid for one. He demonstrated his hat which handily became a balaclava and explained what apostles, lachets and baldrick were used for. The killing of 12 civilians by a Royalist raiding party at St Bertoline’s Church was an atrocity which neither side condoned and the leader Major John Connaught was eventually hanged for murder in 1654.



There was more history to learn from **Nell Gwyn** at the recent Malbank Group meeting when we were pleased to come 3rd with a spicy orange cake. We are now busy crafting decorations for the Christmas Tree Festival and look forward to our Christmas meeting when **Deborah Hitchen** from Cheerbrook will be with us.

We usually meet the second Monday of the month in Acton Parish Hall (winter months in the afternoon). If you would like a taste of our WI please get in touch with Fiona Ross 07791 171415. You will be very welcome.

Messy Church - October

We had a good time last month when we re-enacted the story of the King's banquet. Lord and Lady Have-a-lot, Daniel Craig and Mo Salah turned down the invitation to the feast which meant there was plenty for everyone else! Everyone was given special hats, and jewels to wear but one man didn't want to join in. Janet told us about being invited to Buckingham Palace and modelled the hat she wore. Jesus told many stories starting "The kingdom of heaven is like...." In this case a party to which EVERYONE is invited - you just have to say "yes" to become part of his family, brothers and sisters together. We decorated our party hats, placemats and made cakes while Pete's group discussed other illustrations of God's invitation and the need for a whole-hearted response.

Join us November 19th at 10am for "His name is John!"



Hurrah another step up the ladder

The Clock in the tower of Acton Church was installed in the 1700's and has kept good time and served our local community well - up until a few years ago when it stopped working!

Assessments revealed that, wear and tear was the underlying cause for its demise and the need for a complete overhaul and the manufacture of a new escapement wheel were necessary. We are delighted to hear that the Cumbria clock company have repaired the clock and it is ready for installation.

Here we hit a snag! The antique ladder inside the clock tower is approximately 30 feet high and does not meet the health and safety requirements of our time. We are advised by the Church architect that a scaffolding tower should be installed as a permanent solution; enabling the clock installation and ongoing servicing to take place safely. Another hurdle has been overcome - and this work has been done and the clock is scheduled to return on October 26th and 27th.

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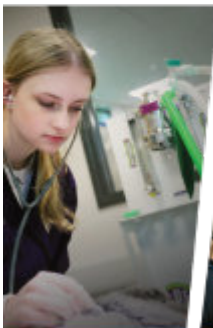
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Cross Country Pages

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

this month to

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| Alice Edwards | Maggie Harrington |
| Ava Robinson | Scarlett Heath |
| Edward Kinsey | Thomas Alexander |
| Imogen Elliott | |

Special Greetings

Special greetings to **Adrian Burrows**
who celebrates his 80th birthday
this month!

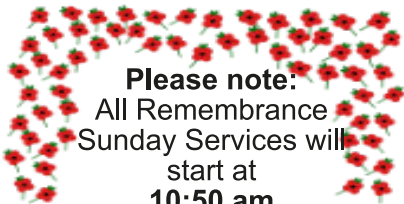
Many Happy Returns!

Jam and Pickles

Do your Autumn and Winter interests include making or eating jams and pickles? If so, a demonstration of various pickles and jams at the Darnhall Village Hall may be just right for you now. **Melanie Latham** is at the Village Hall on

Saturday 18th November at 1.00pm, demonstrating delicious preserves using produce from garden, allotment or supermarket.

Costs £3.00 – pay at the door.
Refreshments and raffle prizes.
Darnhall Village Hall, Hall Lane,
Darnhall, Winsford, CW7 4DE.



Please note:
All Remembrance
Sunday Services will
start at
10:50 am
so that the
11:00 am silence
can be observed by
everyone at the
same time.

Ladies' Lunch

Thursday 9th November
Nags Head, Haughton
12:30 pm - Cost: £11.00
For further details contact:
Heather 528755, Isobel (624521),
Ann (528273) or Joyce (624158)
Please book with Joyce

Mobile Library

| Nov | Dec | Jan | Tuesdays | |
|--|------------------|------------------|-----------|-------|
| 21 st | 12 th | 2 nd | Arr | Dep |
| Badger Church Minshall | | | 10:20 | 10:45 |
| Home Farm Park South Lea Green | | | 11:10 | 11:20 |
| Home Farm Park North Lea Green | | | 11:30 | 11:50 |
| Wettenhall Church | | | 12:05 | 12:20 |
| Station Rd Calveley | | | 13:35 | 13:55 |
| Tollemache Arms Alraham | | | 14:05 | 14:30 |
| Nov | Dec | Dec | Thursdays | |
| 16 th | 7 th | 28 th | Arr | Dep |
| Pinfold Craft Centre Poole | | | 11:00 | 11:25 |
| Worleston Station Aston Juxta Mondrum | | | 11:35 | 11:45 |
| Worleston Village Hall | | | 11:50 | 12:10 |
| Nov | Nov | Dec | Thursdays | |
| 2 nd | 23 rd | 14 th | Arr | Dep |
| Farmers Arms Ravensmoor | | | 10:00 | 10:15 |
| Goodwill Hall Faddiley | | | 10:30 | 10:50 |
| Greenfields Farm Gradeley Green | | | 11:05 | 11:20 |



Modern Martyrs; Janini Luwuan

Janini Luwuan was a Ugandan, born in 1922. His parents were Acholi Christian people. He had a high school education, attended Boroboro Teacher Training College, going on to teach in a primary school. In 1948 he converted to Christianity in the East African Revival Church and then attended theological college from 1949 to 1955, being ordained as a priest. His progression through the church was rapid, alongside his busy family life with a wife and nine children. He first served in the Upper Nile District of Uganda and Mbale, and after periods of study in England, became the Bishop of Northern Uganda in 1969. Five years later Janini became the archbishop of the huge area of the Metropolitan Province of Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi and Bogo [in Zaire], a demanding role for this creative and dynamic Christian leader. Uganda was a turbulent country during these years with Idi Amin in power from 1971. He expelled Asians from the country in 1972, some of them coming to live here in Britain. It was a brutal and dangerous time, with many deaths and disappearances.

The Anglican, Roman Catholic and Muslim faiths came together to try to address the political situation and protect the population. In early 1977 there was a small uprising in which seven soldiers were killed, Amin retaliating with thousands of deaths. On January 30th a bishop preached on the Preciousness of Life in a congregation which included Government ministers and on 5th February Janini's home was raided by soldiers. On the 16th February Janini gave a note to Amin decrying the killing of Ugandans. In a public parade of the archbishop and six of his bishops, he was separated and put with two Christian cabinet ministers and four condemned prisoners. After a brief prayer they were

driven away. The following day Radio Uganda reported that they had died in a road accident, although it is believed that they were charged with planning a coup and shot. His body was first buried by security forces in his hometown, but his followers and family reburied him in Kampala at St. Paul's Cathedral. His family fled abroad for safety. Westminster Abbey had a memorial service for the archbishop on 30th March 1977, followed in 1998 by the placing of his statue with the Modern Christian Martyrs above the West Door of the Abbey. He is remembered at home with a public holiday every 16th February since 2015.

These articles about the ten martyrs of the 20th Century grimly reflect the political situations across the World which have led to the deaths of millions of people. However, the martyrs stand as examples of faith, bravery, and sacrifice which are the polar opposites of evil regimes. They give us hope whenever times are dark that good really will triumph.



Heather Pope

Ladies Lunches



**Septembers Ladies Lunch at
The Badger, Church Minshull**



**Octobers Ladies Lunch at
Famers Arms, Ravensmoor**

Calveley School

We were thrilled to open our doors to so many people (and animals!) at Calveley Fest Open Day. Prospective, current and past students came along to enjoy and explore more about what the school has to offer. Staff, children and parents put in a huge amount of effort to make the day a success and it was a real celebration of our wonderful community. Along with a bouncy castle, tractor, Dusty the pony, Bob the tortoise and sheep Molly and Milly, the slightly un-seasonal sunshine made for a fantastic day. There are still places available for 2 and 3 year olds and reception 2024 - contact the school office for more information and a tour.

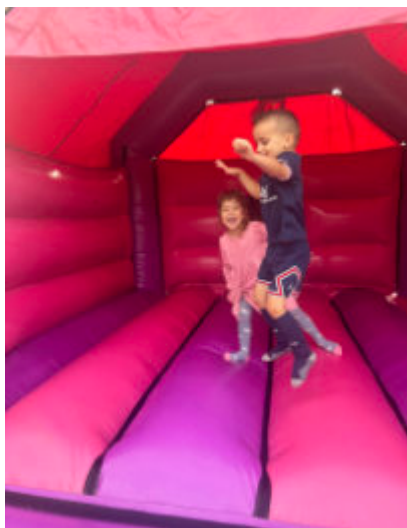
Sycamore and Oak Class enjoyed a visit to St Davids Church to celebrate Harvest. Head Girl, Head Boy and the reading ambassadors prepared prayers and readings for the event. Thank you to the parents and children who took items to the Harvest Festival for distribution by Nantwich Foodbank. Meanwhile Willow class and Little Acorns nursery ventured to Nantwich library to learn more about what happens in a Library and listened to stories and songs. The children really enjoy getting out and about in the community.

In school, we were fortunate enough to have a visit from author Rebecca King. Rebecca talked about her journey to becoming a published author. The older children solved puzzles and learned more about her books and the younger children enjoyed telling her all about their trip to the library. We have also begun to prepare some Christmas artwork which will be available to purchase on cards and gifts, raising money for the school.

Finally, a huge congratulations to teaching assistant, Miss Knapman, who has been awarded Apprentice Teaching Assistant of the year. National Teaching Assistants' Day celebrates the crucial and valuable role they play up and down the country, with the best nominated by their school for an award.



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Worleston School

It's been a busy month of exploration and learning here at St Oswald's. Across the school, children and adults have been 'letting their light shine' in so many ways. Down in our EYFS Owls' class, they have settled in fantastically well and have been creating their own snacks for break time. I think they would all agree that it was delicious. Further up the school, our Y4 and Y5 children have undertaken their bike ability level 1 and level 2 courses. They showed true determination and resilience. We couldn't be prouder.

Our Harvest service was a fantastic time to come together and celebrate all that we have to be thankful for. It was a true joy to celebrate with the whole St Oswald's community across at St Oswald's Church. As part of our celebrations, Nantwich Foodbank came in to talk about the importance of sharing food with others and how the children could help. We were so thankful for the generous donations from across the church and school. We know that they will make a massive difference to our local community.





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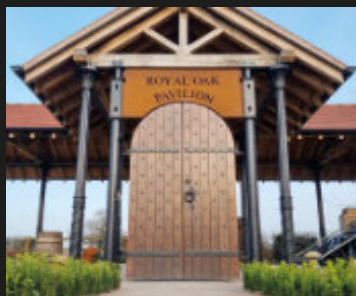
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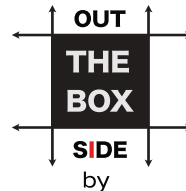
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Recipe

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This recipe is adapted from *One Pot Cakes* by Andrew Schloss [an American book] via Nigella Lawson's *Domestic Goddess*.

Ingredients

- 125g butter
- 200g castor sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract / essence
- 2 large eggs
- 3 mashed ripe bananas
- 40g dried cranberries or dried cherries or sultanas chopped
- 4 tablespoons sour cream or plain yoghurt
- ½ teaspoon baking powder
- 300g plain flour
- 1 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda
- 50g white/milk/dark chocolate
- Melted chocolate to decorate

Method

- ☞ Pre heat oven to 180C /350F/gas mark 4
- ☞ Melt the butter in a saucepan large enough to take all the ingredients.
- ☞ Off the heat add the sugar, vanilla and mashed bananas.
- ☞ Then stir in the sour cream / yoghurt and eggs and use a fork or wooden spoon to beat and mix well.
- ☞ Add the bicarb and baking powder, flour, fruit and chopped chocolate.
- ☞ Mix until just blended then divide between muffin paper cases in a muffin tin, filling them by about 2/3.
- ☞ Cook for about 20 minutes until golden, risen and springy to the touch.
- ☞ Allow to cool and decorate, if required, with more melted chocolate, chocolate sprinkles or cherries / cranberries.

Makes up to 20 cupcakes depending on the size of the paper cases.



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Condolences

We send our condolences to the family and friends of **Sue Woodward** who died in September. They are in our thoughts and prayers.

Remembrance Sunday

The annual Remembrance Service will take place on
Sunday November 12th
at 10.50am.

Do join us as we remember the fallen of two World Wars and the conflicts since.



Diary Date

On Sunday December 3rd,
Advent Sunday,
the St Christopher Chorale will lead an
Advent Carol Service
at St Oswald's at 4pm.

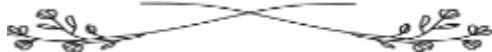
Everyone is welcome to join us to
begin the Christmas season with
some lovely music and well-known
carols.

Advent

St Oswald's church and the Schoolhouse Trustees, will once again, be giving every child at St Oswald's school, a copy of the **Real Advent Calendar.**

There are a few spare copies and if you would like to buy one, (they are £4.50 each).

Please contact Isobel Burnley.



Coffee and Cake

Saturday 4th November from 10-12 noon in Church.

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Oranges, Unicorns and Spice

September was a very busy time for WI's in the area, as it was the first Group Meeting for The Malbank Group since the Covid 19 Pandemic.

When the new Chairperson, Rosalind Lea, opened the WI Malbank Group Autumn meeting at the Nantwich Football Club, it was to a packed audience. Rosalind welcomed Susan Leicester from the Cheshire Federation, WI Advisor Chris Bailey, representatives from the Forest Group. Rosalind also welcomed the eleven local WI's who make up the Malbank Group.

After a rousing rendition of "Jerusalem", Rosalind introduced the special guest speaker for the evening, Lesley Smith. Lesley has been Curator of Tutbury Castle since 2000, she is a medical historian of Tudor medicine, Fellow of the Society of Antiquities, and a member of the Society of Medical Writers. Lesley is also a well published academic writer but for the WI Autumn meeting, she transformed herself into a brilliant characterisation of "Nell Gwynn", with a superb costume, saucy voice and mannerisms while she transported the audience back to the days of the 1650's and the reign of King Charles II.

"Nell", descendant from a Welsh soldier father and a bawdy, alcoholic mother grew up in the squalid slum, Coal Yard Alley off Drury Lane. She was the original "Cinderella", having earned a few pennies selling burnt down cinders for fuel, from which she took care of her younger sister Rose and vowed to make a better place in the world for her young self and her little sister. Nell was a natural comedienne and proved her worth selling oranges at the theatre. As a child, she is said to have loved the ships in the docks and the sailors would tease her that one of the ships had a unicorn which Nell longed to see. When Nell took to the stage, Samuel Pepys described her as "pretty, witty Nell". At the age of 17, she enchanted King Charles II and became his lover until he died, bearing him two sons, Charles Beauclerk, later named "Duke of Albans" and James Beauclerk who died at the age of 9. King Charles provided a pension for Nell and it is believed that Nell influenced the King to create the "Chelsea Pensioners" as her soldier father had died in service to the previous King. Wistaston Swans WI gave a vote of thanks to Lesley.

As Lesley had told such a moving, compassionate story sharing Nell's popularity, humour, saucy spice and wit, it was only natural, with the with the emphasis on oranges, that Nell should be asked to judge the WI competition of "Homemade Orange Food Product", which was won by Bridgemere WI.

After a well-supported raffle which included the lovely stage table flower display, Rosalind reported on some of the Malbank Group activities and announced that the next Group meeting will be in spring 2024. Rosalind thanked each WI for their meeting duties and closed the meeting with the National Anthem before wishing everyone a safe journey home.

Further information on local WI groups can be found on the WI website. Visitors and new members are always welcome to come along and enjoy good company, excellent speakers, activities, trips and crafts



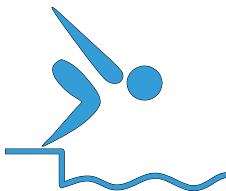
Swimming Champion

Edward Taylor is seen here pictured with the **Mayor of Crewe Councillor Dennis Straine- Francis**.

The Mayor had just presented eight year old Edward with a gold medal after he won the 25 metre race in the regional heat of a competition, representing his swimming club, Crewe Seahorses.

Edward a resident of Worleston and pupil at St Oswald's School, will now compete in the National competition to be held in London.

We all wish Edward good luck and hope his proud Mum Sally will update us on how he goes on.



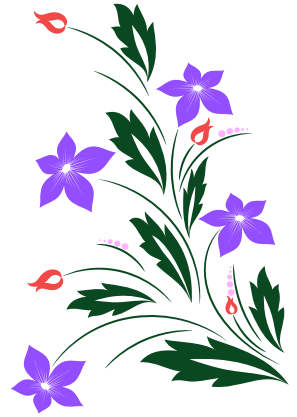
Goes Gardening

Members of Worleston WI were asked if they could help with weeding and gardening at Crewe 'Belong' Home for the Elderly. Belong is divided into villages, with the aim of giving residents and day care customers security, contentment and fulfilment that the word 'home' signifies.

We were very happy to help and after weeding out two raised beds, we set about filling one with an assortment of spring bulbs and the other with pansies.

Other gardening jobs undertaken were general weeding of beds, trimming back roses and bushes, as well as generally cleaning up the area.

We plan to return in a few months to see how things are progressing and see what other improvements we can make.



Worleston Music School Student

Spotlight

Hi, my name is Hester, I am local to Worleston, and I've been playing bassoon for 4 years.

I started by playing oboe when I was about 8 years old with Mr Bassey while attending St Oswalds Primary School, later moving on to bassoon. I am currently working towards my music theory grade 5 and practical grade 7. I play in many ensembles including my school



concert band, the Double reed ensemble at the RNCM, our own local Worleston Community Orchestra and bassoon ensemble.

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