

# The Courier

## A Newsletter for Cotebrook and Utkinton



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## **Editorial Comment**

There have been two items of real note this summer; the Appeal against CWaC's decision to refuse the planning application for Northgate Field and the continuing progress towards a 'Neighbourhood Plan'. Both have seen a great deal of work, but let me deal with the positive first.

### **Neighbourhood Plan:**

The Steering Group of the Neighbourhood Plan have been beavering away putting the final touches to a public consultation that will hit your doormats (if it hasn't already) in early October. This survey, which you can also do online, is based on the huge amount of work they did in 2017 to gather all your thoughts on the issues that face our two communities. I have seen the draft and its very good, easy to complete and will certainly inform the 'Vision and Objectives' that will, eventually become the draft Neighbourhood Plan to be scrutinised by CWaC and an Inspector and then the final Document upon which you will vote.

What is important is that this will become the blueprint for the Parish for the next 10 years and ANY development of any kind will have to refer to this document. So it is vitally important that you and your family participate in the survey so it truly reflects what you want the communities of Cotebrook and Utkinton to look like into the future. The NDP team have a piece elsewhere in this issue – it makes good reading.

**Now the (possibly) negative - Northgate Field Appeal:** By the time you read this the decision by the Planning Inspector (who acts on behalf of the Minister) may have been made. The front cover of this edition is a montage representing how the residents and visitors to Utkinton like to imagine our lovely community together with what the developer wished to impose.

We wanted to let you know how hard the three groups (the 'Utkinton Green Space Action Group', the 'Steering Group' of the Utkinton and Cotebrook Neighbourhood Plan and Utkinton and Cotebrook Parish Council) worked on your behalf. Collectively these three contributed weighty and well-constructed documents to the Inspector in support of CWaC's decision to refuse the outline planning application (17/01595/out) on grounds of Landscape Distinctiveness not on housing need.

But the Developer had employed a large, UK wide organisation to write and process their appeal so we, to coin a phrase, 'fought fire with fire'. We employed a Landscape and Planning Consultant (Blackfryers) to review their input and between us refuted many of the developer's assertions, inaccurate statements and stuff that was just plainly wrong or out of date. You can see them on our website and the CWaC planning website too. Throughout, we maintained that this development will do irreparable and irrevocable harm to the landscape integrity of the village and, along the way, pushed as many buttons as we could in terms of it being just an opportunity for the developer to make money on the back of affordable housing.

If the developer loses the Appeal, then it won't be the last we hear from them. They can appeal further by way of a Judicial Enquiry that can only be heard on the basis that the Inspection or Planning process was flawed. That will cost them a lot of money.

But if it does go 'our way' then we believe that they will come back for another try, with a different layout that has to meet **ALL** of CWaC's landscape and environmental concerns!

It's not a process that I'd like to go through too often and the support we've had has been fantastic – thank you one and all.

Frank Tunney – Editor

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### **Doorstep Vendors and 'traders'**

Posted by Councillor Roger Barnes

Dear residents of Utkinton and Cotebrook,

During the last few weeks we, your Parish Council have heard stories of residents being harassed by vendors at their doors, we have taken advice, and our advice to you is to ignore the persistent knock on the door. The chances are that these people work in pairs; while one is attracting your attention the other one could be round the back, or, worse still, in your back door. If you feel uncomfortable at all ring 999, **DONT HESITATE!**

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### **'Quiz Night – Utkinton Village Hall'**

The annual Utkinton Quiz Night will take place on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2018, make sure you don't miss this opportunity to test your knowledge and have a lot of fun.

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### **Village Hall News:**

#### **Utkinton – Spruced up!**

Utkinton Hall has had a bit of a 'make-over', the new floor and emergency door have been complemented with a redecoration and they all look very smart indeed. Add to that the two planters, donated by Bob and Beryl Higgins and planted up by Kath Dahill, some new stone added to the carpark and the pruning of the bushes (by the ladies of the WI) it all looks very spick and span and will do so for the Commemoration of the 'Shrine on 11<sup>th</sup> November – more of that later.

#### **Cotebrook – almost finished**

The official re-opening will be on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November by 'The High Sheriff of Cheshire, Alexis Redmond MBE'. We are looking forward to seeing the efforts of the committee and the fundraisers. From the outside, so far, it looks magnificent and worth waiting for.

And on the subject of **Cotebrook Greens** the Parish Council is reviewing its occupancy of the greens behind Woodlands Close and we will be asking your views – do you use them, if so how often and what would you do if they were not there. Look out for a short questionnaire dropping through your letter box.

## Neighbourhood Development Plan: Update and 'Vision and Objectives' Survey

Cllr. Ian Priestner

Thanks to the overwhelming positive response when we first told you about our Neighbourhood Plan – nearly half of all parishioners responded within the deadline – we have now put together the 'Vision and Objectives' for the Plan, based entirely on what you told us were your priorities.

Getting our vision right and clarifying our objectives is the next vital stage on our journey to achieving our Plan – and we are hoping for another great response from you.

Over the first week of October forms for you to complete will be sent out to you personally by hand. Once you have completed them please drop them off in the boxes provided at both Village Halls, or at the Rose Farm Shop; or if you prefer just put them in the Freepost envelope and post them back to us.

Members and supporters of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, joined by your Parish Councillors, will be contacting you to encourage you to respond and to answer any questions you may have.

This next stage, 'Vision and Objectives', sets out what you have told us are your priorities for the future of the Parish. You will see when you receive the forms that they have been broken down into seven headings. These are:

- **HOMES TO MEET THE NEEDS OF LOCAL PEOPLE**
- **PROTECTING THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**
- **BETTER FACILITIES FOR LOCAL PEOPLE**
- **SUPPORTING THE LOCAL ECONOMY**
- **TRANSPORT, COMMUNICATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE**
- **ENCOURAGING AND SUPPORTING LOCAL DISTINCTIVENESS**
- **PROTECTING LANDSCAPE AND NATURE CONSERVATION INTERESTS**

A sample page is overleaf and there will be plenty of space on the forms for you to add your own comments, to emphasise something or bring something new to our attention. Please feel free to do so.



## HOMES TO MEET THE NEEDS OF LOCAL PEOPLE

<p>Our objective is to enable the provision of a choice of new homes to meet the needs of the community including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ People who wish to live in family homes.</li> <li>▪ First time buyers.</li> <li>▪ People who wish to rent.</li> <li>▪ Young families with a restricted income who need a larger property.</li> <li>▪ Older people and others who wish to downsize.</li> <li>▪ "Self" or "custom" builders</li> </ul> <p>The issues you identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No major developments in the Parish.</li> <li>• Small scale housing development.</li> <li>• Need for sustainable housing development.</li> <li>• Better mix of housing (size, tenure and price).</li> <li>• Need for affordable homes.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Our proposals:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. All new housing should help to broaden the range of stock available in the Parish. It should complement and add to the existing stock, broadening choice and extending the opportunity to live in the Parish to a wide range of people.</li> <li>2. The Neighbourhood Plan will identify sites suitable for housing development. Proposals for new housing should adopt a design, siting and layout approach that complement the current housing stock</li> <li>3. Proposals for new housing must ensure that the scale and type of housing provided and the rate of construction will enable proportionate growth, will not undermine the character of the Parish and will respect the form and nature of the Area of Special County Value (ASCV).</li> <li>4. Some development is inevitable but it is important that the scale is supported by the community</li> </ol>	<p>Please say whether you agree with the proposals by circling a number between 1 and 5 for each proposal; 5 being agree strongly and 1 being disagree strongly:</p> <p>Proposal 1: 5 4 3 2 1</p> <p>Proposal 2: 5 4 3 2 1</p> <p>Proposal 3: 5 4 3 2 1</p> <p>Proposal 4: 5 4 3 2 1</p> <p>Thinking of proposal 4: Please circle the number of houses you would support in a 5 year period</p> <p>0-5 5-10 10-15 15-20 20+</p> <p>Name _____ Age _____</p> <p>Male / Female Tel No: _____</p>
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Shaping Future Development for the Parish

## The deadline for responses is the 16<sup>th</sup> November.

Once we have your responses, and this time we want to break all records by hearing from all of you – we will start the drafting of the Plan.

The Plan will be a powerful means of helping you to steer the future direction of the Parish. Planning authorities and developers will be obliged to take our vision and objectives into account. It will also acquire legal status and be an essential part of how the Parish grows and changes.

Before the Plan is formally adopted and comes into force there has to be a Referendum and this will be held in the second half of 2019.

You may wish to know who is helping manage the whole process.

There is a Steering Group, which is Chaired by Tony Dahill of Bramble Bank in Utkinton and members include;

Marian Atkinson from Cotebrook,

Carol Weaver, Graham Spencer and Vicki Ratchford, who have all brought with them considerable expertise in planning and community-related issues.

Ian Priestner represents the Parish Council on the Steering Group.

If you want to join us on the Steering Group or volunteer to help, please contact Tony Dahill.

Your Parish Council, chaired by Frank Tunney, is responsible for ensuring the process governing the Plan and the management of the budget is handled effectively.

## News from St Paul's, Utkinton

It has been a busy few months at Utkinton St Paul's Primary School with the building project coming to an end as well as the start of an exciting new academic year.



In late May, after a winter of work we were finally handed over the new build that has created a new office area, two new classrooms and release space for a school hall – something which our school has never had. Comments from visitors have been very positive and the consensus is that the school now has a modern feel yet retains the distinctiveness of the old building. All of this means that we are now able to

offer a curriculum fit for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century which will hopefully ensure the sustainability of the school long into the future. Thank you to all of the residents in the village for their support and understanding throughout the project. You are all invited to come and visit the school for our 'Community Open Afternoon' which will take place on Friday October 5<sup>th</sup>. This will take place from 1.30 – 3.00pm and will feature an opening of the building by the Director of Education at Chester Diocese, Chris Penn.

An initiative we introduced at the beginning of this academic year is 'weekly reflection time'. Each child has their own personal 'reflective journal' and are given time at the end of each week to reflect on their learning in relation to both our weekly value as well as the half termly value. These were selected by our newly-formed 'Christian Ethos Group' working in collaboration with other children, parents and governors during the Summer Term. Our value for this half term is '**friendship**' and through both collective worship and RE teaching children are learning about how this is shown in the Bible and then considering how the learning from this can impact on their own lives. We hope that through this experience we can develop children in both a spiritual and moral way.



The sporting term started as the last one finished with another victory. Well done to the Year 5 and 6 Tag Rugby team who took part in competition at Tarporley High School and became small school champions! Playing four games overall, winning three and drawing one of these, led them to achieve the honour. Congratulations to everyone that took part – what a

way to start the new sporting year!

Anyone wishing to visit the school can contact us on **01829 732322**.

**Gareth Coyne (Acting Headteacher)**

## **The 'Shrine' – aka 'Utkinton War Memorial'.**

Over the summer those eagle eyed amongst you might have seen some work going on at the War Memorial – well, thanks to your donations (and between residents and Donors we raised just over £4,500) we were able to employ the services of a qualified mason to give this 100-year old edifice a proverbial 'facial'.

Finesse Masonry (from Mold) are a well-regarded firm of masons, used to working on cathedrals and the like, and the Parish Council commissioned them to clean and refurbish the stone in time for the 100-year commemoration of the cessation of hostilities in November 1918. Working with something as old and weather-worn as our War Memorial was never going to be easy and it was unlikely ever to be just as it was when it was out in place in September 1918.

It was covered in algae, moss and other detritus plus some very unwelcome graffiti – thank you Janet and Will whoever you are – and the main stone now looks bright and almost 'glows'. The two cracks are still there and we were advised that to try and repair them might cause more damage than good. So they are what they are – at least the inscriptions can be read now.

Two of our Councillors, Graham Stewart and Jason Hughes, are organising a commemoration – it won't be a religious service more a remembrance as well as a coming together and a chance to gather. There is more of detail elsewhere in the 'Courier' and we look forward to seeing you there on 11<sup>th</sup> November.



## **"The Commemoration 11-11-2018 @ 11:00 am**

The date of the cessation of Hostilities in Europe that signalled the end of WW1 is one enshrined in the memories of many and here in Utkinton we are proposing to have a short but memorable commemoration to mark the refurbishment of the War Memorial and the men who went to war and didn't come back.

The event will be a short one starting with a gathering at the Shrine around 10:50 . At 11:00 we begin a short secular service by playing 'The Last Post' followed by a two minute silence, some short and pertinent readings and the laying of the wreath all followed by some more appropriate music.

Following this, the assembly will reconvene at the Village hall for tea and refreshments. We hope you will be able to make it and are asking for a small number of volunteers to act as marshals as we will not be closing the road.

## **Garden Fete Committee**

Late in September the committee that organises the annual Utkinton Garden Fete had some bad news – that Richard Francis had decided to step down after some 23 years at the helm.

The committee (currently Margaret Bowers and Liz Hannath of the WI, Suzanne Lunt and Steph Wrather of the PTA and Frank Tunney from the Parish Council wanted to thank Richard formerly on behalf of the whole community and say that his shoes will be hard to fill. But they will try.

This is a totally voluntary organisation and they have started the search to find someone to step in and if you would like to volunteer, help or know someone who could then please get in touch via the Courier and [Utkintonpc@gmail.com](mailto:Utkintonpc@gmail.com).

In particular they are looking for volunteers to man the Car Park, stalls and sell raffle tickets.

## **Utkinton Village Hall Members Club**

This monthly draw has a current membership of 38, who each pay £20 per annum and the total is split between Utkinton Village Hall and the members and once a month the 50% balance is divided by 12 and that amount given to the winner.

The 'Members Club' is always looking for more members and if you would like to join please contact Richard Francis on 01829 752551.

Winners for 2018 have been:

January	Mrs Susan Foster Smith
February	Mrs Judi Jennings
March	Mrs Margaret Bowers
April	Mrs Dorothy Edwards
May	Mrs Liz Hannath
June	Mr Ted Scott
July	Mrs Hilary Dawson
August	Mr Steve Hammond

If the September result is known when we go to press ... it could be you, but to coin a phrase 'you've got to be in it to win it!'

## PARISH CLERK'S MUSINGS

### Part One – A year in the life of a Parish Clerk By Anita Langford

You might have wondered who that strange person was wandering around the streets of Utkinton & Cotebrook taking pictures?

It was me – your Parish Clerk and I thought I would update you on my first year (almost) in this role.

You might wonder what a Parish Clerk does, well the simple answer is just about anything and everything to ensure that your Parish Council meets both its legal and financial responsibilities.

In more detail:

- Attend Parish Council meetings and preparing/issuing all documentation for these.
- Ensure that your precept of £6,300 is spent wisely and to the benefit of residents. This is not a lot of money when you think of everything we would like to do.
- Highlight issues with Cheshire West and Chester Council (CWaC) that need addressing. This mainly relates to highways issues (yes someone has to report the state of our roads and the potholes which seem to be breeding like rabbits!), but it could be any department there.
- Take the above mentioned photos to support any issues.
  - Interesting photos taken – broken and missing road signs, empty grit bins, dog mess and the finger posts. Yes, I get all the good jobs!
- Liaising with local residents about any issues either they have with us or we with them.

#### Highlights of my year:

- Being involved with the collecting of donations towards refurbishing the Shrine and the plans for our Remembrance Sunday service.
- Surviving and passing my year-end audit.
- Finding out about what is happening in our Parish.

#### And some low points:

- Trying unsuccessfully to get more waste/dog bins in the Parish.
- Reporting the same/similar issues to CWaC on a monthly basis.
- Having to work to long winded rules and regulations. Coming from the Private Sector, it seems that Local Government is about 20 years behind and has some long winded procedures.

If you are interested in the life of Utkinton & Cotebrook Parish, there are a number of ways you can do this:



*Figure 1 Photo of me & the four-legged family*

- Attend Parish Council meetings
- Read 'The Courier' (perhaps contribute articles)
- View our Parish website – [www.utkintonandcotebrookparishcouncil.com](http://www.utkintonandcotebrookparishcouncil.com) and our Facebook pages (just type in; 'Utkinton and Cotebrook Community Pages')
- Become a Councillor (Parish Council elections are planned for April or May 2019)
- Volunteer to become involved in the Parish – both Village Halls can always do with extra bodies to help them run or perhaps you would like to improve the look of the Parish by litter picking either by yourself or with others.
- Report issues that bug you to Cheshire West & Chester Council

### **Chairman's Piece – summer 2018**

Francis Tunney – Chair of Utkinton and Cotebrook Parish Council.

In the words of one of our 'Red Top' tabloids "*Cor wot a scorcher!!!*" It was a wonderful summer off and on with so much going on around the Parish Council and right across our two communities.

As June broke it became obvious that things were 'afoot' on Northgate field and that the appeal that had been in the offing by the developer rose to the surface, I won't say too much about that here as it is covered in the editorial comment section.

So what else, of note, has happened in the PC?

Our ward councillor, Eveleigh Moore-Dutton, has become an independent councillor at CWaC, we've had consultations about 'Gypsy and Travellers sites', looked at quite a few planning applications and got on with the restoration of the much loved War Memorial in Utkinton. As Richard Francis will, no doubt, talk about elsewhere, we had a smashing Garden Fete, Cotebrook's Village Hall extensions continue apace and it has its official opening in November. We have seen proposals by CWaC to bring in a 20 mph zone (I know it is in 'old money') and the PC has written to CWaC with some concerns. We continue to lobby Cheshire Highways about the state of the roads around our two villages and have asked our MP to get involved in, specifically, the road off the A49 at Stable Lane in Cotebrook.

We have also been discussing lack of public transport in our Parish as well as Tarporley Ward – but I know there is an article about this later in the issue.

Our representations and protestations about becoming a Local Service Centre in CWaC's 'Local Plan 2' are being heard by an Inspector in late September and by the time this issue published, we will know our fate.

We, or rather you, raised an astounding amount towards the War Memorial - £4500 and this was from a smallish number of donors, with one or two whopping contributions from 'The Holroyd Foundation' and Professor and Mrs Redmond – many, many thanks.

We will talk about the Shrine and the commemoration in another part of the 'Courier'.

Even though, like our MPs, we have a summer recess it has been very busy with the Appeal, The Shrine, various consultations so the summer seems to have sped by.

Before we know it, the May 2019 Local Elections will be upon us and if any of our residents feel like standing for Parish Council, just get in touch with the Clerk.

## St John and the Holy Cross Cotebrook

Rev. Georgina Watmore

This summer included a wonderful wedding and a very successful family friendly dog show. At the former for the first time we used two wedding kneelers made especially for St John's, and at the latter fun and ice cream was had by all (even the dogs) as we raised much needed funds for the church.



Picture of the Dog show at High Billinge House

This Autumn sees our regular services on the first Sunday of every month at 11:15am. The first of these October 7<sup>th</sup> will be our Harvest Festival – please join us to give thanks for all the gifts we are given and offer your own which will be taken to our local foodbank in Winsford.

In the build-up to the commemoration of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of WW1, we also have our soldier figures with us throughout October and for the first Sunday in November – silhouettes representing those from Cotebrook and Utkinton named on our war memorial. From November 3<sup>rd</sup>- 9<sup>th</sup>, all the 61 figures of the 'There But Not There' exhibition will be reunited and (during daylight hours) available to see at St Helen's in Tarporley. This exhibition is extremely moving, eloquently speaking into the trauma of war and the devastation of loss, and I heartily recommend it.

On 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 11:30am St John's will host a short harvest themed service for Cotebrook Pre- School and on the morning of December 17<sup>th</sup> the children will return to perform their nativity.

We are also hosting our ever popular Lessons and Carols service on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm. This is a beautiful service, held by candlelight, where we build and bless our stable scene with the help of our younger members and sing well known carols together. We are delighted that once again Cotebrook Pre-School will be with us and everyone is invited to the village hall afterwards for refreshments and mince pies. Please do join us for this very festive occasion.

## Utkinton Garden Fete – 2018

Richard Francis – Chair of the organising committee

The sun shone down brightly once again on the annual Utkinton Garden Fete held in the magnificent gardens of Tirley Garth by the kind permission of Professor and Mrs Redmond, both of whom were in attendance.

The festivities kicked off with local primary schools competing in a football tournament for the 'Mark Williamson Trophy'.

The competition started at midday finishing around 4 pm, with some very skilful and competitive matches being played in a truly sporting manner in scorching temperatures.

Gareth Coyne, acting head of Utkinton Primary School, organised and ran the tournament and later presented the trophy and medals. The eventual winners were Tarvin who triumphed over Duddon by 2-1.

Over 300 attended the Fete and the 'Crewe Concert Band' entertained from 2pm to 2:45pm.

The highlight of the event was the crowning of the Rose Queen at 2:45pm organised by Julie and Sadie Pine and the procession looked magnificent, led by the retiring Rose Queen, Ruby Smales and her attendants. The 2018 Rose Queen, Masie Rock was crowned on the steps of Tirley Garth by Lady Michelle Briggs. The Fete was formally opened by the Reverend Georgina Watmore and the Lord Lieutenant, David Briggs.

Next on the agenda was the 'premiere' of 'The Utkinton Boys', a heart-rending playlet about the First World War, commemorating 100 years since the ending of hostilities. This was superbly performed by members of 'Tarporley Amateur Dramatic Society (TADS)' and the performance was filmed for possible circulation closer to 11<sup>th</sup> November.

There were further performance from the 'Utkinton Choir' and 'Infinity Dance Group', that kept the audience thoroughly entertained for the rest of the afternoon.

Utkinton WI provided some mouth-watering teas and refreshments close to the main lawn. Stalls, Tombola, Books, Toys and Games, a Tuck Shop, and childrens' games and activities all did a 'roaring' trade thanks to a free-spending crowd.

Closing the afternoon, the Rose Queen drew out the winning raffle tickets, with a fantastic range of prizes being claimed by the winners.

The Fete made a total of £2,508.48 which was £67 up on the previous year and all the funds raised will be used to support; Utkinton Primary School, the PTA, Utkinton WI and Utkinton Village Hall.

A BIG thank you goes to the School PTA, WI and Village Hall Committee and all the volunteers who help to put the event on, steward it as well as all who donated raffle prizes and bought tickets.

And an even BIGGER thank you to Professor and Mrs Redmond who allowed us to use their gardens to host this event.

See you next year for another lively event..

## **World War One & The Present Day – Utkinton & Cotebrook 30<sup>th</sup> June & 1<sup>st</sup> July**

What does a hot day in June in the grounds of a Cheshire Country House have in common with a cold wet November in Ypres and The Somme?

The answer is that they both had WW1 troops in action there.

We all know that November 1918 saw the end of the War to End All Wars but this June the Parish of Utkinton & Cotebrook commemorated the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> World War.

It started at the Utkinton Garden Fete with a performance of the 'Living Memories' playlets at Tirley Garth by the Tarporley Amateur Dramatic Society. They acted out vignettes of the life of Canon Hughes, his wife Jesse and Soldiers & Nurses at the front line. The actors read out extracts from actual letters from nurses & soldiers together with diary entries all of which were written at the front. These letters and diaries were kept as a record of life in this area of Northern



Europe during WW1 by Canon Hughes who was the Rector of this Parish. The playlet ended with a solitary soldier singing an unaccompanied version of 'Keep the Home Fires Burning'.

The hot sunny weather couldn't have been any more extreme to the cold, wet, muddy trenches and please spare a thought for the actors who were performing in genuine 1<sup>st</sup> World War costumes.



Moving on to the Sunday, the eight 'There not There' Silhouettes representing the soldiers of Utkinton & Cotebrook on local WW1 monuments where unveiled in St John's & the Holy Cross church, Cotebrook. These silhouettes will be in situ until the end of October and please feel free to come along to St John's on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month to see them. The church is open from the normal Sunday service 11.15-11.45 and you would be welcome to attend either the service or come at the end to see them and have a coffee.

This weekend highlighted how during the 1<sup>st</sup> World War, communities pulled together to get through adversity and sorrow whilst also finding the courage and strength to keep the home fires burning. We can all take inspiration from this spirit to help build and strengthen our present day communities. An example of this is support and donations the Parish Council have received to refurbish the World War 1 memorial in Utkinton and the Parish Council would like to thank everyone for this.

Anita Langford  
Clerk to the Parish Council

## Community Transport - Update on the service and surveys

When we were notified by a resident of the proposed changes to the Community Transport structure for the Ward, we contacted CWaC and arranged a 'round table' session with our MP, our Ward Councillor, other local Parish Councils and the transport commissioning team from CWaC. That was in late March and, at that meeting CWaC promised to undertake a ward-wide survey once a 3-month trial of the new services had passed.

Just to refresh your information, there are three services:

M – W – F; a replacement for the Tarporley Shuttle, using the same vehicle and times of operation (09:30 – 14:30) on a 'dial-a-ride' subscription basis with NO concessionary fares.

Tue & Thu; a twice weekly service that starts at Utkinton War Memorial (09:30) and wends its way through local villages, Chester city Centre, Chester Countess and ending at Cheshire Oaks, returning the same days to Utkinton by 14:30. Concessionary fares are available.

Wed & Fri; 'Rural Rider to either Northwich or Winsford.

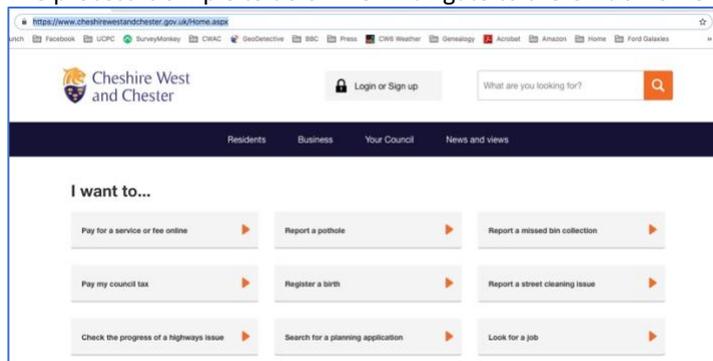
Well its 6-months since we met and after a lot of discussion CWaC are about to publish their survey to everyone in the Ward!

So it is important that you respond – it is about how the services cater for your needs, how often you use them and what else can be done.

### How to report (please) potholes!!

This picture was taken of Tirley Lane and is typical of the state of some of our roads – some are better, some are worse.

The process is simple to do online – navigate to the CWaC Home Page



Click on the 'Report a pothole' button and the process is simple from here.

## Who's who and what is when

### Contact Details for the Parish Council

Parish Council dates for 2017-18: starting at 7:30 pm (incl. a 15 min public session).		The Parish Council	
9 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	Cotebrook	Francis Tunney (Chair)	07860 917446
13 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	Utkinton	Graham Stewart (Vice Chair)	01829 733216
11 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Cotebrook (7:00 pm)	Andrew Needham	01829 732444
8 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	Utkinton	Ian Priestner	01829 752009
12 <sup>th</sup> February 2019	Cotebrook	Nick Parker	07850 930095
12 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	Utkinton	Roger Barnes	07861 312534
9 <sup>th</sup> April 2019*	Cotebrook	Tony Burford	01829 732836
14 <sup>th</sup> May 2018 (	Utkinton (Incl. APM and AGM)	Anna Harvey	07772 323409
11 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	Cotebrook	Jason Hughes	07384 437565
9 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	Utkinton	Anita Langford (Parish Clerk)	<a href="mailto:utkintonandcotebrookclerk@gmail.com">utkintonandcotebrookclerk@gmail.com</a> 0781 4089666
10 <sup>th</sup> September 2019	Cotebrook		
8 <sup>th</sup> October 2019	Utkinton		
12 <sup>th</sup> November 2019	Cotebrook		
10 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	Utkinton (7:00 pm)		

### Village Hall Committee

Cotebrook		Utkinton	
Judith Jones - Chair	07711 243521	Graham Stewart - Chair/ Treasurer	01829 733216
Nick Parker - Secretary	07850 930095		
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# Dates for your diary – 2018

8<sup>th</sup> Oct



Afternoon Tea at  
Utkinton School

And

New class – Beginners  
Pilates Class at Cotebrook  
Village Hall (8-9pm)

**Beginner Pilates**  
at  
**Cotebrook Village Hall**  
With Claire Darlington  
Starts Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018  
20.00-21.00

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Suitable for beginners, special populations male or females, old or young. For more details, email Claire on: [info@delamereoutdoorfitness.co.uk](mailto:info@delamereoutdoorfitness.co.uk) or call 07968077180.

Discounts available on block bookings

9<sup>th</sup> Oct Parish Council – Cotebrook VH (7:30pm)

10<sup>th</sup> Oct Utkinton WI – Graham Fifoot – ‘The Fascination of bees’ – Utkinton Village Hall (7:30)

13<sup>th</sup> Oct **QUIZ NIGHT** – Utkinton (7:30PM)

**QUIZ NIGHT**  
At  
Utkinton Village Hall  
**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October**  
8:00 pm

£5 per person including refreshments  
Licenced Bar

## 11th November at 11:00 am

**A commemoration of the soldiers from Utkinton and Cotebrook, at the restored War Memorial in Utkinton.**

**We will remember those who went but never came back. Commemoration to be followed by refreshments at Utkinton Village Hall provided by the WI.**

- 13<sup>th</sup> Nov Utkinton and Cotebrook Parish Council – Utkinton VH (7:30pm)
- 14<sup>th</sup> Nov Utkinton WI – AGM and Social evening – Utkinton Village Hall (7:30)
- 30<sup>th</sup> Nov Cotebrook Village Hall Opening – 11:30 am
- 1<sup>st</sup> Dec Cotebrook pre-school and village hall Christmas Fair, 11am – 1pm
- 7<sup>th</sup> Dec Cotebrook Village Hall – concert by Malpas Ladies Choir
- 11<sup>th</sup> Dec Utkinton and Cotebrook Parish Council – Cotebrook VH (7:00pm)
- 12<sup>th</sup> Dec Utkinton WI – Christmas Event – Utkinton Village Hall (7:30)
- 16<sup>th</sup> Dec St John and the Holy Cross - Lessons and Carols service at 4pm