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giving it to a friend!

### Get there early, to beat me to the plants!

If, like me, you're obsessed with, and can't stop buying plants, then it's good news, as Haughton Garden Guild's plant and garden accessories sale is on Saturday 16th May, with a wide range of bedding plants, vegetables, perennials and house plants, as well as garden sundries such as tools, books and containers.

Then, if you need more, on the following Saturday, 23rd May, it's Bednall Plant Sale, where you'll find even more bargains, just make sure you get there early, to beat me to the plants!

Have you visited Haughton Village Craft Market yet? It's great, held every Second Saturday of the month, it sells lots of local produce and crafts, and the bacon sandwiches are delicious.

If you're a petrol head, in June it's the 9th annual Clifford Arms Classic Show, with tonnes of classic cars and bikes on show, and raising money charity at the same time. Sticking with the classics, Bednall Car Meets return on the last Thursday of May, June, July and August, this free event gets bigger every year, I can't wait for the first one.

For music fans there's a 'Magical Music' Concert at Sandon Hall, with The Heath Chorus and

Uttoxeter Town Band. And then 40 members of the Stafford Rock Choir will be performing in the Great Haywood Memorial Hall in May, to help raise funds for re-decorating the Hall.

The National Trust Talks in Walton have The Staffordshire Film Archive, a presentation by Ray Johnson MBE in May, and then The History of Sweets, A Talk by Martin Peet in June.

**See inside for details of these and all other events**

And there's a touching story this time of how members of Soroptimist International of Stafford, to highlight International Women's Day, made a "Rosie's Plaque", to honour the women, who during the Second World War, worked as Lumber Jills on Cannock Chase, and at Henry Venables Timber Yard in Stafford.

The Women's Timber Corps was formed in 1942 and by 1944 there were over 6,000 women working as Lumber Jills, an incredible number when you think about it. The Rosie's Plaque was presented recently to The Tea Room at Springslade Lodge on Cannock Chase, and is proudly on display. It's good to see these women finally recognised.

Dan Mitchell 4/5/26

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## 'Fix It Don't Ditch It' First Haywoods Repair Café Is A Roaring Success

The first Haywoods Repair Café, held on April 12th, was a huge success, with the community turning out in force. A team of 18 volunteers were on hand to receive broken household items in need of some tender loving care. From electrics and electronics to woodwork, IT and soft textiles, household lamps, fans, irons, turntables, projectors, garden, and various clothing items needing repairs.

The new venture, which is held at Colwich & Little Haywood Village Hall, aims to help change our throwaway culture, with the strapline 'Fix It Don't Ditch It'



*Now that will be the sharpest tool in the shed!*

it runs **monthly on the second Sunday of the month.** Visitors said:

*'Brilliant!' - 'A great vibe' - 'Gold star'  
'Very helpful repairer' - 'My shears have never been so sharp' - 'I've got two new, beautiful lamps'  
'My 65 year old teddy bear lives again!'*

Are you an organiser, book keeper or repairer? Interested in joining our Team and serving your community? **You are needed.** Contact us on 07717 036213 for more details.

### Next Two Dates For Your Diaries:

**May 10th and June 14th From 2pm til 5pm,** at Colwich & Little Haywood Village Hall, Chilwell Avenue ST18 0QZ.



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## Acton & Bednall

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Bednall Village Annual

#### Spring-Clean & Maintenance Day

Join us on **Saturday 16th May**. Meet in the church from 10am for coffee & cake and a programme of activities for Strimming, chopping, lopping, borders, planters, sweeping, litter-picking, planting shrubs/trees, and general maintenance.

Do let us know if you might be coming, this will help our planning. David Primrose Tel: 07975 644044 or email [primrose01@talktalk.net](mailto:primrose01@talktalk.net)

#### Bednall Easter Messy Church

Messy Church was able to take place in All Saints' Church for the first time on Saturday 28th March.

Seventeen children and helpers were able to enjoy the session.

They re-told the Easter Story through their art work. They talked about the journey of Holy Week with the bread and wine shared at the Last Supper. The washing of feet was explained and a time for quiet reflection was available.

They planted cress seeds in an egg shell, made a prayer for the prayer tree, created an Easter garden, and made a chocolate nest out of shredded wheat.

After showing what each child had achieved, songs were sung and everyone enjoyed a tea of sandwiches and hot cross buns.

*From Grete*

#### Recycling In Bednall

In addition to the Council collections, the village also recycles items **on the first whole weekend of the month** at the following locations:-

**Church View, Common Lane (Black Bin)**

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**Bednall Hall, Common Lane (Box)**

Light Bulbs

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#### Bishop Visit

Bishop Michael of Lichfield is doing a retirement tour of the Diocese and will be at St. Michael's Church in Penkridge on **Sunday 7th June for the 10.30am service**.

This year St Michael's Church, Penkridge is celebrating 800 years.

**There are no morning services at Acton Trussell, Bednall or Dunston**, so that everyone can go to the Penkridge Service.

#### Bednall Plant Sale

**A date for your diary - back by popular demand!**  
Bednall Plant Sale to be held on **Saturday 23rd May from 10-12** Refreshments will be served.



#### Clifford Arms Classic Show

On **June the 7th** the annual **Clifford Arms Classic Show** will be taking place in between 11am and 3pm at The Clifford Arms in Great Haywood.

This year, 2026, will be our 9th show and it grows year on year. As in previous years admittance is by a donation to the Air Ambulance and /or Blood Bikes.

If your classic club would like to exhibit, or as an individual you would like to show off you pride and joy please, contact me at [greathaywoodbarry@gmail.com](mailto:greathaywoodbarry@gmail.com)

#### Bednall Car Meets 2026



The Bednall Car Meets return for Summer, taking place on the **Last Thursday of May, June, July, August from 6.30pm—9pm**.

There will be a plethora of Classic and Modern Vehicles on display, *(these events get bigger every year)* and you're invited to bring your own pride and joy along too, or simply just turn up to admire the other polished shiny cars.



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#### All Saints

#### Place of Welcome

Everyone is welcome to All Saints Community room in Bednall, on **Tuesday's 2-4pm.**

Just come to this Place of Welcome to enjoy a bit of company, a good chat and refreshments. We look forward to seeing you.



#### Messy Church - Date For Your Diary

Please come to Messy Pentecost on **Saturday 23rd May** at All Saints Church, Common lane, Bednall ST17 OSA from 2 to 4pm.

Enjoy lots of Pentecost themed activities for children of all ages, storytelling, crafts, singing, ending with sharing snacks together (*children to be accompanied by an adult- grandparents welcome*)

Please book your place with Alison Primrose at [aprimrose@talktalk.net](mailto:aprimrose@talktalk.net) or 07794 515142 so we now how many are coming. Please advise any special dietary needs.

#### Moat House Lunch for St James

Thanks to all those who supported and enjoyed the lunch at the Moat House on Sunday 19th April, to help raise funds to maintain St James' Church.

The food was delicious – a 3 course Sunday Lunch plus coffee and mints. Thank you Moat House and thanks to all the organisers and helpers.

#### New Bednall Community WhatsApp Group

In February, a new Community WhatsApp group was started for Bednall residents only, and we already have over 70 members.

##### Key benefits are:

- \*stay connected to your community
- \*focus stronger local connections
- \*share urgent update in real time
- \*share local information
- \*sell or give away unwanted items
- \*ask for advice on local tradespeople
- \*find lost pets (or children)

To join contact Carole Allen Tel:07956 204114

#### Ascension Day 2026

Ascension Day is on Thursday **14th May**. There will be a service of Holy Communion at All Saints, Bednall at 6:30pm.

David Primrose will be presiding. Immediately following the service (approximately 7pm) there is the Annual Meeting of the People and following this the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)



#### Haywoods Flower & Veg Show

The team behind the Haywoods Flower and Vegetable Show have just finalised this year's schedule with some old favourites and some interesting changes. Paper schedules will be printed very soon, and we'll also post it on our website [www.haywoodsflowerandvegshow.com](http://www.haywoodsflowerandvegshow.com) Have and look and join in the fun!

We'll let you know on our **Facebook page "Haywoods Flower and Vegetable Show"** when the schedule goes live on the website.

To get you started the themes for this year's photographic competition are "Wildlife On Water" for Juniors – who are now 16 years and under in line with all our other junior classes, and "A Little Bit Of Red" for Adults.

Remember Show Day is a little bit earlier this year on **Sunday 6th September**, as we try to get it in before the weather dashes the roses! *Have a lovely Springtime!*



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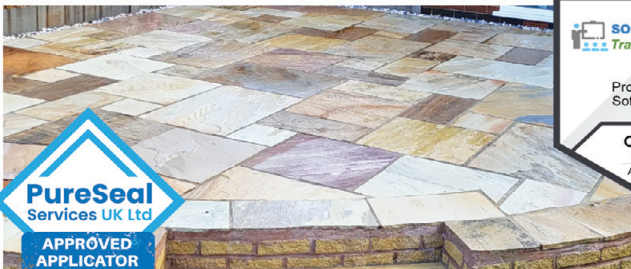
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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Magical Music at Sandon Hall

The Heath Chorus accompanied, by Uttoxeter Town Band, present Magical Musical Moments, In aid of Time for Tea Fund.

It takes place on **Tuesday 30th June** 7.30pm, at Sandon Hall, Lichfield Rd, Sandon.

Tickets, including Canapés are priced at just £15. There will be a Pay Bar, though please arrive early for Interval Drinks. No drinks are allowed in the Concert Hall.

For more information visit [www.sandonallsaints.com](http://www.sandonallsaints.com)

### Haughton Parish Council At Market

Members of Haughton Parish Council are present at the Haughton Village Market events which are held at Haughton Village Hall from 10.00am to 12.30pm on the second Saturday of each month. You can ask questions and raise any issues with members of the Parish Council at these events. We may not be able to provide an answer on the spot but we will look into any issues that are raised with us.



### Haughton Village Tidy-Ups

Haughton Parish Council will be organising a series of Village Tidy-Ups through the spring and summer. These will be advertised on the Parish Council's Facebook page in advance.

Volunteers should meet at the car park behind the shops - please report in to the organiser so we can take your details for insurance purposes! (Please note that our insurance excludes anyone over 80 - sorry if that means you can't join us). Litter-pickers and hi-vis will be available but if you have your own, please bring them!



## Stafford Sew-Days at Dunston Village Hall

### Sewcial Saturdays Take Place On The Second Saturday Of Each Month 10am - 4pm.

Join us for a day of social sewing with like-minded people in a friendly, relaxed environment. The cost is £20 which includes refreshments, lunch and raffle.



### Tuesday Dressmaking Club Runs From 7 - 9.30pm

Come along for some help with your dressmaking projects with an experienced tutor. Anyone from beginner to more experienced is welcome, you just need to be able to use a sewing machine. £15 or £20 including machine hire.

For more information on all dates and booking details please visit [www.staffordsewdays.co.uk](http://www.staffordsewdays.co.uk) or email Wendy on [staffordsewdays@gmail.com](mailto:staffordsewdays@gmail.com)



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## Haughton Village Craft Market

Haughton Village Craft Market is held **every Second Saturday Of The Month, with doors open from 10am until 12:30pm.**

There are lots of local stall holders, selling local produce, from cakes, pies, flowers, honey, crafts and much more.

We also have a cafe selling hot drinks / bacon / sausage/ egg baps.

This is a not for profit venture, no profit is made from the stall holders, and any left over monies after hiring hall goes to support local charities.

Come and visit us at Haughton Village Hall, Newport Road, Haughton ST18 9HB.



## A Bumper Easter Acton and Bednall Foodbank

The Easter Food Bank run was well received!

Besides all the tinned meals provided, 129 Easter eggs were also included. As well as the eggs, there were many bars of chocolate and chocolate bunnies. Through your generosity, many children were able to enjoy some Easter treats.

They are in great need of toiletries as well as any tinned food, tea and coffee.

Thanks to the transport team of Stuart, Alison and Roger. We hope to do another run in July. Thank you for your kindness

## Stafford Flower Club Meetings

**Weds 27th May at 2.15pm - Andrew Lloyd**

'Tis the Merry Month of May and Andrew Lloyd, florist, will be coming to Stafford Flower Club for our May meeting with his title of 'Tis the Merry Month', giving us hints and tips for flower arranging and the best ways of keeping our flowers and foliage in good condition.

Andrew has a florists' shop in Stourbridge and caters for weddings, funerals and celebrations on any theme you can think of. He also has access to the more rare and unusual flowers through his wholesaler contacts. Expect flamboyancy in his flowers and arrangements.

All the flowers that Andrew arranges will be offered as prizes for the raffle so, if you have bought tickets and are lucky enough to have your number drawn out you may be going home with a beautiful arrangement to enjoy in your front window.

Our ever popular Flower Quiz will be also on offer this month - have a go and try to spot the chosen flower in the grid, you may be the winner of a cash prize.

Come and enjoy an afternoon of flowers, learn more about those being used and watching Andrew arrange them to his given theme. Visitors: £8 including light refreshments.



**Weds 27th May at 2.15pm - Sarah Fenton**

Sarah Fenton is a demonstrator who has done all her exams and tests through NAFAS (*National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies*) and has passed with flying colours. A qualified National Demonstrator, who lives near Shifnal, travels all over, both nationally and internationally.

I am sure she will have some lovely floral stories to tell.

Sarah is also a fan of "Strictly" on TV and angles her theme for us to "Strictly Come Flower Arranging". Expect lots of frilly and bright coloured flowers and foliage when she demonstrates her skills in floral art and see those flowers dance.

The Bee Friendly Stall run by the Hardy Plant Society are bringing their popular stall of plants for sale as well as our own which will be on offer. Bag a bargain whilst you are with us as, sometimes there are quite unusual plants to be had.

All the flowers that Sarah arranges will be offered as prizes for the raffle so, the more raffle tickets you have bought the more chances you have of having your ticket number drawn, then you will be able to take your pick of one of the arrangements to take home.

Come and give us a try - come and watch the art of flower arranging, you will not be put on the spot to do anything yourself - unless you would like to of course, Visitors: £8 including light refreshments.

We meet at Rising Brook Methodist Church, ST17 9DH starting at 2.15 pm. If you drive - parking spaces are close by and we are on a regular bus route.

If you would like further information, please contact us at: [staffordflowerclub@gmail.com](mailto:staffordflowerclub@gmail.com) or ring Ros on: 07985 602287





## Family Fun For All At Brocton Village Hall

Hello from everyone at Brocton Village Hall!

We've enjoyed several lovely events over the last month starting with a Spring Wreath-Making Workshop & Afternoon Tea hosted by Chloe from Blooms.

She guided us in making a unique floral wreath to celebrate the start of Spring, followed by a delicious Afternoon Tea made by our wonderful volunteers.

It was lovely to see how creative everyone was!

To finish the month we held our Annual Easter Family Games Day.

This wonderful community event welcomes local children and their families to enjoy an afternoon of Easter themed activities and games, along with treats and snacks along the way.



Much fun was had by all and it was wonderful to see the hall full of families enjoying themselves and hear the children having a great time.

Next on our events list is a **Rummage Sale on Saturday 9th May from 1pm-3pm**, everyone welcome and then our **Spring Fayre & Family BBQ on Saturday 6th June** (details to follow on our website).

We continue to host groups each week from Brownies, WI, Keep Fit, Yoga, Pilates, Line Dancing and Dance classes.

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Members and guests at the cheese tasting

## Orange The World - At Penkridge Inner Wheel

Showing solidarity to the United Nations 'Orange The World' campaign to end violence against women, our members and guests sported this powerful colour at a wine and cheese evening.

With a talk from farmer Hannah Davies, from Snarestone, Derbyshire, together with tasting a variety of cheeses from an award winning dairy herd, the evening proved a success. All proceeds were donated to The Pathway Project, a Staffordshire based organisation supporting adults and young people experiencing or affected by domestic abuse. Their helpline is 01543 676800.

Fish and chips were on the menu at our main fundraiser of the year in March, when around 114 members and guests were entertained by the singer, Lola Lamour. Lola not only brought a touch of glamour into the room but inspired us to join in the songs from the 20's to the 60's, with choruses from the shows belted out enthusiastically.

As a complete contrast we were entertained on quite a different level at our April dinner meeting by a fascinating talk from Caroline Speirs with the intriguing title, 'My Mother Flew Spitfires.'

Caroline's remarkable mother, Rita Baines from Stoke,



Lola with guest David Haycock

was one of 168 civilian women pilots of the Air Transport Auxiliary, who collected planes from factories and delivered them to assembly plants, active service squadrons, maintenance units and factories. Known as the 'Attagirls' they delivered 309,000 planes during the second world war.

These women received equal pay with male ATA pilots, a first for the British government!

At the same meeting we were delighted to welcome a new member to the club, Elsa Grainger. Former teacher, Elsa taught for many years at both Gailey Primary and Princefield First School.



New member Elsa Grainger, with president Gail Summers

Prospective members are welcome to find out more by coming along to a club meeting. We have two interesting dinner meetings coming up.

**On Wednesday 13th May** we have a talk from Margaret Smallman on 17th-century Moseley Old Hall.

**On 8th July**, Hannah Moore will speak about Mary's Meals, a global charity providing life-changing school meals to some of the world's poorest children.

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# Celebrate Bednall Banter

For almost 12 years, Bednall Banter has been delivered throughout the village, celebrating village life and fostering civic pride. We are so grateful to all those who have contributed to its success, and express our thanks to the editor, Katie Holmes and her faithful group of volunteers.

Katie has published the magazine since 2015, helped in the early days by Pom, and has decided it's now time to retire.

Katie said "I would like to thank all the sponsors of the magazine over the years, we couldn't have produced it without your support, also a big thank you to my team of volunteers who deliver the magazines to your door, Carole Allen, Toni Castle, Geoff Gripton, Angela Hughes, Liz Lloyd, Yvonne Thomas and Pat Whiston, as well as Val Peach who has covered during holidays.

Last but not least, to my wonderful proofreader, Dave Barrow and also dear Val, who has done the vast majority of proofreading to ensure the magazine you received was as accurate as possible. Thank you to everyone, best wishes to you all, love Katie xx"



On **Saturday, 16th May at the start of the Village Maintenance Day**, we celebrate **Bednall Banter Over The Years**. Meet in church at 10am over coffee and cake, where a copy of every issue will be on display. Remind yourself of village events over the past decade. Find memorable photographs. Bring along your own favourite issues. Help yourself to some surplus back copies which will be available.

We will also be encouraging people to join the various online networks which are open to everyone in the village. Terry Jones is our contact for the BATH Website and circulates by email items posted there – see <https://batth.co.uk>

Shelly Homer runs Facebook's "Bednall Community Communication Page" and Joan Hammerton is our link with Facebook's "Acton Trussell Bednall & Teddesley Hay information, news, events and chat"

We all know that news travels around Bednall in so many different ways, and yet we still hear, "nobody told me!" So as we celebrate the wonderful contribution which Bednall Banter has made to village life, please sign-up for the online channels of communication mentioned which are freely available for everyone in Bednall.

**Ed:** Thank you Katie for providing My Village Voice with most of our Bednall News for the last 10 years or so, you will be missed, enjoy your retirement.

**Breaking News - Bednall Banter To Continue** - Great news, Cesca Bloxham has volunteered to take over from Katie Holmes as editor for Bednall Banter. She'll welcome contributions, articles, photos and offers of sponsorship for the June/July issue by **23rd May** – you can email her at [bednallbanter@gmail.com](mailto:bednallbanter@gmail.com)



## News From Bradley

There's not a lot to report from Bradley this time, however on 25th April our Saturday Market was well attended again, and much fun was had by all. (see photos)

The village are now fundraising in force, to raise funds to go towards repairing the Churchyard Wall. We estimate that the full cost will be over £40,000, and we have still got about £20,000 to go.

Our "Sponsor a Stone" campaign is now up and running, giving a healthy start to this fundraiser.



Anyone can *Sponsor a Stone* from as little as £1, to as much as they like, so if you are able to help, please contact Tracey on 01785 780764, or donations can be sent to School Farm, Barton Lane, Bradley ST18 9EF.

From Judith Manners



## National Trust Walton Talks

The National Trust Staffordshire Centre's programme of talks at Walton Village Hall in Stafford continues on **May 12th**.

There is no need to book in advance, just turn up at the door and pay as you go in. However, it would help the organisers if you book your place(s) on our website <https://www.ntstafford.org.uk/> go to Events-Talks - Book a Talk.

All talks start at 2.30 pm and you do not have to be a member of the Centre to attend. Admission is £4.50 for non-members of the Centre and talks are followed by tea and biscuits.

### The Staffordshire Film Archive

12th May

*A Presentation by Ray Johnson MBE*

Ray Johnson founded the Staffordshire Film Archive in 1980 and has been developing it ever since.

Alongside thousands of original archive films are many hours of complementary material generated by Ray to inform and enhance the films; interviews, relevant audio/visual materials and complete documentary video productions – several broadcast on television here and abroad.

The collection footage of the industrial background and social history of the Staffordshire area. Included in the collection is rural footage from around the County and footage of many of the local trades once found in the locality. Ray will be showing a series of film and video clips of many of these with a particular emphasis on the Stafford area.

### The History of Sweets

9th June

*A Talk by Martin Peet*


Martin Peet is descended from generations of confectionery shopkeepers dating back to 1891. He is the lucky man who has realised every kid's dream of owning his own sweet shop. Martin founded Mr Simms with a vision of celebrating the best of British sweet shops from times gone by.

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It quickly became a franchise business and within 15 years, had grown to over 60 stores in the UK alone, plus a handful overseas and is a story that is still evolving. As part of his presentation, Martin will be bringing along samples of sweets to be given to those in the audience. He presently runs The Chocbox sweet shop in Eccleshall.

To keep up with our future events, watch out for us in these pages or check out our Events page at <https://www.ntstafford.org.uk/>





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## Haughton Village Gateway Signs

Haughton Parish Council has installed new gateway signs at the main entrances to the village. The new signs have been installed at both ends of A518 Newport Road and also on Station Road.

The signs were designed and produced by Britain's Bravest Manufacturing Company, part of Royal British Veterans Enterprise. RBVE is a registered charity supporting UK veterans through jobs, homes, and community, and helps people with disabilities through inclusive employment in its social enterprises.



Each sign features an instantly recognisable scene from the village of Haughton – St. Giles' Church on the A518 entering the village from Stafford, the Old Hall on the A518 entering the village from Gnosall, and the War Memorial at the entrance to the village on Station Road.

Those who visit the Parish Council's website or Facebook page will recognise the images from our page 'banner' and we are grateful to the owner of the original images for allowing us to use them!

We're very pleased with the fresh, bright designs produced by Britain's Bravest Manufacturing Company – and that the signs are made of composite material which has **NO SCRAP VALUE** written on the back, so are less likely to go missing this time!

We're also grateful for the very positive feedback we have had following the installation of the signs. We've even had enquiries from members of other parish councils about them, so maybe we'll be seeing more of these appearing locally in the future!



## Celebrating Springtime: A Community Project

Students from All Saints School in Bednall helped to create 2 beautiful seasonal arrangements with help from Volunteers from Made With Love Craft Group.

Thank you to Mrs Scott, her team and all students for painting and decorating wooden shapes and writing sentiments to reflect the Easter period and to the members of the craft group who made faux flowers and those who gave their time to participate in the session.

The spring craft project is the 3rd and final collaborative intergenerational activity to be delivered with funding received from the Community Foundation, hosted by Friends of Bednall, with the aim of strengthening relationships and making new connections in our community.



*The arrangements are on display in All Saints Church*

Made With Love Craft group are delighted to be supported by the Community Foundation. For details on future monthly craft session please contact Elaine Le Montais 07747 118 372.



## All Saints' School The Easter Story

The children from All Saints' School in Bednall celebrated the Easter Story in church on Friday 27th March. Every child had a part to play and they sang their hearts out.

A sad 'goodbye' was made to Maryanne Lloyd who had been the school chaplain for many years. Wishes were made for her happy retirement. Reverend Delphine gave the blessing.

*From Grete*



## Tolkien Weekend 11 & 12 July in Great Haywood

Over **11 and 12 July**, Great Haywood will be the place where you can move into Middle Earth, where you can get to know more about the author of those wonderful stories and where you can find out what it was about Staffordshire that so inspired him.

We've got walks in his footsteps in a booklet which is available in a number of places in the Haywoods and in Stafford and at Shugborough, plaques showing important places in his life here, some locations open for you to visit and an exhibition which will show you all you need to know about JRR Tolkien.

**The exhibition will be open (and free) between 10.00am and 4.00pm on both the Saturday and Sunday** and refreshments will be available throughout the opening times.



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## Music In Great Haywood

Great Haywood Memorial Hall offers a real variety of music – from the gospel and 70s and 80s pop and Motown of the Staffordshire Rock Choir to Jamie and Honor's folk/indie style to the harmonies of the Tripliquettes and the Anson School Choir singing carols at our Christmas coffee morning.

Jamie (*who lives in Great Haywood*) and Honor (*from Burton*) sang for us in April, to raise money for Great Haywood's St Stephen's Church. They both studied music performance and songwriting in Birmingham where they have played in bands together and as a duo, performing together for around 6 years.



Honor and Jamie Photo: Peter Rothwell-Jackson

Honor is a singer/songwriter in the folk, pop and indie rock music scene, and Jamie is a session guitarist who plays for a number of artists. He is also lead guitarist in the Midlands Indie Rock Band called *A Week Full of Mondays*.

40 members of the Stafford Rock Choir will be performing in the Great Haywood Memorial Hall on **Saturday 16 May at 7pm** to help raise funds for re-decorating the Hall. They are part of a 30,000 strong choir across the UK - the world's largest contemporary choir.



The Rock Choir in Stafford Market Square last Christmas - Coming to Great Haywood Memorial Hall in May

There are 6 Rock Choirs in Staffordshire - Stafford Morning, Stafford Evening, Stone, Leek, Market Drayton and Newcastle-Under-Lyme.

You don't have to be able to read music or audition to join – the aim is to improve the well being both of the singers and of those who hear them. The Choir focuses on pop, gospel and Motown. Two Rock Choir members serve on the Great Haywood Memorial Hall Committee.

Then, another different style which had people up dancing recently, was the performance by the Tripliquettes who gave a concert of mainly 40s and 50s style music (*but venturing into the Beatles and beyond!*). This was organised last month by the Haywood Support Group in aid of Katharine House Hospice. So we cater for a lot of musical tastes.

## Heritage Activities Underway At All Saints' Church Sandon

All Saints' Church Sandon have been very busy with a number of events held over the last few months as part of their National Lottery Heritage Fund Project. The church will reopen fully in June but in the meantime there is still plenty going on.

In February, they held a local history event "*Down Memory Lane*", to record people's memories of the church and the local area. Visitors to the event were asked if they would participate in an interview to record their memories of the church such as weddings, christenings and general memories of Sandon's past.

Clips of the interviews will be used to form an exhibition at All Saints' Church.

In March, the church welcomed professional conservators to speak about the conservation project currently underway.

Three talks were held at the church over the morning, with the conservators discussing the painstaking process of cleaning and conserving the important historic features.

Centuries of dirt and dust had collected on the beeswax varnish which had to be removed carefully by hand, revealing true colours and details beneath.



Also in March, work was underway in the church grounds to plant a new hedge as part of the biodiversity plan for the churchyard.

Volunteers from Oak Tree Farm did amazing work to help plant 120 whips that will eventually form the new hedge. As part of the Biodiversity plan for the grounds, the church will hold a Bioblitz day with the Staffordshire Wildlife Trust from 10 till 12 on 26th May, which will be full of nature based activities including trails, crafts, bug hunts and nature spotting.

There will be lots of opportunities for music lovers as well, with a **Midsummer Concert by the Cantiamo Chamber Choir on the 20th June**, a **Concert with the Heath Chorus and Uttoxeter Town Band on 30th June** and the **Stafford Military Wives Choir performing on the 12th September**, not forgetting lunchtime recitals at the **Time Travellers event on 1st August** and **Heritage Open Day on the 20th September!**

We are now taking bookings for groups to have a tour of the church and we plan to open on Sunday afternoons from June for people to drop in.

Please see our website at [www.sandonallsaints.com](http://www.sandonallsaints.com) for further details of all our events.

## Newport Music Club Welcomes Multiple Prize Winner Kasparas Mikužis

Newport Music Club is delighted to welcome Kasparas Mikužis, a young Lithuanian pianist celebrated for his artistry and versatility, on **Saturday, May 9**, 7pm, at Cosy Hall, Water Lane, Newport TF10 7LD.



*Kasparas Mikužis - Piano*

This concert is kindly supported by the Countess of Munster Trust.

Kasparas has performed at some of Europe's renowned venues such as the Concertgebouw in Amsterdam, the Lithuanian Presidential Palace as well as the Eudon Choi show during London Fashion Week 2023.

Named '**Rising Star 2025**' by Classic FM, Kasparas gave his debut recital at the Wigmore Hall in December 2024 and won the Young Classical Artists Trust (YCAT) auditions in May 2025. He appeared with John Wilson and the Royal Academy of Music Symphony Orchestra as a winner of the concerto auditions at Royal Academy of Music and since 2024 he has been a scholar of the Imogen Cooper Music Trust, and a recital scheme artist with the Countess of Munster Musical Trust. He has released his debut CD, with performances televised on Mezzo TV and broadcast on Lithuanian national TV, radio, and France's Radio Classique.

In 2023, Kasparas made his debut with the Lithuanian National Symphony Orchestra and later that year was invited to perform for the Lithuanian and Polish presidents on Lithuanian Statehood Day at the Presidential Palace. In recognition of his representation of Lithuania on the international stage, Kasparas was honoured with a letter of gratitude from the President of the Republic of Lithuania.

Kasparas has performed multiple times at the United Nations Headquarters in Geneva and at the EMMA for Peace World Summit of Nobel Peace Laureates concert in Warsaw. Other notable appearances include performances at the Purcell Room at the South Bank Centre in London, and the season-opening concert of the Kharkiv Philharmonic Hall with the Kharkiv Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra under conductor Yuri Yanko.

A multiple prize-winner, Kasparas is the winner of the Concerto auditions and Duo and Chamber Music Competitions at the Royal Academy of Music, where he is currently pursuing his postgraduate studies with Professor Christopher Elton.

The programme includes works by Bach, Brahms, Beethoven, Ravel and Godowsky. Do join us for what promises to be an exciting evening of music!

Tickets: Adults £15.00; Children/Students £2.00; payable on the door by cash.

To reserve tickets in advance, please contact the Newport Music Club at chairman@newportmusicclub.org or phone 07726 959233.

Visit [www.newportmusicclub.org](http://www.newportmusicclub.org) for more information.

**Our next concert is guitarist Tohi Harada on Saturday, October 10 at 7pm.**

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## Mayor Attends Caledonians 70th Anniversary Ball

A special 70th Anniversary Ball was held on Saturday 14th February at the Peace Memorial Hall in Penkridge by members of The Stafford and District Caledonian Society.

The Caledonians were honoured that The Worshipful The Mayor of Stafford, Councillor Jenny Barron, and her Consort, Honorary Alderman Ray Barron, were able to attend. They were warmly welcomed by the Society President Mrs Maureen Cromblholme.

The evening got off to an enthusiastic start with that well known Scottish dance, the Dashing White Sergeant, which Mayor Barron joined in together with Society members and guests. As a keen dancer, the Mayor was happy to join in a couple of more complex dances later in the evening.

The Chris Dewhurst Scottish Country Dance Band provided the stirring music for the many reels, jigs and strathspeys which were enjoyed throughout the evening, with a welcome break for a delicious buffet supper and a toast to the 70th Anniversary.

A very enjoyable and fun evening was had by all.

Here's to the next decade of Scottish Dancing with the Stafford Caledonians who **meet each Wednesday evening at 7pm at The North End Community Centre in Holmcroft Road, Stafford.**

Members are always ready to give a warm welcome to both beginners and experienced dancers.

For more information please see the website <https://www.staffordscottishdancing.danceorg.uk> or telephone Gerald D'Arcy on 07904 380760.



*The Worshipful The Mayor of Stafford, Councillor Jenny Barron, and her Consort, Honorary Alderman Ray Barron*



## Haughton Grassy Lane Cleared

As part of the Parish Council's commitment to improving the numerous public rights of way around the parish our grounds maintenance contractors cleared vegetation including brambles and self-set trees from the brook that runs along Grassy Lane and also removed silt and detritus that had built up in the watercourse.

This work was needed to prevent the watercourse becoming obstructed, reduce the risk of bank erosion and keep the path clear and safe to pass along.

We will be undertaking other improvement works on footpaths within the parish with the installation of kissing gates a priority to improve accessibility of the footpath network.



## Vintage Football Programmes 'Score' at Auction

Vintage football programmes proved a big hit with collectors when they went under the hammer in the recent Specialist Collectors Auction at Penkridge auction house Cuttlestones.

Featuring a carefully curated selection of pre-war and post-war matchday programmes, the football memorabilia section attracted strong interest from bidders both in the room and online – with several historic examples achieving impressive prices.

Leading the lineup was Lot 109 – a 1921 FA Cup Final programme for the match between Tottenham Hotspur and Wolverhampton Wanderers, played at Stamford Bridge on 23rd April 1921. The programme, made even more desirable thanks to being autographed by the entire Tottenham Hotspur team along with the manager, sold for an impressive £1,400.

Another standout lot was a programme from arguably football's most famous match – the 1966 World Cup Final between England and West Germany. Rich in historical associations, the lot included signatures from manager Alf Ramsey and ten of the England players who featured in the final, alongside a signed photograph and House of Lords letter from then Prime Minister Harold Wilson, as well as a signed image of legendary commentator Kenneth Wolstenholme. It sold for £750.

Early league football was also well represented in the sale. A West Bromwich Albion v Oldham Athletic programme from the 1921/22 season sold for £170,



while a Sunderland v Wolverhampton Wanderers programme from the 1936/37 season achieved £160, further demonstrating the enduring appeal of early matchday memorabilia among collectors.

Cuttlestones is now inviting consignments for future specialist and antiques sales. For a free, no obligation valuation, email [valuations@cuttlestones.co.uk](mailto:valuations@cuttlestones.co.uk), send images via WhatsApp to 07949 603872, or call 01785 714905 to make an appointment.

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## Springtime Tidy-Up At St James Churchyard

Thanks to all those who came along to help at the recent St James, Acton Trussell churchyard tidy-up.

Armed with their brushes, spades, wheelbarrows and secateurs. A great job was done in between a chat and a well earned cuppa.

As you can see from the pictures, I'm sure you'll agree, it looks absolutely stunning, well done everyone.



## Haughton Garden Guild's Plant and Garden Accessories Sale

Spring has arrived, gardening is underway, and it's nearly time to come to Haughton Village Hall to pick up a plant or two to fill a gap or find that special accessory you've been searching for.

The sale will be held on **Saturday 16th May, with doors opening between 10am and 2pm.** Admission is free and refreshments will be available.

A wide range of bedding plants, vegetables, perennials and house plants will be available, as well as garden sundries such as tools, books and containers.



*Images from the 2025 plant sale*

### Monthly Meetings – **New Members Welcome**

Haughton and District Garden and Countryside Guild holds meetings on the **third Monday of the month at 7.30pm at Haughton Village Hall.**

New members are welcome to join us from Haughton itself, or from surrounding villages and areas. Membership costs just £12 per annum for normal monthly meetings this includes refreshments following our guest speaker's talk.

Subjects include gardening, plants, wildlife and other matters of rural interest. Recently we have heard about the protection and maintenance of our canal heritage and about the history of the National Garden Scheme and NGS gardens in Staffordshire.

As an RHS Associate organisation we also operate an annual trip to a Royal Horticultural Society garden, such as RHS Bridgewater, with free entry for Guild members. Annual membership also entitles you to enter our annual show, held on the first Saturday in September (*on payment of a small additional fee for the entry form*).

If you think you would like to join us, you can attend without immediately becoming a member for a guest fee of £2, so why not pop to the Village Hall on the third Monday of the month and give us a try?

# News From Acton Trussell, Bednall & Teddesley Hay Community Centre



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## Lost Property

A number of clothing items have been left at the Centre in recent months. If these are not claimed in the next few weeks they will be donated to a local charity shop.

If you think something may be yours please leave a message on 01785 596543.

## Yin Yoga, Gentle Flow & Breathwork Classes

Yin Yoga, Gentle Flow & Breathwork Classes with Grace Moore are held **every Wednesday from 6.45pm to 7.45pm at the Centre.**

Booking is essential at [www.gracemoore.co.uk/classes](http://www.gracemoore.co.uk/classes)

## The Tea Room

**Every Thursday morning** the Centre plays host to The Tea Room where good company can be enjoyed with hot beverages, scrummy tea cakes and on the first Thursday of the month it's Bacon Buttie Day!

Everyone is most welcome. Thanks to Sue and her dedicated team for making it possible every week.

## Indoor Bowls

Meeting on Mondays from 2pm to 4pm, the Indoor Bowls Club is a social affair with tea and cakes and a friendly game or two for all ages and abilities. Come along and give it a go!



## Read & Return Library

Our Read & Return Library has a large and varied collection of books. When next you're in the Centre, it's worth having a browse for your next bedtime story. Borrowing is free, and donations are most welcome.

## Centre Enquiries

If you wish to hire the Main Hall, Meeting Room or Recreation Ground please go to [www.actontrussellcommunitycentre.org/hire/](http://www.actontrussellcommunitycentre.org/hire/)

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## Brocton WI - Much More Than Just "Jam And Jerusalem"

"Jam and Jerusalem" is the phrase often used to describe the Women's Institute (WI), but is this affectionate cliché a true assessment of the modern movement?

The WI was founded in 1915 as a way to encourage rural women to produce more food during WW1 and to revitalise their communities. The movement proved to be popular and quickly spread throughout the UK.

Throughout its history the WI has been involved in a number of national campaigns, including Keep Britain Tidy, equal pay for women, Fairtrade and more recently reducing marine pollution. It is now the UK's biggest women's organisation.

Brocton WI was founded in November 1931 and has met on the **second Wednesday of every month at Brocton Village Hall** since then.



These monthly meetings provide an opportunity for women of all ages, from the local area to come together in friendship.

There are also a number of subgroups such as the Book Club which meets regularly.

So if you are interested in becoming a member of Brocton WI, then please contact our secretary using the details below. New members are always welcome!

**email** [secretary2.broctonwi@gmail.com](mailto:secretary2.broctonwi@gmail.com)  
or visit **facebook Brocton WI**



## Bednall Village Cart Returns

Our lovely cart is now out of hibernation, and all spruced and sited back on the front lawn at All Saints' Church.

The cart attracts various donations such as books, jigsaws, home-made cards, jams and cakes on a Friday.

There is an honesty box, and details as to how to make donations online (*there is now a charge to bank cash*). Haven't got cash? You can pay by bank transfer, details on the cart. *This was a popular payment method last year.*

All proceeds go towards the running and upkeep of our beautiful church. Do please visit our cart to donate or 'buy' produce.

We have a wonderful team of volunteer cake bakers, taking it in turn to produce delicious cakes on Fridays. Then it's Cake Friday! Your morning cuppa has a perfect addition, but don't leave it too late, or you will be disappointed!



We warmly welcome anyone willing to join our team. We have two bakers each week and any offers of help will be appreciated.

Please contact Ali Webb 07811 196836 for further information.



L to R:- Michelle Daws and Sue Zurawiel President of The Stafford Soroptimist Club

## Rosie's Plaque To Honour The Lumber Jills

To highlight International Women's Day, which was celebrated on March 8th, members of Soroptimist International of Stafford made a "Rosie's Plaque", to honour the women, who during the Second World War, worked as Lumber Jills on Cannock Chase, and at Henry Venables Timber Yard in Stafford.

The Women's Timber Corps was formed in 1942 and by 1944 there were 6,000 women working as Lumber Jills.

Their duties included Felling, Snedding, Loading, Crosscutting, Driving Tractors and Trucks, Working with Horses and Operating Sawmills.

The expert knowledge gained, meant that in 1947, for the first time, women were employed by The Forestry, to complete Britain's Tree Census (to assess trees left in each County after the War)

All the women were former members of The Women's Timber Corps.

Rosie's Plaques is a project to celebrate and honour forgotten and inspiring Women around Britain.

The Rosie's Plaque for The Lumber Jills was presented recently to The Tea Room at Springslade Lodge, a beautiful little place on Cannock Chase.

Lucy from Springslade Lodge was very pleased to display the Plaque, and proud to be a part of the event to celebrate and honour The Lumber Jills.

## International Women's Day

International Women's Day has been around for over a hundred years, as have many of the issues still impacting women's advancement.

Since 1911, IWD belongs to all who care about gender equality. Celebrate women's achievement. Raise awareness about discrimination. Take action to forge gender parity. All IWD activity is valid, that's what makes IWD so inclusive.

The 2026 campaign theme is "Give To Gain," encouraging collective action to invest in women's safety, rights, and inclusion, while the UN theme emphasises "Rights. Justice. Action. For ALL Women and Girls"

**Soroptimist International is a global voice for women.** 80,000 members in 3,000 clubs in over 100 countries around the world. Soroptimists make a positive difference to the lives of over half a million women and girls in the world every year.

For more information about The Soroptimist Organisation visit [sigbi.org](http://sigbi.org)

For the Stafford Club please visit [sigbi.org/stafford](http://sigbi.org/stafford)

## The Arts Society Lectures



### Icons and the Art of Byzantium

Lecturer Christopher Newlands

May 19th

The religious art of the Eastern Church has become beloved as objects of veneration by people of faith, as well as being admired as fine works of art.

### Cartoons and Contraptions

The wonderful world of W. Heath

Robinson

Lecturer

Barry Venning

June 23rd

**\*Please Note - To be held at the Ruxton Centre, Beaconside Campus, Stafford\***



For over a century Heath Robinson has been famous for drawing rickety devices that carry out the simplest tasks like potato peeling & pancake making.

Lecture meetings are held at the Gatehouse Theatre, Eastgate Street, Stafford. ST16 2LT. Our lectures normally take place at 1.45pm **on the third Tuesday of each month.** There are no meetings in August or December.

Annual membership are available from 1st April - £57, giving access to 10 lectures and to all other Society activities. (Visits and study days are at cost)

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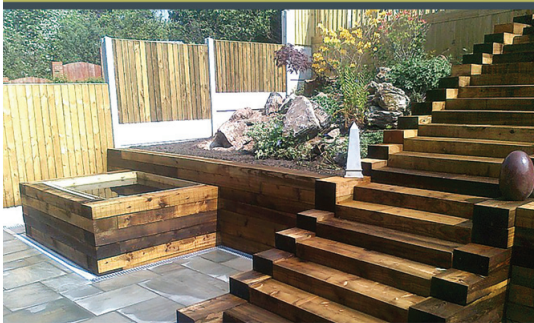
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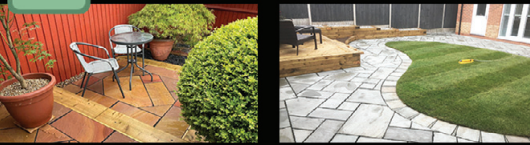
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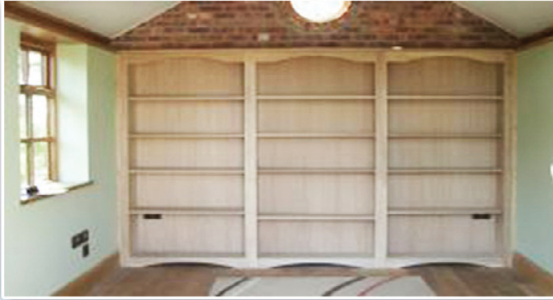
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