

It's a great privilege and honour to have been elected Mayor of Nantwich and I promise to do my best for both the Town and its people. I am delighted that my wife Carol is to be my Consort.

The Charities I will be supporting this year are Nantwich Food Bank, Nantwich First Responders, The Bereavement Listening Service and Thursday Dementia Club.

The past two years were difficult for the previous Town Mayors, Councillors Pam Kirkham and Stuart Bostock, due to Covid and its accompanying restrictions on meetings etc. Now that the restrictions have been removed, I am expecting to have a very busy year and I am delighted to say that, so far it has been.

The Town has been very busy with events marking the Queens Platinum Jubilee, starting on Thursday afternoon with the Town Criers Proclamation and followed by the Lighting of the Beacon in the evening, at 9:45pm, in conjunction with several thousand other beacons across the UK and beyond.

Saturday saw a wonderful array of events with an Artisan Market on the Town Square, stalls outside St Mary's and at lunchtime the Town Council provided free tea/coffee and cakes/gingerbread courtesy of Chatwins and Morrisons, served outside the Parish rooms, with deck chairs available for those who needed them.



The Jubilee reusable bags from Nantwich Market quickly became a "must have item" and the Jubilee Art Trail and the Methodists Church's "Royal Train" were also very popular. Everywhere was really busy and the Town really packed with glorious sunshine and everyone enjoying the long weekend break.

The celebrations ended with a Jubilee Vintage Social Dance on the Sunday Afternoon and the rain did not spoil the fun. What really stood out was how everyone enjoyed being able to get out and meet people again and it gave everyone a real lift.

We are both looking forward to a busy year and meeting as many people as possible.

Councillor Peter Groves



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Mayor Honours Local Heroes

In his final meeting before retiring as Mayor, Councillor Stuart Bostock presented some of the town's unsung heroes with awards.

Local, four-legged, internet sensation, Beans was first to receive an acknowledgement. Beans has caused quite a stir recently and his stardom has been putting Nantwich on the map.

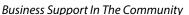
As in past years the Mayor had received many nominations for awards which made the selection process a difficult one, but he selected the following to receive awards:



Diana Hall claimed this award for her dedication and voluntary hours given to the town.

Community Sports Award

The second award was given to Nantwich Town Visually Impaired and Pan Disability Football Teams, who offer football training sessions, games and tournaments which are aimed to be inclusive to all, no matter of age or disability.



Morrisons Nantwich and their Community Champion Nikki Harrison go above and beyond to support many local charities and organisations, picking up the Business Support Award.

Young Inspiration Award

The Mayor was impressed with the way that Emilia White and Finlay Jones, whilst on their way home from school, had maturely dealt with an elderly resident who had fallen and needed medical assistance.

Outstanding Organisation Award

Collecting this award was The Thursday Club, a safe place for people living with Dementia and their careers, friends or relatives to meet up with other people going through their dementia journey.

Inspiring Individual Award

Two Inspiration Awards were presented to people who excel in their line of work. The first was handed to Sue Sherwood, Chair of Nantwich In Bloom, who dedicates so much time to making our town look stunning and has led her team to winning multiple awards.

Jeremy Herbert, was the second winner, whose passion for the town and climate is one to be admired. Jeremy is involved in an abundance of voluntary projects and groups around the town.

Mayor's Recognition Award

The final award was one chosen by the Mayor and this Recognition Award was given to Tom Deans, who has dedicated over 30 years voluntary service to Nantwich In Bloom and horticultural education.

Councillor Bostock thanked all the volunteers and organisations of the town for their continued support making Nantwich the special place it is.

He also presented cheques to three charities, Nantwich First Responders, Nantwich Royal British Legion and Stapeley RSPCA, for whom he had been fund raising for throughout his Mayoral year.

Councillor Bostock commented: "Over the past 12 months my wife and consort Kathleen and I have attended a diverse range of engagements and have been so warmly welcomed. I have had an unforgettable year I feel honoured to have been able to represent my town as Mayor."







Working For A Better Nantwich

Annual Town Meeting

On 15th April Nantwich Town Council hosted the annual Meeting of the Town.

A number of members of public, alongside Councillors and local voluntary organisations attended the meeting at Nantwich Civic Hall.

The meeting was an opportunity for the organisations to update the community on their achievements over the past year and also for members of the public to join the open forum.

Full minutes from this and all Council meetings are available online at www. nantwichtowncouncil.gov.uk

The next Town Meeting will be held on 20th April 2023.



Tourism Strategy Working Group

Nantwich Town Council received a wonderful amount of interest in forming a Tourism Strategy for the town.

A working group has now been formed and includes valuable representatives from our town's shops, festivals, voluntary organisations, Chamber of Commerce, Market, Council and Museum.

The group has met twice and is already moving forward with the strategy and hopes to implement some community consultation in the near future.

For more information on the strategy visit: www.nantwichtowncouncil.gov.uk/tourism-strategy/

Feeding Waterfowl

We all know it is fun to feed the birds, but we also should be mindful. As much as birds love bread it really is not good for them.



Throwing food across the ground creates problems too, as the birds' droppings can be messy and slippery, which could cause accidents. There's an increased risk birds will be hit by cars, chased by dogs or be in reach of people who may want to harm them. Also food left around increases the vermin population.

If you really want to feed the birds, its better to feed SMALL amounts of grain straight into the shallow water.

Climate Change Working Group

Following the Town Council's call for community volunteers to join a working group to develop a Climate Action Plan for the town late last year, a group of 12 stakeholders has been created and have met on three occasions already.

The working group will be seeking the views and ideas of Nantwich residents and will have a stall at the Society Spectacular, so please pay a visit, you may come away with a "freebie" - environmentally friendly of course!

The stall will also be promoting a larger Climate Change consultation event to be held at the Civic Hall in September. The event will have speakers who will be sharing their knowledge, advice and expertise on Climate Action and will be open to residents to attend free of charge.

To register your interest in attending please visit the stall or details can be found on our website along with more information about the group:

www.nantwichtowncouncil.gov.uk/climate-change/



Allotments Available

Nantwich Town Council currently has some vacant plots on our Allotments.

For more information or to apply call 01270 619224 or visit: www.nantwichtowncouncil.gov.uk/allotments/

SATURDAY 2ND JULY 9AM - 2PM Are you looking for a new hobby, interest, or club to join?
Then the Societies Spectacular is a must!



SOCIETIES SPECTACULAR

NANTWICH TOWN SQUARE



The Queen's Platinum Jubilee In Pictures

We had a fantastic weekend celebrating the Queen's Jubilee. It was great to see the whole community involved from the young designing a card for the Queen and creating an art trail around the town to our local traders decorating their shops and streets.

And what a success the events were, such as the Beacon lighting, Community Tea Party and Jubilee Dance.



Community Governance Review

Cheshire East Council has backed changes to the governance arrangements for town and parish councils in the borough.

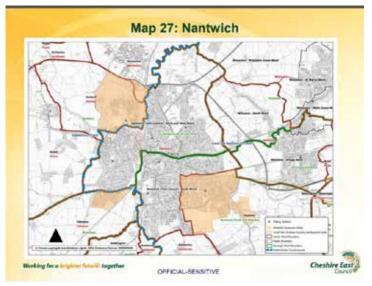
The decision by full council follows more than three years of complex work and a rigorous 12-week consultation on proposals developed under a comprehensive community governance review.

The review looked at a range of issues, including town and parish boundaries, numbers of town and parish councillors, grouping of parishes and warding. By the end of the consultation process, the council had received around 5,000 responses.

What does this mean for Nantwich?

As of April 2023:

- * Nantwich will increase its boundary to incorporate Edleston and Henhull
- * The number of Councillors for the Parish will increase to 15
- * The Parish will be split into 3 wards North, South and West (new ward)







For all traders' latest offers, products and news follow Nantwich Market on Facebook



Tue 9am-1pm Thu 9am-3pm Sat 9am-4pm

It is great to see our Town's Traditional Market thriving and we are delighted to welcome a number of new traders, who come to the Market offering some

The Little Cottage Garden

Kate is a qualified florist with over 8 years of experience creating bespoke designs for clients.

Trading on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, The Little Cottage Garden offers fresh cut flowers for all occasions and can be found on the Indoor Market.

Whether you are looking for wedding, gift or funeral arrangements through to every day bouquets, Kate provides the very best flowers.

Pop in and discuss your requirements or message through Facebook @thelittlecottagegardencheshire

Just Jane

Jane offers some wonderful original, hand painted artwork. From canvas to glass, furniture to clothes, bags and accessories, Jane's bright designs are a must for all homes.

Find Just Jane on the Indoor Market on Tuesday, Thursdays and Saturdays.

Joys With Love

Joys With Love have not one, but two stalls on the Market. The first is on the indoor market and offers a wide selection of gifts, decoration and accessories that are handmade, fairtrade or Natural world.

The second stall is located on the Outdoor Market and is your local and independent crystal supplier.

Both stalls are truly unusual and unique. So please come down and have a browse.





June

Saturday 25th
Farmers' Market

July

Saturday 2nd

Societies Spectacular

Saturday 9th

Antiques Market

Saturday 16th

Nantwich Pride

Saturday 23rd

Saturday 30th

Farmers' Market

August

Saturday 6th

Vintage Escapades Market

Saturday 13th

Antiques Market

Saturday 20th

Family Entertainment Family Entertainment

Saturday 27th

Farmers' Market

September

Fri 2nd - Sun 4th

Nantwich Food Festival

Sunday 4th

Churchyardside Market

Saturday 10th

Antiques Market

Saturday 17th

Family Entertainment

Saturday 24th

Farmers' Market

October

Nantwich Tow

Saturday 1st

Vintage Escapades Market

Saturday 9th

Family Entertainment

Mon 10th - Sun 16th (TBC)

Words & Music Festival

Saturday 22nd

Antiques Fair

Saturday 29th

Farmers' Market

Talk of the Town

Nantwich Is Blooming

The winter and spring planting of polyanthus, pansies, daisies and wallflowers in the borders and planters has brought welcome colour and scent to the town centre.

These plants will be removed by Nantwich in Bloom volunteers and replaced with summer flowering plants with a colourful theme to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee so that Nantwich will look at its best when we are judged in late July/early August in the North West in Bloom competition.

Nantwich in Bloom were awarded the Cheshire Best Kept Stations 'In Bloom' Award for their floral display planting in the planters and beds at Nantwich Station. The colourful planting in reds, greys and yellows is on a transport theme and complements Transport for Wales colours. We are also working with Community venues, Elderly Peoples' Homes, and Primary schools to encourage decorative container planting on the theme of the Jubilee, as well as supporting the Nantwich Sunflower Challenge. We are hoping for an abundance of cheerful sunflowers in and around Nantwich this summer.

Our enthusiastic volunteers are also raising plants on our allotment, maintaining the Community orchard which now contains 46 fruit trees, and working with other 'green' volunteer groups on Nantwich Riverside renovating the willow feature, planting wild flowers and other native tree species.

A sign is being commissioned for the newly planted Lakeside Community Copse to remember those in the local community affected by the Covid -19 pandemic.

New volunteers are always welcome, contact pennyrow123@outlook.com or call into the Civic Hall.

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



More To Offer Than Just A Great Selection Of Books

At Nantwich Library there are a huge variety of free events and activities for everyone in the community to take advantage of. We also work to support the community by providing access to IT, ensuring that everyone has access to online services and increasing digital literacy.

iTea and Chat

Last Monday of the month, 1:00PM-2:30PM.

Friendly advice and help for anyone who needs basic IT help with their phone, iPad or laptop. Our staff will help you in a relaxed, no-judgement environment with hot drinks and snacks. Refreshments, £1.50. Drop-in, no need to book. Make sure to bring your device!



LGBTQ+ Book Club

First Tuesday of the month, 5:00PM-6:00PM.

A new book club designed to be a safe space for LGBTQ+ individuals to informally discuss stories that centre around them and socialise with others. Refreshments, £1.50. Sign up to get your copy of the book of the month! Library membership may be required.

Stories and Songs: Funtime Friday!

Every Friday, 11:00AM-11:30AM.

A weekly story adventure for under 5s and their parents or carers. Join us for half an hour of stories, songs, and activities around a theme. No need to book!

Check the Nantwich Library website to get information on all the events that we have on offer or take a look at this month's highlighted events!

THINGS ARE SHAPING UP FOR A GREAT WEEKEND!

Established for over 20 years, the free to enter town centre food festival starts at 11am on Friday 2nd September.

Consisting of the usual mix of demonstrations by local and celebrity chefs, more than 200 food stalls, children's marquee, music, entertainment and the popular food courts, the festival continues throughout the weekend until 5pm on Sunday 4th.

Occupying the Town Centre, Love Lane car park, Bowling Green car park and the Civic Hall, there is sure to be something for everyone. There will also be the usual Dabbers Trail, food awards and everyone is encouraged to either walk to the festival or make use of the park and ride facilities provided.

Friday starts off with a quiet hour in all areas for those who like to browse the food stalls when there is no music, and it is less crowded. Later in the day celebrity chef Dean Edwards demonstrates his culinary skills in our Love Lane Food theatre. The evening concludes with an exciting night of entertainment until 8pm including, stilt walkers, fire eaters, the Jelly Roll jazz band and a few other surprises.

Saturday is the big day with 2 celebrity chef demonstrations by Rosemary Shrager in the Civic Hall. In the town, food stalls will be open and to allow everyone to enjoy the atmosphere, the food courts will be open until 7pm.

Sunday will be your chance to revisit some of the food stalls, take time out to listen to one of over 30 musical acts or enjoy Sean Wilson and Nigel Brown entertaining cookery demonstrations.

It should be a great festival, but none of it would have been possible without the generous support of our sponsors and the Town Council, the team of volunteers who work before and during the festival, our exhibitors, and finally everyone who contributes to the atmosphere of this unique community event.





Latest information and details on the festival can be found at www. nantwichfoodfestival.co.uk

Nantwich Concert Band News

Players Wanted:

Nantwich Concert Band are very proud to announce two new bands.

Firstly, we have the brand-new Junior Band. Meeting on a Sunday morning between 9 and 10, the band is for children who are at primary school or first year of high school, taking music lessons and haven't yet passed their grade 3 who want to play as part of a group.

Secondly there is the Youth Band which will be back again in September. For slightly older children Grade 3+ and are in high school. This band meets between 10.30am and 12pm.

Both these bands are an excellent opportunity for younger players who are having lessons to experience playing as part of a group and to put all their hard work practicing their instruments to good use.

See our website for more information.

For the Adults:

Nantwich Concert Band are also looking for new players. We are a friendly and relaxed band with an emphasis on rehearsing for public performance. We rehearse on a Wednesday from 7.30pm to 9.15pm and play a wide-ranging array of music from classical to film scores to arrangements of more modern tunes. We are currently looking for a Drummer and a B flat Bass player but we are always open to new players on any instrument.

Coming Up:

Nantwich Concert Band Midsummer Music Concert, Nantwich Civic Hall, Sunday 10th July at 7pm. Join us for an evening of music based around dance. From music from the film Dances with Wolves to YMCA. We will be joined by Stapeley Broad Lane School Choir and their ocarina group.

For more information about the bands 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



Talk of the Town

Record Breaking Crowds for Reaseheath's Family Festival

Reaseheath College and its University Centre held another spectacular Family Festival event this spring, which attracted a record-breaking number of visitors to its campus in Nantwich.

Around 11,000 people enjoyed this year's action-packed event, which offered hundreds of fun activities and displays in a day of perfect weather.

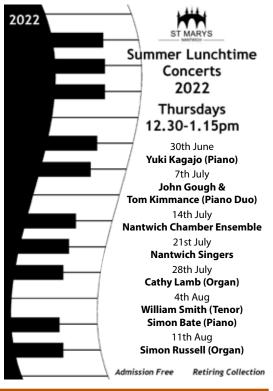
The college's rich history and how rural industries have developed over the past 100 years was a key theme during the day, as Reaseheath is currently celebrating its 100th anniversary as a land based educational establishment.

Displays included 100 years of bricklaying; farming machinery through the ages; vintage cars and butchery, cheese and butter making. There was also a chance to admire the latest in technology with tours of Reaseheath's industry standard vertical farm, glasshouses, dairy processing halls, robotic milking parlour and veterinary nursing centre.

Crowds gathered at an exciting BMX show and herd talks by keepers at Reaseheath's mini zoo, while at the college's Equestrian Centre a stunt team from Newfields Riding School had spectators at the edge of their seats with their daring trick riding. There were also student drill rides to music, a side saddle display and a polo cross demonstration.

Additional demonstrations were held throughout the day showcasing the other land-based and technical courses offered at Reaseheath College, from sporting activities to tree climbing, and much more.

There is still time to apply to study at Reaseheath from September 2022. Visit www.reaseheath.ac.uk for more information.





Journey First

A project part funded by the European Social fund to support people aged over 16 who are not in employment and would like some support to re-enter the work force.



You will have a named Work Placement Officer who will work with you to develop a flexible, tailored package to meet your needs. Support provided may include, improvement of skills, increase your confidence, teach you how to job search, write a CV and interview prep.

We also have a small budget that we can use to remove barriers.

If you would like some support into employment, education or training then please do not hesitate to contact us on 07443 060118

Nantwich Museum News

Nantwich Museum, your local and free Museum, welcomes an 'Idiosyncrasies' exhibition, Walking Tours and monthly Coffee Mornings.

New Exhibition

"Idiosyncrasies", a new free exhibition by Outline Art, has opened in the Millennium Gallery to run until Saturday 16 July.

Outline Art are a group of professional artists who live on the Cheshire East and Staffordshire borders. In their latest exhibition Outline Art artists have taken the opportunity to reflect on their own idiosyncrasies and individual practices. Offering the visitor a mini retrospective of their work, each member has included dialogue explaining something of the processes which are particular to them and their work. The exhibition includes painting, mixed media, print, textiles and photography.

Entry to both the Museum and exhibition is free and some of Outline Art's artwork is available to purchase.

Walking Tours

The museum has unveiled a new programme of its highly popular guided walks which all start at 11.00am.

There are 5 different walks to choose from:- Welsh Row, Nantwich Town, Lake and Woodland, River and Nantwich Fast.

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.

Coffee Mornings

Final Friday of each month at the Museum - 11.00am - 12.30pm. Cake donations welcome.

For further information contact: Nantwich Museum on enquiries@nantwichmuseum.org.uk or telephone 01270 627104 Website: www.nantwichmuseum.org.uk.









New Defibs For Nantwich

Gavin and Max, the Town's Ambulance First Responders have been involved in placing two additional defibrillators, that are accessible to members of the public 24 hours a day, within the town.

The funds have been raised by Nantwich Club through a variety of events and raffles, enabling the purchase of two CPAD's (Community Public Access Defibrillator). The first is likely to be placed outside McColl's convenience store on Meeanee Drive and the other is planned to be placed on the dis-used toilet block on Barony Road, but yet to be confirmed.

The team said: "These particular areas of the town would benefit from having a defibrillator for public use, to be used should someone go into sudden cardiac arrest."

Not an unusual incident for the pair to attend, but on the evening of February 28th, both Gavin and Max were called to a sudden cardiac arrest on Welsh Row. The Community Public Access Defibrillator (CPAD) from The Cheshire Cat was used to save a life. Along with excellent bystander CPR, a life saving shock was delivered to the patient just before the pairs arrival and intervention.

Gavin and Max commented: "It just shows the importance of having public access defibrillators around the country and closer to home, in our town."

Gavin and Max will be present at Nantwich Fire Station Open Day which is being held on Sunday 31st July 2022.

They will be showing members of the public how to perform CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) and how to use a defibrillator, why not go along and get hands on!





Best Wishes To Long Serving Volunteer

Next month Nantwich Luncheon Club for Seniors say a sad goodbye to club manager Judy Townsend.

Judy has faithfully managed a group of volunteers and prepared and served meals to the town's residents weekly since the late 1990s. She has gone above and beyond delivering lunches to those unable to travel or with special needs.

We would like to wish Judy all the best for her retirement, she will be sadly missed.

The Luncheon Club, has recently had to move out of The Gables, it's home since 1957, but arrangements have been made for it to be rehoused at Nantwich Civic Hall from September onwards.

The Club is now looking for a new Volunteer Leader who can manage volunteers and coordinate the members for one day a week at the Civic. Without this vital role unfortunately the Club would have to close.

If you are interested please do not hesitate to contact Graham Fenton on 07486 520049 for more information.

Insights Bereavement Listening Service

Officially launched in October 2021, the organisation was formed to create a local support service for those people over 18 years of age struggling with loss, grief, and bereavement.

Coordinator Maureen Coulter, a retired counsellor, saw a gap in provision for this community service, and the number of referrals so far, has sadly proved this to be so.

Insights continues to offer free, one-to-one, professional, and friendly support from 20 trained volunteer Listeners. People can be seen in their own homes within the Nantwich and rural area, in a health care setting, library, and in central, easily accessed premises. Volunteers can also walk with clients or sit and have coffee in a café. Our volunteers can also support those people suffering anticipatory grief due to loved one's dementia or a terminal illness diagnosis.

Recently, an Insights Bereavement Support Friendship Group has been formed that meets each Wednesday afternoon in a town centre location. This is a space where people can find comfortable surroundings to relax, have a cuppa, cakes and chatter from friendly volunteers and peer support. It is by invitation only.

For more information or to speak to someone email insightsnantwich@hotmail.com or call 07942 337801

NANTWICH CIVIC HALL

DON'T MISS

JULY

Saturday 2nd
Saturday 9th
Monday 11th
Sat 23rd - Sun 24th

Nanocon
Ceroc Freestyle
Nantwich Film Club
Rock and Gem Fair

AUGUST

Monday 8th
Saturday 13th
Monday 29th

Nantwich Film Club
Ceroc Freestyle
V&A Antiques Fair

SEPTEMBER

Friday 2nd Friday 9th Saturday 10th Monday 12th Very Best In Stand-Up Dan Nightingale Ceroc Freestyle Nantwich Film Club

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

TUESDAY

Table Tennis 1.30pm - 4pm Ceroc 7.15pm - 11pm (Jive & Salsa Dance)

WEDNESDAY

50+ Club
9.30am - noon
Tea Dance
AC Fusion Dance
(Modern Line Dancing)
Beginners
6pm - 7pm
Improvers
7pm - 8pm
Main Class
8pm - 10.30pm

THURSDAY

Table Top Sales8am - noonTable Tennis1.30pm - 4.30pmSocial Ballroom, Latin &7.30pm - 10.30pmPopular Sequence Dancing









NOW BOOKING



Sat 27th Aug Tickets £20



Sat 17th Sep Tickets £15



Sat 22nd Oct Tickets £15



Fri 28th Oct Tickets £15



Fri 18th Nov Tickets £15



Sat 19th Nov Tickets £15



Sat 26th Nov Tickets £15



Sat 3rd Dec Tickets £15



Fri 9th Dec Tickets £15

T: 01270 628633 www.nantwichtowncouncil.gov.uk

CIVIC HALL SUMMER MUSIC

AUGUST 2022



FRIDAY 19th



SATURDAY 20th



SATURDAY 20th



SUNDAY 21st

