



WEAVERHAM TRUST - UPDATE

This year's Weaverham Trust Garden Party was held on the 16th July. It was a very special event as we were celebrating the tenth anniversary of the Trust being formed. The Preston Brook Silver Band played summery music while a delicious meal of fresh salmon followed by lashings of strawberries and cream were served. Then after the highly decorated celebratory cake had been cut and handed out to all the cake lovers, we had the draw for a very special collection of mouth watering prizes. The first prize was a three course Sunday lunch for two with a bottle of wine, in the Crystal restaurant at Nunsmere Hall. The lucky winner was Des Batsford.

At last after years of battles and unsightly mess the Anaconda development is being refurbished ready for sale to a housing trust who will rent the houses and flats. It is hoped that the new owner will maintain the development to a very high standard.

The road in front of the Northwich Road shops is now reverting to it's normal pot holed state. Urgent action is needed to rebuild this private road to a highway standard. If this is not done soon drivers who have cars damaged will be suing the shop keepers. Why can't Weaverham Parish Council and Cheshire West sort out the road together with the car park at the back of the shops.

The Weaverham Trust is launching a web site for Weaverham on the 1st September.

The web site contains the latest Weaverham news and photographs. The News section will also have the latest edition of the Weaverham News together with back copies. So for the first time friends and relations overseas will be able to read the Weaverham news at the same time as it is delivered to your letterbox.

All the organisations and groups in Weaverham have been asked to enter the dates of all meetings and events onto the Weaverham calendar. This will help to avoid picking dates that clash when arranging events. There are also links to other Weaverham web sites and a Weaverham version of yellow pages for businesses. Most importantly there is a large section about the Weaverham Trust and how to join.

The Weaverham Trust would like to thank Mitch Law for building the new web site. It is unique in that it is one web site with two addresses. weaverham.org gets you into the village part and weaverhamtrust.org gets you into the Trust part. The site is very colourful and full of useful information. It has been designed as a site that is constantly changing, so what you see today will have changed tomorrow.

Richard Gorrill Tel 01606 853850



Huda Bladon is presented with the Weaverham Parish Council Shield by Parish Council Chairman John Freeman

WEAVERHAM VILLAGE SHOW

Well done to everyone involved in any way whatsoever with the Weaverham Village Show held on Saturday 13th August. It was brilliant in every respect - colour, vibrancy, quality, number of entries and visitors who were treated to the most beautiful display. The hall was alive with conversation and there was so much to see. Walls were covered with paintings, children's pictures, photographs and exquisite patchwork quilts. Tables were laden with an amazing array of vegetables and fruits including cauliflowers, marrows, and beans, several different varieties of potatoes, shining apples, plums, damsons and raspberries. It was an education to see the amount and variety of delicious produce that local people are growing in Weaverham and Acton Bridge. The flower section was beautiful with colourful arrays of pot plants, vases of flowers and this year a delightful number and variety of roses, all of which people managed to bring along despite the previous weeks wind and rain. It was particularly nice to see the number of entries in the flower arranging section after our plea in a previous Weaverham News. Each one was absolutely beautiful and they always generate a lot of interest from visitors.

The Domestic judge was bowled over by the amount and quality of exhibits not least because she has the enviable task of tasting them all! Although she had to choose winners she made general comments worth noting including of the jam section "This was the most amazing class to have judged today" and "well done everyone" on several other classes. The Adult Handicraft judge had a vast array of crafts from which to choose winners. She said "I want to give every entry a prize because the quality is so high". The Parish Council Shield awarded to 'Best in Show' and judged by the Parish Council Chair John Freeman was awarded to Huda Bladon for her beautiful embroidered picture.

The children's section was delightful and our local schools deserve a vote of thanks for their support. It was most encouraging to have enthusiastic young people and very small children making their own entries at the booking in sessions on Friday and to see them not only collecting trophies in their own sections but rosettes in adult categories too. The Russet Shield awarded to 'Best in Children's section' sponsored and judged by Marjorie Gorrill was awarded to Ellie Southern for her block printed bag.

The woodwork section as always was full of quality exhibits. It may be a small section in amounts of entries but size ranged from tiny exquisite turned items, through chain saw carvings to a barn complete with straw bales, tractors and animals. Nothing done by halves!

The photography section was well supported and again the judge remarked on his own personal interest in viewing such "quality images". We offer judges lunch in return for their services but they said the quality of exhibits deserved the best amount of time they could give and several were in danger of missing out on their lunch before the Show opened to the public. They were still writing comment cards as the Show opened so we hope these were helpful and interesting to exhibitors and viewers alike.

To my mind this completely sums up this years Show - time, effort and I hope enjoyment by everyone involved. Certainly it was the largest in the Show's history - so far. There were over 600 exhibits. This doesn't include entries through the schools so I guess if we totalled in these we had in the region of 1,000 exhibits. No wonder there was a lot to look at. Who knows next year? But left ringing in our ears are the judges comments about quality, in our thoughts are the time and effort spent by each exhibitor producing and presenting exhibits and still resounding is the buzz, interest and enthusiasm of everyone coming together on the day.

The Committee thank you all, sponsors, judges, stewards, volunteers, schools, Community Centre, but and most of all exhibitors for making the 2011 Weaverham Village Show so enjoyable, successful and brilliant!

Elizabeth Gidley, Secretary, Weaverham Village Show

For a full list of cup and trophy winners see the back page.

www.weaverham.org

WEAVERHAM PARISH COUNCIL



The Parish Council has welcomed two new members aboard, Patrick Gouveia Da Silva and Neil Marrs, and has also welcomed back Captain Chris Hampson. There is, however, one further seat remaining, if you are interested please contact the Clerk no later than 12th September.

The judging for the Community Pride Competition took place earlier in the year and we eagerly await the results. Some very positive feedback was offered at the time of the judging so fingers crossed last year's third place could be bettered this time around. The Council held a Hanging Basket Competition in conjunction with Community Pride which was very closely contested. Some truly beautiful baskets were entered and a prize of a garden centre gift voucher and an engraved trophy was presented to the winner, Mr Egerton on Russet Road – Congratulations to him, many thanks to all those who entered the competition and thanks to all those in the village with impressive floral displays that didn't enter the competition but will have made a good impression on the Community Pride judges.

Cheshire West & Chester Council intends to reduce the volume of paperwork in its Planning Department. As a result the Parish Council is moving to 'electronic-viewing' of applications using the excellent facilities at the Community Centre. If there is an application that directly affects you or if you'd just like to come along and see what we're doing the Planning Committee meets fortnightly on Friday mornings at 9.15am, in the Community Centre.

Play development in the village is still an issue for the Council. There is inadequate provision for the population and limited options for improvements. Research is being carried out across all areas in the village and full consultation WILL take place in due course. If you wish to be involved or would simply like to put your own views forward please contact the Clerk.

The Council will be inviting tenders for the Maintenance Contracts throughout October. Contracts include Garden Maintenance, Hedge Cutting, Mowing, Site Cleansing, Safety Inspections and Weed Control. Please contact the Clerk if you are interested in tendering for the contracts.

The Council has moved office and can now be found in the Community Centre in the heart of the village. The office is open Mondays to Thursday from 9.15am to 14.15pm and the Clerk can be contacted on 01606 854451 or by email to weaverhamparishcouncil@btopenworld.com or clerk@weaverhampc.co.uk.

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WEAVERHAM GYMNASTICS CLUB

Weaverham Gymnastics Club have held a successful competition for the second year running, as host club we took 23 medals out of 51 and with clubs coming from as far as Liverpool. We were 1 of only 2 clubs who hold sessions weekly the rest are full time clubs, which shows the quality of coaching our gymnasts receive. Thanks must go to all the volunteers without their help we could not hold such an event, some who slaved away in the kitchen all day with shouts of "more bacon chef".

We now have a small display team who are practising for a competition next year; yes it can take that long to get moves perfect with young children. We also hope to secure funding to help our gymnasts have an identity when at shows and competitions so any offers out there, we have never had clothing for gymnasts to wear which says who we are but we aim to change that.

We have also bought with funding from Weaverham Parish Council a set of rings for the boys, we have a small group of boys who regularly train and this will help them enormously.

Caitlin Moss our young National Champion has been chosen for the British team, so at 12 years old she has been a National champion for 2 years and now is in the British team. This is excellent for a small club and shows the quality of coaching we do offer to all. Caitlin will now take part in competitions in the UK and Europe. This has only been possible with the funding she received from Ready a national charity and the Vale Royal Lions, we have now secured a second round of funding from Ready which will go to help her for the next year.

The club runs every Tuesday from 5.00pm to 8.00pm, to join e-mail Weaverham@googlemail.com or Tel 01606 854088. Or look at our web site www.weaverham.btck.co.uk

WEAVERHAM ROSE FETE

Yet again we had a very successful Rose Fete, held in brilliant sunshine. The parade was amazing although we did miss the troupe dancers. The crowning ceremony went without a hitch with the retinue looking beautiful and they carried out their duties perfectly. In all it was an extremely successful happy family day.

We have many people to thank for their help. There is the team who set up the field. The caterers for the Queens banquet, The British Legion standard bearers. Our Parade Marshal, Janet Bellamy who organised the parade and set it off on the stroke of one o'clock. The road hauliers for the loan of their vehicles and drivers.

Our thanks to Laura our retiring Queen who has raised over £1,000 for Help the Hero's during her reign. Our good wishes go to Georgia for her year ahead.

CHESHIRE WEST & CHESTER COUNCIL

Thank you for electing us as the 3 Councillors for the Weaver and Cuddington Ward of Cheshire West and Chester (CWC) Council back in May. Alan McKie previously represented Weaverham as part of the old Weaver ward, whilst John Grimshaw had previously represented Cuddington and Charles Fifield is a new Councillor but has lived in neighbouring Acton Bridge all his life.

Weaverham has an excellent events programme for the summer, the Rose Fete on Lakehouse Field was as good as ever and the Royal British Legion summer lunch (hosted by the Gorrills) was very enjoyable and we are looking forward to the Weaverham Village Show on 13th August at the Community Centre, which will have taken place by the time the newsletter is published.

In July we hosted a meeting of the 4 Parish Councils in the Weaver and Cuddington Ward (Acton Bridge, Cuddington, Dutton and Weaverham) to discuss common issues such as Localism and Planning, together with future issues to work more closely together on, such as speeding on the A49 and B5153 Northwich Road.

CWC is continuing to invest in road improvements with resurfacing taking place across several main roads within Weaverham this summer. CWC recently won a Gold Award for dealing with potholes and it was able to do this with the help of the people of the borough letting us know about roads and other issues online at: http://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/online_services/report_it.aspx

Clearly there are difficult economic decisions to make as CWC deals with a reduction of funding as part of the Coalition Government's deficit reduction package. One current issue is School Transport where the Council, following consultation, is looking at the additional transport subsidy that goes to some pupils at Faith Schools in comparison to non-Faith Schools and deciding whether to keep or remove it so all pupils are treated on the same basis. The Council's Executive will make the final decision at its meeting on 17 August.

CWC Council has launched an interactive tool to consult with residents over next year's Council Budget. The website is open until 30 September at: <http://youchoose.yougov.com/CheshireWestandChester>

Following the demolition of Block A by CWC enforcement team, Village Close has now been sold by the receivers to a new company and hopefully this long saga will draw to a close and the houses can be repaired and re-populated.

Through our Member Grant system we have been able to help local community projects such as CCTV for Weaverham Community Centre, new leaflets for Weaverham History Society, supporting the Summer Play scheme at Weaverham High School and Northwich Festival 26-29 August. We are keen to help even more local community projects, so if you have one, please let us know.

We are looking forward to representing and serving the community of Weaverham as part of Weaver and Cuddington Ward and if you have any issues or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you again for electing us.

Cllrs Charles Fifield, Alan McKie and John Grimshaw

WEAVERHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE

How quickly the year is passing! Our Christmas Activities and events calendar is now on the agenda. For full details, dates and times of Parties and Events check our new notice board on the exterior wall of the Community Centre - Illuminated in winter for your convenience.

Welcome to the Parish Councillors and Clerk Michelle Jones. By the time you read this article we will have welcomed and opened the new office for The Parish Council within the Community Centre.

In the coming months we will be offering taster sessions on activities in the centre so keep your self updated via our internal notice board within the centre and web site. To Book a taster session contact 01606 854088 leave your address and contact details or e mail Weaverhamcentre@aol.com.

SPECIAL OFFER - Red Dance Academy is offering one taster session on 2 activities as follows:- Wednesday's Children Beginners Street Cheer 5pm to 6pm
Wednesday's For All Age groups Intermediate Street Dance 6pm to 7pm

COMING SOON
BUSY BABIES

A new club for Tots and Grannies, Granddads, Mummies, Daddies, Aunties and Uncles working together on Mini Gardening, Painting, Cooking and Crafts and many many more activities.

For details or to book your place contact 01606854088
e mail weaverhamcentre@aol.com

ADULT LATINO WORKOUTS 4 week course £12
PRE SCHOOL BALLET
BEGGINERS STREET TAP

For details on the above 3 classes
Contact Claire on 0737090800 or e mail red30@hotmail.co.uk

To view all activities see our website www.weaverham.btck.co.uk

Eileen

WEAVERHAM HISTORY SOCIETY

Heritage Open Days are to be held in 2011 on the 8th to 11th September. This is an opportunity to visit many interesting and historic properties throughout the UK, many not normally open to the public and lots free of charge. Space precludes me from giving details beyond Weaverham but you can find it all on the Internet by entering Heritage Open Days into your favourite search engine. If this means nothing to you, get a child to help you – they all know how it's done.

In Weaverham the Society is offering two free opportunities for Heritage Open Days. In the morning of Saturday 11th September we will be offering guided tours of St Mary's Church. St Mary's is your Parish Church and our only Grade 1 listed building. Just turn up between 10.00 and 12.30 pm, no need to book and we will do the History tour for you. Of course St Mary's is always there 365 days a year to provide Christian support and guidance – just contact the Vicars. On the afternoon of the 11th September we will be offering a guided walk covering all our Blue Plaque buildings in the village. This will start from the Hanging Gate at 2.30 pm, covers about a mile and a half and will take no more than two hours. The pub will be open before and after the walk but sorry the Society won't be buying the drinks.

Here are details of our next three monthly meetings:

Tuesday 13th September Dilys Hooper speaks about the Royal British Legion in its 90th anniversary year.

Tuesday 11th October Ron Playford from Chester University will tell us about the building of the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct (an amazing World Heritage site only about an hour's drive from Weaverham)

Tuesday 8th November Graham Fisher of the Victorian Society speaks about John Douglas, a locally ubiquitous Edwardian architect, builder and much more.

All meetings are held at Wallerscote Community School, Northwich Road, Weaverham, 7.30 pm. The Society always has lots of guest attenders. You don't need to be a member – just turn up – you'll be made welcome. If you would like to know more about the society, by all means give me a call and/or look at our website at www.history.weaverham.org.uk.

For the non-technical www stands for Weaverham Wonderful Website (no it doesn't – Editor)

Mike Hornby, committee member, 01606 853322.

WEAVERHAM SURGERY

Surgery Training Half-day Closures – 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.

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.

MED 3/Sick Notes

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.

Flu Vaccinations

These will be starting on Saturday 17th September so if you are eligible for a flu vaccination, please contact the surgery and make an appointment from August onwards.

Staff Retirement

Sister Margaret McGrath is retiring on 29th July 2011 and our Practice Manager Frieda O'Connor is retiring on 25th August 2011.

We have a new Practice Manager joining the practice on 1st August 2011, Mr Paul Deeley.

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WEAVERHAM CRICKET CLUB

We are now half way through the current season and both the 1st and 2nd XI teams are doing well. The first XI sits fourth in the table with all the top teams to play and promotion remains a very real possibility, the 2nd XI captained by Rob Harrison has done extremely well after gaining promotion last year and sits in the top half of the table. The Junior sections season has now finished as school holidays are upon us and once again the early age groups have gone from strength to strength. The Under 7 age group now has over 25 members and Under 9, 11 and 13's have all seen a rise in membership and have had a successful season and the future of the club looks to be in good hands.

The Club itself recently took delivery of the refurbished gates with the club crest prominently displayed and a big thank you must go to Margaret Southerton for the kind donation, which made the refurbishment possible. A new flag pole has also been purchased and sits proudly against the pavilion.

The ground itself looks in fantastic condition and this is only possible due to the dedication of members such as Neil Turley, Dave Wilson and Sam Burgess who are responsible for giving the village a club to be proud of. WCC host their 3rd Annual Summer Ball in early August and we hope we do not cause too much noise to our close neighbours. For a club like WCC such fund raising events are imperative and ensure we can run a successful junior section and have the club looking in such fantastic condition. The Cricket Club is a very real part of the village and welcomes any new members whether you would like to play cricket or if you would just like to sit in the summer sunshine and watch a game. Please feel free to come along to the club and see what we have to offer.

WEAVERHAM & DISTRICT GARDENERS GROUP

Since the last edition of Weaverham News we have enjoyed three meetings.

Our April meeting speaker was Dr. Richmond Dutton who gave a very informative talk on insects, whether they are friends or foes, and how we can go about encouraging some of them into our garden, he even had a good word to say about slugs. Members also brought surplus plants and sold them at extremely reasonable prices, this event was very popular as, all of us being keen gardeners, we can never have enough plants.

Our May meeting was a guided Wildflower Walk at Anderton Nature Reserve. We were guided around the reserve by David James who is the warden. It was a lovely evening in which we saw lots of wildflowers which David identified for us, the stars of which were wild orchids. There were some very rare specimens including some very small plants which usually can only be found near the salty atmosphere of the sea, but because of the history of salt in the area somehow they had found a home and were growing here.

In June Anthony Norman visited to talk about Alpines in various places he showed us how they don't have to be grown in rockeries and special areas of a greenhouse, but can be grown in any container you have to hand as long with the right conditions, he also brought plants for sale. With our refreshments we enjoyed some Apricots grown by one of our members and brought in by her to very generously share with us all.

Our July meeting was another garden visit, this one to a private garden in Bunbury, the owners of which open their garden for the Yellow Book Scheme. It was a warm evening and the garden had many points of interest with different 'rooms' each with a different type of planting, there were grape vines, a fruit and vegetable garden, herbaceous borders and a conservatory filled with exotic plants from South Africa, we finished off the evening with refreshments all home made by the owner.

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.

1st WEAVERHAM SEA SCOUT GROUP ENDURANCE EXPLORER SCOUT UNIT

The Spring/Summer season has been a very active time for both groups. Our group camp was held at Beaudesert Park which is on the edge of Cannock Chase. Everyone had a great time taking part in a variety of activities from cooking to climbing, camp ovens to giant ballisters. Our new marquee which was purchased from the fund raising efforts of our Group Executive and support from Cheshire West and Chester Council Members Budget arrived just in time to make its first camp. It looks really impressive and is a great asset.

The leaders have been busy too and we would like to congratulate Yvonne & James who are now qualified RYA Senior Instructors. We are very grateful that all our leaders are willing to give up their free time to complete the very demanding training that is required by both the RYA (Royal Yachting Association) and the BCU (British Canoe Union). The majority of our leaders are qualified in one or both disciplines which enables us to provide quality instruction and training in water activities for our young people. Our increase in membership is a result of all this hard work and both Beavers and Scouts have now got waiting lists. This increase was recognised by the County and we received an Award for Growth for 2010/11.

Both groups have been involved in the "Pinfold Triangle" as their contribution to the Community Pride Project. Everyone has been taking part in planning, clearing the area, planting, watering and ongoing maintenance of the area in front of St Mary's Church. We think it looks great now that all the flowers are out and hope that you agree. The group also joined forces with St Mary's Church to provide the refreshments at the Rose Fete in July. We recreated the Balista that proved so successful at Beaudesert. Amazing how far a water bomb can be flung! We were very careful not to shower any of our 'customers'. Thank you to everyone who supported both groups.

Finally congratulations go to Beaver Scouts Luke and Archie who gained their Chief Scouts Bronze Awards, all the Cubs for achieving their Fire Safety badges after a three week course at the Fire Station and to Kit, who took part in his first regatta representing Weaverham Sea Scouts and was joint winner of the SYSCA Regatta Cup.

Cyndy Lloyd Beaver/Explorer Scout Leader

ST. MARY'S ECUMENICAL CHURCH

St Mary's is an ecumenical church linked with the Church of England and the Methodist Church and is the Parish Church of Weaverham. All are warmly welcome to our services and for most of our services we provide refreshments so we can stop and enjoy fellowship.

At the end of August we are having a special Bank Holiday Weekend.

On the Saturday and Sunday we are having an Art Exhibition entitled "Journey to Freedom" with the work of David Ashbrook open 10am-2.30pm.

On Sunday we will be having an outdoor service at 11am

On Monday we will be having a "Summer Chaos", families event, with fun, food and a live band. This will be between 3.30 and 5.30.

Our usual services are

Sunday 8.30am – Said Communion Service
10.30am – More informal Service, with music group and Sunday School
6.30pm – More formal service with organ and choir
Wednesday 10.30am – Said Communion Service

Vicars Revds. Andrew and Jenny Brown and Methodist Minister Revd. Duncan Ibuuri.

Church numbers 851880 and 852110 Email weaverhamvicar@dsl.pipex.com

Website www.stmarysweaverham.org

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The Branch would like to thank all those members of the public who came to the R.B.L. Gazebo at the Weaverham Rose Fete: to view the Wall of Remembrance dedicated to all those who have lost their lives during the conflict in Afghanistan. We would like to pay special thanks to those who gave a donation towards the RBL.

I would also like to thank Mr & Mrs Gorrill once again for allowing the Branch to have the use of their beautiful home for our Annual Summer Lunch. Which once again was enjoyed by all and not spoilt by the best efforts of the English "Summer" Weather!

In September the RBL is organising a Sponsored Walk around Marbury Park. Which will contribute towards the £90 million pounds the RBL hopes to raise in its 90th Anniversary Year. The "Walk in the Park" will take place on Sunday 4th September. There will be two walks taking place at 10.30 am & 2.30pm. The circuit is 2.5km, so you can walk round once or as many times as you like – maps will be provided. Families are welcome, for sponsor forms please contact 01606 79577 or 01606 852911.

Finally we would like to thank Roger & Helen Minshall for all the kind support they have shown the R.B.L. Weaverham & District Branch over the years. We hope that you both have a long and happy retirement together. Thank you once again.

Ann Hulme Secretary.

WEAVERHAM FOREST PRIMARY SCHOOL

There have been so many things happening this term including playing with the Halle Orchestra at the Bridgewater Hall in Manchester, sporting events outside of school that have included athletics, rounders and kwik cricket, where we reached the finals of the sports partnership. Then of course, there was our own sports day which we managed to hold before this latest round of poor weather!

One of the highlights of the term has been our participation in the Weaverham Carnival. Our year 3, 4 and 5 children have samba and steel pan lessons and thoroughly enjoyed adding to the carnival festivities by playing on our float. It was great to be part of such an occasion in the village.

The year has ended with the Key Stage 2 production of 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' which was led by the Year 6 class and supported by all the Juniors. Almost all of our Year 6 pupils are making the short move across to Weaverham High School and we wish them well.

Not only are we losing our Year 6 but one of our longest serving teachers, Mrs Davies has retired after 24 years at the school and we wish her a long and happy retirement.

OWLEY WOOD RECREATION CLUB

This year's Owley Wood FAMILY FUN DAY will be held on Sunday 4th September (last Sunday before schools start back). Everyone is welcome to come and join the fun between 1 and 4 pm. There will be BBQ, bouncy slide and obstacle course, ice creams, bottle tombola, and much more. Entry is free and everyone is welcome!

Also, tickets are now available for Billy No Mates "All Souled In" night at the Club, Friday October 28th, starring local band "The Soul Society", in aid of St Lukes. This is a rare chance to see the Soul Society playing at a public event, so get your tickets early (either from the Club or from Billy on 07817 011442).

Owley Wood Recreation Club, Barrymore Road, Weaverham, 853267

MILTON BAPTIST CHURCH

Sundays 10.45 a.m. Morning Service
Tuesdays 5.30 p.m. Bible Study
Wednesdays 2.30 p.m. A social afternoon

Tuesday, September 27th Harvest Service Preacher: Mr. S. E. Kent
Wednesday, September 28th Harvest Sale and Coffee Morning

A warm welcome to any of the above activities.
Any enquiries about these activities or about children's teaching or youth activities - call Margaret on 01606 851 852

FRIENDS OF OWLEY WOOD

It is the height of summer in the wood as I write, and for once the trees are still. These northerly winds seem to have been with us for months!

The trees may be still but the Friends are never still, and the work maintaining, managing and repairing goes on. Having said that, they wouldn't do it if they didn't enjoy it.

It was decided at the last meeting, after the success of the 'Spring clean', to hold maybe three work weekends a year. We thought this would help those who are younger, working or otherwise engaged during the week, to come and experience working in a community woodland. Details of any resulting weekend will be published.

We have just been introduced to our latest member volunteer, Barbara, it's always good to see fresh faces, so welcome to Friends, Barbara

If there is anyone else who is interested to help in any way what so ever, please contact me on 853617 or 851553.

David Wilson.

WEAVERHAM W.I.

A trip on Wed 20 July to Llandudno was this year's Vale Royal Group's "summer event" and glorious sunshine greeted our members as they stepped off the coach. It was a great day out and a big Thank You went to the organising team comprising members from Weaverham and Cuddington & Sandiway WIs.

At July's meeting WI member Mrs Judith Griffiths was warmly congratulated on receiving a 15 year service award for her dedicated volunteer work at the VIN.

Forthcoming speakers:

6 Aug Mrs Sue Barrow - Peru children's project
12 Sept Mr Jay Ashall – Secrets of an architect
10 Oct Mr Peter Curnuck – The art of wood turning

Other WI events:

16 Sept CFWI – Cheshire Jazz/Swing Band in concert
11 Oct CFWI Autumn Meeting – Adam Henson (farmer & TV presenter)
19 Oct VR Group Autumn Meeting – Peter Slack (Peak District sheep farmer)

CUP AND TROPHY WINNERS

The Weaverham Parish Council Shield is presented to the best exhibit in the Show

Winners Name: **Huda Bladon** Item: Embroidered picture

The Russet Shield is presented to the best Junior exhibit in the Show

Winners Name: **Ellie Southern**

The Laurels Cup is presented to the exhibitor gaining the most points in the Flower Section

Winners Name: **Kenneth Holland**

The Gwyneth Clarke Rose Bowl is presented to the best exhibit in the Rose Section

Winners Name: **Kathie Pallin**

The Cara Cup is presented to the exhibitor gaining most points in Vegetable and Fruit Sections

Winners Name: **John Lloyd**

The Henderson Cup is presented for the Best Exhibit in the Floral Arrangement section

Winners Name: **Marjorie Gorrill**

Weaverham Community Centre Plate is presented for the Best Exhibit in Domestic Sections E1 to E8

Winners Name: **Maureen Bryan**

The K & K. Southern Trophy is presented for Best Exhibit in Domestic Sections E9 to E14

Winners Name: **Vickie Fifield**

The Madge Sutton Trophy is awarded for Best Exhibit in the Adult Handicraft Section

Winners Name: **Huda Bladon**

The Brian Wilson Cup is presented for the Best Exhibit in the Wood Craft Section

Winners Name: **Peter Curnuck**

The Ian Houghton Trophy is awarded to the Best Exhibit in the Photographic Section

Winners Name: **Gary Woodward**

The Peter Millington Memorial Trophy sponsored by Weaverham Trust is awarded in 2009 to the Best Exhibit of "A Photograph of *natures sensational season*"

Winners Name: **Kenneth Holland**

The Eileen and Julian Bland Trophy is presented to the Best Exhibit in the Art Section J1

Winners Name: **Julie Addy**

The Arthur Walmsley Salver is presented to the Best Exhibit in the Art Section J2

Winners Name: **Jean Christopherson**

The Peter Banks Trophy is presented to the Best Exhibit in the Junior Art Section J3 to J6

Winners Name: **Michaela Thomas**

The Jean Ross Trophy is presented to the Best Exhibit in Children's Colour Classes K1 to K3

Winners Name: **Elizabeth Hammond**

The Latham Cup is presented to the Best Exhibit in Children's Handicraft Classes L1 to L15

Winners Name: **Katy Orrett**

Weaverham Girl Guiding Trophy is presented to the Best Exhibit in Class L16

Winners Name: **Rebecca McInnes**

Weaverham Trust Junior Shield is presented to the Best Exhibit in Class L17

Winners Name: **Owen Hartley**