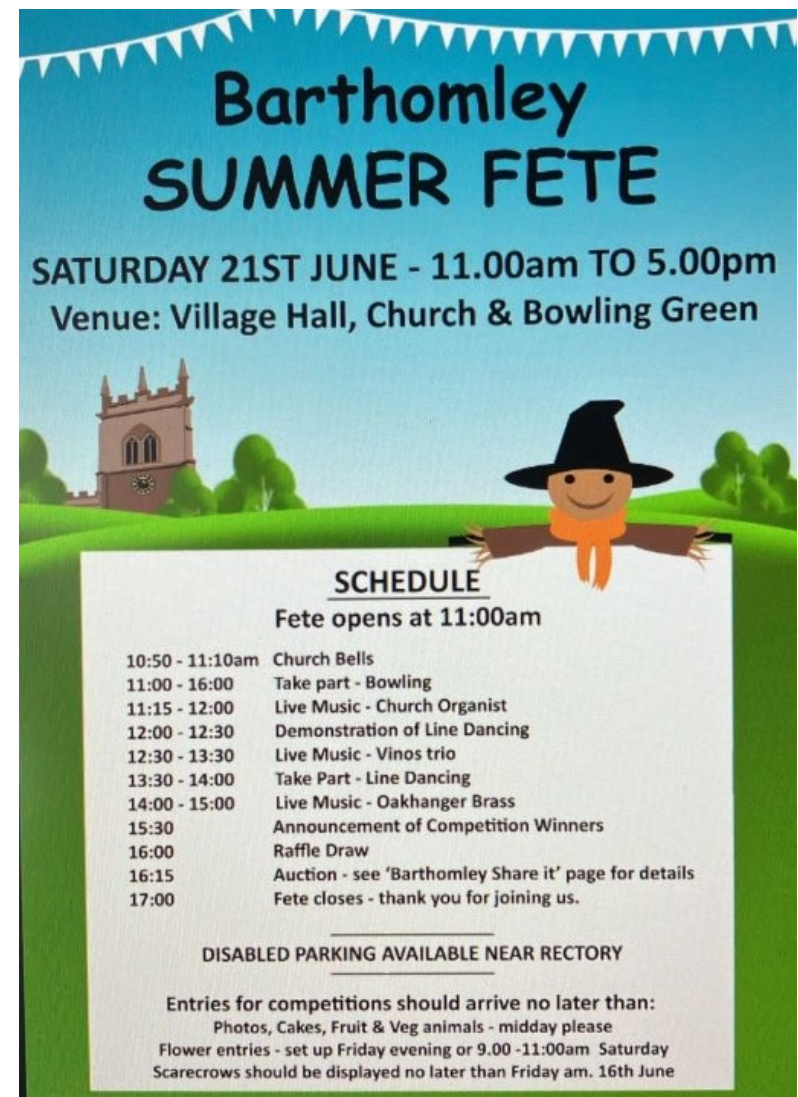




Auction prizes are still coming and are yet to be finalised. Come along and bid for some desirable goodies ☐  
Closed bids will be taken on the day if you are unable to stay until the end.

Barthomley has a strong community spirit and since the closure of our beloved White Lion the Village Day Committee felt it was more important than ever to have a day when we can all come together, have some fun, celebrate our lovely village and keep that spirit alive. With our tiny budget, we are limited to the size of the event this year but have tried to squeeze in a bit of something for everyone. Please support us by putting up a scarecrow, entering a competition, buying raffle tickets, bidding in the auction and more importantly coming along on the day



## Farewell Barthomley WI

Barthomley WI was formed in May 1925 with 89 members. Early meetings were held in Barthomley School. During World War 11 members made jam, bottled fruit, collected rose hips, made meat pies which were so popular as they were in addition to rations. They also knitted for the troops, took in evacuees, sent eggs to the Orthopaedic Hospital at Hartshill, raised funds for the North Staffs Royal Infirmary and still managed to hold day time meetings( bringing their own ration of tea )

From records it is obvious that Barthomley members were always highly competitive and received many accolades both collectively and individually. The Village Scrapbooks make fascinating reading and are a credit to past members for their endeavours. Achievements at both the Cheshire County Show and Betley Show are outstanding. What talent abounded! Above all the friendship and support developed by the WI have been invaluable. We served the community well and are proud to be one of the oldest WIs in Cheshire. On May 8th 2025 we celebrated our 100th Birthday at Crewe Golf Club; it was a joyous occasion but tinged with sadness as it was also our suspension meeting. Since Covid membership had dropped to 20, no new blood was coming forward and the committee, although keen to continue, just could not give the necessary commitment to keep the WI viable.

This is a sad end to an era. Our President Val Isom has worked so hard, written interesting reports for the Parish News, kept us together but the inevitable has happened. We have reached the end of the road.

I am ever hopeful that a new younger generation will come forward and resurrect Barthomley WI.

Chris Bailey former President and former Federation Chairman



Formed in 1915, the Women's Institute was originally brought to life to revitalise rural communities and encourage women to become more involved in producing food during the First World War. Since then the organisation's aims have broadened and the WI is now the largest voluntary women's organisation in the UK.



"Eileen Hawkrige , Chris Clowes and Christine Belton enjoying the 100th Birthday Party of Barthomley WI"

### Tea Set

Tuesday 10th June

2pm at Barthomley Village Hall

Entrance is £3, including afternoon tea. Raffle

Everyone is welcome

The speaker is Rosalind Lea and her subject is "Bystanders can be Life Savers and how to use the Defibrillator." This is an important subject as we never know when the defibrillator may be needed and how many of us feel confident to use it.

### JULY TEA SET

We are visiting Norley Bank Farm Garden WA6 8PJ on TUESDAY 15th JULY for a private visit followed by light refreshments. Tea Set attendees need to meet at Norley Bank at 2.00pm. The admission charge is £6 plus tea. If anyone else would like to join this visit please contact Chris Bailey 01270 873253 email [chrisbaileyor@gmail.com](mailto:chrisbaileyor@gmail.com) before 5th July. We will be making our own way to Norley but transport can be arranged by car sharing.