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**LOW ON STOCK**



**We are very low on UHT/Long Life Juice and Breakfast Cereal in our warehouse.**

We would hugely appreciate if you could consider including this in future donations. A list of our donation points can be found at our website. Also, our warehouse address and opening times



are as follows: Address: West Cheshire Foodbank, Units 3 and 4, Stanney Mill Industrial Estate, Dutton Green, Chester, CH2 4SA

Warehouse Opening Times: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri - 9am-1pm

Thank you!

**Holiday Clubs – The Welcome Network**

This summer there are a lot of holiday clubs running across Blacon, Lache, Ellesmere Port and Neston. The clubs vary between family fun and food, family growing, family boot-camp, forest school and football. This is a result of local partnership working, including Sanctuary Housing, Avenue Services, Children's Centres, Youth Service, Local Councillors, Healthbox, Storyhouse and Active Cheshire, to name but a few. Some funding has also been provided to ensure a meal is provided at a lot of the activities through The Welcome Network. They have received funding from the Department of Education as part of the Feeding Britain Partnership.

Details of the activities will be available at the Foodbank sessions and have widely been circulated.

Holiday clubs and activities have also been provided with details of Foodbank sessions, where vouchers are available and emergency food boxes are also being made available.

For more info contact Stephanie Ellis, Welcome Network Manager

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**Holy Trinity Blacon will be running summer activities and lunch on Thursdays 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd August and a trip on Wednesday 29th August.** They would be very grateful for volunteers to help with lunches, setting up, washing up, helping with activities and clearing away. If you can help contact 01244 376085 / [office.htblacon@btinternet.com](mailto:office.htblacon@btinternet.com). For information about the Blacon events or to book a place using their online form, visit [www.holytrinityblacon.org](http://www.holytrinityblacon.org)

# Summer Fairs



We've had a busy couple of weekends. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped staff a Foodbank stall, promoting what we do across Neston, Ellesmere Port and Chester. Special thanks to the Chester Labour Party who raised £50 with a hamper raffle at their Event celebrating 70 years of the NHS.

## Tell the Government to Fix Universal Credit



**We are supporting the EndHunger National petition designed to send a powerful message to the Prime Minister – it's time to fix Universal Credit.** We will be sending out paper copies of the petition to Foodbank sessions this week - please can you make them available for people to sign.

As a matter of urgency, End Hunger UK is calling on the Govt. to:

- Take action to improve the flexibility and support for people on Universal Credit.
- Make improvements to Universal Credit, to ensure it does not leave more people at risk of debt and destitution.
- Make a long-term commitment to ensure Universal Credit provides people with enough income to afford good food on a regular basis.

Visit the EndHungerUK website to site the petition on-line and to read End Hunger UK's national survey into the impact of Universal Credit on food poverty. <http://endhungeruk.org/>

## Colin and Diane at Buckingham Palace



It all started in February this year with a letter from David Briggs, the Lord-Lieutenant for Cheshire advising us that Colin (*our van driver*) had been nominated to attend the Queen's Garden Party at Buckingham Palace. The Garden Parties are held in recognition of those who have made a positive impact on their community.

We had to walk through the Palace which took us out onto the terrace and into the garden at 3pm. The food was fantastic – afternoon tea style – dainty sandwiches, canapes, scones with cream and the biggest assortment of dainty cakes you could

imagine. Two bands were playing all afternoon and the National Anthem announced the arrival of Royalty. The only disappointment was that the Queen wasn't in attendance. We were however graced with the presence of Prince Charles, Camilla and Princess Anne, plus other members of the Royal Family. The Royal Family left around 6pm and I can honestly say what a great day! **For the full account of Colin's and Diane's trip (written by Diane) visit our website.**