

Betley



September
2022



PARISH NEWS

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in God's love

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A LETTER FROM THE VICAR



September brings with it the beginning of a new academic year and a new season. A new season in the life of many of our young people as they change schools or leave home to go to university or start work for the first time. A new season when typically the leaves begin to fall and the colour brown takes over from the colour

green as the signifier of the season (though many lawns are currently very brown!).

In the life of our local Church of England churches in Betley and Madeley we are also entering a new season. Early September will bring with it a number of changes. On 8 September (7:30pm at All Saints' Madeley) I will formally be 'installed and inducted' as Vicar after 20 months of being 'Priest-in-Charge to be known as Vicar'. The pandemic prevented this service from taking place earlier on in my tenure.

Installation and induction does make me think of when we had the vicarage oven installed, though I think there will be fewer boiler suits and more liturgical robes involved in this installation. In the same service we will also be celebrating with Rev Dot Woods who will be joining us as Associate Minister in Madeley and Betley. All being well, we'll also be formally commissioning Ruth Fish as our Children, Youth and Families Minister at the same service.

As the churches prepare to enter this new season of ministry, it is exciting to look forward to a new chapter of the shared life of our churches and to all the opportunities a new season will bring.

Blessings,

Rev Tim



Would you like to dedicate the Sunday morning bell-ringing at St Margaret's Church to a special event or person?

Contact Jennifer Walton (820051) or Denzil Spencer (582949) to arrange.

A donation of £25 towards the upkeep of the building is welcome.

IN THIS MONTH'S BETLEY PARISH NEWS

The month of September is good a time to look back over summer activities, and look forward to what's to come.

There's a report on the 2022 Betley Show on page 8 and we're delighted to be publishing the winners of the Poetry Competition once again, beginning with the 5-9 years age group (page 9).

The pupils and teachers at Betley School will be polishing their shoes and filling their new pencil cases ready for the new term by now, but headteacher Mrs Sam Ray still has a few words of thanks for what everyone achieved last year, see page 16.

The Platinum Jubilee celebrations in June feature in a new publication from Betley Local History Society. It's a pictorial reminder of how the village has marked the Queen's coronations and jubilees. See page 14 for more information.

Mark Darlington undertook an amazing challenge in May, walking from London to Betley in aid of Mind, the mental health charity. On page 22 you can read about his motivation and find out how much he raised in donations – it's a tremendous achievement.

Volunteers are the lifeblood of village activities and two organisations are looking for support in managing their finances – could you help the church (see below) or the Village Hall (page 22) in this way?

There are a couple of 'Save the Dates': St Margaret's Church **Harvest Festival** is at **9:30am on 2 October** (page 15), and there's the last opportunity of 2022 to look round the restoration work at **Betley Court on 8 and 9 October** (page 19).

As always don't forget to keep an eye on the advertising pages, they include some new businesses this year. *The Editors*

Assistant to Church Treasurer

St. Margaret's is looking for an assistant treasurer to help Graham Holton with some week-to-week duties. This would involve taking monies, cheques, donations etc. to the bank and record deposits/receipts as appropriate for Graham's records. If you can help please contact Jennifer Walton on 01270 820051.



ST MARGARET'S BETLEY... SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER

Everyone is welcome to join **Sunday worship** at **St. Margaret's (9:30am)** and at **All Saints' Madeley (11:00am)**. Face masks are now an individual choice, but please wear one when it seems sensible to do so. Refreshments are available after services.

There is an online service at 11:00am every Sunday and this can be found at www.tiny.cc/BetleyMadeley. Please sign up to our mailing list at www.tiny.cc/weeklymail for news about services, or contact Rev Tim or the churchwarden (see page 2).

Family worship at St. Margaret's is at 9:30am on the first Sunday each month. Come along for an informal time of singing, creative prayers and worship.

Traditional **Evensong** is **twice a month** on **Sunday at 6:30pm**.

Sunday 4 September 12th Sunday after Trinity	9:30am	Family Worship with baptism
	6:30pm	Living Streams Praise
Tuesday 6 September	9:15am	Holy Communion
Sunday 11 September 13th Sunday after Trinity	9:30am	Sung Holy Communion
	6:30pm	Evensong (BCP)
Tuesday 13 September	9:15am	Morning prayers
Sunday 18 September 14th Sunday after Trinity	9:30am	Morning Praise
Tuesday 20 September	9:15am	Morning Prayers
Sunday 25 September 15th Sunday after Trinity	9:30am	Sung Holy Communion
	6:30pm	Evensong (BCP)
Tuesday 27 September	9:15am	Morning Prayers

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS ...

Funeral service

On Wednesday 3 August MARGARET ANN MADDEN who died on 11 July, aged 89 yrs.

May she rest in peace.

CHURCH FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

We now have **story-bags** available in church for children to explore during our Sunday services. Discover a Bible story with crafts, puzzles and colouring activities.

We are hoping that our children's group **Earlybirds** will be re-starting this month – keep an eye on the church Facebook page and notice sheet for further details. If you have children who are interested in coming along, or you are interested in helping out, please contact Ruth (ruthcyfm@gmail.com).

'**Praise and Play**' is our joint Betley and Madeley pre-school group held in Madeley church during term time on Mondays from 9:00am to 10:30am. It's a time to play, sing and craft, and it's completely free. If you look after a pre-schooler, it would be great to see you there.

Our **Youth Group** has been meeting fortnightly online and has had a break over the summer. If you, or someone you know, is interested in joining a youth group, please contact Ruth (ruthcyfm@gmail.com) or Rev Tim.

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH - HOW TO ARRANGE...

Baptisms - Please contact the Parish Office 01782 431455.

Confirmations - Adults and young people who would like to prepare to begin receiving communion are encouraged to speak to one of the clergy about being confirmed.

Weddings - Please contact the Parish Office 01782 431455.

Funerals - Arrangements are made through the funeral director

Visiting - Please let the clergy know of anyone who is ill and who would appreciate a call.



A MESSAGE FROM RUTH FISH

Children Youth and Families Minister

We're half-way through the school holidays as I write, and I've recently enjoyed a beautiful day at Betley Show. St Margaret's stall simply asked 'How are you?' and invited people to write their responses on our graffiti wall.

The pandemic years have been particularly challenging for children and young people with mental health and wellbeing having really suffered. It was good to give space to acknowledge the things that have been tough, but also joyous to see so many happy faces enjoying the sunshine and all the show had to offer.

Now it is time to look forward to the new school year and all that it may have to offer.

Ruth Fish

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BETLEY METHODIST CHURCH

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Having had Betley Show and seen a wonderful display of flowers, fruit and vegetables, it is time to go to God's House with thankful hearts. You are invited to the Chapel on **Sunday 25 September at 2.30pm** when our Preacher will be Rev Sarah Butcher. Any tinned or packet food will be taken to the village collection for the Newcastle-under-Lyme Food Bank.

Also, why not try ringing 0330 094 5859 at 6:00pm on Sundays or 8.30pm on Thursdays (PIN 732 711) to join our short phone-in Services and/or Evening Prayers.

God bless,

Rhoda Farrington

01270 820022

CHAPEL COFFEE AND CHAT

Wednesday morning Coffee and Chat continues twice a month. This month's dates are:

14 and 28 September at 10.30am.

Everyone welcome.



BETLEY SHOW 6 AUGUST 2022

What a fantastic day we had! The weather was perfect – dry and yet not too hot.

Thank you to everyone who entered any of the classes: made scarecrows, grew vegetables, grass, maize and flowers, and those who baked, painted, sewed, knitted or took photos. Entries were up for the horse show, the pet show, the dog show and the clay pigeon shoot. Well done to all involved!

Everyone seemed to enjoy the fantastic attractions (not that I get to see them!) and the trade stalls, vintage vehicles and skills section, including flower demonstrations (a big thanks to Karen Robinson).

A special thanks also to our patrons who support us each year. Their annual fee goes a long way to keeping the show going and we are so grateful for your continued support. The marquee hire is far and away the biggest expense and the class entry fee of 30p doesn't begin to cover that cost, but without entries the show would not be the same, no friendly rivalry or disagreeing with the judges' decisions which is all part of the fun. Even more entries please next year and more patrons! The patrons benefit from entry to the show and a delicious lunch served in the special marquee overlooking the mere.

Finally our heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped on the day: stewards, judges, car parkers and all those who helped both before with preparations and on the Sunday with tidying up. The show couldn't go on without you.

As a footnote we held a charity lunch on the Sunday which raised £3,500 for East Cheshire Hospitals.

Kind regards,

Jayne Speed
Show secretary



Photos: Duncan Richardson,
Sadie Blankley



BETLEY SHOW POETRY COMPETITION

Winner of 5-9 years category







Saving the sealife!



By Hugo Adams

 It's our friend, 

 Let's come together 



 And make new friends. 



 The world is changing, it's down to us kids. 



 We need to save it very quick. 



 Rubbish in the ocean is really bad, 



 Pick up your litter or makes me really sad. 



 The sharks are amazing, 



 Of all different kinds. 



 Let's look after and protect them 



 Just use our minds. 

 Whales, dolphins, turtles, seals, 

 Polar bears, penguins and even eels. 

 They are all so incredible, 

 But their homes are polluted 

 It's difficult for them to survive, 

 Unless we change it, it won't revive. 

 The sealife animals get hungry for food, 

 But plastic and oil spills are all over the news, 

 It makes them so poorly that they might die, 

 Surely we need to ask ourselves why? 

 Marine life is full of glory,

 Octopuses, mackerel, mantis shrimps and the

 Great Barrier Reef.

 Litter-pick the beach – it is very kind.

 Spread the word, join your friends,

 Let's make a new world.

 Come together and protect the sealife forever.

BETLEY, BALTERLEY & WRINEHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Congratulations to our local Surgery

The Parish Council, in thanking Dr Patel and his staff for their excellent work over the last two very difficult Covid years, would like to congratulate them on being in the top five Stoke-on-Trent and North Staffordshire GP surgeries (as ranked by their patients in a major survey). The Surgery was placed third, with 84% very good and 13% fairly good, only just behind second placed Honeywall Medical Practice, Stoke and well in front of the other two surgeries in the top five. Our community is very fortunate to have such an excellent medical practice on our doorstep along with its in-house dispensary.

How the Parish Council spends your money

Each year the Parish Council levies a precept which forms part of your overall Council Tax and is used to fund the Council's activities. Due to the size of the Parish and the precept, inevitably the range of activities the Parish Council can undertake is limited. In recent years funding has been withdrawn by both the County and the Borough so that the Parish Council has to fund more activities. Administrative costs are an overhead that has to be met to enable the Parish Council to carry out its statutory responsibilities.

This year the precept for a Band D property (on which the government bases Council Tax calculations) was £29.21 to the Parish Council, compared to £1,401.30 to the County, £210.24 to the Borough and £328.92 to the fire and police services. (The Parish Council proportion of the overall bill is approximately 1.5%.) The Council also expects to be able to reclaim £1,000 of VAT this year.

This gives the Parish Council an income of £18,204 against a planned expenditure of £18,225. The planned breakdown of spending for the current year is as follows (showing the amount per item and the annual cost per Band D household):

Clerk's salary	£6,000	£10.19	(1)
General administration	£2,430	£4.13	(2)
Sandy Croft	£1,500	£2.55	(3)
Memorial Garden	£3,945	£6.70	(4)
Highways	£2,000	£3.40	(5)
Grants	£1,150	£1.95	(6)
Village Initiatives	£1,200	£2.04	(7)

Notes:

(1) The Clerk provides the Council with guidance on a wide range of subjects (procedure, finance, planning etc.) and is paid in accordance with national guidelines.

(2) Includes the website, hall hire, insurance, audit etc.



- (3) Maintenance of the open space and the facilities provided.
- (4) General maintenance, twice-yearly planting of the flower beds and funding of Christmas tree, lighting etc.
- (5) Budget available for minor highways works (pavement clearing) and purchase and maintenance of speed monitoring equipment.
- (6) The main grant is toward the cost of maintaining the burial ground, a facility open to any resident of the parish.
- (7) Budget available for any projects which may be of benefit to the community.

The Council is subject to careful financial control including annual audit, and any underspend can be carried forward for future use. If you have any further questions regarding the Council's finances please do not hesitate to contact the Clerk or any of the councillors.

Betley Court Farm Licence

The application for a new premises licence for Betley Court Farm was considered by Newcastle Borough Council on 8 August. Licensing applications have to follow a prescribed format, with defined bands, and then conditions are developed and applied by the Licensing Committee, taking into account views expressed. The Parish Council is not a statutory consultee on licensing matters but it did ask the Licensing Committee to consider all representations made by residents (in objection or support) and it was represented for part of the meeting of the Licensing Committee.

The outcome of the meeting was that the licence was granted, but subject to a series of restrictions relating to the numbers permitted to attend, the number of events held, and the hours of operation. The Council hopes that the compromises made by the Speed family and the conditions agreed at the hearing will allow the business to prosper while protecting the interests and amenity of local residents. Our thanks to all local residents who contacted the Council on this matter or who attended the special meeting held in July.

Parish Council Meetings

The next scheduled meeting of the council is at **7.30pm on Thursday 22 September** at the Village Hall. The Council's meetings are open to the public (except for rare instances where confidential business is discussed and then the meeting will only be closed for that specific item) and local residents are welcome to attend. There is provision at meetings for public participation where you can comment on any agenda items.

Gwyn Griffiths

Clerk

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BETLEY AND WRINEHILL W.I.



The presentation in August was by Melanie Latham from *Holly Cottage Preserves* in Crewe. This was a highly entertaining and very informative talk about how Melanie started her business and included some extremely amusing anecdotes.

Melanie made some chutney while she talked and there were many delicious chutneys and preserves for sale, from which Mel made a contribution to the Stroke Association.

On **14 September** the talk will be from Kath Reynolds entitled "*Food Glorious Food*" and will touch on the advent and impact of convenience foods in our diet. 7:15pm at the Village Hall. Visitors welcome for £4.

For more information go to www.betleyvillagehall.org.uk/WI or contact Evelyn Bishop on 01270 820403.

Anne Eastham

COUNTRY FOOTPATH WALKS

Please join us for one of our walks. Try one for free and then you can decide to pay our annual subscription of £5.00 (normally due annually in November after the AGM).



Walks are usually on the first Sunday of each month starting at 10:00am and finishing around 12:00/12:30pm. Distance about four to five miles. For more information please contact our Chair, Jon, on 07976 814023.

4 September: Meet at The Swan Inn, Wybunbury, CW5 7NA Grid Ref: SJ699498.

2 October: Meet at The Madeley Centre, Madeley, CW3 9DN. Grid Ref: SJ772450



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BETLEY LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Our next meeting will be in the Chapel at **7.30 pm on 15 September** when Bruce Johnston will be giving a talk entitled *Diversification in Farming*. Then on **20 October** we welcome Rebecca Jackson (Collection Officer at the County Record Office) who will be talking about the *Staffordshire Asylum case notes* with a few views from the patients.

Anne Becket (Chair)
01270 820474

Local History Fact of the Month

Did You Know?

If you needed to pop out for a pint of milk, a pub might not be the first place you'd think of finding it, but in 1812 villagers could stock up on milk at The Black Horse Inn.

At that time, the Black Horse landlord was Charles Hedges, a former butler to George Tollet IV of Betley Hall. In June 1812, Tollet wrote that he had persuaded Hedges to start selling milk from the Hall farm (alongside ale) at The Black Horse for the benefit of the wider community.



@BetleyHistory

Laura Lee
www.blhs.co.uk

SIMPLE CONVERSATIONS ON FOOD

**Thursday 1 September 2.30pm
in the Reading Room**

Outdoor eating (slow style!) *and*
What is 'Processed Food' and is it better for you than raw?

Jo Thomas
Thomas.Johanne@gmail.com
07808 086248



ENGLESEA BROOK CHAPEL AND MUSEUM

Events at the museum in September include:

Crafty Ranters : Crafty Protest

Friday 9 September 11.00am to 1.00pm

Craftivism is a way of peaceful protest both locally and globally. We decide as a group what campaign we might like to join and what we might make.

Crafty Ranters is a relaxed group that meets every second Friday of the month during Englesea Brook's open season to enjoy chat, cake, coffee and craft. The group is open to all and is for all abilities. To book your place please email Ruth at director@engleseabrook.org.uk

www.engleseabrook.org.uk



NEW BETLEY PUBLICATION

The Queen's Coronation and Jubilees as celebrated in Betley, Balterley and Wrinehill



Produced by Betley Local History Society this is a new book with 75 pages on Betley memories of the Queen's coronation and all the Jubilees including this year's Platinum Jubilee. It has 120 colour photographs of celebrations in Betley over the years. Priced at £7.50 copies are available in the village shop, from the Reading Room, or from Anne Becket (01270 820474)

YOUR MOBILE LIBRARY



The library van is in the village on the following dates:

2, 16 and 30 September
9.20am - 10.00am in Church Lane



***Thank you Betley for 76kg
in August!***

***Please keep up the good work through
September and October***

***Newcastle Foodbank is facing increased demand so feel free
to donate any non-perishable foods.***

Current shortages are sugar, jam and biscuits.

Collection boxes in the porches of the Reading Room
and the Church are frequently monitored.

Your contributions are secured and
safely transferred to the warehouse.

More information is available from
www.newcastlestaffs.foodbank.org.uk

Kevin Hamer

01270 820704

St Margaret's Church

HARVEST FESTIVAL

9:30am Sunday 2 October.

Bring a 'thank you' to God of non-perishable
food for the Newcastle Foodbank.

All cash offerings will also be sent
to the Foodbank.

Everyone Welcome!



Sanctus, St Mark's Supporting Asylum Seekers and Refugees



Sanitary products and toiletries can be deemed a luxury that is unaffordable for many. Sanctus relies on the generosity of supporters to collect these items for them, through collection boxes in local churches.

St. Margaret's is one such church. If you would like to donate, please leave your contribution in the church porch.

www.sanctusstmarks.org

BETLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

End of the school year report – what a very busy few weeks!

We had a brilliant end to another super year and I want to thank everyone for their support over the last year. It has been a return to many normal events and it has been fantastic to see the school full of parents watching children in plays, sports days and assemblies. It has been fantastic to see children taking part in trips too and we certainly have had lots of those this year. We have already planned more for the coming year. And finally, sports! It has been great to go out and take part in sports events again and due to this and the hard work from Mr Shenton we have again received the *Gold Sports Mark*, which is certainly something to be proud of.

I hope that everyone has had a safe and fun summer holiday. I look forward to seeing you back in school on Tuesday 6 September.

Class assemblies and end of year performance

Cheeky Chimps and Marvellous Minibeasts assemblies

Well done to the children in Cheeky Chimps and Marvellous Minibeasts. You were ALL marvellous. It was super to see you singing, sharing your learning and speaking clearly. It was a joy to watch. Here is the link for the assemblies if you would like to watch them or share with relatives and friends:

<https://tinyurl.com/cc-jul-2022>

<https://tinyurl.com/mm-jul-2022>

The Adventures of SuperStan

No words can explain how proud I was of all of the children in this performance. So many words to learn and you all did it fluently, and so many songs to learn and they were sung beautifully. Well done to you all. A fantastic evening's entertainment. Thank you to everyone involved in making it happen. If you would like to relive the evening, please click the link below:

<https://tinyurl.com/superstan-jul-2022>

Our Year 6 Leavers

This class has been truly wonderful and we will all miss you lots. You certainly shone this year in everything that you have done. The last seven years have gone by far too quickly and when you looked back on your memories and highlights of your time at Betley it was quite emotional. It was wonderful to hear how you felt that Betley was like a second home and a family. Although it will be sad to see the



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children go it is always exciting to see them ready for the next part of their educational journey and I am sure you will all let us know how you are getting on. Links to the Year 6 memories are here, happy viewing! <https://tinyurl.com/year-six-jul-2022>

The Halle Orchestra

The children in Cheeky Chimps had a super afternoon with the Halle. They danced, sang and played their instruments brilliantly. We were all incredibly proud of them all and their impeccable behaviour. Well done to you all. See some photos below.

Nursery Admissions

We have spaces available in our nursery for September 2022. We would love you to join our school and we have created a Betley Tour video to show what we have to offer:

<https://tinyurl.com/betley-sch-nursery-tour>

Please contact us if you would like to visit and see the school in action. More information on our Admissions page:

<https://www.betley.staffs.sch.uk/admissions/>

Sam Ray

Executive Headteacher
www.betley.staffs.sch.uk
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BetleyPS



BETLEY READING ROOM



*your local
meeting place*

**Call in for a coffee
& company**

*Bacon baps
on Saturday mornings)*

Copying, printing, scanning & laminating

**Collection point for Newcastle Foodbank
and Ukraine Shoe Box Appeal**

Free Book Exchange

NORMAL OPENING TIMES

Monday, Thursday & Saturday 10.30am to 12.30pm



Follow us on Facebook [betley reading room](#)



BETLEY READING ROOM

Taster Talks For Everyone



**IN THE FIELD OF
RECOVERY**

**Horses as
co-therapists**

**Presented by
Linda Hough**

Saturday 10th September at 11.00am



**Betley Court
Gardens**

Betley Court Gardens Open Days: Advance notice

The first phase of scaffolding removal at Betley Court will hopefully be before the end of September.

The Gardens will be open on **8 and 9 October** as the final opportunity this year to see how the work is progressing. Tickets on the gate £5 (under 12s free).

Details at www.betleycourtgardens.co.uk.

Nigel Brown

betleycourtgardens@gmail.com

BETLEY CRICKET CLUB



SENIORS FIXTURES IN BETLEY IN SEPTEMBER

Saturday 3 September play starts at 12.30pm

Betley CC 2nd XI v Moddershall & Oulton CC 6th XI

Sunday 4 September play starts at 1.00pm

Betley CC Sunday 1st XI v Audley CC 1st XI

Saturday 10 September play starts at 12.30pm

Betley CC 2nd XI v Newcastle & Hartshill CC 4th XI

Saturday 17 September play starts at 12.30pm

Betley CC 1st XI v Newcastle & Hartshill CC 3rd XI



@BetleyCricket Club

BETLEY TENNIS

Subscriptions for 2022 are now available

Subscriptions are for six or twelve months starting from 1 April. Subscriptions give unlimited use of the court including the use of floodlights for evening play. To request a subscription form, email Judy Bettley-Smith judy.bs@btinternet.com.

Subscription Rates

Full Adult	12 months £35	6 months £30
Adult concession*	12 months £25	6 months £20
Junior**	12 months £20	6 months £15

* Adult concessions 17/18 years in full time education

** Junior 10-16 years



Hourly booking

You may book the court on a pay as you go basis for the following fees.

Adults £1.50 pp per hour (Adult concession £1.25 pp per hour)

Junior £0.50 pp per hour (Children up to 10 free if playing with an adult)

Bookings can be made one week ahead. The reservation book is kept in a tin at Beech Wood, Main Rd, Betley (between The Swan and Pool Farm Vets on the other side of the road).

Karen Hardwick

BETLEY CROQUET CLUB

Do you fancy trying something completely different that's typically English, in a beautiful setting with friendly people? Then croquet may be right for you. We meet weekly each Tuesday from 2.00pm until 4.00pm at Betley Cricket Club, behind St. Margaret's Church.

Potential members are encouraged to come along and spectate and are entitled to a taster session free of charge. Annual membership is £25 with nothing extra to pay, and equipment and tuition is provided. The playing season is April to late September. Further details from Jean or Paul Chase 01270 820202.



BETLEY AND DISTRICT BOWLING CLUB



Behind the village hall, beside the tennis court, and next to the children's play area is the Betley and District **Crown Green bowling club**. It is now well established in its tranquil rural setting, having a wide cross-section membership. In addition to social activities, it supports regular friendly events with other clubs, and opportunities to play in local leagues.

We are a club which positively welcomes new members of all ages and abilities. If you've never bowled before, we will help you to develop your skills and at the same time have some fun in a friendly and social atmosphere. Oh and by the way, the game will help to keep you healthy!

For more information contact Stewart on 07886 634431 or Tony on 07721 939501, or just come along and chat to us at the Sports Pavilion.

Website: www.betleyvillagehall.org.uk/outdoorbowls. On Facebook search for: **Betley and district village hall bowling club**

Our 2022 bowling season is from late March until late September.



Madeley and District u3a

serving Madeley, Betley, Keele, Whitmore, Onneley, Baldwins Gate and Woore

Are you retired or semi-retired?

Meet new friends or take on new challenges in interest groups, social activities, excursions, talks.

Annual subscription of £17.50 entitles you to take part in any of the activities plus a small fee for each meeting.

For more information see: www.madeleydistrictu3a.org.uk

Email: H.Hurd@keele.ac.uk or cmhawksley@gmail.com

Phone 01782 750338 or 01270 820049

Chris Hawksley

COMMUNITY NEWS

Village Hall Treasurer

Betley Village Hall is looking to appoint a new Treasurer from October. It's a great opportunity to get involved in, and make a contribution to, the life of the community.

If you are interested, please contact Richard Head as below.

Richard Head

07801 813831

richyhead@yahoo.co.uk

A MESSAGE FROM MARK DARLINGTON

At the time of writing I've hit the magic £10,000 fundraising amount all in aid of Mind.

I want to thank all the people of Betley and surrounding areas. The level of support and generosity has been amazing!

Not only was the walk a huge challenge personally and something I needed to overcome and prove to myself but it was also done to provide a voice to those who wake up some days not wanting to be here, people who experience feelings and emotions that are far removed from what the majority of individuals will feel.

This might not be 'normal' to most, but it's my normal and I'm not alone. Bipolar and other mental health illnesses are real. You might not be able to see it, you might not understand it, but when you live it or have to live with someone who experiences it, then there is nothing more real. This walk was for me, this walk was for 'us'.

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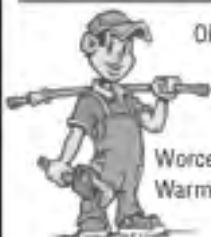
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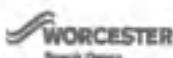
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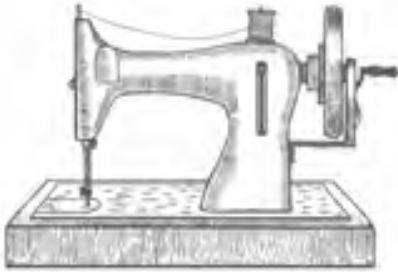
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