

A message from Cheshire East Council:

As you may be aware, Cheshire East Council are developing proposals to improve the A500 between Meremoor Moss Roundabout and M6 Junction 16. The works would involve the construction of a new carriageway to the south of the existing one, to bring this last section of the road up to dual carriageway standard. The scheme would support the growth plans for Crewe that are identified in Cheshire East's Local Plan Strategy, which has recently been adopted, and facilitate the development of the proposed HS2 hub station in Crewe, as well as easing a bottle neck on the region's road network.

We are working with our delivery partners, Ringway Jacobs, to deliver the scheme, and you may have already seen surveyors working on the A500 and the surrounding land. They are collecting information to enable us to develop the design, to assess current traffic flows, and to assess the existing environmental conditions. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your patience and co-operation during these surveys.

We will shortly be undertaking a consultation exercise on the preliminary proposals ahead of submitting a planning application next year, and would welcome any feedback you may have to help us get the best scheme. I would like to invite you to a public exhibition, where members of the project team will be available to give you more details about the scheme and discuss any issues or concerns.

Where: Barthomley Village Hall

When: Wednesday 20th September 2pm-8pm

Saturday 23rd September 9am-4pm

I look forward to seeing you there!

Kate Beirne CEC Project Sponsor

BARTHOMLEY VILLAGE HALL

A joint Village Hall Committee and
PCC event
Saturday September 30th at 7.00 for
7.30pm.

Adults £12.50 Children £5.00.

Please BYO Drinks
Tempting raffle prizes!

Tickets from Angela Speedy and Janet Peacock (tel. 873758)



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".

The Rectory
Barthomley

August 18th 2017

My dear Friends,

There's a lot on in September!

St Bertoline's Lunch is on the 3rd. There's no charge, but we do issue tickets so that we know how many to cater for and can prepare the place names.

As usual there will be a pot at the door for donations as you leave.

John Beasley is rounding off our summer Organ Recitals on Sept 15th.

These have been much appreciated throughout the summer by a growing number as the months have progressed. We are very grateful to , Graham Brown and John Beasley, and specially so to our visitors Philip Crookall and George Robey. We shall be looking forward to a new series next summer.

On September 17th at 6.30pm we will be hosting the Peace Sunday Choral Evensong at St Bertoline's for the third time. Last year members of our own choir joined the St Christopher Chorale and choristers from Betley Church.

This year there are to be two Friday evening rehearsals as well as on the Sunday afternoon.

The month closes with our celebration of Harvest. There will be boxes in Church on the three earlier Sundays of September for the congregation to take away and bring back with non-perishable gifts please. As usual our Harvest produce will be sent to the Salvation Army in Crewe.

One of the highlights of the year – the Harvest Supper – will be on September 30th in the Village Hall. As last year, the tickets are £12.50 for adults, children £5. The tickets will be available from the beginning of September.

Best wishes to you all,
Darrel Speedy

5th September
LEEK EMBROIDERY
Rowena Lovatt

Hostesses: S Evans, C Clowes, D Blinston
Flowers: S Downes
Vote of thanks: B Newton
Competition: "Original Piece Of Embroidery
Could Be A Family Heirloom"

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INSPIRING WOMEN

July's Meeting was an opportunity to celebrate.

It was the birthday of one of our oldest and most long-standing members, Hilda Johnson, who will be 90 years old this week. Chris Bailey paid tribute to the many contributions she has made to our Institute over the 33 years she has been a member: she is a past President, she has been a speaker for us on many occasions researching a wide variety of subjects. She has had photographs chosen for the Cheshire W.I.

Calendar – of course not the type that you are probably thinking of! Hilda diligently kept our Scrap Books for many years and entered a wide variety of craft items in the Cheshire Show. She is of course one of our most valued members - we most fittingly paid tribute to her with a toast and expressed the hope that we see her attendance at our meetings for many years to come.

Our President Bev Newton gave a very interesting account of her trip to Liverpool to attend the AGM as our Delegate. The two Resolutions: **Alleviating Loneliness** and **A Call on Government and Industry to Undertake a Serious Commitment into Researching the Impact of Plastic Soup** were adopted. During the break for refreshments we all had time to admire "Barty" the W.I. giraffe- I hear you all ask why? Each Institute was invited to enter an exhibit into The Cheshire Show entitled "All Creatures Great and Small". So, without hesitation our special committee came up with the idea of a giraffe! The competition was judged by the public – we came 3rd! Barty will now live in the children's corner in St. Bertoline's Church.

August's meeting opened with news of forthcoming events, one of which sounds as if we are going to be allowed to enter into an Agatha Christie murder mystery, (we may have to be Miss. Marple rather than Hercule Poirot for the W.I. of course! We are invited by the Mercia Link Group of W.I.'s to attend their Autumn Meeting in October where a group of players act out a drama – we have to note clues within the play and solve the crime, it sounds as if we are going to need our magnifying glasses and a quizzical gaze look, just like Joan Hickson!

We certainly didn't have to solve any mysteries when our speaker for the evening, Sally Evans, began to tell us about her "Passion for Stones". She arrived laden down with artefacts and resources. There were fossils, glass, rocks, shells, quartz etc., In addition she had drawn maps of the countries where she had collected them. She was able to weave her personal history, her knowledge of geography, natural and social history alongside the description of her finds. The 'stones' came from Oman, Africa, America and of course the British Isles. Sally is one of our most talented members, her 'finds' inspire her ceramic artwork. She really inspired us!



The Strawberry Tea.

A packed Village Hall was the venue for the annual Strawberry Tea 2017; and I believe that during the many years that Angela and Darrel have hosted this worthwhile fundraiser this was only the third occasion that the Village Hall has had to be used, unless of course, dear reader, you know differently?

As Charlie and I approached the hall there was the sound of happy animated chatter; and seated at a table in at the entrance hall was Jackie Edge, ably assisted by Frank, taking our entrance tickets and firmly, but most politely, requesting that we purchase raffle tickets for what was an amazing array of prizes to be won after tea; (it does appear that Jackie's ability to sell raffle tickets is 'exceptional', as witnessed at the Barbecue event, some weeks ago!)

It was so lovely to see the tables with beautifully embroidered tablecloths of linen and lace, fine china cups and saucers and individual china tea-pots; (here's an opportunity for our enterprising clergy to open An Olde English Village Tea Shoppe). A delicious tea of buttered scones, kindly prepared earlier by Rachel, Angela's younger daughter, strawberries and cream and the quintessential English cuppa.

This year, all who attended were fortunate to have and enjoy the delight of 'background' music featuring The Saint Christopher Chorale's recording of choral work (s) and music recorded at St. Bertoline's earlier this year. It was good also, to have Philip Crookhall, their Musical Director and conductor along with a few members of the choir to share with us. Thank you St. Christopher Chorale for using our beautiful church in your latest recording.

Finally, thank you Angela and Darrel for hosting and organising another successful Strawberry Tea 'fundraiser' and raffle for St. Luke's Hospice Winsford and to ALL ladies in 'The Engine Room' for your contribution in helping everything go so smoothly.

As The Master of Ceremonies at the long forgotten television programme, 'The Good Old Days' always said 'but thank you, mainly yourselves' for raising £ 385!
Vera Bennion.