

Mottram St. Andrew

# Mercury



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# The Bulls Head

## Mottram St Andrew



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# The Parish Magazine of Mottram St. Andrew



Produced jointly by the Village Hall Committee and the Parish Council

Oh yeah it is time for Easter eggs, chocolate, bunnies and holidays. I always end up doing the major jobs that need doing, you know the ones that have been on your list to get done for ages, the ones you keep putting off. Spring cleaning the house, de cluttering all that stuff we seem to possess and have never used! Clearing the garden, a bit of DIY, washing the car all jobs that we truly love doing!

The other night I sat relaxing watching TV and it struck me that there are endless cooking shows on reminding us of how inadequate we are as human beings if we do not bake or find the time to bake! The British bake off, Master Chief, Jamie & Jimmy's Friday night feast, Mary Berry creating effortless wonders in the kitchen, an Easter Feast for her family and friends. Well not to be outdone I rolled up my sleeves and started baking. I decided on an Easter cake, using my old time favourite, the Clementine cake with an Easter twist. Oh yes lots of chocolate & topped with a firm favourite the Cadbury's mini egg. It went down a treat at Goose Green, a firm family favourite.

It has been lovely to have some dry weather again so we can get out & about over Easter. I for one have been getting a little fed up of cleaning all the mud off my little pouch, the fields are drying up nicely which makes my dog walks around the area so much more pleasurable. The Super hero litter busting team Riley (dog) and I endeavour on our quest to keep our village free

from litter and the streets safer from them there litter louts! We have noticed that we are not alone, we have some trusted helpers out and about busting litter and our efforts have not gone un noticed. I for one thank you and your efforts really are appreciated. I think we are making a difference so that we can all live in a litter free environment. This is a bit of a bug bear for me and amazes me that people think it is acceptable to offload their rubbish anywhere. I know the Parish Council have a clean for the Queen litter pick planned in May but we can all do our bit for our community, when out & about.

There are many things to do locally over Easter so get out & have some fun. Hare Hill Gardens is at it's finest at this time of year and a highly recommend stroll out, although recently they are not letting you into the gardens with dogs. Riley is most disappointed she loved sitting on the beautiful rabbit bench at Pistol pond.

There are lots of events coming up in the village and remember you can keep up to date with up & coming event via our village website so please take a look & check it out [www.mottramstAndrew.com](http://www.mottramstAndrew.com)



Front cover image of Norman Wright Celebrating his 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday

# **C**hairman's Report

By Bill Pilkington

## **CHESHIRE EAST LOCAL PLAN**

Cheshire East have now issued the "Proposed Changes Version" of the Local Plan for consultation and responses are required by 5pm on the 19<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

The document is 605 pages long and can be viewed on the Cheshire East web site.

The document contains several sections relating to the Green Belt and Connectivity.

The Parish Council has examined the document and are pleased to report that there are no planned changes to the Green Belt in Mottram St Andrew, whereas there are in other parts of Cheshire East.

Regarding Connectivity the document seeks to reduce car use and to encourage people to adopt more sustainable travel habits.

Cheshire East supports the Government's plans for a high speed rail link, HS2, between Manchester and London / Birmingham as they believe that it will bring significant benefits to the region and will consolidate the position of Crewe as one of the most connected areas in the UK and will support existing businesses, inward investment and job creation. The document goes on to say that Macclesfield Railway Station is very well connected with frequent trains to London and

## **Parish Council**

Manchester. In light of this connectivity there is a significant opportunity to create a "hub" of activity built around the station with commercial, residential and leisure development.

Unfortunately the document ignores the fact that when the High Speed Rail Link, HS2, is built all the express services that currently serve Macclesfield and Wilmslow will transfer to the new HS2 route by passing both Macclesfield and Wilmslow resulting in an inferior train service from both locations to London in our opinion.

The Parish Council will be raising their concerns again with Cheshire East regarding this.

## **HIGHWAYS**

The Parish Council pressed for the road improvements at the cross roads in Newton for a safe area for children to stand whilst awaiting the school bus and also for improved sighting for motorists exiting Mill Lane and Woodford Lane. Our concerns were fully supported by all at the meeting and improvements should commence later this month.

## **BROADBAND.**

Rapid progress is being made in bringing faster broadband speeds to the village using wireless technology provided by a company called Vispa.

They have installed a receiver at Goose Green Farm in Oak Road and steps are being taken to create a

network of repeaters throughout the village.

Vispa have contacted everyone who has registered with them advising that their super-fast City Wireless service is now available in Mottram St Andrew and inviting those who have registered to sign up for the service on their web site – [www.vispa.net/citywireless](http://www.vispa.net/citywireless).

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### **MANCHESTER AIRPORT LIAISON.**

Representatives of the Parish Council recently attended one of the regular meetings with the Airport Authority to hear their latest plans for improvements to Manchester Airport.

The plans involve the demolition of terminal one and the extension of terminal two to improve the airport layout.

They also advised of the new routes that will be provided from the airport including a direct flight to Beijing commencing on the 10<sup>th</sup> June 2016 operated by Hainan Airways.

Other routes will include direct flights to Los Angeles, Boston, Mauritius etc

and they are negotiating for direct flights to San Francisco, Sri Lanka, Bangkok and Sydney.

The Parish Council were also represented at a joint meeting with Prestbury Parish Council to discuss the flight paths of aircraft over the village.

The preferred noise route (PNR) taken by aircraft departing Manchester Airport in an easterly direction when the winds are from the east occurs on average 20% of the year.

The PNR is 3km wide about a centre line that passes over the village. The centre line crosses Lees Lane / Wilmslow Road in Newton just on the Prestbury side of the junction with Mill Lane, passes over Mottram Hall on the west side, crosses the Wilmslow to Prestbury Road close to Legh Hall and Withinlee Road just on the east side of the junction with Oak Road.

The centre of the village is 1Km to the west of the centre line.

The presentation was very informative in providing details for the past six years showing the number of days per month that aircraft over flew the village. The diagrams provided at the meeting showed that the majority of the flights where to the east of the centre line. We were also advised that when aircraft reach a height of 5,000 feet they then become under the control of Air Traffic Control and could therefore veer outside the PNR.

There are no plans at the moment to narrow the flight path over the village but there will be a change to satellite navigation in 2019 which will make aircraft fly more closely to the flight path centre line.

Copies of the diagrams produced at the meeting will be issued to us for our records.

**COMMUNITY TRANSPORT.**

This is proving to be very beneficial and popular for the residents especially those without their own transport.

The service is provided by D&G Little Bus of Crewe. Residents wishing to use the service must be registered with the company for insurance purposes and those with a bus pass travel free and people wishing to travel must book in advance as the mini bus can only carry ten people.

The service operates twice a week from the Crescent in the village, on a Tuesday departing at 10.30am to Wilmslow returning from Wilmslow at 12.15 and on a Friday to Macclesfield leaving the village at 09.30am and returning from Macclesfield at 12.00. If too many want to travel to Macclesfield on a Friday there is the possibility of a second journey to Macclesfield in the afternoon leaving at 12.30 returning from Macclesfield at 15.00.

Please contact me if you are interested in using the service.

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### MOBILE LIBRARY

We are fortunate to have retained the mobile service that serves the village on a three week rota. The mobile library arrives at the Crescent on Tuesday's at 12.30 and departs at 13.00 for Over Alderley arriving at Festival Drive at 13.10.

The next dates are 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 12<sup>th</sup> April, 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 24<sup>th</sup> May and 14<sup>th</sup> June and at three week intervals thereafter.

### CLEAN FOR THE QUEEN

The Parish Council at their last Parish Council meeting resolved to participate to commemorate the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. A date will be allocated on a Sunday in May to co-ordinate litter picking and a clean-up of the village environment. It is hoped that as many people as possible will get involved.



**FROM ALL OF YOUR PARISH COUNCIL**

Please.....  
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AFTER  
YOUR PET**



## Mottram St. Andrew Community Notice

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## Community - News

### EMERGENCY PLAN

This has been updated and is dated 7<sup>TH</sup> March 2016. Hopefully it will never be necessary to implement it.

The Community Emergency Team.

Emergency Coordinator is Michelle Blakeborough 01625 532557

Deputy Coordinators are Claire Hatch 01625 827042, Angela Philpott 01625 827180 and Bill Pilkington 01625 599270.

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# Clerk's Report

By Ron Taylor

The time of year for the ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING is approaching, 25th April at the Village Hall starting at 7PM. This is the opportunity for us to discuss anything relevant to our enjoyment of living in Mottram St. Andrew and to decide ways of improving things. All residents have a say and a vote on issues of their choice and the Parish Council will take those decisions forward and endeavour to do something about them. Please put the date in your diary and come along, everybody is welcome and the meeting is for the benefit of all, not the Parish Council general meeting which this year will be on 16th May. We will have available up to date information regarding the wireless superfast broadband service which has now arrived in the Village thanks to Vispa and how you can get connected.

The Village will be joining the Clean for the Queen campaign and will be allocating a specific day in May when all of us will hopefully be able to give the Village a tidy up, collecting litter and generally sorting everywhere before the 90th birthday celebrations in June.

## Parish Council

The Parish Council are going to give the Village Green a makeover with the construction of some flower beds and colour to brighten the area up for the Celebrations, look out for the changes and let us know if you like them or not.

The Village web site ([www.mottramstandrew.com](http://www.mottramstandrew.com)) is developing nicely and it is well worth a look if you haven't already. The website will become the fastest source of information about local news and a place where information generally about the Village will be found. The more residents get used to referring to it the better and as a result the quicker it will become a regularly used point of reference.

Councillors have been concerned lately with the suggestion that the flight path over Mottram St. Andrew will become narrower and therefore intensifying the noise disturbance. Various meetings have been attended and reassurances provided which amount to a change to aircraft navigation rather than a change in the flight path over us. That flight path is only used 20% of the time depending on prevailing winds so the extent of any future aircraft noise is not likely to be significantly worse than it is now.

# Methodist Church

By Ian Wright

By the time this is read Easter will be over and we shall all be looking forward to warmer days as spring turns to summer. As the timing of **Easter Sunday** is variable, being held on the first Sunday following the March full moon, it fell on **March 27<sup>th</sup>** this year which coincided (as is sometimes the case), with the hour change as we 'spring forward' into British Summertime. This meant an early start for the group of 'enthusiasts' who meet to share in the uplifting ecumenical **6am 'Sonrise' Service** on Castle Rock on the Edge. Numbers attending this event have been steadily growing these last few years so it will be interesting to see if numbers hold up with an even earlier start than usual!



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With the important services of Easter behind us once again the life of the church settles to a more regular routine. Our Fellowship Group continues to meet monthly, usually on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month with our next meeting taking place on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 1.30pm** when we will be considering the last in the series of DVD led discussions on various aspects of the life of Jesus. Each month has shown a different perspective on events described in the bible and this latest theme should be just as interesting and thought provoking as we consider 'Jesus the Wrestler' based on words from Mark Chapter 14 verses 32 – 42. As always there is an open invitation to join in these discussions. You don't have to be a Methodist and it's free!

This part of April promises a busy week for members of the church here in Mottram as on the **Saturday** following, the **16<sup>th</sup> April**, we are once more holding a **Pudding Tasting Evening** from **7pm** in the **Village Hall**; an evening in which we celebrate the great British Pudding by sampling as many of them as we can within the limits of our digestive systems! An entrance donation of

£7 is suggested and tickets can be obtained from Pat Smith **01625 420482** or Sheila Cavanagh **01625 585491** and any favourite puddings (or cakes) which you might like to bring along to share would also be very welcome. In order to try and meet everyone's needs there will also be dairy free and gluten free selections along with a cheese board and pickles for those with a more savoury palette. In the past this has proved a very popular event so join us if you can and for once let temptation win and indulge that sweet tooth!

Our current Minister Rev Ben Clowes has been on Sabbatical for the last few months but will be back amongst us from **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April**. We are very much looking forward to his return and learning something of what he has learnt since we last saw him. His first service with us on his return to normality (if there is such a thing for the Minister!), will be on **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April** at our usual time of **9.30am** and we are all looking forward to welcoming him back in our midst and hearing all his news.

**Contact: Ian Wright (Secretary)**  
**Tel: 01625 583704**



Norman Wright (joint winner of Mottram's' Got Talent 2012!), recently celebrated his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday with a little buffet tea party kindly provided by Cavendish Court Nursing Home in Alderley Edge where he now resides. Norman was in good spirits for the occasion and both he and his family would like to thank all those who sent cards and/or good wishes to him as he reached this impressive milestone.

Here he is reading his special message from the Queen!





## Mottram St. Andrew Primary Academy

### Head Teacher's Report

By Chris Bowen

We have had a very exciting but also very short half term with lots of activities taking place for the children.

The annual Artsweek, on the theme of "Change" was very successful with lots of creative and performing arts activities going on during the week. The event culminated in a showcase event at The Fallibroome Academy so that all the children and parents from Fallibroome and the partner primary schools could share their learning from the event.

Just after Artsweek, our choir sang in the Young Voices concert at the MEN arena. This is a great event with 8000 children across the North West taking part. The effect is magical!

We were delighted to watch our Year 3 and Year 4 children perform "Alice the Musical" at the village hall towards the end of term. The parents, grandparents and other relatives were

astounded at the confidence and performance skills of all the children. One set of proud parents wrote "Just a very quick note to say how terrific the 'Alice' performances have been. It was evident how much work, time and energy has gone in to the production by your team and the children clearly loved every moment of it. Our child has gone to bed tonight smiling from ear to ear!"





Our Y5 class has been involved in a very exciting project working with the National Trust. For a whole week Y5 worked with a professional designer from Dynamic Studios to create a trail for other schools to use at Alderley Edge woods. The trail had to include key elements from the “Weirdstone of Brisingham”. Working in groups the children have been following a list of criteria, trying to impress the designer with their ideas, ready to make a sales pitch to a team of judges who will include Griselda Garner (Alan Garner’s wife), Noel and Rachel from the National Trust, a governor and members of staff. The children’s response was amazing – they created

stories, drama, art and even a folk song – all based on “The Weirdstone”. We look forward to other schools trying out our trail!

The weather has not been in our favour for sporting events with several tournaments and competitions being cancelled. However, we did manage to play football matches against Gawsworth Primary this week and both our A team and B team won.

There always seems to be something going on at Mottram in addition to our normal learning. Our focus at the moment is on ensuring the Year 6 children do as well as possible in the forthcoming SATs. They are working very hard and even have some revision sessions in the holidays arranged!



# Nursery

By Kate Colbeck

Once again we have had a very busy half term at Foundation Nursery School. We have had lots of visitors and many special events to celebrate and talk about.



February Half Term Holiday Club was packed full of fun with our Wacky Races week! In addition to the traditional games of football and rounder's we also had lots of fun with silly games and races - including three-legged races and a very unusual obstacle race. We are now looking forward to our Spring holiday club over Easter. Over the first week (29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> March) we will be having an Easter Extravaganza - making and decorating our very own chocolate Easter eggs, egg hunts, Easter bath bombs and Hot Cross buns, plus lots of Easter crafts. The second week (5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> April) we are going wild with

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science and experiments to make you go 'WOW'!! We will be having a workshop from Fun Science Cheshire - floating eggs, quick sand, volcanoes, fizzy eruptions, tornado in a bottle, balloon speakers, static electricity, plus loads more! These exciting activities will once again be mixed in with the usual activities including the bouncy castle, Wii games, face painting, hair braiding, craft, den making and walks over to the playing field and woods, to name but a few! Booking forms are out now, plus we are running a fantastic special offer of 20% discount for anyone who books in for all 3 full days (subject to availability), so get in quick as places are going fast!

For Mothers' Day this year we thought we would try something new! Instead of the children making cards at nursery to take home for that special person in our life, we invited our mums into nursery for the morning to join their children in making a craft together! Lots of Mummies and Grandmas spent the morning with us making a very special flower creation to take home and keep. It was lovely to see the children showing their special guest around nursery and we also had some really great feedback from the mums able to make it and we will definitely be repeating it, perhaps even for Father's day!





The children have had a very special visit from an Oral Health Practitioner from Oakenclough Children's Centre, Wilmslow. We spent the morning talking about our teeth and how to care for them. Together we talked about different food types, germs that can harm our teeth, how to look after our teeth and what might happen if we don't care for them. The children got the chance to brush a set of giant's teeth and together made them sparkling clean! Everyone took home a brand new toothbrush and toothpaste to try out what they had learnt!



We also celebrated World Book Day – dressing up as our favourite characters and bringing in our favourite books and stories. Plus, we would like to take this opportunity to say a huge “Thank you” to everyone who donated their unwanted clothes to the Starlight charity through our nursery collection. Recycling these textiles raised £25 for Foundation Nursery School resources and also funds for the Starlight Foundation who brighten the lives of seriously and terminally ill children by Wish Granting and providing fun, entertainment, laughter and distraction for children in every children's ward and hospice throughout the United Kingdom. We will be running this event again in June so if you have any unwanted clothes or shoes (no bric-a-brac please) which you would like to donate please drop them into us at the Village Hall for the beginning of June (8:30–3:30pm) thank you!

Looking forward to the forthcoming summer term we will once again be visiting Tesco in Macclesfield for another Farm to Fork visit. Last year the children thoroughly enjoyed their tour of the store, learning about food and where it all comes from. We will also be preparing our pre-schoolers for their next step in early education as they move up to primary school!





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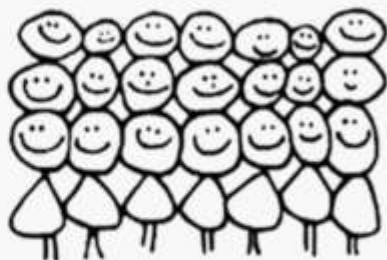
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# Brownies

By Katy Hatton

## 1st MSA Brownies

The Brownies are working in three groups this term. Some chose to do their entertainers badge and are working towards putting on a concert for parents. Others decide to gain the wildlife explorer badge. They have made learnt how to use hammers and nails to construct bird boxes; they also made bird feeders, found out about hibernating animals and visited a local pond. The third group are working on the world guiding badge, finding out about brownies in other countries, cooking Anzac biscuits from Australia, and improving their geography.

We had a craft night in the village school and are planning to join other brownies in celebrating the Queens birthday.

We meet on Tuesdays during term time in the village hall, 5-6.30 p.m.

**Contact:Katy Hatton (Brown Owl)**  
**Tel: 01625 590879**



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# Guides

By Katy Hatton

## 1st MSA Guides

The guides have a wonderful evening at Energi trampoline centre to celebrate two of our Guides gaining their BP badge. One patrol has completed the sweet badge; other guides have gained the independent living badge. . A camp is being planned in June at Clitheroe in Lancs. We have been fund raising to help Meg who is going to India with guiding.

A group of guides are having golf lessons and Amelia continues to work towards her sailing instructors qualification with guiding at Tatton park.

We meet in the village hall on Fridays 6-7.30

**Contact: Katy Hatton (Owl)**

**Tel: 01625 590879**



# Women's Institute

By Gwynneth Littleton

Our treasurer complimented us on paying our fees promptly. The Salvation Army in Macclesfield had been pleased with our gifts and praised our generosity. Gwen told us of a planned bike ride in March. And all was well with numbers for the Quiz. There was a positive feeling that winter was behind us.



Peter Ashburner ,the Auctioneer from Wright Marshall transported us to the Sale Room, having brought along some fascinating objects. It was good to hear their history from an expert and to be aware of what they would make at auction. What was equally intriguing was where auctioneering was going .At least half the business was from the internet. Paintings were holding their own and a Lowry was

increasing in price all the time and so were signed prints with an emphasis on being signed. The Auction House was also investing in good wines and there was the hint of the return of the fur coat and vintage jewelry.

After a brief business session our March meeting was taken over by a Committee of members, headed by chairman Rose Simpson and secretary Barbara Newton. Main Committee members were presented with a colourful selection of potted primroses as a recognition of their work through the year. Rose then introduced Anna Rains who described herself as the psychic daughter of psychic parents. A lifetime experience of living in 46 different places from travelling with Sanger's Circus , the U.S.A. and finally Mottram St Andrews led to a wealth of stories. Many of these were of ghosts and fortune telling, others were just cleverly funny.

All too quickly it was time to enjoy a plated supper and thank the committee for a splendid evening.



# Wednesday Club

By Joan Williams

Hello everyone.

Our group have now decided where we are going for our spring break and Pauline is very busy organizing what size of coach we will need.

It is going to be a very busy summer, what with the Queens 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday to look forward to.



Spring has sprung and the little lambs are in the fields and they are just adorable everywhere is starting to look beautiful & the spring flowers are out treating us to their lovely display.

Our next get together is on April 6<sup>th</sup> at 2pm - 4pm so why not join us and join our group for a change of scene.

We are a very welcoming bunch who meet up to socialise and have a good time chatting and enjoying some great trips out & about. Anyone who wishes to join us will be made very welcome.

In the mean time I wish you all a very Happy Easter break.

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# Social Club

By Mick Shaw

Really exciting times in Mottram St Andrew with the introduction of high speed broadband to the village. It was only last month that we were in the depths of despair thinking that it could be years before it happens (if ever) and here we are joining the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Thank you Vispa and all the team from the village who have worked tirelessly to bring us high speed broadband.



We all had a fantastic night with Bob Fox on 19<sup>th</sup> March. He has a wonderful voice and you have to keep checking just how many guitars are playing....it was only one but sounded like a whole orchestra at times. A big thank you to all who helped out in whatever capacity and to those who organised the event. Watch out for further events later in the year.

## Forthcoming Events

Next Curry Nights will be Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April and Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May from 7.30pm. Ensure your name is on the list by the **Tuesday** before to avoid disappointment.

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April we are holding a Greek night from 7.30pm. This is not a plate smashing night but an evening enjoying lovely Greek food and music. If you would like to come to this event, please let me have your names by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April. Price is £10 including your first drink at the bar. Vegetarian option available, please indicate if you would like this when adding your names to the list.

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July we will be holding a Caribbean evening so put the date in your diaries, further details to follow.

The Club is open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evenings from 8pm and you would be most welcome to join us.

Don't forget, if you haven't already done so, it is now time to pay your membership subs of £10 to Sheila Cavanagh or you can pay over the Social Club bar.

AGM is 8.30pm on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April in the Clubroom.

**Keep up to date on the website:**  
[www.mottramstandrew.com](http://www.mottramstandrew.com)

# Village Hall

By Steve Hatton



Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday the 11th April at the village hall. We will review the running of the hall by the Trustees over the last 12 months, and elect officers for the coming year. We need someone to take over as treasurer for the coming year as our current treasurer steps down after 10 years. If you would like to get involved in taking on this important role we would welcome you getting in touch. All villagers are welcome to this AGM.



On the 17<sup>th</sup> march we had a great night in the hall when Bob Fox played to a full house. He entertained us with his storytelling and warm, powerful

## Community - News

voice singing songs from a lifetime of entertaining in Durham and Newcastle. We hope that this successful evening will allow us to offer more live music events in the future.

Our new groups, Pilates, toddlers and the walkers are all thriving and are helping new friendships to form.

Steve Hatton (chairman) 01625590879



## The Queen's Birthday Celebration

This is a community event taking place on the village hall field on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2016. The queen has requested that communities get together and have a meal so we are hoping that everyone will bring a picnic and join together as a community. The village bar will be open to provide drinks.

### Programme

1. A parade at 12 noon from the school with the rose queen leading the way to the village hall.

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Children will be asked to dress asknights and princesses,

2. Judging costumes and giving out prizes.

3. Lighting birthday cake and singing happy birthday.

4. Eating picnics. Prizes awarded for the best decorated picnic area. Village band to entertain us during this time..

5. School choir

6. Children's games. Bouncy castles and sandpit open.

7. Family sports activities.

8. Tug of war.

There will be a charge of £1 per person over the age of three to pay towards the cost of bouncy castle, sandpit and prizes.

Volunteers are required to help with this event. If you feel that you can help with this celebrate please contact Katy Hatton 01625590879 or Mrs Hogg at the primary school

## **Mottram Walkers**

Our walk on the 15 th March was led by Jim who took us past Mottram hall and down to Prestbury. The weather was good, company lovely and we were invited to Jim and Judy's magnificent home for coffee afterwards. A huge thank you to Jim and Judy for a super morning.



Our next walk is on Wednesday, 30 th March. A walk within the village and led by Brian. The destination is a secret at the moment but will probably be about two hours. Please meet at ten O' clock, at the village hall. Everyone is invited to join us.



# H igh Speed Broadband

By Roger White

## High Speed Broadband

### Prestbury Exchange Changes

Sharp-eyed Andy Levis has spotted that the Prestbury exchange connections in village (the bulk of homes) have changed. These were formerly Exchange-Only lines, connected directly into the exchange. These have now been moved to a new Cabinet 10 and, what is more, Cabinet 10 is enabled for fibre (FTTC).

However, before you all get too excited, this does not mean any improvement in speed. As is common practice for Exchange Only lines, the new cabinet is located just outside the exchange (on Macclesfield Road, adjacent to the Methodist Church). Unlike connections which were always via a cabinet located away from the exchange, there is no reduction of copper line length when connecting to the cabinet for FTTC.

So, the length of the copper line remains an issue (as is the case for those connected to Wilmslow

and Alderley Edge exchanges). FTTC is faster than ADSL over short distances, but the reduction of speed with distance is more dramatic. The speeds shown by the availability checker for a sample of lines indicate that even if FTTC is offered, the current ADSL connection is faster, except possibly for those at the extreme Prestbury end of the village (e.g. Withinlee Road or Castle Hill). For most, though, I doubt anyone would want to upgrade to a more expensive, slower service!

For those in Newton and connected to the Prestbury exchange, there doesn't seem to be any sign of Cabinet 3 being upgraded to FTTC. Even if it was, there is unlikely be any improvement in performance because of the distance to the cabinet (it is on Butley Lanes, close to Park House Drive).

### Super-fast Broadband is Coming!

Wireless network provider Vispa has now installed the main

repeater for Mottram St Andrew at Goose Green Farm. Thank you, Don, for agreeing to host this. The network is now being built out north-eastwards to the village centre and finally to Newton, with sub-repeaters being installed as required.

If you have already registered interest with Vispa, you should have received an email inviting you to order. If not, you can now order

<http://www.vispa.net/citywirelss>.

Depending on your location, there may be a delay in implementation until the network coverage reaches you. However, Vispa has assured us that there will be no charges until your connection is successfully installed.

As the Vispa connection is completely independent of your existing land-line connection, there is no awkward transitional period between the old service terminating and the new one being established. The two services can overlap, so you will never be without a connection. After years of disappointing news

from BT and Connecting Cheshire, it is great to be able to finally report real progress!

### **Changing Email Address**

If you change Internet service provider (including switching to Vispa), you may need to change your email address. This can be a pain, as various contacts need to be informed and website registrations updated. But you could take a positive view – all those spam mailing lists won't know your new address (for a while, at least).

As the Vispa service can co-exist with your current Internet service, there is no need for immediate action (other than the cost of maintaining parallel services). Until your current Internet service is terminated, you can inform contacts of your new address over time while continuing to use the old address.

In the next issue, we will look in more detail at the options for managing and changing email addresses.

# In The Field

By Ron Taylor

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Shall we stay or shall we go? would we be better off in or out? Does anybody really know? I am beginning to believe they don't. I am reasonably certain that the leaders of 27 Countries will be looking after their own interests and so they should. We have enough trouble with a Union involving the English, Scottish, Welsh and Irish to have a good idea how difficult, if nigh on impossible, ever closure Union has become. Do we actually trust the European Court of Justice or European Parliament not to make decisions that are against the interests of Britain, of course we don't. We joined the Common Market to improve and stimulate trade and are now subject to directive after directive interfering with our way of life. The goods and produce we export are bought because the purchasers want to use or consume them. The goods we buy from member states are because we want them and suppliers are still going to want to sell to us whether we are in or out. None of these facts are likely to change because our nation decides we are no longer content to be told what to do by a collection of self interested foreign Countries. Dave tells us that he has successfully changed our position in the European Union to give us special status and therefore we should all be relaxed about our future remaining as members. Just note how difficult a fight that was for our Prime Minister trying to get what he thinks was best for Britain and by the way he didn't get all he wanted. So he now wants us to stay as members of the Club but only comply with a set of rules that apply to us, surely members of a Club should all be subject to the same set of rules or resign. From the beginning we have refused to adopt the euro, a very significant part of membership, a decision that has proved to be the right one and is not going to be altered which ever course we take. One set of rules for us and one for them is impractical and will lead to resentment. Britain being sidelined by the other 27 Countries and eventually more,

who all have to abide by the same regulations , or a majority of them ganging up on Britain to achieve their own objectives.

I thought I would have a think about the in or out arguments and have a say this month one way and in June the other way, I'll leave the reader to decide which one this is. We must be under no illusion, whatever Dave has negotiated can be overturned by veto, vote, directive or the passage of time after we have held our referendum and stayed in. The only certainty can be achieved by politely declining the invitation to remain as members and renegotiating from the outside. The only way Britain can control our destiny is by reverting to democratic rule without European interference, we are capable of making any decision we are called upon to make applying our own experience and standards. A return to the democracy we developed and the taking back of complete control is a very attractive way forward, our justice system can function perfectly well on its own and our appellate courts can be safely given back the ultimate decision making process. We would not be disappearing into the ether if we retire gracefully from a Franco-German dominated European Union, we will still be able to consider European Court decisions and treat them as persuasive authority rather than having to follow meekly along with everything they dream up. Does anybody really believe convicted prisoners while serving a sentence should be voting in elections or in the referendum for that matter. Does anybody really believe our lives were endangered by the light bulbs we were all so fond of or the sausages we are used to having for breakfast. We are all affected daily by E.U. regulations which have been infiltrating our society in a constant stream every year.

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Do as you are told Britain, even if it is inconsistent with your culture it is what we say you should be doing so get on with it and for goodness sake stop moaning. That shouldn't be what we want for future generations surely, never mind the current ones. This is the chance to draw a line under the restrictions to our freedom and get our sovereignty back, lets buy and sell in the world market place not be fettered by the Germans and the French and their 25 subordinates the vast majority of whom I couldn't tell you who they are without resorting to Google. A fair proportion of them are bankrupt countries anyway and they are not the sort of customers you would give credit too in our shops, being a nation of shopkeepers as we are sometimes referred. This is our chance for a fresh start without having to resort to physical violence as my Dad's and Granddad's generations did to free ourselves from the threat of German domination.

Now then, what is so wrong about having control over who comes to live in your house, nothing you say. Well what is so wrong about having control over who comes to live in your Country, it's against E.U. regulations you say. Well then, lets wrench back the control we should never have surrendered. This is not about stopping immigration it is about who has the say who comes, how many and when. Our elected government should be able to freely control our borders, who comes here and have the power to return those who arrive illegally and we do not chose to allow to stay for whatever reason. There are numerous reasons why our self generated laws allow people to stay in this Country legally and that is fine, the problem is freedom of movement. The trouble with living in the best country in the world to call home is that a vast number of people who are not so fortunate want to join in and as we are surrounded by sea there are limits to the practicality of that situation. We simply have to be able to control our own borders in the way we choose not the way we are told and

the only way we can do that satisfactorily is to change things and get our sovereignty back.

How much money do you think we send to Brussels each week, for the benefit of the European Union and all its members, go on have a guess, £100 million, £200million, £300million? no, £350 million and yes that is every week. Surely we can use this money to better effect than handing it over to the E.U. to distribute as it sees fit. The other Union members are committed to ever closer Union and enlargement in the years ahead, where will this leave Britain if we stay in, further marginalised is the obvious answer and any influence we have therein further diluted.



The European Union is a lovely naive concept with all these nations striving together for the joint benefit voting for the good of all not selfishly looking after their own interests. Unfortunately we don't live on a fantasy continent we have to face up to the fact that the major players do nothing that they do not believe is ultimately in their own interests and one is better dealing with them commercially at length not cuddled up in bed with them. Bye the way I wonder how many of the current member states regret the decision to sign up and might welcome the opportunity to turn back the clock, we might find out in the years ahead, whether we stay or go.

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## **VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE**

### **MEETING**

**Location: Mottram St Andrew  
Village Hall**

**Date of Next Meeting**

**Management Committee meeting**

**2016 A G M**

**Monday 11th April at 7.30pm**

## **MOTTRAM ST. ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL**

**Date of Next General Meeting**

**Monday 16th May 2016**

**At Village Chapel**

**6.30pm**

### **ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING**

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David Rutley MP & MR John Dwyer the Police Commissioner,

Mr A Dicken Prestbury Parish Council will attend to speak and answer questions from the hall. Mr Paul Findlow Cheshire East Councillor will now be able to attend.

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