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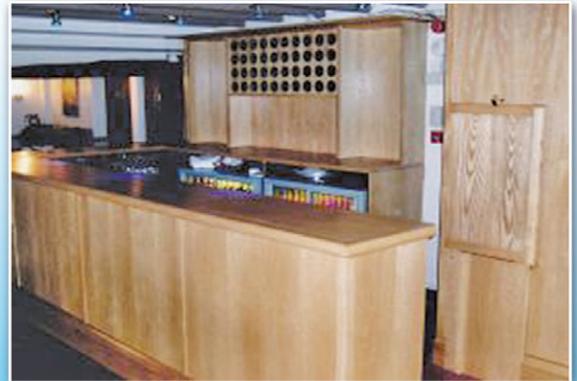
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### Wishing You A Happy & Healthy New Year

#### Welcome and Happy New Year.

I hope you all had a good Christmas, and a nice break over the holidays. Mine was going well up until Boxing Day, when I came down with the flu. I spent the next 5 days asleep or coughing, so not the best way to end the year.

There's plenty being happening since we last spoke, starting with congratulations to both St James Acton Trussell on achieving a Gold Award and All Saints Bednall with a Silver Award in the Churchyard Awards Scheme.

Congratulations also go to Staffordshire's library service who have been named as one of the best in the country for working with its communities.

Well done to Penkridge business leader, Vikki Brooks, on winning a sben business and environment award, and to pupils of Year 6 at St. Peter's CE Primary School, Hixon whose charity car wash raised an amazing £250 for Katharine House Hospice, I bet it was freezing!

Can You Fix Things? If so a new Repair & Care Café for Colwich and The Haywoods wants to hear from you. You may have worked in IT, electrics, electronics, woodwork or metalwork, soft textiles or even know how to fix clocks?

Acton and Bednall Community Centre hold a Valentines Quiz Night on 13th February, and the 'Act On Players' are seeking people to join them, so if you fancy treading the boards or taking a supporting role, this new group would like to hear from you.

The Arts Society have a fascinating lecture coming up entitled 'A Bit of a Carry On' where lecturer Tyler Butterworth shares his remarkable untold story of Carry On actor Peter Butterworth and his wife Janet Brown. Tyler reveals the private story behind his parents' public lives.

The National Trust Staffordshire Centre Talks at Walton continue with 'Sweet Soul Music' in February and 'Stories Of Shugborough' in March.

Elvis returns to Derrington Village Hall Saturday 7th February and then in April they have their Annual Murder Mystery!

If you're looking for a new family hobby for 2026 why not try something exciting and learn to sail, South Staffordshire Sailing Club based at Gailey Lower Pool have everything you need.

All the best until next time, and wishing you a happy & healthy New Year.

Dan Mitchell 10/1/26

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# A Very Happy New Year from Brocton Village Hall

We had a very busy end to 2025 with several festive events.

Our Annual Christmas Bazaar was a huge success and showcased various local small businesses, along with our own pre-loved gift stall, tombola and lots of fun Christmas crafts for our younger visitors!



Our final event of 2025 was our Christmas Party. This year we were entertained by the wonderful Dave & Rosie, who kept everyone dancing to their fantastic collection of 70's & 80's vinyl! A delicious buffet was served and a great night was had by all.



We then held our first ever Christmas Wreath Workshops, hosted by the lovely Chloe. With her expert guidance everyone produced their own unique and beautiful door wreath to take home. Mulled wine and mince pies helped everyone get into the festive spirit.



We are busy setting the dates for our events in 2026, the first of which will be our ever popular **Rummage Sale on Saturday 7th February 1pm-3pm (20p entry fee).**

As well as our own events, we offer hall hire for parties/meetings/wakes/etc and there are several regular groups/classes that take place at the hall including Keep Fit, Brownies, Pilates, Yoga, Brocton WI and GKY Dance.

For information on any of these groups please email [info@broctonvillagehall.org.uk](mailto:info@broctonvillagehall.org.uk) or for enquiries for hall bookings email [hall-booking@broctonvillagehall.org.uk](mailto:hall-booking@broctonvillagehall.org.uk)





## Walton Charity Fund Raiser

On the 17th December, the Line Dancing groups from Stafford (*Walton*) Phoenix Club arranged a Line Dancing event to raise funds for a wonderful small local charity - Childhood Cancer Parents Alliance.

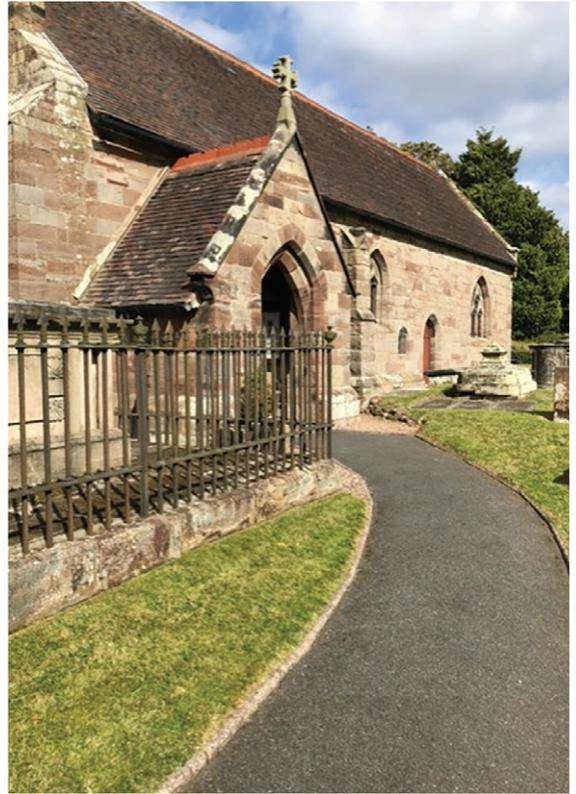
Their aim is to support not only children who receive a cancer diagnosis, but also the whole family. They do amazing work.



The event, supported by the Mayor, Jenny Barron, was a huge success. Not only did we have a lot of fun but we raised a staggering £1717 for the Charity. **ED: Well done on raising such a fantastic amount!**

Line dancing classes are held at Walton Village Hall on **Wednesday afternoons** with 2 time slots available: 12.45-1.45pm or 2-3.30pm.

Contact Sue Thompson on 07760 173089 or Fay Collins on 07950 640524 for further details. We restart on January 7th after Christmas and you can come along any Wednesday for a free taster session!



## Churchyard Awards Scheme 2025

Well done to both St James Acton Trussell on achieving a Gold Award and All Saints Bednall with a Silver Award despite building work being carried out linked to church re-ordering project.

The judges said of St James "This very well-maintained churchyard is a peaceful place. The good access and well positioned benches are welcoming for visitors. A good range of information is provided in the church porch. This includes reference to special graves, which are plotted and photographed.

Details about wildlife are displayed, with guides to encourage visitors to explore and appreciate the plants and creatures in the churchyard. The grass is managed well, neatly trimmed around the graves, and the area for the interment of ashes is kept neat and tidy. Church and community work together to maintain such a high standard, making the churchyard a very special place for those who visit.

Many thanks to all those who contribute to its ongoing care and maintenance.





## All Saints' Harvest Service

The children from All Saints' School in Bednall celebrated their Harvest Festival. Reverend Delphine led the prayers. They sang songs giving thanks for the harvest.

This service was to be followed by a visit to Moors Covert Farm, but sadly the weather was against them. However, the 'farm' came to the children. Carol Bloxham kindly filled a car with pumpkins and delivered them to the school.



Tins of food were donated by the children to be given to Cannock Food Bank. Alongside this celebration, a coffee morning was held to raise funds for Christian Aid. A most enjoyable morning.

*From Grete*





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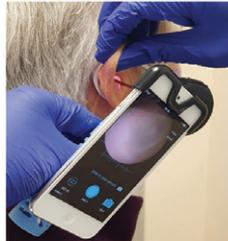
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# Christmas Time In Bradley

We held a very happy Barn Dance in late October which was much enjoyed by the dancers and non-dancers alike.



Bradley Singers entertained a full Village Hall with Christmas songs and lots of fun items. As usual Pauline accompanied the Singers quite wonderfully.



The Wreath Making was a wonderful afternoon and evening event with lots of beautiful wreaths later adorning front doors locally.



Father Christmas came to Bradley in his sleigh and talked to lots of children and others in the Red Lion in early December.



The Bradley Knitters and Crocheters really excelled themselves over Christmas. First was a beautiful Holy Family for Christmas followed by The Three Kings/Wise Men on Ephiphany Sunday. Absolutely stunning and enjoyed by everyone who walked past the Village Hall Post Box.

*From Judith Manners*

# NEW YEAR, NEW YOU!

The start of a new year is a great time to make a change, including volunteering in your local community.

As well as doing something potentially life-changing for others, you'll be doing something hugely rewarding for yourself.

Children's charity **Mentor Link** provides one to one mentoring and therapeutic support to vulnerable children and young people in schools who are facing social/emotional or domestic issues.

**We are recruiting Volunteer Mentors in your area** and looking for people who are passionate about the next generation, have a good listening ear and can spare a couple of hours each week. Life experience is essential.

Quote from our amazing Mentor Chris.

*"I believe passionately in the need to cherish and nurture young people. By empowering someone to make changes in how they interact with the world, I can play a small part in their wellbeing now, and for the rest of their lives!"*

**If you are interested in supporting a child/young person with social and emotional challenges, we would like to hear from you.**

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**<https://www.openreach.com/fibre-checker/my-products>** just enter your postcode and select your address. Please note that some addresses are still awaiting infrastructure to be upgraded, there is an option to register your interest and get updates when full fibre is available.

Orders for upgrading from ADSL to Full Fibre are taking approximately 2 weeks to install dates.

You will notice many providers are removing landlines from their packages (e.g.Plusnet) others such as BT/EE/Vodafone are offering the option to keep a landline, however full fibre landlines do not support certain personal alarms / Telecare devices, more information can be found at **<https://www.ageuk.org.uk/information-advice/money-legal/consumer-issues/changes-to-landline-telephones/>**



## SID on Brocton Road, Milford

Berkswich Parish Council have received a number of complaints in the past about vehicles speeding along Brocton Lane in both directions.

The Parish Council agreed to purchase a solar powered Speed Indication Device (SID) to remind road users of the speed limit.

Local residents have reported that the SID had an immediate effect on the speed of vehicles travelling from the mini island at the Barley Mow.

We plan to turn the device at regular intervals so that it can have an impact on speeding in both directions and are seeking advice on how this can be done.



## Stafford Rotary Club Christmas Bags

The Stafford Rotary Club packed 100 special Christmas food hampers for the Salvation Army based at the Citadel in Stafford on Monday 15th December 2025.

They were distributed to families in need known to the Salvation Army and social services and schools in the Stafford area in time for Christmas filled with food

suggested by them and paid for and collected by the club.

The hampers are provided each year and paid for with funds raised by the club.

The photo shows the Rotarians, partners, and friends who packed the hampers.



## New Year Honours for Staffordshire

Leaders of their professions, and pillars of the community are among the Staffordshire residents recognised in His Majesty the King's New Year's Honours List.

Residents have been honoured with MBEs and BEMs for their services to diversity in sport, higher education, public health, local communities and to charity.

Martin Murray, Acting Leader of Staffordshire County Council, said: *"The commitment, generosity and expertise of Staffordshire's residents are some of the reasons why this county is the beating heart of the country."*

*On behalf of us all I thank those honoured today by the King for their long contribution to their professions or their communities."*

Residents of Staffordshire who have received an honour include:

MBE for Kerry Davis, of Fradley, for services to Association Football and to diversity in sport;

MBE for Paul Kevin Hegarty, of Lichfield, a trustee of the Licensed Trade Charity, for charitable service to the hospitality sector;

MBE for Dr Catherine Louise Taylor-Weetman, of Whittington, consultant in dental public health for the Shropshire and Staffordshire Dental Local Professional Network, for services to dentistry;

BEM for Susan Jane Bohanan, of Stafford, Special Constabulary co-ordinator at Staffordshire Police, for services to the community in Staffordshire;

BEM for Philip John Charles, of Abbots Bromley, parish councillor and village stalwart, for services to the community in Abbots Bromley;

BEM for Russell David Clark, of Keele, Head of the Language Centre at the University of Keele, for services to Higher Education;

BEM for Joan Catherine Fairley, of Hints, Tamworth, for services to the community in Sutton Coldfield;

BEM for Richard Graham Hill, of Barlaston, for services to charity in Staffordshire;

BEM for Charles Frederick Hodges, of Kinver, for services to the community in Enville, particularly for his commitment to St Mary's bell tower.

## National Trust Staffordshire Centre Talks

After Edward Holmes talk on the Art of Origami on January 13th, the Staffordshire Centre's programme of talks at Walton Village Hall in Stafford continues on February 10th.

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.

### Sweet Soul Music

February  
10th

#### A Talk by Nigel Holmes

This talk, with musical interludes, takes its title from Arthur Conley's 1967 song of that name, where he pays homage to the blues



and soul artists of that era; Lou Rawls, Sam and Dave, Wilson Pickett, Otis Redding and James Brown.

However, the story didn't stop there; let's not forget the likes of Aretha Franklin, Stevie Wonder and many more. In the UK, rare Tamla Motown records along with imported recordings from little known US artists, formed the basis of the Northern Soul movement.

So, "if you like good music", then we feel sure that you'll enjoy this talk.

### Stories Of Shugborough

March  
10th

#### A Talk by Keith Alldritt

Apart from being a member of the Staffordshire Centre, Keith is a volunteer



at Shugborough and will tell the stories behind the paintings in the smallest, most visited space in the mansion - The Veranda Passage - but also the most overlooked. Learn about an audacious horse racing gamble, capturing a treasure ship, the difficulties of being the Post Master General, and famous visitors.

See why the watercolours - recently conserved thanks to funding from Staffordshire Centre - are important to show the history and development of the estate, especially in the 1700s, including Thomas Anson's most impressive structure which no longer exists!

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/>



## Fun Times At Derrington Village Hall

Rosemary and Syds quiz was a very enjoyable evening, a room full of teams taking part in this very organised quiz, always lots of fun, Rosemary created a lovely boutique of chocolate for the winning team, the profits for this evening were split between the Village hall and Katharine House Hospice, both charities Sydney and Rosemary wanted to support. Many thanks to all the teams and to Syd and Rosemary.

At our Christmas Meal, Sarah and her team did a fantastic job of feeding 50 villagers a traditional Christmas 3 course meal, lots of hard work but rewarding work as the community spirit really is fantastic..

The Children Christmas party was a lovely afternoon organised for the children in the village, arts and crafts, games, food and a special visitor made this a special day, many thanks to Sarah and Tracey who made an amazing elf to Santa Clause, thank you Santa at such a busy time of the year it was great you could come along to give gifts to the children.

On Christmas Eve lots of people enjoyed a relaxed evening of Karaoke in the bar, many people participated and the atmosphere was nice and friendly, a lovely start to Christmas.

On New Year Eve, Brightside band returned to a sell out crowd to end 2025 and bring in 2026, once again they didn't disappoint, lots of dancing took place and again the atmosphere pleasant.

Sausage and Mash event on New Year's day, is a tradition that has been running for many years, this year saw 70 people attend, the great team effort to put this day on is a true reflection of the community spirit we have here in Derrington, many thanks to all who get involved, what a great way to start the new year, working alongside fellow village friends, an incredible £330 was raised for hall funds,

### Coming up....

**Saturday 7th February.** Elvis returns to the village hall, tickets can be purchased from the bar, sure to be a great night, come along and enjoy this great Tribute to Elvis, we thank Bob and Glennis for organising this evening.

**Saturday 18th April.** Annual Murder Mystery, come along to this fun evening of questionable acting, a Derrington favourite.

We also have planned Whist Drives and another Afternoon Tea.

Please come along to both the Village Hall and Social Club, the committees value your support, and both organisations are here to benefit villagers and friends.



## Berkswich WI - helping Stafford's Women's Aid

At our Wednesday meeting Berkswich WI had the usual Christmas collection when members bring in items to donate to Stafford's Women's Aid.

There were lots of goodies to help the women and children have a special Christmas as well as basic items. One of our members had also spent the year knitting so we could have a special lucky dip. She's talented and the prizes were well received. All the money raised was also to go to Women's Aid.



Berkswich WI are a friendly group of ladies that meet at Walton Village Hall, Green Gore Lane, ST17 0LD on the **first Wednesday in the month** at 7.15.

Please consider joining us, you will be very welcome. We have a variety of speakers throughout the year and visits to places of interest.

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to chat & for more details

**Thankyou!**



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*"We're hoping to start up in the community of Colwich and the Haywoods in Spring 2026," says Ingrid. "You'll be able to see broken items mended, have a cup of tea and cake while you wait and make new friends. And for our team of repairers, it will be a reason to get out of bed in the morning, grab your bag of tools and make a difference to your community."*

*"The idea of waste not, want not isn't new," adds Stephen, "but it's needed more than ever now. We want to help stop a throwaway society, encourage people to consume less new and to reuse, repurpose and recycle unwanted products. It's building a circular economy that's sustainable rather than the 'take, make, use, waste' model."*

For more information and /or a chat on becoming a repairer or part of the organising team, contact Ingrid Wagner on 07717036213 or Stephen Moore on 07843 960519.

# The Arts Society Lectures



## The Royal Academy - Guardians of British artistic taste?

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## A Bit of a Carry On

Lecturer *Tyler Butterworth*  
**February 17th**

The remarkable untold story of Carry On actor Peter Butterworth and his wife Janet Brown. Using classic film and TV clips, personal momentous, rare photos and letters from his family's unseen collection, Tyler reveals the private story behind his parents' public lives.

The Arts Society meet at Stafford Gatehouse, usually on **the third Wednesday in the month**. Lectures start at 1.45pm and last about 1 1/4 hours.

The Arts Society, Stafford doesn't meet in December, and return in January.

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*)

Guest attendance at first trial lecture costs £10 Membership Application is easy... Just call our secretary Joan on 01785 284629 Email [jholmes123@btinternet.com](mailto:jholmes123@btinternet.com) Or visit our website

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## Newport Music Club

We are thrilled to introduce the prize-winning accordionist Sofia Ros on **Saturday 21st February**, 7pm at Cosy Hall, Water Lane, Newport, TF10 7LD.

This is the first time that an accordionist has played at a Newport Music Club concert, and has only been made possible due to the kind sponsorship of the Countess of Munster Musical trust.

Born in the Canary Isles but now based in Glasgow, accordionist Sofia Ros was named BBC Radio Scotland Young Classical Musician of the Year in 2025, following her solo debut with the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra performing Astor Piazzolla's Aconcagua Concerto under the baton of Andrew Gourlay at Glasgow City Halls.

Sofia won First Prize in the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland's 2024 Concerto Competition and was also a prize winner of the Trophée Mondial de l'Accordéon; and in the Manhattan and Vienna International Music Competitions.

A finalist in the keyboard category of the Royal Over-Seas League Competition, Sofia's performances have been broadcast on BBC Radio Scotland's Classical Now and BBC Radio 4's Front Row.

Her impressive list of achievements includes performance at major international venues including Carnegie Hall in New York; the Musikverein, Konzerthaus, and Alten Rathaus in Vienna; the Purcell Room in London; Queen's Hall and Usher Hall in Edinburgh; and Glasgow's Royal Concert Hall.

**Do come along to see this rising star.**

Tickets: Adults - £15.00 Children/Students - £2.00 payable on the door by cash or cheque. Contact the Music Club at [chairman@newportmusicclub.org](mailto:chairman@newportmusicclub.org) or phone 07726 959233 to reserve tickets in advance.

Download our 2026 Brochure for more information from [www.newportmusicclub.org](http://www.newportmusicclub.org).

Newport Music Club's third concert of the season will be Trio Archai, on **Saturday March 14th** at 7pm at Cosy Hall.



## Bowlers Christmas Lunch

The Bowls Club from Acton and Bednall Community Centre hosted its Christmas lunch for members and their partners at the Brocton Golf Club on Monday 22 December.

A hamper was presented to Carol and Alan Webster in appreciation of all their hard work organising the club throughout the year.

The Club resumes its **regular Monday meetings on 12 January at 2pm** to which everyone is welcome!

Also at the centre - **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.

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 but donations are welcome.

## Valentines Quiz Night

On **Friday 13th February 7pm** at Acton and Bednall Community Centre

£2.50pp - Max 6 per team Advance Tickets:  
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**Bring your own drinks and refreshments**

## Regular Club Meetings

All welcome but please check beforehand that the club is meeting, especially around public and school holidays.

- Indoor Bowls - Monday 2-4pm
- Photography Group Tuesday 7.30pm-9.30pm
- Art Group Wednesday 1.30pm-3.30pm
- Yoga & Meditation Wednesday 6.45pm-7.45pm
- Tea Room Thursday 10am-12.30pm
- Local Vocals Choir Thursday 7.30pm-9.30pm
- Acton Trussell WI Every 3rd Thursday 7.30pm
- Craft Group Friday 2-4pm

## Act On Players

If you fancy treading the boards or taking a supporting role, this new group would like to hear from you.

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## Radford War Memorial Tidy Up

The planting around the war memorial at the top of Radford Bank had become tired and there was a persistent creeping weed which could have damaged the stonework itself, so at the beginning of November Berkswich Parish Council arranged for the plants and soil to be replaced.

We feel it looks much better and it was done just in time for Remembrance Sunday on Sunday 9th November.

Cllr Sue Francis laid a wreath on behalf of the Parish Council along with The Scouts and representatives from Berkswich Parish Churches among others.



## Lighting up Bednall Church

Judith Carder has sponsored lighting up the church in memory of her late husband, Roger, whose birthday is on November 1st.

Joan Hammerton has sponsored the lighting in memory of her late husband, Rod, during the Christmas time, as well as Angela Hughes and Jackie who would like their loved ones Don, Sandra and Mike to be remembered.

If anyone would like to sponsor lighting up the church in memory of a loved one, please get in touch with me.

**From Grete**



## Gold Rush: Realise the True Value of Your Gold at Auction

With gold prices remaining strong and demand for quality jewellery high, Staffordshire auction house Cuttlestones is encouraging locals to take a fresh look at forgotten treasures tucked away in drawers and jewellery boxes.

The Penkridge sale room's recent Winter Antiques Auction demonstrated just how buoyant the market is. Gold jewellery performed exceptionally well, with a 9ct gold charm bracelet adorned with 20 charms achieving £1,700; a hallmarked 9ct graduating double Albert chain with T-bar and medallion fob selling for £1,200; and an 18ct gold manual wind pocket watch also fetching £1,200.

These impressive performances sit alongside strong prices from earlier sales, such as a 9ct rose gold Albert chain mounted with sovereigns that achieved £1,900; a Georgian gold intaglio ring selling for £900; an art deco sapphire and diamond ring realising £1,300 and a Royal Navy divers' watch selling for £1,400.

These results prove that selling gold at auction can far exceed scrap value. Rather than being weighed in by the gram, items are assessed for craftsmanship, age, rarity and desirability - factors that can significantly elevate their value under the hammer. From inherited rings and broken chains to vintage charms and pocket watches, now is a great time to discover their true worth.

Cuttlestones values and takes in gold and jewellery daily by appointment. To book a free, no-obligation valuation at their Penkridge or Stafford sale rooms, call 01785 714905, email [valuations@cuttlestones.co.uk](mailto:valuations@cuttlestones.co.uk), or send photos via WhatsApp to 07949 603872.

## Bednall Car Park

The long awaited community car park on Common Lane, next to Coopers Meadow, is in the final stages of being purchased by the Parish Council, and we hope to have it open before the end of the year for specific use, initially by the school and for church services.

At all other times the gates will be locked. Cars must not be left there overnight or except when visiting the church or school, as the gates will be locked by a 'responsible person with access rights' when they leave. Any further discussions regarding the use of the car park should be directed to me please.

**Many thanks,  
Alex Thompson  
Chairman: Acton Trussell,  
Bednall & Teddesley Hay Parish Council**



## Penkridge Inner Wheel

What a pleasure it is when new members join us, and our Christmas lunch at the Moathouse was the perfect occasion for president Gail Summers to welcome Deacon Sue Culver, and Deacon Jan Sutton, into the Inner Wheel fold.

The Moathouse was also the venue for our winter friendship evening. After a fine dinner members and guests were royally entertained by speaker, Paul Drury, who served on HMS Britannia. Paul captivated us with his sailor's yarns of life on the high seas, together with working at close quarters to members of the Royal Family.

Keen to learn new skills we finished the year with a creative workshop for members and friends, where we were taught the art of Christmas wreath making, with the most gratifying results.

Looking ahead we start off our fundraising 2026 with a cheese tasting evening on January 10th, to coincide with Inner Wheel day. Presented by a family of local dairy farmers we will hear how they built up their dairy herd, followed by tasting a variety of award winning cheeses.

On **Saturday March 7th** we host our main fundraiser of the year in the Peace Memorial Hall, Penkridge. Entertainment is from popular singer Lola Lamour, and includes a fish and chip supper. Tickets are £17.50 from our secretary, details below, it is usually a sell-out!

If you are interested in becoming a member of Inner Wheel, please contact our secretary, Margaret Taylor [margaret\\_taylor@btinternet.com](mailto:margaret_taylor@btinternet.com), 07791160648.

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# 1000 Years 1000 Voices At All Saints' Church Sandon

Conservation work has started at All Saints' Church Sandon as part of their National Lottery Heritage Fund Project.

Throughout November and December scaffolding has been erected and work has begun on repairing, conserving and removing various historic elements of the church.

One of the most delicate operations was to remove the historic 17th century Stuart Royal Coat of Arms from the north wall. It took six people to carefully take the weight of the painting and frame so it can be taken to the conservator's workshop to be cleaned and repaired.

Specialist work is also taking place on the stained glass windows, the ceiling plaster work and Tudor wall paintings and monuments.

As part of the Heritage Fund project, the church will be **Celebrating 1000 years of its history in 2026 with a series of FREE events.**

To kick off the celebrations, the first event is a 1000 year History Quiz at Sandon Parish Room on **Friday 23 January at 7.30pm**. Book as a team of 6 or make up a team on the night. Prizes for winning teams. Teas and coffees will be available. To get your FREE tickets ring Pam on 07778 190082.

The church is very grateful to the Greyhound Inn in Burston who will be providing the use of a room for a monthly Poppy Knit & Natter group starting on **29th January 1.30 till 3pm**, and continuing on the **4th Thursday of each month**.

The aim is to produce 1000 knitted poppies in time for Remembrance Day 2026. The Wool Boutique in Stone has kindly donated wool for the project and the Poppy knitting pattern can be found on the church website [www.sandonallsaints.com](http://www.sandonallsaints.com). For further details contact Annie on 07791 097502

On **Saturday 21st February**, people are invited to drop into the Parish Room in Sandon 10am-4pm for a "Down Memory Lane" event, to share their memories of the local area and the church; perhaps bring a photo or an object from the past. There will also be launch the Church Time Capsule project on the same day.



*Carefully removing the coat of arms in December*

## *Coming up in 2026*

**June onwards** in the church grounds - A celebration of nature: a butterfly and moth trail - if your group/organisation would like to take part please contact [keystoneheritage.info@gmail.com](mailto:keystoneheritage.info@gmail.com)

**Saturday 1st August 10am-4pm** - Sandon All Saints through time re-enactment event in the church grounds.

**Saturday 12th September** - The Military Wives Choir  
Explore Our Heritage at [www.sandonallsaints.com](http://www.sandonallsaints.com)  
Or find and like us on Facebook : Sandon All Saints'



*Getting a closer inspection*





CHAT GPT team members pictured from left to right:- Wayne Hughes, Neil Homer, Richard Colley, Tim Hodgetts, Terry Homer, Lisa Hodgetts and Shelley Homer

## Acton and Bednall Quiz Night

A Quiz Night with fish & chip supper was held in The Community Centre at Acton Trussell on Friday 17th October.

The Quiz was well attended with 11 tables of contestants and a grand total of £488.75 was raised for Church funds and Friends of Bednall. Quentin was the Question Master, and the winning team were CHAT GPT.

## Church Services at Acton and Bednall for 2026 until Easter

### Church Services for month of Jan/Feb/March to Easter 2026 at All Saints Bednall and St James Acton Trussell

Sunday services in church start at 9.30am unless other time stated  
Friday services are at 10am  
Everyone is welcome

Day	Date	All Saints Bednall	St James Acton	Presiding
Sunday	4th January		Epiphany Carol	Roger
Friday	9th January		BCP Holy Communion	Delphine
Sunday	11th January	Holy Communion		Delphine
Sunday	18th January		Holy Communion	David
Friday	23rd January		BCP Holy Communion	Greg
Sunday	25th January	Morning Prayer Dedication 10.30am		Team
Sunday	1st February		Morning Prayer	Roger
Friday	6th February		BCP Holy Communion	Delphine
Sunday	8th February	Holy Communion		David
Sunday	15th February		Holy Communion	Delphine
Wednesday	18th February	Holy Communion Ash Wednesday 6.30pm		David/Delphine
Friday	20th February		BCP Holy Communion	Greg
Sunday	22nd February		Community Centre Service 11am at CC	Delphine
Sunday	1st March		Holy Communion	David
Friday	6th March		BCP Holy Communion	Delphine
Sunday	8th March	Holy Communion		Delphine
Sunday	15th March		Mothering Sunday Morning Prayer	Delphine/Roger
Friday	20th March		BCP Holy Communion	Greg
Sunday	22nd March	Morning Prayer		Roger/Delphine
Sunday	29th March		Holy Communion Palm Sunday	David
Thursday	2nd April	Maundy Thursday Agape 6pm		Delphine
Friday	3rd April	Good Friday At the Cross 2pm	Good Friday Stations 10am	Delphine Bednall Roger Acton
Sunday	5th April	EASTER Communion		David/Delphine

Contacts: All Saints, Grete Willacy - 01785 861939 and Phil Clayton 07411 064108  
St James, Roger Howarth - 01785 714527

Sunday Online Zoom services 11am. Phone- 01785 714527 email [roger.howarth@ifdev.net](mailto:roger.howarth@ifdev.net)

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Hayley Coles pictured at Stafford library

## National recognition for Staffordshire libraries work

Staffordshire's library service has been named as one of the best in the country for working with its communities. Just as the Staffordshire County Council is inviting residents to help shape the future of its 43 libraries, Arts Council England has included the authority's library service in a national guide to best practise in working with the local community.

Selection criteria include how services evolve to support local and national priorities, use data and community feedback to meet local needs, and develop staff and volunteers.

Hayley Coles, Staffordshire County Council's Cabinet Member for Communities and Culture, said:

*"I'm delighted our library service should receive national recognition for how well it works with residents."*

*Staffordshire's combination of 27 community managed libraries and 16 run directly by the county council has been a great success in recent years, with libraries evolving into community hubs, and this Arts Council England recognition is proof of that.*

*We're proud of all our service's achievements, and the innovation shown by our community partners.*

*Now we want to see how we can go further - making libraries places where people come not just to read, but to meet, learn, create, and grow."*



Zoe Scott Headmistress

## All Saints' School 170 years old!

All Saints' C of E School has been described by the pupils as 'small and mighty'.

It may be one of the smallest schools in Staffordshire with just 38 pupils, but it's set in a community where family are central and where the children are at the forefront of everything. In 2026, the school will be 170 years old, and during the year celebrations will be taking place. Watch out for events that you can join in!



Supported lodgings host Lynne with Chloe

## Campaign to find families who can give young people stability and independence

People interested in providing stability and independence for a young person leaving care are being encouraged to become a supported lodgings host.

Being a host means opening your home to a young person aged 16 to 20, offering a safe and nurturing environment where they can build independence and learn essential life skills.

Hosts guide young people in practical tasks like cooking, cleaning and managing money, while also encouraging their education or training as they prepare for adulthood.

Lynne became a supported lodgings host when her own children had left home and is now encouraging other people to come forward.

Lynne said: *"I've been well matched with the young people who live with me. That was an important part of the process."*

*To be a host you don't need a background of working with young people, you need to have time for them and be able to support them but not feel you are going to overpower them. It's about them getting their own independence skills, not about you being their carer.*

*And you are never on your own. As a host, the team are there to support you if you need it."*

Staffordshire County Council was highlighting the need for more hosts as part of the first-ever National Supported Lodgings Week, which was from 9 to 16 November.

Nicholas Lakin, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People at Staffordshire County Council, said: *"All sorts of people from all walks of life can become a host and our latest campaign is hoping to encourage more local families to consider joining us."*

*People who want to host simply need to have a spare bedroom, good communication skills and want to support local young people. If this sounds like you and you're looking to make a real difference then please get in touch with the team and start the process."*

Anyone interested in becoming a supported lodgings host with Staffordshire County Council can find out more on the Supported Lodgings webpage or by calling 0800 169 2061.



## Great Haywood's Christmas Craft Fair

Our Craft Fair, full of an interesting and varied range of crafts was a great success, both for the buyers who went away with some beautiful and unique presents for

Christmas, and the local craftspeople who enjoyed telling people about their work and, of course, selling it!

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# Walton On The Hill Planning Updates

*There are various planning applications for housing developments in Walton on the Hill in the pipeline:*



## • Land Off Old Croft Road

In September, a planning consultant attended the Parish Council meeting on behalf of Touch Developments. Previous applications submitted in 2022 and 2023 were both refused.

Touch Developments are now preparing a revised scheme and intend to submit a new application to Stafford Borough Council (SBC) for 40 houses on land off Old Croft Road before the end of 2025.

## • Land off Milford Road near School Lane 25/41031/PIP

An application has been submitted for permission in principle to build 9 dwellings on this site.

The Parish Council has objected in principle to the proposal. This land forms part of site BER05 in SBC's Strategic Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment (SHELAA) 2024 update, which identifies potential for up to 158 dwellings between Milford Road and Brocton Lane.



## • Land off Milford Road North 25/41179/OUT

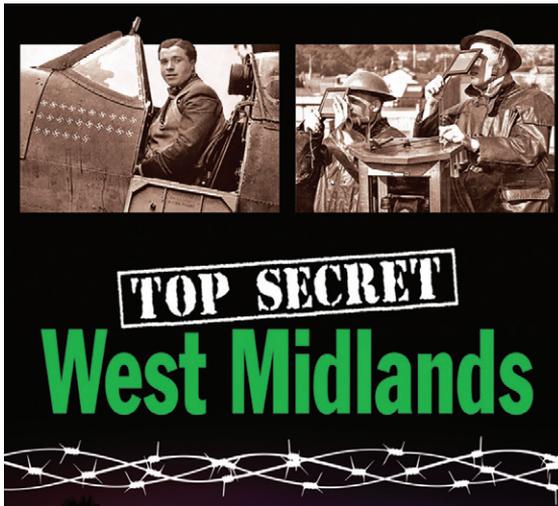
Hallam Land consulted local residents earlier in 2025 and submitted an application for out-line planning consent for 360 dwellings in October 2025.

26 members of the public attended our October meeting and around 70 attended our November meeting to discuss the application. The Parish Council agreed at its October meeting to object to the application and the response is published on both the Parish Council's website and SBC's planning portal.

At the time of writing 223 comments have been received on the portal with over 98% of those objecting to the plans.

Berkswich Parish Council continue to monitor these applications and will post updates on our website and Facebook page when new information is available via SBC's planning portal.





The West Midlands region is situated at the very heart of England and incorporates six counties: Herefordshire, Shropshire, Staffordshire, Warwickshire, West Midlands, and Worcestershire.

During the Second World War and the so-called 'Cold War' period that followed, this area played a key role in the war effort and in keeping the nation safe.

*Top Secret West Midlands* reveals the many secretive aspects of life during these conflicts, and tributes are paid to the professional members of the Armed Services, the volunteers, and the members of the community who lived or served within these six counties.



Building upon the success of *Top Secret Worcestershire* and *Top Secret Warwickshire*, this book contains 'top secret' accounts, littleknown facts, and tantalisingly unsolved mysteries. Packed with historical images and recollections from a generation whose memories must be preserved, *Top Secret West Midlands* seeks to inform future generations of the sacrifices that were made.



*Top Secret West Midlands*, by Michael Layton QPM & Androulla Christou-Layton, is priced at £15.95 and has 298 pages, including 178 B&W Photos.

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*Hospice area for expansion*

## Planning approval and community support for £1.5m modernisation of Stafford hospice

*Katharine House Hospice gets the green light to upgrade inpatient facilities*

Stafford Borough Council has approved plans to refurbish Katharine House Hospice's Inpatient Unit as part of a £1.5 million modernisation project. Work is expected to begin in spring 2026.

The unit, on Weston Road, Stafford, is 25 years old and plays a vital role in delivering specialist palliative and end-of-life care across Stafford and the surrounding areas.

The redevelopment will provide 10 private, en-suite bedrooms, giving patients and families greater privacy, dignity and comfort. The upgraded layout will also strengthen infection control, reduce noise, and create a more welcoming environment. Staff will benefit from more flexible space to deliver personalised care.

All of the hospice's care services, including the busy outpatient clinics in their Therapy & Wellbeing Centre, will continue throughout the project.

Demand for palliative care is forecast to increase in the UK in the next 20 years[1]. This investment ensures the charity can continue supporting local families in the future.

Recent government capital investment will enable further improvements. Solar panels will be installed, saving the charity more than £15,000 a year on energy bills for the hospice building and the charity's Business Centre on Stafford Technology Park. The grant will also support upgrades to the hospice's oxygen supply and increase parking capacity.

The hospice is exploring a mix of financial options, including its own reserves and applications to charitable trusts. A community fundraising appeal is planned for early 2026.

Carina Lowe, lead hospice nurse, said: "Private rooms will give people comfort, dignity and a real sense of home at a difficult time. They help patients feel settled and safe and allow families to spend precious time together. This development also means we can be there for more people when they need us most."

She added: "Staff, patients and families have all shared their views. We have also worked with Asist Advocacy Services to make sure the new space will meet the needs of



*Carina Lowe with IPU care staff*

*the people who use it."*

There has already been community support for the proposed plans, with many people sharing positive comments online.

Dr Richard Soulsby, Katharine House Hospice's chief executive, said: "We are delighted that our plans have been approved and grateful for the strong community support we've already received.

*In the coming years, we know more of our community will need quality palliative and end-of-life care, and this development paves the way for us to continue to care in the future.*

*This modernisation will greatly improve the experience of people receiving our expert inpatient support at a time that can be so distressing for patients and their loved ones. We will do everything we can to keep disruption to a minimum and will maintain our highest care standards throughout the project."*

Katharine House Hospice will now appoint contractors and confirm the construction timetable. News will be shared regularly with patients, families and supporters.

Visit [www.khhospice.org.uk/latest-news](http://www.khhospice.org.uk/latest-news) for updates.

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Vikki Brooks (centre) is presented with her Contribution to sben Award by Martin Murray, Staffordshire County Council's Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Economy and Skills (left) and sben Chair Adam Whitehouse (right).

## Penkrige business leader wins business and environment award

Staffordshire Business & Environment Network (sben) has presented a Penkrige business leader with an accolade in recognition of her commitment to the initiative across the county.

The 'Contribution to sben Award' was presented to Vikki Brooks at the network's annual general meeting, held at Aston Marina in Stone.

Vikki, the founder of Value-Led VAs, has played a key role in supporting sben since joining the network in 2023.

Her work has included participating in promotional filming with Staffordshire Wildlife Trust, championing the network's green skills training, contributing to its online forum, and introducing new members from across the county, all while continuing to build her own business.

Vikki was presented with her award by sben Chair Adam Whitehouse, founder of TMT First Ltd.

Vikki's Values-Led VA community brings together virtual assistants, charities, and micro-businesses, helping them build meaningful connections and share expertise.

*Vikki said: "I am truly honoured to receive the Contribution to sben Award.*

*Being part of sben has allowed me to connect with so many people and organisations across Staffordshire.*

*I'm proud to support a network that champions sustainability, collaboration, and community-minded*

*business.*

*I hope Values-Led VAs can continue to support others within this network and help build more resilient, values-centred businesses in Staffordshire."*

Founded in 1992, sben is a free membership association dedicated to helping Staffordshire organisations achieve long-term sustainability, improve environmental performance, and seize business opportunities through innovation.

Speaking at the event, Staffordshire County Council's Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Economy and Skills, Martin Murray, said: "sben is a true success story and is fast approaching an exciting milestone with nearly 1,000 members.

*"This network excels at fostering cross-sector collaboration between businesses of all sizes, charities, projects, suppliers, and education providers.*

*It is a unique platform that encourages essential partnerships to boost competitiveness, resilience, and profitability across our county.*

*sben supports the delivery of tangible projects that enhance Staffordshire's business community and our shared environment.*

*Members play a significant role in creating jobs and fostering future growth for a thriving Staffordshire at the beating heart of the country's economy."*



## St. Peter's CE Primary Pupils Shine Bright with Charity Car Wash for Cancer Support

The compassionate and determined pupils of Year 6 at St. Peter's CE Primary School, Hixon have once again proven that age is no barrier to making a meaningful difference.

On Saturday, November 8th, these young changemakers rolled up their sleeves and hosted a heartwarming Charity Car Wash, raising over £250 in support of Katharine House Hospice, a local charity dedicated to helping those affected by cancer.

This inspiring initiative follows their successful Macmillan Coffee Morning held in September, where the children first began their mission to support individuals and families impacted by cancer. Motivated to do even more, the pupils took it upon themselves to learn more about local organisations making a difference. Their journey led them to invite nurses from Katharine House Hospice to speak about the incredible care and support they provide. Moved by their stories, the children were inspired to take action.

With buckets, sponges, and big smiles, the Year 6 team transformed their school car park into a hub of generosity and community spirit. Parents, staff, and local residents came together to support the event, leaving not only with sparkling cars but also with hearts full of admiration for the pupils' dedication.

*"This is just the beginning,"* said one of the Year 6 pupils. *"We want to keep going and raise even more money to help people in our community."*

The school is incredibly proud of its students, who have shown empathy, leadership, and a deep commitment to making the world a better place. Plans are already busy planning future fundraising events, and the children's enthusiasm shows no signs of slowing down.

St. Peter's CE Primary School, Hixon invites the community to continue supporting these young heroes as they work towards their ambitious goals. Together, we can help them turn compassion into action and hope into healing.



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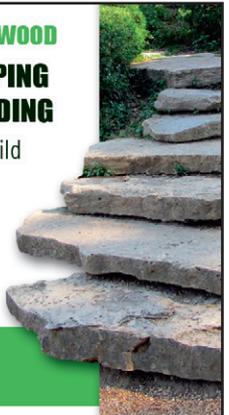
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## Why not try something new in 2026 and learn to sail

South Staffs Sailing Club is a friendly club that has members of all ages. We cater for all abilities, from beginners to experienced sailors. New members are always welcome.

As an RYA Training Centre we provide courses that will enable sailors, whatever their ability, to flourish and really enjoy sailing at the club. If racing is something you aspire to do you will find competitive fleets and tuition available to improve your skills.

Why not try something new in 2026 and learn to sail with a recognised RYA Qualification?! Our 2026 courses will be announced soon, why not create a login and sign up to our Training mailing list? Alternatively you can keep an eye out for our Open days coming next year.



Club racing is run in various formats. We have class, PY and Pursuit races to take account of the time of year and the number of boats competing. We aim to provide the most competitive racing. All members qualify for a Personal Handicap which enables them to compete and gain good results if they sail well. An award is given each month to the helm/crew who reduce their handicap the most during that period.

The club has a long and established record of encouraging and developing junior sailors through fun sailing programs for all ages and abilities. Run by experienced coaches, we run an RYA affiliated training programme. So whether you're child has never set foot in a dinghy before, or whether they are already in to racing we are certain that South Staffs will provide a safe, exciting and inspiring environment to nurture their interest.

Stand Up Paddle boarding (SUP). Our SUP only membership is extremely competitively priced, and as a small sheltered inland water, SSSC is a great place to learn or as a base to hone your skills. Membership

includes access to the water whenever you want (subject to some safety conditions) and use of clubhouse facilities on organised sailing days. Please enquire online or pop down to the club any Sunday.

The Social aspect plays an important part in integrating new members to the Club and has always been a very active aspect of the Club with a variety of events over the year to suit all ages and tastes. Whether it's Quiz Nights, Car Treasure Hunts, Wine Tasting, Commodore's Day, Christmas Dinner, Mince Pie Night, an Annual Dinner Dance and our own House Band, all prove very popular.

Some upcoming events include....

**Saturday 7th February** Pub Games Night A fun, relaxed evening, come solo or team up and compete for cash prizes. Get signed up!

**Saturday 7th March** The Big One Our Annual Awards Night Dress to impress, enjoy a great meal, and celebrate the achievements of our members. With numerous prestigious awards including Member of the Year, you might even be taking one home! Please support the club by joining us.

**Tuesday 10th March** Annual AGM

**Tuesday Evenings, January-April** Talks & Tipples Our popular series of evening talks continues. Check the Social Section on our website for dates and topics.

South Staffordshire Sailing Club  
Gailey Lower Pool, Gailey Lea Lane, Nr. Penkridge  
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## Bednall Church Update

At the time of writing we are approaching the end of week 17 of the 20-week project. The work is scheduled to complete on Friday 12th December and the project is expected to be completed on time.

Work has continued since the last update with the most visible part of the project being the connection of the sewage pipe to the main sewer on Common Lane. The work took 3 days to make this connection, and the PCC apologises for the inconvenience whilst the traffic controls were operating.

Inside the Church the toilet has been constructed, and the south aisle is becoming unrecognisable to the area that it was. Uplifting the carpet, we uncovered a beautiful, tiled floor similar to the few that were already on display, and it has been possible to restore these to an extremely high standard. Our contractors have also been able to source more tiles to replace the tiles that were damaged.

Work has also been possible to prepare for the installation of the screens to enclose the meeting area in the south aisle and the new door to the main Church. This work did mean that we were unable to hold the normal service on 16th November at All Saints. We were very fortunately able to hold our service of Holy Communion at Hill House, home of Alison and David Primrose.

There are a couple of dates in the New Year to which all are invited.

On **Sunday 25th January** the Bishop of Wolverhampton and Tim is dedicating the new facilities at the Church. The service is at 10:30 and everyone is welcome.

On **Saturday 31st January** there is an open event in Church for anyone who wishes to see the new facilities in Church. Everyone is welcome to attend. Refreshments will be available including our famous cake stall.

We do hope that as many residents as possible will find a few moments to come and view a new facility in the village and share ways that they feel the new facility can be used. The event is from 10am – 12pm.

The PCC is grateful to everyone who has donated money to our fundraising effort to enable these new facilities to become a reality especially the National Lottery Heritage Fund who have contributed over £260,000 towards the costs.

We would like to improve the audio visual and sound system at the Church now that we have these new facilities and should anyone feel able to donate no matter how small to the provision of these systems please speak to the Churchwardens or Treasurer.

The new facility will be available for hire for interested groups.

Our charge will be £15 per hour or part thereof. We are hoping to have an online booking system that can be accessed on our information page on the A Church Near You (ACNY) website.

**Grete Willacy and Phil Clayton Churchwardens**



## Made With Love Craft Group

Volunteers from Made With Love Craft Group, and pupils from All Saints School in Bednall came together in October to take part in an autumn themed craft session.



Every student participated, by either painting or decorating a wooden disc with items reflecting the countryside and the season. All of the discs were placed in a frame to create an autumn art project. It was presented to students, staff and the head teacher in school, where it is displayed in reception.



Made With Love Craft Group is delighted to have received funding from the Community Foundation. The autumn art project is the first of three inter generational projects to be delivered with All Saints School, through this grant, with the aim of strengthening relationships and making new connections.

Made With Love Craft Group meets monthly. To find out more or to book onto a craft session contact Elaine Le Montais 07747 118372.



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