



Holmes Chapel Partnership Community Newsletter Issue 95: July 2022

WELCOME TO THE JULY NEWSLETTER!

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee was celebrated in style in Holmes Chapel!



We are still campaigning for **Safe Walking Routes to School** by checking the speed of vehicles along Macclesfield Road.. Do you feel strongly about speeding?



Could you spare an hour or two for **CommuniCARE**? Drivers needed!
See update inside



Dane Meadow Diary: wild flowers can be as beautiful as a carefully planned garden. The perennial wild flower meadow is worth a look!

The annual **Gooseberry Show** is at the end of July. This unique tradition has been going for almost 200 years.



More news & updates from our contributors inside!

With Best Wishes from Your Partnership Team

THE BEACON EVENT

The Town Crier proclaimed, the Beacon was lit and the Piper piped - The Platinum Jubilee celebrations brought in the crowds!



It was a great night and the atmosphere amazing!



NEWS

THE BIG LUNCH:

The rain didn't spoil the celebration!





HOLMES CHAPEL VILLAGE FAIR



**HOT FOOD - GAMES & RIDES - RAFFLES & TOMBOLAS
30 STALLS - DISPLAYS & ENTERTAINMENT
COMMUNITY CAFE - LICENSED BAR**

A GREAT DAY OUT FOR ALL THE FAMILY

**Sunday 10th July 2022
12 - 4PM
FREE ADMISSION**



**The Victoria Club,
Victoria Ave,
Holmes Chapel,
CW4 7BE**

Holmes Chapel Partnership will be there - look out for our red gazebo! Learn more about our Safe Walking Routes to School campaign, pick up walking and cycling maps, take part in our picture quiz: How well do you know Holmes Chapel? Come and join us!

DANE MEADOW DIARY - JULY



BEFORE

Last month we reported on the work done by the cub scouts in the Dane Meadow. The Friends of Dane Meadow spread wood chip during their last session to make this a pleasant, shady and quiet seating area in the summer months.

AFTER



What to look out for in July

The perennial **Wildflower Meadow** is coming good! Unlike the more showy annuals in a cornfield wildflower meadow (poppies, cornflowers and marigolds) this meadow is slowly maturing and is more sustainable.

Look out for yellow rattle - the yellow flower in the foreground in the right hand photo. It parasitizes on the grass roots and weakens them, which is important because grass out competes wild flowers at every turn!. There is also red clover, plantain, ox eye daisy and hawkbit along with buttercups.



The flowers around the back of the **Pond** include yellow flag iris, pink ragged robin and meadowsweet (*right*) Meadowsweet has a huge range and can also be found at sea level in Arctic Norway.

'Cuckoo spit' or small patches of white foam on plant stems are produced by froghoppers. Inside are the young nymphs. Adult froghoppers can jump to a great height!



SPEEDWATCH

The Speedwatch Team is still going out on a regular basis to check the speed of vehicles travelling along Macclesfield Road into the village. Despite the fact that ...

- it is a **30mph** limit area **and**
- vehicles have been travelling in the 30mph zone for at least 300 metres **and**
- there is a SID (Speed Indicator Device) on the way down the railway bridge **and**
- only those travelling at more than **35mph** are recorded

...there are usually around 8 vehicles in a half hour session who are breaking the speed limit. If cars exceeding 35mph heading east out of the village were recorded the count would probably be even higher. Speeds of 40mph and above are not unusual. We would like to get out there more often - we are told our presence definite slows the traffic down! However there aren't enough of us to do it - please help us if you share our aims: email projects@hpartnership.org.uk or via our Facebook page to get more details.

Which brings us to our **Safe Walking Routes to School** campaign. Given that Macclesfield Road is a walking route to school – how are Primary schoolchildren going to the Hermitage School, and soon those from the Victoria Mills development as well, to cross this 'A' Road safely? There is no money for a controlled crossing. Cheshire East has refused to re-site the 20mph flashing school signs from Hermitage Drive, so Holmes Chapel Partnership and the Parish Council are trying to arrange a crossing patrol to see parents and children across safely at school start and finish times.



← This is what we would like to see

...in order to avoid this:



Road works

You may be wondering just how long there are going to be traffic lights on the A50 between Holmes Chapel and Brereton. They started digging the road up at the end of January and according to Cheshire East Highways information, they could go on until the end of November! The reason? Installation of a new surface water drain.

HOLMES CHAPEL PARISH COUNCIL



Thank you!

The Parish Council would like to say a big thank you to all those involved in organising the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations for the village. We were delighted by the fantastic atmosphere in the village over the Platinum Jubilee Weekend! It was great to see so many of our residents soaking up the atmosphere and taking part in the events. These events don't just happen by chance! Many of our residents and community organisations have spent months in preparation and organisation as well as volunteering over the actual weekend. Thank you to everyone who has played their part – you are really appreciated!

You can see more information on what took place over that wonderful weekend and a gallery of images on our website:
<https://www.holmeschapelparishcouncil.gov.uk/post/platinum-jubilee-celebrations-what-a-weekend>

Rural Crimes Survey

Police and Crime Commissioner for Cheshire, John Dwyer, has launched a survey for people living and working in rural communities to better understand their policing needs. The feedback will be used to hold the police to account on tackling criminal activity in rural areas. With around two thirds of Cheshire classed as rural, protecting these communities is a priority in the Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan. Unfortunately, many of the crimes committed within rural areas often go unreported. The Rural Crime Survey aims to gather a range of people's experiences and build on the relationship that rural communities have with the police. You can have your say at www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ruralcrimesurvey2022

Support for Ukrainian Refugees

For any residents who are hosting a Ukrainian family or know people in the village who are, you might be interested to know that Cheshire East have a team responding to all Ukrainian enquiries who can be contacted directly should you need support. The email address is: refugeeinfo@cheshireeast.gov.uk

New Life Church in Congleton is holding FREE weekly coffee mornings every Friday between 1.30pm to 3.30pm for hosts and their guests. For more information please contact New Life Church: [Contact Details - New Life Church \(nlchurch.org.uk\)](http://nlchurch.org.uk)

Parish Council Meetings

Keep up to date with the Parish Council by checking out the minutes of past meetings and see agendas for future meetings. All this information can be found on our website: [Meetings | Holmes Chapel Parish Council](#)

COMMUNICARE

Do you recall the relaunch of CommuniCARE at the beginning of May? We are delighted to report that all went well and the month of May saw a total of twenty two trips, a good number of those were local to Holmes Chapel health centre, dentist and opticians but Leighton, Macclesfield, Knutsford hospitals all had visits and the farthest journey was to Wythenshawe Hospital. (At the time of going to press, analysis for June journeys has not been received but there is confidence that there was an increase in the number of trips).



It probably goes out without saying that almost every passenger questioned, 'how would I have managed without CommuniCARE?' - it does make one wonder, a lovely area to live but it's not exactly easy to travel to medical appointments. CommuniCARE offers a door to door service for a very reasonable donation. A total of fourteen drivers covered the trips in May and as CommuniCARE becomes more widely used, as inevitably it will, more drivers would be very welcome. Would you consider volunteering to **be a driver** and part of this worthwhile service?

Drivers can be very specific in what they wish to offer eg

- Willing to drive to local appointments only / within a 20 mile radius / further afield
- Time wise – one day a week / one day a fortnight / mornings only / not on a certain day etc
- Unable to offer a lift to any needing a walker / wheel chair

The majority of venues have parking arrangement with CommuniCARE therefore no parking charges and venues are very understanding of the service – barriers are raised without question!

If you would like to **find out more**, Nigel Wait, the Chair of CommuniCARE will be delighted to speak to you. Please telephone the CommuniCARE number – **07856 469508**, leave a message and your contact details for Nigel to be in touch.

For those **requiring a lift** to a medical appointment from CommuniCARE please follow the procedure below:

- Telephone **07856 469508** on a weekday between 9.00am and 1.00pm. CommuniCARE need a minimum of 48 hours to organise transport for appointments however please telephone them **as soon as** details of medical appointments are received – the more notice CommuniCARE have, the better.
- Messages may be left however please ensure clear contact details are given.
- There are suggested donations to cover the cost of journeys to appointments.

NEWS

THANK YOU AGAIN TO THE YARN BOMBERS: You Really Put Holmes Chapel on the Map!



Thanks to the “bombers” for their work throughout Holmes Chapel, particularly the tremendous effort that must have gone into the montage of the Queen, her Corgi and robes.



It was a pleasure to see all the work done, particularly in the centre of the village. May M.

THE CLONTER FAIR & CAR BOOT SALE

Clonter Opera Theatre in Swettenham Heath will be holding it's annual fundraiser, and this year it is in aid of Ukraine. If you are an artisan crafter, artist or local producer and would like to have a stall, or are interested in having a car boot pitch, please email events@clonter.org for more information.

Clonter is a Registered Charity No. 1083903

**CLONTER FAIR
&
CAR BOOT SALE**

Sunday 4th September
10am - 4pm

Stalls are available inside and outside the theatre, and there will also be classic cars, face painting, balloon modelling, traditional games, dog show and live musical entertainment throughout the day. For more information visit [here](#)

HOLMES CHAPEL & DISTRICT 198TH GOOSEBERRY SHOW



We are trying to keep this old Holmes Chapel tradition going - the 200th show will be in July 2024 with a bit of luck!

This year's show will take place on **Saturday 30th July 2022**

At **The Victoria Club** Victoria Avenue Holmes Chapel CW4 7BE

Starting at **1pm to approx 5pm**

The berries will be on display in the Bar after the show

Free Admission Bar open All welcome



HOLMES CHAPEL RAILWAY STATION CORNER - July 2022



Here we can see an image of Holmes Chapel Railway Station from 1905. We are looking at a picture of the Crewe platform and the Stationmaster's house. It was removed at the time of the first electrification of the Manchester to Crewe line in 1960 - too high in proximity to the overhead power cables. The shed to the left survived until fairly recently. The wooden station replacing this fine building is the one you see today - even though its life span was envisaged for some 25 or 30 years!

Below are two images from the late 1940s showing the view towards Manchester below and towards Crewe lower left.

My attention on seeing these images was drawn to a variety of things but with the space available I would like to discuss the telegraph poles and wires - readily seen in the three photographs along the railway line. In the lower left image, beyond the railway bridge - a whole set of lines on either side of the railway heading towards Sandbach.

Telegraphy made it possible to transmit information much faster than the railway and was used between the 1840s and the 1950s (and in some places until the 1970s). It has been coined the 'Victorian Internet'.

You may remember reading about John Tawell. He murdered his mistress (Sarah Hart) by administering Prussic Acid to her in Slough in 1845. He headed to London by train but the local police telegraphed his description to London when he was en route.



He was identified by the message at Paddington Station by the Railway Police, followed and later apprehended by the Metropolitan Police. He was convicted of murder at Aylesbury Courthouse and hanged in the Market Square, Aylesbury in March 1845 before large crowds.

I understand the transmitter and receiver used to secure the arrest of John Tawell are preserved in the Science Museum in London. (I have just checked on my National Railway Journey Planner App ((the Internet)) and tomorrow I could travel at 08:46 from Holmes Chapel Railway Station to Crewe and then catch the 09:24 to London Euston arriving at 11:00 hours and thence the three miles or so to the Science Museum in South Kensington). Next month I may tell you about how the railways standardised time by telegraphy....

Tony Wright

DANE SOUND COMMUNITY RADIO

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THE ART STUDIO AT GOOSTREY STATION

During Community Rail Week in May, Debbie Goldsmith was working at Crewe Heritage Centre. She was encouraging visitors of all ages to get down on their knees and contribute to a floor based, large scale map. During the afternoon, adults and children drew local railway lines and added the stations. In addition, Debbie took the opportunity to display her own artwork and to publicise the workshops that she leads at the Art Studio on platform one at Goostrey Station.



Friends of Goostrey Station - seeking more friends!

Recently the platform tubs have been planted by Hassall's, a business based in Goostrey.

Until more people join us, the job of regularly watering them is being shared between current volunteers. Even an hour's help each month would make a real difference.

Why not meet us at one of our monthly working parties? We're at the station on the 2nd Sunday of each month between 10 and 1. For more information about FOGS, please see our website or speak to our chair Dave Roberts on 01477 544779.

Left Craig Sidebotham watering the newly planted tubs on platform one.

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WHAT'S ON

Holmes Chapel & District u3a Events: Summer 2022



Our Picnic in the Park in August 2021 was great success (photos above) - for many members, it was the first time they had attended a significant gathering of people for many a month because of the pandemic. Several members asked if we could repeat it - **so we are**. (Please note: this is a **u3a members-only** event.)

The event will be at the Victoria Club, Victoria Avenue, Holmes Chapel CW4 7BE, on *Wednesday 20th July*. The timing is from 12:00noon to 4:00pm, and 5 Bar Blues will be providing the music. We will be outside, so inevitably the Picnic will be weather-dependent. There is no entry fee, but the "hat" may be passed round for donations to help fund future band equipment.



The Club toilets will be available, but the bar will be closed - do bring your own food and drink please (well, it is a picnic!), together with seating and parasols. There is limited parking on site so we will be encouraging members *not* to bring their vehicle if possible.

So that we have some idea of numbers, please sign up on the u3a website – log in and go to Groups, then By Day and scroll down to Variable Days, or contact prcomms@holmeschapelu3a.org.uk with any queries. We hope to see you there - let's make it a real party!

"u3a Showcase"

Following the very successful Showcase last year we are planning to repeat it: please get *Saturday 20th August* in your diaries. The venue will be Holmes Chapel Scout HQ, Parkway, CW4 7FW. The event is open from 10:30am to 12:30pm.

The u3a is run by a committee of volunteers for the members, with the objective of providing a wide range of social and learning opportunities in welcoming and friendly environments. Our groups range from languages to guitar, walking to philosophy, theatre trips to ping-pong and much more. No qualifications are required, only that you can no longer be in full-time employment.

The Showcase is an opportunity for the public to meet u3a activity Group Leaders and their Interest Groups – come along and see what we do and have to offer. Whatever your interests might be there will be something to catch your attention. Existing members are of course very welcome to come and the event. Tea coffee and biscuits will be provided (free) on the day. Contact prcomms@holmeschapelu3a.org.uk with any queries.

"u3a Air Waves" on Dane Sound Radio

Our programmes are taking a summer break, but we may be back later this year.

Holmes Chapel Library

Opening Hours

Monday:	9.30am - 5pm
Tuesday:	9.30am - 5pm
Wednesday:	9.30am - 1pm
Thursday:	9.30am - 7pm
Friday:	9.30am - 5pm
Saturday:	9.30am - 1pm
Sunday:	CLOSED



Book Clubs

Tuesday 12th July
Tuesday 26th July

2pm - 3.30pm

Every Friday, 2pm - 4pm

Relax with a cup of tea and listen to novels, short stories and poetry being read aloud.

Free. All welcome.

Refreshments provided.

Dead Men Tell Tales

In a self-written show and new collection, prize-winning poet John Lindley tells the unbelievable (but true!) story of train robber, Elmer McCurdy.

Tuesday 12th July

2.30pm - 4pm

Tickets £1.50

Join us for an afternoon of stories, poems and songs. Unsuitable for younger children and those of a nervous disposition.

Scam Awareness

Come along and learn about how to keep yourself safe from scams.

Delivered by Age UK.

Friday 8th July, 10.30am – 11.30am

Free to attend. All welcome.

Stories and Songs

Every Wednesday

11am - 11.30am

Free. No need to book.

Stories and rhymes for under 5s!

Rhymetime

Thursdays

11am - 11.30am

Nursery Rhymes for under 5s!

Free. No need to book.

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