

PRESS RELEASE FOR June's meeting

Following the wide-ranging and serious debate at our previous meeting concerning the 2022 National WI Resolution, members welcomed the opportunity at our June meeting to be entertained by something completely different. The excitement grew when we learned that Holly Reynolds, our guest singer for the evening, has a love of all things 50's and 60's. Surprisingly for a young girl of her generation, she fell in love with the music of that era after watching Doris Day as the irrepressible Calamity Jane. Holly went on to study at the Liverpool Institute for Performing Arts, founded by Sir Paul McCartney (who she was taught by and received her degree from)! Holly has since been part of many theatre productions including the Palladium and London's West end.

She gave us a magical selection of favourite songs by Dusty Springfield, The Ronettes, Helen Shapiro, The Crystals etc., always encouraging us to sing along and to take part. She charmed us with her warm and engaging personality and finally had everyone on their feet - "Twisting the Night Away". It was a great evening I'm sure we'll always remember.

Our next meeting will be on 5th July at Barthomley Village Hall at 7 p.m., when our speaker will be David McCaddon who will be telling us all about The Life and Grimes of Agatha Christie. If you would like to find out who done it you will be most welcome!



From The Rectory

For over a hundred years All Saints Balterley has been a place of worship. Though there has been no service held for quite some time – it remains sad to see a church empty awaiting a decision on its future use, whatever that may be in the secular world.

Decisions over church buildings, almost always cause a great deal of heartache. Whether they be plans to renovate, to replace or to abandon, painful discussions take place because for everyone concerned there will be so many memories.

It isn't just the building, it is what the building holds: memories of real people with whom we have shared our lives. What makes the church so special in the context of memory is that it is here that we keep the ultimate memory, the living memory of the Lord himself.

As every house is somebody's home, so every church is also a community of people, a family group of the brothers and sisters of the Lord. They are dotted all over the globe, linked together by an unseen, yet unbreakable bond of love that is the Holy Spirit of God.

Every church and chapel, old and new, stands for Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever. He is the true temple, and we are the living stones. We stand in the present moment, the great crossroad of life, holding the memory safe, and looking with hope into the future.

You are the temple of the living God, and the Spirit of God dwells in you.

**The temple of God is holy, you are that temple.
(1 Corinthians 3 16)**

Rev Peter

STRAWBERRY TEA

*In the Rectory Garden
(In the event of rain—in the Village Hall)*

**Sunday 24th July
2.30pm—5pm**

*Strawberries & Cream—Scones and Tea (or bring
your own drinks and glasses)*

*If you can bring a folding chair for yourself—that would be
grand!*

Please try to come - there's plenty of room for everyone

Tickets £5.00 in support of Church funds

**Please contact either Rev. Peter, Chris Bailey or Len Griffin to reserve
places.**



Flowers of the month

July the Water Lilly



Calm and serene, July's birth flower is the water lily, gracefully resting atop fresh water.

These flowers are also known as Nymphaea, which comes from the Greek word nymph, aka a feminine spirit that inhabits rivers and woods.

August the Gladiolus



The gladiolus, or 'sword lily,' represents remembrance, calm, integrity, and infatuation.

The young minister took his wife to the maternity ward and was told it would be a long labour. So, he agreed to ring at lunch time for news. But, when he phoned he dialled the wrong number and got the County Cricket Ground. He said, "I left my wife at your place earlier this morning. Is there any news?" He was surprised to be told, "Yes there are 7 out and the last 2 were ducks".

Thank you to all those in our community who led our local Platinum Jubilee Celebrations.

A great deal of preparation took place, much of it unseen and unthanked but much appreciated. To list some of the many jobs, erecting of bunting; printing of invitations; clearing weeds from the base of the church walls; mowing of the churchyard; obtaining and distributing the Platinum Jubilee mugs; ringing the church bells to mark the national peal; attending the church service with a spectacular floral tribute and the Choir back in full voice; preparing Simon's meadow for the picnic, putting up gazebos; arranging for the musicians to play; entertainment for the children etc. etc.

Then on the day, day 4 of the Platinum Jubilee the rain came down, the farmers cheered and everyone and their picnics crammed into the Village Hall. How fortunate we are to have such a well maintained hall, thank you to the Village Hall Committee who served tea and coffee and tidied up. The red white and blue flowers, delivered by a new resident were a beautiful touch and appreciated by the WI too.

So we have marked another milestone in this countries long history but daily life goes on. Congratulations to Richard and Vickie Fox of Plantagogo as they continue to receive gold medals at the seasonal RHS Shows, would you believe that heucheras of the highest standard are produced here in Englesea Brook, what fame.

Sadly, after 63 years of living in Barthomley, Shirley and Gilbert Forster are moving to Alsager. We wish them well but hope to see them back in the village frequently. Our congratulations to our two oldest residents who will both have significant birthdays before the next magazine. Thank you Margaret and Harold for all you do for the community.

The Strawberry Tea is being held in the Rectory Garden on Sunday 24th July 2.30pm- 5.00pm (Village Hall booked just in case!)All are welcome to join us. Tea and strawberries are provided but bring your own drink if so desired.

Hoping those of you who have holidays booked get further than Manchester airport! We have reached the longest day, enjoy summer.

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