



## WEAVERHAM TRUST - UPDATE

This is the fortieth edition of the Weaverham News. The Weaverham Trust is very grateful for all the support that we have received over the last 10 years from contributors, providers of finance, and the 42 volunteer distributors who, regardless of the weather, deliver the 3,000 copies into every letter box in the Parish of Weaverham.

When the battle to keep Lakehouse Field as a village green was at its height, the Trust decided that the Village needed an independent, none political news sheet to provide unbiased information to the Parish. I think that you will agree that we have achieved our objective. That's the end of the self praise, now down to the village.

On Sunday April 17th I joined other members of the Weaverham Trust and the Friends of Owley Wood on a litter pick. The Scouts were working hard clearing undergrowth from the wheel chair viewing point. The Army Cadets, male and female, had laid down their guns and were doing some heavy manual work landscaping a scarred section of the wood. I went with my litter grabber and poly bag down to the edge of the old river. Along the path the Bluebells were a brilliant iridescent blue in the sunshine. As I approached the "beach" a lone white swan drifted by closely followed by a black duck and eight frantically paddling ducklings. Further along at the bullet stream three young boys were searching for spent bullets. I told them that 60 years of searching for bullets by previous generation must have removed every last bullet. After facing the long steep climb up to the plantation I returned to the Scout hut for a welcome cup of tea. What a marvelous asset Owley Wood is for the village.

The latest news from the Anaconda site is that the Natwest bank were in the final stages of selling the site, when Cheshire West gave up hope of getting block A demolished. They called in the contractors and in 3 days the building had gone and the site was restored to its original state. The new owners will have to pay the cost of the demolition. At the time of writing I cannot find out if the site has been sold. The new site owner has got to replace the missing central heating systems and renovate all the houses, as they had been subject to a lot of very heavy wear and tear by the specially selected tenants.

The Trust is in the process of putting the final touches to a new Trust website. It will consist of two sites, a Weaverham Trust website which will tell you all you need to know about Trust activities and how to join. The second part will give you access to a wide range of Weaverham websites, including local businesses, the weather, the Weaverham News and a calendar of Weaverham events.

The two sites are going to be constantly updated and improved. Any none political ideas for improvements will be gratefully received

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## WEAVERHAM ROSE FETE

Arrangements are well under way for this year's Fete. The bands and floats for the parade are booked. The training of the retinue is progressing well. The small committee is working all hours. There is still a lot to organise but everything is coming together. We are still looking for help on the Friday Saturday and Sunday to set up and dismantle the field. Help is also needed for catering for the Queens banquet on the Saturday morning of the Fete.

We are looking for more children and adults to enter the fancy dress competition. If anyone would like to enter a float please let us know so that we can inform the Parade Marshal.

Our 2010 Queen Laura has been very busy throughout the year raising money for her chosen charity Help The Heroes. She has attended many fetes in the area representing Weaverham, and has performed her duties extremely well.

Our 2011 Queen Georgia will of course be crowned at this year's fete on Saturday 9th July. We wish her well.

We have a lot of people to thank who come forward to help or sponsor us. Again please, please give us a few hours of your time to help on Friday, Saturday and Sunday on the field or at the Community Centre. We look forward to yet another successful day.

Marjorie Gorrill Tel 85 3850

## WEAVERHAM VILLAGE SHOW

This is just to remind everybody that this years Village Show will be held on Saturday 13th August in the Community Centre.

Weaverham Village Show is open to anyone who is resident in Weaverham or Acton Bridge and to any pupil who attends a Weaverham School regardless of where they live. Schedules and entry forms will be available from local shops, the Community Centre, library and any Show Committee member from June onwards. Official Childrens Colouring pictures will be available from the Community Centre and library. Entries are 25p per item but are free to any person aged 16 or under.

We have sections for flowers, vegetables, flower arranging, domestic produce, handicrafts, wood and metal work, photography, art and a section for junior entries - although all our sections are open to any age group unless stated otherwise in the schedule. This year the Weaverham Junior Shield will be awarded to the best entry for 'Design a Play Area using Recycled Materials in a Seed Tray' (size maximum = 23.5 x 35.5cm or 9 x 14ins). Weaverham Trust Adult Shield will be awarded to the best entry for a photograph of "Nature's Sensational Season". Once again we have a class for 'Designing the front of the annual Churches Together Christmas Card which must be based on a Christian theme'. Due to the number of entries in this class last year we have decided this year to restrict this class to juniors only i.e. Upto and including 16 years of age. This will be reviewed next year. Can I also remind you about the Weaverham Girl Guiding Trophy for Juniors - 'A toy made from any material'. Disappointingly this class had no entries at all last year so a plea (especially to all Guides/Scouts?) to support this class which is open to any person upto 16 years of age.

Entry forms only should be brought to the Community Centre between 1.00 and 8.00pm on Friday 12th August. Please bring your exhibits to be staged between 8am and 10.45am on the morning of the Show. This allows judging to begin promptly at 11am

The Show is open to the public at 2.00pm. Prize giving is at 4.00pm. Admission to view the Show is free. The Community Centre Volunteers serve delicious strawberry teas during the afternoon so come along for an interesting and enjoyable afternoon!

Staging a Show depends on people coming forward with their entries. Weaverham Village Show has always been fortunate to be able to depend on this happening and it is great fun to meet up with those who have entered before and with new people. Do join in and have a go! If you have any questions or would like to help us in any way please contact me on 851748.

Elizabeth Gidley, Secretary, Weaverham Village Show



Laura Eastwood Rose Queen 2010 receiving gifts after the crowning ceremony on Lake House Field July 10th 2010



This is my last report as Chair and a Member of the Parish Council. I would have stood down as Chair, in any event, but the decision not to seek re-election was a difficult one. The new Council will have been formed by the time this edition of the Weaverham News goes to print. Six members of the previous Council stand uncontested, with a further six new members having been co-opted at the first meeting in May.

If I have one disappointment, as my year as Chair draws to a close, it is the increase in vehicle speed through our village. The High Street from the Hanging Gate to the Wheatsheaf pub is seen by too many as the start of the race; and Northwich Road is little better. Cheshire Police are fully aware, having taken a speed audit, and are taking action. Sadly, I doubt whether offenders will read this article but if you happen to know one, you may care to have a word. Please remember, 30 miles per hour is a maximum and not a minimum. What example are we adults giving to our children, our future drivers?

On the other side of the coin, the interest in the Community Pride Competition, formerly known as the Best Kept Village Competition, continues to grow. That many residents and businesses want hanging baskets, to give our village a splash of colour in the months ahead, will be a real tonic. The absence of litter, particularly cigarette butts and carelessly dropped chewing gum naturally plays a part. The competition is not just about flowers and the way the village looks, but the vibrancy of the village and the coming together of our many organisations for the benefit of all of our residents. We can all make a difference.

The Council has been aware that its present office, to the rear of Wallerscote School, is not ideal for a number of reasons. Whilst the Council is grateful to the school for providing us with a home, the cold weather earlier in the year means that we have to move. One morning in December last, despite two heaters left on over night the temperature when the Clerk arrived was 8 degrees centigrade; not surprisingly, she worked from home that day. The new office, hopefully, will be in the Community Centre, when we have agreed the last few terms of our lease.

The recent daubing of paint on the walls of some pubs is an unwelcome piece of mindless vandalism. Let's hope that this is a 'one off' and the 'artists' turn their hands to something more productive.

I wish the new Council every success. I know better than most how much there is to do. The demand for allotments never seems to lessen and what a real benefit it would be to have more home produced food eaten by our families.

And finally, we all have it within our gift to make life better, easier and more enjoyable for all. It takes little longer to park considerately or no effort to say, thank you to whoever provides you with a service. Please find a little bit of time to make all of our lives more rewarding.

Andrew Cripps Chair, Weaverham Parish Council

## WEAVERHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE

Weaverham celebrated the Marriage of Prince William & Miss Catherine Middleton in style. Residents were able to view the wedding on our large Cinema Screen as it happened. The order of the day was family fun with bunting balloons flags Pink Champagne with Strawberries and a wedding cake! The Centre committee thanked Cheshire West Councillors Alan McKie Lynn Riley and Ralph Oultram for the Splendid Screen to view the event, the goodies, food, and decoration for the party. Thanks to our newly extended volunteer group Sybil Turner, Peter Hampson, Martin Wilson and Michelle Phillips were well tested by the hectic pace of the day. Thanks to the fantastic donations of food from many business sources and individuals. Special thanks for the lovely wedding cake made and donated by Marjorie Gorrill the top tier being donated to Moretons Mead. Thanks go to the Mayor of Chester Neil Ritchie & his wife the Lady Mayoress Mrs Kathy Ritchie for gracing us with their presence and joining in the fun.

The first ever Weaverham Holiday Sports Academy was held in the second week in April run by the Community Centre and Fineswim. This was a great way for Children in the area to experience a wide range of sports and activities over the week and for parents to have a welcome respite! Football, Tennis, Hockey, Swimming and Lifesaving, Gymnastics, Capoeira and Zumba were all tried by the children along with Cooking and other activities kindly provided by the Fire Service, Cheshire Rescue and the Police. The films during the freshly prepared hot lunch every day were enjoyed by all and let the children catch their breath before another action packed afternoon. The launch of this new venture to provide this excellent facility in the village was a great success. Very tired and happy children gave us superb feedback as did their parents, so we are very keen to run this again in the Summer Holidays. If you are interested in finding out more about our plans for summer please let the office in the Community Centre or the Swimming Pool know along with your contact details and we will send out information nearer the time. We would especially like to thank Weaverham Sports Trust and Cheshire West and Chester Council who provided funding to allow us to provide all this at very affordable rates to the local community and residents. We look forward to seeing you in summer.

Penny and Niall

*Everyone enjoying the Royal Wedding Party at the Community Centre*



By the time you are reading this, you will have voted in your new councils, both at Cheshire West and Chester and also for the Parish.

Having been your councillors for the last two years we have had many opportunities to be at the heart of many fantastic things that take place here. We have met so many local people who are passionate about Weaverham and the people that live here and it has been a privilege to do our bit when and where we can.

Over £10,000 of our local members budgets have been put to good use by many of our village groups and we wanted to celebrate all the great work that they and others do around our community in our last message to you: The Weaverham News who keeps everyone informed on all that is going on; Weaverham's Gym Club, Brownies, Guides and Rainbows, Sea Scouts and Cricket Club for all the interesting activities for our children and young people; Weaverham's primary schools and High Schools for coming up with some imaginative projects via their school councils; St Mary's restoration project for the church dial; and the Community Centre at the heart of the village for a range of projects including upgrades to the goal posts, the film club, new Christmas lights and a number of celebratory events: with additional funds going to the new Sports Academy that ran during the Easter holidays at the Centre.

It always amazes us how far a small amount of money can go in local hands. And the good news is that this will not only continue in the next council, but will double. We have told you about the cost savings and efficiencies that have been introduced by CWaC over the last 2 years, so at a time when lots of councils are cutting what they spend, we are giving each councillor double what we had last year. So hopefully we can all do more this year. We'll be continuing to put more money into improving our local roads and bringing back weekly bin collections.

Now is the time to look forward. Over the next few years there will be great changes in local authorities and the Government is shifting control back to where it works best - back into the hands of local people who best understand what works where they live. It's a real opportunity to get involved and build on all that great things that make Weaverham the great place that it is.

We have really enjoyed representing you and thank you for the warm welcome we have always had and your support.

Alan McKie, Ralph Oultram and Lynn Riley

## WEAVERHAM GYMNASTICS CLUB

The Club has more good news again our little star Caitlin has had a trial for the British Squad, she now has to wait for that all important letter to see if she has made it. Caitlin has received funding from the Ready Foundation, for her training and now we are on the lookout for more funding to help with her training costs.

The club has continued to grow with gymnasts of all ages, we have received the 2nd stage of equipment from last years Tesco vouchers.

2 of our coaches are in the middle of their Level 1 coaching course, Sarah and Dan Teece have been learning hard to make sure they pass and we are sure they will. This will give us 7 qualified coaches and 3 assistants, and anyone over 18 who wants to coach can just contact us or come along on club nights.

The club will host gymnasts from around the Cheshire area in our 2nd competition, it will be held at the Community Centre on July 17th.

The club sessions are on Tuesday from 5.00pm to 8.00pm, contact us on Weaverham@googlemail.com anytime or Tel 01606 854088 during the week.

CIRCUIT TRAINING CLASSES

Local circuit-training class for men & women of all abilities at Weaverham Community Centre, Tuesdays at 8.30pm - 9.30pm. Try my non-intimidating, fun & friendly, safe & effective interval training. It's a fast fat-burning workout using upper & lower body exercises plus cardio intervals (each activity only lasts for 60 seconds) which can all be adapted & progressed to suit your individual needs - start off slowly & stay within your own limitations then progress over time as your fitness & confidence improves! My name is Kim & I'm a fully qualified & experienced fitness instructor who puts YOUR needs & safety FIRST - every time. Go on... give it a go .... as well as improving your fitness, body & mental focus you could even regain your mojo! All you need is a bottle of water, £3.50 & wear loose comfy clothing & trainers.

For further details call Kim on 07525 095 297 or Weaverham Community Centre on 01606 854088.

## OWLEY WOOD RECREATION CLUB

The new bowling season is now in full swing, and has been helped along to a great start by the recent beautiful weather. We have done a lot of work on the greens over the winter, and they are now in really good condition for the season ahead. If you don't yet bowl at the club, but fancy giving it a try, then please contact Tony at the Club on 853267 for more details.

For those of you who enjoy dancing, there are several groups who meet every week at the club, you may like to join in with: on Monday evenings we have Line Dancing from 7.30pm. Every Tuesday we have Old Time Dance from 7.30pm. We round off the week on Sunday evenings with "Strictly Come Dancing" with Ballroom, Latin, Foxtrot and Modern Sequence Dance, featuring live music (and interval bingo!), also from 7.30pm. Come down and give it a whirl!

Owley Wood Recreation Club, Barrymore Road, Weaverham, 853267

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## WEAVERHAM CRICKET CLUB

The start of the new season is now upon us and Weaverham Cricket Club is looking as picturesque as ever. The front of the Pavilion has been painted and the gates are soon to be removed and these will be powder coated and spruced up with the addition of a new cricket club crest. Two new site screens have been purchased along with a roll on roll off net for practice purposes. Some members have left since last year but we are pleased to announce the arrival of James Lewis, Stuart Hayes and Jayden Hicks who will be playing first team cricket this year and will hopefully help in our push for promotion to the Cheshire county leagues. Our new second team captain Rob Harrison, has benefitted from the new arrivals and will once again have a strong second team to help in their first year in Division A. The Junior section looks strong but we are always looking for new recruits and should anyone be interested in learning to play cricket please contact Jon Lightfoot on 854826 for more information.

### CRICKET CLUB BOWLED OVER BY FUNDING BOOST

Weaverham Cricket Club are encouraging youngsters to get involved in the sport, thanks to a £1,500 grant from Biffaward, a multi-million pound environment fund managed by the Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts which uses landfill tax credits donated by Biffa Waste Services.

The club have used the funding to make the necessary improvements on site to increase access to the game of cricket to local schools and young people in the community. The improvements carried out included the purchase and installation of cricket cage, marking out of bowling and batting creases and the erection of mobile nets. The Biffaward funding was used to purchase the cage and nets.

The club are now able to offer safer facilities for younger people to become involved in the sport, in a positive coaching environment.

Gillian French, Biffaward Programme Manager said,

"Recreational facilities like this offer fantastic opportunities for individuals to get involved in sport and be a part of their community. The improvements to the facilities at Weaverham Cricket Club will ensure that they can continue to offer a wide range of services to the community and beyond."

Training sessions are currently held on a Friday evening for Under 9's, Wednesday evening for Under 11's and Under 13's and on a Thursday evening for Under 15's. If you are interested joining please contact Jon Lightfoot on 01606 854826 for further details.

## WEAVERHAM HISTORY SOCIETY

In April members of the History Society visited the Cheshire Record Office, located in Duke Street Chester, two blocks above the River Dee but safe from anything but a biblical flood. We were shown conservation techniques, fascinating and surprising, and given an introduction to the Records Office's massive archive of documents, maps, journals and papers. Naturally the archivist extracted some Weaverham specific materials for us but the range is mind-blowing, covering all of the real County of Cheshire (welcome home Stockport and the Wirral) and dating back to the Middle Ages. They have literally miles of storage some of which is so sensitive that it is kept underground under 24-hour surveillance! Just to whet your appetite, have a look at their website at <http://archives.cheshire.gov.uk>. Be ready with your postcode and see what you can find. This is a wonderful and largely free to use service, invaluable for family history, students, schools and anyone interested. Better still, come to Weaverham History Society, we're sure to be going back some time.

Here are details of our next two monthly meetings:

Tuesday 14th June Edward Hilditch describes "A Cheshire Diary 1890 to 1914"

Tuesday 12th July Michael Murphy introduces "The role of the louse in history" No medication required but be prepared to be enlightened and entertained.

Meetings are held at Wallerscote Community School, Northwich Road, Weaverham, 7.30 pm. The Society always has lots of guest attenders, just turn up, you'll be made welcome. Mike Hornby, committee member, 01606 853322.

Come along and join us for an evening, visitors are always welcome. If you would like more information on our meetings please ring 853197.

## WEAVERHAM & DISTRICT GARDENERS GROUP

Since the last edition of Weaverham News we have had two meetings.

At our February meeting the speaker was Sheena Hesketh telling us all about her plant hunting in China. Sheena's talk was very lively giving us all the details of her expeditions. You have to have a licence to collect plant specimens and so Sheena took lots of photographs which she used to illustrate her talk. There were some people in the expedition who had licences and so they will grow on the seeds they collected and hopefully in a few years time they should be on sale. Our March meeting was well attended and Martin Blow presented a talk to explain all about perfect partners. We saw slides to illustrate which plants go together well, using colour, leaf texture, height and season of flowering as a guide. Martin opens his garden several times a year for the Yellow Book Scheme and last year raised over several thousand pounds for the charity. If you like visiting gardens this is a good one to visit, it is in Hankelow and is listed in the Yellow Book. At the time of writing this we will not have had the April meeting in which we host Dr. Richmond Dutton with a talk on insects and whether they are friends or foes we will also have members plants evening at this meeting.

Our May meeting will be a guided Wildflower Walk at Anderton Nature Reserve. In June Anthony Norman will talk about Alpines in various places. In July we shall be having another garden visit to a private garden in Bunbury.

We meet on the last Tuesday of each month at Wallerscote School, Northwich Road, the meetings begin at 7.30pm. Come along and join us for an evening, visitors are always welcome. If you would like more information on our meetings please ring 853197

## FRIENDS OF OWLEY WOOD

As I write this article, Spring has really arrived at Owley Wood, and the bluebells are putting on a magnificent show. On the weekend of 16th/17th April we had our spring clean and the weather was perfect for the event. We have to thank the Civic Trust members, Army Cadets, BP Scouts and Cubs, and our own members for their brilliant efforts - they managed to fill a skip with the litter and fly tipping. The Cadets dismantled and unotherised BMX circuit, clearing rubbish and glass left by its users and others, the BP Scouts cleared the '39 steps' and the wheelchair user's viewing point, which was built by their predecessor scouts some 15 years ago! I mustn't forget Cllr Bill Reynold who organised with Ask Skips to donate for free the use of the skip. Also the team who kept the refreshments in the Scout Hall flowing over the two days.

On the subject of BMX usage (or abuse) of the wood, parents are reminded that Owley Wood is a private nature reserve owned by the Cheshire Wildlife Trust, and managed by volunteers of the Friends. The public are allowed access to the wood to enjoy all it has to offer, but the access is a privilege not a right. During the clean up the Army Cadets took out barrow loads of broken glass and three hypodermic needles, all close to the area where the youngster play. Twenty trees have been felled in the past five years and the ground stripped of foliage including bluebells. It is obvious that the wood cannot sustain such damage over such a prolonged period, so bikers please stay out of Owley Wood.

In the last 'Weaverham News' we reported the damage to the river bank, and reed beds by the old river draining. The latest from British Waterways is that remedial work will be done over the Bank Holiday, which Bank Holiday out of so many is unclear, but it has been noted that work has been carried out on the damage at Acton Bridge. Once again, thanks to all who contributed to the spring clean up, perhaps we may see you again next year.

David Wilson

## WEAVERHAM SURGERY

Surgery Training Half-day Closures – Wednesday 11th May, Thursday 9th June, Tuesday 5th July, Wednesday 7th September, Thursday 6th October and Tuesday 1st November 2011. We are closed from 1 p.m. and re-open at 5 p.m. During this time for emergencies only you can contact the Out of Hours service on 01270 273666.

We have had excellent feedback regarding our new website. If you wish to order prescriptions on line or book an appointment on line, please ask our receptionists for a registration form.

Please remember the Out of Hours service runs from 6.30 p.m. until 8 a.m. daily and at weekends from Friday 6.30 p.m. - Monday 8 a.m. Please note - If you telephone the surgery at these times, you will be transferred directly to the out of hours service.

Opening hours and appointments: Monday to Friday 8.30 a.m. – 6 p.m.

From 5th July we have changed our appointment system. You can book two weeks in advance and 50% of our appointments are prebookable. Doctor's appointments are 10 minutes long. Internet based bookings are available. Telephone consultations can be booked (Doctor or Nurse will ring back). Home visits are available for appropriate situations by phoning preferably early in the day (or even the previous day). It will greatly help our efficiency if you can seek the appropriate contact for your problem; it may be that a doctor's appointment can be saved by requesting a telephone contact with a doctor or nurse or a practice nurse appointment. It is reasonable for us to expect that appointments will be kept or else cancelled in reasonable time. We continue to strive to improve access for all.

From 6th April 2010 patients may have noticed a change in their sick notes. These will be now classed as "Fit Notes" and the doctor will be asked to enter more details as to the level of fitness for work of each individual. This is to help encourage people back to work with extra support if required. If you are not fit for work at all, the doctor will indicate this on the form. Self Certification (SC2) forms will not change and will cover patients for the first seven days of illness.

## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

This being the 90th year of The Royal British Legion many events are taking place all over the Country to raise as much money as they can. The need to fund the serving and ex-service community and their dependents has never been more important than at the present, due to the ongoing conflicts around the world.

Weaverham and District Branch has been going for many years. Over the last few years our Membership numbers have dropped due to death and a few members moving on. As Chairman, my concern is that the Branch could close if new members are not found. Weaverham have always had a very good turn out on Remembrance Day; and it would be very sad if there was no Branch in the village to continue arranging and taking part in the Act of Remembrance on Remembrance Sunday. you may ask: What do you have to do to become a Member and what does it involve? So I would like to answer some questions that may be asked.

Can anyone be a Member? Yes aged 14 and over

Do I have to come to meetings? No only if you want to

Do I have to go to events that the Branch arrange? No only if you want to

Can I go to the Albert Hall for the Festival of Remembrance? Yes all members can buy tickets. (RBL members only for the evening performance).

How much will it cost to be a Member? £11 a year (The cost may increase slightly in October),

Who do I contact to join? Mrs Hulme 01606 852911

Do I get any information about the Legion? Yes all members receive a Legion magazine 3 times a year.

The Branch will be holding a Summer Lunch in July it will be held at Mere Bank Weaverham Tickets £5 (limited numbers available) contact Mrs A Hulme call 852911.

Regards D Hooper Chairman.

## WEAVERHAM HIGH SCHOOL

Staff and pupils at Weaverham High School were celebrating the recognition by Ofsted that pupils' achievement and enjoyment of the learning at the school was outstanding. This followed an Ofsted inspection from the 9-10th February 2011. Inspectors identified a number of very significant strengths of the school, including students' high attainment, attendance and outstanding achievement which achieved the highest grading possible.

The Inspectors congratulated the pupils "on their good behaviour and the part they played in making the school a friendly, safe and inclusive place to learn." The inspection team took the view that "the students' high attendance reflected their positive views about the school, as in all year groups pupils had told them that they enjoyed school, felt safe and had confidence that adults will deal sensitively and promptly with any concerns they raise."

Headteacher David Charlton said "I am delighted that Ofsted recognised the outstanding achievement of pupils at Weaverham High School. This reflects the very hard work that the staff put into the school and the very positive ethos that visitors always comment upon." He added "the response of parents, pupils and staff in the Ofsted questionnaires was very positive. This indicated to the inspectors the quality of the education we provide."

For further information and photograph opportunities please contact David Charlton, Headteacher, Weaverham High School on 01606 855926 or email [head@weaverham.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:head@weaverham.cheshire.sch.uk) Weaverham High School, Lime Avenue, Weaverham, CW8 3HT

## WEAVERHAM W.I.

Members enjoyed a faith supper at our 9 May meeting and debated two NFWI resolutions concerning support for local libraries and the practice of factory farming. The delegate for the Vale Royal Group attending the AGM this year was a member from Whitley W.I. . The NFWI Annual General Meeting was on 8 June at the ACC Liverpool Echo Arena with guest speakers Erwin James, Dr Rita Gardner and Sir Steve Redgrave. The VRGroup bowls match on 11 May at Owlley Wood provided great fun and entertainment and Weaverham members supplied the luncheon refreshments for the competing teams. The Summer Event - a trip to Llandudno on Wed 20 July - was organised jointly with Cuddington & Sandiway. Congratulations to Mrs Edith Glover who celebrated a special birthday in May.

Our meetings are in the Church House at 7.15pm on the 2nd Monday of each month. Visitors are most welcome and can obtain more information from our secretary Mrs L Rafferty 853774.

Forthcoming speakers are:

13 June - Miss Yvonne Allbon - St John Ambulance

11 July - Mr Nick Mayfield - The history of Bridge and cardplaying

## 1st WEAVERHAM SCOUT GROUP

It has been a very busy start to the year. The annual Burns' Supper was, if anything, an even greater success than usual with over 140 guests attending the event in the Community Centre at the end of January. In addition to the supper itself, the highlight of the evening was a rendition of some of Burns' songs by Frank Dolphin and Mike Hornby. The proceeds of this event make a major contribution to the cost of the running of the Group.

The Group Committee has ordered a replacement for our marquee. The old tent is thought to be over 50 years old and has well served at least two generations of scouts and scouters in the village. The new marquee will be available for hire for local events. A very valuable contribution towards the considerable cost of the new marquee was from a grant award made by local councillors.

Two of our scouts, George Crouchley and James Hayes-Clarke, have been very successful in the annual Cheshire Hike. George and James won the Mid Cheshire section of the event. In the overall competition, which featured 104 junior teams, they took 3rd place. This is a great achievement for the young scouts and reflects the excellent spirit of participation and cooperation within the whole Group.

In August a party of 13 Explorer Scouts will be visiting the World Scout Jamboree during their expedition to Sweden. They are looking forward to meeting with other scouts from around the world and getting a flavour of what scouting is like in Sweden. Success and activity is not limited to the older scout sections. The Beavers' section has also had a very successful year. Having entered the "District Challenge" in which teams from across the district compete in a range of craft events on the day our team won the event. They will now forward to represent the district in the county event in the early part of this month.

The Group Committee is looking for new leaders to join and help run all sections of the group. So, if you are interested in adventure-based activities and in the development of young people, please think about becoming a helper or leader and get in touch with us.

Ken Baird Group Chairman

*Right: At long last! Block A of the Anaconda Development at Wallerscote Road has been demolished. What will happen to this site? Watch this space!*

## WEAVERHAM FOREST PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Spring term saw the re-design of our lower playground which has given the infant children far more space in which to run. It is currently a work in progress with seating to be installed and markings to be added to enable more playground games. Our sustainable garden has been laid out and the orchard has been planted. This area will be developed to allow each class to have a section in which to grow vegetables and flowers. An exciting project!

Employees from Barclays Bank in Northwich visited some of our junior children to work with them to further develop money skills. The visitors showed children the real-life importance of maths skills and how to calculate profit and loss.

In March, the infant production of 'The Sky is Falling In' took place. This was the school's adaptation of Chicken Licken and played to packed audiences over three performances. It was a wonderful acting and singing extravaganza enjoyed by the audience and even more so by the children themselves.

We also recently participated at the Weaverham High School Music Festival where children from Weaverham Forest not only sang as a choir and with the High School pupils but performed as a band showing the skills they have learned in their weekly music lessons. Those who attended were amazed by the talent shown by both high school and primary pupils.

Our Easter Parade this year had the theme of a 'garden in a shoebox' and our chair of governors had the unenviable task of choosing winners. The ideas that the children came up with for their gardens were very innovative!

## ST. MARY'S ECUMENICAL CHURCH

We have had a wonderful Easter, many people attended over the week before the festival. It was great to celebrate that the Lord is Risen - He is Risen Indeed.

Over the next few months we will be continuing our Chaos (Church And Other Stuff) events at Wallerscote School on quarterly Saturday afternoons. This is an opportunity to have quality family time doing things together, with a message and a meal, all free. The first one went very well and had many families attend. The next one is on the 21st May at 3.30-5.30 and the one after that is 29th August in the Vicarage Garden. Men's work is continuing at St. Mary's and along with our regular Men's Society which meets every 1st Monday of the months at the church house at 7.30pm. We also are organising a trip up Snowdon, a golf day and other events. We also have a men's breakfast every other month at 8.00am, for a full English and a message. Please come to church or phone the vicar for details.

There are lots of other events going on in Church. Please see the Website [www.stmarysweaverham.org](http://www.stmarysweaverham.org) or phone the vicar on 852110. Revds. Andrew and Jenny Brown & Revd Duncan Ibuiri

## MILTON BAPTIST CHURCH

Milton Baptist Church

Sun 10.45 a.m. Morning Service

Tues 5.30 p.m. Bible Study

Wed 2.30 p.m. A social afternoon

Tues June 28th at 7.30 p.m. Church Anniversary Service Preacher - Mr S. E. Kent

Details from Margaret on 851 852

Enquiries about facilities for children and youth are welcome

## HANGING GATE INN

My name is Matthew, Landlord of the Hanging Gate, and I'd like to take the opportunity to thank you all for making myself and my team feel so at home here in Weaverham. We are a local team anyway but we are really enjoying being here with such wonderful people.

The pub is open from 12pm each day and we serve fresh, home cooked food from 4.30pm - 8.30pm Tuesday to Saturday with 2 meals for £12. We also serve Sunday roasts from 12.30pm - 5.30pm every Sunday. If you haven't had chance to pop in and meet us, please do so it would be lovely to meet you and if we can be of any assistance with a special event then please don't hesitate to contact us on 852146

Matthew Webster

