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Nantwich Civic Hall 2023 Line-Up



Talk of the Town

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Message From The Mayor

With Christmas and New Year celebrations now behind us, I looked back to the run up to December, with what turned out to be three busy months.

Early October saw the launch of another highly successful Words and Music Festival and we had the pleasure of visiting shops and presenting certificates to the owners for their floral displays.

We were delighted to be joined by the actor and comedian Ben Miller when we presented the award to the Nantwich Bookshop and I'm sure many of you watched his lovely recollection of growing up in Nantwich on TV in "no place like home".



I would like to say a particular thank you to the Reverend Mark Hart, for the Mayors Civic Service held at St Marys which was very well attended by the Deputy Lord lieutenant, and the High Sheriff and a number of other Mayors and Civic Dignitaries.

November was a very busy month starting with the Tree of Light Service, which gave

families and friends an opportunity to place a bauble on the tree with the name or names of loved ones who have passed. It was very well supported and the tree looked wonderful.

Later in the month saw the Food Festival Awards evening and it was a pleasure to see so many local businesses, win awards. This was followed by the launch of the Nantwich Poppy Appeal, the highlight for me was the Poppy Crown which I thought was really wonderful as were the Remembrance Services we attended at Malbank School, and those in the Town and at Willaston on the 11th and 13th November.

Mid November was the start of the build up to Festive Season kicking off with the Christmas Lights Switch on. This was a really successful event, with a very large crowd, and the lights were truly stunning and contributed to the Town Centre looking wonderful. A huge thank you to so many people in the town for their efforts.

With so many concerns being expressed about global warming the launch of the Nantwich Mill Community Energy Company was awaited with interest and the presentation was both informative and enlightening. I wish them every success with their plans.

The end of November saw the Nantwich Food Bank Christmas Drop off. So many people turned up with food and presents, it was actually quite moving to see how many kind hearted and good people there are in the town and its surrounding area.

I was delighted with the entries for my "Mayors Christmas Card" competition and the standard was very high. The deserved winner was Nell, with four finalists each who won a wonderful chocolate prize courtesy of Morrisons.



I must mention, my attendance of three excellent productions by the Nantwich Players Theatre. One of which, Ben Hur was one of the funniest I have seen in many years, superbly produced and acted. As we neared Christmas, I attended a wonderful Christmas concert given by the Nantwich Concert Band and a delightful Carol Service at St Marys.

On Christmas Day I attended a Christmas Lunch, hosted by the Nantwich Methodist Church and met some lovely people, some of whom were having lunch and others were acting as helpers and drivers. It was a really enjoyable and festive occasion.

We are now looking forward to the arrival of Spring and hopefully a good summer and we wish you all a very good New Year in these difficult times.

Nantwich Town Council Approved Budget 2023/24

In November 2022, the Town Council consulted with residents on the proposed budget and precept for 2023/24.

Following the precept increase of 2021/22 because of the impact of pandemic the Town Council had committed to reducing the precept. As a result of a detailed and carefully considered budget setting process which included member workshops and Finance Committee meetings the Town Council is pleased to confirm that following the Council meeting on 15th December 2022 it has set its Precept for 2023/24 at £921,336.

The budget includes a 5% decrease in the precept demand with the average Band D household seeing a reduction of £7.65 per year or 15p per week compared to 2022/23.

Further details of Nantwich Town Council's budget can be found online.

Nominations Required For Your Local Heroes

Do you know someone who has gone that extra mile?

Maybe there's someone out there who deserves to be recognised?

The Mayor is asking for you to come forward and nominate your local heroes for his Salt of the Earth Awards.

The Mayor, Councillor Peter Groves commented: "We are lucky to live in a town with so many valuable, hard working volunteers and it will give me great pleasure to be able to acknowledge the efforts of some these individuals and groups with an award."

To nominate someone for an award, apply to the Mayor with the following information: Name of person nominating

Name of Nominee

Address and contact details of nominee

Reason for Nomination (no more than 250 words)

Nominations must be submitted no later than Friday 31st March and can be posted to 'Salt of the Earth' Awards, Nantwich Civic Hall, Market Street, Nantwich, CW5 5DG, dropped off at the Civic Hall, or emailed to ntc.marketing@nantwichtowncouncil.gov.uk.









Central Cheshire Integrated Care Partnership

Snow Angels

Mentell

 Kooth • Healthwatch

Citizens Advice

• Insights Nantwich

 Smile Group ANSA

Free entry

Community services on offer for support including:

- Motherwell
- Cheshire Wildlife Trust
- Parents First
- Barony Lodge
- Springboard
- End-of-Life Partnership
- New Leaf
- Nantwich Buddies

• Health and Wellbeing Bus

nantwichandruralcarecommunity.org



2023 Elections

Have You Ever Considered Being A Councillor?

Do You Want To Make A Difference?

Nantwich Town Council is encouraging local people who want to make a difference in the community to consider standing for election as a local Councillor.

Who are Nantwich Town Council?

Nantwich Town Council is the local level of Government, with the Principal Authority being Cheshire East. The area is divided into three wards with 15 Councillors covering the areas. Nantwich Town Council is responsible for several assets and services including the Civic Hall, Nantwich Market, Town Ranger, Town Centre specialised markets and entertainment, allotments and public toilets. They also support the community through responding to planning applications, grants, and providing benches.

But what does a local Councillor do?

Represent the community

Speak up for the community in debates and decisions at Council meetings

Listens to the community Make Nantwich a better place Share knowledge of services Ensure public money is spent prudently Share information on local issues

Still Interested?

If you are passionate about your community and have the enthusiasm to make change for the better in Nantwich, this could be the role for you. You will be expected to attend and participate in Council meetings and get involved in the community. The role can be challenging, but also extremely rewarding.

Am I eligible to be a Councillor?

Anyone can stand to be a Councillor if you are:

- aged over 18
- British citizen or a citizen of either an eligible commonwealth nation or the European Union

You also have a connection to Nantwich, there are four criteria you could meet, but only need one to be able to stand:

- A registered Elector for Nantwich (and will remain on it throughout term of office)
- You have land or premises in Nantwich as owner/tenant for the 12 months preceding nomination
- You work in Nantwich (your main/only place of work is Nantwich)
- You have lived in Nantwich (or within 3 miles of the boundary) for 12 months preceding nomination

You will be unable to be elected and to serve as a Councillor if:

- You are a paid employee of the Parish
- You are subject to a bankruptcy restrictions order
- You have within five years, before the day of the election, been sentenced to a term of imprisonment (whether suspended or not)

How do I become a Councillor?

To become a Councillor you need to stand for election.

- Check when elections are (visit www.nantwichtowncouncil.gov.uk or www.cheshireeast.gov.uk for more information)
- Submit your nomination* to the returning officer at Cheshire East Council
- Wait for your nomination to be accepted and be made public
- Start your campaign
- Polling day and results
- * You must make sure that your nomination is official, which means getting 2 people to sign your nomination papers (available from Cheshire East Council), and they must be registered electors.

Do I have to be a member of a political party?

No. You can represent a political party if you wish and we advise making contact with your local group as soon as possible. Alternatively, you can stand as an independent candidate.

More information about becoming a Nantwich Town Council Councillor and voting can be found on our website www.nantwichtowncouncil.gov.uk or visit www.cheshireeast.gov.uk



Local Elections - 4th May 2023 - Your Voice Matters!

For the first time, residents in Cheshire East will need to show photographic ID to vote at this year's local elections.

Residents are being urged to make sure they are ready to vote in May by checking they have an accepted form of ID.



Accepted forms of ID include a UK, European Economic Area (EEA) or Commonwealth passport; a UK, EEA or Commonwealth drivers' licence; and some concessionary travel passes, such as an older person's bus pass or an Oyster 60+ card. Voters will be able to use expired ID if they are still recognisable from the photo.

Anyone who does not have one of the accepted forms of ID can apply for free ID online via the gov.uk website or by completing a paper form.

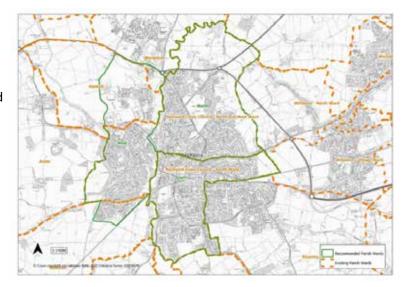
Anyone who wants to have their say in the elections this May must also be registered to vote. It only takes five minutes to register online. Voters wishing to apply to their council for free ID should first make sure they are registered to vote.

Further information can be obtained from www.nantwichtowncouncil.gov.uk, www.cheshireeast.gov.uk and www.electoralcommission.org.uk.

Boundary Review

As reported in past editions of Talk of the Town, Cheshire East has conducted a boundary review, which has resulted in Nantwich's boundary increasing in size to incorporate Edleston and Henhull.

The number of Councillors representing Nantwich will increase to 15 and the Parish will be split into three wards, North, South and the newly formed West. These changes will come into effect from April and therefore, will impact on the local elections held in May.



Nantwich Annual Town Meeting

The Annual Town Meeting is an open meeting for all residents of Nantwich, and whilst it is organised by the Town Council, it is not a council meeting. The meeting is chaired by the Mayor of Nantwich with the Town Clerk taking the minutes, and Councillors having no more standing than other electors of Nantwich.

The meeting is an open forum giving residents an opportunity to raise issues they feel are important to the town. This could include:

- Suggesting ideas for the Town Council to investigate
- Raising concerns about planned activities in the town
- Asking questions to the Town Council
- Raising general issues affecting the town

Any registered elector for Nantwich has the right to speak at the meeting, full details are included in the agenda.

The meeting will take place in the Peggy Killick Suite at Nantwich Civic Hall. You are most welcome just to come along to the meeting, however we would appreciate you confirming your attendance in advance so that we can keep track of numbers.



You can register by calling 01270 619224 or email nantwichtc@nantwichtowncouncil.gov.uk





Nantwich Roots Festival is Back in Town

Nantwich Roots Festival - which graced the town for the 1st time in 2021 and is described as 'a celebration of folk, roots, and Americana' - is back for its 2nd year, from May 15th to May 21st inclusive, with shows every night at venues around Nantwich.

The bill is described as 'rich in quality and diversity' and is headlined by THE WATERBOYS ACOUSTIC at the Civic on May 20th. Mike Scott - the voice and songs of the Waterboys - performs an intimate show joined by keyboard player James Hallawell.

Other headliners include NEVILLE STAPLES of THE SPECIALS, who brings an 8 piece band to the Civic on May 21st and, as the only torch-bearer of the Two Tone golden years still performing, is sure to leave the place jumping!

LINDISFARNE - legendary Geordie folk rockers - play the Civic on Friday May 19th while Canadian singer-songwriter RON SEXSMITH plays what is sure to be a special show in the beautiful setting of St Mary's Church on May 17th.

There are also performances by KIKI DEE with Carmelo Luggeri (The Crown Ballroom May 21th) - a special acoustic afternoon show - Rising folk stars TRIALS OF CATO (Crown Ballroom May 15th) and Folk icon ELIZA CARTHY (Crown Ballroom May 16th).

Full details are available at wordsandmusicfestival.com, and tickets can be purchased through the website, at Nantwich Civic Hall Box Office (01270 628633) or Applestump Records on Barker Street.

The event is organised by the team behind the highly acclaimed Words And Music Festival, which runs in Nantwich every October.

Nantwich Town Centre Festivals and Events

April

Thu 6th - Mon 10th

Nantwich Jazz Festival

May

Sat 6th - Mon 8th King's Coronation

Mon 15th - Sun 21st
Nantwich Roots Festival

Saturday 20th Weaver Wander

June

Sunday 4th
Scooter Festival

July

Saturday 1st July
Societies Spectacular

Saturday 15th

Nantwich Pride

September

Fri 1st - Sun 3rd

Nantwich Food Festival

October

Mon 9th - Sun 15th
Words & Music Festival

November

Sunday 5th

Tree of Light Service

Sunday 12th

Remembrance Sunday

Friday 17th

Christmas Lights Switch On

December

Saturday 9th

Co-Op Wind Band

Saturday 23rd Farmers' Market



Nantwich Town Council also hosts a number of markets, children's acitivities, live music and entertainment on the Square throughout the year.

Visit our website for more information

www.nantwichtowncouncil.gov.uk



Nantwich Museum

Nantwich Museum, your local and free Museum is making changes and improvements. It welcomes a new exhibition, Walking Tours, monthly Coffee Mornings and the Friendship group.

New for 2023

New display cases have been installed and Museum exhibits are being reorganised. These include re-location of the 'Ship', a new Trades exhibition, consolidation of the collection of clocks and a 'new' Washroom exhibition

The Millennium Gallery will shortly be redecorated, the Cheese room re-opened and there are also plans to create a mini Museum garden.

New Exhibition 15th - 13th May

"Collected", a new free exhibition by Textiles in the Park, will run in the Millennium Gallery.

The exhibition showcases a collection of contemporary fine art textiles which includes a wide variety of techniques and fabrics.

Entry to both the Museum and exhibition is free.

Walking Tours

The museum has a programme of guided walks which all start at 11.00am. Guided walks include:- Welsh Row, Nantwich Town, Nantwich East, River, and Lake and Woodland.

Costs for all walks are just £5 each (£4 for Museum Members). Pre-booking is strongly advised either in person at the Museum Shop, or by phoning the Museum. Further details can be found on the Museum website.

Friday Coffee Mornings

Final Friday of each month at the Museum - 10.30am - 12.30pm. Cake donations welcome.

Museum's Friendship Group

Open to anyone affected by dementia. Meet twice a month on Mondays (1st and 3rd Mondays) between 2pm and 4pm with refreshments provided.





For further information contact: Nantwich Museum enquiries@nantwichmuseum.org.uk Tel: 01270 627104 www.nantwichmuseum.org.uk Or follow on Facebook & twitter.

Nantwich Food Festival brings back the Food Awards

Following a break of two years, the Nantwich Food Festival were pleased to recognise the contribution made by food and drink businesses to the town at a glittering 2022 Nantwich Food Awards ceremony.

Held at the Civic Hall and following on from the Nantwich Food Festival, local residents had voted online in their thousands to choose their favourite food and drink establishments, producers and retailers.

The awards evening not only allows the Nantwich Food Festival to reward the high standard of food and drink businesses that attract many visitors and tourists to the town, but also provides an opportunity to say a big thank you to the many volunteers and sponsors of the food festival.

At an evening of music, entertainment, tasty food and a gallery of dignitaries, when it came to the awards there was some nervous anticipation amongst the attendees as to who the award winners would be.

There were many well deserved entrants in each of the six categories, but in the end it came down to the public vote.

So the winners of the 2022 Nantwich Food festival awards are:

- Best Newcomer; St. Martha's
- Bar Stars; Six
- Café/coffee Shop of the Year; joint winners Ginger & Pickles and Cafe de Paris
- Pub with Food of the Year; The Leopard
- Best Takeaway of the Year; Jordy's Pizza
- Restaurant of the Year; St. Martha's

But as the awards evening drew to a close, the Food Festival itself was the surprise recipient of an award. The High Sheriff of Cheshire, Jeannie France-Hayhurst presented a special award to the entire Nantwich Food Festival family in recognition of the great and valuable work undertaken by the volunteers and their contribution to the local community.

On presenting the award to Ana Martins, Volunteer co-ordinator for the Nantwich Food Festival, the High Sheriff said how she was impressed by the way that the Food Festival is entirely organised and run by volunteers in such a professional way and to the benefit of whole community.

After a short break and a massive Christmas collection for Nantwich Foodbank, plans are now well underway for the 2023 festival running from 1st-3rd September.





Nantwich Players









Cheshire UK Kids Fun Duathlon Saturday 20th May



More info: www.uktriathlon.co.uk

Cheshire Triathlon Sunday 21st May

St Mary's Nantwich

We are open to visitors Monday – Saturday, 9.30am – 4pm, and for services on Sundays.

All are welcome to attend services or to look around, sit quietly, or pray and light a candle.

We welcome all enquiries about baptisms and weddings – don't worry if you feel you don't have a 'connection' for the latter – there's usually a way. And we will always say yes to a request for a funeral in church.

Among the many activities on offer are our Friday 'Place of Welcome' in the Parish Hall, 10am-1pm each week, a free, safe, welcoming space for anyone to drop in to share food, find a listening ear, and meet together in friendly company.

We also have groups for children of all ages, including training for young singers on Tuesday afternoons.

Regular services include the following on Sundays:

8am Holy Communion: A quiet service with no music, using the Book of Common Prayer.

9.30am All Age Worship: A lively service with the worship band and children's groups.

10.45am Holy Communion: A beautiful service with hymns and music led by St Mary's Choir.

6pm Evensong: A peaceful service with music led by St Mary's Choir.

7.15pm Encounter (1st and 3rd Sundays in the Parish Hall): A reflective space for faith, doubt, food, conversation, song and prayer.

To find out more and to keep in touch with St Mary's, visit our website stmarysnantwich.org.uk or call in church.

We produce a weekly news sheet and a monthly magazine, both available in print and online.

Enquiries to the Parish Office: 01270 625268, office@stmarysnanywich.org.uk





Bloomin' Marvellous

Nantwich in Bloom were very pleased to receive a Gold Award in last Year's North West in Bloom competition achieving excellent marks for Horticulture, Environment and Community Involvement. This was achieved through the hard work of all our volunteers along with the efforts of many other local voluntary group members as well as support from Nantwich Town Council, Ansa, and other local organisations and businesses.

Long standing member of Nantwich in Bloom and ex Reaseheath Head of Horticulture, Tom Deans, was also honoured with an outstanding contribution award by NWIB.

The sign on the new Lakeside Community Copse was officially unveiled in November by Doug Butterill ex Chair of Nantwich in Bloom to commemorate all those in the local community affected by the Covid 19 epidemic.

We haven't been resting on our laurels, but have replanted all our planters and beds in the Town with winter bedding, such as polyanthus, pansies, primulas and violas, and more sustainable planting to produce a colourful flowering display in the spring.

Nantwich in Bloom are Transport for Wales Station Adopters for Nantwich Station and a dedicated team of our volunteers have also been at work on the Railway Station platforms maintaining and creating winter displays for the benefit of residents, visitors and rail travellers.

Autumn planting workshops have been run with two local Dementia Friends Groups and we have donated bulbs to local primary schools and elderly peoples' homes, supported living accommodation and community venues for planting to produce flowering container displays in the spring.

Despite the cold weather, work has restarted on renovating the willow feature on Nantwich Riverside with plans for creating further living willow constructions, and also winter pruning of the fruit trees in the Community Orchard is scheduled for February.

We are continuing our work in Coed Wen to improve its biodiversity with students from Reaseheath College.

Of course, we are always planning ahead to source and grow plants for the forthcoming summer season with a theme for this year of celebrating changing times.

We welcome new volunteers to help us in all our tasks, including publicity, social media and administration. You don't have to have green fingers, just be willing to enjoy working with others to create a better, greener environment for residents and visitors to Nantwich. If interested please contact pennyrow123@outlook.com







Nantwich Concert Band News

Nantwich Concert Band is looking forward to another good year of performances. We would like more people to join our friendly and relaxed band with an emphasis on rehearsing for public performances. Playing music from classical to film scores and modern tunes. We always welcome new players on any instrument but have particular vacancies for drums, euphonium and tuba. The concert band rehearse on Wednesdays from 7.30pm to 9.15pm at Highfields Academy.



Our new Junior Band rehearse on a Sunday morning from 9am to 10am at Highfields Academy. This band is for children from age 5 and up who are having lessons, We also have instruments available for loan whilst playing in the Junior Band.

We will performing our annual Midsummer Music Concert at the Civic Hall on Sunday 25th June.

For more information about either band contact Musical Director Nick Birch email: musicaldirector@nantwichband.co.uk To find out more about the Band's latest news and performances visit the website: www.nantwichband.co.uk

NANTWICH CIVIC HALL

MONTHLY EVENTS

Nantwich Film Club

Mondays 13th Mar, 17th Apr, 8th May, 12th Jun, 10th Jul, 14th Aug, 11th Sep, 9th Oct, 13th Nov & 11th Dec

Ceroc Freestyle

Saturdays 11th Mar, 15th Apr, 13th May, 10th Jun, 8th Jul, 12th Aug, 9th Sep, 21st Oct, 11th Nov & 9th Dec

Very Best In Stand-Up

Fridays 3rd Mar, 5th May, 2nd Jun, 1st Sep, 6th Oct, 3rd Nov, 1st Dec & New Years Eve Sunday 31st December



Scan for more event information and bookings

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

MONDAY

TAFPA Dance Classes 5.15pm - 6.15pm

TUESDAY

Luncheon Club12 noonTable Tennis2pm - 4pmCeroc (Jive & Salsa Dance)7.15pm - 11pm

WEDNESDAY

50+ Club 9.3
Tea Dance 2pi
AC Fusion Dance Beg
(Modern Line Dancing) Imp

9.30am - noon 2pm - 4.30pm Beginners 6pm - 7pm Improvers 7pm - 8pm Main Class 8pm - 10.30pm

THURSDAY

Table Top Sales
Table Tennis
Social Ballroom, Latin &
Popular Sequence Dancing

8am - noon 2pm - 4.30pm 7.30pm - 10.30pm



NOW BOOKING...



Fri 18th Aug Tickets £20



Sat 19th Sep Tickets £15



Sun 20th Sep Tickets £15



Fri 15th Sep Tickets £15



Fri 22nd Sep Tickets £20



Fri 27th Oct Tickets £15



Fri 10th Nov Tickets £15



Fri 17th Nov Tickets £15



Sat 25th Nov Tickets £20



Sat 2nd Dec Tickets £15



Fri 8th Dec Tickets £15



Fri 15th Dec Tickets £15

01270 628633 / www.nantwichtowncouncil.gov.uk



FARMERS' MARKET

Nantwich Farmers' Market produce is locally grown, seasonal and very fresh. Farmers pick produce at the peak of flavour, preserving the nutritional content of fresh produce.

Last Saturday of the month (Except for December when it's the last Saturday before Christmas)

TRADITIONAL MARKET

Stallholders sell a wide variety of goods including clothing, fresh produce and household items. There's always a warm welcome and refreshments available from the cosy cafe.

Opening Hours
Tuesday 9am - 1pm
Thursday 9am - 3pm
Saturday 9am - 4pm