



Talk OF THE Town

Message from the Mayor

On Wednesday 5th May, Councillor Stuart Bostock was invested at the Mayor Making Ceremony. Councillor Bostock's wife, Kathleen Bostock is his Consort.

Councillor Bostock appointed Rev. Dr Mark Hart as the Mayor's Chaplin. Councillor Peter Groves has been elected as Deputy Mayor.

Born, bred and educated in Nantwich, Councillor Bostock has lived in the Town, within the North and West Ward he represents, all of his life.

Both Stuart and Kath are extremely honoured to be appointed as Mayor and Consort for the Municipal Year 2021/2022. In the hope that restrictions are eased, they look forward to meeting and talking to residents and visitors in the forthcoming year.

Councillor Stuart Bostock's charities for his year of office will be: Nantwich First Responders, Royal British Legion, and Save A Life Cheshire.



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Mayor's Charity Donations

On Wednesday 5th May, Councillor Pam Kirkham handed over her Mayoral chains to her colleague Councillor Stuart Bostock.

When she was elected Mayor she would never have anticipated the year ahead! No one would have predicted a global pandemic would disrupt the lives of everyone around the world as it has done.

Her mayoral year was like no other with the COVID-19 pandemic and even Councillor Pam Kirkham has commented "I'm sure I will be known as the virtual Mayor in the years to come".

Although she was not able to attend the events the town usually hosts, or able to meet as many residents as she had hoped, it still was a very inspiring to her to see how the communities pulled together, helping those in need at such challenging times.

She did have the privilege to acknowledge and reward the remarkable work of the Nantwich Community over the past 12 months through the Town Council's Community Hero Awards. Nantwich Buddies, Nic Bunting, Maureen Coulter, and the Civic Hall Vaccination Team all picked up awards of recognition.

Councillor Kirkham also took this opportunity to thank all the volunteers and organisations who have done so much for one another and the town during the pandemic. She also thanked our brilliant local NHS workers.

The Mayoral year ended with Councillor Kirkham presenting each of the charities she has supported with a donation, including the End of Life Partnership, Leighton Hospital Macmillan Support and Nantwich Museum.



THANK YOU!

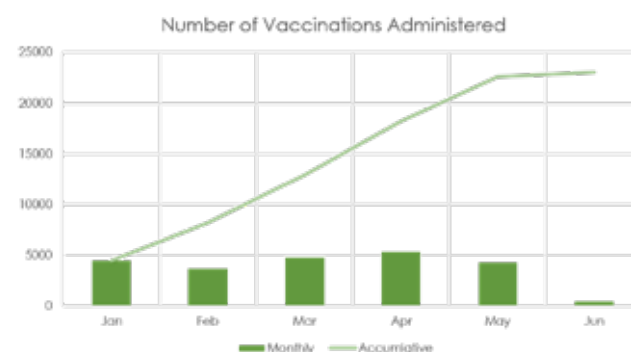
As the UK successfully vaccinates almost half the population against COVID-19, the time comes for the vaccination programme at Nantwich Civic Hall to close.

From November 2020 it was full stream ahead for plans to bring the vaccination scheme to the Civic Hall and from 7 January 2021 the doors opened to welcome its first recipients.

Since then the team of over 160 from Nantwich & Rural PCN Practices, GP Alliance, Cheshire CCG, NHS England, Royal Voluntary Service, TempRe, Lloyd Cook Internal Risk, Cheshire East Council, Nantwich Buddies and Town Council have worked tirelessly to roll out the programme.

When they closed in June, 22018 vaccinations had been administered at the centre with over 2400 hours volunteered by 51 Nantwich Buddies.

The Town Council wishes to thank all those involved.




Nantwich and Rural
Care Community
Nantwich and Rural PCN





As the Government relaxes the COVID-19 restrictions we are delighted to see the full reopening of our Town's market.

To support the reopening of markets UK-wide, the National Association of British Market Authorities have been running a 'My Market' campaign.

The Town Council are keen to support our traders and promote the wonderful market that we have and therefore are backing this campaign.

We feature three of these traders in this article, but why not visit the market and discover all it has to offer?

Nantwich Trouser Bar

Paul has been at the market for over two years now but his business was established 1945.

Specialising in outsize menswear, the stall also offers alterations of all clothing.

Pop in on Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday and pick up menswear in 15-23" neck, 30-60" waist, m-6xl chest, and leg 27-36". Shoes are also available in size 12-16.



Shop Unwrapped

A fairly new stall to the market, this mum and daughter team (Gill & Katie) trade on Thursdays and Saturdays.

Shop Unwrapped is a refill store that sells zero waste and plastic free items (including basic household goods like rice, dried fruit, nuts and bathroom/cleaning products - soaps, shampoo and toothpaste!).

So, bring your containers to us and we fill them up for you.

You can find us on Facebook and on Instagram (shop.unwrapped).

We've really enjoyed our time at the market so far and can't wait to see what the following months bring!



SUMMER 2021



The Market Barbers

Established hairdressing business of 12 years, nestled in a corner of the spacious and airy Hall of Nantwich Market.

Andrea, the proprietor, is pleased to STILL offer a WALK IN SERVICE with track and trace in a friendly, safe environment.

We offer a professional experienced cutting service for everyone, men, women and children of all ages including the tiny ones.

We also offer grooming products with a serviceable knowledge of keeping healthy hair and skin as we care for your wellbeing.

Pop into see us we would love see you. Find us on Facebook. The Market Barbers



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)

ANTIQUES & COLLECTORS MARKET

Antique, Vintage & Collectors Markets renowned for their quality and variety of products.

Saturday 17th July
Saturday 14th August
Saturday 11th September

ARTISAN MARKET

Bringing together some of the best arts and crafts in the area, complemented by wonderful food and drink.

Saturday 21st August
Saturday 4th September
Saturday 16th October
Friday 19th November
Saturday 20th November
Saturday 11th December



Talk of the Town Publication

Nantwich Town Council is currently reviewing the distribution of Talk of the Town and would like to hear your thoughts. The publication is currently distributed via paper copy to each home in Nantwich, with copies also available from Nantwich Market, Nantwich Information Centre and online.

We want this publication to be a useful document therefore we are asking for your input. Do you appreciate receiving a paper copy through the door, would you rather have it electronically or just pick up a copy from our office? We also value your opinion on the content, have we got it right? Is there anything else you would like us to feature? We look forward to hearing your thoughts.

Queen's Jubilee

In 2022, Her Majesty The Queen will become the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, which is seventy years of service. Her Majesty acceded to the throne on 6th February 1952 when she was 25 years old.

The Platinum Jubilee Weekend in June, will include an extended bank holiday, from Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June, and will provide an opportunity for communities to come together to celebrate the historic milestone.

The four days of celebrations will include public events and as a town we are hoping to join in with these celebrations.

This is where you come in. As a Town Council we have some ideas, but we would like to know what you, the residents of the town would like. Therefore we would love to hear any ideas/suggestions you may have to create a celebration in the Town?

Naming of Commemorative Lakeside Copse

Nantwich in Bloom have continued working in the town during the pandemic to ensure it looks as attractive as ever. One project they have embarked on over the past few months has been the planting of some tree saplings at the lake, which will be a commemorative copse.

Volunteers relocated 22 tree saplings from Coed Wen next to the lake and hope this area will become a place to reflect on all those affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.



A plaque, kindly donated by Nantwich Partnership, will be erected next to the copse, however we need you to choose a name. All entries will be reviewed by the Nantwich In Bloom Committee with a vote on the favourite.

Public Conveniences - Future Consultation

As many Nantwich residents will be aware, at one time there were public toilets on the Snowhill Car Park in the centre of the Town. In 2012 the Town Council took over ownership and management of the Snowhill toilets and due to their condition, the toilets were later closed. Over recent years the Town Council has considered options to re-introduce a toilet provision in this location.

In November 2020, the Town contracted two public convenience providers to undertake an assessment on the former public toilet facility at Snowhill. The intent was to assess the structure of the building and provide recommendations and design options for replacement or refurbishment.

In the Autumn Nantwich Town Council will be inviting its residents and local businesses to take part in and complete an online survey on whether there should be investment at the former Snowhill site to re-introduce public conveniences.

Further details on the proposals will be published in our next edition of the Talk of the Town, please take the time to respond to the survey, your views are of value to the Town Council.

If you would like to contact us about any of the above items please do so by writing to Nantwich Town Council, Nantwich Civic Hall, Market Street, Nantwich, CW5 5DG, email nantwichtc@nantwichtowncouncil.gov.uk or contact us online www.nantwichtowncouncil.gov.uk



DABBERS

DON'T

DROP

In May 2021 as a result of a national increase in litter dropping, Nantwich Town Council launched a campaign alongside Keep Britain Tidy's 'Great British Spring Clean' to encourage residents and visitors not to drop litter.

Posters and banners with a 'Dabber's Don't Drop' slogan were displayed around the town, supported by posts on social media, as a reminder not to drop litter.

The Council are keen to emphasise that tackling litter is not just about one campaign though, it is about sustained action to tackle litter and change behaviour over time. Therefore, the Council contacted schools to join the campaign by educating young people about the impact of litter dropping on our town and environment.

The Council are working on a number of initiatives to help combat litter issues and will continue to work closely with and support the voluntary litter groups in the town.

If you are keen to join a litter picking group, head over to Nantwich Litter Action on Facebook, and find out more about the work they do.

We live in a beautiful town. It is for all of us to keep Nantwich clean and green!

It has been great to see schools recognising the importance of the issues around litter and supporting the campaign.

Rob Parish, Head Teacher at Millfields said: "At Millfields, we are extremely proud of our school and the wider community of Nantwich. We regularly have children from Year 6 who volunteer for litter picking duty on school grounds and our Year 5 children have also become involved in the community.

When we heard about the 'Dabbers Don't Drop' campaign, we shared it in our assembly and some of our Year 5 children have taken an active role in Nantwich itself, to help make sure our local community stays litter free."



Dog Fouling

Dog Fouling is not only deeply unpleasant, it is dangerous and illegal!

We know that the majority of dog owners are very responsible and clear up after their pets. However, occasionally we do forget and some don't bother.

Cheshire East work hard to keep our streets, bins and green areas clear and fines are issued for littering and not clearing up dog mess.

Report It

If you find a mess this can be reported to Cheshire online at:
<https://fixmystreet.cheshireeast.gov.uk/>
 or by calling 0300 123 5500.



Community Grants

As part of its commitment to local community and voluntary organisations the Town Council offers grants and donations to support local groups, activities and events. There are three different types of grants available including:

Donations to local organisations

Each year the Town Council decides to donate money to environmental groups, cultural organisations and other community societies.

Grants up to £500

Applications for small grants up to £500 are invited throughout the year and are awarded subject to budget at the discretion of the Finance Committee.

Grants – £500 – £5,000

Each year the Council has a budget for larger grants and invites applications for projects that meet its grant criteria. The deadline for applications is October for payment in April the following year. This allows the Council to build the commitment into its budget calculations for the next financial year.

Grants we have awarded this year have helped:

Nantwich In Bloom
Guy Harvey Youth Club
Nantwich First Responders
Macmillan Cancer Support Event

Nantwich Museum Trust
Nantwich Choral Society
Nantwich Pride Festival
Redshift Radio Happiness Hub

Nantwich Concert Band
Nantwich Food Bank
Nantwich Running Club
Growing Health Community Garden

If you would like to apply for a grant, visit www.nantwichtowncouncil.gov.uk/grants or contact Nantwich Town Council on 01270 619224



Annual Report

Nantwich Town Council has recently published its annual report which describes its activities over the preceding 12 months.

The report is a great overview of the Council and features its make up, support given to the community, services it provides, key achievements and its priorities moving forward.

To view the report visit www.nantwichtowncouncil.gov.uk/annual-report/ or contact Nantwich Town Council to receive a printed version.

Communication Strategy and Petitions Policy

As part of Nantwich Town Council's efforts to improve the democratic process and involvement of residents in the decision making process it has recently introduced a Petitions Policy.

In addition, to complement this policy, the Council have also created a Community Engagement Strategy, which seeks to ensure that the many communities in Nantwich have a voice in the debate around improving the delivery of local services and thus having a positive impact on life and work in the Town.

All Nantwich Town Council Policies can be viewed on our website www.nantwichtowncouncil.gov.uk/policies/ and hard copies are available on request.



The Nantwich Foodbank was set up in 2012 and is part of the Trussell Trust which is a nationwide network of food banks.

They provide emergency food and support to people locked in poverty, and with the support of the Trust campaign for change to end the need for food banks in the UK.



Last year they faced an unprecedented increase in demand for food support. In the year ending March 2021 they distributed parcels for 1348, supporting 3796 people, 1,555 of which were children. This is an increase of 151% caused largely by surge in demand owing to the COVID-19 crisis. Low income remains the most common reason for individuals and families needing support and adults 25-64 were the largest group supported.

Although there has been a reduction of the numbers of people needing support in recent months, there has been a notable percentage increase in the number of children needing support and young families. The Foodbank have strong relationships with referral agents and work closely with them in order to ensure that our clients have the correct support in place.

The summer months will be busy with a growing number of school age children needing support over the holiday period. Further to this, there may be an expected increase in demand as a result of changes to the Universal Credit scheme and the end of the furlough.

None of what they do would be possible without amazing volunteers who talk with our clients, collect donations, pack food parcels, sack and deliver food support. They are the Foodbank. This team don't only pack food parcels, they put great effort into catering for specific needs such as family make-up, childrens favourites, and dietary needs and requirements. They offer so much more than food, they are a lifeline to many.

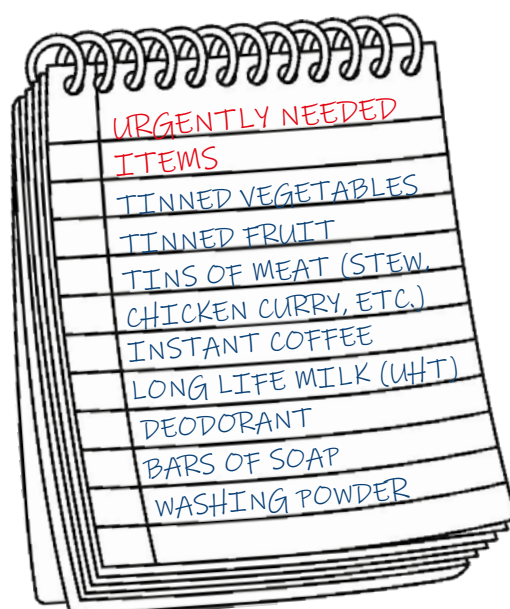
Nantwich Foodbank wishes to thank the people of Nantwich, your generosity and support of those less fortunate truly demonstrates what community really means.

How You Can Help?

Nantwich Foodbank relies on your goodwill and support. Over 90% of the food distributed by Foodbanks is donated by the public – that's why your food donations are absolutely vital to our ability to give everyone referred to us a balanced and nutritious seven-day supply of food.

Look out for regular 'Drop & Go' sessions organised by volunteers. However, if you are happy to drop off food donations, collection points can be found at:

- Nationwide Building Society on High Street
- Morrisons Supermarket.



Nantwich Museum Re-opens with major Summer Exhibition

Nantwich Museum has re-opened to the public with a view to returning to full opening hours as soon as possible, namely Tuesday to Saturday 10.30am – 4.30pm. Prospective visitors are advised to check opening hours and availability before visiting. The Dementia Friendship Group, which meets on specified Monday afternoons, resumed in June and it is anticipated Walking Tours of the town will be available during the summer.

Regular income streams, including the shop, education activities for schools, town tours and outreach activities through which the Museum generates much of its income have been severely curtailed by the pandemic, although the online shop and a series of successful webinars have offset some of the loss. Meanwhile "Nantwich Digital Museum" on Facebook and Twitter have

played a significant part in keeping the Museum active.

"Ouch! A slightly horrible history of health and disease in Nantwich" is an exhibition prepared by the Museum's Research Group taking visitors on a quirky whistle-stop journey into Nantwich's past from around the 17th to the early 20th century. What was the most common type of fatal accident in 17th century Nantwich? How did the townspeople cope with everyday health problems and frequent outbreaks of contagious and often fatal disease? What type of home remedies did people rely upon who were unable to afford the treatments provided by health professionals or sold by apothecaries? The exhibition concludes on an encouraging note with an appreciation of today's National Health Service.



Planning for 2022

Although this year's Nantwich Food Festival has been cancelled due to uncertainty regarding COVID-19 restrictions and guidelines, it does not mean the organising committee has not been busy. With work already underway for the 2022 festival.

Bookings from some past exhibitors have already been secured and we are also looking at introducing some new features for next year. We have also retained many of our voluntary helpers but could always do with more.

Even without the festival, the committee have been in regular contact with both our local and

our celebrity chefs in readiness for next year. It is particularly pleasing to see that two of our local chefs have featured in TV cookery programmes and we hope to see them demonstrate some of their winning dishes at the next festival. Oli Mannion successfully progressed to the semi-final stage on The Best Home Cook and Stuart Collins showed his cookery prowess in becoming the Central region champion on the Great British Menu.

The last two years has seen the emergence of many local food enterprises, widening the range of food choices for residents, and the festival organisers are looking at how we can work with those businesses during the 2022 festival weekend.

Our work supporting the Nantwich Food Bank has continued and it was particularly pleasing that Nantwich Food Festival volunteer, Maureen Coulter who organises the food bank 'Drop off and Go' events using festival volunteers has had her support recognised by the town Mayor.

Nantwich Food Festival can be contacted via info@nantwichfoodfestival.co.uk



Nantwich Players is back...

And they are coming back with a bang!

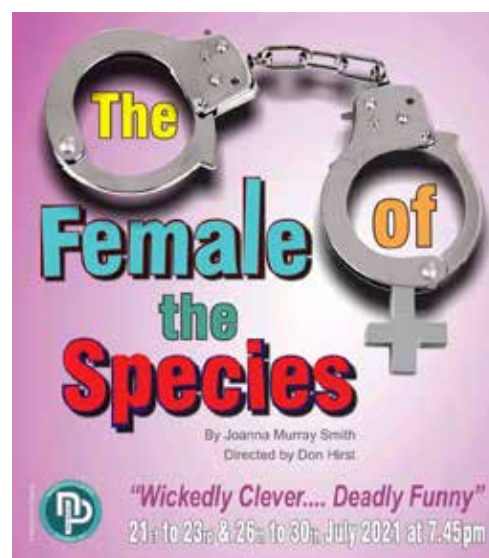
Nantwich Players Theatre reopens in July with a fierce comedy written by Joanna Murray-Smith, *Female of the Species*.

This is a deliciously wicked comedy that deftly walks the tightrope between satire and farce, proving the female of the species is not deadlier, but funnier than the male.

Nantwich Players are following all COVID-19 advice and are running a COVID-19 secure venue to ensure the safety of you and them.

More information is available at www.nantwichplayers.com

Tickets available online from www.nantwichtowncouncil.gov.uk



Nantwich Concert Band News

Nantwich Concert Band are eagerly awaiting the day they can return to rehearsals, after 16 months not being able to rehearse in their new venue at Highfields Primary and all engagements were cancelled. Everyone is looking forward to rehearsing and performing in our community again, desperately hoping to hold their Remembrance Concert in the Civic Hall Sunday 6th November, when they will be joined by Stapeley Broad Lane School Choir.

There is also a wind band for beginners and improvers which includes many parents and children. There are some instruments offered free on loan to those wishing to play in the wind band. The main band follow the wind band rehearsals on Wednesday evenings.

For further information contact Musical Director Nick Birch email: musicaldirector@nantwichband.co.uk

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



The Beam Heath Trust 2021


Along with other organisations it has been another difficult year for Trustees to conduct the business of The Beam Heath Estate. There has only been three attended meetings since March 2020. Almost all The Trusts business has had to be administered by email or telephone.

The 2020 Dividend of £40 was set aside to be incorporated into the 2021 payment. Trustees are pleased to say the total for both years is now £80 for existing recipients and distribution started in June.

For new applicants, Claims Day is scheduled for 29th September. Should it be necessary to amend this date, prior notice will be given in the local media.

The criteria for qualification for the Dividend will be published as usual when Claims Day is finally announced. New applicants must reside in the ancient boundary of the town. This can only be ascertained by personal presentation on Claims Day.

The 1823 act, which The Trustees have to abide by, could never have foreseen the way that traditional banking that has developed over recent years. The relentless movement towards high tech, on-line, cashless transactions could impact on how future Dividends are paid. Due to current regulations it may take longer than usual to visit everyone.



Summer Lunchtime Concerts 2021

Thursdays 12.30 - 1.15pm

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| 8th July 15th July 22nd July | The Nantwich Singers Nantwich Chamber Ensemble Richard Walker & Gill Styles (Piano duet) |
| 29th July 5th August | Simon Russell (Organ) Laurie Ashworth (Soprano) Rachel Fillhart (Clarinet) John Gough (Piano) |

Admission Free - Retiring Collection

Talk OF THE Town

Nantwich Is Still Blooming

Nantwich in Bloom has been able to continue with its socially distanced working parties this year. The colourful summer planting in the town square is being completed by their volunteers helped by students from Reaseheath College with their Centenary bed. Displays of hanging baskets are as spectacular as ever, thanks to sponsorship by local businesses.

Look out for the Forget me not bed with the symbol of Dementia Friendly Nantwich outside the Library, and the continuing blue and yellow planting outside St Mary's Church. Also, one of the beds in the town square should trigger memories of home gardens from the past.

The North West in Bloom competition is resuming this year and Nantwich will be visited by the RHS judges on FRIDAY 30th JULY when we need everyone to ensure that the town will be looking at its best.

Nantwich In Bloom will also be awarding certificates to local businesses, shops

and pubs who have created floral displays outside their premises. These displays will be reviewed by the Mayor, assisted by Nantwich in Bloom members, at the end of July/early August so make sure that they are looking good!

Volunteers have worked very hard on Nantwich in Bloom's allotment to produce more plants for display in the town and maintain winter bedding plants during the summer as well as producing crops of vegetables. This is in addition to work in maintaining the Community Orchard and helping to renovate the Willow feature on Nantwich Riverside.

They have also continued to maintain the two 'Welcome to Nantwich beds', and the floral displays in beds and planters on Nantwich Railway Station where Nantwich in Bloom volunteers have painted all the planters grey and planted with a 'wheels' theme in red, silver and white. Nantwich Station was awarded a Highly Commended in Cheshire Best Kept Stations Special Awards for 2020.

Finally the team are running the decorated and planted pots projects with elderly peoples' homes on the topic 'Times gone by' and for primary schools, of 'Grow your Own' and are looking forward to seeing the results.

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



Launch of Rotary Community Raffle

Raising much needed funds for communities, groups and charities is something that has always been important for Rotarians, which is why the idea of a Community Raffle has been welcomed by three local Rotary groups – Nantwich, Crewe and Nantwich Weaver and Wych-Malbank.

The Community Raffle is an easy way for local charities, groups, and societies to raise money, and with half of the 10,000 tickets already applied for, it is already proving very popular!

So how does it work?

The answer is simple! Each group requests the number of tickets they would like (in sets of 100), provide a logo and then promote and sell the tickets for £2 each keeping 80% (£1.60) of each ticket sold. The remaining 40p is paid back to Rotary to cover administration, licensing, and prizes. The raffle will be drawn on 26th November with a top prize of £1000.

For more information, please contact Neil on neil.ridgway@outlook.com

Rotary Community Raffle 2021



NANTWICH CIVIC HALL

NOW BOOKING



Fri 10th Sep



Fri 17th Sep



Sat 18th Sep



Fri 22nd Oct



Fri 29th Oct



Fri 19th Nov



Sat 27th Nov



Sat 4th Dec



Fri 10th Dec

01270 628633

www.nantwichtowncouncil.gov.uk





Civic Hall Regular Events

Get social with us



Get In Touch with us:

Tel: 01270 628 633

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| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday |
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| Returning from Monday 19th July: | | | |
| | 10am - 12pm 50 Plus Club | | 8am - 12pm Table Top |
| | 1pm - 4pm Bowls & Table Tennis | 1.30pm - 4pm Table Tennis | 1.30pm - 4pm Tea Dance |
| Returning from Monday 27th July: | | | |
| | 7.15pm - 10.30pm Ceroc | 5pm - 10.30pm Line Dancing | 5pm - 10.30pm Ballroom |
| Returning from September: | | | |
| 9am - 1pm Luncheon Club | | 9am - 1pm Luncheon Club |  |
| 6pm - 10pm Film Club | | | |