

Brian at a recent Buckingham Palace Garden party.



“Brian Whittaker does so much for our village and church. He has a great sense of humour and frequently has us in stitches. However just what did he say to Her Majesty ? She was certainly amused.

Balterley Post Office (From the BBC Domesday Project 1986)

Balterley Post Office is a small country shop. There are hardly any houses near it except a few cottages and an occasional farmhouse, Mr Dean has owned the Post Office for 32 years, he also sells groceries. Before it was a Post Office it was an inn. It is over 200 years old and is in an acre of land with some outbuildings, one of which was a bakery for bread,

Most customers come from Audley or Balterley. Mr Dean toured Balterley as a travelling salesman. After WW2 Mr Dean returned to take over the Post office. He is usually very busy but he thinks working in a shop is most interesting if you like the company of different types of people. Mr Dean thinks the people of Balterley are very friendly.

(The project required children to record ordinary details which might be of interest in 100 years time.)



A message from Len Griffin's family.

Although we might not tell him very often, we all feel very blessed to have such a good, kind & loving dad...and we all know not to call on a Saturday afternoon, when the racing is on! Kate, Sandy & Louise xxx

Cocoa Beetroot Brownie (Lisa Hepting)

200g Margarine
100g Beetroot grated
4 eggs
75g cocoa powder
150g plain flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
300g light soft brown sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla essence

Melt the margarine, remove from the heat and cool.
Stir in sugar, cocoa and grated beetroot
Stir in eggs and vanilla essence
Mix in flour and baking powder.

Pour into a greased tin
Bake for 25 - 30 minutes
Medium oven

I had the opportunity to sample a piece of this during a visit to Pikemere Primary School. Lisa, the cook, kindly passed on this recipe—totally yum-my!
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Please Help – The Demographic Time Bomb

It costs around £120, and rising, for each and every day to run St. Bertoline's (excluding major repair projects). This money has to be raised by the PCC, there is no funding support from central church funds or other bodies. Insurance is one of the largest outlays with full replacement cover for the building and contents now valued at an astonishing £13.5million.

Like most small rural churches, the age profile of core support means that St. Bertoline's is facing what the C of E refers to as a Demographic Time Bomb. This is a situation where elderly supporters pass on faster than are being replaced. It is a situation where our church badly needs regular financial support from a new generation of the community. These are people who typically do not attend church regularly but still greatly value the contribution that St. Bertoline's makes to the community.

Gift Aid is a generous government incentive to encourage donations to charities. The church receives 25p from HM Revenue for every £1 donated from taxpayers. A £5 monthly bankers standing order is worth £6.25 which mounts up on an annual basis to £75. Obviously, all donations are most welcome but small regular donations from infrequent church attenders are particularly valued.

Len Griffin PCC Treasurer

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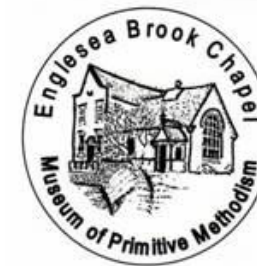
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A BIG Thank you to so many of you who supported our recent events in particular, the Quilt exhibition and the Bats evening.

On Saturday 8th July (10.30 – 3.30) We have a 'Local Heroes Event': Hugh Bourne 'Pioneer of Science for all'.

The day is split into sections so feel free to come for the day and bring a packed lunch or indulge in toasted tea cakes etc. here OR come along as and when you can.

The first talk (10.30 – 11.30) is by John Anderson, who will speak on 'The Bourne Family, Millwrights and Engineers'

Followed at 11.30 by Jill Barber on "Hugh Bourne's Primitive Physic" and then after lunch at 1.30 Stephen Hatcher will speak about 'Hugh Bourne Man of God, Man of Science' followed by 'Experiments with everyday objects!'

Do come along and have fun.

On Saturday 12 August (10.30 – 11.30) We have a talk 'Canadian Journal of Rev. John Davison (1847-83)' with Randle Knight.

Further Heritage Services will be held on:

Sunday 9th July (2.30-3.30) We have a Heritage Service with Jill Barber 'Liberation Theology'.

Bank Holiday Monday 28 August Our Heritage Service will take place at Hassall Road 'Celebrating the Book' with Malcolm Lorimer.

We look forward to welcoming YOU at any or all of our events or just call in and browse our new exhibition when we are open.

Photographers

Thank you everyone for the lovely selection of photos for our 2018 calendar. Please keep taking pictures for the next one. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Val, Mary and Dorothy