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High Legh News

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Note from the Editor



I hope everyone had a fabulous Christmas and New Year, and are enjoying getting back to normal life once again. There is no doubt that reading the articles, and the whats on calendar, that High Legh is springing back into life again.

There are quite a few 'save the date' events you will want to note in your diary, so get your pen ready as you read!

The Community Association, the volunteer group that run the Village Hall, this news letter and many other things around the village, need a new treasurer. If you can help out, please do - its such a great organisation to be involved with.

This is my first attempt at editing the news letter, and I have really enjoyed the challenge. Please send me any news stories about what is happening in the Village plus photos of your garden, the wildlife you see, your pets or just anything High Legh.

“Enjoy the spring”

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HIGH LEGH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION SOCIAL EVENTS

The social committee of the Community association, lead by Nicola Keeley and Louise Allen, organise social events for anyone in the village to join in. If you have an idea, or would like to help organise an event, contact Nic or Louise.



A very successful cheese and wine tasing evening was held in November at the village hall. 70 people attended and were welcomed with a glass of prosecco followed by the tasting of 3 cheeses from The Cheese yard in Knutsford and 3 wines from Majestic. Not only did we learn about the different wine and cheese pairings, we also enjoyed a fun quiz and took advantage of the additional bar facilities. A great evening was had by all and the event is certain to be repeated again this year. Special thanks to Gary and Charlie Pemberton for hosting it.



SAVE THE DATES

HIGH LEGH CURRY AND QUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY 18TH MARCH

Home made curry, a few drinks and pass the time with a friendly quiz...

Still in early planning stages and so please look out for details advertised around the village and on the High Legh whatsapp group nearer the time. This will be a relaxed social evening held at the village hall....time to catch up with friends, family and neighbours over a homemade curry and a few drinks. *Please come and join us!*



QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

SUNDAY 5TH JUNE –

Big Jubilee Lunch/street parties

The PC, Church and CA are working together to arrange some events for the long weekend of 2-5 June.

Thursday 2 June at 7.30pm Hog Roast/BBQ in the Church car park followed by lighting a beacon at 9.45pm. *Further details will be available later.*

Sunday 5 June – Big Jubilee Lunch/street parties.



HIGH LEGH DOG SHOW

SATURDAY 16TH JULY

Following the successful event held last September, the Community Association with the support of St John's Church, will be hosting this event again on **Saturday 16th July**.

More details to follow nearer the time but be sure to save the date!





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John Harris (the custodian of the website) said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Cambridgeshire (part of the Walking in England website - one for each county in England) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

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The High Legh Community Observatory is located at Abbey Leys Farm on Peacock lane, and is open to all in the community of any age – no annual fee or subscription. It is run by local enthusiasts and volunteers. In addition to observing sessions we hold meetings at St John's Church room on the second Thursday of each month. Contact John Anderson for further information.

We planned to end the year with our traditional Christmas astronomy quiz, but there were not enough present to run the quiz. I gave a short talk on the Mars Perseverance rover and how the landing was achieved, with an update on the first pass of the Bepi Colombo satellite past Mercury.

Our second Thursday meetings are paused for the moment, as are Friday night observing sessions at the observatory. This is a precautionary measure until we see how the pandemic restrictions work out.

It was most exciting to watch live coverage the launch of the James Webb space telescope on Christmas day. As I write it is approaching its location at the L2 point some 1.5 million kilometres from Earth. This is the position where the Sun, Moon and Earth gravity balance out and so is a stable location. Deployment of the sun shields and unfolding of the mirror segments have been successfully completed – all done autonomously – a remarkable feat. Lots of testing and calibration will follow before the first images are obtained in due course. These will be in the near infra red region of the spectrum, which is of great interest to professional astronomers.

The new fence panels round the compound, installed following storm Arwen, have been painted with preservative. Other minor maintenance jobs have been done.

We will keep you posted about our Thursday meetings and observing sessions on our website and Facebook pages. Hopefully we will be able to resume in the not too distant future.

John Anderson 01925 75 5570

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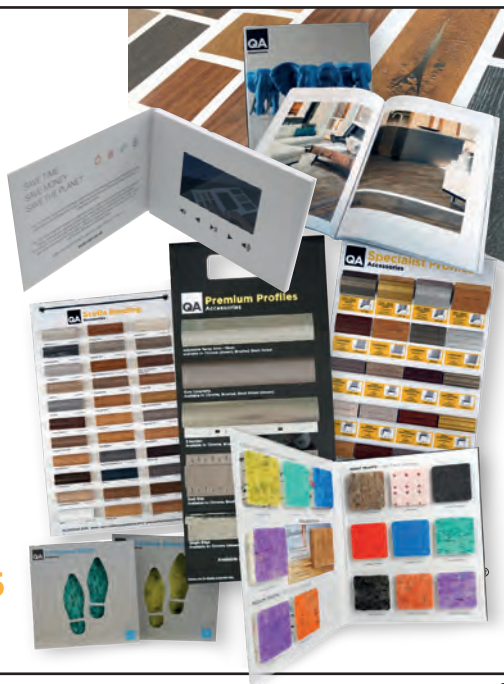
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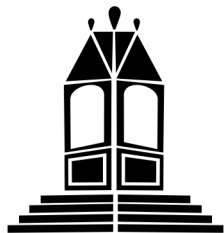
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Lymm Runners – Why Not Join the Fun!



Most of you will have heard of Lymm Runners, many of you may have friends and neighbours who are members, but have you considered taking the plunge and joining them too? Did you know that they are considered one of the friendliest and most supportive running clubs in the region? And here's the good news, they have a weekly Power Walking session too, so you don't even have to be a runner!

Running and walking can be a solitary business and being a member of a Club can change all that. You get to meet a lot of friendly people, several times a week, and participate in runs to suit your ability, no one gets left behind. You might also find yourself being encouraged to do things you never even contemplated, like entering a race or taking to the fells and trails. Joining is inexpensive and can be transformative - here's what some recent members had to say:



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“Lymm Runners gave me the confidence to believe in myself that I could run.

It’s become a life changer for me - I love it and have made the most wonderful friends along the way!”

So, if you think you might be up for a new challenge, why not visit their website: <https://lymmrunners.org.uk/> or go along to try one of the sessions detailed below.

On Thursdays, there are runs of various distances, including a Power Walking Group, at 7pm. They all leave from the Leisure Centre by Lymm High School.

On Sundays there are slow and fast runs, setting off at 08.30am from outside Lymm Library and on

Wednesdays there is a leisurely 1 hour ‘coffee run’ leaving at 9.15am from the library and finishing with a coffee for those who can stay.

On Tuesdays there is a Track session at Victoria Park, Warrington in the Winter and at Lymm High School playing fields in summer.

Very soon, on Tuesdays, the Social Whistle Run will be returning, leaving 7.00pm from Lymm Leisure Centre. Chatting essential.

See you there!



High Legh Preschool Nursery Newsletter - Winter Update



Around up of the last few months.... it's been a very busy time as over the Christmas period we had so much going on with a jam packed calendar of fun events for our children and families to enjoy.

We had a Christmas party for the children and they enjoyed a traditional Christmas lunch with all the trimmings. Then, to involve our families, we held a Christmas event at the Village Hall where the children sang a selection of festive favourites and then performed a short display of dance, and we served mince pies and refreshments. This was choreographed by Miss Joanne and she had supported the children and helped them to practice the routines, she comes to nursery to hold classes for us each week which the children love. We even had a special guest appearance from the big man himself when Father Christmas came to give all the children a selection box!!

We also held Breakfast With Santa where our families attended and we created a magical grotto the children could visit and receive a gift. We had a selection of festive arts and crafts activities set up and we made special reindeer food. Adults enjoyed bacon and sausage rolls and children had pancakes

and forest fruits with maple syrup as a treat! This was such a lovely day, we were thrilled to welcome so many people and it was so popular it was a total sell out.



We currently have no availability for spaces over the next few months for new children until mid July when our school leavers finish to go to reception at primary school. For any enquiries to book a place and reserve your sessions please drop us a line on email – **nursery.highlegh@gmail.com or call on 01925 756061.**



As we are at full capacity we have welcomed some new staff members in recent months to support our existing team. Sam and Catherine joined us in October as Nursery Practitioners and then in December Sarah who is our new Nursery 3rd In Charge followed by Emma in January who is our new Deputy Manager. These new staff member bring a wealth of knowledge and experience so will really enhance and strengthen our existing team. We pride ourselves on how well qualified our staff are, they truly are dedicated Early Years professionals.

We have begun to use some of the funds that we were kindly awarded from the Ego Restaurants Charity Nights and have had a veranda structure built over our decking area in the garden which is an amazing addition for us and we will get great benefit from it.

Not long after returning after the Christmas break we were unfortunately hit with Covid at the nursery mid January. With the new Omicron variant being highly transmissible it proved very challenging to halt the spread of infections so we have had quite a significant impact to our staff and children. Following our stringent policies and procedures we have done all we can to keep things as normal as possible throughout these weeks and minimise disruption to families. We managed this stressful situation very well and thus avoided having to close and we thank our families for their amazing

support and understanding during this period of time. It has been seen previously that the High Legh community pull together in difficult circumstances, particularly over the last 2 years during the pandemic, great community spirit has been evident so many times and this is something that we definitely



felt. Looking ahead to the coming months we are already in the early planning stages to host some events and fundraisers in the springtime and perhaps inline with Easter and the Queens Jubilee Celebrations. Information to follow as we confirm more details for these.

**Jennifer Nicholls –
Nursery Administrator**



Abbey Leys Community Farmers 200th Market

Sunday 6th February saw Tim and Janet Harrison hosting the 200th High Legh Community farmers market. Supporting local stall holders and produce, the market is hosted at Abbey Lays Farm on Peacock Lane, the first Sunday of every month, with an extra Christmas special in the Village Hall. During the pandemic, Abbey Leys delivered groceries to the isolating and venerable, providing a much needed service. Their farm shop is open daily and sells High Legh organic free range eggs amongst many other delicious local produce.





High Legh Robert Moffat Memorial 10k – you will need to move fast!



“Sunday 6th March, 2022 at 11am.”

We are delighted to announce that the High Legh Robert Moffat Memorial 10k Race, on Sunday 6th March, 2020, starting at 11am, is now nearly full so be quick if you are thinking of taking part in this superb local race which is officially one of the best races in the UK! And it takes place on your doorstep!

We are excited to add to our fantastically loyal sponsors with yet more local businesses now joining in (details on the race website) which help sustain the race and ensure we have a great array of prizes.

Even if you are too late to enter you can still be hopeful of getting a place if you join the waiting list by registering on www.highlegh10k.org.uk. You will be automatically be informed by email if a place becomes available for you. What we now need are a few more volunteers to join our band of Marshals who do so much to make sure that the runners are safe and to urge them on. It's the one way of seeing what really goes on in the race and is a role that is hugely appreciated by the runners themselves. We will also show you our appreciation by giving you a small gift.

If you would like to be a Marshal then please contact Dave Kirby (Marshals Coordinator) via the website or email dave.kirby10k@gmail.com. Thanks!

Please note also that there will be the usual road closures around the school (on Wrenshot Lane from 8.30am – 1.00pm – although there will be access for residents to Rensherds Place and Wrenshot Lane, and a short closure on Pheasant Walk up to North Drive just before and after the start of the race at 11am. A letter will be delivered to all affected residents with full details as usual.)

As in previous years we have also set up a provisional fall-back date in the event of dangerous weather conditions that caused us to have to postpone the 2018 race – we hope this will not be necessary but if it is we are targeting Sunday March 27th same So, you now have several options:

- **Get one of the last remaining places if you move fast!**
 - **Join the waiting list**
- **Start or continue your training** ● **Become a Marshal**

And whatever you decide, we look forward to welcoming you at
High Legh Primary School on Sunday 6th March.

See you soon....

Nick Gerrard, Chair of the Race Committee on behalf of the
High Legh Community Association and Lymm Runners.

Email: raceadmin@highlegh10k.org.uk

COFFEE AND FRIENDSHIP



Following the relaxation of the Covid restrictions, the Community Association were delighted to re start the Coffee and Friendship mornings again in September 2021 and on 16th December we held the Christmas lunch. Sandwiches, savories, cakes and a glass of wine were enjoyed by over 50 guests and volunteers in a covid safe environment.

The Coffee and Friendship mornings are free to all residents of the village, being funded by the Community Association, but many of our guests like to give a donation and the money collected pays for the Christmas lunch and we also give an annual donation to the Macmillan Cancer charity.

There was no Coffee & Friendship morning in January this year but hopefully they will start again in February and continue throughout the year.

**The dates for your diaries for the next 6 months are at the Village Hall
10.30am -12.00**

**● 24th February ● 17th March ● 28th April ● 26th June ● 23rd June ● 28th July
No Coffee and Friendship morning in August.**

All High Legh residents are invited to come along and enjoy free coffee or tea and homemade cake, meet new friends and neighbours and, of course catch up with old ones. Please do mention this to any neighbours who may be on their own, and if they need transport, do let me know and we can arrange this through High Legh Community Transport.

Thank you to all the volunteer helpers who bake, set up and move furniture and serve. You are amazing!

Thank you to High Legh Community Association for funding the event.

Thank you to High Legh residents who come along and enjoy the morning.

**For more information contact Trish Adams on 01925 755983
email trishhlca@gmail.com or Doreen Walker on 01925 754818
email doreenwalker@btinternet.com.**

HIGH LEGH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



There are now just 9 of us on the High Legh Community Association Council. We are a small, friendly and dedicated group and we would welcome new members who would like to be involved.

WHAT DOES THE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION DO?

- Run & manage the High Legh Village Hall which is used by many groups and organisations
- Produce a Newsletter that is delivered to all High Legh residents to keep them up to date on Village news and events
- Host a website and send out monthly What's on emails
- Raise funds to maintain and improve the Village Hall & for the Community
- Organise Social Events for the benefit and enjoyment of residents and local areas

This year Su, our treasurer, plans to retire so we need to recruit a new treasurer – see separate advert.

If you are interested in finding out more about the Community Association and how you could join in and be part of the High legh community then contact Trish Adams – trishclca@gmail.com or Kath Jones cakath@yahoo.com. You can volenteer as little or much time as you have, everyone welcome!



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HIGH LEGH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



Thank you to everyone who attended the Community Association Annual General Meeting, which was held on the 21st November 2021; because of COVID-19 this was our first face to face AGM since 2018, however, in accordance with Charity Law our year-end accounts were still prepared, audited and sent to the Charity Commission for 2019 and 2020.

The meeting included the treasurer's report and presentations about the Village Hall and the Social Events which had been successfully held during the year. We regretfully said goodbye to long standing council members Gail Coenen and Arthur Wardell and welcomed Marilyn Ridler who replaces Arthur as St John's Church representative on the Council. You will see that Gail has however volunteered to be our new editor of the Newsletter!

All other Council members agreed to stand again and were re-elected.

OUR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE

TRISH ADAMS – Joint Chair

JANET HARRISON - Joint Chair

SU CARTER – Treasurer

KATH JONES - Secretary

NIC KEELEY & LOUSE ALLAN

– Social Events Organisers

MARILYN RIDLER

– Church representative

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– Parish Council representatives.

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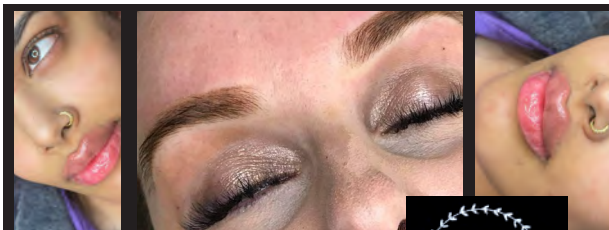
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FEBRUARY

Thursday 24th 10:30am - 12:00

Coffee and Friendship - High Legh Village Hall

Monday 28th - 7.30pm

Parish Council Meeting - High Legh Village Hall

MARCH

Tuesday 1st - 5.30pm

Pancake Evening - St Johns Church Room

Wednesday 2nd - 7.30pm

Ash Wednesday Service - St Johns Church Room

Saturday 5th - 2.00pm

Afternoon Tea with Prosecco - St Johns Church Room

Speaker Irene Thompson from Lowton Hedgehog Rescue.

Sunday 6th - 11.00am

Robert Moffat Memorial 10K run

Tuesday 8th

WI meeting Perils and Pleasures of a Wardrobe Mistress

High Legh Village Hall

Monday 14th - 11.00am

Banger and Beer - Church Room St Johns

Thursday 17th 10:30am - 12:00

Coffee and Friendship - High Legh Village Hall

Friday 18th 7:30pm

Curry and Quiz Night - High Legh Village Hall

APRIL

Monday 4th - 7.30pm

Parish Council Meeting - High Legh Village Hall

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WI Meeting - Rhymes and Ramblings of a Performing Poet
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Thursday 28th 10:30am - 12:00

Coffee and Friendship - High Legh Village Hall

MAY

Sunday 1st May 1.00pm - 4.30pm

Sunday Teas start - Village Hall

Tuesday 10th - 7.30pm

WI meeting - Resolutions - High Legh Village Hall

JUNE

Thursday 2nd - 7.30pm

Queens jubilee celebration Hog Roast/BBQ Church car park followed
by lighting a beacon at 9.45pm.

Sunday 5th

Big Jubilee Lunch/street parties

Tuesday 14th - 7.30pm

WI Meeting - Cheshire Villages - High Legh Village Hall

Thursday 23rd 10:30am - 12:00

Coffee and Friendship - High Legh Village Hall

Saturday 25th

Strawberry Sparkle - Church rooms / gardens St Johns

JULY

Tuesday 12th - 7.30pm

WI meeting - Childhood Travels with the Army - Village Hall

Saturday 16th

Community Association Family Fun day

Friday 22nd

"A Rum Do" - The church Room / Gardens: St Johns

Thursday 28th 10:30am - 12:00

Coffee and Friendship - High Legh Village Hall



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High Legh Primary PTA - NEWS



We are so pleased to have been able to hold our Christmas fair this year, it was so wonderful to see all the children having such brilliant Christmas fun and it was a great start to the Christmas season. We are very lucky to have such sporting teachers who joined in all the Christmas games, snowball fights and the Christmas pie face! The Christmas Raffle and Fair combined raised approx. £1.7k, so we are so grateful to everyone in the High Legh community who supported us.



We have also been able to hold our first school disco for some considerable time, and it was good to see the children (and some teachers) had not forgotten how to have a good dance and a great time!



Following on from our good news that that PTA have finally raised sufficient funds for our PTA contribution towards the funding needed for our Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) for the school playing field, we have even better news that Planning Permission has also been granted so the work really can start soon now! WOW!

Looking forwards...

Looking into the rest of the year, PTA hopes to be able to organise as much fun for the children as possible with film nights, youth club nights, a break the rules day and more. We are also very much looking forward to a mid-summers Ball for parents and any members of our local community to enjoy. The last School Ball was held for the schools 50th Anniversary and it was AMAZING ... more details to follow!

Best wishes on behalf of the PTA, Emma Openshaw and Emma Roberts (Co-chairs of PTA).

To keep in touch or contact the PTA: [https://www.facebook.com/](https://www.facebook.com/HighLeghPrimarySchoolPTA)

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HIGH LEGH CROWN GREEN BOWLING CLUB

Firstly may I send my apologies to a club member who was mentioned in the last newsletter for his organisation of the club competitions in 2021. His task was more difficult than normal due to the restrictions imposed by the pandemic. What was remiss of me was failing to mention his skills on the green. I am, of course, talking about Chris Ashton who, in addition to organising the club competitions enjoyed great success with his bowling. In addition to his exploits in the club's competitions (see previous newsletter) he was the top player in his division of the Knutsford Bowling League.

“Well done Chris!”

I believe club members would also wish me to thank all members who contribute their time and skills to the running of the club. In particular, the committee members who do so much work in the background to keep the club running efficiently. More time is given by these members in dealing with club matters than some may believe. This is not to ignore the efforts of all members who contribute in so many ways such as spectating, scoring, helping with refreshments and so on.

The Green

The green coped very well with the extra use stemming from the decision to extend the season into the winter. There were regular bookings in October to December with only a few being hit by the weather. Remember, however, a bowler's concept of bad weather is different from that of mere mortals. A soaking to the skin is all in a day's work for a bowler. The green's subcommittee, however, decided to close the green at the end of December until the start of next season to give it plenty of time to recover from a few very busy months. The planned maintenance, of course, went ahead as normal and the green is showing the benefit of this. It may seem to be a contradiction that whilst complaining about high rainfall the club has installed an irrigation system which allows us to water the green where and when it is needed.

Indoor Bowling

Indoor bowling continues in the Village Hall and remains to be extremely popular amongst members. With sessions on Monday and Wednesday afternoons and Wednesday evenings There are plenty of opportunities for members who have not yet tried short mat bowling to join in and give it a go. Anyone, member or not, interested in this activity should contact our President Jack Stant.

Presentation Evening

The Presentation Evening took place in December and was well received by those members who attended. The event was fully booked and fitted well into the Village Hall. As well as the presentation of trophies to winners of club competitions in 2021 the guests were treated to a buffet meal and several rounds of quizzing. The quizmaster did an excellent job in setting a quiz which had something for everyone. Well done whoever you are.

AGM

By time you read this the club will have staged its Annual General Meeting. This AGM is the first since COVID restrictions came into force. The agenda covers items including reports from Officers and Team Captains and the presentation, by the Treasurer, of the accounts for the last two years. In addition the membership will have the opportunity to elect Officers and Committee members to serve for next year.

Join us

As always, the invitation goes out to anyone who would like to take up crown green bowling to contact us. We can arrange introductory "lessons" for newcomers. If you require any information about the Club, you can contact our President, Jack Stant on **07831121735** or by email at **jack.stant@btinternet.com**



Winners of the 2021 Ladies' and Mens' singles (Ann Maddox and Chris Ashton)



High Legh Sunday Teas

Good News!! After no Sunday teas for 2 years we are looking forward to starting High Legh Sunday Teas again on May 1st in the Village Hall.

COVID-19 and the various lockdowns have meant that it just wasn't safe or viable to run Sunday Teas so we look forward to May when we will once again be running the very popular event. There are plans to have more outside seating which will give us some extra space and help us be Covid safe. The Community Association will be hosting the first Teas followed by local groups and organisations throughout the summer.

“Teas will open at 1.00pm and close at 4.30pm so plenty of time for lunch or afternoon tea.”

Freshly made sandwiches and quiches will be on offer and a wide range of mouth watering home-made fare including sponge cakes, scones, pavlovas, cheesecakes, meringues, trifles and much more, so something for everybody. Takeaway will be available if you'd like to take some goodies home to enjoy later. Feel free to bring a container!

The Sunday Tea hosts have stayed fairly constant over the years with just a few groups leaving but always being quickly replaced. We've also had oneoff Teas for various charities.

One of the hosts that we are very sorry to say goodbye to this year is the High Legh Brownies who sadly have now closed

down. They always ran a very successful 'Teas' and broke all records; when at the memorable "Big Weekend" they took £1550 which is almost double the average income.

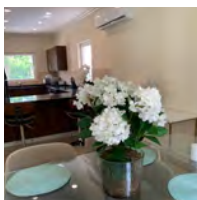
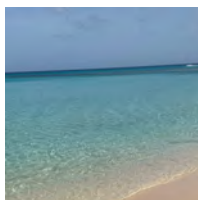
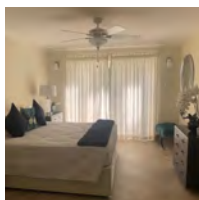
This year we welcome a new host group who are a Climate Change working group of the Parish Council; they are supporting and promoting a Plastic Free High Legh. Part of the process to achieve accreditation is to raise awareness. Also new this year is a Sunday Teas in aid of the Parkinson's Charity, one close to many residents hearts. Sunday Teas are an important fund raiser for all the local groups and charities that take part so do come along and support them.

Would you like to help? - The Community Association Committee is run by a small numbers of dedicated volunteers and we are all getting older! We would love to have some help with baking and serving at the two Community Association Sunday Teas we are hosting this year on 1st May and 10th July. It's a great way to meet people and practice your baking skills, help with the washing up or serving. If you are interested them please contact Trish Adams on **01925 755983** or **trishhlca@gmail.com**

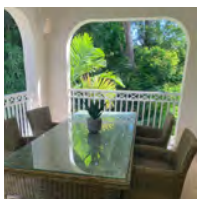
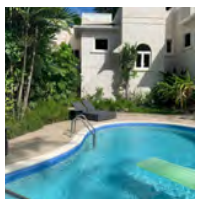


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High Legh PCSO



Happy new year!! I hope you all had a fantastic Christmas and new year. Please be mindful when travelling in the varied weather types, especially when driving in icy conditions, ensure that your windscreen is fully defrosted ensuring it is legal. Also ensure that your tyres are road legal with enough tread to grip the icy or frozen ground. Please check the Police notice board on the wall of the High Legh village Hall wall for the Police surgery times if you have any policing issues. Please also take note of my mobile number which is 07989438404.

Many Thanks

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Emma Darroch – Police Community Support Officer

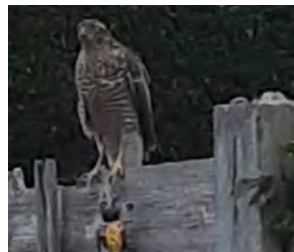
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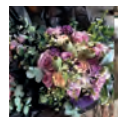
Thanks to Paul Hames for the picture of the Sparrow Hawk that has been frequenting his garden for the last year. His daughters Annabel (7) and Emily (5) love spotting birds and they made their own feeders during



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PLASTIC FREE HIGH LEGH



The Parish Council are supporting the green agenda in several ways. One is working towards High Legh being as plastic free as possible, and are working towards plastic free accreditation.

Plastic Free Communities is a grassroots campaign that empowers and connects people in a shared journey to free where they live from avoidable, throwaway plastic; from beaches, rivers and green spaces, all the way back to the brands and businesses who create it.

It centres on five objectives to achieve the Plastic Free Communities award:

1. Working with the local council
2. Encouraging local businesses to reduce single use plastic
3. Signing up community groups, schools and organisations
4. Holding events and actions
5. Setting up a steering group to drive the movement

The campaign has also sparked a wave of new environment and sustainability initiatives across the UK, with 80% of respondents saying they are more aware of local and global environmental issues.

There is good evidence the campaign is having a positive impact on community cohesion too. People involved have a greater sense of feeling like they belong

in their neighbourhood, 80% said they felt more connected to nature and their local environment, and they are considerably more likely to spend time outdoors than the population in general. There is also some evidence that the campaign contributes towards a healthy local economy, with 95% of respondents saying they make an effort to use local businesses, and 90% preferring to use businesses who have taken action on becoming plastic free.

Here in High Legh the plastic free sub group of the parish council are working with Abbey Leys Farmers Market, High Legh Garden Centre and High Legh Park Golf Club to reduce our impact on single use plastic. Contact the Clerk if you would like to get involved.

HS2 UPDATE

Introduction of the High Speed Rail (Crewe - Manchester) Bill



The Government has introduced the High Speed Rail (Crewe – Manchester) Bill into Parliament to seek the powers to build and operate the next section of the HS2 route, between Crewe and Manchester, with a connection to the West Coast Main Line to serve stations in Scotland and the North-West. The Bill process could take a number of years. You can find out more about it at www.hs2.org.uk/crewe-manchester.

THIS WILL SEVERELY OUR PARISH AND VILLAGE IF SUCCESSFULLY APPROVED.

The Parish Council had the opportunity to make a response to the recent Government enquiry on the Integrated Rail Plan which includes HS2 and Northern Powerhouse Rail. You can find out more by visiting www.hs2.org.uk/crewe-manchester.

The Parish Council have responded to the enquiry on the following lines:

- Local impacts – which would be severe both during construction and subsequent operation
- Serving the community – HS2 would be destructive to our community – separating locals and while rail improvements are needed the consequential issues around logistics and road use would further impact High Legh
- Levelling up – HS2 would do little to level up communities across the North, who would need better connections between them rather than enabling a large inflexible drain pulling individuals to London and the South East
- Value for money – destruction of prime agricultural land and the potential need to overcome the numerous complex geological

issues around this part of Cheshire does not represent any value when existing rail networks could be improved or restored to their former capacity before Beeching Cuts

- Climate and environment – clearly this would have a major negative impact at a time when biodiversity and reduction in carbon footprints are needed

High Legh Parish Council will continue to oppose plans for HS2:

- We are entirely opposed to HS2 and have always said that the route is ill advised and a waste of both money and a massive destruction of the environment and that it would only ever produce marginal improvements – particularly when there is more rail bed on the west coast mainline that can be used and an improvement to that infrastructure would be more cost effective
- If HS2 does go ahead then we will engage fully with them to push for as many mitigations to both the disruption of development and the impacts of the final piece, but this will need your support



Job Description for the Treasurer of High Legh Community Association

High Legh Community Association need to recruit a new treasurer to replace our retiring Treasurer. This is an unpaid, voluntary post, but one that can provide a great deal of satisfaction. This would suit anyone who would like to get more involved with their local community. Time commitment is only a few hours a month, a little more at year end.

It involves working with a small committee of volunteers who perform important roles in managing the Village Hall, fund raising and organising events for the High Legh community.

Main responsibilities of the Treasurer are:

- *Oversee the Finances of the Community Association, ensuring proper records are kept and that effective financial procedures are in place.*
- *Manage regular online bank transactions and undertake bookkeeping duties.*
- *Regularly report the financial position at committee meetings. (approx 4x per year).*
- *Liaise with committee members, volunteers and contractors when required.*
- *Make fellow committee members aware of their financial obligations and take a lead in interpreting financial data to them.*
- *Oversee the production of an annual budget in partnership with the committee and propose its adoption at the last meeting of the previous financial year.*

Skills

- *Appraising the financial viability of plans and proposals.*
- *Ability to produce spreadsheets and reports.*
- *Knowledge of bookkeeping and financial management (as necessary).*
- *Good financial analysis skills.*
- *Ability to communicate clearly.*
- *Lead on appointing and liaising with auditors/ an independent examiner.*

A handover period is envisaged to ensure a smooth transition and to allow for training.

For an informal chat, initially please contact the treasurer by email: [Su Carter](mailto:Su.Carter@highlegchatreasurer@gmail.com)
highlegchatreasurer@gmail.com

High Legh Women's Institute are celebrating their 100th Anniversary this year.

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It was in 1922 that the ladies of High Legh formed their own Women's Institute.

The first W.I. had been formed in Anglesey in 1915 and the Cheshire Federation in 1920, so High Legh was one of the very early WI's formed. In fact there were only twelve in Cheshire before 1922, and in 1922 seven more. There are now 198 WI's in the Cheshire Federation, so it was quite an achievement for those High Legh Ladies.

The aims of Women's Institute is to 'advance the education of women and girls for the public benefit in all areas including local, national and international issues of political and social importance, music, drama and other cultural subjects.'

At meetings, this gives members a chance to meet up in person, try new activities, listen to speakers and campaign on issues that matter to them. At High Legh we hold eleven meetings during the year, each with a different topic or theme.

During my time in W.I. I have learnt to Windsurf, had a trip around the red - light district in Amsterdam (with a guide!), worked a potters wheel, visited Monet's garden and learnt to ice a Christmas cake including fancy frills!

"A W.I. membership gives you friendship, and a place for self-expression. Each W.I. is unique and shaped by its members."



Over the years the Women's Institute have campaigned for 'sufficient supply of housing', Women on Jury service, Increase for women in the police, Equal pay for equal work, Keep Britain Tidy, Restrict smoking in public places, Routine smear tests for cervical cancer, Plastic in the environment, HIV and AIDS Awareness, Fairtrade, Care not custody and more Midwives.

High Legh W.I. meet on the second Tuesday of each month at the village Hall at 7.30 pm. We love to welcome visitors and new members so please come along, you will be made very welcome.



We regularly enjoy Theatre visits to the Garrick and Manchester and Livepool Theatres, and a day out in Llandudno has also been planned.

We organise other events as the year goes on. Please give us a try. My name is Tricia Jones and I can be contacted on 07713 937 197. You will be made very welcome.

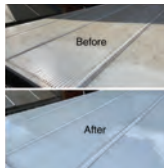
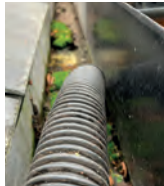
OUR PROGRAMME FOR THE COMING MONTHS ARE:-

8th March	Perils and Pleasures of a Wardrobe Mistress
12th April	Rhymes and Ramblings of a Performing Poet
10th May	Resolutions
14th June	Cheshire Villages
12th July	Childhood Travels with the Army
9th August	Summer Social
13th September	Bring and Buy
11th October	World Wide Nature
10th November	A.G.M. and Supper (<i>no visitors</i>)
13th December	Christmas Lunch
10th January	Amazing History Walks

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ROAD SAFETY

Following representations on safety on the A50 made by parishioners the Parish Council wrote to CE Highways expressing the concerns and asking for a Safety Audit. CE responded as follows:

“It should be noted that the A50 is a main A class distributor road which is part of the major highway network and as a result, there will be a variety of vehicles which regularly use it, therefore the number of HGVs using the A50 is likely to be high. Any concerns regarding speeding vehicles should be reported to Cheshire Constabulary.

As you are aware a safety scheme was introduced on the A50 in High Legh recently. Regarding your request for a safety audit to be carried out, we can advise that safety audits are carried out only when there has been a physical change to the highway. We can advise that we have also passed your concerns to our maintenance department to see if any siding out to widen the footway would be considered. They have advised that they will consider the location however, the maintenance budget for this is very slim in comparison to the demand. This location has now been added to a list for consideration. If any immediate action for safety purposes is required, then this will be followed up with the resources that are available.”

VILLAGE HEDGES

Please keep your hedges and shrubs that overhang pavements trimmed to keep pavements clear so they are safe to walk on.

PARKING ON THE PAVEMENT - WEST LANE

In addition to hedges and verges reducing pavement space, we have received many complaints about cars parking on the pedestrian pavement on West Lane between Wrenshot Lane and the Village Hall. This is a key walking route to the school, parking on the pavement forces pedestrians including children and those with pushchairs to walk out into the road, which is a substantial hazard. Pedestrian pavements should be left clear for pedestrians, pushchairs and other legitimate users – failure to do so is classed as an obstruction and Cheshire Constabulary will now be conducting spot checks.

ROAD SIGNS

Some warning road signs which have disappeared and not been replaced by CE have been ordered and funded by the parish council. In addition the Parish are also replacing some signs that were erected but the wrong size. You can report any Highways problems and streetlights out on fixmystreet.cheshireeast.gov.uk

HIGH LEGH VILLAGE PLAY AREA

We have been working with Ansa (grounds maintenance company of Cheshire East) to release some funding we have towards play equipment. We are hoping to have two new pieces of equipment installed in the Spring.

LAND ON CORNER OF PHEASANT WALK AND NORTH DRIVE

This piece of land was put up for sale by auction on 8 December. The Clerk received many comments on this and the PC was successful in securing a TPO for the willow tree, ordered by CE's Arboricultural Officer on 3 December. If you are aware of any other plots of land owned by the same company then please let the Clerk know and we will ask the HLNP Steering Committee to designate them in the NP as protected green spaces for their amenity and visual value to the village, and that development applications will be unlikely to succeed.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

High Legh Golf Club have put in a planning application for the Construction of an Adventure Golf course. Details can be found on CE Planning website 21/5782M.

CONSULTATION FOR HYNETH NORTH WEST HYDROGEN PIPELINE

which passes through High Legh Cadent has launched a consultation for its HyNet North West Hydrogen Pipeline a new underground hydrogen pipeline that will help decarbonise the North West. The consultation will run for six weeks from 00:01 on 26 January 2022 until 23:59 on 11 March 2022. To encourage people to get involved, they have set up a dedicated website (www.hynethydrogenpipeline.co.uk) that contains all of the consultation information and an online feedback form Cadent has identified a route corridor within which the pipeline could be routed, which includes branches from a central hub north of Northwich, to St Helens, Partington, Stanlow and an existing storage facility south of Northwich. The main aim of the consultation is to give local people a chance to learn more about the proposals and provide any information that might help develop the best possible route for the new pipeline within the route corridors.

Further information about the project, please email at info@hynethydrogenpipeline.co.uk or call **0800 860 6261**.

Next PC meetings:

Monday, 28 February and 4 April at 7.30pm.

If you would like to subscribe to our email updates, please email the clerk.

Mrs Doreen Walker (Clerk) Tel: 01925 754818

Email: clerk@highleghparishcouncil.gov.uk

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High Legh History Evening

Many of you will have attended the High Legh History talk on 12th Feb, given by High Legh resident Judy Popley. Judy started exploring the history of High Legh when she and her family moved to an old farm house down on Sink Moss. She had been told there was a ghost in the house ... and her two young sons did encounter the ghost - a lovely lady which Judy called Granny Cook in order to allay any fears for her sons. And so the detective work commenced.



Lines of High Legh *By Rev. A J Richardson 1879*

Tis an odd state of things a stranger would see,
If he came on a visit perchance to High Leigh:
To his mind it would cause great confusion and bother,
To find things missed up, the one and the other.
Two establishments separate, two halls and two squires,
Two parsons, two chapels, two bells and two choirs!
Whilst the magnates themselves couldn't fairly agree
As to the spelling correctly the name of "High Leigh",
One stoutly insisting on the I with the E,
The other on nothing between e and g
On map and on sign post you'd meet with the i
P.O.O's were without it, and folks wondered why,
Then the agent found out when he took the big ledger down,
The estates all mix'd up with the farms of Lord E:
And directions for letters and parcels were wrapp'd in
A regular muddle 'twixt Colonel and Captain;
For it to "the Hall" they should chance to be addressed
Twas doubtful if meant for the "East" or the "West",
But for rights of precedence twas doubtful which had
'em,
For neither could trace up much further than Adam!
So what you're about be particular, please,
For Cheshire is full of cats, cheeses and Leights –
Leghs of Lyme, Leghs of Adlington, everything "Legh",
From the innermost bounds to the banks of the Dee;
And from dropping a letter what comes there's no
telling,
So you'd best mind your "I" and look after your
spelling.



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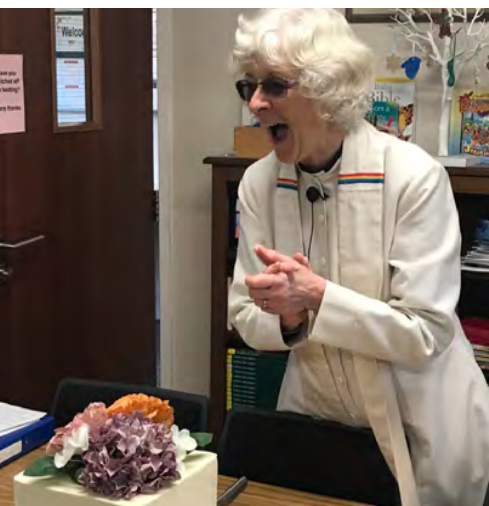
I am writing this on the eve of my retirement from my role as Associate Priest for High Legh Parish as well as Rostherne with Little Bollington and Over Tabley. Philip Robinson who has been Priest-in-Charge since our licensing in 2015 will also retire along with his wife Patricia Robinson who like me has been Associate Priest.

“At the beginning of February, a new stage in the life of the church of St John’s begins.”



It’s called a vacancy and it means just that - the post of vicar or priest-in-charge is vacant. But that doesn’t mean that the church has come to a stand-still. Although as Reverend Trish Cope I have conducted my final service as Associate Priest for St John’s, I shall still be able to take services there when invited by the Church Wardens until there is someone new in post.

St John’s church is the beautiful building at the top of the Avenue that looks out across the fields of High Legh parish towards Warrington and Widnes. Come along some time and spend a few tranquil moments watching the sunset and enjoying the beautiful surroundings that we live in. Alternatively, you may wish to go round to the back of the church and spend some undisturbed time sitting in the Quiet Garden. And of course, come along to join us at one of our services each Sunday morning at 10.00 o’clock or one of the services held at special times of the year where everyone is very welcome. Towards the end of 2021 we were able, once again, to open our doors for Harvest, All Souls, Remembrance and Advent services. In December, many of you came to join us again at Christmas to listen to the story of the birth of Jesus and sing well-known carols.





But St John's is not just the building, it is also the people who gather at the church as the Family of God and they are always ready to visit people who are ill or house-bound at home. They are ready to support those who have been bereaved. They are keen to baptise those who want to become part of the family of God and are eager to help those who are getting married to have a service that they will remember all their lives.

The building is there for everyone in the parish of St John and its congregation are ready to help everyone in the parish.

Our regular monthly events are now in full swing.

- We're Hooked crochet class meets every **Monday at 2.00pm**
- Little Acorns meets every **Tuesday morning 9.30am**
- Mothers Union meets on the first **Tuesday each month at 2.30pm**
- Coffee Chat and Create meets on the second **Tuesday each month at 2.00pm**
- Community lunch is on the third **Wednesday each month at 12.30pm**

Please contact the Church Wardens

Stewart Jackson: **07835249835**

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