

BARTHOMLEY BOWLING CLUB

The Bowling Green is located near to the White Lion Pub, and St Bertolines Church.

We have a very friendly membership and are therefore ideal for those new to Crown Green Bowling as there is not the intense competitive element associated with League bowling.



Bowls would be available for any players not having their own. The club is keen to welcome new members into the club. Your first season would be offered at a generous 50% off our regular subscription fee.

Barthomley BC is a member of a Friendly League consisting of just 9 teams playing home and away. In 2017 we enjoyed our best season for a number of years. All games are played in a friendly and sociable atmosphere; it is good if we win but not the end of the world if we don't. Barthomley BC also enjoys internal competitions where everyone gets to play in at least three games per competition. In November we hold our Presentation Dinner where the cup winners receive their trophies and a great night is enjoyed by all. We have an Annual Open Day with many activities; the 2018 date will be announced shortly, so look out for the posters.

As a member, apart from a match day and green cutting, the green is available any day for you to use and for a small fee visitors are welcome too. Any organisation wanting to hire our green for a friendly game of their own please contact Norman Lawson

For more details please contact:

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Email to Ed from Pam Freeman

Dear Chris, In this morning's Telegraph I came across the following: Letter from correspondent: "I am told that my personal details and post could have been compromised because I am on the 'open register' of the electoral roll. How can this happen and how can I stop it." Answer: Information from the open register can be sold on. Details gleaned this way can prompt unsolicited mail. This may then be intercepted and used nefariously. To opt out of your current details being generally available, tick the 'edited register' box on the voter registration form. Alternatively you can contact your local electoral registration office which may be the Borough Council. Doing this will not affect your right to vote."

St Bertoline's –Why we're here.

That the community we serve may know that St Bertoline's is here to profess the faith, to celebrate it in worship and prayer, and to share it in fellowship, so that we may say, "We would see Jesus".

April 11th 2018 The Rectory Barthomley
My dear Friends,

May will see us into our Summer Season of organ recitals at St Bertoline's. We are very grateful for the willingness of the organists to come and enable us to hear the organ for its own sake.

Each of the recitals is to be on the third Friday of the month from 12noon-1pm: This is the programme:

May 18 th	Graham Brown
June 15 th	Philip Crookall
July 20 th	George Robey
August 17 th	John Beasley
September 21 st	Graham Brown

Over the last few years these short lunch-time recitals have become quite a feature in our church's programme. Do come and join with our regular audience of twenty or so. Coffee is served beforehand, admission is free, and it's quite acceptable to come and go between items of the programme.

I wonder why 'forty' is such a significant biblical number in both Old and New Testaments: the Israelites forty years in the wilderness, the reign's length for outstanding kings, the forty days of Christ's in the wilderness, forty days of Easter—the resurrection of Christ - till his departure to heaven on Ascension Day.

Many of these 'forty' periods are times of preparation for something life-changing. Certainly those long years in the wilderness before arriving in the 'promised land' were a time of great sorting out and getting ready for a new world among the Israelites. So, too, those forty days of fasting for Jesus before the beginning of his ministry were life shaping for him and for those who responded to him, both positively and negatively.

So, too, the days of the presence of the Risen Christ among his disciples were a vital preparation for them to receive the power of the Spirit, and to take up Christ's challenge to go out into all the world and baptize all everywhere in the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit. That challenge is still with us, as with every generation.

Best wishes to you all,
Darrel Speedy

VESTRY and ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING cont.

Mr Simeon Bowen-Fanstone
Mr Ken Wright
Mrs Val Allan
Mr Simon Gresty
Mrs Lynne Evans

Mrs Bailey and Mrs Jackie Smith continue as our **Deanery Synod Representatives** for a further two years.

There were no changes to the list of **Sidespersons**
Number on the **Electoral Roll** as revised 107

In May the Tea-Set comes of age. Would that we over 60s could say the same.

Early in 1997 the Barthomley Village Hall committee had a consultation with Mrs Whitehead, then village halls adviser on the Cheshire Community Council. She suggested that we strengthen our case when applying for grants by launching a new venture eg. a parish lunch. Something to be of benefit to the socially isolated and attract a different group of users to the hall.

Logistically we preferred the idea of an afternoon tea meeting. Joyce and Harold Scurlock and myself sounded out our colleagues in the Barthomley history group, and Joyce approached bowling club and WI members. Opinions were sought from our mothers, mothers in law, and members of the church congregation. Responses were favourable and the amount of interest convinced us to proceed further. Church congregation members Rachel Fox and Joyce Doyle were also members of the Betley Darby and Joan club. They secured an invitation for me to attend a meeting as an observer and I reported back to the committee that 24 members had been present. I thought that to be a comfortable number for us to cope with and an achievable aim. We decided that a speaker for an hour followed by afternoon tea was the format to adopt. Following the example of the Betley D & J club we would conclude with a raffle of inexpensive items donated by members. The group was named the Tea-Set after an advert for tea on television finished with the exhortation to "join the tea set". Our first speaker on May 20th 1997 was Margaret Bebbington, a member of the history group, cousin of Beryl Fox and collector of antiques. She brought along items of nostalgia from "Granny's Home", explained their uses, and waived a fee. There was a satisfying turnout of about 20. We were up and running but would it last? In the early years we had 8 or 9 meetings a year, charging 50p. I would get it in the neck from Rachel and Joyce if a Tea-Set coincided with a D & J club meeting. 21 years later we have 11 meetings a year, charge £2.50 and have attendances of between 20 and 30. Regular members come from Alsager, Audley and Haslington. The meeting on November 21st 2017 was our most successful to date. John Chambers who retired after 40 years' employment at Radway Green talked to us about the history of the armaments factory. He was accompanied by 2 colleagues currently employed there. They brought along such a wealth of archive material that there was scarcely room enough to set out the tea, exacerbated further by the fact that the number to be served exceeded 40. The Tea-Set is not an exclusive club. Everyone is welcome. There is no membership fee. It is an important fund raiser for the village hall, now raising over £500 each year. The village hall committee has such a small number of members that the same people produce cakes each month. If you enjoy baking we would love donations, which can be put in a freezer if days of meetings are inconvenient. More importantly, we would love to see Barthomley folk.

Remember, it is YOUR village hall.

Carol Micklewright



**1st May
RESOLUTIONS**

Hostesses: Committee.

Flowers: S Speed.

Apparently Benjamin Franklin asked himself, "What good shall I do this day?" and each evening, "What good have I done today?" I suspect we would get a variety of answers to those questions if we asked that of everyone we know but I imagine that we would be amazed by how thoughtful and unselfish people actually are - and that's exactly what happened when we met Keith Vigurs our speaker. He explained that on a day when he and his wife took a trip to look at Bugsworth Basin (the terminus of the Peak Forest Canal) they became totally committed to helping with the restoration. The basin was reopened to boats at Easter 1999, and a significant increase in the use of the canal occurred. They worked tirelessly gaining donations and raising money from a wide range of sources which included selling plant pots painted by Keith's wife with colourful canal art. They managed to sell 3,000 of them to visitors! Keith's wife also took on the job of restoring the gardens - they became so committed that every night they went to water the 400 trees donated to them until they became established. They both seem to retain their enthusiasm and interest in everything they do.

Our next Meeting is on 1st May when it will be our Resolutions Evening, we will be discussing the 2018 W.I. National Resolution which is put to the vote at the AGM in Cardiff. Our Meetings are held in Barthomley Village Hall and start at 7 p.m. Visitors are warmly welcomed - why don't you come along to listen to our debate (don't worry there's cake as well)!

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