

A photograph of a forest path. The path is paved and leads through a dense forest of tall trees. Sunlight filters through the canopy, creating dappled light on the path and the ground. The trees have green and some yellowing leaves, suggesting autumn. The path is covered with fallen leaves and some green ferns are visible on the right side.

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# The Parish Magazine of Mottram St. Andrew



Produced jointly by the Village Hall Committee and the Parish Council

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I blinked and I missed it, is summer over? I think the problem is that life just continues to gain a faster pace and I continue to pack so much in, time fly's when you are having fun and that to do list seems to get longer every day. I keep ticking them off but adding at the same time so a bit like groundhog day!

George my son is back to school after a great summer break and we are gradually getting back into, a civilised routine. The last few weeks have been spent preparing for his final GCSE year. Re-organising work space, new desk, numerous trips back & two to Ikea. We all know what a joy flat pack Ikea furniture can be, I have survived the ordeal though and pretty chuffed with my workspace SOS attempt. All is done now and he has no excuse but to knuckle down and get them grades. The pressure for myself & George is intense as all fellow parents know too well. May the force be with you my son.

Our little community is becoming a constant hub of activity lately and we have enjoyed many local events over the last few months. The 67<sup>th</sup> Village Horticultural show which was a spectacular display of just what our community is made of. Gorgeous blooms, scrumptious home grown produce and a creative vibe. I have put together just a few photos of the event in the centre pages for you all.

Hatchfest at Goose Green was a very special day for me and my family, the gods were with us and the weather was amazing. A Great time had by all for

such a worthy cause raising valuable funds for The christie and East Cheshire Hospice. A day to remember loved ones lost and people continually doing battle against The Big c. My dearest Sister Karen & my Uncle Michael would be very proud of all the hard work and effort that went in to putting on such an event and I am sure their presence was with us all. Music was a passion for Karen and her world and helped her in her 10 year battle to survive. As many of you know in the end she sadly lost her battle in 2014 along with my dear Uncle Michael. Well done team and a huge thank you for all of you that supported the event. It was lovely to see a few of you there to share in our day.

There are still more things to come over the next few months. We have our Village Bonfire on 5<sup>th</sup> November which falls on a Sat this year so get your tickets and join us in our celebrations. It is always a spectacular display and a great evening for all the family. Being a thoughtful member of our community, a farmers daughter and a pet owner I thought I would just remind everyone an important message. Fireworks can be great fun at this time of year, but it's never fun for our pets. Dogs, cats and rabbits etc all over our area suffer from stress and anxiety as a result of the loud noises they create. Please be considerate to life stock.

*Claire x*

Front cover image "Autumn Leaves" Daniel Hill Woods at Mottram St Andrew

# Parish Council

By Ron Taylor -Clark

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Since I last wrote this column the Council has faced a period of uncertainty which commenced with the resignation of Don Hatch after many years of valuable service to the community. Don decided that the time had come to vacate his seat for medical and work commitments and to make room for new blood to inject fresh impetus into Council direction. I make no apology for thanking Don once again, on behalf of all of us, for his invaluable contribution over the years to the Village and it is with some relief that I am able to relay Don's commitment to contribute whenever he is needed in the future. This resignation followed shortly after the decision of Bill Pilkington to stand down as Chairman and the mantle being taken over by Syd Blakeborough who was not to know that after Chairing one meeting he would suffer a serious blow to his health which would lead to his resignation as Chairman and his decision to also stand down as a Councillor. These decisions created one after the other two vacancies in the ranks and the start of a search for replacements coupled with the Casual Vacancy procedure which would allow Council to co-opt replacements without an election. At the time of writing one of those vacancies has been filled by Rob Hughes who joined the Council on 19th September and the second vacancy will hopefully be filled at the next meeting of Council on the 28th November provided no demand for a poll is received from the electorate.

Councillor Rob Hughes was a very active member of the Broadband action group which secured the service of wireless broadband in the Village after the clear failure of BT and Connecting Cheshire to help practically with the resolution of our problems. I know Rob intends to continue as a Councillor to try to improve further the service and the choice we will have in the Village to ensure that a twenty first century service is available to us all. Rob has lived in

the Village for over 16 years and has retired from his manufacturing company, he is married with 2 children and has recently offered his services as a befriender with the Royal Voluntary Service to keep himself busy between rounds of golf and photography.

I am very optimistic that the current vacancy will be filled by a candidate well known in the Village who has already contributed huge amounts to our Community through other roles. I think it is inappropriate for me to divulge this person's identity but I can say that the Council will be considerably strengthened should we be fortunate enough to finalise matters.

Council was considerably depleted at the last meeting as a result of the absence unavoidably of 2 other Councillors and was only able to function due to the quorum at a minimum. We were able to deal with all aspects of business as Bill Pilkington stepped temporarily back into the role of Chairman for that meeting only. Council has to deal with the election of a new Chairman at the meeting on the 28th November and at the present time current Councillors, excluding Bill who has indicated he will not stand again, are all considering whether they should offer their services in this position. Any one of them is qualified to take up the baton no matter how long they have served on the Council, so we might even get completely new blood and a very refreshing new era.

I have already had to book the Council's Christmas meal so I guess it is not too early, to probably be the first one, to wish you all a super Christmas and New Year. I will not get the opportunity to write again before the festive season has passed.

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# Methodist Church

By Ian Wright

As reported in the last issue Rev Jackie Betts from our Mobberley church retired in July this year and we are pleased to say is settling well to her retirement in Kirkby Stephen up in Cumbria. Her replacement appointee is Rev Scott Manning who has moved with his wife and three children from Johannesburg in South Africa to take up an appointment for a time in this country. As one might imagine the whole family is on a steep learning curve since their arrival in August but seem to be settling in well and hopefully feeling welcomed. Though based in Mobberley Scott will be visiting all the churches in the circuit as he becomes written into the three monthly cycle of 'the plan' of circuit services. His first preaching appointment in Mottram St Andrew will be on **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October** at our usual time of **9.30am** so we are looking forward to that and to welcoming him to our church when that Sunday comes around.

As this is written we are in the middle of September and celebrating our annual Harvest Festival. The church is all decked out with flowers and fruit for the occasion as once again we give thanks to God for all we are provided with which is enough for everyone if we share as we should. In our own small way we are trying our best with this; first with a harvest tea following the service but later by sending the produce and goods donated to the harvest to the Macclesfield Salvation Army food distribution centre and to the Rossendale Trust in Sutton. We take this opportunity to thank everyone who brought items to the chapel for the

## Community - News

harvest and for the time given in preparing everything we have enjoyed and are able to share. We are continuing to collect non-perishable items for the Salvation Army via a box for the purpose in the church porch and would welcome any contribution to this collection especially as we move towards the Christmas period when somehow the need seems greater.

Our **Fellowship Group** continues to meet monthly under the guidance of Ben where we are continuing to look at the various images conjured up by the concept of the whole armour of God using study material Ben has been developing during and after his sabbatical earlier in the year. Our next meeting will be on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October** at **1.30pm** in the chapel and visitors are always welcome to join in our informal discussions, each meeting being a separate unit within the theme above. At present there are around eight of us at each meeting so plenty of room for more!

This year we hold our 2016 community **Remembrance Service** on **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November**. As last year, our service that Sunday will be at the later time of **10.30am** thus giving us the opportunity of sharing in the official **11am 2 minute silence**. It will also be in the same format as last year which proved a very moving and appropriate response to the occasion.

Not really wanting to move the year forward faster than it already is we find the Christmas season already on the horizon and note that we are holding a **Christmas Fair** in the **Village Hall** from **12noon to 3pm** on **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November** with a **Soup and a Bun**

**lunch** available shortly after midday so book the date in your diary and come and share lunch with us if you can. You will be sure of a warm welcome and as an accompaniment there will also be stalls of various kinds along with entertainments through the early afternoon with hopefully something everyone can enjoy. Our Strawberry Tea back in July raised £400 and our thanks to all who supported us on that occasion. Though primarily a fundraising event to support the provision of a church here in Mottram we were also pleased to forward £200 of this to the charity Breast Cancer Care.

On **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November** we reach the first day of Advent and our 2016 **Christingle Service** will take place on that Sunday at our usual time of **9.30am** again under Ben's leadership. A reminder too, that we will again be supporting this year's Christmas Shoebox appeal organised by Samaritans Purse. If you can contribute to this commendable cause in any way then, not only will we be grateful, but so too will all those who will benefit from our generosity and our kind thoughts as we share these gifts with them.

**Ian Wright (Secretary)**  
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## **Motttram St. Andrew Primary Academy**

# **H**ead Teacher's Report

By Chris Bowen

We are all thoroughly enjoying the start of the new academic year. The new Reception children have settled in really well and are already part of the school. They have amazed us with their confidence. They look as if they have been here for ages and are picking up the school routines and are also learning lots of new things. Some photographs of their first days at school accompany this news.



We have begun the term very positively with the children moving to their new classes with ease and meeting the new expectations right across the school. We have lots to look forward to in the coming months – this is always a busy term and Christmas will be here before we know it!

Our Harvest Festival takes place shortly and we will be distributing gifts to our more senior local residents as we always do at this time of year. We hope they enjoy their treat. The Reception class and their “buddies” in Year 6 will be entertaining Reception Parents and we are sure that they will enjoy their first Parents’ Assembly. We will have a rainbow theme to our assembly and will be celebrating fruit and vegetables in all colours of the rainbow!

Our older children will be going on a sponsored walk to The Edge towards the end of the half term to raise funds for our link school, Denneguer PrimarySchool in South Africa. We might see you on our travels. We have a focus on learning outdoors this year and we will be collecting small natural items to be used in collage and art work back in school.

Our Villagers’ Afternoon will take place on Wednesday 7th December at 2pm and we hope many of you will be able to join us for some seasonal entertainment and mince pies. All villagers are invited. Do put this date in

## Primary Academy

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your diary and get the Festive Season off to an early start. It will be here before we know it!

If you know of anyone who would like a place at academy do ask them to telephone for an appointment to look round. At this time of year we show lots of prospective parents around who are interested in Reception places for next September and we are always happy to give people a tour of the school so that they know what it is like during a normal school day. We have a small number of places available in other classes if you know of someone who is moving into the area, again ask them to contact us.

You can keep abreast of the things that are happening in school by following us on Twitter @Mottram\_Academy or by visiting our website [www.mottramacademy.org.uk](http://www.mottramacademy.org.uk).

We look forward to another exciting and successful year 2016-17.



# Foundation Nursery School

By Kate Gilman

All the way back in July we waved a fond (and a little emotional) farewell to our wondering group of pre-schoolers. Arriving as tiny two year olds, some of the children had attended the Nursery for three years and all had grown immensely in that time. In their leavers' performance on stage they did themselves proud singing "All About Me"! It was fantastic to see so many family members and friends attend.

The Summer holidays have been an absolute world wind!! Within less than a week of the booking forms going out, the majority of the summer was fully booked! We kicked off getting ready for the forthcoming Olympics with "Sports Week". From traditional sack races to odd obstacles, penalty shoot-outs to medal making, we had a go at pretty much everything! And when the rain did eventually fall we had snail races inside!! After such a physical week it was then time to get our minds into gear for "Spy Week" - code breaking, treasure searching and bug hunting! We made some spectacular 'rainbow bread' experimenting with food colouring and layering dough- the results were amazing! For the next two weeks of holiday club we trailed something very different ... two weeks of Woody Walkers adventures! With limited places available, we packed up our bags, rain or shine, learning about the woods and environment, decorating sticks, making wooden ladybirds, friendship bracelets, plus lots of other bits to take home. We created lots of games, learnt about team work and looking after each other. It was amazing to see how other children

reacted to the work our Nursery pre-school children did. such as the Story Tree and Bluebell House, plus how each child appreciated the outdoor environment for sustained periods. To top off our Summer of fun we had a Great Holiday Club Bake Off with each child taking home tasty treats including flapjacks, biscuits, pizza and homemade bread. The children also did some non-edible baking, creating salt dough that they then crafted into their own artwork, decorated and took home. The last week of Summer was dedicated to all things arts and crafts. From painting feet and friendship bracelets, to splat painting and junk modelling, the children were encourage to let their own creative juices flow. It was an amazing summer of fun. For each week there was a special badge to earn by undertaking selected challenges each day, plus lots of stickers along the way! It was great to see so many children collect all of the different badges for the individual weeks!





Now back into the nursery routine we have welcomed back some familiar faces and said hello to some new. We have had lots of lovely photos and a few visits from our school leavers to show off their new uniforms and to tell us how well they have all settled into school.



We are now looking forward to October half term, which is very special “Spooky Spectacular”! We will be carving pumpkins, apple bobbing, making the village Guy Fawkes and making some amazing firework pictures! Everything combined with the usual fun and games. Booking forms are out now, so call into the Village Hall or give us a call or email for more details. [info@foundationnurseryschools.co.uk](mailto:info@foundationnurseryschools.co.uk)



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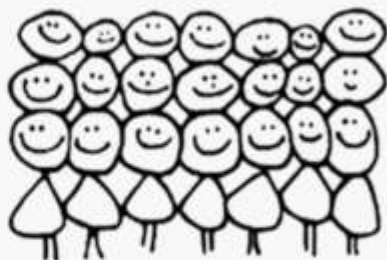
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# Guides

By Katy Hatton

## 1st MSA Guides

In September we joined with Chelford Guides to have a camp and cooked our meals on fires. Each patrol is busy working on the sweet, onesie or cupcake badges.

We are also thinking of little ways to change the world.

This term we are planning a visit to the Manchester cycling centre.

We meet on Fridays 6-7.30 in the village hall.



Katy Hatton (Owl)

Contact tel: 0162559087

# Brownies

By Katy Hatton

## 1st MSA Brownies

This term the Brownies are working on the Beatrix Potter challenge badge. Beatrix Potter loved the countryside so we will be exploring our countryside, going on a visit to the lake district, making up our own animal stories, having a Peter Rabbit tea party, etc.

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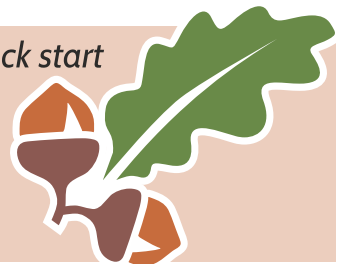
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# Village Hall

By Steve Hatton



## Chairmans report.

The Hall was the venue for the Mottram St Andrew Village Show, with a wonderful display of fruit, vegetables, flowers, cookery, art and craft. This is a lovely tradition going back over 68 years. Sadly fewer of these shows continue in this area, so we are glad to say that our show was once again well supported by local people who exhibited some amazing produce. It is also nice that so many people come along to see the exhibits and to stay around for tea and cakes. Our thanks to the organising committee for all of their hard work and our sponsors including the Bulls Head, Mottram Hall Hotel and the Bubble room who provide us with those special raffle prizes .

We have invested in some essential maintenance at the hall with deep cleaning, new chairs and external painting and decorating. Unfortunately, we will need to undertake some bigger repairs next summer to rectify a serious damp problem which could prove to be expensive.

Please look at joining in some of the various groups that are active in the hall. There is a small but enthusiastic walking group meeting regularly for local walks. The Parent / Toddler group has become a friendly social gathering for

young children, parents and grandparents. In September, 2 new groups started with an acapella Ladies Choir making a strong start in the hall on a Wednesday evening , and a new Ladies Group who who got things underway by brainstorming ideas for a programme, meeting schedule and even a name . We would really encourage people from within our village and beyond to come along and get involved. Details on the village hall website

[www.mottramstandrew.com](http://www.mottramstandrew.com)

Finally, we are able to announce not only Billy Mitchell at our next Folk evening on the 12<sup>th</sup> November , but also the 3 events planned for the first half of next year. We have a wonderful local band called Pilgrims Way who are first up in February, followed by the mighty Oysters3 who are the acoustic version of one of the biggest folk bands in the UK. Then in April 2017 we have the legend that is John Tams , writer of the warhorse music , 5 times winner of the Radio 2 folk awards and also known as Rifleman Hagman in the Sharpe series. .He will perform with Barry Coope , and we are already selling tickets for all of these events from around the North West.

# 67th Horticultural Show

Our 67th Horticultural show in our little village. A fabulous turnout and splendid array of fruit, vegetables, baked goods, arts and crafts. We would all be very proud of just what our efforts and faithful supporters bring to our community.

The show secretary Steve Hatton and committee members Margaret Hyde, Brian Slater, Valerie Slater and myself work hard with preparations for the show. A big thank you to all the Judges, the catering dynamic duo, Charlie Lawson again for handing out the cups and awards. What a sterling job he did of it too, he certainly livens it up a little. Thank you also again to our lovely ladies who kindly run our raffle each year and people and local businesses for donating the very generous raffles prizes. Ken and Vivienne Moores for manning the doors. Last but not least Pauline Taylor for her wonderful photographs, she does an amazing job through her pictorial records of most of our community events for our enjoyment.

Well done to all that entered and participated to create a spectacular display of creative local talent. A great atmosphere and fun day had by all and we as the show committee would like to say a big thank you everyone for their continued support.





# 67th Horticultural Show



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# 67th Horticultural Show

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# Social Club

By Mick Shaw

October already, where has the year gone? October means one thing, bonfire building. Each Sunday morning in October we spend an hour or so building our bonfire at the Village Hall. If you have any time spare from 10am, please do come down and lend a hand.

Following bonfire night we are then looking forward to Christmas and our Christmas Clubnight. This year sees the return of the much acclaimed Audrey M who had us in stitches last year. Rachel Gate will be doing the catering and it will all take place on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December starting at 7.30pm. Tickets are on sale now priced at £26. Be sure to book early as this event is restricted to 40 guests.

## Forthcoming Events:

Curry Nights are Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October and Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November. Book yours by the Tuesday before to receive your £2 discount.

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

Cheers

Mick

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# Wednesday Club

By Joan Williams

Hello everyone. How fast has this year gone! We had our summer trip to Llandudno and it was lovely. The weather was very kind to us and the sun shone all day and treated us to a lovely sunset. You can always tell when it's been a gorgeous day when our footsteps grow slower and slower to get on the coach home. A Big thank you to our Pauline for organising it.



At the Wednesday Club we have had a few Birthday celebrations and quite a lot of cakes and bun which were thoroughly enjoyed, well it would be rude not to participate in the celebrations now wouldn't it. One or two of our group are out of action at the moment but not out of our thoughts.

Why not while away an afternoon of laughter, fun and come and join us. We meet on a Wednesday at 2 pm so do try to join us, you'll be glad you did.

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## Community News



### MSA walkers

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Contact: Katy Hatton

Tel: 01625590879



### Pilates

This continues to be a very well supported activity with Heidi. We meet on Wednesdays 12.30 - 1.30 in the village hall lounge.

### Ladies group

A very new group meeting in the village hall lounge on Wednesdays at 8p.m. we are planning outings, speakers and other activities. Come along and have a drink with us.

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# Women's Institute

By Gwynneth Littleton

It is never easy joining something late in life. There were two get togethers recently which helped to break down any barriers; the July evening at Ann's for a relaxing summer event and the outing to Ashbourne, where brilliant drivers took the less intrepid of us to this quaint, largely unknown, pleasant town. It proved worthy of a wander round with many temptations. Lunch had been organised at the Garden Centre, which again proved a splendid idea of Christine Bullock's.



Members at our September meeting were given an interesting overview of the N.W. Air Ambulance Service. At a cost of £6million a year, with no government subsidy, the three helicopters cover Greater Manchester, most of Cumbria, the Forest of Bowland and part of the Peak District. Two are based at Barton and the other at Blackpool. Paramedics and doctors in the service are two year volunteers from the N.H.S. who are able to command a wide variety of skills

## Community - News

needed to treat these emergency patients. Pilots are ex service personnel. The speaker a pilot himself stressed the cost of keeping the craft in the air and how fund raising was essential both through shops and by collections.



Rumour has it that Christmas thoughts are already present and that there will be a Christmas lunch at Morley to look forward to on the 30<sup>th</sup> of November. Here is another occasion to meet and talk and enjoy each others company. Come and join us.

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To all our community that joined us on the 17th September to remembering loved ones lost and to raise valuable funds for The Christie and our local East Cheshire Hospice. A wonderful day and night at Hatchfest bringing the community together for a fun filled experience. Thank you to all that helped and those who got involved. Together we can fight cancer and enhance people's lives.



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We always give shoeboxes to children based on need, regardless of their background or religious beliefs. It is an unconditional gift of love.

## How to pack your shoebox

- 1 Get an empty medium sized shoebox and wrap the box and lid separately. Decide if your gift is for a boy or a girl, select the age category and affix the label from this leaflet.
- 2 Select a 'wow' toy such as a doll, deflated football & pump or cuddly toy (with CE label).
- 3 Fill the shoebox with other fun toys, hygiene items and school supplies. Don't forget to pray for the child who will receive your gift.
- 4 Include a £3 shipping donation for each shoebox you fill. If you donate online at Follow Your Box, we will let you know the destination country of your shoebox in the New Year.
- 5 Take your shoebox to a local drop off point between 1st – 18th November. These are listed on our website from late October.



## Gift Suggestions



Start with a large toy that a child will cherish, like a beautiful doll, a deflated football or cuddly toy. Then completely fill the box, adding items like cars, musical instruments, skipping ropes, hat, scarf and gloves, etc. Other items are:

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES** such as pens, pencils, crayons, notebooks, colouring or sticker books, solar calculators etc.

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You could also include a **PERSONAL NOTE AND PHOTO** of you and your family/group.

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Mark the correct age category:

- 2-4 Years Old
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- 10-14 Years Old



# BOY



Mark the correct age category:

- 2-4 Years Old
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- 10-14 Years Old

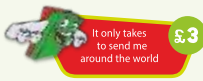


# Girl



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