

Welcome...

I have recently had the pleasure of attending the Best Kept Station awards in Hartford, where Nantwich won Best Kept Station Garden. Well done to all those involved. I also attended the Holocaust Remembrance Service at Sandbach which was a very moving experience.

The Holly Holy Day in January is always a popular event, and this year was no exception. I was very impressed with how many people were in the town and how far some of them had travelled. This has now led the way for all our other festivals during the year. Next up the Jazz Festival.

Nantwich has such a wide variety of events during the year which are all run by our many wonderful volunteers who all work tirelessly for the town.

I find it very encouraging to see so many of our local schools getting themselves involved in what is going on in the town, including how willingly they came forward to plant thousands of wild flower bulbs along the Riverside.

Doug and I have really enjoyed being invited to several schools in the town to take part in their Memorial, Nativity and Carol Services.

One group I feel I must mention are the Nantwich Litter Group who all work so hard to try to keep Nantwich litter free. What an onerous task!

I am in my last few months of my Mayoral year and still have so much to look forward to.

Don't forget, I have my Mayor's Quiz Night on the 9th March. I hope many of you will join me and raise money for MacMillan Nurses and the Nantwich Museum. I feel honoured to able to present awards to some very deserving people at my Salt of the Earth Awards on Thursday 3rd May - watch this space for the results.



Cllr Penny Butterill



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WE'VE ONLY DONE IT AGAIN!

For the 7th year running Nantwich in Bloom secured a Gold Medal for the town in the North West in Bloom Town Award category which was presented at the Southport Convention Centre in November 2017.

Nantwich in Bloom representatives were also invited to Arriva Trains Best Kept Station Awards where they were presented with the Best Kept Gardens Award 2017.

Our band of volunteers worked hard to achieve these prestigious awards and local businesses went out of their way to support us in the Town Award 2017. We asked for sponsorship from the businesses in the town to display planters and/or baskets outside their premises. The baskets were planted and supplied by Nantwich in Bloom, and we were supported by Nantwich Town Council who undertook the watering of these displays for us. We were delighted with the support given to us by businesses and we thought the display was impressive too.

Local schools have been encouraged to get involved and have managed a colourful display of herbal planters outside St. Mary's Church, which the judges viewed and met the school children involved.

We hope to build on this success in 2018 and encourage more businesses in the town to come forward and give us their support. Our theme for this year will be the commemoration of 100 years since the end of the First World War. We will be working with ANSA and the Town Council to make this a very special year for the town.

We will continue to work alongside other voluntary organisations such as the Litter Group and the Civic Society for the benefit of the town.















NANTWICH PLAYERS CREATE A TECHNICALLY MAGICAL WORLD!

The 2017 Christmas Production at Nantwich Players was a Technical Revolution...in several ways. Not only did The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe require a very imaginative concept in order to portray wartime England, the frozen wastes of Narnia, talking and singing animals and wicked spirits; there was a cast of over 20....and ten performances to organise with two teams of children.

Players' Chairman, Jeremy Acklam took on the production side, whilst new director, Bethany Froud brought her acting and musical theatre experience to the fore. What a team they were! In order to present the numerous scenes and settings it was decided to build (from scratch!) a "revolve" stage so that many interior and exterior sets could be shown. The backstage crew will confirm that this was a very hard physical job to manually revolve the specially constructed stage. All this whilst coping with the large cast carrying out multiple quick changes!

Another key technical innovation was the use of projections to show backgrounds that would have been far too numerous and complex to paint. For example, the sudden appearance of a lamppost was achieved by this method.

In recent months, the Players have invested some of their profits into purchasing some modern lighting equipment using LEDs and computer operation. They were in evidence for this production. There is more money to spend no doubt....

So, was it worth it? Every audience member seemed entranced with the whole production. They enjoyed the Turkish Delight and Christmas Pudding ice creams. The adjudications were very positive, and the Players may even have made a little profit due to the sell-out performances.

Thank you for your support, Nantwich.







SUMMER LUNCHTIME CONCERTS AT ST MARY'S CHURCH NANTWICH

The 2018 series of popular chamber music recitals is set to begin again on Thursday 7th June 12.30-1.15pm.

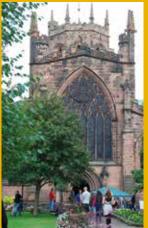
These concerts began in 1992 with the aim of providing a platform for keen young musicians to share their talent with the Nantwich audience. Generous retiring collections raised enough money to purchase a quality "Schimmel" grand piano which was installed in the Church in 2016 and has featured prominently in concerts since then.

Following the retirement last year of Tony Metcalfe who, with his wife Anne, co-ordinated around 300 concerts over the years, a new committee has taken over comprising Alison Phillips Director of Music, Simon Russell Organist and Stephen Snelling Assistant Rector.

This year's programme aims to showcase a different instrument in each concert and arrangements are in place already for vocal soloist, chamber choir (our own Nantwich Singers), harp, bassoon, organ and piano. In addition, plans are being finalised for a string quartet or similar, a brass group and a percussion recital.

Concerts are free and take place in St Mary's Church on Thursdays at 12.30–1.15 pm throughout June, July and August. Donations to a retiring collection are welcome!

Anyone interested in receiving further information about the concerts can contact summerlunchtimeconcerts@outlook.com



NANTWICH CONCERT BAND TO HOLD OPEN REHEARSAL NIGHT

Following the success of Nantwich Concert Band's open rehearsal night last year the band have announced they will repeat this event on Wednesday 21st March. People of all ages and abilities can try out new instruments which will be offered free on loan to those wishing to play in their Community Band. The event will start at 5.30 to 6pm for absolute beginners, 6 to 7.15pm Community Band rehearsal and 7.30 to 9.15pm main band rehearsal.

The Band is continuing its work in the local area this year, performing in the town and wish to offer this experience to musicians whatever age they may be. The Band will be performing their annual "Midsummer Music Concert" at Nantwich Civic Hall Sunday 24th June and their Charity Concert at St. Mary's Church in October. New to the events programme this year will be a concert for "Children In Need" at Audlem Public Hall on Saturday 17th November.



ww.nantwichband.co.ui

The Band will always welcome new members of any instrument but have particular vacancies in the brass section of both bands. The main band has vacancies in particular – trumpets/cornets, trombones and French horns. They would also like to add some percussionists to the team including drum kit and timpani.

For further information or to sign up for this free event contact Musical Director Nick Birch on nbirch92@qmail.com or 07794369985.

To find out more about the Band's latest news visit their website: www.nantwichband.co.uk



Talk of the Town

CULTURAL LIAISON





For those interested in further reading about Twinning Activity or joining CANTA go to their website at www.canta.org.uk

Membership costs just £10 a year.







The concept of twin European towns was born out of the desire for a lasting peace after two world wars in less than 30 years. It has now matured into a powerful mechanism for economic and social cooperation and personal enrichment whilst encouraging a respect for individual differences and aspirations. Over 15,000 twinning agreements exist across Europe! Twinning, in what was the old Borough of Crewe and Nantwich, has had a long and successful history.

Crewe was one of the first towns to become involved in 1957 when Crewe and Mâcon in France, signed their twinning agreement. The 60th Anniversary was celebrated last year with French guests attending the Food Festival and enjoying events at the Civic Hall and within the town.

Additionally there is also a 27 year twinning link with Bischofsheim in Germany and a similar one with Dzierżoniów which is in Lower Silesia in Poland, that has run for over ten years now. These various agreements provide many opportunities for Town residents to experience different aspects of European life, and our partner towns and Nantwich Town Council are very keen to see these developed at a community level.

Currently there are links between choral societies, schools, fire-fighters and football clubs and members of those organisations have had the opportunity to experience continental hospitality from our twin town partners and been enriched by it. Hospitality has been reciprocated and visitors here have learned about us and our way of life.

Twinning as an activity will continue after Brexit and the Town Council is very much supportive of local clubs and organisers of town events and we want to make sure that our community is aware of an alternative cultural and learning opportunity that awaits those interested. The Town Council doesn't organise Twinning events directly but we are happy to put interested parties together either by facilitating a link or through the Crewe and Nantwich Twinning Association, CANTA with whom we also work closely with.

Just recently, we have been approached by the Mayor of Dzierżoniów who has offered to host (provide accommodation and meals) to sports teams, societies, bands, indeed seemingly any community group who wish to visit their town in the serious pursuit of lasting cultural links.

So any Nantwich Town representatives out there, if you wish to show off your skills or take on a bit of friendly competition from Dzierżoniów, let us know through the Town Clerk, lan Hope based at the Civic Hall, by emailing him on nantwichtc@nantwichtowncouncil.gov.uk

Canal & River Trust, the charity that cares for over 2,000 miles of waterway in England and Wales offering free, open, local spaces, is planning a series of events in the coming months in the Nantwich area. Here is a taster of what is to come, some dates are yet to be finalised so please look out for posters and local information to confirm final details.

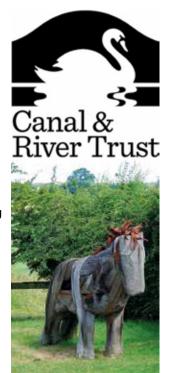
The Nantwich Sculpture Trail, part of a previous community art project to celebrate the restoration of the aqueduct, has a facelift planned, and the Trust want the community to again be involved. This is your chance to have your say about what you would like to see.

If you would like to meet new people yourself, come along to one of events such as Audlem Towpath Taskforce (the second Saturday of every month) to try activities such as painting, gardening or other practical tasks. We are looking to pilot a similar event in Nantwich in the coming months, so look out for the posters to let you know when and where this will be happening. Additionally, we are recruiting some new volunteer lockkeepers this spring – a great way to meet new people! More information on these activities is available online. We look forward to meeting you!

Links:

Audlem Towpath Taskforce - https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/volunteer/opportunities/OPP0001038-towpath-taskforce-audlem-second-saturday-of-the-month

 $Aud lem\ Lockkeepers-https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/volunteer/opportunities/OPP0005725-volunteer-lock-keeper-aud lem-shropshire-union-canal-cheshire$









CHEESE ROOM REOPENS AFTER REVAMP

Thanks to a generous grant from Nantwich estate agents Baker Wynne & Wilson, the Cheese Room at Nantwich Museum has been redecorated and redesigned. A team of volunteers, led by Museum Manager Kate Dobson, cleaned and repainted the room and researched and designed new display boards plus labels for a wide range of artefacts.

Mr and Mrs Mouse and their family help to guide visitors through the information panels, which describe the history of local cheese making. A timeline identifies when the Navy only used Cheshire cheese, the first dairy school was established and the first annual cheese show in Nantwich took place, which went on to become the most important cheese show in the country.

The secrets of making Cheshire cheese are revealed through the displays and a film illustrating the supply of milk from Higher Farm, Byley to local cheese maker Joseph Heler Ltd.

The range of artefacts brings the display to life and includes a milk cooler, churns, cheese vat, curd mill and cheese press. Of particular note, and in pride of place, is the magnificent silver Dutton Cup presented in 1895 to farmer John Dutton at Nantwich Dairy Show by the Cheshire Dairy Farmers Association. A grandson of John Dutton, Samuel (Sonny), farmed at Haughton and donated various items to the display.

Throughout the exhibition the Mouse family pose questions about cheese making and the exhibits, whilst visitors can also test their knowledge of cow breeds!

MILLFIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL HELPS NANTWICH ROTARY CLUB PLANT 105 TREES



Nantwich Rotary Club President Tony Hoy, along with pupils and teachers from Millfields Primary School and other volunteers, took to Coed Wen in Nantwich in November to plant 105 trees.

This event at Nantwich's Community Woodland was part of the Rotary International pledge to plant 1.2 million trees before Earth Day on 22nd April 2018.

Tony Hoy commented: "Protecting the environment and curbing climate change are essential elements of Rotary's goal of sustainable service, and environmental degradation is now one of the main threats listed by the UN. These 105 trees will remove carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases from the air, so we are doing our bit here in Nantwich to help slow global warming. They will also help attract more wildlife to the area."

Millfields' teacher, Roxanne Davenport also commented: "The children really enjoyed themselves planting the trees, and we will come back in the Spring to see how much they've grown."

The trees were all donated by the Rotary Club of Nantwich and include: Hawthorn, Dogwood, Wild Cherry, Silver Birch, Rowan, and Hazel.

Local wildlife expert and Nantwich In Bloom committee member, Doug Butterill, was also on hand to give advice and has promised to return to give the children some nature lessons in the Spring.

Rotary hope to plant 1.2 million trees around the world by April 2018.





KNOW YOUR COUNCILS

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Cheshire East is a unitary authority and the principal local authority in the area. Its responsibilities (alongside arms-length companies) include:

Education and Schools Transport (inc. buses)
Libraries Leisure and Recreation
Transport Car Parks

Planning Services Council Tax & Government Benefits

Highways including; Potholes, Tourism Signs, Gritting, Street Lighting, Footpaths

Environmental Services including; Waste collection, Waste disposal, Recycling, Street Cleaning, Food Safety, Pest Control, Dogs





Housing Social Care Electoral Services

NANTWICH TOWN COUNCIL

The Town Council is a statutory body and is the most local level of government. It has an important role in promoting the town, representing its interests and supporting the work of different groups in the community. Its responsibilities include:

Allotments Consultation on planning Nantwich Information Centre Publications Grants to help local organisations Nantwich Civic Hall Town Square Events/Management



Nantwich Market Brookfield Hall Farmers' Markets



NANTWICH TOWN COUNCIL FINANCES

Money to fund the Town Council is raised through Council Tax. This funding is called a Precept. Each year the Council sets a budget and decides how much it will need to continue providing services. It also considers whether to expand what is provided including support for the community through grants. This informs what level of Precept is set. You will find this information on your Council Tax bill.

The budget is managed by the Council, supported by the Town Clerk who is the Responsible Financial Officer. The Town Council's funds are the smallest part of the Council Tax. The Council gets no general government grant so there is every incentive to keep expenditure low and be economical. The accounts are strictly and independently audited every year.





Cheshire East Council is responsible for keeping the town as free from litter and graffiti as practicably possible, aiming to empty town centre litter bins daily, all other litter and dog bins on at least a weekly basis.

Nantwich is also blessed with a self-funded voluntary Litter Group, who can be regularly seen around the town's streets and at events.

However, we can all help improve the local environment by taking responsibility for our own litter and disposing of it in the appropriate manner.

You can help by:

- Being tidy with your litter and chewing gum, using the many bins situated around the town or by taking litter home
- Using refuse tips (household waste and recycling centres)
- Having waste collection contracts for your business
- Not leaving your dog's mess for others
- Not "fly posting" it's untidy and illegal
- Not parking where you want us to clean

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Website: www.nantwichtowncouncil.gov.uk

In person: Nantwich Town Council is based at Nantwich Civic Hall, Market Street, Nantwich, CW5 5DG (Opening hours Monday - Friday, 9am - 4.30pm)

Cheshire East Main Switch Board
Social Care and Health
Waste and Recycling
Council Tax, Business Rates and Housing Benefits
Planning and Building Control
Environmental Health, Trading Standards and Licensing Trading standards, licensing and environmental health
Electoral Services
Housing
Leisure, Culture and Tourism Libraries and parks
Births, Deaths and Marriages
Roads, Transport and Parking Parking fines, bus passes, bus times, blue badges 0300 123 5020

Website: www.cheshireeast.gov.uk

In person: Nantwich Library Cheshire East Council Information Point

(Opening Hours Mon 9am - 5pm, Tue 9am - 7pm, Wed 9am - 1pm, Thu 9am - 7pm, Fri 9am - 5pm, Sat 9am - 1pm) Please note, the Customer Service enquiry desk closes 15 minutes before the library closing time.

To contact the Community Safety team with enquiries relating to dog wardens and any CCTV enquiries.

OTHER USEFUL NUMBERS

Citizens Advice Bureau

Citizens Advice Bureaux help thousands of people to resolve their legal, money and a huge variety of other issues by providing free, independent and confidential advice every year. Cheshire East Citizens Advice Bureau now has an office on the first floor of Nantwich Library. Drop-in sessions are available on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays between 9.30am and 12.30pm. No appointment necessary. Advice line is 03444 111 444.

Bus Information

 Transport Service Solutions
 0300 123 5020

 Traveline
 0871 200 2233

 Arriva
 0344 800 4411

 D&G Bus
 01782 332 337

 Nantwich Library
 01270 375361

Nantwich Police 101 for non emergency or 999 for all other emergencies.

The Guinness Partnership (Housing) 01270 506200





THE FUTURE OF THE NANTWICH FOOD FESTIVAL IS SECURED

We are thrilled that the Nantwich Food Festival has secured the level of volunteer support that will allow this fantastic event to continue.

With over 40,000 visitors, more than 200 exhibitors and a multitude of celebrity chefs and food superstars, the festival has become an important occasion in the town's calendar.

The plans evolve every year and we want to make this the best festival ever. We are proud to confirm that Sophie Faldo, Winner of The Great British Bake Off 2017 has been booked to appear and give a demonstration in the Cooking Theatre on Sunday 2nd September. She wowed the judges on the TV programme with her show stopping creations and especially her champagne cake and we look forward to seeing what she will whip up during her presentations at the show.



Alongside Sophie we also have a plethora of food talent flocking to the town and the chef's demonstrations are sure to be incredibly popular as usual. These are run over the three days in addition to some great competitions to win fabulous prizes.

There will be entertainment for children, parents and grandparents alike with live music, featured bands and food tasting and sampling sessions. Don't forget to vote for your favourite restaurant or café in our annual Food Awards. These recognise the amazing fayre that we have available in our town and the hard work that goes into managing and promoting these businesses.

Check out www.nantwichfoodfestival.co.uk for the latest information

LIVE LAMBING WEEKENDS

3rd & 4th and 10th & 11th March, Doors open 10am - 4pm

The whole family can enjoy this unique springtime experience. Children will always remember seeing lambs being born! There will be lots of fun children's activities taking place on both weekends including farm competitions and colouring.

The Reaseheath Zoo will also be open over our Lambing Weekends.



NANTWICH POLICE

The Nantwich policing team look forward to supporting the Town Council with another season of events across the area. Along with the Town Council we take pride in Nantwich being a safe and friendly town to live, work and visit.

Incidents of night-time economy related anti-social behaviour have continued to fall in the town centre which is down to the hard work of Community Officers and great efforts from voluntary groups such as the Street Pastors.

The push for safer roads is still a priority and the latest TRU-CAM technology is deployed at various locations to make our roads safe. This is reinforced with the great efforts of the community speed-watch team. These are local people giving up their own time to achieve this goal.

Local officers have done some great work in local schools giving presentations to young people on various topics from dangers of drugs and alcohol to safety online. Young people are the future of any community, so we see the importance of engaging with them and helping to keep them safe.

If you see any of our local officers on the town, please have a chat with them. Whether it be just to say hello or for any advice. They are always happy to help.





Reaseheath







TEA AT THE TOWER

Taking place at St Mary's Church, on Monks Lane in Acton near Nantwich, every Sunday afternoon (2:30-4:30pm) throughout the year.

Hot drinks and cakes are available and payable by donation.

Visitors also have an opportunity to have a guided tour up the church tower as far as the ringing chamber.

'Tea at the Tower' began in March 2017 and raises valuable funds for St Mary's Church, Acton.

A representative from St Mary's Church said: "We really enjoy welcoming our visitors and love to hear how much it means to people".

For further information please visit: www.stmarysacton.com





Worleston Music School

Chamber Music Concerts 2018

Sundays 3,30pm @ Brine Leas School, Audlem Road, Nantwich, CW5 7DY

April 29th Margaret Ferguson soprano

May 13th Zelenka Trio Sonata in F

June 3rd Rybank Piano Trio violin, cello & piano

July 15th Poulenc Sextet (plane & wind)
Jonathan Ellis piano

Sept 9th Wind Decet Tim Reynish conductor Wissam Boustany flute

Sept 30th Piano & Wind Trio (flute, bassoon & piano)

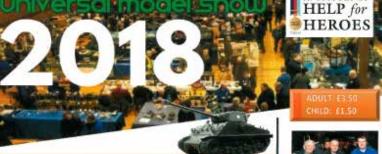
Oct 14th Beethoven Piano & Wind Quintet
Andrew Wilde plano

Nov 25th Schubert Octet with all star line up!

Tickets and further details on the website £8, £2 children

www.worlestonmusicschool.co.uk





FEATURING = Military Vehicle Display = Military
Models = Sci-Fi & Fantasy = War Gaming = Hot Food &
Refreshments = Traders = Model Displays = Model
Cars / Model Boats = Buy & Sell Stand = Train
Layouts = Best In Show Competition = Star Wars

TIME: 10am-5pm DATE: 25th FEB 2018

MALBANK OTH FORM COLLEGE, NANTWICH, CHESHIRE





100+ Traders & Exhibitors

Model Competition



Star Wars Characters Meet & Greet



Summer In Nantwich Town Centre











March/April

Saturday 17th

Artisan Market

Thu 29th Mar - Mon 2nd Apr Nantwich Jazz Festival

Saturday 31st Farmers' Market

Saturday 7th
Spring Market

Saturday 14th

Nantwich Concert Band

Saturday 28th Farmers' Market

May

Saturday 12th

Antiques Market

Saturday 19th
Nantwich Film Festival

Saturday 26th
Farmers' Market &
Weaver Wander

June

Saturday 2nd
Nantwich Concert Band

Saturday 9th

Antiques Market

Saturday 16th Flower Market

Saturday 23rd
Co-Op Wind Band

Saturday 30th Farmers' Market

July

Saturday 7th July SchoolsFest & Summer Fete

Saturday 14th
Antiques Market

Saturday 21st
Societies Spectacular

Wednesday 25th
Nantwich Show - Dorfold Park

Saturday 28th Farmers' Market

August

Saturday 4th

Artisan Market

Saturday 11th

Antiques Market

Saturday 18th

Summer Market

Saturday 25th Farmers' Market

Looking Forward...

Fri 31st - Sun 2nd Sept Nantwich Food Festival

Mon 8th - Sun 14th Oct Words & Music Festival

Fri 16th Nov
Christmas Lights
Switch-On

Times for Street Entertainment vary, please visit our website for full details.





March

Friday 2nd

Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th

Friday 9th Saturday 10th Sunday 11th

Monday 12th

Friday 16th Monday 19th

Thursday 22nd

Thu 29th - Mon 2nd Apr

April

Friday 6th

Monday 9th Thursday 19th

Friday 20th

Friday 27th

May

Friday 4th

Monday 14th

June

Friday 1st

Monday 11th

Friday 15th

Thursday 21st

The Very Best In Stand Up Comedy Mind, Body & Spirit Event

Mind, Body & Spirit Event The Mayor's Big Quiz Ceroc Freestyle Dance

Blood Donors

Nantwich Film Club - Dheepan

Meet The Beatles Blood Donors

V&A Antiques & Collectors Fair

Jazz Festival

The Very Best In Stand Up Comedy

Nantwich Film Club - The Sense of an Ending

V&A Antiques & Collectors Fair

Gin Jamboree The Manfreds

The Very Best In Stand Up Comedy Nantwich Film Club – Hotel Salvation

Friday 25th to Sunday 27th Nantwich Film Club Festival

The Very Best In Stand Up Comedy

Nantwich Film Club Festival of Fizz

V&A Antiques & Collectors Fair

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www.nantwichjazz.com