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The Retired Clergy writes

Hello Everyone,

“Reasons to be cheerful”, summer is here, Covid is receding and the process for finding a new Rector is well underway. There is everything to look forward to, but no one should be left behind.

Bereavement has many depths and is expressed in different ways. Particularly cruel, was bereavement during the Covid years: deprived of the usual respectful funerals and celebrations of loved ones’ lives. Being able to move forward, sometimes needs a little extra help. Our villages take seriously their proper concern for bereaved neighbours in providing practical support and a listening ear, but during Covid our established Bereavement Group, otherwise known as “Be café”, had to be suspended because it involved a group of vulnerable people, meeting indoors. I am pleased to say that the doors of Be café are open from this month.

The midweek Holy Communion service was also suspended during Covid. This was an important service, caring and catering for the spiritual and social needs of those who found being able to sit throughout the service, on comfortable chairs, followed by homemade cakes, coffee and conversation with real people, more accessible than Sunday services. Now I can say that this service is reinstated once a month.

Jesus was concerned about caring for the social, emotional, and spiritual needs of people at all stages of life and death. He is the one constant in an ever-changing world.

A full description and dates for Be café and the Wednesday service can be found in this edition of the Parish Magazine.

Blessings and good wishes for the summer,

Wendy Rylance

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From the Benefice Registers

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| Baptism | <i>We welcome you.</i> | |
| 16 April | Eva Rose Powell | St Andrew's |
| Funerals | <i>Jesus said: 'I am the resurrection and the life.'</i> | |
| 12 May | Patricia Ann Edmonds aged 83 | St Mary's and Crem |

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COVER PICTURE

This would make a fitting welcome for the Queen if she were to make a Platinum Jubilee visit to the village of Cramant in the Marne department of France!

JUNE SERVICES

Duty rotas for St. Mary's are on page 19.

Sunday June 5th

Pentecost

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| 10.30am | Morning Prayer | St. Andrew's |
| 10.30am | Holy Communion | St. Mary's |

Sunday June 12th Trinity Sunday

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| 10.30am | Family Service | St. Mary's |
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Sunday June 19th 1st Sunday after Trinity

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| 10.30am | Holy Communion | St. Mary's |
| 4.000pm | Teatime Praise | St. Andrew's |

Wednesday June 22nd

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| 10.30am | Holy Communion | St. Mary's |
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Sunday June 26th 2nd Sunday after Trinity

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| 10.30am | 20/20/20 | St. Mary's |
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MIDWEEK HOLY COMMUNION

I am pleased to say that our Wednesday Holy Communion services will resume, taking place in St Mary's Church once a month.

The dates of services are: 22nd June, 20th July, 24th August, 21st September, and 19th October. *Wendy Rylance*

BE CAFÉ IS BACK

Be café was an established bereavement group before Covid. However, as with many activities, it had to be suspended during Covid.

From June, we will be meeting once again on Monday afternoons, 2-4pm, in Alveley Old Chapel, which is not open to the general public during this time. Tea and coffee with a selection of cakes are served without charge. The only membership requirement is that you have been bereaved of someone you were close to: bereavement has no time limit.

The conversation takes many twists and turns of friendship and understanding born out of experience. It's a safe place to meet people and talk, or not talk. There are two trained bereavement listeners, now. Sadly, Anthea Whetton, our third trained listener, who many of you will have known, is greatly missed following her death two years ago.

The dates for Be café are: 20th June, 18th July, 22nd August, 19th September, and 17th October.

For further information please contact myself or Jenny Sirrell. Our details are on page 4. *Wendy Rylance*

NEWS FROM ST. ANDREW'S, QUATT

Summer is here - my favourite time of year. This year we will be busy celebrating Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in our various ways. We held our St Andrew's celebrations last month with a Songs of Praise. I would like to thank our Rural Dean Mark Daborn for coming along to take the service and Andrew Crabtree for his wonderful musical skills. We enjoyed tea and cakes afterwards and I must thank all those who contributed and of course all those of you who came along to this lovely celebration.

Until we get our new incumbent we have decided to continue with our **Morning Prayer** on the first Sunday of the month but this will now be held at the later time of **10.30am**. This has been well supported and having consulted our regulars this new time will suit us all better. We will probably have to revert back to 9.30am when we get our new vicar since he/she will not be able to be in two places at once. Our Teatime Praise at 4pm on the third Sunday each month continues to be popular and is a good time to get together for a chat, tea, cake and a less formal form of worship.

We are busy planning events for later in the year and will be holding our Harvest lunch and service again in the village hall. I will let you have the date next month.

The churchyard continues to look amazing and provides a lovely setting to sit on a bench and enjoy some peace and tranquillity (motorbikes permitting!).

Enjoy the sunshine!

Ann Lee



Work in progress cleaning up St. Mary's lower churchyard.

See article on page 14

ALVELEY OLD CHAPEL

We reopened the Old Chapel on Tuesday 3rd May following a short break to help stem the spread of the Covid virus. We will continue to open on Tuesdays and Wednesdays 11.00am to 3.00pm for the time being. We do hope to return to Thursday opening but this is dependent on the number of volunteers we have.

Last week was the first week back after our short break where the ticket sales were launched for the June 8th Jubilee singalong spanning 70 years of popular songs. Although it was quiet at the Chapel a third of the tickets have already been sold. I know there are many events around the village celebrating the Jubilee but please support as many of our local celebrations as you can, including the Old Chapel.

(This event has proved so popular that the singalong is being repeated on Thursday June 9th)

I would like to thank our volunteers who give their time freely ensuring the continuance of the tea room. We are always looking for volunteers, particularly through the summer to help during holiday times. It's not just the tea room where we need help, we have extensive grounds that need maintaining. If you are in anyway green fingered and could help with the ground maintenance, please come and have a chat.

As we approach school holidays and you start to plan how to keep your little ones amused, remember we have tables outside during the odd sunny day. This gives you the ideal opportunity to sit back with a cuppa and a slice of delicious homemade cake or a bite of lunch, while your little ones burn off energy on our extensive lawn. Unfortunately, we cannot supervise your children but we will take your order at your table and bring your refreshments and food out to you. On the less sunny days, we can seat 32 people inside, so bring your children along for lunch and give yourself a well-deserved rest from the kitchen.

On a final note, please remember we have the chapel available for parties, meetings or gatherings at a nominal hourly rate. We cannot offer catering for these events but the kitchen is available for you to prepare your own refreshments.

John Lowe

As long as there are exams, there will be prayer in schools.

CONGRATULATIONS TO HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II ON HER PLATINUM JUBILEE

The residents of Alveley and Romsley would like to extend their congratulations and very best wishes on this historic milestone. To celebrate the occasion throughout the Spring and Summer residents are being encouraged to send their congratulations by “SAYING IT IN FLOWERS”, with displays of RED, WHITE and BLUE blooms. This applies across private gardens, public spaces, village organisations, including Alveley School, St Mary's Church, Recreation Association, Village Hall, Old Chapel, Alveley Medical Practice, Severn Valley Country Park, the Community Hall and the local public houses.

In addition to “Saying It in Flowers” we will be staging events to add to the unique occasion.

The following details are an overview of these events and there may be slight amendments before the Jubilee Weekend but the overall structure will remain in place.

On the first day of the weekend, **THURSDAY JUNE 2nd at 9.45pm a Jubilee Beacon will be lit at Romsley**. This will be one of more than 1500 beacons throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and UK Overseas Territories, and one in each of the capital cities of Commonwealth countries in recognition of our Queen's long and selfless service. The beacons will enable local communities, individuals and organisations to pay tribute to Her Majesty as part of the official Jubilee Weekend.

A **peal of bells** will ring out from **St. Mary's** at **9.45pm**.

FIREWORKS We are also holding a firework display on the Sports Club field. However this will just be an aerial display of fireworks (i.e. nothing at ground level) which will be viewed from the Recreation Ground in order to maximise safety. **This display** will follow the lighting of the beacon and **will begin just before 10pm**.

Please note that **parking will be limited and that stewards will be on duty** to guide and help. Please note also that there will be **no public access to the sports field**.

On the final day of the weekend **SUNDAY JUNE 5th** the recreation field will be open from 12 noon. **Bring your picnic and drinks** – there will be a bar in the Pavilion. Tea and coffee will be served in the Village Hall.

ENTERTAINMENT

There are a number of attractions. These include music from **THE BRADENEY**

BUNCH who will be playing popular and classic hits from across the decades, starting at 12.30pm until 2.30 approximately.

In the **Village Hall from 3.30pm** onwards **Andrew and Brian** will be providing a trip down memory lane with music from the last seventy years.

For football enthusiasts we have a visit from the Alveley Junior Football Club U11s who have organised A PENALTY SHOOT OUT COMPETITION . Time to be confirmed.

Ongoing attractions: TOMBOLA AND RAFFLE

Alveley Historical Society....Display in The Pavilion.

Alveley Art Society....Exhibition

Squirrel Bowls Club...Stall

Alveley School PTA....Stall.....Organising games for children

St Mary's Church....Stall - details to be confirmed.

Last but very much not least on **Thursday June 2nd at 11.30am** we are going **litter picking**. Anyone who would like to join in please meet on the **Three Horseshoes' car park at 11.30am**. All equipment will be provided.

Malcolm Love

ALVELEY VILLAGE BAND - PROMS IN THE PUB
THE THREE HORSESHOES
TO CELEBRATE THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE
Saturday June 4th, 2 p.m.
A fantastic afternoon with all the 'proms' classics
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PLEASE WEAR RED, WHITE and BLUE

*The vicar had technical problems with the sound system one Sunday. Instead of starting the service as usual with 'The Lord be with you', he muttered: "There's something wrong with the microphone."
Not hearing this, the congregation responded: "And also with you."*

ALVELEY VILLAGE HALL

Sunday 5th June. As part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations on the Recreation Field the Village Hall will be open from 1.00pm serving tea, coffee and cake. (No party is complete without cake!) Many thanks to the ladies of the WI and Ladies Guild for their help serving and for their donations of delicious cakes. Come along and view the decorated windows courtesy of Alveley Brownies, the Ladies Guild and Alveley Art Group. There will also be a display of more recent work on the theme of the Jubilee from the Art Group. To carry on an afternoon of live music Andrew and Brian will be performing "A Trip Down Memory Lane" from 3.30 onwards. They will be playing music from the last seventy years while you chat and enjoy the refreshments or even have a little sing along if the mood takes you.

Saturday 9th July at 7.30pm. 'Jabs' (The Booster Tour). We are very lucky to have been able to book this extremely popular home-grown hit play scripted and directed by Chris Eldon Lee. The sell-out show has been performed at many venues including twice at Shrewsbury's Theatre Severn and is based on the true life stories of vaccinator Sally Tongue. "I quickly realised that my Covid-19 vaccination pod was the smallest theatre in the world and there was comedy gold happening there every day." Tickets will cost £10 and can be bought from me, 780478 or the Londis Foodstore.

Norma Crabtree

QUATT VILLAGE HALL

We are so happy to be having theatre and music back at the Hall and thanks to everyone who attended the gig 'Evie and Keith' who visited from America and blew us away with their amazing music.

Celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Dudmaston Hall in Quatt will celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee from Sunday, 29 May to Sunday, 5 June (excluding Saturday) with a week of royal fun.

There will be family game stations in the grounds with a Queen Elizabeth II trivia trail, with games similar to ones enjoyed by children in the 1950s available for making new family memories. Head into the Hall to find out more about the family, and Dudmaston's connection to the current royal family. **As a special one-off, Dudmaston Hall will be open to visitors on Friday, 3 June to enjoy a picnic by the Big Pool.** More information on this to follow, lovely Quatters.

Hart of the Wood Visit Comer Woods on 25 June for a day of folk art and culture, exploring humanity's relationship with the woods.

Hart of the Wood is a bold new multidisciplinary, multimodal art and film project, led by artist and filmmaker Benjamin Wigley, that celebrates humanity's ingrained relationship with the woods. The project's capacious branches envelope an ambitious range of art forms that include: a long-form avant-garde documentary film, outdoor expanded cinema live event, kinoscope hand-crank celluloid film projection sculptures, and an exhibition of handmade celluloid film prints, paintings, and projections.

Benjamin Wigley has been working with a team of artists on this pioneering project at Dudmaston's Comer Woods. This project was originally conceived to mark the 40th Anniversary of the property coming under the care of the National Trust. However, because of the pandemic the project was delayed and, over time, has evolved into an inspiring collection of works exploring ideas around the multitude of ways people can immerse themselves in an idea or story.

So the team creating this event are hoping for **volunteers** to get involved in different ways including stewarding the event, helping to build installations in the woods over the two days before the Saturday event, supporting performers, guiding people to keep them on the path or supervising the exhibition.

It looks great fun, so if you like to get involved in any capacity, then message Steph at Quatt Village Hall on 01746 781214 or stephjhinton@aol.com

Steph Hinton

ALVELEY ART GROUP

Members of Alveley Art Group enjoyed a recent trip taking part in a glass workshop session at Kinki Glass in the Fusion building at Jackfield Tile Museum, Ironbridge. Nikki Williams ran the session, she is a glass artist who creates blown and sculptural art glass in her studio there as well as running workshops for all ages. We had a lovely time creating our glass tiles in the studio using lots of techniques and we wait with bated breath for the finished pieces once they have been fired and fused. Our inspiration came from various sources, including animals (above and below the sea), flowers, fruit and some abstract ideas. Lunch too was enjoyable at the Tile Museum's Peacock Café. We look forward to our next trip out.

Just a reminder that we now start our art sessions at 10am and go on until 1pm in Alveley Village Hall every other Monday (black bin day!).

For more information on Alveley Art Group, please contact Deb on 01746 780243 or Martin on 780794.

THE DAY I MET H.M. QUEEN ELIZABETH AND H.R.H. PRINCE PHILIP

In February 1979 Her Majesty The Queen and H.R.H. Prince Philip paid an official visit to Dubai during their tour of the United Arab Emirates. At that time I was working in the British Embassy in Dubai. I arrived early at the embassy that morning in order to help check and re-check all the details of the visit, then I went home to change into the pretty dress I had bought especially for the occasion.

The Embassy is situated at the side of Dubai Creek and on my return the road between the Creek and the Embassy was packed with schoolchildren who had been brought in on highly decorated buses. I spent some time moving amongst them chatting and handing out hundreds of small Union Jack flags.

The Royal party arrived in the Sheikh's barge. They spent 15 minutes amongst the children before coming up into the Embassy grounds where the staff were all lined up. Her Majesty thanked me for all the hard work that she said she knew went into the organisation of her tours. I then shook hands and exchanged a few words with Prince Philip. When they had met everyone in the garden, the Queen and Prince Philip moved indoors to the long dining room where certain people were to have private interviews and receive gifts. I was one of those people. I was last to go in, after being told by a senior Naval officer how I should walk in, curtsy and wait to be spoken to. The room had never seemed longer than it did that day! The Queen chatted to me for a few minutes about life in Dubai and then presented me with a brooch. Prince Philip then joined in the conversation and asked me if I would like a signed photograph of them both which he was holding out to me. After a few more minutes I backed out through the side door leading back out into the garden. The Queen and Prince Philip came back into the garden and mingled amongst the staff for a short while longer before taking their leave of us.

That evening we had all been invited to a reception on board the Royal Yacht Britannia. That night I wore a beautiful full-length gown made of cream coloured old fashioned-lace. When I boarded, as I dropped my curtsy the Queen said: ' Good evening, Susan. How many times is this today?' I replied 'Three ma'am.'

The reception was wonderful. The royal party moved amongst the guests until it was time to watch the Beating of the Retreat by the band of the Royal Marines. A British contractor had erected stands on the quayside with seating for hundreds of people. When the band struck up with Hearts of Oak, The British Grenadiers, Rule Britannia etc the crowd sang along at the tops of their voices

– as we all did on the yacht. The atmosphere was electric. It was a most wonderful evening – indeed, a most wonderful day and one which I shall remember for the rest of my life. *Sue France, 15 Peacock Hill, Alveley.*

ALVELEY PATIENT GROUP 100 CLUB

April 2022 draw results: Drawn by Charlotte Walker, senior receptionist at Bridgnorth Medical Practice and witnessed by her colleague Amanda Timmington.

First Prize: £75.00 Colin Jones – Ball No. 54

Second Prize: £50.00 Yvonne Scriven – Ball No. 37

Third Prize £30.00 Mrs JM Beech – Ball No. 83

Fourth Prize: £10.00 Mr & Mrs RJ Sirrell – Ball No. 63

Fifth Prize £10.00 Mr. & Mrs. T.J. Roberts – Ball No. 51 (*second month running!*)

Congratulations to the winners. *Chris Noble*

ALVELEY W.I.

It was lovely to receive an invitation from Burwarton WI to join them in May for a delicious afternoon tea and a talk from local crime writer Kate Charles. Our speaker in May was John Butterworth who told us of the many dramas and funny stories on his 8,500 mile trip overland to Nepal. In 1972 John and seven friends drove a Land Rover across Europe, Turkey, Iran, Afghanistan, Pakistan, and India to give it to a Nepalese leprosy hospital. For the next 20 years the car was used to deliver medicines to remote villages before being replaced with a new one. Socially, we met for lunch at the Red Lion in Bobbington where we had a wonderful time.

Our meeting in June is our party (more food!). **DON'T FORGET CHANGE OF TIME AND VENUE. WE ARE MEETING AT THE VILLAGE HALL AT 2.00 pm on Wednesday 8th June.** We are having a summer afternoon tea and you are very welcome to bring a friend if you wish. We look forward to seeing everyone there. *Pam Worton*



A small but appreciative audience enjoyed our May film, *Kind Hearts and Coronets*. Our next film night is planned for St. Swithin's Day, Friday July 15th. Traditional folklore says that whatever the weather is on that day it will be the same for the next 40 days. It's probably unlikely to snow! For more details please ring Ian Maddock (780936) or Una Coombs (780568). *Pat Moreton*

A WONDERFUL TEAM EFFORT, FOLLOWING THE APPEAL FOR HELP

On Easter Bank Holiday Monday, approximately twenty volunteers turned up with tools and gloves to clear away the accumulated rubbish in the “Bottom” Churchyard here at St Mary’s, Alveley. What a sight it was! Brilliant weather (despite the forecast of rain); happy faces; bright assorted clothing; lots of laughter; astonishing effort; not a single grumble or complaint; no injuries, and a splendid result! Julie and Carol provided everyone with quality beef or lamb burgers and lashings of hot tea and coffee at lunchtime.

Tony Head drove his van and trailer twice to the Council tip in Bridgnorth to cart away the bin bags we filled with the plastic debris. Richard Sirrell and the other pyromaniacs in the group pretended to be Bear Grylls as they got the enormous bonfire to light (eventually) by rubbing two boy scouts together, though it did need the assistance of Ann from Bell Lane who sneaked off to get the firelighters (sshhh, that’s a secret). The bonfire was still going strong the next day. By the middle of the afternoon, the place was unrecognisable. Not only had the Bell Lane end been cleared but also the far end. Amazing!

Another job which we did not dream could get done so soon was the cutting back of the trees, letting in welcome light to the approach from the lane.

So, on behalf of the Churchwardens, a huge “Thank you” to you all, you wonderful people. You turned a dreaded burden for us into an opportunity to have fun together, build new friendships and demonstrate what the village can do when we all work together.

With Tony’s new signage, we now have a space to be proud of which should be a lot easier to maintain. The new mowing arrangements have started and we wait to see if the churchyard is respected in the way it should be by all those who use it. What shall we tackle next? *Peter Fry*



ALVELEY STROLLERS & STRIDERS

The footpaths around the centre of Alveley continue to be improved making them more accessible for more people (and dogs). The tree trunks leaning across the footpath leading from Cooks Cross to the allotments were a danger to everyone who used this path. I'm pleased to say that they have now been cut off and removed which means we no longer have to bend double to crawl under them, or in some cases banging our heads on them - some of us have found out the hard way exactly how hard tree trunks can be!

Continuing the process of replacing stiles with kissing gates in the vicinity of the village, two more gates have now been installed on the footpath connecting the village to Romsley Lane, the Bowhills bridleway, and Bowhills Dingle. This coincides with the refurbishment of the path up the side of the old garage building development on the other side of the A442, and creates a much improved access to a lovely area to the East of Alveley.

Regarding Romsley and Alveley, I have read that all the local Anglo-Saxon place names ending in '**ley**' were once leys or clearings in the ancient Forest of Morfe which covered the whole area between Kinver to the East and the Wyre forest to the West. Nordley Regis, or Kingsnordley as we now know it, was to the North of Alveley (and I suspect that Astley was so named because it was to the East). I have also read that in 1376 Margaret de Astley, whose family owned Nordley manor house, married Roger De la Lee (**Ley**?) of Coton Hall. After their marriage they lived in Coton which had, even then, belonged to the De la Lee's for some 800 years. The Coton Hall with which we are familiar was built in the early 19th century by their descendant Harry Lancelot Lee. Incidentally the old chapel ruin in front of Coton Hall is thought to date from the 13th century.

If you want to walk through local history, do feel free to join us at any time throughout the year. We meet for a 10.00am start every Tuesday morning in The Three Horse Shoes car park (arriving a little earlier to register). For more information you can ring Bill Smith on 01746 780841 or Norma and myself on 01746 780478.

Andrew Crabtree

Signing the register at a wedding, the groom had difficulty in making his ball-point pen work. "Put you weight on it," said the vicar. So the groom complied: 'John Smith (12 stone, four pounds)'

SEVERN VALLEY COUNTRY PARK

Over half term and the Platinum Jubilee weekend, the visitor centre and cafe will be open every day. On Wednesday 1st June, we will be welcoming Severn Rivers Trust who will be leading a family friendly bug hotel water wisdom workshop! You can book your place online.

From Wednesday 8th June, our Wild Toddler sessions will be starting up again. As our wildflower meadow will be in full bloom, our first session will be flower themed. Sessions are £5 and toast and squash is included in the price. Siblings aged under 18 months) can come along for free.

We have a family wildlife and heritage day on Saturday 18th June to celebrate 30 amazing years of Severn Valley Country Park. We're looking forward to visitors joining in with activities throughout the day which will include pond dipping, mini beast hunt, rock and fossil hunt and a wildflower walk. Our volunteers will be on site to showcase the work they do to conserve our many wildlife habitats.

We will also have a textile exhibition which uses the history, landscape and geology of the park as inspiration. We have been working with the Alveley Chapel Crafters, ladies from the Highley WI and Geologists in the Geopark on this exciting project and we are looking forward to sharing the results with you. Thank you to all who have volunteered their time to make this possible.

Organisations we have worked with over the years will also be celebrating with us. These include Geologists in the Geopark, Severn Rivers Trust, Bugs Life, RSPB, Shropshire Mammal Group, Alveley Historical Society and Bridgnorth Ukulele Band.

The Severn Valley Trail Run returns this year and entries are now open. Once again there will be 5K and 10k and you can enter online via stuweb.co.uk. The run will be held on Sunday 18th September. As we are looking ahead, Rain or Shine Theatre Company will be with us on Friday 12th August with an al fresco performance of The Recruiting Officer which is a delightful romp through 18th Century Shrewsbury.

By June, our new ranger, new cleaner and new teasop assistants will have all started with us. We hope you will join us in welcoming them to the team! We are looking forward to a busy summer ahead!

Susie Comaish, Severn Valley Country Park Visitor Centre Manager 01746 781192

One who boasts of being a self-made person relieves the Lord of a lot of responsibility.

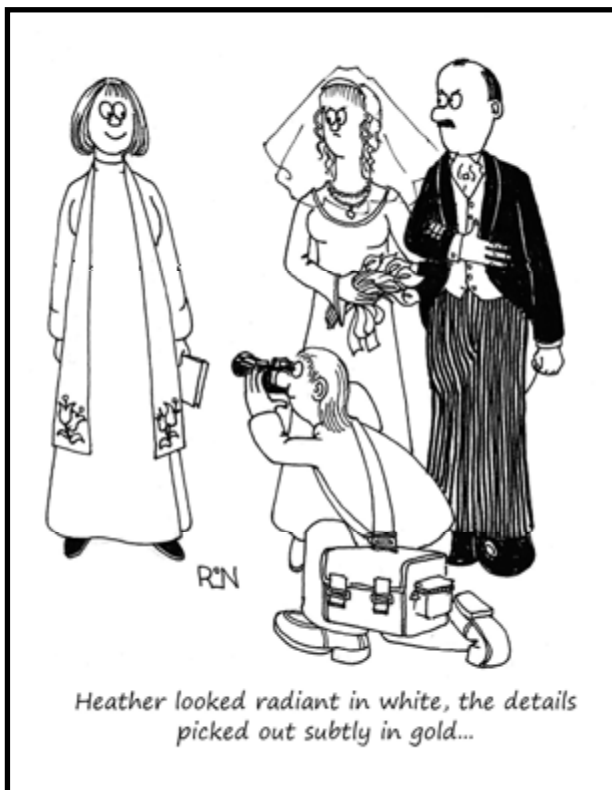
ALVELEY VILLAGE BAND

The Birmingham Botanical Gardens will be hosting our second public event of this year on Sunday June 19th at 2pm..

The thirty strong band, founded by the late Colin Jones MBE, will be hitting the high notes with a varied repertoire from Queen to James Bond. We will also be celebrating the longevity of the band against a beautiful background, so do come along and support us.

Like many other groups the band has struggled to keep its existence because of lockdown, but is now thriving under the direction of Garry Bailey. We encourage musicians of all abilities and our numbers have grown considerably. Alveley Village Band has a very full schedule this summer and playing at this venue is one of the highlights. We look forward to seeing you.

Alveley Village Band has two other more local performances scheduled - Proms in the Pub on Saturday June 4th at 2pm at The Three Horseshoes in Alveley and at Bridgnorth's Castle Garden Bandstand on Saturday 2nd July at 2pm. *Jenny Jarvis*



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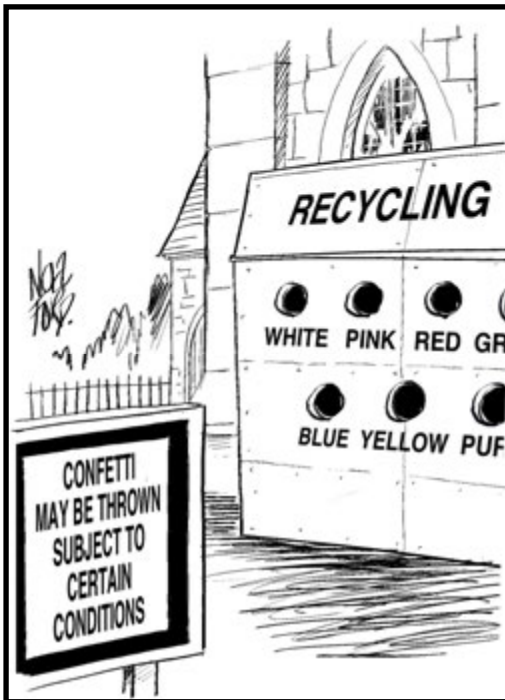
“The Battle of Alveley” and “Alveley News”

After 12 months of research I have finally managed to document the sequence of events that led to the 1645 Civil War Battle on the outskirts of the village and the possible battle site. Together with photographs and maps the book is priced at £5.00 and finally dispels the many myths that have built up over the generations that the battle took place in the churchyard.

The second book is a collection of over 100 newspaper reports dating from the late 1700s through to the 1960s which detail daily life in Alveley and Romsley Parish including reports on murders, suicides, riots, accidents, theft and a prize fight at Tuck Hill where the reporter refers to the spectators as “savages from the Black Country”! This is priced at £6.00.

Finally a few copies remain of the two books from last year, “Ridiculous Monsters”, the story of the Bell Inn stone carvings with over 50 colour photo's priced at £7.50 and “The early days of Cricket in and around Alveley” priced at £5.00.

Please contact Trevor Jones on 01746 780573 or me, Tim White on 01278 795091. *Tim White*



ST. MARY'S CHURCH ROTA MAY 2022

Please ring a churchwarden (see page 4) if you are unable to carry out your duty.

| Date | 1st Reading | 2nd Reading | Intercessions | Sidespersons | Refreshments |
|---------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| June 5 | Pauline Cooper Acts 2.1-21 | Liz Bullas John 14.8-17, 25-27 | Jackie Hampson | Hazel Leach Pat Haw | Anne Simms Laura Sim |
| June 12 | Coiln Taylor John 16.12-15 | | | Lynn Madden | Carol Wall John Wall |
| June 19 | Julie Fry Galatians 3.23-end | Ian Maddock Luke 8.26-39 | Peter Fry | Liz Bullas Diana Kennedy | Julie Fry Irene Orford |
| June 26 | James Woolley Luke 9.51-end | | | Steve Kerry | St. Mary's Team |

DIARY

June

- 2 Alveley litter pick, Three Horseshoes 11.30am (p 9)
- 2 Jubilee Beacon lit, Romsley and peal of bells, St . Mary's 9.45pm (p 8)
- 2 Fireworks display, Recreation ground 10pm (p 8)
- 2 Chapel Crafters, Old Chapel , 10.30am-12.30pm
- 4 Proms in the Pub with Alveley Village Band, 3 Horseshoes 2pm (p 9)
- 5 Recreation Ground open all day for Jubilee celebrations (p 8/9)
- 8 Jubilee sing-song with Andrew & Brian, Old Chapel, 2pm (p 7)
- 8 Alveley WI party, **Village Hall 2pm**
- 8 Jubilee sing-song with Andrew & Brian, Old Chapel, 2pm (p 7)
- 13 Alveley Art Group, Village Hall, 10am-1pm (p 11)
- 19 Alveley Village Band, B'ham Botanical Gardens 2pm (p 17)
- 20 Be café, Old Chapel 2-4pm (p 5)
- 22 Midweek Communion, St. Mary's 10.30am (p 5)
- 24 Chapel Crafters, Old Chapel , 10.30am-12.30pm
- 25 Hart of the wood, Comer Woods (p 10)
- 27 Alveley Art Group, Village Hall, 10am-1pm (p 11)
- 29-June 5 Dudmaston celebrates Queen's Jubilee (p10)

July

- 2 Alveley Village Band at Castle Gardens, Bridgnorth 2pm (p 17)
- 9 'Jabs' (The Booster Tour), Alveley Village Hall, 7.30pm (p 10)
- 15 Alveley Entertainers film night, Village Hall 7.30pm (p 13)
- 18 Be café, Old Chapel 2-4pm (p 5)
- 20 Midweek Communion, St. Mary's 10.30am (p5)

August

- 12 Rain or Shine Theatre at SVCP (16)

September

- 18 5k & 10k races, SVCP (p16)

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THE BACK PAGE

This is being written in southern France and the cover photo was taken early in the trip - having taken five days to get here. We spent a couple of days in Champagne as stocks had completely evaporated, not having crossed the Channel for three year - though Tanners did help out in our hour of need! The huge bottle at Cramant has been there for many years and leaves you in no doubt as to the local produce.

Similarly, French motorways have regular signs informing travellers in pictures about the town or region you are approaching, sometimes with historical references or indicating museums, galleries or the region's main produce.

It did make me wonder what could be put on the A442 approaching Alveley and Quatt. The colliery has gone so perhaps a huge bag of potatoes for Alveley and an enormous bunch of asparagus for Quatt? Your suggestions would be welcomed.

The weather here has been very hot and temperatures are forecast to reach the mid to high 30s in the coming days. Fortunately the property has air-conditioning and we were surprised to see a swimming pool, shared with the proprietor, who lives in the adjacent house. This is a recent addition of which we were not aware, so sadly we didn't bring our swimsuits with us. A trip to the local sports shop is in order - I wouldn't want to leave you with an indelible image of your editor skinny dipping. That would certainly put you off your dinner and totally ruin your Jubilee celebrations!

A bientôt.

Ian

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