

Acton Bridge

Autumn 2025 Newsletter

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DIARY DATES

Wednesday
13th August
Local Plan
Meeting

Saturday 16th
August
VJ Day

Thursday 4th
September
ABCA
Committee

Saturday 11th
October
Autumn Village
Clean Day



VJ DAY
**CELEBRATING 80 YEARS
OF PEACE**
SATURDAY 16TH AUGUST 2025

**DOG SHOW
VILLAGE SHOW
AFTERNOON TEA
BOUNCY CASTLE
CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES
RAFFLE & TOMBOLA
2PM – 4PM**

**ACTON BRIDGE PARISH ROOMS,
HILL TOP ROAD, ACTON BRIDGE**

The banner features a yellow background with a string of Union Jack and red/white triangular bunting at the top. At the bottom, two Union Jack flags are positioned on either side of the text.

Full entry details for the village show on the Acton Bridge Village Facebook page.

Saturday 16th August:

Join in across the village with the Scarecrow Trail theme of "icons from past 80 years" and house decoration with bunting.

Pages 3-5: Cheshire West & Chester Council's Consultation on housing allocations for the borough's new Local Plan.

Acton Bridge Community Association

We are looking to mark the 80th Anniversary of the end of the second world war by celebrating VJ Day on Saturday August 16th with afternoon tea, dog show, scarecrow trail and other village activities. We are also looking at having the village quiz and another village clean up day on 11th October.

Our next committee meeting is on Thursday 4th September at 7pm in the Parish Rooms. If you would be interested in getting involved, we do also have spaces on the ABCA Committee, please contact me to find out more.

(selinarooney@hotmail.co.uk).

Selina Rooney, Chair ABCA



Our long serving Treasurer Peter Hurst has now left the village and we need a replacement. The role is not difficult, our accounts are an excel based cash book, we produce the simplest annual statement, on a receipts and payments basis, there is no accounting for debtors or creditors.

Also, ABCA financially is in a very healthy financial position, so there are no money or cash flow issues. We use online banking, so there is no handling of cheques, it's a doddle really. Peter can provide a full handover, and hand holding for as long as you wish. If you feel that you can help, please contact Peter via email, peterhurst1109@gmail.com, or message /call 07730 553250

Fun Dog Show



On Saturday 16 August 2025

Part of the Acton Bridge VJ Day Celebrations to be held in the field behind the parish rooms down Old Lane. Judging will take place in the field at 3.00pm and this will include;

- The waggiest tail
- * Quickest sit
- * Happiest recuse
- Best 6 legs
- * Dog with the cutest eyes
- * Best in Show

Also Hay bale dash £1 a go on the day

Acton Bridge Parish Council News

The new parish council website has now gone live. It has the same address **www.actonbridgeparishcouncil.org** but we hope it is much easier to find the information you want. Formal documents including details and minutes of all parish council meetings are published on the website as well as other information which we think will be of interest to members of the village.

Following the success of the Spring Clean Day in March we have decided to hold a similar day in the autumn. This will take place on Saturday 11th October and more details will be issued closer to the event. It would be great to see a good number of people again take part in this event to get the village ready for winter.

Shortly before the last Parish Council meeting, details of the initial CWAC consultation on forming a new Local Plan came through. The Local Plan defines the land within CWAC which is available for building. In response to the policies of the national government, CWAC has to provide a much greater amount of land for building houses. The consultation suggests some of the options may have implications for Acton Bridge.

The Parish Council is keen to hear your views so please complete and survey questionnaire which is also referenced on page 4 overleaf.

We have also arranged a meeting with a CWAC planning officer for Wednesday 13th August at 7.00pm at the Parish Rooms.

David Hall has decided to stand down as a Parish Councillor after many years of service. We want to thank David for all his work. This means that the Parish Council is looking to co-opt a new Parish Councillor.

Your commitment is to attend the Parish Council meetings which are usually held on the first Monday evening of each month and last about 90 minutes. It gives you the opportunity to contribute to village life and have a say on some of the decisions affecting the village. If you are willing to undertake this role, please contact the clerk to the parish council clerk@actonbridgeparishcouncil.org by Wednesday 20th August.
Cllr David Charlton, Chair Acton Bridge Parish Council

Cheshire West & Chester Council Consultation on Local Plan land allocation for housing can be found at:

<https://consult.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/kse/event/38393>

Whilst we would encourage you to respond personally to the consultation on the CW&C website, Acton Bridge Parish Council would also like to ask your opinion about their options for planning future housing development. The results of this village survey will be used to help inform the Parish Council's response to CWAC's consultation.

1. In which part of Acton Bridge do you live? (Road name & post code)
2. CW&C have listed 3 options for identifying future building strategy. What priority for driving the strategy would you give each one? 1=highest priority, 3=lowest priority - *
Option A – Retain the Green Belt * Option B – Follow current Local Plan level and distribution of development * Option C – Sustainable transport corridors
3. Do you think there is a need for more housing in Acton Bridge?
Yes/No. If Yes, What type of housing is needed? Please select from the following (as many as apply): * 3+ bed Detached * 2+ bed Semi-detached * 2+ bed Terraced * 2+ bed Bungalows * 1+ bed Flats * Starter Homes (first house) * Finisher Homes (downsizing) *
Other (please state what other housing you would like)
4. How many additional houses do you think are needed in Acton Bridge? Please indicate which one is your preference: * None * 0-20 houses * 20-50 houses * 50-100 houses * 100+ houses
5. In which part(s) of Acton Bridge do you think any additional housing would best be situated?
6. The consultation identifies Acton Bridge station as potentially a “sustainable transport corridor”. Do you consider this to be a valid concept? * Yes/No * Please give your reasons.
7. What additional resources would be needed around the station to make it “a sustainable transport corridor”?
8. What additional village resources would be needed to support any extra population? e.g. school places/ improved roadways / public transport / recreation facilities / medical facilities / other (please state what resources you would like)

Please respond to the village survey by **Tuesday 20th August** via the Parish Council website **www.actonbridgeparishcouncil.org** or e-mail: **consultation@actonbridgeparishcouncil.org** Thank you for your time.

If you would like to know more about the CW&C consultation regarding the Local Plan, the Parish Council has organized a meeting with CW&C planning at **7.00pm on Wednesday 13th August at the Parish Rooms.**

Police Community Support Officer

PCSO Michelle Gillett is busy looking after us and has surgeries held monthly in the Parish Rooms. She is also looking for volunteers for community speed watch and neighbourhood watch schemes.

Michelle's contact E-mail: michelle.gillett@cheshire.pnn.police.uk.
Phone contacts are the normal 101 and then 999 for emergencies.

ABCA 300 Club



I hope you are all enjoying our lovely sunny weather and looking forward to village celebrations in August. You may have had a recent visit from one of our ABCA helpers who has been out and about selling shares in the 300 CLUB, a very worthwhile form of raising money to help fund village activities and give you a chance to make winnings for yourselves. You may know that committee members sell numbered shares at £10 each and we have several cash prizes in four monthly draws from September to December with additional draws at Christmas. So one ticket per person will enter you into all these draws.

If you have missed a visit from one of our callers then you can contact any member of the committee or e mail me on Susan.e.broughton@btopenworld.com and I will pop round with a share! Alternatively, if you feel you would like to help with this worthwhile cause please let me know as we always need helpers. Meanwhile, enjoy the summer and good luck to you all.

Regular Groups & Society Meetings in the Parish Rooms

First Monday -	Acton Bridge Parish Council	7pm start
Fourth Monday -	Verdin Beaders	10am - 4pm
Mondays -	Vale Royal Art Society	1pm - 5pm
Mondays & Wednesdays - Tae Kwon Do		(see below)
Tuesdays AM -	Distaff Singers (see below)	10am-Midday
Tuesdays PM -	Scottish Country Dancers	7.30pm - 9pm
Second Tuesday -	Acton Bridge WI	7.15pm for 7.30pm
Thursday AM -	Chair Yoga	10am - 10.30am
Friday - AM -	Yoga for Beginners	11am-Midday

(To book the Parish Rooms contact Selina Rooney - details opposite)

Acton Bridge Tennis Club



Our new season began on 1st June. The club is run on a totally voluntary basis by the committee. The membership fees allow the club to keep the courts in excellent condition and to make an annual contribution to help the wider work of ABCA. Membership fees for villagers remain excellent value and will not be beaten in the area.

*** Family membership £40 * Adult membership £25 * Child (under 16 years) £13 ***

After some committee members have left the area, we are now looking for villagers who would like to join the committee and support the club.

If interested please contact Peter Richards.

www.actonbridgetennis.co.uk

Tae Kwon Do

07754 801190



Acton Bridge Parish Rooms.

Every Monday & Wednesday Evenings.

Juniors: 6.30 - 7.30pm

Adults: 7.30 - 8.30pm

Instructor - Mr Gary Smithies -

(4th Degree International Instructor)

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Tuesday and Wednesday 9.30 - 1, 2 - 5pm

Thursday Closed. Saturday 9.30am - 1pm

Our regular events:

Monday 10.30am-12.30pm Knit & Natter

Tuesday 10.30am – 11.00am Baby Bounce

Wednesday 2.30pm - 4.30pm Puzzle Club

Friday 10.30 – 11am Rhyme Time. Tea-Time Tales Book Club 5.15-6.45pm

Saturday 10.30am – 12.30pm Children's Activity Club



What a busy, exciting summer! The Summer Reading Challenge has been a huge success. Lots of families have visited the library to sign up to the challenge, borrow books or join in the Story Garden activities. This year we have offered a craft activities, Animals Takeover and a good old-fashioned Beetle Drive. Well done to everyone who signed up and completed the challenge this year, we hope you will continue reading and discovering more books.

To commemorate the 80th anniversary of the end of the Second World War, Weaverham High School student council organised a fabulous art project for VJ Day 80 with the help of all the primary school children. This is on display in the library throughout the summer (see above).

Reading is an excellent way to improve well-being, in July we launched The Tea-Time Book Club. This is a relaxed reading group that meets weekly to read quietly, followed by time to talk about books. Refreshments are provided and we would love more people to come along. The library team's favourite books this year (so far) have been, Raising Hare by Chloe Dalton, The Impossible Thing by Belinda Bauer and We all live here by Jojo Moyes.

We would like to offer more events and activities so if there is something you would be interested in then please contact the team at the library. Remember the library is free to join. To all our customers we would like to thank you for your continued support. Happy reading!

Come along and see us soon: Hayley, Andrea, Hazel and Nathalie

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Weaverham & Acton Bridge Village Show



After the AGM the Weaverham & Acton Bridge Village Show Committee made the difficult decision NOT to hold a show this year.

The committee now only has 5 members, due to personal circumstances such as health /family commitments all were unavailable to organise and run the show in August 2025.

If you feel that you would like to offer your services to the committee for 2026, please contact us via the Weaverham Village Show Website or Facebook Page Or Text Tel: Show Secretary on 07891 460772 with your name and contact email. Kind regards Denise Whitney

Acton Bridge Snooker Club

There is a snooker table available exclusively to members of Acton Bridge Snooker Club (or their accompanied paying guests).

There are no additional costs for use of the table or lighting, there is even a few cues and chalk so you can just turn up and play. We have a WhatsApp group which confirms the tables availability and should you wish you could use it to arrange games against other members.

If you or anybody you know are interested in joining please text 07771 666234. Thanks in advance Kev Carthy.



The Distaff singers would like to thank all members of the audience who attended their summer concert at the end of June and which raised £261 for their charity, Young Lives Versus Cancer.

We hope you will join us again on 5th December for our Christmas concert. Rehearsals start again at the Parish Rooms on Tuesday 9th September at 10am, so if any ladies wish to join the choir we will be pleased to welcome you.

Do you love to sing?

DISTAFF SINGERS

LADIES CHOIR



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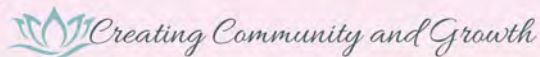
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If so please
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Copy deadline for the
Winter 2025 edition is:
15th November 2025.

Christ Church Crowton:

Regular Sunday Services as part of the United Benefice of Norley, Crowton & Kingsley with Alvanley & Manley

First Sunday - 10am Norley: Family Holy Communion. 6.30pm Crowton.

Second Sunday - 10am Crowton: Holy Comm'n. 6pm NCK Centre, Norley

Third Sunday - 10am Kingsley: Holy Communion.

Fourth Sunday - 8.30am Crowton: Book of Common Prayer (short service).
10am Alvanley: Holy Communion. 4pm family event, NCK Centre, Norley.

Further details of all Sunday and mid-week Thursday services and events at Norley, Crowton & Kingsley, with Alvanley & Manley can be found at:

www.nck.org.uk

The summer weather continues and the WI continues to thrive and welcome visitors and new members. All our sub groups have all been busy with different walks, outings to various gardens, and meals to enjoy.

The Book Club meets approximately every 6 weeks at the Hazel Pear to discuss the latest read. The Hazel Pear is also the venue for the Darts Club, every other Wednesday. The bowls group meet on a Tuesday morning in Crowton. The Craft Club meet once a month with a variety of Activities, sewing, crochet, clay modelling and lots more. We have a Pilates class the first Friday of the month. For those who just want to have a get together and chat away from the meetings (we do chat at the meetings too) We meet most months at different members houses.

There is no regular meeting in August, theoretically because we are all away and nothing is happening! As you can tell that is not the case! Instead of a meeting we have an outing. Last year to Bodnant Garden this year to the National Arboretum. We invite friends and family to join us, ensuring a full coach and a relaxing day out.

The National resolution this year is Bystanders can be Lifesavers. We have already had a very well attended CPR (see photo) session in the Parish Room. It was thought with so many of us providing care for children it would be a good idea to have another session, with that age group in mind, not only CPR, but how to recognise the signs of meningitis and other important illnesses. This is all ready almost full for the next session in the Autumn.

Another important activity is on August 16. The WI will be providing tea and cakes in the Parish Room as part of the village celebrations for VJ Day. Why not come along and meet some of our members and see what a fun bunch we are. The next regular meeting will be the second Tuesday in September. Hope to catch up with some of you then? Visitors always welcome.

So please get in touch with the secretary, Rosemary Charlton: 07833 580752 or Actonbridgewi.secretary@gmail.com

the WI

INSPIRING WOMEN



Photos: Gardening group visit to Mount Pleasant sculpture park, Kelsall with the many plants bought from the plant shop.

CPR - "Stayin' Alive!"



On 26th May 2025 Acton Bridge Bowling Club celebrated their 30th year birthday of being a club. We are very proud that the club is still going, and grateful for ABCA that in the early days took the risk allowing ABBC to have the space for the bowling green, the only Flat green in Cheshire.

We have 51 adult members and 2 junior members at present, and still going strong, with a lot going on throughout the year playing bowls.

30 members came together to play the following with the President team winning: President (red team) 66 points v Chairman (blue team) 45 points

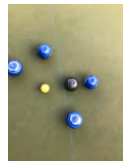
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Acton Bridge Bowling Club



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Acton Bridge WI full Report continued overleaf

Kitted up and ready for the zip wire experience in North Wales.
Gardening group visit to Grapenhall Heyes walled garden.

