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Welcome to the Summer edition of the Weaverham News. I trust everyone is enjoying the recent spate of good weather and I hope this continues especially during the school holidays.

I would like to make residents aware of the recent incidences of vandalism which we have experienced in the area of parkland in Owley Wood known as Bottom Pitch Meadow. At Easter several youths were involved in damage to young trees and a dry hedge which divides the park from the main woods. Again, recently, a number of youths were in the area and actually started a fire which, given the dry conditions, if it had managed to get a real hold could have had a devastating effect on the whole of Owley Wood. Both of these incidents have been reported to the police who have been provided with photographs of some of the youths and the car in which two of them were driven away. Hopefully they will be found and prosecuted. Unpaid volunteers work extremely hard to maintain this area for the people of Weaverham and district and it is a shame that a small number of mindless vandals could ruin the area for everyone. Therefore I would urge any residents who witness any such acts in the future or have any knowledge of the perpetrators to call the police immediately.



Ltd. Our next event is the Afternoon Tea at the Lighthouse on Saturday, 5th July starting at 2.00pm. Tickets are priced at £10.00 and can be obtained by contacting Margaret Musson on telephone 07743 484498. Over the years this event has been enjoyed by everyone attending and I am sure this year will be no exception.



The next litter pick is arranged for Saturday, 21st June meeting at the old youth club car park at 10.30am. Everyone is welcome but young children must be accompanied by an adult. All equipment is provided.

Some years ago we used to hold regular talks in the Weaverham Sea Scout Hall on various subjects of general interest to the public at large and we are currently contacting several organisations with a view to commencing a new series of talks. So please look out for details on our website and on posters around the village.

I would appeal for anyone who has any interesting photographs of Weaverham i.e. buildings, views, nature etc and who would like them to be considered for inclusion in the Weaverham Trust 2026 calendar to contact Peter Manning on telephone 01606 854757 before 1st September 2025.

Alan Mills, Chairperson, Weaverham Trust



On a more pleasant note I would like to thank everyone who has supported our various money raising efforts in the past and in particular the local businesses who have generously donated prizes, namely :- Jenerics Chinese Takeaway, A& A's Newsagents, Sandy Lane Equestrian Centre and Weaverham Hardware & Electrical

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Parish Council News

As Summer arrives in Weaverham, it's a real pleasure to see everything coming into bloom – the hedgerows full of colour, gardens looking their best, and the longer evenings bringing people out and about. It's one of the loveliest times of the year and it's great to see our community enjoying open spaces, local walks, and of course the chance to stop for a friendly chat along the way.

I am delighted to let you know that since the last edition, Councillor Reese Lassiter and Councillor John Pether have joined Weaverham Parish Council which means we now have a full council. On behalf of all at Weaverham Parish Council I'd like to extend a warm welcome, we very much look forward to working you.

Thank you to everyone who supported our collaborative commemoration VE Day event along with Weaverham Community Centre, hopefully you all will agree it was a great evening, a fitting tribute to all those who sacrificed so much during WW2. Thanks also to everyone who helped organise their own events – From the displays and decorations to the music and street parties, it was heartening to see the village come together to honour such an important moment in our history. Our attention now turns to VJ Day on Friday 15th August which will include an early evening service at St Mary's 6pm, followed by a party in the park on Lakehouse Field with a live jazz band starting at 7pm – bring your own picnics.

On Monday 19th May we celebrated a historic event in the village, John Jeremy Collier Freeman was the first ever recipient of the Freedom of Weaverham award – Friends and family gathered to celebrate the occasion. The award was very well-deserved reflecting John's selfless service and commitment to the village for over 40 years.

At the time of reading this, the kiosk situated at Russett Road play park will be officially open – A welcome addition providing refreshment facilities and a much-needed toilet. My grateful thanks to Cllrs Iain and Reese Lassiter for their hard work to make this happen.

Weaverham Parish Council are currently investigating the Cheshire West and Chester Highways Volunteer Scheme – If you are interested in becoming a volunteer please contact the Parish Office via the details below.

Currently Weaverham Parish Council holds its full Council meetings monthly and we extend a warm welcome for you to join to have the opportunity to have your say so why not join us at 7pm on Monday 27th June 2025. We would love to see you and to hear your ideas about how we can work with you to make the village even better.

Weaverham Parish Councillors

Cllr Gillian Edwards (Chair of the Council), Cllr Jason Endress, Cllr John Freeman, Cllr Nigel Freestone, Cllr Mike Gerrard, Cllr Iain Lassiter, Cllr Reese Lassiter, Cllr Ian Mills, Cllr Roger Moss (Vice-Chair of the Council), Cllr Keith O'Neil, Cllr John Pether, Cllr Peter Wilkinson.

Clerk to Weaverham Parish Council

Adrian Morgan – 854451 clerk@weaverhampc.co.uk

Wishing you a very happy Summertime.

Councillor Gillian Edwards – Chair. Weaverham Parish Council

Weaverham & Acton Bridge Trust

At their meeting on the 19th March the Trustees had received five requests for financial support.

After consideration and discussion, it was agreed to support the following:-

St Bede's Primary School

Application to assist with funding for three children who receive Premium Support to attend a residential trip.

Weaverham High School

Application to fund twelve students to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.

A further request was to assist with funding the year end PROM.

Weaverham Mothers Union

Application to assist with the funding of Easter and Summer Lunch Bags.



Weaverham Primary Academy

Application to assist with funding of the redevelopment of the school playground facilities.

The next meeting will be held on 1st October 2025.

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Weaverham Library



In May, the library hosted a Share Your Stories event, it was wonderful to hear some lovely stories of life in the village and memories of VE Day. Thank you to Cllr Gillian Edwards for attending and supporting the event as part of Local and Community History Month.

The Big Green Week is happening in 2-7 June, it is a nationwide initiative to promote green issues and sustainability. There are events across all Cheshire West and Chester libraries. We are inviting our customers to make a green pledge; it can be something simple such as recycling or walking to work. For children, there is Bin to Brilliant craft activity on Saturday 7 June.

Continuing with the environmental theme, this year's Summer Reading Challenge is 'The Story Garden', to encourage children to be excited about nature and the world around them. The challenge will be officially launched in July, pop in to find out how to sign up and the exciting programme of activities and events this summer.

In June we are launching, The Tea-Time Book Club, this is a weekly reading group for people to discuss the books they love to read. This is a drop-in event, each session will start with 30 minutes reading, a chance to be offline and relax. Followed by time to discuss books over a cup of tea and a biscuit.

We are always interested to hear how we can help you in the local community, if there is an event or activity you would like to see the library offer then please get in touch.

Opening Times:

Mon: 9.30 am-1, 2-7pm	Tue: 9.30am -1, 2- 5pm
Wed: 9.30am-1, 2-5pm	Thurs: Closed
Fri: 9.30am-1, 2-7pm	Sat 9.30-1pm

Tel: 01606 274344

Come along and join in our weekly events

Mon Knit and Natter 10.30-12.30

Tues Baby Bounce 10.30-11.00

Weds Puzzle Club 2.30-4.30

Fri Rhyme time 10.30-11.30

(From 19 June) Tea-Time Book Club 5.15 -6.45

Sat Children's Activity Club 10.30-12.30

Eddisbury and Sandiway Flower Club

The club started their afternoon demonstrations this year with a visit from ever popular Don Billington and whilst we were limited to a smaller room, due to ongoing alterations at Owley Wood, everyone was entertained by Don's arrangements and his Liverpudlian humour!! In March we were still limited to a smaller room but enjoyed Jane Pugh's "Floral Chocolate Fantasy" portrayed in flowers.



Back to normal now in the newly decorated meeting room, we have held a workshop and hosted two further afternoons of fun, friendship and flowers. Jo Purdy delighted us all this May with her music, stories and the most splendid arrangements in her interpretation of "Mama Mia – Tales from a Greek Island".

We can look forward to further monthly

gatherings this year (2nd Tuesday in the month), except for August when some of our ladies will attend a workshop run by Mark Entwistle. Prior to this a further workshop has just been arranged, to be run by the Jane Pugh on July 23rd. In June members will also enjoy a lunch followed by a concert by Cantata.

If you think you might like to join us and experience the world of flowers, then please ring 01606 75405 for further information, visitors are welcome at a cost of £8.00 for the afternoon on our demonstration days.

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CWAC Councillors

As the days grow longer and the weather continues to remain glorious, we are looking forward to the annual events within the villages and the opportunities for togetherness this Summer. Behind the scenes, volunteers are already hard at work, and we encourage everyone to get involved whether by lending a hand, donating prizes or simply turning up with a smile.

Thank you to everyone who took part in Weaverham's VE day commemorations, from the bunting in the streets to the shared moments of reflection and remembrance. Special thanks to those who helped organise events to honour those who served, and to remember the sacrifices made by so many.

Cheshire and Warrington have been confirmed as being on the priority programme for Devolution. Therefore, during March and April Government consulted on proposals for devolution for Cheshire and Warrington - We await the publication of the analysis and outcomes of the consultation from Government which will determine if Cheshire and Warrington has met the statutory tests for a Mayoral Combined Authority and remains on the Devolution Priority Programme. If it has, Mayoral elections are still planned for May 2026. Please note, devolution is not about merging councils or taking decisions away from councils. Cheshire West and Chester Council will still exist as is, retaining its current responsibilities and continuing to provide services for local people. It is hoped that the newly created Cheshire and Warrington (made up of representatives from the three councils and chaired by an elected Mayor) will increase the potential for much greater funding and increased collaboration between councils over issues like transport or housing, that require joined-up planning across council boundaries – Watch this space for further updates.

It's the time of year when hedges and grass cutting take up a lot of room in our email inboxes! Please report any grass cutting of verges and public spaces and CWAC owned hedges via the Report it App or webpage. If a hedge is within a private property, in the first instance please approach Weaverham Parish Council to contact them and ask them to act. If they do not do this within a reasonable timescale, then you can report it to CWAC via the Report It App. If the landowner does not act, CWAC have the authority to cut back and charge if there is a safety risk. This can take six months to action. Please be mindful that there may be all sorts of reasons why the works haven't taken place and CWAC will work with the landowner to help overcome any challenges. Unless for safety reasons, trees and hedges must not be cut back now until September due to nesting season. www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/contact-us/report-it

We continue to support the A49 Safe Walking Route and are pleased to have funded the cutting back of the vegetation which has resulted in a wider, safer footway.

Member budgets are open for 2025-2026 applications - Each Ward Councillor has £5,000 to donate within their ward to community groups and organisations - Information about the scheme, eligibility and application forms can be found in the member budget section of www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk We like to try and support as many causes and projects as possible so we are unlikely to be able to fund the total amount requested but like to try and make a contribution.

Wishing you a wonderful Summer.

We are here to help and can be contacted via the details below:

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Memorial Orchard

YOUNG, MIDDLE AGED OR RETIRED?

The Memorial Orchard was planted in memory of those who served in two World Wars and in more recent conflicts, to save the Wareham Russet apple tree from extinction and to grow it alongside other Cheshire heritage fruit trees. Our action group was formed in 2014, which marked the centenary of the start of the First World War. In 2015 the Woodland Trust offered us a lease on approximately an acre of land in Thorn Wood. The Cheshire heritage fruit trees which we have planted need pruning and caring for and we also need to weed around the trees. By only allowing the 'grass' to be cut once a year we have increased the number of wild flowers growing in the orchard and have planted native (i.e.wild) daffodils.

Why not join our happy band of volunteers and make new friends? Get the benefit of fresh air, gentle exercise and the satisfaction of knowing that you are preserving our heritage and environment whilst looking after a fitting tribute to the fallen and survivors of past conflicts. Our working parties normally meet on a weekday for a couple of hours when necessary. We realise that those who are not retired are not free mid-week so if we have enough volunteers, we could form another group to work at the weekend. If you would like to join us, please contact action-group@orchard.weaverham.org.uk. You may eventually like to join our action group. We only meet two or three times a year and meetings are very short. It would be lovely to see you.

The directory giving details about the men remembered on local village memorials including the one outside St Mary's Church is available from A&A Newsagents in the main shops in Northwich Rd or from action-group@orchard.weaverham.org.uk price £12.

Tina Johnson

action-group@orchard.weaverham.org.uk,
[Facebook.com/The Memorial Orchard](https://www.facebook.com/The.Memorial.Orchard)

Weaverham Myths and Legends

Weaverham Well

Before the introduction of mains water supply, villagers collected clean water from Weaverham Well in, of course, Well Lane. The stream that fed the well is culverted now but in times of heavy rainfall it might be heard, near Well Lane's junction with Farm Road.

The legend goes that visitors to Weaverham, taken to drink the well water, would surely return in the future.

Captain Hatton

In "the Story of our Village" otherwise a remarkable local history book published by the local Women's Institute in 1952, Captain Hatton's story can be found.

In summary, Captain Hatton, a Weaverham resident, was hanged for piracy in the early 1800s. However, the resourceful Captain Hatton had a silver tube inserted in his throat which saved him from asphyxiation and his sentence was reduced after the unsuccessful hanging. After that episode the law was changed to "shall be hanged by the neck until dead" to avoid the possibility of condemned criminals cheating their sentence in future.

Disappointingly there is no legal record of this event and apparently this story is repeated many times around the UK with different names attached to it, so it is clearly a myth.

The secret passageway from Weaverham Church to Vale Royal Abbey

When King Henry VIII broke with Rome, Weaverham was well known as a place which clung on to the older forms of worship. This much is true.

But there was said to be an underground passageway from Weaverham to Vale Royal Abbey. The civil engineering prospects in the 1500s must make the story implausible but it is possible that well-worn footpaths, lined by thickets and overhanging trees may well have provided an opportunity for discreet travellers. Who knows?

If any readers have anything to add to these stories, or other tales to tell, please send them to the History Society via my email at hornby.mike@gmail.com

Weaverham History Society visit to Cannon Hall, near Barnsley, Yorkshire on Thursday, 24 July with the option of visiting Cannon Hall Farm (of Channel 5 fame)



Cannon Hall Museum Park and Gardens is situated at Cawthorne, Barnsley and was the home of the Spencer-Stanhope family. It now houses collections of fine furniture, paintings,

ceramics and glassware by the artist Evelyn De Morgan and her husband William De Morgan. There are also Victorian pleasure grounds, a Georgian walled garden, plus a shop, café and florists.

Why are we travelling all the way to Yorkshire?

The Rev Charles Spencer-Stanhope, who was born at Cannon Hall in 1795, was the characterful and forgetful vicar of St Mary's Church in Weaverham from 1833 to his death in 1874 aged 79. He even forgot and left his bride at the station when returning from their honeymoon! One of the beautiful stained glass windows in St Mary's Church is dedicated to him.

In 1871 the parish of Weaverham was divided and the Spencer-Stanhope family paid for a church to be built at Crowton where the troubled eldest son became the first vicar and he is now buried in the churchyard. So, a strong connection between Weaverham and Yorkshire.



Next door you can walk to Cannon Hall Farm which is famous as the venue for Springtime and Winter on the Farm and A Yorkshire Farm on Channel 5 hosted by the Nicholson brothers, Richard, David and Robert.

Visiting the farm is an additional and optional part to this trip and you will have to book and pay for this yourself on line beforehand. The cost is approximately £9. Details are on their website www.cannonhallfarm.co.uk.

Coach pick-up will be from the St Mary's Church car park with the coach leaving at 9 am - aiming to arrive at Cannon Hall by 11.00 am. You will then have some free time to have lunch before we are given a talk by the Curator of Cannon Hall in the ballroom at 1 pm. After the talk you will have plenty of time to explore the Hall, the current pre-Raphaelite exhibition, the gardens and visit the Nicholson farm. The coach will depart at 4.30 pm to arrive back in Weaverham at approximately 6.30 pm.

The cost will be £40 per person, which includes the admission donation to Cannon Hall and the cost of the coach and drivers' tips. Payment can be made by BACS sort code 09-01-29 account no 26685458. Open to all, you don't have to be a member of the Society to go on the trip.

To book and pay for the trip or if you have any queries please contact Mick Walton at treasurer@history.weaverham.org.uk

NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOLS



The Russett School has had a great start to the summer term. Our post 16 students enjoyed an amazing overnight stay at Petty Pool College. The weather was especially kind to them, and they completed walks, engaged in map reading and leadership skills; had fun using the zipwire and trying for a bullseye in archery and in the evening, they used torches to go into the woods at sunset, looking for owls and star gazing.



Upper school students have enjoyed the introduction of their new topic of 'Myths and Legends' by exploring the story Theseus and the Minotaur. The pupils have also learnt all about climate change and the importance of recycling.

Some of our lower school pupils enjoyed a trip to Blue Planet Aquarium, they explored the different animals and watched the sharks being fed!



In Early Years they have been enjoying their theme of 'Transport'. The children are having lots of fun recreating the events in the class text 'The Naughty Bus' by Jan and Jerry

Oke. So far, pupils have used a range of resources to create tall buildings to reflect the setting in the story; taken Naughty Bus on an adventure, travelling through a range of messy materials and terrains before driving him straight past the bus stop, leaving all the passengers waiting! The children are enjoying exploring other modes of transport too, using them to mark make and to look at the role that transport plays in a community.

At The Russett School, we commemorated the 80th Anniversary of VE Day. Pupils explored VE day and its origins! They looked at the Union Jack Flag and created their own bunting to decorate the classrooms. Staff and pupils also celebrated by wearing red, white and blue.

We continue to have a busy summer term, our school leavers will celebrate with a Prom, and we will welcome our new starters for September with some transition visits.



Weaverham Primary Academy



March saw lots of exciting curriculum days and weeks. The children really relished the opportunity to take part in practical experiments all week, linked to Change and Adaptation, with explosions and slime being the firm favourites. World Book Day brought fabulous costumes and everyone sharing their love of reading. Our assembly was based on Mary Poppins by P. L. Travers. The children had to guess the characters and took part in some dancing with the chimney sweeps too. All the children watched performance poetry by authors on National Poetry Day and wrote their own poetry too and for Shakespeare Week, Year 6 children studied Romeo and Juliet and re-wrote the balcony scene.

We took part in the fabulous Music festival at Weaverham High School and have joined many sporting events, such as dodgeball, multi-skills and Smile for a Mile, with Vale



Royal Sports Partnership. We continue to swim every week and continue our Forest School sessions too.

The installation of the bird box with a camera has caused quite a stir.

It has been amazing to watch the blue tits build their nest and lay their eggs. We can't wait for the eggs to hatch!

There are always many remarkable events taking place in school: Robin Class invited parents to a craft afternoon and bonnet parade and the infants had an Easter dash with a difference! Hummingbird Class shared their class assembly on Henry 'Box' Brown and the Easter holidays began with a fun-filled sleepover and a Car Boot Sale. The weather didn't hold out for us, on this occasion, but we will be running more, so please refer to X or Facebook or take a look at the noticeboard at the front of school for more details.

Should you wish to look around school for Reception 2026 places, please email: admin@weaverhamacademy.org.uk or phone 01606 852148.

WEAVERHAM FOREST NEEDS YOU!

Northwich Education Partnership (NEP) Art Project

Celebrating 'Pride' Through Art



Children in Year 2 and some in Year 4 have been busy creating artwork as part of the Northwich Educational Partnership. This year's theme is 'Pride', and our pupils have explored what makes them proud of our school.

Using a range of mixed media techniques, the children reflected on the values and achievements that fill them with pride—highlighting everything from our caring community and dedicated learners to individual accomplishments and the friendships they've built.

You can see their incredible artwork on display at Barons Quay from Friday, 23rd May. Don't miss this vibrant celebration of creativity and school spirit!



Parents of two-year-olds are now able to access funding for 15 hours per week of education and care.

We have limited available in our nursery.



Weaverham Forest Primary School Nursery



Calling all parents in Weaverham! Spaces available in our nursery for 2 year olds at Weaverham Forest Primary School. Give your child the best start to their educational journey in our supportive and stimulating environment. Contact us now to secure a place!

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- High standard of care and education
- Qualified teacher led sessions
- Outdoor learning sessions
- Enclosed Nursery indoor and outdoor areas
- School lunches freshly prepared on-site in our kitchen using meat from a local butcher

Please contact the School Office to book your place

We look forward to meeting you!

Every year the Year Sevens are full of anticipation about the 'world famous' Condover trip. Condover is filled with fun, excitement and tons of learning opportunities. Condover is an outdoor education centre in the county of Shropshire. We had been told about Condover all the way back in September, so everybody had been filled with nerves and excitement; this will be the first time away for some people.

The Year Sevens are always excited to find out who they would be in a room with and even groups for activities. The activities were fun filled and action packed like the abseiling and aerial track which were firm favourites. Packing for the three day Condover trip was a careful yet exciting process, making sure you had clothes for all types of weather and being comfortable. The excitement only grew as we imagined about the amazing and most delicious meals from hearty breakfast to tasty dinners the food is always the main talk. The menu consisted of warm filling meals like crispy chicken or even a plate of pasta and we always had a delicious dessert that made you leave on a high note.

The activities were challenging, team building, exciting and an excellent learning experience. There were activities like buggy building, lazer maze, conquest and kayaking. During our free time we got to spend time with friend's, play games or even just relax.

There are multiple accommodations which consist of two boy dorms, two girl dorms and a mix of both. When you arrive at your dorm a woosh of excitement takes over you, giving you feelings of independence, freedom and a new reliance on your friends. This can strengthen friendships and even make new ones.

In general, Condover can be an exciting, thrilling and educational. Everybody found it enjoyable and they conquered their biggest fear

Parent and Tots Forest School Event

Weaverham Parents and PRE-SCHOOL children were recently invited into Pre-School to enjoy a Forest School Event.



They enjoyed Forest School Crafts and were able to spend some time relaxing in our new Sensory area. The children enjoying being creative in our new extended mud kitchen and exploring the natural environment.

A camp fire was part of the woodland experience and sizzling sausages and bacon sandwiches were enjoyed, with hot and cold drinks.

We are currently accepting applications for the new term in September for children aged 2 – 4 years, so if you are looking for a setting that offers extensive experiences both indoors and outdoors, please call Helen the Manager on 01606 852148 option 5 Or through our website applications.

Congratulation to our youngest children for taking part in the Spring Rhyme Challenge. Woodlands Pre School and St. Bede's Reception children joined together to entertain us with their singing, rhyming, dancing and big smiles.

We are very proud of all the children and how confident they were to perform in front of a big audience. Our Reception children also visited a local farm and were able to pet and feed the lambs. They had a lovely time exploring the farm, and the sights and smells!



As we enter cricket season, we are delighted with the achievements of the boys' and girls' teams who will now represent the school at Northwich and Cheshire County level. Our annual school Swimming Gala at Brio was a huge success, with children from all age groups taking part. All pupils are encouraged to participate in a wide range of activities from Storytelling Club to Chess Club.

Visitors are very welcome to come along to St. Bede's for a guided tour. We are an inclusive school, and places are available for children from all faith background and none. Please contact the school office to book an appointment

admin@st-bedes.cheshire.sch.uk or Tel: 01606 852149

Our Before and After School Club runs from 7.45am – 6.00pm

After our sadness at losing Pope Francis it is with joy and anticipation that we welcome Pope Leo XIV. Prayers have been and will continue to be offered for him. May he encourage Unity, Love and Peace throughout the world.

Locally, Sister Phyllis, our Parish Sister, has been visited by two members of her community. Whilst this was an Official Visitation (which takes place every five years) other sisters from Africa, Europe and the Americas will also visit soon.

During Lent around £6500 was raised for Cafod and Mary's Meals. Thank you to all who contributed in any way to these charities.

Pray services continue being held in local care homes including Daneside Court and Kitwood.

First Communion have started to be celebrated during Sunday Mass and will continue over the coming weeks.

A coach tour visiting the Poor Clares in Ellesmere for Mass followed by a visit to Llangollen on Easter Tuesday was a great success. A combined Retreat and holiday has been arranged in Llandudno (14th – 17th July).

As we write, church members from the Hong Kong community, who take a very active part in parish life, are planning a Dragon Boat Event and Dumpling Making. Here's hoping the sun continues to shine.

BDTKD Continues to grow!

BLUE DRAGON TAEKWON-DO



Over recent months, Blue Dragon TaeKwon Do celebrated a massive milestone – it's 20th Anniversary! To celebrate, the club hosted Master Shane Fitzgibbon VIII Degree from Ireland for a masterclass, along with a Black Belt Grading. The grading saw new Black Belts promoted and existing

Black Belts go up in rank. The masterclass and grading were followed by a party to celebrate the massive achievement; everybody had a wonderful time!

New classes are coming to BDTKD in 2025 – the most exciting and in demand is the return of our "Mini Dragons" classes for 4–6-year-olds. This is a new style of class that will be a 45 minute session during term time only. The focus will be on building a strong foundation for TaeKwon Do, developing important life skills, aiding childhood development and most importantly – having fun! To register your interest please contact Mrs Fearon (lyndsay@bdtkd.co.uk or 07598262964) and follow our dedicated Facebook page for updates (BDTKD Mini Dragons ITF TaeKwon Do).



We welcome new students to join our classes on a Sunday morning (11am-12pm) at the community centre, along with any of the other classes available nearby in Cuddington (Wednesday 6-7pm & Friday 6:15-7:45pm at Cuddington Village Hall). Your first lesson will always be free! To book a trial please contact **al@bdtkd.co.uk** or **lyndsay@bdtkd.co.uk** who will gladly assist you.