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The Reader writes

The bunting may still be blowing in some places but the cakes are eaten and the Queen is resting. I write just after the splendid Jubilee weekend and as an ardent Royalist I thoroughly enjoyed all that was on offer to see, hear and taste; the Jubilee Cake in Dudmaston Tea Room was immense and fruitily delicious. Even if you are a republican, I hope you enjoyed the extended Bank Holiday. My overriding memory is of the Queen starring in a Paddington Bear sketch. You may laugh but I found it amusing, touching and it gave an insight into the Queen having a charming sense of humour, another one of God's gifts for His servant Queen as well as faith, duty and unending service. I should imagine its quite difficult to enact a conversation with a CGI bear because there would be nothing to see on the other side of the tea table until the clever filmmaker skilfully adds a moving, talking, tea-drinking and totally believable Paddington Bear character. Our 96-year-old monarch coped admirably with a twinkle in her eye, trusting the film crew to produce the tea party we so enjoyed.

But then she is a devout Christian and as followers of Jesus we are used to not seeing Him yet still believing in Him and our Queen certainly has an incredibly strong faith in Him who cannot be seen. The message for all of us who follow Jesus is that although we may not be able to see Him, we can still trust He is there, for we have a God who became a Man, was crucified and yet rose from the dead and appeared before His disciples on several occasions. Sometimes we might doubt like the disciple Thomas but we, like him, can always be reassured that our God is there for us. Jesus said to Thomas in John's Gospel chapter 20 verse 29

"You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who haven't seen me and believe anyway."

Are you a believer or maybe an explorer? Perhaps you would like to share your thoughts, hopes and doubts with the rest of us in St. Mary's, Alveley and St. Andrews, Quatt. Remember, we are open to all who want to worship or find out more about Jesus. You will be welcomed. I wish you a happy, peaceful July full of love and laughter. Oh, and of course, plenty of marmalade sandwiches wherever you keep them for later...

Sue

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From the Benefice Registers

Baptism	<i>We welcome you.</i>	
3 April	Faleena Marie Finney	St. Mary's
15 May	Millie Jane Humphries	St. Mary's
17 June	Lucas Christopher Benton-Brown	St. Mary's
Wedding	<i>Those whom God has joined together</i>	
5 June	Vanessa Joy Hill and Tyler Mark Goodall	St. Mary's
Funerals	<i>Jesus said: 'I am the resurrection and the life.'</i>	
26 May	Keith Frederick Wilkins	St. Mary's
9 June	Graham Martin Spragg	St Mary's

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COVER PICTURE

The Platinum Jubilee Queen

Photo by Alveley School

JULY SERVICES

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

Sunday July 3rd	3rd Sunday after Trinity	
10.30am	Morning Prayer	St. Andrew's
10.30am	Holy Communion	St. Mary's
Sunday July 10th	4th Sunday after Trinity	
10.30am	Family Service	St. Mary's
Sunday July 17th	5th Sunday after Trinity	
10.30am	Holy Communion	St. Mary's
4.00pm	Teatime Praise	St. Andrew's
Wednesday July 20th		
10.30am	Holy Communion	St. Mary's
Sunday July 24th	6th Sunday after Trinity	
10.30am	20/20/20	St. Mary's
Sunday July 31st	7th Sunday after Trinity	
10.30am	Holy Communion by extension	St. Andrews

HOWARD THOMPSON BEQUEST

The Howard Thompson Bequest donates funds to local organisations (not individuals) for promoting Christian faith education and training.

This is a benevolent fund dedicated to supporting local organisations and voluntary groups. The trustees are happy to receive applications for grants from eligible groups.

Please put your application in writing to Jackie Hampson at:
howardthompsonbf@gmail.com

Applications need to be received by Wednesday 19th October 2022 when they will be considered by the Trustees.

For all church enquiries please visit our website

<https://www.alveleyandquattchurches> or email

stmary01church@outlook.com leaving your name, contact details, reason for enquiry and we will get back to you.

In an emergency please call Jenny Sirrell, Churchwarden (780369).

For Alveley burial ground enquiries call Jenny Sirrell.

NEWS FROM ST. ANDREW'S, QUATT

My favourite month has arrived! As I write this the weather is actually more seasonal - sunshine and warmth - long may it last. English strawberries are in the shops, the gardens are full of colour and it's time to get the barbecue out.

I have some dates for your diaries. On Sunday October 9th we will be holding our Harvest Service followed by a hot roast lunch and home made desserts in the Village Hall. This was a very popular event last year and so we hope that you will all join us again. I will give you more details nearer the time.

We are also going to hold a late summer Quattro lunch in the village Hall. We have decided to open this up to men as well as women and I will give you the date in next month's magazine.

In the next few weeks we are hoping to produce a monthly quiz that you can collect from the Farm Shop or Church.

If you have a summer holiday planned I hope that you have a lovely break wherever you may be .

Ann Lee

ALVELEY OLD CHAPEL

I am constantly being asked when we are going to extend the opening of the AOC Tea Room. My answer every time I am asked is "when I have sufficient volunteers".

We need to stop and think how many things run in our village as a result of people giving their time freely and what we would lose if nobody volunteered. Volunteering is extremely rewarding and it gives so much to the community for just a few hours of our time. A quote from John F Kennedy states *"Every person can make a difference, and every person should try."* Audrey Hepburn wrote *"As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands — one for helping yourself, the other for helping others."* There are many such quotes from famous people who have given some of their time freely to make a difference.

Currently, the tea room is open on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 11.00am to 3.00pm. Ultimately, we want to extend to opening on Thursdays and to extend the opening hours. The shifts at the moment for volunteers are 11.00am to 1.00pm and 1.00pm to 3.00pm with a requirement to start half

an hour earlier for setting up and staying after closing for clearing up. The menus are simple and the food is prepared fresh at the time of ordering. The atmosphere is friendly with plenty of laughter and banter amongst volunteers and customers alike.

The tea room offers people many things from being a meeting place for friends to meet, to giving comfort to people in their hour of need. I myself took comfort following the loss of my mother whom I looked after for many years. I found the tea room allowed me to relax with a cuppa in a friendly vibrant place rather than sitting at home alone in silence.

The Old Chapel is available to rent on an hourly basis for parties, functions and groups. The cost is £10.00 per hour with a requirement to provide your own refreshments. We can also offer some community projects the use of the Old Chapel free of charge depending on the benefit to the community.

To finish off, let me tempt you with our summer menu. We offer white and wholemeal rolls with fillings such as cheese, tuna mayo and freshly carved ham. These are served with a salad garnish and posh crisps. We also serve jacket potatoes with various fillings, homemade Quiche Lorraine and toasted sandwiches with a variety of fillings, all served with a salad garnish. To finish there is a wide selection of delicious homemade cakes and a wide range of hot and cold drinks. Please come and sample our generous portions and, if you fancy it, to see if you would like to join our team of volunteers.

John Lowe

ALVELEY VILLAGE BAND

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ALVELEY SCHOOL

Alveley Primary School enjoyed the opportunity to be part of local celebrations for the Jubilee. Pupils from all classes enjoyed planting red, white and blue flowers as part of the 'Saying It In Flowers' village project, kindly supported by Mr Bates. On the final day before half term pupils enjoyed a jubilee picnic to celebrate. School and FOAS were also pleased to be part of the village celebrations on the recreation ground, where many children had fun visiting the stalls to 'Guess the Sweets in the Jar', win a bear on the 'Teddy Tombola' and 'Find the Treasure', amongst other games. In school the children had also enjoyed the opportunity to design a Jubilee mug, which all pupils were kindly gifted by Alveley and Romsley Parish Council. It has been fantastic for the children to play a part in such significant celebrations within their local area.

We currently have a small number of Nursery places available for September for 3 and 4 year old pupils and spaces on the waiting list to start in the Spring and Summer term. We would encourage you to contact the school office for further information 01746 780284.

Catherine Coleman, Assistant Headteacher



JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Thank you to everyone involved in organising the Jubilee celebrations. Clearly a lot of hard work went into it, from the lighting of the beacon at Romsley, the spectacular firework display, the Village Band concert at The Three Horseshoes, the litter pick, the singalongs and the picnic on the Recreation Ground with the Bradeney Bunch and teas and music in the Village Hall.

Many villagers put out flags and bunting and took advantage of the offer from the Morfe Valley Nursery to ensure displays of red, white and blue flowers.

Thank you all. *Ian Maddock, Editor.*



ALVELEY VILLAGE HALL

It was wonderful to see so many of you on Sunday 5th June in the village hall enjoying a hot drink and cake as part of the events organised to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. A big thank you to the WI and the Ladies Guild for all their help serving tea and coffee and for their donation of the really mouth-watering cakes. Thanks to Alveley Art Group who displayed their recent art works, which were greatly admired and based on the theme of the Platinum Jubilee. Adding greatly to the festive decorations the Alveley Brownies, the Ladies Guild and the Art group made beautiful window displays. Also thanks to Andrew and Brian who rounded off the afternoon with a musical 'trip down Memory Lane'.

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 Shropshire 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." Jabs is a three actor show full of affectionate laughs, a few gentle moments of poignancy, a smattering of songs and a touch of audience participation. Tickets will cost £10 and can be bought from me, 01746 780478 (mobile 07712 389131) or the Londis Foodstore, Alveley.

Norma Crabtree



Our next film night will be on Friday, July 15th at 7.30pm in Alveley Village Hall. The usual charge of £5 on the door will include the film, tea/coffee and cake.

For more details please ring Una Coombs (780568) or Ian Maddock (780936).

Pat Moreton

'I am taking care of my procrastination issues. Just you wait and see.'

ALVELEY ART GROUP

We were very pleased to receive our fused glass tiles following our recent workshop visit to Jackfield. Some of the tiles are fired twice to create a small curved bowl rather than a flat tile, these look very nice sitting on a window sill in the sunlight.

A small group of us (no minibus this year) went off to Worcester Art Gallery and Museum to see the Japanese Woodblock Prints - the curator, Suz, gave us a really interesting guided tour of all the prints (these had been archived at Worcester until she came across them just before Covid). We were inspired by the artwork and hope to do some Japanese related pieces ourselves.

Thank you to the people who commented on our Jubilee art exhibition - it was good to mark the Queen's achievement with a few art pieces.

Contact us for any art group information - details at the back of the magazine.

Deb Parker.

THE BIRMINGHAM 2022 QUEEN'S BATON RELAY

The Birmingham 2022 Queen's Baton Relay – the Commonwealth Games' equivalent of the Olympic Torch Relay – began on 7 October 2021, with Her Majesty The Queen placing her Message to the Commonwealth into the Baton. Its 294-day journey of approximately 90,000 miles (140,000 kilometres) visiting all 72 nations and territories taking part in the Games will be back in the West Midlands from 18th July for its final leg. The global journey will conclude at the Birmingham 2022 Opening Ceremony. The baton will be travelling on the SVR's 'purple loco', No. 70 'Elizabeth II' from Kidderminster to Bridgnorth on Saturday 23rd July. I am also delighted to share that I have been selected as a Batonbearer to represent the local community on the final leg of the Baton Relay.

Kath Norgrove

If you were arrested for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you? - D O Fuller

A NOTE FROM THE MEDICAL PRACTICE

You are no longer required to wear a mask at the practice unless you prefer to. We would encourage you to continue wearing a mask if you have respiratory symptoms.

Alison Edwards, our new private foot care practitioner, is offering her nail cutting services at the Practice on Thursday afternoons at £22 per appointment. Please note this is for Alveley Medical Practice Patients only.

Lindsey Clark, Practice Manager

ALVELEY PATIENT GROUP 100 CLUB

May 2022 draw results: A Big THANK YOU to Nanu Miah from Alveley Chutney's for drawing this month's winning numbers, when we collected a delicious takeaway from there on Saturday night.

First Prize: £75.00 Peter Mottershead Ball No. 71

Second Prize: £50.00 Pauline Cutler – Ball No. 58

Third Prize £30.00 Don Beech – Ball No. 84

Fourth Prize: £10.00 Ken Moreton – Ball No. 11

Fifth Prize £10.00 Mr. & Mrs. S.J. Jones – Ball No. 39

Congratulations to the winners.

Please direct message me or email me on samloupo@outlook.com if you would like to join the 100 club.

Sam Potter

ACOUSTIC EVENING 2022 COMEBACK SPECIAL

After a few years break, we are back!

Please come and join us at Alveley Village Hall for an evening of live music to raise money for UNICEF's appeal to support the children of Ukraine. Come along for an evening of acoustic guitar-based music from local musicians.

The date: Saturday 6th August. Doors will open at 6pm. The show will start at 7pm.

Tickets are £7 in advance and available from me on 07485 426 802. Payment at the door will be £8. Please bring your own refreshments.

Rob Howells

Anger is a wind which blows out the lamp of the mind. - Anon

ALVELEY W.I.

It was lovely to see so many members and guests present at our afternoon tea party in June. There was laughter and chatter all afternoon as we munched our way through delicious sandwiches, cakes and scones washed down by copious cups of tea or coffee. Thanks to everyone who provided refreshments and those who helped out on the day to make the party such a success.

At our meeting on Wednesday 13th July Kerry Mason will be coming to improve our knowledge of hosiery, whether it be funky tights, stockings, holdups, or socks. The title of her talk is 'Thighs the Limit'. Who knows where this will lead us!!!

Our August meeting will be a picnic lunchtime get-together on the Recreation Ground.

Pam Worton



SEVERN VALLEY COUNTRY PARK

We would like to say an enormous THANK YOU to the Alveley Chapel Crafters for creating a most beautiful textile wall hanging of the park. We approached the Crafters in February to ask them if they would like to be part of a community project to help celebrate 30 years of Severn Valley Country Park. They worked alongside Highley WI and Georgia Jacobs from Abberley and Malvern Hills Geopark, who we would also like to say an enormous thank you to, and the end result is 3 wall hangings which are now on display in the visitor centre. Highley WI designed a wall hanging which depicts the park 320 million years ago during the Carboniferous period, when large trees and ferns dominated the area. Insects were enormous and the area was largely lakes and floodplains. The ladies have created a landscape you feel you can step into.

Georgia designed a hanging which shows the geology beneath our feet with the coal seams featured and images of the mine and aerial ropeways. With Georgia's passion for geology it's an accurate portrayal with a bit of textile flair!

The Alveley Chapel Crafters took on the challenge of the park as it is today. The design they came up with touches on all aspects of the park – the river, bridge, visitor centre, wildflower meadows, beehives, kingfishers, kestrels – the level of detail in the wall hanging is fantastic. The ladies have thought of every aspect of the park. See the photo of the wall hanging on page 16.

The time and effort put into all the wall hangings by the Crafters, Highley WI and Georgia has been so generous and the end results are beautiful. The hangings will be on display permanently at the park. We also have a textile exhibition in the visitor centre with works inspired by the park. These will be on display throughout the summer holidays as part of Geofest 2022. The hangings and exhibition are also in recognition of the 10th anniversary of the Abberley and Malvern Hills Geopark. Georgia Jacobs has worked with the park closely for around 6 years and her input and support with the wall hangings and exhibition has been invaluable.

June has been busy with school visits. For some of the children it has been their first ever school trip and even arriving by bus has been exciting for them! It has been great welcoming schools back to the park and our new ranger, Guy has been enjoying taking on the new challenge of school visits.

We're getting ready for the summer holidays. Keep an eye on our Facebook page and website for our upcoming events!

Susie Comaish, SVCP Visitor Centre Manager 01746 781192

ALVELEY STROLLERS & STRIDERS

Whilst out walking over Kinver Edge recently, I came across some laminated card packs attached to a footpath tree. These had been placed there by the '**Field Studies Council**', as a general guide for passers by, so helping them identify the many wild birds and flowers that you may come across on your walks.

This I thought was a great idea for those of us that wish to know more about the wildlife that you may be able to spot in the woods and along the edge.

When I got home I looked up the Field Studies Council, and as well as their excellent educational training programmes, they also publish over 80 laminated card packs, depicting everything from birds, bees and bugs, to wild flowers, in fact, all things fauna and flora.

These I believe would be a great asset to all that love the great outdoors, being able to identify all that surrounds us on our walks, especially younger ones. What better way to introduce them to the outdoors, than from an early age?

This I thought was a great idea for those of us that wish to know more about the wildlife that you may be able to spot in the woods and along the edge.

There's always something new to experience and learn on a walk. You could walk the same route a hundred times, and still come across, or hear something new, whether it be a different bird, a new bird song, animal track or wild flower. This is what makes walking in the countryside on our doorstep such a treat, not just giving you a feeling of inner contentment, but a connection with nature, both in body and mind.

Why not put it to the test, and join us on any Tuesday morning throughout the year, where we're sure you will not just feel the benefit, but maybe, learn or spot something new on one of our walks?

We meet at the Three Horseshoes P.H, in readiness for a 10.00am start. (If it's your first walk, please arrive a little earlier for registration).

For more information, please don't hesitate to contact either Andrew on 01746 780478, or me on 01746 780841.

Bill Smith

When using a public campsite, a tuba placed outside your tent will keep the spaces on either side vacant.

RUBBISH ART COMPETITION

Sustainable Bridgnorth needs you to get creative with rubbish for Plastic Free July!

It can be any form of art but can't be larger than **50cm x 50cm x 50cm** and your piece has to be made with something that you would normally put into your recycling boxes or bin (e.g. foil, tins, take-away cups, old newspaper or magazines, crisp packets, cereal boxes, plastic bottles etc.). There will be three competition categories (12 years and under, 13-18 year olds and over 18). The competition will be launched in July to run through the school holidays with the winning and runner up entries displayed at the Green Festival on 17th September (more information on that to follow in next month's edition). There will be a winner's prize and runner up prizes for each category.

For more information, look out for leaflets, visit Sustainable Bridgnorth social media pages, pop into Room for Refills (97 Cartway, Bridgnorth) or contact me on 761033. *Kath Norgrove*

Wall hanging
at Severn Valley
Country Park
(see page 14)



ALL IN THE MONTH OF JULY

175 years ago, on 24th July 1847 Salt Lake City in Utah was founded by Mormon pioneers, led by Brigham Young.

150 years ago, on 1st July 1872 Louis Bleriot, French inventor, and aviation pioneer was born. He developed the first practical headlamp for cars and became the first person to fly across the English Channel.

125 years ago, on 21st July 1897 the Tate Britain art museum opened in London.

90 years ago, on 8th July 1932 the USA's stock market (Dow Jones Industrial Average) fell to its lowest point (41.22) during the Great Depression.

Also 90 years ago, on 19th July 1932 Lambeth Bridge in London was officially opened.

80 years ago, on 22nd July 1942 the Nazis began the mass transportation of Jews from the Warsaw Ghetto in Poland to the Treblinka extermination camp.

Also 80 years ago, on 31st July 1942 the British charity Oxfam was founded. (Oxford Committee for Famine Relief)

75 years ago, on 9th July 1947 Buckingham Palace announced the engagement of Princess Elizabeth (later Queen Elizabeth II) to Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten.

65 years ago, on 6th July 1957 John Lennon and Paul McCartney met for the first time at a church hall in Liverpool, where 16-year-old Lennon was performing with his skiffle group the Quarrymen. 15-year-old McCartney joined as a rhythm guitarist shortly afterwards, and the pair went on to form the Beatles.

60 years ago, on 10th July 1962 Swedish engineer Nils Bohlin was granted a US patent for the three-point safety belt for vehicles. It is now used in practically all road vehicles.

40 years ago, on 9th July 1982 Michael Fagan broke into Buckingham Palace and spent 10 minutes talking to the Queen in her bedroom.

15 years ago, on 1st July 2007 smoking was banned in all enclosed workplaces in England.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY TREK TO ENGLAND'S HIGHEST WAR MEMORIAL

The Royal British Legion is encouraging people to sign up for this year's Poppy Trek events taking place on the 13th and 14th of August, to raise vital funds for service personnel, veterans and their families.

Fundraisers will have the opportunity to hike one of two iconic routes – a 9-mile trek to England's highest war memorial at the summit of Scafell Pike, or a 6-mile trek to Great Gable, its beautiful neighbouring mountain and a brand-new route for 2022.

Both the 9-mile and 6-mile routes will take participants through the picturesque and unique landscapes of the Lake District before reaching the 963-metre or 886-metre peak. After stopping to take in the views across Cumbria, participants will share a moment of reflection in a minute's silence, paying tribute to the sacrifices made by our Armed Forces community past and present.

Scafell Pike was part of 'The Great Gift', where several Cumbrian peaks were gifted to the National Trust, a generous act which was made at the end of the First World War. Great Gable also holds special significance with a dedicatory war memorial commemorated at the summit, in recognition of the members of The Fell & Rock-Climbing Club who fought in The First World War.

The money raised from Poppy Trek goes towards supporting people like Afghanistan veteran Mike Kiff, who was discharged from the Army due to chronic pain and depression. When Mike and his wife discovered they could get support from the RBL, their lives changed.

Poppy Trek is a fantastic way for people to show their support for the Royal British Legion and have some fun at the same time. Everyone taking part will be raising vital funds for service personnel, veterans and their families who are struggling through hardships, injuries, and bereavements.

The Scafell Pike hike takes place on the Saturday 13th August, and Great Gable on Sunday 14th. Entry for both routes is £30 and includes an exclusive Poppy Trek medal.

For more information or to sign up, visit: www.rbl.org.uk/poppytrek or contact the events team on 03330114500. Alternatively you can email us at events@britishlegion.org.uk

Sharon Wells, Events Partnership Manager at the Royal British Legion

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
July 3	Jean Marshall Ephesians 2.19-end	Laura Simms John 20.24-29	Penny Jenkins	Pat Haw Hazel Leach	Pat Bowyer Irene Orford
July 10	Fred Cooper Luke 10.25-37			Fred & Pauline Cooper	Carol and John- Wall
July 17	Kirsty Ritzenhaler Colossians 1.15-28	Peter Fry Luke 10.38-end	Paul Rylance	Dale Chidwick Julie Fry	David & Jackie Hampson
July 24	David Hampson Luke 11.1-13			Lynn Madden Carol Wall	St. Mary's team
July 31	T.B.A.	T.B.A.	T.B.A.	T.B.A.	T.B.A.

DIARY

July

- 2 Alveley Village Band at Castle Gardens, Bridgnorth 2pm
- 9 'Jabs' (The Booster Tour), Alveley Village Hall, 7.30pm (p 10)
- 13 Alveley WI: Thighs the Limit, Pavilion 7pm (p 13)
- 15 Alveley Entertainers film night, Village Hall 7.30pm (p 10)
- 16 Alveley Village Band summer concert, St Mary's 7.30pm (p 7)
- 18 Be café, Old Chapel 2-4pm (p 5)
- 20 Midweek Communion, St. Mary's 10.30am (p5)

August

- 6 Acoustic evening, Alveley Village Hall 7pm (p 12)
- 12 Rain or Shine Theatre at SVCP

September

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

October

- 9 St. Andrew's Harvest service and lunch (p 6)



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THE BACK PAGE

People tend to remember where they were on the anniversary of major events - the assassination of President Kennedy, or 9/11 for example.

Today is our youngest grandchild's 20th birthday. On the day of her arrival the Head Gardener and I were at a garden party with a lot of people and being entertained by musicians. Unfortunately my phone had not been switched to silent mode and rang loudly midway through a song. I was mortified, not by the news of Eleri's arrival of course, but by the fact that the phone had rung during a performance. The singer had clearly heard the phone but completed her song beautifully despite the disruption, much to her credit. In some ways it was fortunate that the singer was a former pupil and we were able to chat amicably when I apologised for the distraction. Eleri is now studying to be a midwife.

When our first grandchild, Jack, was born I was umpiring Alveley Cricket Club's home match on the Recreation Ground. The Head Gardener came up from home to give me the news between overs, so there were a few celebratory drinks after the game. Jack and his fiancée have just bought their first house and there will, no doubt, be a few more drinks when they get married in October.

That leaves Aled but the news of his arrival didn't interrupt a singer or a cricket match - it was simply a phone call when the Head Gardener and I were at home. Aled graduated last year and is one of the technical team working at the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane on 'Frozen: The Musical.'

It makes one wonder where all the time has gone. It is odd, however, that those events are easily recalled, whereas I can get home from a round of golf and, when asked, have great difficulty in naming the other people I played with. Even worse is going from one room to another and then not having a clue what I went for.

I am reminded of the man who, having been married for many years, still called his wife sweetheart or darling. A friend commented how lovely it was that after so many years he still spoke to his wife in such endearing terms - but the husband explained it was because he couldn't remember her name!

Ian

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