St Bartholomew's Church and Church Minshull Parish Council

Insight Supplement 2



Welcome to our second edition aimed at keeping the residents of Church Minshull parish informed of local affairs and initiatives. We are very grateful to all those who create and deliver it. St Bart's and the Parish Council are working together to supply you with help and information to help you through the Coronavirus (Covid 19) pandemic and to tell you where to find it. The government are encouraging us to refrain from mixing in public places and their website www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response has all the details. Further advice is available from www.nhs.uk or by telephoning 111 for medical help. Locally, the village website www.villagearena.org and the church websites www.stbartschurchminshull.org.uk and www.facebook.com/stbartschurchminshull will all keep you up to date with news, ideas and information. If you have anything to share with us please let us know by emailing insight2churches@gmail.com and we can add it to the websites. There is a facebook page for Worleston and Church Minshull at www.facebook @WorlestonCovid19 where there is a page for each village



The Parish Council



At the last scheduled meeting on the 3rd March, the recent flooding combined with the poor state of the road, associated highways and land drainage issues continue to be a priority. Concerns were also raised at the impending railway bridge (temporary) closure on the Nantwich to Middlewich road near Pyms lane, pushing increased levels of traffic through the village. Since then, in response to **the Covid-19 outbreak**, the Parish Council has held 2 extraordinary meetings by video link. We have agreed to allocate some funds to assist the Village volunteers, as required, with any costs they may incur. This is initially the £500 that was allocated to help with the now cancelled VE day celebrations. Should you require any assistance; we have also helped setup a mobile phone 07730 765770 and email at <u>churchminshull@icloud.com</u> Please do ask in confidence, no matter how big or small the request. Also as a parish Council we have started to form a strategy for the village under the three heading <u>Connectivity</u> (footpaths, roads and broadband etc), <u>Community Facilities</u> (Village Hall, play area, health/education), <u>Safety</u> (flooding, roads). To contact the Parish Council email <u>clerk@cmparishcouncil.org</u> Many of the ideas we have been investigating like improving the foot paths and developing cycle ways, require more budget and decision-making power than we have at the parish council level. To help us progress these ideas, we have been engaging Cheshire East and our local borough councillor. We also have a site visit scheduled with Ed Timpson -our local MP - on 1st May. Continued overleaf Given the lockdown, this will probably be a virtual meeting now. This will give us the opportunity to find out how he might be able to support these ideas and any general issues affecting the parish. If you have any questions or issues you would like the parish council to raise on your behalf please email <u>clerk@cmparishcouncil.org</u>

Connectivity. Many people have been using WhatsApp and zoom during the lockdown, highlighting how we like to stay connected. This is an issue we have been discussing at the Parish Council with a view to improving connectivity within the parish once the lockdown ends. Please help by completing the following questionnaire.

Broadband and Mobile phone network connectivity



In order to ensure "staying at home" works for everyone in Church Minshull, the Parish Council would like to understand if everyone can easily communicate with work colleagues, family and friends. Our aim is to do what we can to make sure this works for you so please can you advise us via this questionnaire if you have any issues:

Broadband:

- Who is your supplier?
- Does you WIFI work with your mobile phone?
- If you have any issues, please describe them eg: email doesn't work or internet searches don't work or video calls don't work.

Mobile:

- Which network are you on?
- Do you have any issues making and receiving calls or doing video calls?
- Do you get 3G, or 4G?
- How many bars does you phone show in your house and in the garden?

Please provide your response either:

By email to: or <u>BobSchiller@cmparishcouncil.org</u> or by calling Cllr Bob Schiller on 07971 541 903. Thank you.





From St Bart's and the Church of England

- The church is sadly closed to all but funerals, but they are limited to two people and only in the churchyard.
- You can contact the parish office on 01270 928864 and we will gladly try to help with any problems.
- The Vicar has compiled contingency plans and a list of vulnerable people to watch.
- We are also part of the Covid 19 Help Group and are pleased to take the name and number of anyone who is lonely or vulnerable and may benefit from a phone call, see the following information in the box.
- Church Services can be accessed at: <u>https://www.churchofengland.org/</u> or from <u>https://www.chester.anglican.org</u> then clicking on coronavirus and then on prayer hub.

CHURCH MINSHULL COVID-19 HELP GROUP UPDATE TELEPHONE 07730765770

We've been up and running for a week or so and helping you all out where we can, or just providing a friendly voice on the phone which we enjoy as much as you!

We've now got an added resource from Cheshire East, People Helping People Group and a contact name and number for people needing assistance with major "man with a van" jobs which can't easily be solved at a village level. Please call us....WE CAN HELP !



Keep washing your hands and spread only kindness!

From The Badger Inn

We are now closed but The Plough at Marston is offering a take-away meal service.

Home Farm Park

Three boxes of fruit and veg will be dropped off from Perrys every Tuesday morning, starting on 20th April, for a trial of 5 weeks. These are from the parish council, so please call at the office if you would like some.

From The Aqueduct



Here at Aqueduct Marina we had to close most of the marina following the announcement on Monday 23rd March. The café had already closed following the announcement on Friday 20th March. We kept the boat repairs and engineering operational with office staff working from home for a short while. Sadly, from Monday 6th April because our customer activity had stopped, we have furloughed all staff except 2 who are working from home. The Parton family are on site and manning the marina.Boat owners who had been staying on their boat leading up to the closure, and Key workers can stay on board, so we do have a few customers still onsite. As we are here we can supply Calor gas, and chandlery items by request, please ring first 01270 525040.

We hope to see every-one back on their boats, visiting the café and working here again as soon as possible. Stay healthy and as the Queen said, "we'll meet again".

Worleston Shop

We're open Monday to Friday, 8am till 3pm and Saturday, 9am till 2pm.

Social distancing measures are in place, so please take note of signage. If you would like to pre order to collect please call 01270 625706.

Worleston Brownies



Sadly the Worleston brownies and rainbows unit, who regularly meet on Monday evenings in Worleston Village Hall, have had to stop meetings due to covid 19.

But there are activities open to members and non members online at

https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/what-we-do/adventures-at-home/

or google Online Girlguiding activities hub to find more adventures to keep you busy at home!!