

Talk of the Town

Newsletter of Nantwich Town Council

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MAYOR OF NANTWICH, COUNCILLOR ARTHUR MORAN WRITES....

The summer has proved to have been a busy period with over 26 events or functions attended.

Highlights have included St Mary's Parish Church Flower Festival (which certainly had the "wow" factor), Nantwich Family Fun Day and Nantwich Show. Thousands of townsfolk and visitors enjoyed themselves at these events and helped to put Nantwich on the map.

As an ex pupil of Wyche School, I was pleased to join in the celebration of the Centenary Year of the school.

I have also enjoyed viewing productions at the Players Theatre, who have won a number of awards this summer.

When attending events I meet people from many voluntary organisations. Their effort and enthusiasm shows that Nantwich has a great community spirit and, as Mayor, I am privileged and pleased to see so many volunteers throughout the town.

Cllr Arthur Moran, Mayor of Nantwich Town Council.

DISCUSSIONS ON 'TAKE-OVER' GOING AHEAD....



Market Hall



Civic Hall

The Town Council is proceeding with negotiations to take over services in the town. Civic Hall, Market, public toilets, 'the Gables', allotments, planters, street furniture, as well as street entertainment and Christmas lights, are all being discussed.

Town Councillors feel they can run these services as at least as successfully as Cheshire East which currently owns and manages them. Town Council council tax will rise by around £1 per week, but Cheshire East will no longer fund these services, so it's tax demand should reduce. Your views are welcome.

Nantwich services for Nantwich people!

VACANCY - TOWN CLERK TO NANTWICH TOWN COUNCIL.

The current post-holder is retiring and the Town Council seek a new Clerk starting December 2011.

The successful applicant will have local authority experience and will possess, or be prepared to obtain Cilca. He/she will enthusiastically pursue the transfer and devolvement of services from Cheshire East Council.

Salary in the range LC3 (£33,000 - £40,000). This is a full-time post for a person committed to promoting and enhancing services for Nantwich residents.

Closing date for applications is 20th October 2011.

To obtain further particulars please ring 01270 619224 or email nantwichtc@nantwichtowncouncil.gov.uk or download details from our web site www.nantwichtowncouncil.gov.uk

NEW POLICE CHIEF TALKS TO THE TOWN....



Inspector Dave Smithers says, "I am pleased to have the opportunity to introduce myself in 'Talk of the Town'. I am the Inspector for the Neighbourhood Policing Unit (NPU). The unit is responsible for policing in the town of Nantwich and surrounding areas of Acton, Audlem, Bunbury, Minshull, Peckforton, Willaston, Wrenbury and Wybunbury.

I joined the Metropolitan Police in 1986 and during that time I worked in most parts of London in a variety of uniform and plain clothes roles. I transferred to Cheshire Halton allowed me to carry out a 12 month secondment to Bosnia - Herzegovina in 2003 as part of an EU Mission to manage, mentor and advise senior Bosnian Police Officers. I returned to Chester Division in 2004 and then worked at Force HQ in Winsford.

I was promoted to Inspector in 2005, initially being in charge of the Management of Police Information project (which was introduced as a result of the murders of Holly Wells and Jessica Chapman.) From 2007 I worked in a variety of 'hands-on' roles across Cheshire.

Priorities for Nantwich are to reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and deal effectively with any night time economy issues. Our aim is to make people safer and feel safe. Our communities play an important role in neighbourhood policing, providing the police with information and opinion which influences local police priorities. You are an integral part in the success of policing at a local level and I would encourage you to contact NPU about issues that concern you. Nantwich is a wonderful town and I look forward to working with residents and my officers to keep it safe and secure."

Inspector Dave Smithers
Nantwich Neighbourhood Police Unit

NANTWICH PLAYERS SCOOP AWARDS....

A most exciting few months for Nantwich Players. In July, the Cheshire Theatre Guild held its Finals Night. (A bit like the Oscars but without the posh frocks and speeches!) Local amateur productions are adjudicated during the year. The Players were delighted to receive 14 nominations in various categories and came away with 4 awards: Best Poster Design (The Cemetery Club), Best Director, (Jerry Park for Katherine Howard) Best Play (Katherine Howard) and Best production with Musical Content (Dick Barton - Special Agent).

The Players have announced their plays for the coming season, which include comedies and dramas as well as farce and a musical. Leaflets, which describe the full programme, are available at the Library, Museum and Tourist Information Office.

Work goes on to make the Theatre more comfortable for the audience. Through contact made with Crewe Disability Resource Exchange, Ableworld of Beam Street has kindly donated a wheelchair to the Players. This is now available to assist anyone needing help to reach their seats or move around the theatre.

During the summer, a stalwart band of members gave their time and skills to redecorate the theatre foyer. It's now looking much brighter. We look forward to welcoming you to see for yourself!

Claire Hoy, Publicity and Marketing
Nantwich Players



Players Theatre members receiving awards.

Nantwich Town Council's web site...



Nantwichtowncouncil.gov.uk is the Town Council's web site with details of your Councillors, Council meetings, minutes of meetings, grant application forms, annual report, how to contact us, newsletters, festivals and events, latest news and more.

Rooms are available for hire, for community use, (photos on web site). Contact the Town Clerk for costs and to book.

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NANTWICH IN BLOOM- 'LOOKING GOOD'...

We have had a very busy summer, but fortunately have enjoyed great support from the Civic Society, Barclays Bank staff, Wyche, St Anne's and Weaver primary schools and Crewe Fire Cadets.

The North West in Bloom judges came to Nantwich on 25th July, during their walk around the town they were joined by our Mayor, Councillor Arthur Moran and Edward Timpson MP. I like to think the judges were impressed but we'll have to wait 'till October to find out.

We still need volunteers to help, so please contact us to offer a little of your time.

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NANTWICH BIG CHEESE FILM CLUB...

The Club would like to invite you to it's new screenings at the Crown Hotel, High Street, on Thursday 20th October, at 7.30pm to view the film 'Another Year' by Mike Leigh.

Screenings will then take place every second Thursday of each month. Tickets priced £5 are available from reception at the Crown Hotel or on the door on the night. For further information contact nantwichfilmclub@yahoo.co.uk

YOUR CHANCE TO HAVE YOUR SAY ON FUTURE PLANS FOR NANTWICH...

A leaflet, delivered to many houses in the town has caused quite a stir. The leaflet headlined "A second Battle of Nantwich has already begun..." claims there is "a proposal for 1325 new houses on green fields to the north of Nantwich, Kingsley Fields and the Weaver Football Stadium."

The leaflet does not say who published it, but it has pictures of Nantwich Cheshire East Councillors in it. They are not the authors of the leaflet. The leaflet is inaccurate in a number of respects. There is no firm proposal for such development - it is one of many sites put forward as a "wish-list" by developers but which would be subject to detailed and full public scrutiny if it ever became a planning application. The "proposal" is not supported by Cheshire East Council or the Town Council and does not mention anything like 1300 dwellings.

However, the issue of the leaflet, inaccurate though it is, has served a useful purpose. The Local Development Framework (LDF) the Masterplan for this area and for the town, is being drawn up at this very moment by Cheshire East Council. If you are concerned about the future planning of the area, get in touch with Cheshire East Council now, find out about the LDF and make your views known.



USE IT OR LOSE IT...

There is now a much improved direct train service from Nantwich to Manchester. Generally, there is no need to change - station to station. But if it's not used, it will not continue. Says Town Councillor Graham Fenton, "Use the train to Manchester - it takes under an hour - and let Arriva Trains know it is valued."

Arriva Trains Wales Nantwich to Manchester Train Services - 22 May 2011 to 10 Dec 2011

Nantwich to Manchester Mondays to Fridays

Nantwich	depart	7.13	8.15	9.16		11.19	13.20	15.18	17.19	18.19	19.16		21.20	22.56
Crewe	arrive	7.22	8.24	9.25		11.29	13.29	15.27	17.28	18.28	19.25		21.29	23.06
Wilmslow	depart	7.44	8.45	9.48		11.48	13.48	15.47	17.47	18.48	19.48		21.48	23.24
Stockport	depart	7.54	8.55	9.58		11.58	13.58	15.58	17.57	18.58	19.58		21.58	23.35
Manchester Piccadilly	arrive	8.10	9.11	10.15		12.15	14.15	16.15	18.13	19.15	20.15		22.13	23.53

Nantwich to Manchester Saturdays

Nantwich	depart	7.13	8.15	9.18	10.10	11.16	12.15		14.15	16.15	18.17		20.17	22.55
Crewe	arrive	7.22	8.24	9.27	10.20	11.25	12.24		14.29	16.24	18.28		20.26	23.04
Wilmslow	depart	7.44	8.45	9.47	10.48	11.48	12.48		14.48	16.48	18.48		20.45	23.24
Stockport	depart	8.01	8.58	9.57	10.58	11.58	12.58		14.58	16.58	18.58		20.55	23.32
Manchester Piccadilly	arrive	8.20	9.15	10.14	11.15	12.15	13.15		15.15	17.14	19.15		21.10	23.50

Nantwich to Manchester Sundays

Nantwich	depart					11.09	12.15		16.18				20.18	
Crewe	arrive					11.22	12.25		16.27				20.27	
Wilmslow	depart					11.41	12.46		16.46				20.45	
Stockport	depart						12.58		16.58				20.58	
Manchester Piccadilly	arrive					12.02	13.15		17.15				21.14	

Arriva Trains Wales Manchester to Nantwich Train Services - 22 May 2011 to 10 Dec 2011

Manchester to Nantwich Mondays to Fridays

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Manchester Piccadilly	depart	6.30		8.30	10.30	12.30	13.30	14.30	15.30	16.30	17.30	18.30	19.30	20.30	21.35	22.35
Stockport	depart	6.39		8.39	10.39	12.39	13.39	14.39	15.39	16.39	17.39	18.39	19.39	20.39	21.44	22.44
Wilmslow	depart	6.46		8.46	10.46	12.46	13.46	14.46	15.46	16.46	17.46	18.46	19.46	20.46	21.51	22.52
Crewe	arrive	7.08		9.08	11.08	13.08	14.08	15.08	16.08	17.08	18.08	19.08	20.08	21.08	22.12	23.14
Crewe	depart			9.20	11.20	13.20	15.20	17.20								
Nantwich	arrive	7.17		9.28	11.28	13.28	14.17	15.28	16.17	17.28	18.17	19.17	20.17	21.17	22.20	23.22

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Manchester Piccadilly	depart	6.30	7.30	8.30	10.30	11.30	12.30	13.30	14.30	15.30	16.30	17.30	18.30	19.30	20.30	21.35	22.35
Stockport	depart	6.39	7.39	8.39	10.39	11.39	12.39	13.39	14.39	15.39	16.39	17.39	18.39	19.39	20.39	21.44	22.44
Wilmslow	depart	6.46	7.46	8.46	10.46	11.46	12.46	13.46	14.46	15.46	16.46	17.46	18.46	19.46	20.46	21.51	22.52
Crewe	arrive	7.08	8.08	9.08	11.08	12.08	13.08	14.08	15.08	16.08	17.08	18.08	19.08	20.08	21.08	22.12	23.14
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Manchester Piccadilly	depart			9.30			12.30			16.30	18.30		20.30					22.35
Stockport	depart			9.39			12.40			16.39	18.39		20.39					
Wilmslow	depart			9.47			12.48			16.47	18.47		20.47					22.50
Crewe	arrive			10.13			13.13			17.13	19.13		21.13					23.10
Crewe	depart																	23.23
Nantwich	arrive			10.22			13.21			17.21	19.21		21.21					23.31

C = change at Crewe (only 12 minutes wait)