

Chelford Community Newsletter

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Welcome to the Chelford Community Newsletter!

This is the 26th edition of the Chelford Community Newsletter, produced by a group of volunteers with the support of Chelford Parish Council, and delivered free to every household in the village. If you've got any feedback, suggestions or contributions for the newsletter, please contact chelfordnewsletter@outlook.com



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Chelford Parish Council

The Chelford Annual Parish Meeting will be taking place on Thursday 8th May, 2025 at 7:30p.m. at Chelford Primary School. The Rt Hon Esther McVey has accepted an invitation to hold a Q&A session at the meeting. There will also be opportunity for all residents to share views on issues affecting Chelford. Everyone is welcome so please come along and join the discussion.

Cheshire East Council is proposing to make changes to car parking arrangements in their car parks from May, 2025. It is expected that parking charges will increase in price, that the times when charges will apply will be extended to cover the period from 8am to 10pm each day and that charges will also be introduced on Sundays.

The Parish Council would like to welcome two new Members. At the last meeting, in April, Steve Mort and Mark Shepherd were co-opted. There is still one vacancy so if you would like to be considered for co-option please contact the clerk (clerk@chelfordparishcouncil.org.uk).

Chelford Surgery and Patients' Representative Group

MOVE MORE – EAT WELL

Learn how small lifestyle changes can make a huge difference to your health. Come and join us at our interactive, fun event at Chelford CofE Primary School on Saturday, 17 May. Doors open at 9.45am for a 10am start and will finish at 12.15pm.

Guest speaker – Dr. Sophie Nelson. Have a go at some gentle taster activities, meet other people and find out more about what's on offer from a range of organisations who will be there to help you to take the next step. We look forward to seeing you.

Chelford Social Committee

There will be a village fun day on Saturday 10th May 12pm to 3pm held at Chelford Village Hall in honour of the VE Day 80th Celebration. Children's activities, tea and cake, sport events and bring your own picnic. Keep an eye out for further details!



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Chelford CE Primary School

As always, it has been an incredibly busy time at Chelford CE Primary School with lots of exciting events going on! Our spring concert 'hit the right note' with families who turned out in force to see whole-school, class, group and individual performances. The event was topped off by our school rock band, who produced a fabulous version of 'Teacher's Pet' from the film 'School of Rock'!

In addition, Class 3 were delighted to welcome 'Oli the Choc' to lead a workshop inspired by the Maya's use of the cocoa bean, which was also supported by Dr Davies' (Maya archaeologist) visit to Chelford! Our sports teams have also enjoyed competing in basketball and cricket tournaments too!

Finally, we were delighted to receive delivery of our school minibus which we will be putting to good use in transporting children on a range of different visits over the remainder of the year.

Connecting Chelford

Connecting Chelford will be holding a fundraising tabletop sale at the Village Hall on Saturday 27th September, 10am - 2pm. Tables are only £10 per stall holder and are expected to sell out, so secure your spot now! To book your table, or if you have any questions at all, please call 01625 861218 or email coulingsue@gmail.com



Chelford & Lower Withington Church

May will see the next of our regular rural services when we will meet with our friends from the Methodist Chapel to mark Rogationtide. This year it is to be held on Sunday 18th May at 6:30pm at Dingle Bank Farm by kind permission of the Lee family. It is usually well attended with the hymns sung lustily and accompanied by the brass band. Full details can be found in the Service Schedule and in the calendar on the Church website www.clmruralchurches.org.uk.

A quick look ahead to June 8th when we will be holding a special Benefice service for Pentecost at Chelford Primary School with activities for the children and those who are young at heart, followed by a shared lunch. We have now held our fourth Holy Communion Service at the Connecting Chelford meeting; these are proving to be popular. Our service in May will be held on Tuesday 13th May at 11:30am. This is in addition to our usual services.

We have had the electrical survey completed for Chelford church building and are awaiting the full report. A similar survey is to be completed for St Peter's Church at Lower Withington in early May. Once available the reports will be considered at the next PCC meeting. God bless. If you have any questions, please contact Rev'd Fiona Robinson 01625 860679 or fionarobinson61@btinternet.com



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Chelford Knitting Club

Chelford Knitting Club meet every Wednesday in the Egerton Arms at 7.30pm! Everyone welcome.

Bus Timetable Updates

The local bus service between Knutsford and Macclesfield (passing through Chelford) is changing to an hourly service on weekdays; it will remain as a two hourly service at weekends. To view these changes and others in the surrounding area, please visit https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/public transport/bus service timetables.aspx

Chelford Book Club

The next book to read is Snap by Belinda Bauer and the next meeting is Thursday 15th May 2025 at 8pm at The Egerton Arms. Everyone welcome!

Meditation Course - The Happiness of Inner Peace

When we think about happiness it seems quite a simple subject. It seems very attainable, yet very few people are truly happy. This isn't through lack of trying, every day millions of people work very hard and spend large sums of money yet they don't become any happier. Also it isn't due to not wishing to be happy, we all want to be happy, we all want happiness more than anything.

Why is happiness so elusive? It is because we are looking for it in the wrong places. Happiness is a state of mind. We cannot make ourselves happy by accumulating possessions, watching TV or continuously making changes in our life. People have tried this approach year after year, generation after generation and it has never worked. There are more and more depressed people than ever. Stress and anxiety are reaching epidemic proportions.

If we are logical we must realize that we need a different approach in our search for happiness. Pieces of plastic and metal cannot make us happy. Our happiness needs to come from within our minds. We can't rely on external objects for our happiness, we need to learn to cultivate happy states of mind for ourselves.

We are running a 4 week meditation course on how to develop and maintain the happiness of inner peace. The classes are at Chelford Village Hall and run from Tuesday 29rd April up to and including Tuesday 20th May. They start at 7.30pm and cost £6 per person. You don't need to book, you can just turn up. For further details please visit www.meditationincheshire.org or call 07724828131

Physiofit - Physiotherapist-led later life fitness class

Physiofit for later life aims to provide specialist physiotherapy assessment and treatment for patients of all ages. We will identify areas that you need to target whilst working on general strength, flexibility, core stability, breathing control, balance and endurance.

Classes started at the Community Hub from April onwards and are limited to 10 people and cost £10 each - pay on the day. For more information call 01625 590444 or email info@physiofit.co.uk.

Services at Chelford, **Lower Withington and Marthall Churches**

Sunday 4th May

9:30am Marthall, Holy Communion 11:00am Chelford Primary School, Worship for All

Sunday 11th May

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Sunday 18th May

9:30am Marthall, Holy Communion 11:00am Chelford Primary School, Worship for All 6:30pm Dingle Bank Farm, Lower Withington, Rogation Service with the Chapel

Sunday 25th May

10:30am Marthall, Benefice Holy Communion

Sunday 1st June

10:30am St Peter's, Lower Withington, Benefice Holy Communion

Sunday 8th June The Day of Pentecost

10:30am Chelford Primary School, Benefice service followed by celebration lunch

POST OFFICE AT THE HUB (corner of Astle Court /

Elmstead Road / Robin Lane) Mon 9.30am - 11.30am Wed 2.00pm - 4.00pm

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Dates For Your Diary

May 2025



Thu	1 May	Butterflies, Connecting Chelford lunch at the Hub, Paragon Pilates, Yugo Yoga at the hall, Badminton at the hall
Fri	2 May	Paragon Pilates
Sat	3 May	Paragon Pilates
	5 May	Paragon Pilates
Tue	6 May	Connecting Chelford Friendship Cafe, Paragon Pilates, Meditation at the
	•	hall, Brownies and Guides, Chelford Players AGM
Wed	7 May	Baby Sensory, Paragon Pilates seated chair class, Chelford Knitting Club,
		Egerton Arms moules frites night
Thu	8 May	Butterflies, Paragon Pilates, Yugo Yoga at the hall, Badminton at the hall, Chelford Parish Council Annual Meeting
Fri	9 May	Paragon Pilates
Sat	10 May	Paragon Pilates, Chelford Village Family Day VE Day Celebration
Mon	12 May	Paragon Pilates
Tue	13 May	Connecting Chelford Friendship Cafe, Connecting Chelford Memory Lane Café, Paragon Pilates, Meditation at the hall, Brownies and Guides
Wed	14 May	Baby Sensory, Paragon Pilates seated chair class, Chelford Knitting Club,
		Egerton Arms moules frites night
Thu	15 May	Butterflies, Paragon Pilates, Yugo Yoga at the hall, Badminton at the hall,
		Chelford Book Club
Fri	16 May	Paragon Pilates
Sat	17 May	Paragon Pilates
Mon	19 May	Paragon Pilates
Tue	20 May	Connecting Chelford Friendship Cafe, Paragon Pilates, Meditation at the
		hall, Brownies and Guides
Wed	21 May	Baby Sensory, Paragon Pilates seated chair class, Chelford Knitting Club,
		Egerton Arms moules frites night
Thu	22 May	Butterflies, Paragon Pilates, Yugo Yoga at the hall, Badminton at the hall
Fri	•	Paragon Pilates
Sat	•	Paragon Pilates
Mon	26 May	Paragon Pilates
Tue	27 May	Connecting Chelford Friendship Cafe, Connecting Chelford Memory Lane
		Café, Paragon Pilates
Wed	28 May	Paragon Pilates seated chair class, Chelford Knitting Club, Egerton Arms
		moules frites night
Thu	29 May	Paragon Pilates, Yugo Yoga at the hall, Badminton at the hall, Egerton Arms Pub Quiz
Fri	30 May	Paragon Pilates
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The next edition will be June 2025 and the deadline for submissions is May 16th. For all submissions and enquiries please contact chelfordnewsletter@outlook.com

31 May Paragon Pilates