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Christmas period.

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My diary is looking busy for my remaining months so I look forward to meeting many of you at the various events.





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Councillors Civic Hall Extension Proposal

Nantwich Town Council has managed the Civic Hall since its transfer from Cheshire East Council in May 2012. The hall was built in 1951 and has been extended on several occasions. The Civic Hall is an important venue with community groups, live music/ entertainment and private functions for the town and surrounding area. The Town Council views it as an essential element in the provision of services at the local level.

The Town Council wishes to invest in the Civic Hall to secure its long-term future as a community building serving the people of Nantwich and the surrounding area. The Council wishes to add to the accommodation in order that the building can be used for a wider variety of community uses and events in the future.

The proposals are to build a single storey extension to the rear of the hall creating a large multi-purpose room, additional and improved dressing rooms, additional toilet facilities and refuse storage facilities. In order to future proof the proposed extension the foundations and build would accommodate any plans for a second storey.

The Town Council is eager to affect an improvement to the current rather poor appearance the Hall's existing rear elevation and yard presents, to this well used public area. Strongly influenced by the building's 1950's 'Civic Hall' style, the proposed extension offers significant improvements to both the appearance and structural integrity of the existing rear extension.

The materials, colours and form of the proposed extension are reflective of both the Civic Hall's prominent front elevation, along with the various finished materials featured on the contemporary buildings around the car park.

The addition of this extension and the resultant floor area represents a major investment based on a sound assessment of the requirements necessary to simultaneously host a multitude of diverse functions, touching the whole community of Nantwich and beyond.

The Town Council has submitted a planning application for the proposed development but would like to hear your views on the proposals. You can have your say by either writing or emailing the Town Council at:

Nantwich Town Council, Civic Hall, Market Street, Nantwich, CW5 5DG, Email: nantwichtc@nantwichtowncouncil.gov.uk

A final decision on the scheme will be made when planning permission is obtained, community views are considered, and the project fully costed.





Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

How much will the extension cost? Initial estimates are in the region £200k, but detailed costed proposals will be developed following consultation and planning permission when preparing a tender.

How much will it cost the residents of Nantwich? The extension will be funded from existing funds (Capital Receipts) held by the Town Council. It will not have any additional cost on the local taxpayer.

What are Capital Receipts?

Capital receipts are generally funds arising from the disposal of (sale of) a capital asset (e.g. land). Councils

may only use capital receipts to meet capital expenditure (e.g. building extensions).

Why don't you spend the money on other essential services (e.g. potholes, footpaths, roads, social care)?

The services shown in the example are services provided by Cheshire East Council. Nantwich Town Council is not part of Cheshire East Council. Nantwich Town Council is the first tier of local government with its own elected town councillors, appointed staff, budgets and income and expenditure which are independent of Cheshire East.

What are the benefits of having the extension? It will.

- Secure the future of the Civic Hall as a community building fit for purpose;
- Provide additional accommodation for community groups;
- Provide flexible accommodation for a variety of community needs;
- Maximise letting income and reduce operating costs;
- Enable staging of more shows and concerts;
- Improve the appearance to the rear of the building.

Will car park spaces be lost where the extension is built?

During the construction period for health and safety purposes a small number of car park spaces will be closed for use by the public (in consultation with Cheshire East). However, following the completion of the extension they will be re-instated with an additional one and a half bays created. The half bay suitable for motorcycles. The bays behind the extension will also be remarked by the Town Council.

Will the Civic close during the planned work?

During the build of the extension the Civic Hall will remain open and all regular bookings will continue as usual. There will be minimal disruption to the function of the hall.

PSA Blood Testing

Following on from the success of previous years' testing sessions, Leighton Hospital Prostate Cancer Support Group return to Nantwich.

On Saturday 4th April the Civic Hall will open from 9.30am until 1.30pm for men, ideally between the ages 45 -75, to pop along for a PSA blood test for early detection of Prostate problems.

The event is aimed at helping raise awareness of Prostate problems, including Prostate Cancer, which is the most common cancer in men in the UK.

Men are invited (appointments are not necessary) to have a PSA test carried out by trained phlebotomists. They will take a small sample of blood for analysis, with results being sent out 7-10 days later.

The Prostate Cancer Support Group request a minimum donation of £10 for the test to help fund their activities.



For more information call 07773 968842.



New Town

Nantwich Town Council have announced that they are looking for an enthusiastic, experienced Town Ranger to help to keep Nantwich looking its best and its residents safe.

The work of this role will be varied and rewarding, having a substantial impact on residents as well as visitors to the area.

As well as looking after the Town Council's assets, property and premises, the Ranger will be involved in helping to look after the environment.

For more information and an application form, please visit www.nantwichtowncouncil.gov.uk

If you would like to speak to someone about the role, please call the Town Council on 01270 628633 and ask for David Thomas.





This is an annual festival, with many local pubs and destinations hosting famous jazz and blues performers. This Festival remains one of Cheshire's biggest events - and is not to be missed!

2020 marks the 24th Festival with a massive line up:

Big Country + Support Thursday 9th April

Stereo Mc's + Support

Friday 10th April

Sarri Schorr Friday 10th April

Ruby Turner and Her Band + Almaz Saturday 11th April

FM + Demon Sunday 12th April

The Blockheads + Jeremiah Ferrari + Suburban Symphony

Monday 13th April

The Round the Town programme features over 160 bands with Festival venues featuring stronger lineups on each day and improved facilities.

Keep an eye out for some warm-up gigs in the run up to Easter too.

Tickets are available online at www.nantwichjazz.com or call into Nantwich Civic Hall.

Nantwich Food Festival News

In early January the Food Festival organising committee kicked into action with plans for the 2020 Nantwich Food Festival.

Dates and times have been agreed, celebrity chefs booked, and exhibitors' bookings are being processed.

The use of the Love Lane and Bowling Green car parks for the food marguees has also been secured, with the help of Cheshire East.

This year the Festival will be held from Friday 4th until Sunday 6th September. The event will also be open for longer on Saturday, closing at 7pm rather than 6.

Following last years packed out demonstration in the Civic Hall, celebrity chef Rosemary Shrager, will be returning to regale us with tips, recipes and a little humour.

For 2020, the festival organisers, who are all volunteers are looking to modify some aspects of the festival by opening up some areas, introducing more activity to the town centre on the Friday evening and increasing the range of food offerings in the marguees.

The new year also saw some new volunteers join the organising team. With the appointment of 2 new volunteer directors,

Nanna Pedley and Richard Morgan Wynne, and new managers responsible for sponsorship (Marcin and Aga Solarz) and administration (Nathan Arndt and Nicky Barrett.)

The success of the festival is thanks to the help and co-operation of many organisations but without volunteers, the event would not be possible, and this was recognised at a recent thank you event.

For more information about the festival and participating as an exhibitor, sponsor or volunteer visit our website www.nantwichfoodfestival.co.uk





40 years for Nantwich Museum

1980 - 2020

2020 marks the 40th anniversary of Nantwich Museum. It opened in January 1980 in the former Nantwich Free Library building in Pillory Street with the aim of preserving the history of the town and its locality. As the collection developed in the early days temporary exhibitions were the mainstay including one, in 1983, concerned with Fire Insurance Emblems from which was derived the Sun Logo.

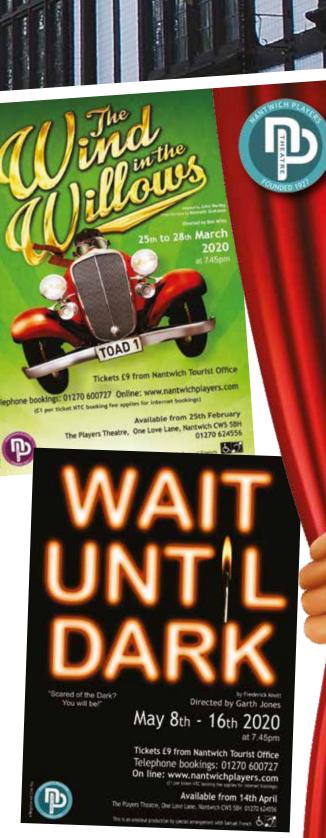
The Cheese and Dairy exhibition was originally housed in a lean-to outside but was accommodated indoors in 1990 and the Millennium Gallery was opened in 2000 as a local venue for exhibitions of art, local history and meetings including the Museum's popular Dementia Friendship Group. Today plans are in hand to re-develop the permanent displays.

Special events to celebrate the anniversary include a Community Collection Day, an exhibition in the summer celebrating the anniversary and the Museum's place in the community and competitions for children.

It is now time to replace the Museum's kitchen which is in constant use but has fallen into a very sorry state. Donations are sought to meet the cost estimated at just over £2000 and can be made at the Museum or online at www.nantwichmuseum.org.uk.

A series of six talks is scheduled for the Spring running weekly from 2pm March 11th until April 15th. Topics are: the great fire, the workhouse, the Norman castle, theatres and cinemas, the races and the walled garrison of the Civil War. Costs: £25 for full series or £5 per talk. Museum Member rates apply.







Band Is In Harmony At New Highfields Home

NANTWICH CONCERT BAND has moved to a new home in the town after striking a chord with players from across South Cheshire.



The growing group is now staging weekly Wednesday

rehearsals in the school hall at Highfields Academy, Cumberland Avenue, Nantwich after out-growing its old base at Brookfield Hall, Shrewbridge Road.

Founded in 1983, the band welcomes woodwind and brass players of all ages. It regularly plays on Nantwich Town Square and entertains shoppers with a mix of traditional wind band pieces and music from stage and screen.

Players also set toes tapping with spring and summer concerts at the Civic Hall and St Mary's Church as well as crowd-pullers such as the Nantwich Show and Nantwich Food Festival.

There is also a wind band for beginners and improvers which includes many parents and children.

Musical Director Nick Birch from Sandbach, who plays with the town's Fodens Band, took on the role in 2014 after attaining a Master's degree from the Royal College of Music. He said "I first joined a band when I was seven and have always enjoyed the camaraderie and social side of being part of a team who just love music.

We are a growing band and for most of our history we have rehearsed at Brookfield but the school offers space to welcome more people this year as well as great acoustics".

The band welcomes anyone who enjoys making music, from French horn and flute to clarinet players. Newcomers are encouraged to get in touch. They have several instruments offered free on loan.

Highfields headteacher Simon Dyson said "We are offering our school hall for hire to local groups and are delighted Nantwich Concert Band is the first to call it "home" in 2020. Players are very much in harmony as friends and like-minded people who enjoy making music which entertains so many huge crowds throughout the year."

The band will be performing a lunchtime concert at the Methodist Church, Hospital Street at 2pm, Saturday 25th April. Tickets £5 (under 3's free), includes a free cup of tea/coffee, cakes will be available.

To enquire about hiring Highfield's hall call the school office on 01270 814570 or visit www.highfieldsacademytrust.co.uk

Summer Lunchtime Concerts

This year's series of Summer Lunchtime Concerts is scheduled to begin on Thursday June 4th at 12.30 in St Mary's Church.

The series will be opened by the Nantwich Chamber Ensemble who have delighted audiences many time over in the past and will surely present us with some more memorable chamber music.

The Nantwich Singers will be performing on 9th July under their new Musical Director, Jake Barlow.

We are privileged that Rosemary Furniss, the internationally acclaimed violinist who thrilled us last year with her superlative playing, is making a return visit on 2nd July.

The Manchester-based and award-winning Robert-Parkin duo will be appearing for the first time – a husband and wife partnership playing piano and cello.

As usual, pupils from Chetham's School of Music will be displaying their immense and youthful talent, and the summer's series will be completed by programmes from other distinguished artists - Mezzo-Soprano, organist, clarinetist, pianist and piano duet!

The concerts end at 1.15 pm and a retiring collection is appreciated.



New MD For Singers

The Nantwich Singers are delighted to welcome their new Musical Director, Jake Barlow, who was appointed in January 2020 to succeed Alison Phillips, and to introduce him to their Nantwich audience.

Jake is a graduate of Worcester College, Oxford, where he was a Choral Scholar singing as a Counter Tenor with various noted ensembles including Schola Cantorum.

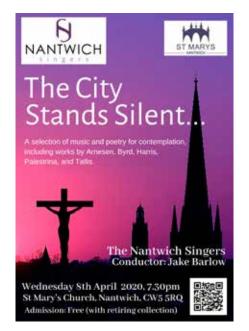
After graduation, he moved to Postgraduate Choral Scholarships at Truro and Norwich Cathedrals, then to Chichester as a Lay Vicar, performing with The Band of HM Royal Marines and Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra.

As a conductor and choir trainer, he has worked with a wide variety of groups, including orchestras, brass bands and chamber choirs.

Now relocated to Cheshire, he combines freelance work as a conductor and singer with a busy career in commerce.

Jake has created an exciting series of concerts for the Nantwich Singers in 2020, and we extend a warm invitation to a wonderful programme of poetry and music for Holy Week on Wednesday 8th April in St Mary's Church at 7.30pm.

There are no tickets but a generous retiring donation would be appreciated!



Awards for Nantwich's Unsung Heroes



The Mayor of Nantwich, Councillor Arthur Moran is welcoming nominations for his Salt of the Earth Awards in May, kindly sponsored by Johnsons Printers.

Cllr Moran will be presenting awards to recognise and celebrate the achievements of individuals, groups and businesses, that selflessly make a real difference to the Nantwich community.

Eight fittingly named 'Salt of the Earth' Awards will be presented at a reception on Monday 4th May at Nantwich Civic Hall.

The Mayor is asking you to nominate those who you feel are deserving of an award.

Maybe you have a neighbour, family member, friend or club organiser who really does go above and beyond! Please let us know.

Nominations should be submitted to the Mayor no later than Friday 27th March and can be posted to 'Salt of the Earth' Awards, Nantwich Civic Hall, Market Street, Nantwich, CW5 5DG, dropped off at the Civic Hall, or emailed to

ntc.marketing@nantwichtowncouncil.gov.uk

Please include the following information in your nomination:

- Name of person nominating
- Name of Nominee
- Address and contact details of both of the above
- Reason for the Nomination (no more than 250 words)





Friday 8th May 3pm Nantwich Square, Piper - Battle's O'er

Sunday 10th May 10.45pm St Mary's Church, Nantwich VE Day 75 Commemoration Service

Further details to be released.

Going **BLUE** for the week

Dementia Action Week mission to turn Nantwich blue, creatively raises awareness in our town to become more dementia friendly.

Going blue for the week begins Monday 11th May 2020 and this campaign offers an exciting way to show support in your shop, café, pub or business, or from your home or school
Think blue!

The vision is to see blue things across the town in the windows, on pavements, on benches, in flower beds, in churches, help us create our message and show your support.

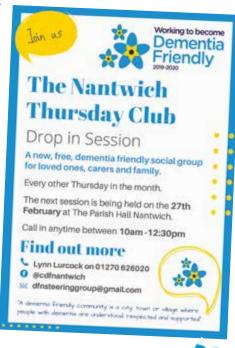
There's lots of ways to get involved:

- Get knitting try making blue forget me nots, the symbol representing dementia, that could be made into bunting, brooches, hair pins, displayed in vases
- Create and craft blue flowers, painted pots, or why not customise a piece of furniture with blue yarn decorating a chair/bench outside your café, or even a bike!

- Inspired food make your menu a little bit blue, blue cakes, blue smoothies
- Fashion have fun, dress your shop window in all blues
- Gardens consider blue flower beds

Please get creative so we can have an amazing blue week.





For more information contact:
Lynn Lurcock
(Chair of DF Nantwich Committee)
on 01270 626020
ynn@insafehandshealthcare.org.uk or
Facebook @CDFNantwich



Bloomin' Marvellous

Well what a few months it has been for Nantwich In Bloom (NIB).

Back in November members of the team were delighted to collect a Gold Award in the Town's category from North West in Bloom ceremony in Southport.

During these awards ex-Secretary
Sue Hughes collected an Outstanding
Contribution Award and ex-Chair
Doug Butterill received a Lifetime
Achievement Award.





Nantwich Railway Station then went on to be awarded the Merseyside in Bloom Award at the Cheshire Best Kept Stations Awards evening in January.



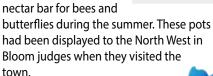
CONGRATULATIONS!!!

And there has been much more to celebrate with Nantwich in Bloom!

They held a presentation evening for local Community Groups in October where certificates were presented for their beautiful Floral Displays to Edmund Wright Almshouses, Beatty Court, Bowling Green Court, Cheyne Hall, Cromwell Court, Elm House, Richmond Village, Wright Court, Fire Station, Police Station, St Anne's Church and Millfields School.

Following judging by Margaret Thrower in July businesses and retail premises in the town were also awarded certificates for their floral displays which all contributed to the attractiveness of the town.

In November NIB presented 'Greenfingers certificates' to the six local Primary Schools and one Nursery who had all decorated and planted up large flower pots providing a colourful nectar bar for bees and



Looking ahead this year NIB are supporting the Dementia Friendly Nantwich campaign with our late spring and summer planting.

Look out for Forget-Me-Nots and other blue plants in the town square and around the town.

Linked with this theme, the team are offering pots



and compost to Community Groups to decorate and plant on the theme of 'Times gone by'. If your Community Group would like to be involved in this project please contact NIB.

Another exciting new planting project in the town centre is the refurbishment of the beds outside the Parish Hall with St Mary's Church volunteers.

NIB are always looking for more enthusiastic volunteers as their work load increases.

The group have just taken on an allotment at the Brookfield site as well as continuing to plant up beds and containers in the town centre, maintain the Community Orchard on Nantwich Riverside and also look after the beds and containers on Nantwich Railway Station - so whatever your gardening interest or experience NIB can find a niche for you.

If you are interested in finding out more please visit the NIB website: www.nantwichinbloom.org or contact Penny at pennyrow123@outlook.com

A new monthly 'Walk & Talk' group for Nantwich.

Karen Mills from Zen Occupational Health and Emma Dechoux from Inspired Learning have teamed up to organise a Walk & Talk in Nantwich on the first Sunday of every month.

Karen and Emma recognise the benefits that exercise, the outdoors and socialising has for mental health and are organising walks where everyone is welcome to join, meet new people or catch up with existing friends.

Walking improves self-esteem, mood and sleep quality, and it reduces stress, anxiety and fatigue. Physically active people have up to a 30% reduced risk of becoming depressed, and staying active helps those who are depressed recover.

The walks take place on the first Sunday of every month at 10am from Nantwich town square.

The walk goes to
Nantwich Lake, around
the lake and back again
to Aroma Cafe where
there is the option to join
Karen and Emma for a
coffee/tea and chat.



The walk is approx. 2 miles and all flat. Everyone is welcome - adults, dogs, and children (supervised by an adult).

The next walks is on Sunday 1st March (10am). For further information please visit: https://www.facebook.com/walkandtalkwithkarenandemma/

What's On in Nantwich Town Centre

March

Saturday 28th Farmers' Market

April

Saturday 4th
Spring Market

Thurs 9th - Mon 13th
Jazz Festival

Saturday 25th Farmers' Market

July

Saturday 4th July Societies Spectacular

Saturday 11th
Antiques Market

Saturday 18th Nantwich Pride

Saturday 25th Farmers' Market

Wednesday 29th
Nantwich Show (Dorfold Park)

October

Saturday 3rd

Vintage Escapades Market

Saturday 10th
Autumn Market

Mon 12th - Sun 18th
Words & Music Festival

Saturday 24th
Nantwich Concert Band

Saturday 31st Farmers' Market

May

Saturday 2nd Vintage Escapades Market

Saturday 9th TBC

Saturday 16th
Antiques Market

Saturday 23rd Weaver Wander

Saturday 30th Farmers' Market

August

Saturday 1st Vintage Escapades Market

Saturday 8th
Antiques Market

Saturday 15th
Summer Market

Saturday 22nd
Crewe Concert Band

Saturday 29th Farmers' Market

November

Sunday 1st

Tree of Light Service

Sunday 8th

Remembrance Sunday

Friday 13th

Christmas Lights Switch On

Saturday 14th
Christmas Market

Saturday 21st

Vintage Escapades Market

Saturday 28th Farmers' Market



Saturday 6th
Nantwich Concert Band

Saturday 13th
Antiques Market

Saturday 20th
Co-Op Wind Band

Saturday 27th
Farmers' Market

September

Fri 4th - Sun 6th
Nantwich Food Festival

Sunday 6th Churchyardside Market

Saturday 12th
Antiques Market

Saturday 19th
George Formby Ukulele
Society

Saturday 26th Farmers' Market

December

Saturday 5th
Co-Op Wind Band

Saturday 12th
Christmas Market

Saturday 19th Farmers' Market

Looking Forward...

Saturday 23rd January 2021

Battle of Nantwich

Saturday 30th January 2021 Farmers' Market













LIUE MUSIC @ Nantwich Civic Hall



Friday 20th March



Saturday 4th April



Friday 25th September



Friday 9th October



Saturday 21st November



Friday 27th November



Saturday 28th November



Friday 11th December

Box Office: 01270 628633



MARCH

Friday 6th Sat 7th & Sun 8th Monday 9th Friday 13th Saturday 14th Thursday 19th Friday 20th Saturday 21st Friday 27th

APRIL

Friday 3rd Saturday 4th Thu 9th - Mon 13th Friday 17th Saturday 18th Monday 20th Thursday 23rd Sat 25th - Sun 26th

MAY

Friday 1st Monday 4th Saturday 9th Monday 11th Friday 22nd Monday 25th Friday 29th

The Very Best In Stand Up Comedy Mind, Body & Spirit Event Nantwich Film Club - Honeyland (12A) **South Cheshire ABC Boxing Event Ceroc Addiction Freestyle Dance V&A Antiques & Collectors Fair Meet The Beatles Arts Day Sporting Dinner**

The Very Best In Stand Up Comedy **The Ultimate Stone Roses Nantwich Jazz & Blues Festival** The Mayor's Big Quiz **Ceroc Addiction Freestyle Dance** Nantwich Film Club - The Farewell (PG) **V&A Antiques & Collectors Fair Rock and Gem Fair**

The Very Best In Stand Up Comedy Salt of the Earth Awards **Ceroc Addiction Freestyle Dance Nantwich Film Club- Official Secrets (15) South Cheshire ABC Boxing V&A Antiques & Collectors Fair Ballroom, Latin & Sequence Dance**

TUESDAY

Short Mat Bowls Table Tennis Ceroc (Jive & Salsa Dance Fusion)

Sequence Tea Dance **AC Fusion Dance** - Modern Line Dancing Club 10am to noon 1.30pm to 3.45pm 7.00pm to 10.30pm

10.00am to noon

1.30pm to 4.30pm

7.45pm to 11.00pm

THURSDAY

WEDNESDAY

50+ Club

Table Top Sales Social Ballroom, Latin & Popular Sequence Dancing 8.00am to noon 7.45pm to 10.30pm

