

Acton Bridge

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The recent Quiz Night raised over £300 for ABCA funds - for the maintenance of the Parish Rooms.



The Accrington Pals were the winners. Photo shows the winning team led by Robert Forbes, sporting the coveted 'Brass Monkey trophy'.

Dates for your diaries

Friday 1st November - evening until 5pm
Sunday 3rd November - Weaver Vale Art Exhibition

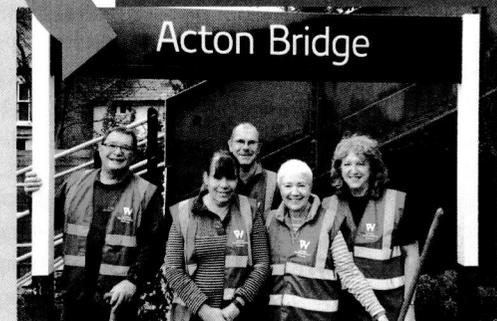
Friday 13th November
Distaff Singers Concert - evening (see inside for further information)

Tuesday 10th December
Senior Citizens Christmas Do

Friends of Acton Bridge

Station weeding and planting the platform border.

12 volunteers are registered with London Northwestern Railway and have adopted Acton Bridge Station; they meet monthly to weed and tidy around the Station platforms, car park and borders.



REGULAR WEEKLY and MONTHLY Groups below

| WEEKLY | Morning | Afternoon | Evening |
|------------------|--------------------------------------|---|---|
| Monday | Pre-school | Weaver Vale Art Soc (except for last Monday of the month) | Tae Kwon Do Acton Bridge Art Group (except 1st Mon) |
| Tuesday | Toddler Group Distaff Singers | Folk Dance Workshop Bridge Club | Scottish Dancing Billiards - Learn How! |
| Wednesday | Pre-school Jo's Art Group | Pre-school Jo's Art Group | Tae Kwon Do |
| Thursday | Pre-school | Pre-school | DIY Dancers |
| Friday | Pre-school Slimming World | Pre-school | |
| Sat/Sun | Available for hire | Available for hire | Available for hire |
| Monthly | Mondays | All day (last Monday of month) evening (1st Monday of month) | Verdin Beaders Parish Council |
| | Tuesdays | Afternoon (last Tues of month) Evening (2nd Tues of month) | Weaver Vale Art Society WI meetings |
| | Fridays | Morning (2nd Fri of month) | WI Flower arranging |

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essage from the Editor.....

There's a lot happening in our small village - as the Parish Council reports on page 3, there are potential developments afoot (and at the time of writing a public meeting planned for the old nursery site). I'm sure this will generate a lot of discussion. Meantime there seem to be lots of opportunities to get involved in village life. The Parish Rooms are packed with activities and its great for example that the Billiard Club are opening out to fresh faces on Tuesdays. As ever the WI is lively and interesting - I've been enjoying Book Club and Walking Netball myself!

If anyone out there is interested in helping with or taking over the job of editing the newsletter please let me or ABCA know. The deadline for the February 2020 edition is 20th January. Email content to sarah.pendy.sharp@gmail.com or text or call **07888 733389** to discuss. Thanks for your support. Sarah

Parish Council News

Parish Council Web Site

Following Steve Pardoe's retirement from the Parish Council and his request to hand over running of the web site, a new site has been set up to cover all Parish Council business. The site can be found at actonbridgeparishcouncil.org.

Sincere thanks are due to Steve for his industry in managing the web site over many years and to Georgina Heywood and Trevor Brocklebank for generating and establishing the new site. It is hoped that all will find the new structure easy to use and informative.

Changes in Personnel

As mentioned in the last newsletter, Margaret Holt Parish Clerk for over 20 years has retired and the post has been filled by Mrs Carole Robinson, for whom contact details are on the web site. Many thanks to Margaret and every best wish to Carole in taking on the position.

Planning

Large new builds on Hill Top Road are having an effect on what was the open aspect of the area, not to mention the unauthorised use of the Parish Room car park by contractor's vehicles.

There are pending potential developments in the Village as vacant properties and sites are being sold or auctioned. The Parish Council undertake to treat all applications impartially and to follow the guidelines of the National Planning Policy Framework and CW&C Local Plans, particularly those for Green Belt development, to all applications as and when received.

Town Farm Quarry

All Residents but particularly those on Station Road and Milton Rough will have noticed the increase in volume of traffic to and from the Quarry. Local Parish Councils and the Action Group are working to ensure that operations at the Quarry are within the permitted structure and that the conditions imposed by the Inspector at the last enquiry are strictly observed. Ward Clr Fifield, the local Parish Councils and the Action Group are closely reviewing and commenting on a new application for completion and restoration of the site. There are prospects that all workings involving movement of material to and from the site will soon be coming to an end.

300 Club

ABCA thank you all again for your support of the 300 Club for 2019. The number of shares sold is very similar to last year and again allows two extra prizes of £50 to be drawn just before Christmas. A total of £1100 will be given in prizes and a similar amount to ABCA for up-keep and maintenance of the Parish Rooms. It is always pleasing to see that prize winners are in all areas of the Village.

The number of shares sold is a reflection of the hard work of the volunteers going house to house to request your support so we offer our sincere thanks to all of them as well. The prizes drawn and winners to date are as follows;

| Week | £20 prize | | £10 prize | |
|------|-----------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|--|
| | Number and Name | | Number and Name | |
| 1 | 70 | Lyn Shopland, Pear Tree Lane. | 196 | Christine & Steve Millington, Hill Top Rd. |
| 2 | 127 | Kathleen Horton, Bancroft. | 245 | Helen Golding, Milton Rough. |
| 3 | 248 | Gary, Milton Rough | 197 | Joanna Davison, Hill Top Road. |
| 4 | 254 | Jos & Paul Twose, Sandfield Lane. | 53 | Kim Smith, Chapel Lane. |
| 5 | 256 | Mrs Rowland, Sandfield Lane. | 199 | Joyce & John Woodward, Old Lane. |
| 6 | 25 | Chris Johnson, Orchard Avenue | 246 | Pat Coates, Milton Rough. |
| 7 | 137 | Mr & Mrs Christmas, Cliff Road. | 162 | Mrs Small, Station Road. |
| 8 | 6 | Claire Mainwaring, c/o Tae Kwon Do | 171 | Pam Hall, Strawberry Lane. |
| 9 | 53 | Kim Smith, Chapel Lane. | 109 | S Sharp, Cliff Road. |
| 10 | 270 | C & D Peach, Warrington Rd | 127 | Kathleen Horton, Bancroft. |
| 11 | 260 | Malcolm Brown, Sandfield Lane. | 258 | Georgina Critchley, Sandfield Lane. |
| 12 | 213 | Anne Jeffery, Hill Top Road. | 67 | Charlie Nugent, Cliff Road. |



Acton Bridge Preschool Association

The Preschool children have been enjoying lots of outdoor play, walks down old lane and getting to know the new children who have just joined us, as well as indoor PE sessions using the climbing frame and balancing beams, counting, writing, stories, singing, painting and crafts.

We are looking forward to a trip to Delamere Forest on the train and looking further ahead to a Christmas visit to Tatton Park and of course our own Christmas activities and party in December.

We have recently been inspected by Ofsted and have retained our Good rating from them.

We currently have places available and if you are interested please contact us either by phone on 07999 633011 or by email at manager@actonbridgepreschool.co.uk

The Tuesday Toddler group Toddler group enjoyed the first of our monthly (on the second Tuesday of each month) messy play sessions where the children played with gloop, sand, water and playdough with washing facilities provided for the children when they had finished - a great time was had by all. The ordinary sessions are well attended with the children enjoying playing, craft activities and singing, looking forward we will be having a Christmas party too!

In September Mary Jeeves gave an in-depth and interesting talk with slides on the history of Marbury Hall and Park. She brought along a model of the Hall as it would have looked after its conversion to resemble a French chateau in the 1880s. It belonged to the Smith-Barry family for many generations, but was sold in 1932 when it became Marbury Hall Country club. It was requisitioned for the war effort in 1940 and was used as a POW camp. ICI bought the Hall and Park in 1948 to accommodate employees and their families. By 1961 it had been sold to a property developer but it became neglected and dry rot was found. Demolition began in 1968.

A former police officer turned author, Gina Kirkham, was the speaker in October with her talk 'Handcuffs, Truncheon and Thong.' She didn't start training as a police woman until she was 30 years old when the uniform included a skirt and handbag. Later culottes were introduced then combat trousers. She gave an amusing talk about incidents that happened during the course of working in the job she loved. She was awarded Police Officer of the year for Merseyside in 2000 and invited to meet Tony Blair at Downing Street. She retired because of a genetic bone disease and wrote her first book after attending a creative writing course. She has written two more novels based on her experiences as a police woman.

The November meeting is the AGM after which Dianne Leigh is going to demonstrate some Christmas flower arrangements.

Tuesday 10th December is the **Christmas Party** to which senior citizens of the village are invited.

Invitations will be delivered nearer the time. If you think you qualify but don't receive an invitation please let a WI member know. The cost of the ticket is £13 this year, which includes a hot main course and a home-made pudding. There will be entertainment as well.

A walking group, flower arranging, book club, craft club and walking netball continue to be regular activities enjoyed by many members and available to all.

The monthly meetings are on the second Tuesday of the month at the Parish Rooms at 7:30pm. Visitors are always welcome.

Quiz Night Successes

On Friday, 19th October, ABCA held its advertised Quiz Night. Over ten rounds, seven teams battled it out, and



The Accrington Pals were the winners by just 5 points. Led by Robert Forbes, the photo on the front of the newsletter shows the winning team sporting the coveted 'Brass Monkey trophy'. The night raised over £300 for ABCA funds all of which goes towards the maintenance of the Parish Rooms. A good enjoyable fun evening was had by all and ABCA thanks you for your support.

Something for everyone at Weaverham Library!

Opening times:-

Monday and Friday 9.30 – 1, 2 – 7pm

Tuesday and Wednesday 9.30 - 1, 2 – 5pm

Thursday Closed

Saturday 9.30 – 1pm

Regular events:-

Monday, Knit and Natter 11 - 12.30,
Tuesday, Baby Bounce 10.30am, Adult
colouring club and jigsaw puzzles 2pm,
Wednesday, coffee morning, Digital
Storytime 3.30pm and **Friday**, Rhyme-
time 11-11.30am **Saturday**, Lego Club
drop-in 10.30 – 12.30.

Everyone welcome!

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Throughout the summer holidays, over 144 children took part in the annual Summer Reading Challenge. A big WELL DONE! to the 117 children who completed this year's Challenge and were awarded their medal and certificate. Special prizes were also awarded to 3 lucky children. See photo on back page.

Watch out for children's **Christmas activities** in December – lots of fun for everyone.

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Weaverham Library cont. Christmas opening hours:-

Normal hours until:- Tuesday 24 December - 9.30 – 1pm, **Wednesday, 25 December and Thursday, 26 December – Closed**, Friday 27 December until Monday 30 December - normal hours, Tuesday 31 December 9.30 – 1pm and **Wednesday 1 January 2020 – closed**. Normal hours resume.

And, finally, we would all like to thank everyone for their support over the year and we hope it will continue in 2020. Wishing you season's greetings for Christmas and the New Year, Gill, Carol, Ann and Val.

Railway Station News

The Winter rail timetable commences on Sunday 15th December. There are a few minor changes from the current summer timetable, with some services being retimed slightly at Acton Bridge, plus a couple of extra stopping services – a northbound 21:50 on weekdays and a 15:59 southbound on Saturdays.

The station also now has a fully-functioning cash-less ticket machine which can be used to purchase tickets to anywhere in the country, or to collect pre-booked tickets.

London Northwestern Rail have also advised us of the following: *“Our consultants are in the process of doing a feasibility study on the land around our car parks, including Acton Bridge, to see where we can extend. This is part of the committed obligation to increase our car park spaces during this franchise. The findings of the feasibility study are due back in October.”* At the time of writing, these findings are not known.

They have also advised us that they are also looking at providing cycle storage at the station.

Milton Baptist Church

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| Sunday | 10.45 a.m. | Recorded sermon |
| Tuesday | 1.30 p.m. | Folk Dancing at the Parish Room |
| Thursday | 5.00 p.m. | Educational Help as required |

Details from Margaret Nixon – 01606 851852



Village Contacts

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| Bob Holt | Chairman, Parish Council | 01606 853698 |
| Carole Robinson | Clerk to the Parish Council | See page 9 |
| Selina Rooney | Chairman, ABCA | 01606 852224 |
| Gill Spanton | Secretary of ABCA | 01606 852356 |
| Gill Spanton | Parish Rooms Bookings | 01606 852356 |
| Sarah Sharp | Newsletter Editor | 07888 733389 |
| John Spanton | Acton Bridge Art Group | 01606 852356 |
| Ian Dodd | Billiards/Snooker | 07518 132554 |
| Chris Williams | Birdwatching | 01606 851788 |
| Kath Johnson | Bridge Club | 01606 852711 |
| Lynn Fowler | Brownies (Kingsley & Crowton) | 01606 852240 |
| Dee Smith/Anna Alexander | Distaff Singers | 01477 532982 01925 658447 |
| Jason Norris | Flat Green Bowling Club | 07831 774975 |
| Margaret Nixon | Folk Dance Workshop | 01606 851852 |
| Joanne Moss | Jo's Art Group | 01606 851996 |
| Sharon | Pre-School/Toddlers | 07999 633011 |
| Brenda Makepeace | Scottish Dancers | 01606 551126 |
| Christa Stevens | Slimming World | 07775 666206 |
| Gary Smithies | Tae Kwon do | 07754 801190 |
| Lynn Fowler | Tennis | 01606 852240 |
| Cheryl Hamilton | Verdin Beaders Group | 01606 852878 |
| Carol Dooley | Weaver Vale Art Society | 01606 783214 |
| Valerie Mitchell | WI Secretary | 01606 854144 |
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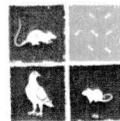
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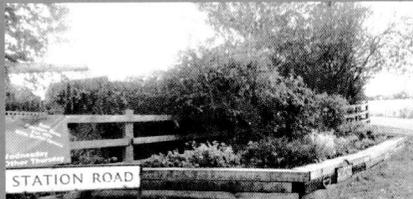
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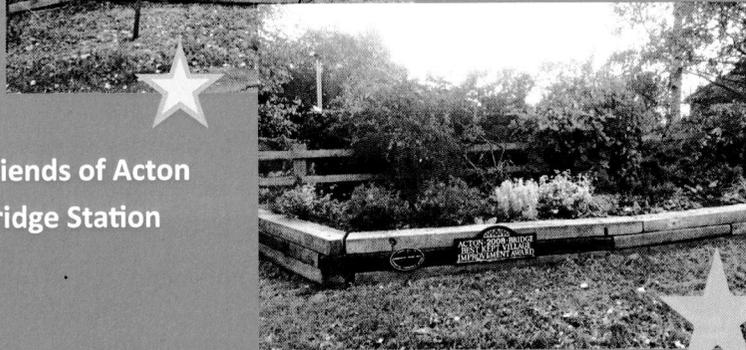
Weaverham
Library
Summer
Reading
Challenge



Got any interesting photos of Acton Bridge? Why not send them in to the editor for inclusion in the newsletter?



Looking good! The results of tidying the Station Planters by generous volunteers in October.



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