TATTENHALL HANDLEY & BURWARDSLEY PARISH NEWS

March 2021

Mothering Sunday 14th March

March 14th will be the fourth Sunday of Lent this year when we should be lavishing our mums with attention and celebrating the women who have nurtured us throughout our lives.

Normally, at St Alban's Mothering Sunday Service we would be presenting posies of spring flowers to mums and grandmas, neighbours. This year, as times are different, there is a reminder of a beautiful flower arrangement dedicated to those who will be separated from their families this year as we pray for the time when we can all be reunited in love.

Historically, Mothering Sunday was the day when those working on wealthy estates and farms were given the day off to visit their families and attend their mother church. In modern times, it is a day when children give presents, flowers, and home-made cards to their mothers. This will be a Mothering Sunday like no other this year, as scores of people self-isolate and are forced to rethink plans with loved ones. With the usual lunches and afternoon teas cancelled, what can people do instead to celebrate? As a church, we will be holding a virtual special Mothering Sunday Service on 14th March. You can listen to our service on our St Alban's website anytime on the above date. Perhaps you might think of surprising someone with some flowers and if the lockdown is still in place, simply knock the door and leave them on the door step.

Being in the middle of Lent, Mothering Sunday was also a "holiday" from abstinence and a traditional Simnel cake was baked and presented for afternoon tea with mum. The origin of the name "Simnel" is unclear, but the light fruit cake with a double layer of marzipan is yummy! There are traditionally 11 marzipan balls on the top. One for each of the loyal disciples (Judas is not counted).

Simnel Cake Recipe

Ingredients
175g butter
175g soft brown sugar
3 large eggs (beaten)
175g plain flour
½ tsp ground mixed spice
400g of mixed fruit
Zest of a lemon
Marzipan
Apricot jam

Method
Preheat oven to 140C and grease and line 18cm tin.
Cream the butter and sugar and beat in eggs.
Sift in flour and spices and add all ingredients.
Put half the mix in the tin and carefully place a disc of marzipan on top before adding rest of cake mix.
Bake for 1 ¾ hrs.
When cooled brush with warmed jam and put a second disc of marzipan and decorate with 11 disciples on the top.

Lent

From
Sunday 21st February
St Alban's Church will be open each Sunday 10-12pm for Private Prayer

All are Welcome

MAKING A DIFFERENCE TOGETHER

VSG PPG

Village Surgeries Patient Participation Group

01829 771588

'What a Difference a Year Makes'

By the time you read this, 'Spring will have Sprung' and so many of our community will have received at least one of the available Covid vaccines.

The last 12 months have been like no other but our Village Surgeries Group (VSG) has done everything to ensure our continued good health.

Modest as they all are, your Patient Participation Group (PPG) established in 2017, has continued to praise their unstinting efforts and commitment. At times they have been exhausted and emotionally overwhelmed by the logistical challenges in rolling out (firstly) the increased flu vaccination programme and then the Covid vaccination programme, and all of this in covid-secure environments and wearing full PPE! They continue to be heartened by your support, your optimism, your heartfelt thanks and with the promise of further vaccines ahead.

Your Practices at Tattenhall and Farndon have remained 'open for business' throughout the pandemic; have continued to transform their services with telephone triage appointments, video calls and annual reviews; continued to seek patient views (*our second easy-to-use online Patient Survey takes place this Spring*), and further developed local health and community services with the appointment of new Clinical Pharmacists, Social Prescribers, Medical Receptionists .. the list goes on.

And in all of this, we now know a new language PPE, Social Distancing, Telephone Triage, Lockdown, New-Normal!!

Your PPG has continued to hold Zoom meetings throughout (some of which are now open to a wider group within our community), and seeks to keep you informed through the VSG Website, the VSG Facebook Page or through Tattenhall Online. Working collaboratively with the Practice, the PPG has particularly promoted online Patient Access; the uptake of which has been a tremendous success.

What a difference a year makes but we finish where we started, 'Spring has Sprung' - we will get through this together!

Stay safe everyone .... your VSG/PPG

Flu Clinic

Flu Clinic

Covid-19 Clinic

TATTENHALL and DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

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Chairman: Iain Keeping

At the February meeting the main issue of discussion was the flooding on 20th January. It was highlighted that there were a number of agencies involved but residents commented that it was not clear where responsibilities lay. The flooding significantly affected Old Mill Place with water entering both from the High Street and from the Mill Pond.

There were also other areas of the village affected including the six arterial roads. It was stated that there were serious issues with surface drainage and whilst Cheshire West & Chester Council (CW&C) was clearing drains at night on 19th January, significant work was required by CW&C to allow surface water to clear. It was agreed that a working group would be created to identify and, where possible, implement measures to help prevent reoccurrence of flooding in Old Mill Place. The group would include the Parish Council, CW&C, the Environment Agency, local landowners, and residents. Full details of the plan can be read in the February meeting minutes at https://tattenhallpc.co.uk/the-parish-council/minutes

The tree which had prevented the new footpath to Newton by Tattenhall being joined to the existing footpath had now been removed which would allow completion of the footpath. It was reported that there were several gaps in the hedging alongside the new footpath and this would be pursued.

CW&C had started a consultation on the future of waste collection. The Parish Council would submit a response, but residents were encouraged to read the details of the alternative waste collection proposals and submit their comments to CW&C at https://participatenow.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/waste-strategy-consultation

It was agreed that the Council would sponsor a "*Welly Walk*" to encourage businesses and residents to fill old wellington boots with flowers to be displayed around the village. More details can be found on the Parish Council website.

At this time of the year the Parish Council would usually invite local groups to apply for small grants to support their projects. It was agreed that this would not take place this year and the funds would be retained for any flood investigation costs and mitigation works.

All residents are welcome to attend Parish Council meetings and can raise any issue in the 15 minute Public Participation section at the start of the meeting. Meetings are held on the first Monday of the month at 7.30pm. Meetings are currently held via Zoom and if you wish to join the meeting, whether to make comments or just to listen, then please contact the Clerk for details.

Councillor Andy Scarratt

West Cheshire Rural

In March 2020 Covid 19 reared its very ugly head and all the activities in West Cheshire Rural U3A stopped. However, with members embracing the spirit of the U3A, and getting to grips with technology we were not closed for long.

With the help of Zoom, some of our Interest Groups were up and running relatively quickly and have continued to meet online. These include the Poetry Reading Group, the Ukulele Group and the Reading Group.

To keep in contact with members we have established a regular News Bulletin, and together with our website this has given our members an insight into the wealth of material there is online. When the restrictions allowed, some of our groups, such as the walking group have safely and successfully met face to face.

Monthly meetings, held on Zoom, have covered a wide range of topics including the "History of Tea in England", a talk about "Scams and how to spot them", "Curious and amazing tales of Liverpool", and a talk by the RSPB on British birds.

Now we are in to a new year and we are planning for the future. For the moment meetings will continue on Zoom, moving to meeting in person only when it is safe to do so.

We have a varied program of talks scheduled including:

- In March Kath Reynolds' will give a reminiscence talk titled "Playing Out".
- In April James Taylor will give a talk on "Brilliant British Humour in the Forgotten Art of the Picture Postcard: 1840-1950".

We are also planning some new interest groups including a second Book Group, How to Solve Cryptic Crossword Group and a Beginners Welsh Group.

If you would like to join us at our monthly meeting or join one of our current or proposed interest groups please contact Hilary Scarratt (our Membership Secretary) via our Website Contact page. https://u3asites.org.uk/west-cheshire/contact

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Like most other clubs and organisations in the village, the Sports Club has had to adjust to the pandemic and the various lockdown and tier provisions.

Unsurprisingly, indoor activities have been hardest hit with the squash/racketball courts unable to be used for much of the past year. The gym has been reconfigured and prior to Lockdown 3 was being used on a pre-booked and a one-at-a- time basis.

During 2020 outdoor sports, for the most part, fared much better. The tennis courts and croquet lawns were well used through the year, the cricketers enjoyed half a season of matches and the Running Club found a variety of different ways to keep their members active and motivated - not least by organising working groups to clear litter on the Bickerton hills and on some of the local roads.

At the club, we have been doing important housekeeping repairs and have recently installed cycle racks to encourage members to cycle rather than drive to the club.

We are all looking forward to a resumption of sporting activities under whatever COVID guidelines prevail at the time.

Martin Cooke

JANE'S JOTTINGS

VACCINATIONS

During the waiting time to be called I bet for the first time in your life you wished you were older!

Those who have been to Cheshire View for their jabs will know that the procedure is painless – superbly organised and well signposted. Anybody else think it would have been a good idea to have a syringe pointing the way instead of an arrow?

A CHRISTMAS REFLECTION

I know we are looking FORWARD to Easter rather than looking BACK at Christmas but I wanted to share this with you. Like many I did the bulk of my Christmas Shopping via the little catalogues that land on your mat and on line.

I was leafing through one of these booklets when I came upon a mechanical tarantula! The incentive to buy it read – "spend your Christmas frightening the living daylights out of your friends and family…!

MISUNDERSTANDING

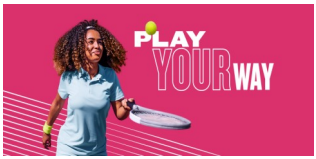
When the first lock down was lifted most of us were desperate to get to the Hairdresser. It was a strange experience having a tint, cut and blow dry with a mask on! As I went in the Salon a beautifully coiffured lady came out . Even with her black mask on she looked stunning and I commented as such. "Yes" she replied "but I only went in there to rob the place"!

THANK YOU

A lot has been said about the fantastic community spirit prevalent in Tattenhall during the pandemic and recently the flood. There are many willing to help whenever they can. We experienced it when we had the virus over Christmas. Thank you everyone who helped with shopping, errands, cooking and for your concern and enquiries after our health and well being. We were very touched and appreciated it very much.

CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Thank you so much to EVERYONE who gave a gift to St Alban's for Christmas and helped towards our £10,000 target. Thank you too to those who gave donations throughout the year and those regular donors who increased their monthly giving. Your contributions have helped enormously and are very much appreciated. Thanks to you we are pretty close to our target. We are not out of the woods yet so if you do still happen to have the card in your in tray as a reminder - it isn't too late!



Tattenhall Tennis Club is open to everyone and our courts will reopen as soon as allowed.

Updates available on our website : clubspark.lta.org.uk/tattenhalltennisclub

Tennis is one of the few "Covid safe" healthy activities that has been allowed to continue throughout most of the lockdown restrictions.

We've had lots of new players taking advantage of our new booking system and gate access, including non members. Book and pay online at £10 per hour/£12 with lights.

We play throughout the Year, in all weathers.

Our Members Club Social Morning is Tuesday from 10am and Saturday from 2.00pm

If you'd like to have a go, come and say hello.

If you haven't played for a while, why not have a lesson or two with our Coach or get together with friends and book a class together.

Booking is essential for everyone.

Our newly installed SmartAccess gate system is linked to the floodlights so everyone can play for longer.

Go to our website: **clubspark.lta.org.uk/tattenhalltennisclub** and click on Booking, then follow the instructions.

If you are interested in coaching, Berin Ames our Coach can be contacted on 07775 523250 or : acetennisacademy@aol.com

He runs regular Junior and Adult courses, including a very popular Cardio Class and of course he's available for one to one coaching, if preferred.

For any other information email : tattenhalltennis@gmail.com

This edition of the Parish News has a different format . If you would like to comment on it, please email the Editor or contact Ruth Morgan, Churchwarden. Many thanks to those who have contributed photos this month—it wasn't possible to use all of them due to space restrictions but please keep sending them in.

TATTENHALL FIRST RESPONDERS
The Heart of the Community
North West Ambulance Service NHS
NHS Trust

Tattenhall Community First Responder Group is made up of volunteers who are trained and equipped by North West Ambulance Service (NWAS) to respond to certain 999 emergency calls in and around the area. As a result of our rural location, a first responder can often reach a patient in need before an ambulance is able to get there.

During lockdown we have been busier than ever responding to calls as the level of demand on NWAS and the NHS in general has increased dramatically as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Regrettably, one of the first casualties of the pandemic last March was the suspension of all our training activities.

However, as soon as we are able to do so, we will re-commence our programme of regular training for local people in basic life support and the use of a defibrillator. We will let you know when we are able start this again.

We know from direct experience that there have been many cases of Covid-19 locally over the last year, and the virus remains a very real presence in our local community and beyond.

So, stay safe, and take advantage of the vaccine as soon as it is made available to you!

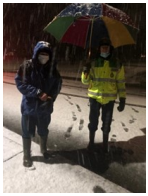
Rob Selby
01829 770586

Thank You

Tattenhall is a village with a huge community heart. It is always tricky to say thank you, because no matter how hard we try, we forget someone! If you would like to include a special thank you message for someone in the next Parish News- please get in touch.

The response to the floods proved (as we don't need reminding!) what an amazing place Tattenhall is. So many people and all of the local businesses pulled together to help those affected by the floods.
These local businesses all need our help. Lockdown continues and the guidance is to stay at home and stay local. We are really lucky to have such amazing restaurants/takeaways in the village and local stores to keep us supplied.
So, if you fancy a curry-go and see Raj at **Tattenhall Spice**, or if Chinese is your thing then contact Eunice at **The Letters**-. Want a brilliant Pizza? Then head to Fired Up at **The Bear and Ragged Staff**. In need of breakfast? Home cooked meals? local produce? Then go and see **Alison at The Country Kitchen**. The chippy isn't just for Friday! **Atno.3** not only does fish and chips but burgers, kebabs, chicken and more!
There is no need to travel for essentials as **Thom Morton** and team have done an amazing job keeping the **Spar** open and well stocked since the start of lockdown. Despite huge setbacks **Pig&Co** are here for quality locally sourced meat and sensational butcher made sausages. Not only do we get great produce and support the local economy but we are reducing food miles too!
We really do have it all on our doorstep, so let's support these amazing local businesses just as they have supported us through the pandemic.
Steve Densley
(Photo by Morgan aged 12)

The Fire station brought a boat, The Barbour Institute filled up with donations of blankets and beds; First Responders and volunteers helped; teachers had a sleepover; Dr Sidhorn arrived by tractor and there was free food and hot drinks for all.



WE LOVE TATTENHALL.
STAY SAFE—STAY LOCAL

WCRU3A Reading Group - still reading!

Like everyone, over the lockdowns we have had interruptions to our meetings, but we have managed a few group reads and online discussions.

Our latest read was *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens. It is set in the marshlands of coastal North Carolina, and the local fauna and flora form the focus of the story, the main part of which takes place in 1969/70. The book is hard to define; as well as the nature writing, it is also a coming-of-age story, and somewhat surprisingly also a murder/courtroom drama. As a young girl, Kya is gradually deserted by the members of her family, and grows up alone - self-sufficient but isolated and lonely, mythologised by the town-dwellers as The Marsh Girl. The story really gets going when she is approaching adulthood. It's an easy read, is well-written, becomes a page-turner, and will keep you guessing right up to the end. Our group all enjoyed it – a rarity!

Apparently it's also just been recommended by HRH the Duchess of Cornwall, who says 'All is not as it seems in this beautifully written, heart-breaking coming-of-age novel. I couldn't put it (or my handkerchief) down!'

We also read Booker prize-winner *Girl Woman Other* by Bernadine Evaristo, revisited the marvellous *Rebecca* by Daphne duMaurier, and delved into the cheery world of PG Wodehouse for some much needed light relief.

Barbara Garner

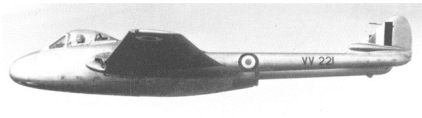
THE BARBOUR INSTITUTE 200 CLUB

Draws have continued throughout all the restrictions and we are now looking forward to our half-year prize draw of £500 in April. Thank you to all our members for their continued support of the Barbour Institute.

Ken's Korner

Jottings from the crevices of his memory
(Ken is an ex RAF pilot, Company director and amateur historian)

You may have flown somewhere on holiday, but have you looked out of the window and seen, on the cloud tops below, the shadow of your aircraft in a pale halo of ice crystals?



Did you maybe notice, a distance away, an isolated towering thunderstorm, its anvil-shaped head, and the black rain area below, in otherwise clear air? If so, did you see the lilac-coloured lightning flashes in its turbulent column? Your pilot would avoid flying into one of these because the air currents within are powerful enough to turn an aeroplane upside-down. Nice to see, but dangerous to enter.

Many years ago I saw all these things, and much more, for I was a jet fighter pilot who actually, and unintentionally, flew through several thunderstorms and was hit by lightening. I was in an all-weather air force – the RAF.

Night flying in bad weather can have its interest. In some conditions I have seen a reddish-purple glow round my wing tips and tail, even sometimes lighting up the wet airstream over my cockpit canopy. Ancient mariners called this St. Elmo's fire. If it was seen playing around mast tops and rigging, they took it as a bad omen, fearing that their ship would be doomed before it reached port.

I'll tell you another tale or two next time.

Ken Senar

Father Lameck

Let Lent transform Lives for Christ

Lent is a season of soul-searching, a time for reflection, giving and taking stock. In the earliest days of the Church lent began as a time of preparation for Easter, and by observing lent, the individual Christian imitates Jesus withdrawal into the wilderness.

This has been what we have known but this year we celebrate Lent in isolation, away from the church building and unable to see our loved ones. Most of us are isolated, not because we ourselves suffer from the illness (at least yet), but in order to protect vulnerable populations from the sickness. The same crowded parishes are empty; the physical Eucharistic liturgies are currently suspended until probably just before Easter.

All this is just an assumption for no one knows but only God. Many of us who were fasting from technology now spend hours gazing at a screen, immersed in audio technologies that allow us to connect with the world outside our isolation zones.

The elderly have been cut off from the very communities that were a lifeline for them, spending hours by themselves in houses without visitors. How long will we continue to practice this social distancing? How long will our social clubs be closed? How long will our businesses be closed? How long can I pay my rent without an income? How long will my parish not offer a Communion or the sacraments for the benefit of the faithful? How long until our hospital beds are full of the sick and dying? Will I be one of them? Will it be my family or neighbour? There's a pious, albeit unhelpful temptation, to dismiss this anxiety too quickly. After all, the faithful are those without anxiety, who have no fear.

If we trust in God, then everything will be fine no matter what happens. In the end we know that we are destined for life eternal. Whatever happens in the present, whatever suffering presents itself, God will never forsake us. But in the meantime, as we wait for the easing of the lock down, may I encourage you to join me in doing just one thing 'transform lives'.

Many of our friends and relatives are patiently waiting for your extended hand of love. Whatever you can do to transform lives, be it giving your time, buying someone groceries, calling on someone you know or offering your special skills, that will be part of our theme this month of transforming lives'. Jesus did not open a soup kitchen; he fed crowds who came to hear him preach. Christianity is about more than outward behaviour. It is about the condition of the heart. We need to prepare our hearts for Easter by setting aside this time for self -examination and transforming lives for Christ. Too often we focus on what others are doing and give a blind eye on what we ourselves are doing. If there is anything that will give you joy and peace of mind, it is when we give and transform lives that have struggled for so long. God is not simply commanding outward obedience. He is commanding perfect inner obedience as well. Just as Christ made the ultimate sacrifice for us, He desires that we learn to be givers in our everyday lives in response to His generosity.

"In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"(Acts 20:35)

In the foyer of a church, a young boy was looking at a plaque with the names of men and women who had died in various wars. He asked the priest, "Who are these people?" The priest replied, "Those are members from our church who died in the service." The little boy asked, "The early service or the second service?"

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	Handley	Alex Park 771556	Christine Walley 771976
	Burwardsley	Jean Dutton 770379	Barbara Sculthorpe 770418

Diocesan and Deanery News

Bishop Keith is retiring

As you know, Bishop Keith will be retiring on the 7th March after serving us faithfully for the last 14 years as our Bishop of Birkenhead. We have so much to give thanks for as we bless Keith and Rosie into this next stage of their life and ministry. Bishops are called to love and serve the people of God, to be diligent in prayer, to seek out the lost, to be gentle and merciful, and to "pass on entire the faith that is entrusted to us." Bishop Keith has been such a gift in this and so much more and although we are sorry to see him leave, we are deeply grateful for his and Rosie's time with us.

The Rural Dean is retiring

The Revd Canon Ian Davenport will be retiring at the end of April, which means that his tenure as Rural Dean of Malpas Deanery will also come to an end. We are very grateful to Ian for the wise and capable way he has led the Deanery over the past few years.

Three Churches Together

Appreciation

In times such as this, it is only appropriate for me to sincerely give thanks to our churchwardens, members of P.C.C. and all parishioners in keeping the lights of our churches lit. May I continue to encourage you all to continue offering your generous support to the life of churches so that we may leave a legacy for those to come. Your village church needs you more than ever before and together we can pull through.

ST ALBAN'S CHURCH, TATTENHALL

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someone with some flowers and if the lockdown is still in place, simply knock on the door and leave them on the door step.

Cancellation of Pancake Day Races 2021
Due to the pandemic and subsequent lockdown, the pancake race will not be held this year.

Holy Week
The intention is to recommence Covid safe Services over Easter. If these cannot go ahead, all services will take place online.

From the Registers

27th January 2021	Angela Mary Jenkins
28th January 2021	Phyllis Aspinall
11th February 2021	Lesley Jenkins

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, HANDLEY

A special thanks for our churchwardens and members of the P.C.C. for looking after the church during the lockdown.

Easter Services

After such a long time in lockdown, we are planning to have our first service on Easter Sunday (that is if the lock down is over)

09.15 am- Easter Sunday

ST JOHN'S CHURCH, BURWARDSLEY

We would like to offer many thanks to our Treasurer, Jeanne and all members of the P.C.C. for looking after the church during the lockdown. We are hoping to have our first service at Easter. (that is if the lockdown is over)
A very belated Happy New Year to you all. We hope you are well and keeping safe. Thank you to the volunteers who came to clean and decorate the church at Christmas and tidy the churchyard. A big thank you to the community who have delivered papers, taken shopping lists, walked dogs and kept an eye on the "mature residents" also to Sheryl, Burwardsley PO Village Store/Coffee Shop with her deliveries and keeping us supplied with our goodies. It is wonderful how the community has come together and rallied round to help.

A Piece of History of Burwardsley
On looking through some old papers of the church we found in an old copy of the History of the Church an article that in 1887 Burwardsley had a monthly magazine entitled 'Home Words'. It contained 27 pages of stories (one a serial), glossy pictures, verses and puzzles. It sold for 1 penny (old money) a copy. Unfortunately the Magazine ended after the first year because of lack of support

resulting in a loss of £4.00. On the inside cover of the first issue is an explanation of the purpose of the magazine. The copy has been archived by the Diocese and kept in the records. "Not surprising it didn't sell as I expect it was too expensive in the day, how forward thinking for the time. It is my intention (when allowed) to investigate further and hope we can obtain a copy. Watch this space. Stay safe everyone and look forward to when our lovely church on the hill can open its doors in all its glory Burwardsley PCC.

Services -Easter Day : 10.00am Easter Service with Holy Communion

Obituaries

Susan Battersby- 12 May 1944 -26th November 2020

Susan was born in Coventry, Warwickshire 12 May 1944 and went to the local primary school before going onto Stoke Park Grammar School for girls until 1962, during which time she made many friends who have remained close friends for all these years. Susan is remembered by her school friends as a warm, witty and fun loving girl who excelled in sport being the school team captain in hockey and tennis. Susan was gifted academically but was also talented, playing the violin in the school orchestra. Susan never forgot her school friends and returned each year for a reunion. Susan went to Rolle College, Exmouth in 1962 to train as a teacher and it was in 1964 that she met Derek whom she married in 1965. Once again Susan made friends at Rolle College who remained friends throughout her life. Susan's first teaching post in 1965 was at Chatsworth Street Primary School in Liverpool with a class almost 50. Susan, not being from Liverpool on her first day there could hardly understand a word the children said, but she soon acquired the ability to interpret the accent. In 1968 Susan and Derek moved back to Devon where Susan taught until the birth of Andrew in 1972 and then Simon in 1974. Susan enjoyed being at home bringing up the children. In 1982 Susan returned to teaching at Stowford Primary School, Ivybridge, and Devon and remained there until retiring in 2004. Susan became an institution at the school and inspired so many children. She was so warm, gentle and inspiring, never raising her voice in her class environment, thus it was the perfect place for the children's first experience of school. Susan was always on hand to help and advise colleagues in her quiet and reassuring anner.Susan was an active member of the community involved in the church, chair of village groups, appearing in pantomime and Summer shows, always there whatever the function to provide a helping hand if needed. Susan had a range of interests: tennis which she played to a good club standard, crafts such as book binding, patchwork, tapestry and art. Susan was diagnosed with Lewy Body Dementia in December 2017. The last 12 months for Susan were extremely difficult and that lovely smile of hers was now rarely seen but she did not complain about her illness and was extremely brave. A few months ago Susan recounted "All those children I taught to read and write and now I cannot do either". Susan and Derek lived for each other and their love and respect for each other did not diminish throughout their 55 years of marriage. Friends have said we were very lucky to have known her.

Jack Raine 1931 – 2020, a life well lived

It is with regret we tell everyone of the sad passing of Jack Raine on 17th November. Jack was born in Blackpool in 1931, had grown up in Denton, lived in Ashton Under Lyne and Marple Bridge before eventually moving to Tattenhall Road in 2008. He was very happy here and made many good friends. Jack embraced life and was involved and supported many groups

and organisations, the canal zoners and Suez veterans from his time in the army as well as many transport societies and model railway enthusiast clubs, as well as being a keen supporter of local societies here in the village. He was a church warden, a member of Probus and TOFS, loved to be involved in lots of different activities and organised many social events for the groups he was involved with. He will be sadly missed by his wife of sixty six years Joyce and daughter Pamela and her family.
We would like to thank you all for the kind wishes and cards that have arrived for Joyce, who is not in the best of health but at least home from hospital. In these times of pandemic we are restricted on numbers for the Funeral and hope that we can find time for a service later in 2021 when we will be able to thank everyone personally.

What to look out for around Tattenhall this month

During the various lockdowns in the last 12 months it has been great to see lots of people out walking in the local countryside. We are lucky here in Tattenhall to have many readily accessible footpaths as well as the excellent Millenium Mile. The health benefits – both physical and mental – of being outdoors are now well-established and we hope that these notes may enhance your walks.

March and April are two of the best months to be outdoors as winter transitions into spring and changes to our wildlife are easily noted. Our winter bird visitors such as Fieldfare and Redwing will be leaving in March to return to their Scandinavian breeding grounds as will Pink-footed Geese -which have been such a local highlight this winter - though they return to Iceland to breed. In mid March look and listen for the first of our summer visitors the Chiffchaff (which sings its name!) to be followed by Blackcaps and Swallows and then a succession of species until the last visitors in early May - Swifts and Spotted Flycatchers.

Look out as well for the first wild flowers and the successive opening of leaves on trees. The first flowering Lesser Celandines have already been seen but also look for Primroses, Jack-by-the-hedge, Wood Anemones, Red Campion, Cowslips, Lady's Smock and Ransomes (wild garlic - the churchyard is a great place to look for this).

Some of our butterflies over-winter as adults - Brimstone, Small Tortoiseshell, Peacock, Comma and Red Admiral -and can be seen on sunny days from March onwards – and sometimes even earlier. Other species over-winter as eggs, larvae or pupae and the first to emerge is the gorgeous Orange Tip which is real sign that spring is here!

WILLS

Have you written yours?
Have you considered writing one but haven't got round to it yet?
Have you considered leaving something to St Alban 's Church?

ST ALBAN'S CHURCH welcomes all gifts left in Wills – large or small. Our policy is to use the gift wisely and it would almost certainly go towards maintaining the fabric of the church building thus ensuring it will remain in a stable and safe condition for generations to come.

YOUR WILL is of course a very private matter and you do not need to disclose anything about what you leave or to whom. There are plenty of Solicitors who can guide and help you write it.

If you would like a general no obligation chat with us before deciding or would like information about what will happen to your gift should you leave one, please contact the Rector (Lameck Mutute 770345) or the Treasurer (Jane Richards 770482).

Tattenhall Gardening Society

It has a been a difficult year for everybody and especially for those groups that met together. We tried to find alternative ways to share our passion of gardening with other gardeners!

We held our annual plant sale online, rather than the usual stall outside the Barbour. This was certainly challenging technically, but with a lot of hard work we managed to have a very successful plant sale, making more money than usual to fund the annual show and to help with Society funds. Lots of people bought from us whom we had never seen before: the power of social media was amazing.

The Annual Show was held jointly with the Allotment Association as an outdoor event, and although pared down to fit the space, had the extra interest of seeing the allotments and the scarecrow competition. Everyone seemed pleased by the day , and certainly the weather was very kind.

We decided to try Zoom for our evening meetings, starting in October.

Our first talk was given by Razvan Chisu, a Romanian gardener who now lives and works in Cheshire. His talk *50 Shades of Green* was a delight with wonderful photographs of foliage plants showing what you can do without flowers.

In November we had an entertaining interactive talk on Topiary, from Daniel Lerigo, who apart from gardening was also a stand up comedian. This inspired a number of those present to have a go- maybe there will be some interesting shaped bushes in the village this year.

The December meeting was a zoom quiz, which presented those present with quite a lot of challenges.

January brought a change of theme and a talk by local entomologist Chloe Aldridge, she is the monitoring officer for the Nature Reserve at Chester zoo. This was a fascinating and informative talk about the wildlife found on the reserve, concentrating on the insect life which form the basis of the food chain for other insects, birds and mammals. This zoom meeting had a much larger audience as many from U3A and TWIG joined us.

In February there was a talk from Paolo Arrigo, who is the MD of Franchi seed on the history of vegetables from the Romans onwards. Have you ever wondered where our vegetables come from? This is where we learnt the answer .

March 10th is the planned talk by Sue Beesley, who was one of the Gardeners of the Year on BBC. She has run a nursery near Frodsham for many years now. She is always a good speaker, full of enthusiasm and knowledge.

The committee will continue to plan the future meetings.

If you are interested in joining the zoom talks , they are publicised on tattenhall.org and the Tattenhall news Facebook site, as well as the Parish News, with instructions on how to access the talks. They are free to members, and £3 to non members, or contact the Society at tattenhallgdnsoc@gmail.com.

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For up-to-date information, please phone or see our website, details below.

Contact: General Info: 01244 535231, or see our website. www.brownknowlmethodist.com
Keep safe and take care!

Spring is Coming!

St. Alban's Church would like to start getting ready for Spring and needs your help.
Are you able to offer a few hours a week to mow, clear or trim the borders.
Please ring George Richards (770482) if you are able to help us keep the Churchyard looking good for the whole village to enjoy.
All tools will be provided.

HOMEWATCH

Dear Residents

There have been reports of prowlers over the recent Lock Down period in the car park of a large commercial building undergoing renovation in Tattenhall. The offenders were challenged and left quickly.

It was reported that damage had been caused by anti social behaviour to the Flacca Pavilion's roof tiles /guttering / down spouts/and a bench. All are now undergoing expensive repairs

A large number of used Nitrous Oxide containers (referred to as laughing gas) have been found recently in the Millfield area and also last month along the gutter from the Youth Shelter to the Surgery car park and on the Flacca by the nets. While it's not illegal to ingest, it is illegal to sell these for that purpose. They can be highly dangerous if taken directly from the capsule especially combined with alcohol, ausing a rapid constriction of the airways, asphyxiation and possibly death if the user is not able to swiftly seek medical attention.

To report non urgent information on suspicious activity, call our local PCSO email jonathan.hurst@cheshire.pnn.police.uk at Dragon Hall tel 101 or e-mail https://www.cheshire.police.uk/tua/tell-us-about

If you see a crime taking place and if the offenders are still in the nearby area call 999 immediately.

To report information anonymously in complete confidence, call CRIMESTOPPERS on 0800 555 111/ or Anti Social Behaviour through your Council,

email : ASBUnitChesterandRuralWest@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

Electrostatic HomeWatch window stickers are now available as well as a small number of UV marker pens. If your existing HW sticker needs to be replaced or you are a new member and would like one, please get in touch.

Police Surgeries are an opportunity for residents to meet local officers and report any concerns or issues they might have. Please come and say hello at Dragon Hall Police Station

For further dates and locations ring 101 for advice.

The Police always welcome your call on 101. Let them make the decision on its urgency and the method of dealing with your concern. If you aren't sure about a suspicious situation you can always call HomeWatch 01829 771641 for advice, or speak anonymously to CRIMESTOPPERS on 0800 555 111.

Rural officer contact details.

PC Stephen Gardner

Please call 101, If you wish to email Steve his address is stephen.gardner@cheshire.pnn.police.uk If you would like to be included in our email HomeWatch updates contact list, send your details to graham@gmarsden.co.uk together with your address and phone number in case of e-mails bouncing back.

Graham Marsden 771641

POLICE CONTACT NUMBERS
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Helpful Knitters

It hasn't been possible to meet monthly in the Library, but most of the group have continued to meet online - and as a result we meet weekly. These shorter, more frequent catch-ups have been cherished by the group, particularly whilst in full lockdown. Another happy result of chatting virtually has meant that one of our former members has been able to join us again, despite now living at the other end of the country. We also have a budding children's author in our midst, and enjoy hearing the next exciting instalment of her character's adventures.

Generally we work on group projects, but this last year has mostly seen us knitting our own things - I suspect many more handmade presents were completed this Christmas than most years. However, in recent months contributed to a couple of community projects; we knitted warm hats, gloves and scarves for the homeless centre in Chester, as organised by St Albans, and we created a cheerful crowd of elves for the Elf Trail, and we were delighted to be able to display these in Rhoyda's window on Church Bank. Being creative in any way is certainly a great help in these unsettling times, so enjoy making whatever you make…

PARISH NEWS DEADLINES 2021

Please remember that if you miss the deadline your item may not be published.

Deadlines for 2021 are: 12th March; 9th April; 14th May; 11th June; 9th July; 13th August; 10th September; 15th October; 12th November; 10th December

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