



Holmes Chapel Partnership Community Newsletter

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WELCOME TO 2021 AND OUR FIRST ISSUE OF THE YEAR!

Everyone has their fingers crossed hoping that things get better in the coming months. With a bit of luck vaccination is twinkling on the horizon but there are still treacherous seas to navigate before we get there. Looking on the positive side - we can and do have some say in what goes on in Holmes Chapel and, as you will see from the contents of the newsletter, plenty of people are doing plenty of things!



Our campaign for safe Walking Routes to School is gathering pace supported by the **20's plenty** motion passed at a recent Cheshire East Council meeting.

Don't forget to have your say in the Consultation on the Local Transport and Parking Plan—you have until the end of the month!



Find out how Santa coped with Christmas and what the WI got up to.



There is an update from the **Parish Council**, a tribute to Peter Knight, the first Head of **HCCS**, an introduction to our new **PCSO**, news from the Station and our **MP** Fiona Bruce. And more besides!



The Holmes Chapel Partnership Team sends its very best wishes to everyone for 2021.

In January 2020 we were advertising musical events, films and talks. Let's hope those things will return soon but in the meantime let's take heart that the shortest day is behind us and there are hopeful signs in nature that there are better days to come!

COVID-19 DID NOT STOP SANTA!



On the 24th of September 2020 our preparations for this year's Santa Sleigh run began. The first question to be answered was should we do the Santa Sleigh runs at all? There were so many issues which COVID-19 had created. Would it be safe to collect money? Would the banks accept large amounts of coins and notes that may be contaminated? Should we be knocking on doors anyway?

Having considered all the options we decided to ask our groups that help us each year if they were prepared to undertake the runs with no knocking on doors and no collection of money. The response was unanimous, and the message was clear, "we need to do the runs more than ever this year".

Working in compliance with the government guidelines we completed the sleigh runs with a minimum number our volunteers. A driver, Santa, and up to four assistants.

The sleigh runs started on the 2nd of December and finished on the 17th, in that time our nine volunteer groups had guided Santa to visit Holmes Chapel, Goostrey, Brereton, Arclid, Cranage and Allostock. Additionally, with the help of Bridge the Gap and the school PTA's, Santa visited Middlewich Road, Hermitage and Brereton Primary Schools. The excitement on the children's faces was something to behold, the children needed a sign that not everything this year was cancelled, and Santa's appearance delivered that message.

Although our groups of volunteers had agreed to undertake the runs without a cash collection, the Partnership felt that we should still give people the opportunity to say thank you to our volunteers through our JustGiving page. Last year our Sleigh Run raised £5,011.52 and at the time of writing, this year we have received donations of £1072, which has been kindly donated by 93 households. So, I would like to suggest, that if you enjoy seeing Santa on his sleigh each year, a tradition that is now over 40 years old, then please consider donating however small, and let's ensure that our Santa Sleigh runs continue for another 40 years.

Our just giving page is www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/hcsantasleigh

Happy New Year

Peter

Peter Whiers
Chief Elf & Project Officer, Holmes Chapel Partnership

INTRODUCING HOLMES CHAPEL'S NEW PCSO

My name is Ade Chadwick and I am the new PCSO for Dane Valley. I am really looking forward to working in partnership with everyone in the community to make sure the village continues to be a safe place for people to live, work and visit.

One of the main areas I am focusing on at the moment is the enforcement of speed limits in various locations where concerns have been raised about safety.

I am hoping to train a group of residents to form a new **Speedwatch** team. This is scheduled for January but the timing will obviously depend on COVID restrictions.

I am also keen to look at short, medium and long term solutions to tackle anti-social behaviour in the area through parent contact, interventions with the high school and developing strategies to engage young people in organised activities.



I would like to wish the residents of Holmes Chapel an enjoyable, safe and peaceful New Year!

If you would like to be part of the local **SPEEDWATCH TEAM**

.... it is not too late to come forward. The more people who are willing to get involved the less each member of the team has to do!

With the success of the motion put to Cheshire County Council on December 16th to introduce 20mph speed limits, this seems the ideal time to push forward on the speeding agenda.

We need to bring some improvements to the pavements and roads of Holmes Chapel for all those who want to do the right thing and walk or cycle round the village.

To register your interest in the Speedwatch Team, please contact Liz on 07946133923 or email anita.armitt@holmeschapelparishcouncil.gov.uk or Holmes Chapel Partnership at SWRTS@hccpartnership.org.uk

LOCAL ENTREPRENEUR WINS 'WOW' AWARD

A Cheshire based entrepreneur has scooped national recognition for a business she started from home. Georgina Durrant (34) of Holmes Chapel was selected by British businesses woman Jacqueline Gold CBE to receive a Women on Wednesday (#WOW) award in recognition of her success as a female entrepreneur.



Georgina was selected for the contribution that her online business, SEN Resources Blog, has made to supporting parents and teachers of children with Special Educational Needs (SEN). Established three years ago, SEN Resources Blog has quickly grown to become the go-to online resource for all things SEN related. With over 20,000 loyal subscribers, it provides access to teaching materials and learning activities, plus private online tutoring.

Speaking about Georgina's selection as a winner, Jacqueline Gold said: "SEN Resources Blog is a fantastic site packed with free learning activities for children with educational special needs. Georgina has provided a much-needed space for parents to access engaging and fun learning for their children. Georgina's passion and efforts into the education of children is truly inspiring and I wish her every success in the future."

Having worked as both a secondary school teacher and SENDCo (head of Special Educational Needs), Georgina recognised the gap in the market for an online SEN resource whilst privately tutoring SEN children. Unable to meet the ever increasing demand for SEN tutoring, the Blog was established to support parents by sharing free advice and teaching tips. Swiftly recognised as an exceptional SEN platform, the Blog is so highly regarded by teachers and parents alike, that it is now listed as one of the top 10 SEN blogs by Twinkl, the world's largest online publisher of teaching resources. Many schools also provide direct website links to SEN Resources Blog from their home schooling platforms. SEN Resources Blog's popularity has increased even further during 2020 with many parents turning to it for support during school closures, as Georgina explains:

"2020 has been an extremely tough year for parents and especially those with children who require additional SEN support. Visitors to the Blog rocketed during the first lockdown, as parents sought to support their children's home learning. Alongside this, our online base provides a great community for SEN parents to chat and exchange their own tips and ideas on teaching at home. It's been wonderful to see the positive difference my business has made to so many families this year, and I'm extremely humbled to have been recognised by the national award from Jacqueline Gold."

Such has been the success of SEN Resources Blog that Georgina has recently secured a publisher for her first SEN book. *100 Ways Your Child Can Learn Through Play (Play Based Activities for Young Children with SEN)* is set to be released by Jessica Kingsley publishers (Hachette) in summer 2021.

Women on Wednesday is a network which offers female entrepreneurs the opportunity to share advice, support each other, trade and celebrate their successes. For more information visit www.Jacquelinegold.com/wow/wow-about/

For more information about The SEN Resources blog visit www.senresourcesblog.com or email cheshiresentutor@gmail.com

“20 IS PLENTY” MOTION APPROVED FOR CHESHIRE EAST

Huge progress was made towards roads in Holmes Chapel becoming safer for us all at December's Cheshire East Council meeting.

A Motion entitled *20 is Plenty for Cheshire East* was presented by Cllr Suzie Akers-Smith (Congleton West Ward Member) and proposed to:



1. Introduce a default 20mph speed limit in central, urban and residential areas - not a blanket measure.
2. To work with town and parish councils and community, collaboratively and financially.
3. To start implementation from January 2021, full roll-out may take 2-3 years.
4. To work with Cheshire police to help enforce the speed limits.

The Partnership was in full support of the Motion not least because it would significantly help our campaign for Safer Walking Routes to School (SWRTS) in the village. We campaigned hard across our social media channels to raise awareness of the Motion amongst local residents, schools and community groups. We also encouraged residents to complete a survey on the Motion conducted by Dane Valley Councillors Les Gilbert and Andrew Kolker and 289 did just that. We were delighted that the results showed strong support for it. Both Councillors subsequently voted in favour of the Motion.

The Motion was passed as an in-principle decision and there are no proposals for specific schemes at particular locations at this stage. It is envisaged that a public consultation exercise will be conducted in due course.

Holmes Chapel Partnership will continue to work with our local Councillors to drive forward progress on the Motion and ensure local residents are aware of any future input they can have.

Thank you to everyone who helped us to get this Motion passed, it was a fantastic demonstration of local democracy in action!

Reminder: Holmes Chapel Parish Council is also carrying out their own survey into the introduction of 20mph limits around our village: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/20mphspeedlimits20>

You have until January 5th to respond.

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS ON LOCAL TRANSPORT AND PARKING (LTP) PLANS ACROSS THE BOROUGH

If you feel that some improvements could be made to the roads, junctions, pavements and general traffic situation in and around Holmes Chapel (and who doesn't?) you have until **midnight on 31st January 2021** to give your reactions to these proposals of Cheshire East Council!

They promise:

The results of this exercise will inform the future direction of how to improve transport, walking and cycling in our towns. It will also inform proposals, which would be subject to further consultation, regarding changes to parking provision and potential changes to car parking charges in the borough. Please provide your feedback at:

www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/LocalTransportEngagement

There are one or two things you need to know before you tackle this!



- Holmes Chapel does not feature as an independent settlement. Holmes Chapel comes under **Middlewich**
- Not all the proposals made are relevant to Holmes Chapel but you can be selective in the sections you answer – the consultation does not require you to give a response each time
- The proposals are organised into Objectives. There are then suggested Options which you can comment on. For example, in Objective 1 and the first Option which mentions Holmes Chapel is Option 4 (proposal to create a cycle path alongside the A54 between Middlewich and Holmes Chapel) Option 5 refers to bus services and then 9,10 and 11 are also relevant to Holmes Chapel.
- On the Holmes Chapel Partnership website you will find a pdf copy of the document which you can consult without going backwards and forwards within the online survey.
- Leave yourself an hour to complete it!

Holmes Chapel seems to be constantly overlooked when it comes to implementing improvements to our transport infrastructure. So many people responded to the survey from our Ward Councillors which contributed to the vote in favour of the **20's Plenty** motion that we know there is interest out there. If enough Holmes Chapel residents respond to this consultation and show that they won't be ignored and overlooked, we can make things happen!

PROGRESS ON SAFE WALKING ROUTES TO SCHOOL



Wednesday 9th December saw the first meeting of the Safe Walking Routes to School Task Group. It is made up of representatives from the Parish Council, the Partnership and concerned members of the public, coming together to discuss ways to make the walk to school safer for the children in the village who attend our schools.

With new housing estates on the outskirts of the village, such as the Brooklands Estate, Saltersford Gardens and The Cottons, the walk to our schools is proving very dangerous for the large number of families who live there, so much so that a lot of people are choosing to drive their children to school to keep them safe!

The first meeting was mainly a discussion of the problems experienced along Macclesfield Road and Station Road, especially up and over the railway bridges and also along Middlewich Road. Many issues were identified and discussed in more detail, such as the speed and volume of traffic; poor roundabout designs; narrow, inadequate footpaths; lack of safe pedestrian crossings; and lack of school signage, among other things.

The next meeting will:

- Look at possible solutions to the problems that were discussed
- Prioritise these points
- Decide which can be done locally by the Partnership or the Parish Council and which need to be submitted to Cheshire East, who have so far refused to engage with any parties on these issues.

It was a very positive and productive meeting and the Partnership would like to thank the Parish Council for agreeing to work with them on this.

Hopefully together we can help to make the village a safer place for everyone who lives here.

Liz Alcock

HOLMES CHAPEL PARISH COUNCIL NEWS



New Shady Pond in the Dane Meadow

When the planning permission for "The Cottons" housing estate was agreed with our local authority, included in the terms of the agreement was a sum of money which was to be used for ecological developments in this area. Some of this funding has already been spent developing the wild flower meadow in the Dane Meadow (still a work in progress).

We have now organised and carried out a further project - the enhancement of the Shady Pond.

This pond is situated close to the community orchard in the Dane Meadow park, but was generally too shallow to be noted as a pond, and was very seasonally affected. It has been deepened and enlarged, and the addition of some new decking makes it easier to walk around the pond area, which can be quite boggy.

We are hopeful that this pond, which is fed from a nearby spring, will encourage more wildlife in this area - from pond skaters and water boatmen to dragonflies and damselflies, frogs, toads and newts. We look forward to seeing it mature and naturalise into its setting.

Award for Holmes Chapel Railway Station!

At the recent Cheshire Best Kept Station Awards for 2020, Holmes Chapel has been granted a "Partnership Working in the Community" award. This special award highlights the terrific work that our volunteer group "Friends of Holmes Chapel Station" undertake, and the number of different organisations that they work with include the Brownies, the local library, The Parish Council, The Cedars Care Home and Busy Bees local children's nursery. They are of course very well supported by our friendly and helpful station manager Graham Blake.



We all enjoy the floral displays that they create and maintain each year - grateful thanks to all involved.

We continue to lobby Northern Rail for the much needed improvements to the station buildings, which look very shabby, as well as the completion of the CCTV installation at the site. We have been chasing this for three years now - a frustrating task which we will continue to do.

Community Support Film

Throughout the current crisis Holmes Chapel Parish Council, with the Partnership, community organisations and local residents has provided support to people in the village.

This support has come in the form of recruiting volunteers who we then linked to local residents needing practical help such as shopping or prescription collection, alongside a friendly phone call. The Parish Council is so proud of the residents of this village who volunteered to deliver leaflets to all homes to advertise this service and also to provide this practical support. No-one could have predicted how long the crisis would have gone on for, but many volunteers are continuing to support their residents many months later. Together over 150 households received community support! Thank you to all those involved - we couldn't have supported so many without you!

The Cheshire Association of Local Councils (ChALC) approached Holmes Chapel Parish Council asking if we would be willing to take part in a series of films they were producing highlighting the role of Parish Councils during this pandemic. We were delighted to take part and would like to share this film with you. We hope you enjoy it!

<https://vimeo.com/479340820/65be00472f>

Our grateful thanks to Cllr Anita Armitt, Cllr Diane Tams, Mr Peter Whiers, Mr Giles Tweedy, Mr Richard Garton, and our Clerk Mrs Tina Cartlidge for taking part in this film.

New Councillor

At a recent meeting of Holmes Chapel Parish Council, Mr Martin Elliott was voted to join the Parish Council. This followed a vacancy on the Council following the resignation of Michelle Boath. Cllr Elliott is a Governor for Holmes Chapel Primary School and is involved in other community organisations such as Probus and the U3A. We look forward to the contribution he will make to the Council.

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GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS

2020 will certainly have been a very different Christmas for many, but some organisations in our village have made sure that even with masks, social distancing and hand sanitiser! Christmas joy was spread. Thank you to all who donated



Margaret and Jane, Chairs of Holmes Chapel and District Tangent packed the car with bags of food donated from their members ready to deliver to Middlewich food bank.

A 'Toy Service' was organised by the Methodist Church whereby the congregation brought toys and games for Julia, their family worker, to organise distribution to the Salvation Army and the Middlewich food bank.



Steve loaded up his car ready for a trip to Barnabus. Not only did he take warm clothing but items enabling small personal gifts to be made for those without a home - socks, gloves, hats, chocolates and face moisturiser would have brought some smiles on Christmas morning.

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For several years Holmes Chapel WI has adopted CWA (Cheshire Without Abuse) Refuge in Crewe as their nominated charity and customarily at each monthly meeting we collect toiletries, small useful items and children's toys generously donated by our members. These we normally deliver in the Spring and just before Christmas.

This year during lockdown we gave an extra donation after re-cycling all our 'unused' VE Day Jarbola jars and consequently were able to hand over 4 boxes of goodies. Since then we have received further generous donations from WI members, the BookWorms, and individual residents in the village, which has meant a welcome boost to our Christmas collection for which we are truly grateful. Another 9 boxes were duly delivered early December.

A big Thank You to everyone for your generosity

Linda Taylor, President Holmes Chapel WI



TRIBUTE TO PETER KNIGHT

The death has recently been announced of Peter Knight, the first Headteacher of Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School.

Peter started his teaching career in Liverpool, later becoming Head of English at a high school in St Helens. In 1977 when a new, purpose-built comprehensive school for Holmes Chapel had been agreed, he applied for the headship and, against a very strong field of applicants, was appointed.

At that time, Cheshire Education Authority allowed the heads of the newly-organised comprehensive schools to spend one year planning the organisation of their school, visiting schools in other authorities and appointing staff – in the case of Holmes Chapel whilst it was actually being built. When the school eventually opened in September 1978, with 180 eleven year old pupils and 16 teaching staff, the first phase of the building was incomplete and staff and pupils became used to moving around the site on builders' planks until Christmas.

Peter successfully managed the school through a very active period of national educational change: the responsibility for the management of resources given to schools; the development of a National Curriculum; the introduction of standardised testing and restructuring of the external examination system; and the use of information technology in the classroom and in administration - to name but a few.

In all areas of school life he was always insistent on the highest standards. As well as growing in size – from one year group to seven, with all the specialist accommodation – the school established itself as being successful in academic and a wide range of other activities.

The high regard, in which the school has been, and still is, held by the local community, is built on those original foundations.

Peter Knight retired as Head of the school in 1991 and for a few years worked as an Ofsted inspector for English.

He died on 3rd October 2020 after contracting the Corona virus. He leaves a widow, Joyce, and a daughter Julia – who was one of the pupils in the first intake in 1978.

Tribute by John Higgins and Stephen Davies who were both Deputy Heads when the school opened in 1978.



The staff on the photo are (left to right);

Standing: Stephen Davies (Dep Head+Science); Peter Fray (*English); Bernard Kelly (*Maths); John Hopkins (*Humanities); John Higgins (Deputy Head+Science); David Price (*PE); John Burton (Head of Year +Maths), Alan Boon (CDT); Tony Thornley (*Science)

Seated: Janet Dines (Deputy Head+Maths); Doreen Williamson (Home Economics); Kate Welsh (Music); Peter Knight (Headmaster); Kate Cooper (*Modern Languages); Mike Cooke (*Art); Joy Evans (PE)

*Signifies Head of Faculty. All the senior posts were filled from the start. The first year had a very well-qualified, and expensive, set of teachers!

Kate Cooper later became Kate Beakes

The photograph was taken in the room then called H1 (Humanities) - it was a large area and was used for assemblies before the drama studio was built. The Sports Hall wasn't ready until January 1979. The Gym was built in one of the later phases.

CITIES OF THE WORLD QUIZ

A Big Thank You!



Thank you to everyone who supported Christian Aid by entering our quiz in October and November! It raised an amazing £486 for Christian Aid and our thanks go out to everyone for their entries and donations. The Quiz winner was Wendy Bond - congratulations Wendy!

Anyone wishing for a set of the answers please email Caroline Wood at carolineawood18@gmail.com or phone on 01477 535746

Things are very different at the moment and we will be putting our thinking caps for more fund raising opportunities in 2021 but hope sincerely that we will be able to have our Autumn market and Coffee morning as usual in 2021 - with another quiz for you!

Holmes Chapel Ecumenical Christian Aid Committee.

DANE SOUND COMMUNITY RADIO

Dane Sound Community Radio is your local station, broadcasting on line from Cranage Village Hall, and is run by local volunteers.



Although COVID-19 has made broadcasting more challenging this year, and hindered our ability to raise any income, the station has continued to thrive. Our team, all volunteering from their homes, have never been busier! The sheer determination and commitment of our volunteers and investment in upgraded technology has enabled us to support local communities, groups and businesses with a series of programmes covering virtual events, local news, COVID updates and free promotion for local businesses. However, as we continue to evolve we need more volunteers & funding.

VOLUNTEERING:

How you can help :

- Scheduling
- Fundraising
- Show editing
- Social Media Support
- Website Support
- Research
- Admin

And so much more....

PLEASE HELP US RAISE FUNDS:

Our annual running costs are increasing, and COVID has prevented us from raising funds this year. Therefore, we are about to embark on a fundraising campaign.

To continue our valuable service to the community we need your support. Donations can be made via our website or please contact us for alternative ways to pay.

Businesses can support us with a range of affordable advertising & sponsorship packages. Please contact us for further details.

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PRESS RELEASE FROM FIONA BRUCE MP

DATE: 20th December 2020

Fiona Bruce, MP for the Congleton Constituency, has been appointed by Prime Minister Boris Johnson MP as his Special Envoy for Freedom of Religion or Belief.



"I am honoured to be given this opportunity to serve as the Prime Minister's Special Envoy for Freedom of Religion or Belief. There is much to do, and my post will be placed at the service of some of the most vulnerable people across the world. People like young girls Leah Sharibu from Nigeria and Maira Shahbaz from Pakistan, both brutally abducted from their homes and whose plights I was able to highlight recently in the House of Commons.

This appointment comes in the light of continuing large scale horrors taking place – such as those against Uighur Muslims in China, Rohingya Muslims in Myanmar and Yazidis in Iraq and at a time when, as the late and much respected former Chief Rabbi, Jonathan Sacks stated "the persecution of Christians throughout much of the Middle East, sub-Saharan Africa and Asia, and elsewhere, is one of the crimes against humanity of our time." These are some of the most deeply concerning issues of our generation, on which it will be a privilege to engage as Special Envoy, both nationally and internationally, with others similarly concerned.

"Having travelled to countries such as Myanmar, Nigeria and Nepal and heard first-hand accounts of atrocities and persecution being meted out there, I know how much those who are suffering from this appreciate advocacy on their behalf, even from afar."

Fiona will work alongside the Minister responsible for Human Rights, Lord (Tariq) Ahmad of Wimbledon, to drive forward the implementation of the Bishop of Truro's recommendations on FCDO support for persecuted Christians, in a way that improves the lives of those persecuted for their faith or belief. However she assures us:

"What this will not do is take away from my dedication to serving my constituents to whom I remain as committed as when I was first elected in 2010. It is my privilege to serve this wonderful area in Parliament."

Contact Details:

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HOLMES CHAPEL RAILWAY CORNER

We are one of the recipients of the Cheshire Best Kept Stations Award 2020!



The Virtual Award Ceremony was broadcast from Hadlow Road Railway Station in Neston (Grade II listed).

I remember leaving you last month with an image of a silver lining above Holmes Chapel, not far from the Railway Station. I hoped it was a good omen and here we are in January 2021 with the Pandemic vaccine being rolled out.

Britain has always carried on in a positive way - meeting adversity head-on. The Country keeps going. Numerous organisations across the Kingdom have moved on-line temporarily including the Cheshire Best Kept Stations Awards 2020.

Cheshire is the only County in England to have a Best Kept Stations Award! Their President first stood on Helsby station in 2003 to present the first award in front of the Borough Mayor and a brass band.

The virtual award ceremony in December 2020 was introduced by the Chief Executive of the Community Rail Network together with a salutary thank you from the Lord Lieutenant of Cheshire. The success of Cheshire Best Stations and the 2020 virtual awards and Ceremony have been credited to the Chairman Mark Barker and his team, praise being given by John Hume, President of Cheshire Best Kept Stations at the end of November 2020. Mark can be seen in the image above with our award.

We are so pleased! Our award is for 'Partnership Working in the Community' and covers a period of time in which we have worked with Holmes Chapel Library, The Cedars Care Home, Busy Bees Nursery, the local Brownies, local garden centres and nurseries and the really friendly, efficient and meticulous Print Room owners in Holmes Chapel. Also mentioned are our books for sale that contribute a little to our gardening projects.

Although the Award Ceremony was virtual, the plaque is real! There will be a social distanced presentation at Holmes Chapel Railway Station when this can be arranged.....

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Our railway hosts two trains per hour to Crewe, two trains per hour to Manchester (stopping trains at Holmes Chapel) together with Avanti Intercity non-stopping services at Holmes Chapel (you can pop on the stopping trains to Crewe, Manchester, Stockport and Wilmslow to access these services), Transport for Wales (not stopping in Holmes Chapel) plus regular freight trains. Quite a thoroughfare!

I photographed this locomotive hurtling through Holmes Chapel Railway Station on the 12th December 2020.

It is a Deutsche Bahn Cargo diesel-electric locomotive. I understand that it was delivered to the UK at the end of February 1999 via the Newport Docks This class of freight train engine is a common workhorse across Europe.



12th December 2020. Holmes Chapel Railway Station.

Tony Wright

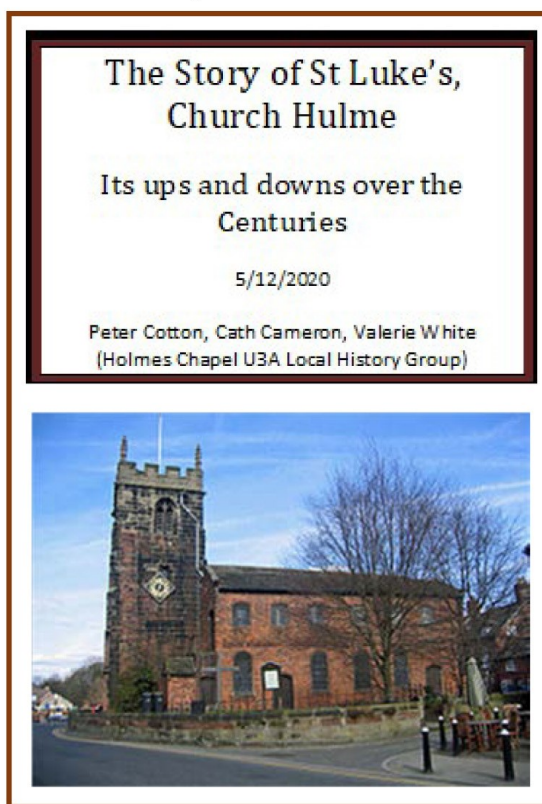


Cheshire's Best Kept Station - as long as you don't look at the state of the buildings.

Come on Northern Rail - Holmes Chapel and its hard working team deserve better than this,"

The Story of St Luke's - Church Hulme

A new account of the history of St Luke's Church in Holmes Chapel



This new book, researched and written by the Local History Group of Holmes Chapel & District U3A, describing the history of St Luke's, is now complete and being published. It describes the key events and people across the centuries, as well as the many historic details of the building itself and its contents.

The book runs to about 166 pages and will be printed in A5 format and include various coloured plates. The initial publication run will provide 100 copies. Any further publication runs will depend on demand.

The new book is available to order now at a price of £15 per copy. All profits will go to St Luke's Organ and Lighting Appeal (see <https://stlukesappeal.uk>), managed by St Luke's PCC which is underwriting the cost of publication.

To order copies, please complete the form below and leave with a cheque for the required amount in an envelope marked "Story of St Luke's" in Church or deliver/send to me at 15 Jodrell Close, Holmes Chapel, CW4 7HH. Please make cheques payable to: "PCC of Church Hulme".

If you have any questions, please email me at papscotton@sky.com or phone 01477 537491.

Many thanks

Peter Cotton

Story of St Luke's - Order Form

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL: _____

NUMBER OF COPIES REQUIRED: _____

PAYMENT AMOUNT PROVIDED (£15 PER COPY): £_____

I would like to purchase a copy/copies of "The Story of St Luke's, Church Hulme" and enclose the required amount. (Cheques payable please to: PCC of Church Hulme).

I understand that all profits from sales of the book will go to St Luke's Organ and Lighting Appeal, managed by St Luke's PCC* which is underwriting the cost of publication.

I would like the book to be delivered to my address/ I would be happy to collect the book by arrangement from the church. **Please indicate which of these options you prefer.**

Signed: _____

Date: _____

* the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Church Hulme (Holmes Chapel): a registered charity no 1132587

PRINCE'S TRUST CREWE NOW RECRUITING!

The programme is due to start on Monday 1st February 2021. If you are currently **aged 16-25 and not in education, employment or training** and you feel you may benefit from taking part in our programme, please get in touch with us so we can get you booked in for an interview in January.



YOUTH
CAN
DO IT

The Prince's Trust has been working in partnership with Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service since 1993 looking to break down barriers for young people not in education, employment or training. The course is 12 weeks long and includes a team-building trip, interview skills, work placements, team projects and challenges designed to improve confidence and self-esteem for the young people that attend the course. The community project that our last team completed was producing artwork and building nature habitats for the outdoor spaces of Mavor Court in Crewe for Guinness Housing. The team planned and created the project themselves and received a lot of thanks from the local community for their efforts.

In addition to referrals of young people we are always on the lookout for potential community projects in the local area and for work placement providers as both of these aspects of the course take up almost half of the time we have with our young people so if you have any ideas or knowledge of a project we can get stuck into please get in touch. We aim for the projects to last around 10 days and we have around 14 young people on each team and we hope to have a lasting positive effect on the community so anything from landscaping community gardens or refurbishing a local youth centre would be much appreciated. The community project for this particular course would look to begin around Monday 1st March 2021.

The work placement part of the programme lasts for 2 weeks and simply provides our young people with real working experience and hopefully a good reference so any work placement opportunities would be greatly appreciated. The work placement part of the course would look to begin on Monday 22nd March 2021.

If you have any questions or would like to know some more information, please do not hesitate to contact me

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To see more information about taking part in the Prince's Trust Team Programme with Cheshire Fire & Rescue Service follow the link:

<http://www.cheshirefire.gov.uk/young-people/princes-trust>