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Harvest Festival Sunday 30th September 2018

Sunday 30th September saw a full St Elizabeth's to welcome back Bishop Libby Lane for a special Harvest Festival service. The congregation included regulars, locals, visitors, children of all ages and Jess the dog. We started with a warming welcome back speech for "our Libby" from Dorothy; we sang harvest related hymns and were entertained by Ashley's choir made up of local children, superbly directed as always, by Dom Jones.

John Erlam provided fascinating insights to the year experienced by Ashley's farmers; floods, the beast from the east and a 3-month heatwave contributed to the challenges! Our Rose Bud Jessica did a fantastic job with the reading.

Wheat Sheaf Loaf (rumours circulated this was a last-minute replacement due to an unnamed member of the PCC dropping the original, but nothing was proven). We then enjoyed refreshments and a good catch up.

Thank you to all who helped with the decorations; the church looked superb with harvest festival related decor, gifts from local children and a wonderful

Thank you to all who attended the service and the church open day, you helped make it a great occasion, a celebration of the harvest and a fitting welcome back for our Libby.

Remembrance Day 2018

On Sunday 11th November it will be One Hundred Years to the day in 1918 when the Great War ended, six men from the Ashley area died. These were John Bailey, John Brown, Walter Bell and three men died in the last months of the war, Harold Craggs died on 26/7/1918, Daniel Bailey 1/10/1918 and lastly Charles Ridgeway On 6/11/1918.

Also remembered on this day Ernest Benson and Peter Eckersley who both died in the World War II.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to 'Connor' hope you have a lovely day!

CHRISTMAS CARD

Could drawings for the Ashley Church Christmas Card competition please be handed in at St. Elizabeth's by Sunday 25th November. All drawings will be on display over Christmas in the Church, this is open for all children in and connected to the parish.

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Goodbye and Hello

In August we said goodbye to Alan and Ingrid Hough and their family. Alan is living part time in Hale, so you will see him behind the Railway bar and around in Hale village. We were sorry to see them go and hope that they are very happy in their new home in Norway. We also give a warm welcome to Nigel and Judy, who have moved to Ashley from Bowdon. We hope that they are very happy in their new home.

MOBILE LIBRARY

The mobile library's next visit to Ashley will be on:

Friday, 16th November

Friday, 7th December

Friday, 28th December

The library will be in the

Greyhound car park

11:40am - 12:40pm.

http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/libraries/nearest_library/mobile_library_routes.aspx#week3fri

If you do not have a library card, on your first visit you need to take proof of address, like a council tax bill etc. The

Librarian will set up a library card for you while you look for a book to read.

Train Ticket Machine

The ticket machine, for train tickets, has now been installed at Ashley station. Its location is at the far end (Hale end) of the Manchester bound platform, next to the bike racks, with the front of the machine facing away from the platform.

The machine accepts card payment only, including contactless and mobile payments. There is a poster up at the top of the track to the Manchester bound platform informing users that Ashley is a Penalty Fares station, this means you must buy a ticket before you travel, otherwise you may have to pay a Penalty Fare (at least £20).

Ashley Centre's Book Sale

The next one is on: **Saturday 3rd November* from 2pm to 4pm**

When duties allow the local Police officer will be on hand to answer questions.

*** The book sales are usually on the first Saturday of the month, unless there is a wedding on.**

THE GREYHOUND PUB QUIZ

Next on: Tuesdays, **13th and 27th November** (and every 2 weeks*) If you are bored on a Tuesday evening why not come and join in the fun starting from 8pm We serve some light refreshments at half time so don't eat too much at teatime! Our resident quiz master Michael will be waiting to take you through how we hold the quiz so just bring yourself and a pen and have a fab evening!

Occasionally the quiz get's cancelled, so check it is on via the Greyhounds website or Facebook page.

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Knutsford Christmas Market

Knutsford Christmas Market is a
two day festive street market that takes place on:

Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd December 2018

and will feature over 100 traders selling the
finest foods, drinks, crafts and gifts

- the perfect place to start your Christmas shopping!

**The market runs from 12.00pm to 7.00pm
on Saturday and 11.00am to 4.00pm on Sunday**

With live entertainment, hot food, mulled wine and more

- where better to get in the festive spirit?

Knutsford Christmas Light and Reindeer Parade

Also on Saturday 1st December Knutsford will be kicking off the Christmas season in style with a fantastic assortment of community entertainment from 1pm to 7pm, with the light switch on at 6pm. A highlight of the Christmas Weekend for many children (and adults too!) is the Reindeer Parade. Santa brings a team of his Reindeer to bring him along King Street and into Canute Place before Santa says hello to his fans! The Reindeer Parade takes place at 5pm on Saturday 1st December.

An Evening with Adam Partridge

was on Thursday October 4th Ashley Centre

If like me, you get confused with Adam and Alan Partridge, you now know you're not the only one as Adam informed us all at the beginning of his talk that this confusion often happens, for those of you who are still confused, Alan is a character portrayed by the English actor and comedian Steve Coogan, and Adam is real person and a local auctioneer.

Adams' talk at the beginning of the evening gave us a light and humorous overview of the antiques industry and life as an auctioneer whilst providing us with an insight into the filming of the various antiques television programmes he appears in. The evening continued with members of the audience bringing up an antique for Adam to value. The people who bought up their items provided information on the item, and this was discussed and commented upon in front of the rest of the audience. We had an interesting and informative evening, and though none of us had an item worth millions we all had an enjoyable evening.

For those of you who missed this evening

*Adam has valuation days every Monday from 9:30am - 7:00pm at Macclesfield,
every Tuesday at Altrincham from 9:00am - 1:00pm and 2:00pm - 4:00pm
and every Wednesday at Liverpool from 9:30am - 6:00pm.*

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WHEN THE LIGHT GOES OUT

Commemorating WW1 through memories, performance and sound.
Saturday 10th November - Crewe, and Sunday 11th November
- Tatton Park, - 4pm - 6pm Free event (no booking required)

Two outdoor family arts events commemorating the First World War. The weekend will include; a street concert, parade, choirs, promenade performance and building projection created and inspired by the residents of Cheshire East and the roles their ancestors played in the Great War.

In the lead up to Armistice weekend, theatre makers **Yet Another Carnival** will collaborate with schools, societies, clubs, groups, and individuals to create a parade inspired by Crewe's 1918 Tank Week. And, a promenade performance for Tatton Park, which tells the Cheshire East story of the Great War.

Visual artists and video projection mapping specialists **Illuminos**, will lead a series of workshops with school groups, as well as drop-in family activity sessions at libraries, to create **Keeping Watch** - a large building projection artwork. Keeping Watch will see the facade of Tatton Park Manor become a timepiece; a portal back to 1918 through which packages and messages can pass.

Composer **Adam Shilton** will work with Cheshire Archives and local historians to create a piece of music inspired by WW1. This new composition will be performed by a mass community choir at both events.

In addition, silver and brass bands from across the county will come together in Crewe's Memorial Square to take part in a street concert.

The programme will conclude with the extinguishing of the Commemorative Flame at Tatton Park on Sunday 11th November.

Local residents, participants and visitors are invited to attend these two nightfall events, which will take place in Crewe Town Centre on Saturday 10th November and at Tatton Park on Sunday 11th November.

<https://cheshireeastreflects.com/event/when-the-light-goes-out-2/>

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New travel book released on Cheshire

~ Published by Bradt Travel Guides ~

Slow Travel Cheshire by Kate Simon and Suzanne King. This 304-page book is the county's first comprehensive travel guide and is aimed not only at visitors from outside the area but also at locals who want to explore Cheshire further and discover places and attractions they perhaps didn't know about before.

From the beaches of the Wirral peninsula to the foothills of the Peak District, Slow Travel Cheshire uncovers the diverse terrain beyond the county's famous plain. Along the way, Cheshire's rich heritage is also revealed, including the biggest Roman fortress in Britain, battlegrounds that changed the course of the English Civil War, and the mills, mines and canals that powered the silk and salt industries. While the book features world-famous attractions such as Jodrell Bank, more unusual sights get a look-in too - the Willaston World Worm-Charming Championships, for instance. From stately homes and gardens to contemporary art centres and cutting-edge museums, no corner of the county is left uncovered. And there are starring roles for a diverse cast of famous characters, among their number William the Conqueror, Elizabeth Gaskell and Buffalo Bill.

The Warburton Souling Play

This play returns to the Greyhound for their annual performance on Friday, 9th November from 7:30pm. This is a special year as it is the 40th year since the play was revived.

The play was revived in 1978 and now plays over several days in a number of local pubs with money being collected for charity. Please help support this local tradition by going along to support the players. For those of you who have not seen it before the name is derived from the dating of the play around All Souls Day, 2nd November. The Souling play is an ancient mystery play of death and revival involving a fight between the hero usually St. George and the villain who can vary but is often a foreigner. The Warburton Strollers will be doing a collection for their chosen charity after their performance.

+++ RMT STRIKE ACTION! +++

The RMT union have announced a total of 12 days of planned industrial action on consecutive Saturdays the next planned ones are on Saturdays 3rd November and 10th November. These will affect services on the Mid Cheshire Line and beyond. Northern have provided these useful guidelines: - For up to date travel information please check your journey at: www.northernrailway.co.uk. Alternatively real time travel information can be obtained from: <http://www.realtimetraains.co.uk/>. Check before travelling via the above websites is the overriding message.

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HS2 PHASE 2B CONSULTATIONS HS2 IS SET TO RUIN ASHLEY!

You will probably have received a letter announcing the commencement of public consultations regarding the proposed route of HS2 in our area.

Ashley Parish Council urges you to respond to these consultations because the outlook for the future of the village is bleak if the proposals go ahead unchanged. The current proposals for HS2 will result in the railway line being built on an embankment which, in part and including the gantries, will be approximately 50 feet / 16 metres in height. It will intersect Ashley and will be an eyesore which will be seen for many miles around. In addition, the proposals will split Ashley into two with Ashley Road being blocked off near Stock Farm. It is intended to replace Lamb Lane (next to Stock Farm) with a new road to accommodate all traffic from the other side of the blocked road.

The new road will join Mobberley Road in a T junction and will require realignment of Mobberley Road which will consume a significant amount of extra land. The reason given for blocking off Ashley Road? The prohibitive cost which would be incurred for realignment in comparison with blocking off the road (and building a new road, and realigning Mobberley Road, and acquiring/landscaping additional land??)

There are other less than pleasant aspects of HS2 in Ashley but the above are probably the ones which have the most instant impact. The Alternatives Ideally, HS2 should not come through Ashley at all but, as that is highly unlikely, the alternatives to having the railway on an embankment would be a tunnel through the village or the railway being constructed in a cutting. Although a tunnel would be the best solution there are many reasons, including cost and engineering limitations, why this would not be possible. Thus Ashley Parish Council is strongly in favour of putting the railway in a cutting. The Council has been in talks with HS2 and stressed its objection to any solution other than a cutting.

The Council and representatives of HS2 conducted a walking tour of the route through Ashley and highlighted a number of issues which HS2 would have to consider in its design. Some of the concerns included limitations of the geological structure of the land. Note: Residents had not been invited to these meetings because they were very much fact finding exercises, without which the Council would not be able to answer questions from villagers. The Council will arrange a village meeting in the near future.

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The Consultations on October 11th the Secretary of State for Transport announced the launch of two HS2 consultations for the section of the route from Crewe to Manchester (and West Midlands to Leeds).

The Consultations Concern:

The working draft Environmental Statement that describes the potential environmental effects of building and operating Phase 2b of HS2; as well as proposed ways to avoid, reduce, mitigate and monitor the effects. <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/hs2-phase-2b-working-draft-environmentalstatement>.

The working draft Equality Impact Assessment Report that considers the potential effects of the construction and operation of HS2 Phase 2b on people with protected characteristics.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/hs2-phase-2b-working-draft-equality-impactassessment-report> Both consultations will close at 23:45 on 21 December 2018. Public Information Events Dat: 30th November 2018 14.00 - 20.00 High Legh Village Hall, West Lane, Knutsford WA16 6LR. Date: 4th December 2018, 14.00 - 20.00 Manchester Airport Marriott, Hale Road, Hale Barns, Manchester WA15 8XW.

Additional Information Copies of the reference documents plus other related information can be found at: Hale Library, 6 Leigh Road, Hale, Altrincham WA15 9BE. Ashley Parish Council Website contains some maps and related information: <http://ashleyparishcouncil.org.uk/hs2>

Attending Council Meetings

Everyone is welcome to attend Council meetings where you can raise any issues or problems relating to Ashley.

If you are unable to attend a meeting but you have an issue to raise, please contact the Clerk who will raise the matter on your behalf. The next Council meeting is on 12th November 2018 at 8.00pm in the Community Centre at St. Elizabeth's Church Agendas and Minutes of meetings can be found at: <http://ashleyparishcouncil.org.uk/meetings.html> Newlist If you would like to join the growing list of people who receive advance agendas of meetings and occasional emails about important topics concerning Ashley, please contact the Clerk.

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St. Elizabeth's Church Services for November 2018

November

Sunday 4th 11.00 am **All Saints Day. The Ashley Community Service**

Sunday 11th 11.00 am **Remembrance Sunday service**

Sunday 18th 11.00 am **Family Communion with Young Church**

Sunday 25th 11.00 am **Christ the King service. Holy Communion**

*Please join us on the 11th November
as it will exactly 100 years since the First World Ended.*

ASHLEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

- **Sunday 11th November** is exactly 100 years since the end of the First World War. The Remembrance Day service at St. Elizabeth's will be taken by John Moss.
- **Sunday November 25th** sees the return of the United Christian Singers, who attracted a large audience last year. Doors open at 6.00pm and Concert starts at 7.30pm. Free entry but please a donation when leaving thank you.
- **The highly popular and well attended Christingle Service will be at 4 pm on Sunday 23rd December.** We are delighted that this year the service will be taken by Archdeacon Ian Bishop, who is a good friend and supporter of our church.
- **January** is likely to see the return of local buskers Loose Change, who have raised over £470,000 for CR UK in the last 8 years.
- Sunnysides Nursery Sunnyside nursery at Ashley school has organised a bags 2 school clothes collection to help raise money for some new outdoor resources. Please drop off bags at Sunnyside nursery at Ashley school from **Monday 26th November- Thursday 29th November** near the entrance door. Anyone having difficulty dropping off at Sunnyside can leave their bags with myself at 21 Hough Green on the evening of the 29th November.