

BARTHOMLEY BOWLING CLUB



Barthomley

celebrating its centenary on

**Saturday 17th August 2024
11 am. To 4 pm.**

Bowling Club is

It is not many village organisations that have survived for 100 years, and it is a great achievement for Barthomley Bowling Club.

Come along and have a go at Bowling. Bowls will be provided if you have none of your own. I do not know of anyone who has tried bowling and has not enjoyed it.

There will be games for the children and refreshments served in the marquee. Ice cream will be available by the pavilion and tea and coffee is also being served inside the pavilion.

Everyone is welcome, so do come along and make the Bowling Club Centenary a day to remember.

For further enquiries please contact Norman Lawson 01270 876447, or Email tnm.lawson@outlook.com

My neighbour knocked on my door at 2.30 this morning, can you believe that ? 2.30 am!

Luckily for him I was still up playing my bagpipes.

Flower of the Month July Delphinium (Larkspur)



The common name “larkspur” may refer to flowers of the genus *Consolida*, which tend to be annuals, or to flowers of the genus *Delphinium*, which tend to be perennials. The plants are very closely related, with *Consolida* often being considered a distinct group within the *Delphinium* genus.

Larkspurs are believed to have derived their name from their resemblance to the claw of the meadowlark. It has also been referred to as Lark’s Claw, Knight’s Spur, and Lark’s Heel.

While it is beautiful and a welcome addition to any garden, the larkspur is highly poisonous to humans and animals if ingested.

Flower of the Month August Poppy



There are over 70 different species of poppies, including the Iceland poppy, Oriental poppy, and California poppy. Each species has its own unique characteristics and is prized for its beauty.

Poppies have been depicted in art for centuries. They can be found in paintings by artists such as Vincent van Gogh, Claude Monet, and Georgia O’Keeffe. Van Gogh’s “Vase with Red Poppies” and Monet’s “Poppies Blooming” are famous examples of poppy-themed paintings.

“Where flowers bloom so does hope.”

Lady Bird Johnson

Vera Bennion

Barthomley Village Spring Clean Update A BIG THANK-YOU!

It is fantastic to see how much has been done to help keep our village looking tidy! Since our last notice in April villagers have:

- Cleared weeds and mud from the A500 bridge on Rushy Lane
- Cleared weeds from the footpath from Hungerford Place to the church
- Strimmed the bank at Hungerford Place
- Cleared the footpath of mud at the Well
- Reinstated road signs that had slipped down
- Cleaned sign posts
- Cleared weeds along the church wall
- Cleared the lay-by at Hungerford Place
- Litter pickers continue to do their bit



There are probably things missed from the list, apologies if so, and there are other things planned, such as clearing the weeds from the triangle and clearing the lay-by by the rope swing on the Audley Rd.

It is great that people are taking pride in the village and are prepared to do their bit. Let's keep up the good work and keep Barthomley beautiful!

Barthomley Parish Council

LONG LIGHT EVENINGS

It is still cold for the time of year but I am always impressed by our farmers who seize each short fine spell and work their socks off till the impending job is complete. My own back lawn is a mess, mole hills galore and now my husband's grave in the churchyard is also being excavated!

It is not too late to apply to Simon on 07766655066 for tickets for the HARP CONCERT on Sunday 7th July at 3.00pm in St Bertoline's Church. Do join us for the STRAWBERRY TEA on Sunday 21st July in the Rectory Garden between 2.30-5.00pm (see advert)

On Saturday 17th August the Barthomley Bowling Club will be celebrating its CENTENARY please do make an appearance at this special event. The TEA SET on Tuesday 16th July has Colin Baxter, a local vet, as its speaker. Tea Set then takes a break in August before meeting again on Tuesday 17th September.

Our birthday wishes to the parish's senior resident MARGARET CLARKE and thanks to her and her team who deliver the most Parish News. Sadly we said farewell to TONY FORSTER who was laid to rest in the churchyard in late May; our condolences to his wife Jean (nee Yoxall) and their family. A small team put much effort into the production of the Parish News but I do wonder if it is appreciated. Times change, please if you would rather just receive information through the Parish Share page, Facebook and the church website let us know. We will not be offended but would like your honest opinions.

Finally July 4th is the General Election after which hoping you all manage to relax, either at home or abroad this summer, and enjoy the necessary break in routine.

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A group of bishops were out at lunch when they discovered that the salt shaker contained pepper, and the pepper shaker was full of salt. They debated how could they swap the contents of the two bottles without spilling any, and using only the implements at hand? They came up with a brilliant solution involving a napkin, a straw, and an empty saucer. They called the waitress over, ready to dazzle her with their solution, but before they could start, the waitress apologised, leaned over, unscrewed the caps of both bottles and swapped them.

Friendship happens when people know a lot about you, but like you anyway.

The optimist proclaims we live in the best of all possible worlds; and the pessimist fears this is true.

The only certain thing about the future is that it always arrives one day at a time.