

## LOOKING FORWARD / REMEMBERING THE PAST

The Parish Council are to be congratulated on pursuing the future of the White Lion Barthomley and obtaining a "Notice of Asset Approval under the Community Right to Bid", from Cheshire East Council. This means that the property cannot be disposed of without the Parish Council being notified and time also being allowed for community groups to register an interest if the owner decided to sell. The full letter is on the Parish Council notice board but our thanks go to the Parish Council for their diligence.

Road works and diversions continue but we quickly adapt to inconveniences and many feel the temporary traffic lights in the village are an asset!

The Harvest Festival collection raised £380 which was gratefully received by Crewe Salvation Army. Thank you to everyone who contributed..

Harvest Supper was a sell-out, many thanks to the Village Hall Committee who worked incredibly hard preparing and serving a splendid meal and to Brian Whittaker and Molly who kept us entertained. So while on the social events please remember the Cheese and Wine Quiz on Saturday 11th November, 7.00pm in the Village Hall; contact Simon Gresty for tickets. Then on Saturday 25th November we have the Christmas Fayre 9.30am-1.00pm, in the Church and Village Hall; do put in an appearance. Santa will be in attendance from 11.00am.

While we remember all those who gave their lives in the two World Wars at the Remembrance Service, this year on Sunday 12th November 10.30am, we also think of more recent disasters; our world is far from a peaceful place.

We welcome Jude Oscar Barker to the church community; his baptism took place on Sunday 15th October, a special occasion for family and friends, especially his older



brother Oliver John. (Photo shows Jude's parents Craig and Sophie Barker with Rev Peter Ennion)

Finally looking forward, the next Tea Set will be in the Village Hall 2.00pm-4.00pm on Tuesday 21st November when the speaker will be David Owen "Behind the Scenes at the Lyceum Theatre". All welcome.

Christine Bailey  
Churchwarden

## From The Rectory

This year outside the church door we have had a lovely display of poppies which sprung up between the paving and the stones. The poppy is the symbol chosen for remembrance. The poppy grew across the war-torn fields of Flanders, all those years ago.

Red as the blood shed there, a symbol of lives lost and lives wasted.

But the poppy is also a symbol of hope. Poppies grow so easily and are very persistent. In Flanders they spread over the scars of war and before long could be seen a great harvest of living symbols of hope. The poppy links us with them; calls us to persist, calls us to be vigilant; calls us to awareness. We can only make sense of the sacrifices of so many, in so many places and in so many times, by carrying on the struggle against evil, whatever shape it takes. "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty" it is also the price of faith.

We have another symbol – the Cross. Just as the poppy symbolises blood shed in war so the cross symbolises the blood of Christ himself, shed in the war against evil in all its forms. His body was broken to show how God shares with us our pain and loss: his blood poured out that we might see in that sacrifice the way to conquer.

The Cross which stands in human eyes as an object of pain and disgrace, of shame and disgust, stands in God's eyes as a powerful sign of hope. For after the crucifixion came resurrection- the triumph over sin and death, the victory over evil.

Just as the Poppy, spreading living beauty, in the midst of destruction and death, speaks to us of perseverance and struggle and hope, so the Cross teaches us that through all bitterness – even the bitterness of death and through all desolation, cruelty, disappointments and sin, so hope and love will spring up and spread with the love and grace of God.

### REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

**Is on the 12th November and the  
Act Of Remembrance  
will take place during the 10.30 am service.**

Also

**On Sunday 5th November we will be remembering  
all The Departed  
(All Saints- All Souls)  
during the 10.30 service that morning**

With every Blessing  
Peter

*You and your team are invited to an evening  
of Cheese and Wine with a Quiz*



**19.00, Barthomley Village Hall  
Saturday 11th November 2023**

**Tickets £10, sponsorship of a wine or cheese £20. For either or both  
please contact Simon Gresty on 07766655066**

**Monies raised for St. Bertoline's Church**

Press Release following October Meeting  
Last month's speaker at our meeting was Peter Graham. He gave us a memorable talk on "The Rock and Roll Years", and recounted the history of the music together with snippets of songs and photographs of iconic Rock and Roll singers and musicians.

Afterwards, a group of members reported back on the Autumn Meeting they had attended the day before at the Storyhouse theatre in Chester. There were 3 speakers at this event. Besides a former presenter of Tomorrow's World and a Great British Sewing Bee Finalist, was Karin Snape, recently who embarked on an incredible 1,000 mile walk from John O'Groats to Land's in a dog costume to raise money for Guide Dogs for the Blind. She also brought the star of the evening – her latest well-behaved puppy! To date her walk has raised around £25,000 which will pay for two guide dogs to be fully trained.

Our meeting closed with a truly unique coincidence when the four winners of the raffle drew out their own ticket!!

As a consequence of the Covid pandemic the growth of online meetings has changed the concept of broader education nationwide. Denman College in Oxford was owned by The Women's Institute and offered a wide variety of residential courses for members. However, disruptions due to Covid made these courses unsustainable and The Denman Trust will now launch a "Denman At Home WI Learning Hub in January 2024", initially free and offering all members opportunities for new learning in a variety of subjects.

We'd love you to come along to one of meetings to check us out. Our next meeting is our AGM held on Tuesday 7th November at 7 pm in Barthomley Village Hall.



**Diamond Congratulations**

Stephen and June Hawthorn celebrated their Diamond Wedding in 2022. However the expected "Card from the Queen" did not arrive as Queen Elizabeth had died very recently. A few days ago our post lady told me she had delivered a very special envelope to The Brambles; from the King! This was the new congratulatory card, now sent to mark Diamond Weddings, from King Charles.

We all send our love and congratulations to Steve and June on this very special occasion even if it is a year late.

Chris Bailey

**BARTHOMLEY VILLAGE HALL**

**TEA SET**

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November – 2pm to 4pm**

**GUEST SPEAKER**

**David Owen**

**“A peep behind the curtain at the  
Lyceum Theatre”**



**David is the resident historian for the Lyceum  
and has been involved in most things  
associated with the theatre for the last 40  
years.**

**Another event not to be missed.**

**Admission £3.00**