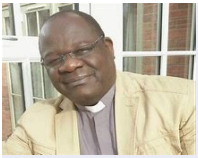
TATTENHALL HANDLEY BURWARDSLEY PARISH NEWS

December/January 2023

A Merry Christmas and
a Happy and Peaceful New Year
to everyone

Everyone is welcome to join us for an evening of readings, carols and Christmas Spirit, and then join us for mince pies and mulled sine after the service.

Visit **www.tattenhallchurch.co.uk** for full details of our services and how we can help you.



A Christmas Message From Father Lameck

"Christmas Presence" The Light

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light, Isaiah promises. The Gospel story has light in it. "The glory of the Lord shone around them," he writes, and we can only picture glory through light.

This is the true meaning of Christmas-

"Do not be afraid, for see I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people, to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour who is the Messiah, the Lord."

Christmas arrives again with all the promise of remembrance and celebration. Christians celebrate Christmas because the light did dawn. The birth of Jesus in Bethlehem was not only the fulfilment of biblical prophecy, but the dawn of a new age. As the angels declared to the shepherds, this infant is "a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord."This is the very essence of Christmas: The birth of the Saviour. To understand Christmas is to know that the ultimate peace the Saviour would bring would be established by His death and resurrection. Even as Jesus came to save His people from their sins, Christ's birth points towards His cross and the fulfilment of His saving work. When Isaiah told of the coming Prince of Peace, he spoke of light dispelling darkness. The metaphor of light is central to our celebration of Christmas. After all, even as John introduces his gospel by identifying Jesus as the Word who became flesh, John also describes Jesus as ***"the True Light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man."*** With all the darkness in our world today caused by evil, war, corruption and hatred there is need for us to invite this light of Christ.

Whatever your Christmas is like, Jesus understands it and will fill it with His presence. There is no joy so great that Christ cannot raise it to greater heights, there is no disappointment or bitterness so profound that he cannot come into it with his love. This is Christmas, the celebration of the birth of hope and joy in the Savior who is come and no one and nothing can stop it. Let it shine in your heart and free your passion to be a Christian in a broken world. Christ is the Light of the World and this is the true meaning of Christmas- Christ came into the world for you and me! Whatever your Christmas is like, Jesus understands it and will fill it with His presence. There is no joy so great that Christ cannot raise it to greater heights, there is no disappointment or bitterness so profound that he cannot come in with his love. Let light shine in your heart and free your passion to be a Christian in a broken world. *Jesus said* ***"I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life." John 8:12***

May I, on behalf of the Churchwardens and all members of our Parochial Church Council, wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

CHRISTMAS IN TATTENHALL

Christmas Light Switch On
2nd December from 5.00pm
on the Millfield

Children's Parties
10th December
in the Barbour Institute

Snowman Trail from 2nd December

Post your letter to Santa from 2nd December

Further details can be found on the Parish Council website, on posters around the village and on Facebook

tattparish.news@hotmail.com

TATTENHALL OVER FIFTIES (TOFs)

Chairman Noel Atkinson 770808

At the Tattenhall Over Fifties meeting in October members were wonderfully entertained by Jon and Pam who sang songs from the 59's & 60's. There were several sing-a-long songs we all joined in with and a few even braved the dance floor.

In October we also ran a coach trip to Blackpool for the Illuminations. Sadly the coach wasn't full but the rain didn't dampen the day too much and the lights were lovely.

November saw the return of our "market place" afternoon. Members also enjoyed a fun Christmas quiz whilst browsing the tables of lovely goods. Many, many thanks to all the stall holders. On Remembrance Sunday Carol W Spencer, MBE laid the wreath at the war memorial on behalf of the group.

The final meeting of the year will be Christmas Lunch at the Barbour Institute on **Thursday 1st December**. Members will enjoy a two course meal provided by Harvey's and will be entertained by Nathan Turner.

The first meeting of 2023 will take place on Thursday January 5th and planning is well underway for next year's meetings and coach trips.

As the festive season approaches Tattenhall Over Fifties (TOF's) would like to say a huge thank you to all those who have supported the group in 2022 and wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous 2023.

As we move into 2023, we would like to thank to all those volunteers who deliver the Parish News across the three parishes. Their help is invaluable in getting the magazine to every household. Pat Black, Editor

Last Will and Testament

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).

JANE'S JOTTINGS

NOSTALGIA'S NOT WHAT IT WAS!

Or if you are a Max Bygraves fan (now there's a blast from the past) " Fings ain't what they used to be"!

I wonder who is familiar with the term Mid Life Crisis? Some time ago it was said that people of a certain age experienced this. If there was such a thing does it still exist? With so much attention focused on Health and Well-being nowadays I doubt it; and when is mid life anyway? In my day reaching 40 was significant and one became the target for tasteless jokes, gifts which included all sorts of aids and the obligatory zimmer frame. Looking back we were all very cruel to our aged friends but it was great fun! Apart from the fact 40 is so young to do such deeds, it doesn't seem so funny now that the possibility of needing all these things gets ever closer.

I decided I was having my mid life crisis - although I wouldn't describe it as a crisis, more an awakening - in my early 40's. Driving the children to school I remember pointing out the daffodils on the roadside. They looked so beautiful and strikingly more yellow. I continued with this new take on nature noticing the trees and buds like never before. Everything seemed so vivid and I promise you I hadn't been to SpecSavers! I started to think how huge Wagon Wheels used to be and what a lot of Mars Bar there was for six old pence and how it would last half the way home as a snack after school. I used to walk over a mile and a half each way to my Senior School.

As you know there is much to remember about our youth. Everyone will remember different things but if we put every memory every person had in a box I bet they would all resonate with us. For me days were longer, the summers warmer, there were long school holidays when we built dens, walks and runs with the dog through the incredible woods just over the lane from my housewith never a care or ever feeling scared. I remember a huge box in the corner of the living room with a tiny screen which televised the likes of Muffin the Mule, Watch with Mother (can you remember the five programmes?) the radio equivalent "Listen with Mother - Are you sitting comfortably? Then I'll begin!", Mr Pastry, Sooty & Sweep (always watched from behind the settee - Sooty petrified me as did clowns when I was five); Emergency Ward 10 and something called Quatermass? I was too young to be allowed to watch it but my sister 5 years my senior was scared stiff by it. So many things one can recall just by thinking.

However when I am in nostalgic mode I do more than think - I have this ability to be practically transported back to situations, not in a Dr Who, Time Lord way but I can truly, really feel it, sense it, smell it. For instance I can recall exactly how Tattenhall was when we first came upon it over 40 years ago. I can feel the sense of a sleepy village where although one didn't properly know everybody there were few enough people that everyone was familiar and everyone said hello. There were no cars to speak of in the High Street and Mr Smith travelled by horse and cart. I can remember when the Beehive was a store and baked bread and I can feel how it was on a sunny afternoon when we stopped there for an ice cream. We had been looking round the area to find a suitable place to live when my husband took up his new job. I fell in love with the village that day and knew it was the place I wanted to be.

Things have changed a lot but not everything ! The amazing Tattenhall Community Spirit is still very much in evidence. The Lockdown demonstrated its strength and I could list a host of examples but one very recent incident I must recall because it showed me the willingness of people to help and take the time to care. I was retracing my footsteps looking for my earring which I had lost somewhere on route. At a particular moment I had stopped at the kerb to cross the road to go up Church Bank but I was still looking. A car stopped and the driver who was known to me made a suitable comment. I told him my problem and rather than drive off with some platitude he parked up, got out and started searching with me! I thought that was so kind. Then something even more extraordinary. I was in Church Bank by this time and a young woman stopped me and asked if I was all-right. Relaying the story once more she too joined in the search. I have no idea who she was, still don't, but I was enormously touched by the gesture and what is more my husband thinks he saw her several days later and was sure she was still looking! Just a crumb from a huge delicious cake but it makes my heart sing.

Tattenhall emotionally and physically is the place for me!

The Churches of Tattenhall, Handley and Burwardsley
Churches without Walls

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	Ruth Morgan	771841	
Handley	Christine Walley	771976	Alison Carter
Burwardsley	Barbara Sculthorpe	770418	Debbie Spencer

Diocesan News

The Diocese celebrates the licensing of 16 Lay Readers.
Bishops, Sam, Mark, and Julie with the Readers and Pastoral Workers.
It was a glorious sunny day on 8th October when 16 men and women were licensed into lay ministry roles at Chester Cathedral.
Please pray for them, as they begin or continue in their ministries, and for the parishes in which they will serve.

Deanery News

Are you being called by God?
The Director for Vocations in the Diocese of Chester has confirmed that the diocesan event, *Called to Serve*, will go ahead on Saturday 4th February 2023.The flagship event will be held at Foxhill and is an opportunity for people of all backgrounds to consider what it is God might be calling them to be and do.
Director for Vocations, the Revd Canon Sarah Fenby, says: "I'm delighted that the event will take place. I will be working with my colleagues at Church House over the coming months to shape the day. We hope to offer a wide range of information sessions to reflect the broad and diverse ways in which Christians can give themselves to God and to others. Further details will be published in the E-Bulletin and on the diocesan website later in the year."

THREE CHURCHES TOGETHER

Please note that Father Lameck will be on leave from 1st January to 1st February. For funerals and other services, please get in touch with the churchwardens.

May I on behalf of the Churchwardens and all members of our Parochial Church Council wish you all a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

ST. ALBAN'S, TATTENHALL

Church Services in December

18th December	6.30 pm	Christmas Carol Service
21st December	10am	Wednesday Communion
24th December	5.30pm	Crib Service
24th December	11.30pm	Midnight Mass
25th December	8.00 am	Communion Service (Book of Common Prayer)
25th December	10.30am	Common Worship Eucharist

Lent Course 2023 Stations of the Cross

Dates- 22nd February23 – 29th March 2023
Venue- St Alban's Community Room
Time 6pm-7 pm

The 'Stations of the Cross', also known as 'The Way of The Cross', is a devotion that commemorates Jesus Christ's last day on Earth as a man. The Stations of the Cross are most commonly prayed during Lent on Wednesdays and Fridays, and especially on Good Friday – the day of the year upon which the events actually occurred.

The Stations of the Cross are commonly found in churches as a series of 14 small icons, or images. Taken together, the stations are used as a mini pilgrimage, particularly during Lent, and it reflects the journey of pilgrims following Jesus' actual footsteps in the Holy Land. The Stations help us to 'spiritually connect' with the suffering and death of Jesus; after all, he went through all that pain and suffering to save *us*. During Lent, we will be looking at the Stations of the Cross and reflect on each one of them.
The 14 Stations are as follows:

1.	Jesus is condemned to death	8.	Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem
2.	Jesus accepts the cross	9.	Jesus falls the third time
3.	Jesus fall the first time	10.	Jesus is stripped of His garments
4.	Jesus meets His Mother	11.	Crucifixion: Jesus is nailed to the cross
5.	Simon of Cyrene carries the cross	12.	Jesus dies on the cross
6.	Veronica wipes the face of Jesus	13.	Jesus' body is removed from the cross
7.	Jesus falls the second time	14.	Jesus is placed in the tomb

From the Registers

Baptism

11th September Vincent Roland Mathews
17th September Mary Elsie Katharine Cooke
24th September Archie William Betram Norris
9th October Eva Stubbs
9th October Georgia Stubbs

Obituary

Jean Woodburn

Jean was born in York in 1940. She was the elder daughter and had one sister, Christine, whom she remained very close to until she sadly passed away on 25th August.
Jean spent the first 73 years of her life living in and around York, and was always deeply fond of her Yorkshire roots. She started work at the Yorkshire General Life Insurance company and it was there she met many friends, colleagues and eventually her husband of 49 years, Tony. Sport always paid a huge part in Jean's life – not only was Tony a keen and very capable footballer in the York area, Jean too played hockey at a high level in the York league. Her main hockey team was York Olympics who were very competitive with another local team. It was in 2013 that Jean, with Tony at the time made what was a very big decision to move from York to Chester to be closer to Chris, Alison and the boys. That decision became even bigger and ten times tougher when Tony passed away, unexpectedly, literally as the house sales were going through.
However, it's been 9 years now since that move was completed, and Jean left her beloved Yorkshire to make a new home here in Tattenhall. Jean became a keen follower of Chester FC and also Liverpool as she followed closely both Ben and George in their footballing careers. In the final two years of her life, Jean moved into Gifford Lea, and became an integral part of the St Alban's community where she sang in the choir.
May her soul rest in peace eternally and rise in glory.

Burial of Remains
22nd September John Mathews

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, HANDLEY

Christmas Service
18th December- Christmas Carol Service at 4.00pm

It is that time of the year when the church invites all those who live in our community and beyond to come and be part of our Carol Service. Last year, we managed to sing together whilst outside the church building and we all enjoyed singing as one community. Please invite your friends and relatives this year as we once again meet after the pandemic and celebrate the coming of the Messiah; Jesus Christ. See you then!

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

ST JOHN'S CHURCH, BURWARDSLEY

Christmas Service

10th December	Christmas Carol Service at 4.30pm. This is followed by a Village party at the hall.	
25th December	10.30am	Common Worship Eucharist Service

Carol Service takes place on SATURDAY 10th December at 4.30pm followed by refreshments at the Village Hall from 5.30pm. Supper is available at 7.30pm bookable for £10. To reserve a place please contact Jan Wood on 07811101916.
All profits will be split with the Church and the restoration of the Village Hall and we hope you will join us.
The Christmas Day Service will be at 10.30am and we look forward to seeing you.

Songs of Praise will resume on Sunday 8th January 2023.

December dark nights and strange weather. It doesn't seem too long ago that I was writing for last years December Parish News where has the year gone (apparently its my age) We hope you all had a good summer and in good health.
St Johns has managed another year and we are keeping going. Thank you all who have supported us, and trust you will continue to do so. To Phil and Kelvin for maintaining the churchyard not an easy terrain to manage and the Village Restoration Team for organising the 'Burwardsley Christmas Bash'
We wish you a blessed Christmas and peaceful New Year and look forward to seeing you in 2023

The churchwardens and all members of the P.C.C. wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

HARVEST FUND RAISER BOOSTED BY INSPIRED VILLAGES (GIFFORD LEA)
The Harvest Festival Fund Raising Weekend was very enjoyable and also financially successful. The Church was beautifully decorated and appreciated by a good sized congregation at the Harvest Service. A delicious harvest ploughman's lunch on Sunday was well attended too. The Rector's Supper and Auction was a fantastic evening and raised over £2000. Inspired Villages (Gifford Lea) promised to match the amount raised at the Supper so the final figure for the whole weekend was over £ 5,000!
Thank you to everyone who supported St Alban's in lots of different ways – very much appreciated.
Picture shows Valerio Caranese, Restaurant Manager, presenting the cheque from Inspired Villages to Fr Lameck.

The Village Surgeries Group
Staff training dates for 2023 are not yet available.

PARISH NEWS DEADLINES 2022

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

The Parish News is published every second month.
The deadlines for 2023 are:
13th January; 10th March; 12th May; 14th July; 8th September; 13th October; 10th November

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Blessing of the Crib

Saturday 24th December at 5:30pm

All your family are welcome to join us for a half-hour service to see the Church in all its Christmas splendour, to bless the Crib and to remember the Christmas story

Don't forget to come in your Christmas jumper or Nativity costume

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Meditation in the Church

TRANSITION TATTENHALL

Our village • Our future

Every Tuesday 6.15pm - 7.00pm

Come and join us for 30 minutes without words in the tranquil surroundings of our church.

Feel free to bring along any downloaded meditations/aids on devices with headphones.

Warm clothing is advised as the nights draw in!

Donations for the upkeep of the church are always welcome!

Festive Fun @ The Flacca

What's On & When!

- Friday, 16 December 2.00 pm & 7.30 pm — Christmas Bingo
- Tues, 20 December
- Wed, 21 December
- Thurs, 22 December

Noon - 4pm — Visit Santa and the Elves in Elfville for some Christmas Fun

For more information visit www.sporttattenhall.co.uk
or
Facebook: What's on at the Flacca

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Chairman: Iain Keeping

The Parish Council held its monthly meeting on 7th November in the Barbour Institute.

Councillors and members of the public were pleased to welcome back PCSO John Hurst who was catching up on all that had happened in his absence. He stressed that incidents must be reported to the police if residents want any action to be taken and noted some comments made to him.

David Bish of the Royal British Legion thanked the Parish Council for their work in getting the War Memorial repaird, and in time for the Remembrance Service.

Agenda Items of Note

The Community Land Trust reported that their project was on hold until early 2023 because a developer and Responsible Provider had yet to be found to build and administer the properties. The group hoped to attract new members but it was pointed out that little information was given to existing members so newer residents could not be expected to know about CLT.

Planning matters:

The Chester Road developers had requested a variation to their planning approval to reduce the number of affordable properties on the site. The Parish Council agreed to strongly object to this proposal.

Highways Issues:

Only 7 volunteers had come forward to be trained for Speedwatch in the village and only 2 had replied to a recent email. It was felt that the project should be community led so it would be up to individuals to get involved. Further information can be obtained from the Clerk.

There had been very little change in the speed of traffic since the introduction of the new limits. It was felt that a different approach was needed to address the issue of speed and that the Parish Council should work with Highways to find alternatives.

There had been a suggestion that the limit on the road from Higher Huxley cottages to Parsley Woods should be reduced to 30mph.

War Memorial:

Repairs had been done and the gravel replaced so the War Memorial would be ready for Remembrance Sunday on 13th November.

Christmas in Tattenhall:

New lights would be installed on the roof lines in the village and would include the Barbour Institute;

Wires would be strung over the High Street to enable hanging stars to be installed;

Christmas Parties were organised; the Christmas Light Switch On would be on 2nd December on the Millfield; the Snowman Trail would start on 2nd December with prizes from the Spar and a letter box would be placed outside the shop for Letters to Father Christmas.

Further details can be found in the magazine and on posters around the village.

Tarporley Round Table will be in Tattenhall on Friday 16th December with their float, from approximately 5-8.00pm.

If you have any issues to raise with the Parish Council, the Clerk and Councillors can be found at the Village Market at the Flacca on 4th December and 9th January 2023.

Parish Council elections will be held in May 2023. Anyone interested in standing should contact the Clerk for details. Please do consider joining the Parish Council as new Councillors are always welcome.

Cllr. Pat Black

BURWARDSLEY Christmas Bash

SATURDAY 10TH DECEMBER

AN EVENING OF 2 PARTS

ACT ONE

ST JOHNS
CAROL SERVICE
4.30 PM

VILLAGE HALL
5.30PM
ALL WELCOME

ACT TWO

SUPPER 7.30PM
TICKETS £10
CHILLI, VEGGIE OR VEGAN

TABLES OF 4,6 OR 8
CONTACT JAN WOOD
07811 101916
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LIVEMUSIC
FOOD
BAR
DJ
CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE

ALL PROFITS IN AID OF ST JOHNS AND BURWARDSLEY VILLAGE HALL

Soup and Pudding @ St Alban's £3 All Welcome!

The Community Room

First Friday of the Month 12-2pm

What is missing from St Alban's great team of

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Can you spare some time to help us...

Look after the grounds?

Meet & greet at events?

Arrange flowers?

Keep the church tidy?

Read a lesson?

Do a bit of maintenance?

All volunteers help to keep the church alive!

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Perhaps an hour or two each week whatever the task?

Visit www.tattenhallchurch.co.uk for full details of how you can help us at St Alban's.

Family Songs of Praise with Breakfast

There is no Family Service on 1st January.
There will be a Communion Service at 10.30am

The Family Service will return on 5th February at 10.30am.

Visit www.tattenhallchurch.co.uk for full details of our Services, events and how we can help you

Your church is open every day

from 10:00am to 5:00pm

Enjoy the peace and quiet

Experience a Church service

Join us in a social event

Absorb the history of the building

Appreciate the floral displays

You are always welcome

Visit www.tattenhallchurch.co.uk for full details of our Services, events and how we can help you.

St Alban's Advent Appeal

In December 2020 as the impact of Covid began to be realised, Tattenhall answered the plea for help for those struggling with rough sleeping in Chester and we collected and distributed rucksacks of Comfort and Joy to those in need on the streets of Chester.
Thank you for making a difference.
In December 2021 we appealed for help to support girls in education in Zimbabwe and for education supplies to send out to the school we help there. We were overwhelmed with the donations that came in..
Thank you for making a difference.

In 2022 as the economic pressure increases, we are asking Tattenhall to support the work of an established local charity, Save the Family. The aim is to keep vulnerable families together and support them in their times of greatest need through homelessness, poverty and times of crises.

The charity aims to provide a safe, supported community for homeless and troubled families where safeguarding is paramount. They keep families together and help them create a positive future. Based at Cotton Hall, a few miles away, this community-based charity is making a powerful and positive difference to local families in need. Many of the needs are complex and the trained staff at the charity work with families to help them through difficult times and regain social independence. There are now 32 units for families in need at Cotton Hall.
This Christmas, St Alban's is asking Tattenhall to help once again. Please consider donating a brand new present for a family in need. On Sunday December 4th a trustee from Save The Family will talk to the congregation at the 10.30am service about the work of the charity, and everyone is welcome to come along and also enjoy breakfast.
Please make a difference with your presence and one present.
Thank you.

The u3a does not have a meeting in December. At our January 2023 meeting on the 19th Tom Jones a Chester Tour Guide will give an insight into Chester Zoo, its history, purpose, and some of its inhabitants.

Meetings open at 2.00pm with the speaker slot starting at 2.30 pm. For details of u3a membership contact our membership secretary Dorothy Turpy via our website contacts page https://u3asites.org.uk/west-cheshire/contact

Loss Café

Friday 25th November- Christmas Carol Singing in the Community room.

Time-10am-12pm. You do not have to be a singer, just come and sing along with others as we celebrate Christmas as a community together

There will be no Loss Café in December and our next Loss Café is on **January 27th 2023**

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THIS IS WHAT'S ON AT THE BARBOUR UNTIL THE NEW YEAR

24th, 25th, 26th November,
TADS presents **It Runs in the Family**,. Performances start 7pm.
Tickets available from Ticketsource.

Sun 27th November
Ticket collection for the Parish Council Children's Christmas Parties. 10am - 12 midday.

Sun 27th November
Repair Cafe Upstairs at the Barbour. 9am - 1.30pm.

Sun 27th November
TADS Panto 2023 auditions, 6pm - 8pm.

Wednesday 30th November
Film Night at the Barbour, Fisherman's Friends ". 7.30pm start, all welcome, £5 on the door.

Fri 2nd December
Tattenhall Christmas Lights Switch On, with Father Christmas, Tattenhall Singers, Tattenhall Primary School Choir, Victorian Fairground Organ, on the Millfield. Mulled wine, Mince pies, Hot Chocolate. All welcome.

Sun 4th December
Barbour Christmas Market. A selection of local sellers and Christmas specialities. 1pm - 4.30pm.

Sat 10th December
Parish Council Children's Christmas Parties at the Barbour.

Sun 11th December
Tattenhall Village Christmas Market.

Sat 17th December
NHS Covid Booster Clinic, 9am - 4.30pm

200 CLUB

In October, one very lucky member, number 46, won **£1500 in the Grand Draw**.
If you are not yet a member but would like to take this easy way of supporting the Barbour Institute, please contact the office for details. The first draw of the new membership year was in November but there's still time to get involved.

FROM THE STAFF AND TRUSTEES OF THE BARBOUR INSTITUTE.

As we placed wreaths on the Tattenhall War Memorial this year, Ken remembered his days of National Service that led to him joining the RAF

Ken's Korner
Jottings from the crevices of his memory

The dreaded brown OHMS envelope dropped through our letterbox It contained a letter and a Travel Warrant. I was told where to report, when, and what to take with me, for my National Service.

On Tuesday, November 13th, 1951, I left home, small suitcase in hand. At Central Station, Liverpool, I exchanged my Travel warrant for a ticket to Padgate. A trickle of scared 18-year-olds walked to the gates of the RAF camp. 'Welcome to The Royal Air Force' read the notice.

Given directions, I found my way to a hut to join 12 other aircrew hopefuls. Latrines were outside, were spotless, and only partly roofed. Issued with our 'irons', knife fork, spoon and mug, we were marched (shambled) to the mess. I, like most others, couldn't eat much lunch. Marched to the Bedding Store, issued with blankets, sheets, and a pillow (of sorts), we returned to our hut and were shown how to make our beds. We went to the Coal Store, filled buckets, and brought back our fuel ration for the stove in the centre of our hut. Our cases went under our beds.

Teatime came, we ate a bit more, and were free for the evening. Lights-out was 22.00 hours. Reveille, 07.00 hours; both heralded by a bugle over the camp tannoy. Fellow recruits were in tears, some wrote home or to girlfriends. I went to the camp Astra cinema.

During ensuing days we were issued with uniforms, sent our civvies home, were attested, had various medicals, and filled in many forms.

I had joined the RAF.

TATTENHALL BRIDGE CLUB
Established in 1982

We meet on Fridays at 7.00 p.m. in the Community Room at St Albans Church, Tattenhall

This small friendly club is ideal for anyone ready to try club duplicate bridge.

Visitors and new members welcomed. You do not need a partner to join us.

If you are interested please contact the Secretary:

Email Val_Meeks@Yahoo.co.uk Tel: 01829 770781

BROWN KNOWL
METHODIST CHAPEL

Rev. Donna Broadbent-Kelly

We wish you a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

You are welcome to join us for our Carol Service on 18th Dec, or on Christmas Day itself.

All our services are held at 10.45 am each Sunday.

For up-to-date information, please phone or see our website, details below, or contact 01244 535231for general information.

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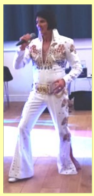
ELVIS RETURNED TO TATTENHALL
ON 29TH October at the Barbour Institute



What a fabulous night! A full house and smiles all round. We exceeded my target of raising **£1000** for the DEC - Ukraine Appeal, achieving a fabulous **£1200** thanks to an extra private donation. The raffle raised £290 for Cheshire's CHWAREC charity. I am overwhelmed by such a fantastic result. Thank you all.

Special thanks to Bob Morris for "being" Elvis – no-one better. My thanks to Steve for sharing his wonderful record collection, the very efficient and friendly Sips bar team and all those who donated raffle prizes :- Gifford Lea, Carol's Garden, The Hair & Beauty Room, Sport Tattenhall, Alisons, Old Ma's Café, Spar and gifts from friends.

Val Meeks

Tattenhall Music Society

'A Travelogue – Song Journeys across Europe'

Tattenhall Music Society welcomes 2023 with a concert on **Sunday, January 8th** at the Parish Church of St. Alban at 6.30pm (doors open 5.45pm).

Returning to Tattenhall will be Jonathon Fisher and several songsters from the Royal Northern College of Music. They are always so talented and it's lovely to enjoy their performances at the start of their operatic careers.

Tickets will be £12 and can be purchased in advance from both Tattenhall News and Tattenhall Post Office or you can just pay on the door. Any enquiries about this concert don't hesitate to get in touch. Anne McGrath Tel: 01829 770932 or mcgrath.prickleygreen@btopenworld.com

Sunday, February 12th sees a return of Jazz @ the Barbour and will feature Steve Berry, double bass, Dan Weildon, piano + an exciting surprise guest. This will be a ticket in advance concert ….. details to follow next year.

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CHRISTMAS SERVICES

at St Alban's

Sunday 18th December
Christmas Carol Service
6:30pm

Wednesday 21st December
Holy Communion
10:00am

Saturday 24th December
Blessing of the Crib
5:30pm

Saturday 24th December
Midnight Mass
11:30pm

Sunday 25th December
Christmas Morning
8:00am Holy Communion - Book of Common Prayer
10:30am Common Worship - Eucharist