



Holmes Chapel Partnership Community Newsletter Issue 88: December 2021



WELCOME TO THE DECEMBER NEWSLETTER!



Question? **What is going on in December?**

Answer: **The Christmas Market!**

Where? For the first time we are closing the road around the Church and holding the Market in the centre of the village with a funfair on the Coop car park

When? On **Sunday December 5th** from **4pm** until **7pm**

We look forward to seeing you there!



Santa will be at the Market and touring during December! See inside for his busy schedule.



There is more going on in December!, See inside for Parish Council news, music from classical to jazz, news from the station, the library and the community cinema and an important update from the Cheshire Wildlife Trust

With best wishes from
Your Partnership Team

Visit our website www.hcpartnership.org.uk

JUST IN CASE YOU HADN'T HEARD...



Holmes Chapel Partnership presents:

HOLMES CHAPEL CHRISTMAS MARKET & FAIR *Sunday 5 December 4-7pm*



50 Festive Stalls

Fairground Rides

Santa's Sleigh

Live Performances

Food & Drink

www.hcpartnership.org.uk

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Visit the fairground rides in the Coop car park and please don't forget Santa! There will be plenty of food and drink on offer from your favourite local hostelryes as well as the stalls. See all those people you haven't seen for ages!

In order to set all this up the road through the village will be closed from 2pm and then for a further hour after the Market has finished in order to take down the stage and the stalls. The Coop car park will not be in use as a car park for most of the day but the shop will be open as usual. It would really help if you could leave your car at home and walk into the village centre on Sunday 5th December.

**The Holmes Chapel Partnership Team looks forward to welcoming you to their
2021 Christmas Market**

HOLMES CHAPEL PARTNERSHIP December 2021 Sleigh Run



Scan this code to go direct to our Just Giving page or go to www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/holmeschapelsleigh



Day	Route
Tuesday Nov 30th	Goostrey West: Boothbed Lane, Sandy Lane, New Platt Lane and Blackberry Gardens
Wednesday 1st	Goostrey East: Woodlands Drive, Buckbean Way, Brooklands Drive, Bank View
Friday 3rd	Brereton: Brereton Heath, Brereton
Saturday 4th	Holmes Chapel & Arclid: Bluebell Green and Brereton Grange
Sunday 5th	Christmas Market
Monday 6th	Holmes Chapel: Middlewich Road, Bessancourt, Brookfield Drive (and side roads), Chester Road, Westway, The Drive, The Milling Field
Tuesday 7th	Holmes Chapel: Hawthorn Villas, Sandiford Road (and side roads) Station Road, Bromley Drive, London Road, Alum Court, Field View
Wednesday 8th	Holmes Chapel: Westmorland Terrace, Sadler's Close through to Seddon Estate (Bramhall Drive to Ravenscroft) and all side roads
Thursday 9th	Holmes Chapel: Saltersford Gardens Estate, then Macclesfield Road Rees Crescent, Picton Square, Danefield Road and Riverside Crescent
Friday 10th (Day)	Hermitage Primary School
Evening	Holmes Chapel: Elm Drive and all side roads, Bridge Farm
Saturday 11th	Holmes Chapel, Cotton Hall Estate, then the Lakes Estate (Broad Lane, Coniston Drive, Grasmere Drive and offshoots)
Sunday 12th	No Run Today - Santa's Day Off
Monday 13th	Holmes Chapel: Selkirk Drive (and side roads), Balmoral Drive (and side roads) to Southlands
Tuesday 14th	Holmes Chapel: Thatch Close, Rivers Estate (Severn Way, and side roads), Congleton Road
Wednesday 15th (Day)	Brereton Primary School
Wednesday 15th	Holmes Chapel: Portree Drive and closes off
Thursday 16th	Cranage
Friday 17th (Day)	Holmes Chapel Primary School

REMEMBRANCE DAY 14TH NOVEMBER 2021



The parade assembles



The band gets ready ...



Peter Whiers
Holmes Chapel
Partnership's
Project Officer
laid a wreath
after the
service

... And off they march in
the autumn sunshine



Followed by the World War One ambu-



The parade reaches the Church for
the Service of Remembrance.

SPEEDWATCH UPDATE



You might have seen the Community Speedwatchers out and about. This particular shift was on Macclesfield Road.

In less than an hour the team recorded 15 cars travelling at more than 36 mph – 7 were doing 40mph or over, the highest recorded speed was 48mph! The readings are done on vehicles driving west into the village centre – if those vehicles travelling east over the railway bridge had been recorded the results would have been even more dramatic.

Once the roadworks have been completed Manor Lane will be on the list for the Speedwatch teams, as that is also a straight road where drivers often ignore the 30mph even though there are numerous vehicle access points along it.

CEC Speed Management Strategy

Cheshire East Council has published the first draft of its **Speed Management Strategy**. This document went before the Highways and Transport Committee on November 16th and was approved to go forward to consultation. Our Dane Valley Ward Councillor, Les Gilbert, who sits on this committee, voted in favour. You may remember that this time last year the motion **20s Plenty** was passed by Cheshire East Council, supported by Cllr Gilbert after consultation with residents. This draft document is the next step towards improved speed management and a shift in emphasis so that motorised vehicles are not always given priority over other road users.

As always, the words are warm:

Our vision for speed management in Cheshire East is to provide a safe highway environment where our communities and those using the network, feel the speed of travel is appropriate for the environment and that the Council listens to the concerns of residents and road users.

This revised strategy builds on the previous version published in 2016 and takes account of changing national and local aspirations of providing a safer road environment and encouraging a more active travel attitude.

Whether the concerns of Holmes Chapel residents about excessive speeds along our roads will actually be addressed, remains to be seen.

HOLMES CHAPEL PARISH COUNCIL NEWS



Local resident joins Village Infrastructure Committee

The Parish Council is delighted that local resident Chris Jones has been voted join our Village Infrastructure Committee. Mr Jones says: *"After moving to the village earlier this year, with my wife and three children, I was eager to help our community. My family quickly got involved with the village volunteers and I wanted to get more involved in further helping to maintain the wonderful place that Holmes Chapel is. I am passionate about making sure the village remains a safe place for us to live, thinking specifically about traffic management and safe walking routes to school and so, after a discussion with various Councillors, I requested to join the Village Infrastructure Committee. After being accepted during the 30th September Council Meeting, I am excited to help the Committee moving forward."*

We look forward to working with Mr Jones through the work of the Village Infrastructure Committee.

Commemorative Policy

Do you wish to remember a celebratory event or honour the memory of loved ones by providing a permanent reminder in the village? If so, please contact the Parish Council for more information about our Commemorative Policy. This can also be found on our website: <https://www.holmeschapelparishcouncil.gov.uk/policies>

Youth Council Restarts!

On 19th October the Youth Council held its Annual General Meeting during which Cllr Brian Bath and Cllr Rich Wilcock gave two inspiring talks. This was followed by voting members onto the youth council and we are delighted to now have 8 enthusiastic new members of the Youth Council who are ready to take it forward once more. They have made a fantastic start following their first official meeting on 16th November and are relaunching the Youth Cinema. The film 'Ron's Gone Wrong' will be shown on Saturday 11th December at 2pm. Tickets cost £4 and will be available to purchase from the Community Centre and Holmes Gifts & Interiors.

Congratulations to two residents!

On 15th October, Everybody Sport & Recreation held their Everybody Awards at Crewe Hall, hosted by Baroness Tanni Grey-Thompson. Many congratulations to two of our residents Matthew Townsend and Amy Clark. Mr Townsend received the Chairman's Award for his part in the 18 person team that cycled the full 2021 Tour de France raising over £1M for Cure Leukaemia. Ms Clark was a finalist in the Coach of the Year award. The Parish Council sends their congratulations to them both!

Happy Christmas!

The Parish Council sends our best wishes to all of our residents for a very joyful Christmas and peaceful 2022!

And looking forward to 2022 ...

The arrangements for the second May Bank Holiday will be a bit different in order to accommodate the celebrations to mark what will be the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The Bank Holiday will be extended to two days but occur on Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd of June.



SAVE THE DATE

Holmes Chapel Celebrations

2nd - 5th June 2022

Stay up to date with all announcements, celebration plans & community activities, visit:
holmeschapelparishcouncil.gov.uk



CHESHIRE WILDLIFE TRUST - SALTERSFORD FARM APPEAL

Thanks to our generous supporters, we raised the £67,000 needed to secure the 50-acre plot of land at Saltersford Farm, near Holmes Chapel. We are so grateful for everybody's donations and incredible support.

We're just at the beginning of many years of work to bring wildlife back to this intensively-farmed landscape. We want to create wildflower meadows, plant trees and create wetland areas here. However it will take time and money.

The 50-acre plot of land sits within the Dane Valley less than a mile from our Swettenham Valley Nature Reserve. Creating and managing a wildlife haven here will strengthen Cheshire's nature recovery network.

Currently Saltersford Farm is in a poor condition for wildlife, having been intensively farmed for many years. Creating new habitat will encourage missing wildlife to return and will provide more space for many of our threatened and vulnerable species.

Buying the land at Saltersford Farm is the first step. We're now working hard to raise the money to create these new habitats and pay off the loan we received from the charitable trust. We look forward to keeping you updated on the progress of this exciting project.

We are looking at several different ways to raise the money but we still need your help.



Thank you!

"I'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has donated to our appeal. It's been amazing to see so many people share our passion for bringing wildlife back to the Dane Valley.

"To be able to take an area so devoid of wildlife and resuscitate it will be an amazing triumph. This is just the beginning of years of hard work. We can't wait to get started. Thank you."

Hannah Dalton, Senior Living Landscape Officer



THE FRIENDS OF GOOSTREY STATION NEED YOUR HELP NOW



ACHIEVEMENTS

6 Cheshire Best Kept Station Awards

A national Community Rail Award

A commendation in parliament

Station building restored

Biodiversity improved

Regular primary school art displays

Rail memorabilia preserved

Local community involved

We need new helpers!

For 9 years we've been improving the area around Goostrey Station. But now there are only a small number of active volunteers.

We're a friendly group who meet each month to help keep our station tidy. We water tubs of flowers, strim grass and remove fallen leaves. We're also getting the Victorian building listed by Historic England and we're negotiating with rail authorities to install toilets for the new Art Studio. A few hours each month from new members would make a real difference.

Join us on the 2nd Sunday of each month between 10 and 1 (but 3rd Sunday in Nov).

For more information, see our website friendsofgoostreystation.org or speak to Dave Roberts on 01477 544779

HOLMES CHAPEL RAILWAY STATION CORNER - December 2021



Graham Blake, our Station Master sends his Christmas greetings to you! (Graham is pointing to our 2020 award which was presented this year in 2021 owing to the Pandemic).

You may remember seeing some of our Station booklets in the booking office and sometimes they include journeys from Holmes Chapel Railway Station. One of our recent booklets : 'To Patricroft Railway Station and a trail down to the Barton Aqueducts. First Edition'. I am currently working on a booklet featuring journeys to Morecambe Bay including Barrow-in-Furness, Ulverston, Grange-over-Sands, Arnside and Silverdale. I aim to have the booklet for sale in the booking office early in 2022. All our booklets are printed by THE PRINT ROOM, 5 Church Walk, Holmes Chapel CW4 7AZ.

(www.theprintroomcw4.co.uk) and any net proceeds are used to the benefit of the Station. I am more than happy to show you our wheelbarrow for example! Purchased from Morreys, 7A Holmes Chapel Business Park, Manor Lane, Holmes Chapel CW4 8AF. If you asked me for my top 10 of businesses in Holmes Chapel (rated for service and expertise) Morreys would be in there. Morreys was founded during the late 1800s as a drapers supplying the needs of the small village of Holmes Chapel of the time. As the Village grew, Morreys rose up from its basement beginnings to become a two storey Department Store and was very successful for some 140 years occupying 8-10, The Square Holmes Chapel. I personally shopped there regularly from 1981 to 2013 - everything from bicycles for our youngsters to decorating materials and hardware and timber etc. Just Amazing! Morreys moved to the Business Park on Manor Lane in 2013 and is still flourishing because of their excellent service. The store is readily accessible.

Having mentioned the new booklet I will finish with a few images, hopefully to whet your appetite...

The Manchester Airport service at Grange-over-Sands for onward connection to Holmes Chapel.





Grange-over-Sands Railway Station built in 1872 (left)



The Grange Hotel built by The Furness Railway in 1866 (right)



Arnside Pier originally built by the Ulverston(e) and Lancaster Railway Co, in 1860 (left)



The Leven Viaduct between Ulverston and Grange-over-Sands. Photograph taken from the foot of the Ulverston Canal (right)



Above: Hampsfell Hospice 1846.

Below: Walking from Silverdale to Arnside. Industrial remains.



Tony Wright

WHAT'S ON



A red poster for the Holmes Chapel Lights Up! event. At the top right is the Dane Sound Radio logo. The main text reads 'HOLMES CHAPEL LIGHTS UP!' in large, green, outlined letters. Below this, it says 'JOIN IN THE FUN THIS CHRISTMAS 2021' and 'ILLUMINATE YOUR WINDOWS AND GARDENS'. A horizontal line separates this from the dates 'RUNNING 26TH NOV TO NEW YEAR'. Below the dates, it says 'FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK:' followed by a Facebook icon and the text 'HOLMES CHAPEL LIGHTS UP'. Further down, it provides contact information: 'FOR MORE INFO CONTACT@DANESOUND.COM OR 07769 214100'. At the bottom, there are stylized icons of houses and trees in white, green, and blue.

TAKE PART IN THIS YEAR'S HOLMES CHAPEL LIGHTS UP !

Brought to you by
Dane Sound Community Radio

Follow the Tinsel Trail around the village with our Google Map to see all the wonderful Christmas displays.

It's not too late to be part of the Tinsel Trail. Open to residents and businesses in Holmes Chapel.

Join our Facebook page - **Holmes Chapel Lights Up** or email contact@danessound.com

DANE SOUND COMMUNITY RADIO is your local community radio station, run by volunteers. We broadcast on-line 7 days a week and offer a host of programmes, including all genres of music throughout the decades, local community shows, interviews, local topics, jobs, events & news. Join in and listen on your computer, tablet, phone or listening device at www.danesound.com.



View our
Christmas
Schedule
at:

www.danesound.com



WHAT'S ON

ALPHA COURSE

EXPLORE:- Life Faith Meaning

St. Mary's Middlewich and St. Margaret's Holmes Chapel are running ALPHA for you.

Starting in the New Year 2022 and running Online over Zoom. Come and discuss the big questions of life from the comfort of your own home. Just bring a brew !

Open to everyone from any background and any place. No judgements, no teaching. Come and listen and share with others who have questions like you.

Come to the first sessions and see what you think. Just drop an email to say that you're interested and what days and times suit you best to :-

Chris at stmarysmiddlewichevents@gmail.com

What have you got to lose

???



Our next film show will be on **December 9, 7 pm** at the Community Centre.



Mothering Sunday, starring Colin firth and Olivia Coleman is a romantic comedy.

Tickets £5, available from the Community Centre and Holmes Gifts and Interiors.

Thanks to all who came to see James Bond. It was an excellent film Could I make another plea for some volunteers to help us on the night. It's only once a month and does not involve setting out chairs etc. We are a very small group and we really need some help.

WHAT'S ON



HOLMES CHAPEL
MUSIC SOCIETY

Celebrating 50 golden years



3pm 11th December 2021 **Budapest Café Orchestra**

"The fiery vivacity and awe-inspiring musicianship of the finest purveyors of Eastern European gypsy music this side of a Lada scrap heap will leave you with a grin on your face and rhythm in your feet..." - The Times

3pm 22nd January 2022 **Ensemble 360**

"one of the most adaptable chamber groups in the country"
- The Guardian



Concerts are held at Clonter Opera Theatre, CW12 2LR
Tickets £23, Members £15, Children (under 16), Students and Benefit Claimants £2
From The Print Room, 5 Church Walk, Holmes Chapel or Mrs Jane Perrins (01477 537 769)

Tickets and Full details at **www.themusicsociety.org.uk**

The Society retains the right to change the programmes without notice

HOLMES CHAPEL CHORUS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Holmes Chapel Chorus will again be visiting St Luke's Church this year for our Christmas Concert on Friday December 17th at 7.30 pm.

Under the baton of Musical Director, Julie Barker, the concert will be a mixture of traditional and modern items – with carols for all to join in and sing.

Everyone is very warmly invited to start off their Christmas with this evening of 'Christmas Celebration' – and then to join the Chorus for refreshments in the Church Hall afterwards.

We look forward to seeing you.

The Chorus are always looking for new members and you may be inspired to join us!



WHAT'S ON



U3A AIR WAVES” Programmes for December 2021



“Jazz with Peter Shields”

“The Jazz Singers”

8:00-9:00pm on Tuesday 7th December

Repeats at 8:00-9:00pm on Tuesday 21st December



“Americana & Country with Roy Rawlinson”

The best of Country Rock, Bluegrass and Electric Folk

8:00-9:00pm on Tuesday 14th December

Repeats at 8:00-9:00pm on Tuesday 28th December

“Insights” Magazine

A mix of u3a news, poetry and play readings, history, stories, interviews and features, all prepared and recorded by HC&D u3a members and interest groups, plus recorded music.

“Insights Magazine”

10:00am-12:00 noon on Monday 20th December

Repeats at 4:00 -6:00pm on Saturday 25th December

Tune in to all of the Air Waves programmes at
www.danesound.com
and click on “Listen Live”.

You can listen on Alexa by saying “Play Dane Sound Community Radio”.

Catch up with past programmes at: www.mixcloud.com/danesound

To contact us or leave feedback email: airwaves@holmeschapelu3a.org.uk

This information is also on: www.holmeschapelu3a.org.uk

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From Holmes Chapel & District u3a in partnership with Dane Sound Radio.

A happy Christmas from u3a Air Waves!

Holmes Chapel Library

Opening Hours

Monday: 9am - 5pm
Tuesday: 9am - 5pm
Wednesday: 9am - 1pm
Thursday: 9am - 7pm
Friday: 9am - 5pm
Saturday: 9am - 1pm
Sunday: CLOSED

Story Time

Stories & rhymes for under 5s!
Every Wednesday, 11am-11.30am
Free to attend. No need to book.

Rhyme Time

Nursery Rhymes for under 5s!
Every Thursday, 11am-11.30am
Free to attend. No need to book.

PLEASE NOTE: Rhyme Time and Story Time sessions will take a break for the holiday period. Please contact the library for information.

IT Help

Need help setting up an email account or getting online?
We can offer you an hour's free 1:1 tuition.

Colour & Relax

Every Wednesday, 10am-11am
Unwind with mindful activities: Colouring, jigsaws, scrabble, etc.

Tuesday Book Club

Alternate Tuesdays, 2pm-3.30pm
Next meeting: 14th December.

Join our book discussion group, where we swap recommendations & share a little about what we've been reading lately.

Friday Book Club

Every Friday, 2pm-4pm.
Last meeting of 2021: 17th December
Relax with a cup of tea & listen to/discuss novels, short stories & poems.

Free. All welcome.
Refreshments provided.

eBooks and eAudiobooks

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Holmes Chapel Library, 29 London Road, Holmes Chapel, Crewe, CW4 7AP
01477 689550 holmeschapel.library@cheshireeast.gov.uk

WHAT'S ON



Holmes Chapel Youth Cinema

Come along with your family to enjoy the hilarious Disney release "Ron's Gone Wrong" (PG) Saturday 11 December at 2pm Holmes Chapel Community Centre

Tickets cost only £4 each!

Drinks and snacks to enjoy during the movie will be available to buy at the Community Centre.

Tickets on sale from 1 December, and can be purchased from the Holmes Chapel Community Centre, and Holmes Gifts and Interiors on Church Walk, Holmes Chapel.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Rhythm Time holds music classes in Holmes Chapel every Friday at the Methodist church for babies, toddlers and preschoolers. They are currently offering a TWO-WEEK TRIAL for classes for just £13!



It's time to get back together, have fun, make new friends, and HELP YOUR LITTLE ONE'S EARLY DEVELOPMENT through our fun, musical activities!



Each weekly Rhythm Time class is carefully structured as you both enjoy lots of fantastic, multi-sensory and age-appropriate activities - specially designed for this important early age.

The hall is very spacious and the AWARD-WINNING classes are clean, safe and friendly.

Book your two-week trial for just £13 TODAY...

1. Please register at <https://rhythmtime.net/find-a-class/>
2. Email frances.d@rhythmtime.org to activate the trial offer!



Sunday Eve, 12th December, 8pm

Come along to the George and Dragon for a spectacular band night this Christmas. Local band 'Phoenix Boys' will be entertaining us with a live set of favourites from the 60's and Christmas hits for us to enjoy, sing along and dance to.

The event is free but you'll want to take part in our not to be missed charity raffle, with many prizes donated by local businesses and shops. Funds raised on the night will support the transforming work of Barnabus; a christian homeless charity empowering rough sleepers and people experiencing homelessness into a home.



George & Dragon, Middlewich Rd, Holmes Chapel, Cheshire.

Barnabus registered charity no 1174410 www.barnabus-manchester.org.uk