



Talk OF THE Town

NANTWICH IS OPEN!

Welcome to the Autumn edition of Talk of the Town. As you will be aware the past six months have been like nothing we have experienced before, but it was wonderful to see how our town came together to support each other.

From June we saw the town and its market, shops, cafés and restaurants reopen. To complement the towns reopening, a new scheme has been set-up by a team of volunteers and financially supported by the Town Council.



Nantwich Buddies, who have been helping with shopping and prescription collection, will now be visible around town to support the shopper experience as the country eases out of the pandemic lockdown, with a purpose to support all residents to feel more confident navigating the town, its street closures and new car parking regulations.



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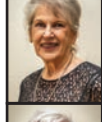
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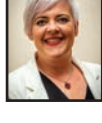
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A New Mayor For Nantwich

On Friday 15th May 2020 Councillor Pam Kirkham was invested in exceptional circumstances during a Mayor Making ceremony held via an internet meeting. She succeeds Councillor Arthur Moran who was Mayor in 2019/20.

Councillor Kirkham's daughter, Caroline, is her Consort, The Mayor has appointed Rev. Dr Mark Hart as the Mayor's Chaplain and Councillor Stuart Bostock has been selected as Deputy Mayor.

Her charities for her year of office will be:

Nantwich Museum

End of Life Partnership

Macmillan Cancer Support Unit at Leighton Hospital



A Welcome From The New Mayor

I hope these words find everyone safe and well.

I am sorry I haven't been able to meet more of you to date during my Mayoral year but hopefully things will improve as I start getting out into the community a little more.

Back in June, as the Government gave shops the green light to reopen, my daughter and I took some time to visit the town's independent shops welcoming them back. It was very reassuring to hear everyone was pleased to be back. Since then I have walked around the town on various occasions and it is lovely to see our lovely market town gradually begin to come to life again.

At the beginning of August I was delighted to be asked to accompany two lovely ladies from Nantwich in Bloom to judge the wonderful hanging baskets and planters, which make our town look so attractive. I would like to congratulate everyone on their efforts making our town look so colourful, especially during these difficult times.

I have also visited Brine Lees school where the Nantwich Food Festival volunteers have been organising drop offs for the Nantwich Foodbank. We managed to fill a transit van with all the donations, I was amazed to see such generosity and to see the town pulling together to help each other.

I know this year has been a challenging time for Nantwich and indeed the whole country and we are all in unknown territory with Covid 19 but it has been inspiring to see people going above and beyond to help others.

I hope you all keep safe and well.



Nantwich Town Council Adapts To The New Norm

On 23rd March 2020 the Town Council, as with many organisations and businesses across the UK had to close its doors to the Civic Hall and Market Hall.

Despite the closed doors and the postponing of many events the Town Council had organised, the administration of the Council had to continue, but how?

In anticipation of a likely closure of the doors, the Town Council held a special meeting on Thursday 19th March where they approved a Business Continuity Plan covering all essential areas including:

- A working from home policy
- The postponement or cancellation of all Town Council events
- Council meetings only taking place where necessary business/decisions are required and cannot be postponed until the autumn or delegated to the Clerk.
- That such meetings would only take place if new legislation was introduced to permit video-conferencing.
- To proceed with the Annual Town Council meeting via video-conferencing.
- That if practical and permitted, to proceed with the approval of the Annual Return and Accounts in June by video-conferencing.
- A rent-free period for all market traders was approved, which was reviewed in line with Government

guidance throughout the pandemic, with rent charges being re-introduced in early July.

The Clerk was given delegated authority to manage the staff and services of the Town Council and take whatever decisions were necessary in line with the Council's Risk Assessment.

Thankfully, the Government introduced new legislation allowing local government organisations to hold their meetings through video-conferencing. To be able to carry out our meetings remotely, the council had to purchase additional IT hardware and software, with a steep learning curve for many councillors and staff on holding and attending virtual meetings.

By the 23rd April the Town Council was able to hold its first Zoom meeting, which included the presence of members of the public and the press.

The zoom meetings have continued on a monthly basis since and have proved very successful. They have enabled the council to make important administrative decisions including the end of year financial accounts and audit reports, reviewing the impact of the pandemic on the Town Council finances, implementing various new working practices and risk assessments in line with Government COVID guidance.

The Council finally opened its Civic Hall doors again to the public on 20th July with the Tourist Information desk taking general enquiries.

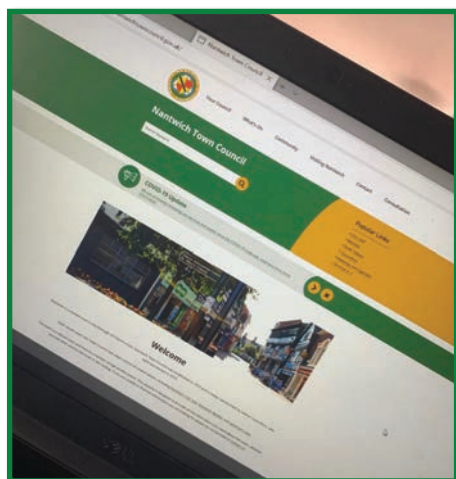
Whilst our events are not yet up and running again, the staff have been working tirelessly to ensure the essential risk assessments and working practices are in place when the go ahead is given to re-introduce services and events.

The Town Council meetings will continue via zoom for the foreseeable future and will be available for members of the public to attend.

Please check out our new accessible website (also launched during the lockdown) for further updates on services and events coming back as lockdown restrictions ease at www.nantwichtowncouncil.gov.uk



Nantwich Town Council New Website



Nantwich Town Council has recently launched a new, updated version of their website (www.nantwichtowncouncil.gov.uk).

The authority decided to change the design of the site after new regulations about accessibility came into force last September.

All the information about the Town Council is still on the site including budgets, agendas/minutes and policies, but we have some new features including:

- A design and colour scheme, including documents, that is fully accessible by all
- Community notice board where you can display details of your events
- Search area and an A to Z of services
- Online email form to get in touch

We welcome any feedback on the new site, and hope you like it as much as we do.

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The Museum has been closed to the public since the lockdown in March, although staff and some volunteers continue to work offsite. It is expected to re-open to the public on a limited basis during the Autumn.

An extensive programme of events to celebrate the Museum's 40th anniversary was frustrated by the pandemic but an exhibition, "Nantwich Museum 40 Years in the Community", telling the story of the Museum, showcasing its achievements and celebrating its place in the community can be found at: www.nantwichmuseum.org.uk.

Other temporary exhibitions, which have also been interrupted, are now being featured on the Museum's website. Personal Voices, an exhibition by the Breakaway Textile Group, opened in the Millennium Gallery in March and will remain in place until the end of the year. Reincarnated Rubbish – Endangered and Extinct, an exhibition by creative recycling artist Val Hunt, scheduled for Spring 2020, is also now featured on the website but, along with other temporary exhibitions, its installation in the Millennium Gallery has been postponed until 2021.

The website is constantly being enhanced with new information, activities and services, whilst Nantwich Digital Museum, launched in March on the Museum's Facebook page and Twitter, is proving very popular.

With regular income streams through the shop, education and outreach activities curtailed by the pandemic, the website also provides an opportunity to donate to Museum funds enabling it to continue supporting the community.

Wych-Malbank Rotary Club is the newest Rotary group to be formed in Nantwich and over the relatively short period that it has been running it has certainly been noticed. With an average age of less than 50 and more women than men, its members are keen to bring something new to Rotary whilst not forgetting that great friendships can be made whilst doing so.

Usually meeting up weekly at Richmond Village Nantwich, recent events have meant that the group have become "Zoomers". Every Wednesday they dial in with their early cups of coffee to enjoy a virtual get together and think up ever more ingenious ideas to try and raise money for local charities and causes due to their usual activities being curtailed.

Their first venture was an online quiz which raised hundreds of pounds

for the Buddy Bag Foundation, Hope House and Macmillan. Then it was over to the Environment Team to brainstorm ideas before coming up with the amazing "Handmade in Nantwich". A simple but very effective way of raising money through asking people to use their craft skills to make items that they would then donate, and the club would sell online through Facebook.

This turned out to be a great success raising £350 to date and the prospect of a Bazaar or Market Stall hopefully on the horizon.

The weekly "zoom" meeting continues and new members are always welcome.

Check out the groups Facebook page @WychMalbankRotary or contact us at wychmalbankrotary@gmail.com.

Rotary
Wych-Malbank
(Nantwich)





There has been a market in Nantwich since 1500. The present building, at the junction of Market Street and Churchyardside, dates from 1867 and is managed by the Town Council.

Boasting both indoor and outdoor spaces, this established market offers an excellent shopping experience complementing the independent retailers in the town.

Full of character, with a great sense of community, you will find a wide selection of cheeses, poultry, fish, fruit and vegetables, confectionery, cakes and pies while the cafe serves hot and cold food. The Market also stocks an array of goods including clothing, gifts and household items.

Details of our stalls:

Beryl's Cards and Stationery

Cards and gift wrap for all occasions

Bedding and Household Textiles

Pillows, duvets, towels and more

Burland Coaches

Coach trips, private hire and holidays

CCL Cleaning Ltd

Cleaning services and products, ironing service available

Cheshire Driveways

Pattern imprinted concrete and artificial grass

Cheshire Pie Company

Hand-crafted savoury pies and handmade Arancini's

Clem's Traditional Greengrocers

Fresh fruit and vegetables

Dave and Karen Welch

Local farm produce, eggs, chicken, sausage, bacon and Mrs Darlington's preserves.

Eight Red Bees

Refil station and sustainable household items

Ellen Jane Boutique

Ladies fashion and accessories

Food For Thought

Freshly baked bread and treats

Gala Wildlife

Wild bird food and wildlife products

Gary Moss

A selection of tools and diy equipment

Gary Socha

Pre-loved and antique jewellery

Gaynor Ashworth- Kirkham

Fabulous hair and fashion accessories

Haberdashery

Nantwich's needle work and craft centre

In The Market "4" Phones

Phones repairs and accessories

Just Kiddin'

Baby and child clothing and accessories, ladies socks, underwear and nightwear

Leena Plant

Chutneys, gifts and nemesis products

Libby Bower

Beautifully handmade gifts and cards that capture the imagination of children and adults alike

M&D Cards

Cards and gift wrap for all occasions

Market Tearoom

Hot and cold snacks, drinks, breakfasts and lunchtime specials

Melissa's Menswear

Men's socks, underwear and clothing

Mike Broadgate

A wide selection of pillows, duvets, bedding and tea towels

Mike, Dawn and Eric's Plant Stall

Seasonal plants, silk grave pots, Christmas wreaths and arrangements

Mike Kelly

Vintage books and bottles

Nantwich Trouser Bar

Mens fashion specialising in outsize menswear

Oakwood Mobility

Mobility Scooters

Pauls Fashion

Ladies clothes and accessories

Peter Leigh

A selection of bags and handbags

Peter Stokes

Fresh fruit, vegetables and a selection of home grown produce

Picture House

Bespoke frames, fine art prints, and vintage toys bought and sold

Real. Raw. Milk

Cheeses, milk, chutney and jam

Sew I Did

Beautiful selection of fabrics, fat quarters and all your sewing needs

Stuart's Fresh Fish

The finest quality fresh fish from Fleetwood

The Market Barbers

A friendly salon open to everyone. Track and trace in place and walk-ins welcome

The Sweet Shop

Sweets and treats

Thrives on Neglect

Seasonal flowers, plants and garden decoration

Tina's Yarntopia

Specialising in Stylecraft wool, Aran Wool and all wool accessories

Tracy Bloor

Socks for all occasions

Tuxworth Cakes

Fresh, homemade cakes

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Nantwich Is Still Blooming

This year the summer judging of Nantwich by North West in Bloom has been cancelled, however, we were determined to continue to make the town centre as beautifully blooming as possible.

In late May, as soon as lockdown was eased, Nantwich in Bloom volunteers resumed working parties (suitably socially distanced) with a rainbow-themed planting scheme as our tribute to NHS and other public service workers.

We concentrated on the beds and planters in the town centre and areas around St Mary's Church. Unfortunately, the normal number of hanging baskets in the town has been reduced due to issues with watering,

but we have tried to create some much-needed colour and cheer at ground level!

The Mayor of Nantwich and her daughter kindly helped judge the floral displays outside the premises of local businesses, shops and pubs. Certificates will be awarded shortly to recognise their contribution to 'Keeping Nantwich Blooming'.

News of our activities in other areas of the town :

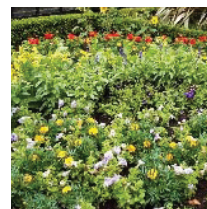
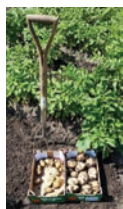
Nantwich in Bloom's new allotment has been very productive growing vegetables this spring and summer but the long-term aim is to use it for propagation of more plants for display in the town as well as for maintaining winter bedding plants during the summer. Following a good show of blossom in the spring fruit is ripening in the Community Orchard on Nantwich Riverside.



The two 'Welcome to Nantwich' beds and the floral displays in beds and planters on Nantwich Railway Station are blooming well and the Merseyrail in Bloom Award 2019 plaque is now installed on the platform. We have also supported environmental activities creating habitats in Coed Wen and removing Himalayan Balsam from along Nantwich Riverside.

You can follow all of our activities on www.nantwichinbloom.org, also on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

All volunteers always welcome, contact pennyrow123@outlook.com



Nantwich Concert Band News

Nantwich Concert Band had a promising start to 2020; a new rehearsal venue at Highfield Primary, a performance at the Crewe Lyceum and a few new members joined the band! Sadly, we have understandably had to cancel all rehearsals and upcoming engagements for the foreseeable future. Currently only professional music groups are permitted to perform and rehearse; the committee do not yet know when the band will return.

However, all is not lost! The band is a social group and our members have kept in touch. We have held zoom quizzes in addition to having an active socialising group on Facebook where members share funny videos and musical advice/jokes. Throughout lockdown many of our members have enjoyed playing their instruments to keep themselves and their friends and family entertained. A number of our players also took their instruments to the streets during the Clap for Carers, performing 'Somewhere over the Rainbow' for their neighbours.

The band were also delighted to attend the wedding of our Musical Director, Nick, and flute player, Jo, at the beginning of July. Originally invited to attend the service in Sandbach, members were instead invited to attend the ceremony via Facebook and were able to watch live from the safety and comfort of their own home.

Everyone at NCB is looking forward to rehearsing and performing in our community again. If you are interested in learning an instrument or receiving lessons, please get in touch with our musical director who is currently offering online lessons: musicaldirector@nantwichband.co.uk

Photographs by LLG Photography



News from the Nantwich Food Festival

Although the live festival has had to be cancelled this year, it does not mean you have to miss out on the event entirely as we have been busy creating an online version.

Like the real event, you can visit your favourite stall holders, find out what they have been doing since last year and even order from them online. To see more go to:

www.nantwichfoodfestival.co.uk

The introduction to the online festival starts with a video showing the festival set up and then you can visit the various exhibitors. Like the real festival you can either look by marquee location, Love Lane, Bowling Green or Town Centre. You can also use the search facility to find your favourite stall holder by product type, whether it be cheeses, sauces, oils, sweet treats or pet food. In fact anything you would normally find at the food festival.

The website also features details about some of the local Nantwich business who normally have special promotions during the festival weekend. The good news is that the virtual festival is up and running now and will be until at least Christmas.

The Nantwich Food Awards for local suppliers and food premises is usually an integral part of the festival but this year the festival committee are doing something a little different. We wanted to recognise and thank those businesses and individuals who have adapted and have used their ingenuity to support local residents during the past few months. We are aware of many people, businesses and key workers in the local community who have gone that extra mile, to help out.

So, for this year only we have launched the Nantwich Food Festival Lockdown Awards, with the winners receiving their awards at a special ceremony in October,

The work of the festival committee has still continued throughout the year with the organisation of Drop-off & Go collections for the Nantwich Food Bank, sponsorship of hi-viz vests for Nantwich Buddies and planning for next year's festival on the weekend of September 3-5th 2021:



Nantwich Market is Dementia Friendly

Recently some of our traders took part in some training; learning about dementia, how it might affect a person, and learnt some techniques to help them communicate with people living with dementia.



Thank you

Over the past six weeks volunteers from Nantwich Civic Society, Nantwich In Bloom, Nantwich Partnership and Litter Groups have been working hard to tidying up our river and removing the balsam which takes over. Thank you for all your hard work



Sergeant Andrew Baker:

"I have worked in Cheshire Police in a variety of front line roles for 13 years, the last six as a sergeant and have worked all across Cheshire East.

Until recently I was working as a neighbourhood sergeant in Crewe.

My vision for the Town will be to carry on the great work that Sgt Bennett and the Team have been involved in, working with partner agencies to try and make Nantwich as safe as possible.

I am particularly keen to utilise a

A New Sergeant For Nantwich, Welcome Sergeant Andrew Baker

proactive approach to our Policing, targeting those people that are most intent on causing harm to others. I am also interested in targeting people who use the road network whilst committing offences that endanger other road users, whether they be drug drivers, drink drivers, uninsured drivers or those travelling through Nantwich with an intention to commit crime.

We have already as a team adopted a targeted approach to making the roads safer through Operation Amatory which in the first three weeks has seen two arrests, six drivers prosecuted and three vehicle seizures across Nantwich."

Farewell Sergeant Ian Bennett

In July, the Mayor presented Ian Bennett with a retirement gift as a thank you for his contribution to the town over the past 10 years. He led the Nantwich team to adopt an engaging, community-focussed style of policing which has been key in seeing reductions of all aspects of crime. He will be missed by many in the town.





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Nantwich Town Square

Last Saturday of every month

9am until 3pm

INDOOR TABLE TOP SALE

NANTWICH CIVIC HALL

8AM - 12PM

FREE ENTRY

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

STALLS £8, ADVANCE BOOKING REQUIRED



Nantwich Town Square

Saturday 10th October

9am until 3pm