

All Saints' Church Thornton Hough

# The Magazine



June—July 2022

## Welcome letter from the Vicar

### A Life of Service

The word “Jubilee” comes from the Jewish tradition of marking out every fiftieth year with the blast of a ram’s horn to usher in a year of universal rest and freedom. People were released from their debts, prisoners, slaves and captives were set free and property was returned to its original owners. Even the land was allowed to rest, making it more productive in the next cycle of forty-nine years.



This June we celebrate Her Majesty the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee. Far from home in Kenya and mourning the death of her father, her words on her accession to the throne were: “I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service.” And, in seventy years as Queen, she has kept her promise of serving her country and (as it is now) Commonwealth.

But she has not done this alone. The Queen’s Christian faith underpins her sense of service. In a speech delivered on the day of her Coronation in 1953, she recalled her words from the previous Christmas, when she had asked the people “to pray that God would give me wisdom and strength to carry out the promises that I should then be making.”

Prince Philip, her soulmate and beloved husband of seventy-three years was also a constant companion to her until his death last year.

This life of faith, stability and service is certainly something to be celebrated. In a fast-changing world where faith and service can be in short supply, Her Majesty the Queen offers an example of a different attitude.

We do not have the privileges of the British Royal Family, yet we too are daughters and sons of the King: God himself. We too are called to lives of faithful service to others. We too need to ask for God’s help to do this. As we celebrate this wonderful Platinum Jubilee, we can help encourage a Jubilee for all people and lands; rest from crippling debts, cruelty and suffering and a time of refreshment.

With love and blessings

*Vicky*



## The Annual Meetings on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022

### The Annual Meeting of Parishioners.

The Vicar, Revd Vicky Barrett, opened the meeting using the first verse of 'Lord for the years' by Tim Dudley Smith as a prayer.

Pam Machin and Alan Splitt were elected as the churchwardens for the coming year; Vicky thanked them for being willing to continue and expressed her heartfelt thanks for all their hard work, patience and kindness over the last year. The churchwardens will officially start their term of office at the Visitation Service which, for the South Wirral Deanery, is on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

### The Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The **Financial Report** for 2021 and the **Annual Report** for 2021 had been circulated in advance of the meeting. The Vicar thanked Sue Stinson for her hard work in putting together the Annual Report and making it attractive to read. She also thanked all those who had contributed to the reports and to the activities they reported on. They demonstrated a changing story, what we had been doing over the year and God's goodness to us.

The Vicar thanked Elly Macbeath, the Electoral Roll Officer and Sue Stinson for their revision of the **Electoral Roll**. She reported that there were 93 people on the Electoral Roll on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 and 95 people on the roll on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

Elly told the meeting that the **Electoral Roll would be completely revised** again in 2023 and that next year all wanting to stay on the roll, or be added to the roll, would need to fill out an application form. **Anyone eligible wanting to be added to the roll now** could submit a form and be added; the revision period was over, and the roll was open again.

Vicky thanked Pam Machin and Alan Splitt (the churchwardens), Sue Stinson, Iain Stinson (the Director of Music and Treasurer), Margaret Gamble (the Verger) and Tim Allan-Price for all they did to keep things running smoothly. She commented that it was a joy to see things opening up again. Brian Morris was also thanked for his work on the magazine and the calendar, and for helping with the Gift Aid.

**We had seen an ebb and flow of activities.** People were meeting again for worship and for social activities. The ACF was working well again, after the lockdowns, under Helen Tankard's leadership (thanks to Helen), both as a social and a charitable organisation. The village Remembrance Service sadly had to be curtailed at the last minute (on the advice of the police following an incident in Liverpool) but weddings and baptisms are starting to return.

**People have been generous givers** of their time, their energy, as regular givers and by supporting the Foodbank.

**Safeguarding.** We are highlighting the importance of making sure that the church is a safe space. Vicky thanked Linda Arch for her work as Safeguarding Officer; Linda is hoping to arrange some face-to-face safeguarding training in the near future.

**The PCC were thanked;** 2021 was a challenging period, in part due to the collapse of the boundary wall. They were thanked for their scrutiny, learning as they went along. It has made us stronger as a group.

**The Parish Hall** has been a place of welcome and a source of income. Since July 2021 'Stepping Out' dance classes have returned, and the hire of the hall has been a welcome source of income. The hall has also been made available to the Hope Charity. The Verger, Margaret Gamble, has overseen the letting and smooth running of the hall- thanks are due to Margaret for this.

Vicky emphasised that it is important to ensure that we grow in our welcome to people, our smiling faces going out from the church and working with and in the community as we go forward.

#### **Finance report.**

The counters, Pam Machin, Patsy Baker and Don Harrison were thanked for their work counting the cash and the people authorising the payments (Brian Morris, Pam Machin and Vicky Barrett) were also thanked. Brian Morris is gradually taking on more responsibility as Giving Secretary: new giving envelopes would be available soon.

**Giving envelopes.** People using the envelopes were encouraged to use the right envelopes. They are colour coded and the numbering could change from year to year. Confusion is caused if the wrong envelopes are used and the donations could be recorded incorrectly.

**The end of year** figure looked rather healthier than the reality, due to funds for the wall repair (given by the Leverhulme Trust and a parishioner) sitting in the accounts. A donation of £1,000 for the heating repairs was also in the accounts. This money has now been paid out. Going forward we will need to fill a hole in the finances left by the wall repair and things such as energy and general costs going up.

Questions about the accounts were invited but there were none.

The accounts this year have been examined by Verity Smith, and she was thanked for undertaking this work.

### **Report on the Fabric, Goods and Ornaments.**

A lot of time in 2021 was swallowed up by the collapse of the boundary wall. On a positive note, in the end we were able to use a local contractor, Brian Ebbrell. Vicky expressed her thanks to the Fabric team, including Graham Tongue who had now taken it over, to Godfrey Allan-Price and to Graham Seagrave, the Health and Safety Officer. Thanks were also expressed to Darren Jones, Peter Arch and Derek Machin for their contributions in 2021.

**The Deanery Synod** only met once in 2021 due to the pandemic; they met at St Mary's Eastham for a service in October. The Deanery Synod is now functioning normally again.

**Elections and Appointments.** One member of the PCC was due for re-election and there were six other vacancies. Nominations to the PCC were received for Linda Arch, Patsy Baker, Richard Singleton and Margaret Gamble. As there were four nominations and seven places, they were all duly elected. Vicky thanked them for being willing to stand.

Diane Hughes and Lucinda Russell had completed their six years as elected representatives of the laity but could still be co-opted by the PCC at their meeting.

Verity Smith has expressed her willingness to be the Independent Examiner again for 2022 and was appointed by the meeting.

### **Any other parochial or church interest matters.**

Ron Longman commented how friendly and well produced the church magazine is. He thanked all who take part in its production.

Vicky said she would be at the Clergy Conference during the coming week. It was three years (on 16<sup>th</sup> May) since she had taken up her post at Thornton Hough and she thanked us for letting her be our vicar, for all the love shown to her and sharing how we see the church growing as we move forward.

Alan Splitt **thanked Vicky** for putting up with us.

Sue Stinson also thanked Vicky for all that she does for us. She has been our rock over the last three challenging years, and we are lucky to have her. The body of the meeting also expressed their thanks and appreciation by clapping.

Looking forward to next year's Thornton Hough Calendar, Brian Morris invited people to submit photos for consideration as soon as possible. Colourful photos of different parts of the parish and different times of the year would be welcomed. There were also some vacancies for sponsors.

The meeting closed in prayer using the final verse of 'Lord for the years'.

**Sue Stinson, PCC Secretary**

## The PCC meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2022

This meeting was convened to appoint PCC officers and members of some committees. The PCC and officers are now as follows:

<b>Name</b>		<b>Officers and Committees</b>
Revd Vicky Barrett	Vicar	Chairman of the PCC Ex officio member of all committees
Pam Machin	Churchwarden	Vice Chairman of the PCC Standing Committee Finance Committee Remuneration Subcommittee
Alan Splitt	Churchwarden	Standing Committee Finance Committee
Iain Stinson	Representative of the Laity	Treasurer Standing Committee Charity Commission Officer
Sue Stinson	Deanery Synod Representative	PCC Secretary Standing Committee
Godfrey Allan-Price	Deanery Synod Representative	Fabric, Health & Safety Committee Remuneration Subcommittee
Elly Macbeath	Deanery Synod Representative	Electoral Roll Officer
Linda Arch	Representative of the Laity	Parish Safeguarding Officer
Patsy Baker	Representative of the Laity	Standing Committee
Margaret Gamble	Representative of the Laity	
Richard Singleton	Representative of the Laity	Finance Committee
Helen Tankard	Representative of the Laity	
Di Hughes	Co-opted by the PCC	
Lucinda Russell	Co-opted by the PCC	

Graham Seagrave has agreed to continue as the Health and Safety Officer.

Brian Morris has agreed to continue as Planned Giving Secretary.

Graham Tongue has agreed to chair the Fabric and Health and Safety Team.

***Sue Stinson***  
***PCC Secretary***



## ACF A Church Fellowship for Everybody

On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April fourteen members welcomed Vicky to our meeting to give us a talk on an Easter topic. We were all intrigued by the chocolate treats left on each chair which she informed us would become obvious during the talk. Vicky has very kindly written a piece for the magazine as follows:

### **ACF April Meeting – What’s so special about Easter?**

Christians would say that you can’t get a season more special than Easter – it’s the high point of our faith as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus three days after his death. Rev Vicky took us on an adventure through some Easter customs and traditions, some of which were quite familiar to some, whilst others came as a surprise.

It is said that Venerable Bede (673-735 AD) highlighted the pagan roots of the festival of Easter. He said that it was named after the Anglo-Saxon goddess of springtime and fertility, Eostre, whose symbol is a hare. No wonder then that we have Easter bunnies – after all, the creatures breed like rabbits!

The timing of Easter has been hotly debated between parts of the Christian church and secular states. Easter in the Western tradition can fall on any Sunday between 22<sup>nd</sup> March and 25<sup>th</sup> April. The Eastern Orthodox tradition still uses the Julian calendar, which is 13 days behind the western Gregorian calendar, so they usually celebrate Easter later. Efforts continue to this day to fix the date to the Sunday after the second Saturday in April.

We learned some memorable information about why eggs are associated with Easter. Most people would appreciate that eggs symbolise fertility, birth and rebirth. Their shape reminds us of the stone which was rolled away from outside the tomb where Jesus’ body was laid. But there is a more pragmatic reason why colourful eggs and playing games with them were so popular: people weren’t permitted to eat eggs during Lent, but their chickens didn’t know this. Eggs forty days old would not be good or safe to eat, so decorating them or rolling them was a fun way to use them up.

Another piece of Easter egg trivia was that the jagged pattern embossed on many chocolate eggs is called “Crocodile” and is there to hide minor imperfections in the smooth surface of the chocolate.

Our Bible reading of Mark 16:1-8 concluded with the description of the women who had seen the empty tomb going home “trembling and bewildered”, too scared to say anything to anyone. Despite this, the joyous message of Easter has spread through the ages and cultures to us today. We were encouraged to reflect on the joy of Easter and the opportunity to share in God’s lavish generosity with others.

**Rev. Vicky Barrett**

On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May we welcomed Catherine who came and gave us a very interesting talk and PowerPoint presentation about the North West Air Ambulance Charity (NWAA). The NWAA makes a lifesaving difference to critically ill or injured patients across the North West from Cumbria to Cheshire, but has also at times been called to incidents in Wales or Scotland. They bring the hospital to the patient with the most advanced medical crew and equipment. The Medical crew can perform operations, put someone into a coma and give blood at the roadside if necessary to improve the outcome of the patient. The service operates 365 days a year and patients can be reached via one of three helicopters or four Rapid Response Vehicles. The crew is made up of a total of 18 Consultant level Doctors, 16 Critical Care Paramedics, and Pilots who are ex-military. The patient is then taken to the most appropriate hospital by the most appropriate mode of transport (Air Ambulance, Rapid Response Vehicle or Land Ambulance).

The charity was launched in 1999 and has been called to over 24,500 missions across the region. It receives no Government or NHS funding and needs to raise £9.5million each year in order to operate.

Catherine gave us the following statistics for 2021 missions:

- 740 Road Traffic Collisions,
- 91 Sports/Leisure injuries,
- 544 Medical emergencies such as Cardiac Arrest,
- 692 Accidents (e.g., Falling off a ladder)
- 13 Hospital Transfers,
- 550 Other (Farming accidents/ Suicide).

We were shown a couple of videos from patients who had benefitted from the NWAA and who felt that their lives had been saved by the care they received.

Catherine finished by highlighting how the Public can help to raise funds. We can do this as follows:

- Raise Awareness by inviting local groups to participate
- Fund Raise – abseil, run marathons, cycle rides, swim, walk and hold cake sales are some of the activities that people can take part in.
- Shop in one of the fourteen Charity shops or on eBay
- Play the £1000 Lottery
- Donate
- Via the website, post, telephone, or by text.
- Give in Memory of a Loved one
- Gifts in Wills
- Give in celebration of a special birthday or anniversary

We then enjoyed tea and biscuits and Catherine was able to talk to individual members.

## Future ACF events

### Fellowship meetings at 2.15pm in Parish Hall

Wednesday June 8<sup>th</sup> 2022

Christel Langdon-Griffiths from Christian Aid

Wednesday July 13<sup>th</sup> 2022

Summer Tea

### Coffee Mornings at 10.30am in Parish Hall

Wednesday June 22<sup>nd</sup> 2022

Wednesday July 27<sup>th</sup> 2022

Coffee/Sales Table/Raffle      Everybody welcome

## Thornton Hough 2023 Calendar

I am starting to work on the next Calendar and hope that some wonderful photos will be sent to me for selection for this very popular Calendar, during the next couple of months to reflect our beautiful village and neighbourhood at different times of the year. If you do have some photographs showing local scenes especially if they are atmospheric photos, then please send them to me at [brimorris@sky.com](mailto:brimorris@sky.com) as an attachment to an email. Alternatively you can give me a hard version of the photograph for me to copy. Please contact me on 07732 644861 or give the photo to Vicky, Margaret Gamble, or either one of the Churchwardens. I would like to include photos sent in for consideration from as many people as possible.

As in previous calendars, each page is sponsored by a local firm and this year most of the months are sponsored and I am just waiting for confirmation from two companies. Their sponsorship covers the printing costs so that all the proceeds from the sales provides much needed funds for All Saints' Church.

**Brian Morris**

## Thought for June

In this special month for our Queen, help her celebrate her Jubilee by extending your friendship, kindness and welcome to all. Use this opportunity to bring warmth into other people's lives and share it with all around us so that they can blossom in the heat radiated from you. The long days of summer gives wonderful opportunities to outside and broaden and extend our friendships to those who live in our vicinity and further away.



# A REFRESHING TAKE ON LEGAL SERVICES

**Whatever life throws at you, at some point you are likely to need a solicitor – it's unavoidable.**

**Buying or selling houses, changes in personal or family relationships, protecting what matters to you, or making sure that the right things happen, if the unthinkable happens. Here's how we can make a difference:**

- **Our friendly solicitors work for you, not on the clock.**
- **We can offer fixed fees so there are no runaway costs.**
- **And we explain everything in plain English.**

**Contact Richard Burnett  
to find out how we can help:**



**T: 07983 637149  
E: [rhb@law.uk.com](mailto:rhb@law.uk.com)**

**[hm-legal.co.uk](http://hm-legal.co.uk)**



**HM Legal is the new name for Hillyer McKeown**



## Precious Time

You can never tell what type of impact you make on another person's life by your actions or lack of actions. Consider this a you venture through life.

Imagine there is a bank that credits your account each morning with £86,400. But it carries no balance over to the next day. Every evening it deletes whatever balance you failed to use during the day.

What would you do? Draw every penny of course!



Each of us has such a bank. Its name is **time**.

Every morning it credits you with 86,400 seconds. Every night it writes it off, as lost, whatever of this you have failed to invest to good purpose. It carries over no balance and allows no overdraft. Each day it opens a new account for you. Each night it burns off the remainder of the day. If you fail to use the day's deposit, the loss is yours. There is no going back. There is no drawing for "tomorrow". You must live in the present day's deposits. Invest it so as to get from it, the utmost in health, happiness and success. The clock is running so make the most of today.

- To realise the value of **1 year** ask a student who failed a grade
- To realise the value of **1 month** ask a mother who gave birth to a premature baby
- To realise the value of **1 day**, ask a daily wage labourer with children to feed
- To realise the value of **1 hour** ask the lovers who are waiting to meet
- To realise the value of **1 minute** ask a person who has just missed a train
- To realise the value of **1 second** ask a person who has just avoided an accident
- To realise the value of **1 millisecond** ask a person who won a medal in the Olympics

Treasure every moment that you have. Treasure it more if you have shared it with someone special — special enough to spend your time with.

Remember that time waits for nobody.

Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is a gift and that is why it is called the present!



*Extract from the book "If Only It Were True" by Mark Levy.  
Sent in by Margaret Wignall*



# The Red Fox

Thornton Hough • Wirral



You will find us a classic country pub with open fires, wooden floors, good old furniture and lots of rugs and plants.

The bar sits at the heart of the pub, with an array of cask ales on tap, a back shelf crammed with malts and gins and a decent list of over 50 lovingly chosen wines. Our team of chefs continually develop our daily menu with a spine of freshly prepared classic British dishes, complemented by a few more exotic influences here and there.

We hope you can pop in and see us soon.

[www.redfox.pub](http://www.redfox.pub) ~ 0151 353 2920 ~ [f/redfoxpub](https://www.facebook.com/redfoxpub)

The Red Fox, Liverpool Road, Thornton Hough, Wirral, CH64 7TL

## Queen Elizabeth's Jubilee Quiz

1. In which month of the year did the Queen's coronation take place?
2. Elizabeth was proclaimed Queen on the death of her father on February 6th 1952. In which country was she when she received the news?
3. Who was the first Prime Minister who served under the Queen and was born during her reign?
4. What was the name of the Archbishop of Canterbury who performed the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II?
5. Who designed the dress that the Queen wore at her coronation?
6. Which of the Queen's overseas realms has she visited most during her reign?
7. How many Prime Ministers of the UK have there been in the 70 years of the Queen's reign?
8. Who was the first child to be born to the Queen after she was crowned?
9. In which county did the Great Train Robbery take place in 1963?
10. Which jubilee tradition was started by Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee year and has continued ever since?
11. The Jubilee underground line in London was named after the Queen's Silver Jubilee (although not opened until 1979). Which TWO stations form the Northern and Southern termini of the Jubilee line?
12. Up till this year, the Queen has officially opened parliament on every year during her reign except 1959 and 1963. Why did she miss these two years?
13. How many different Archbishops of Canterbury have there been during the Queen's reign?
14. Who scored a hat trick in the first FA Cup Final attended by the Queen?
15. The Queen and Prince Phillip attended their first Royal Variety Performance in 1952. In which West End theatre was it held?
16. Who visited India on behalf of the Queen for her Diamond Jubilee?
17. In addition to being Head of the Commonwealth and Queen of the UK, Elizabeth is also the Head of State of a number of Commonwealth realms. How many?
18. Who did the Queen present the Wimbledon Ladies Singles shield to in her Silver Jubilee year of 1977?

***Answers on Page 31***

## The 'Mansions' of Thornton Hough.

There's a mistaken impression, sometimes repeated, that all the large houses in Thornton Hough were built by William Lever, the 1<sup>st</sup> Lord Leverhulme, for members of his family. Some were but the majority, including Thornton Manor itself, existed long before he ever came to live on Wirral.

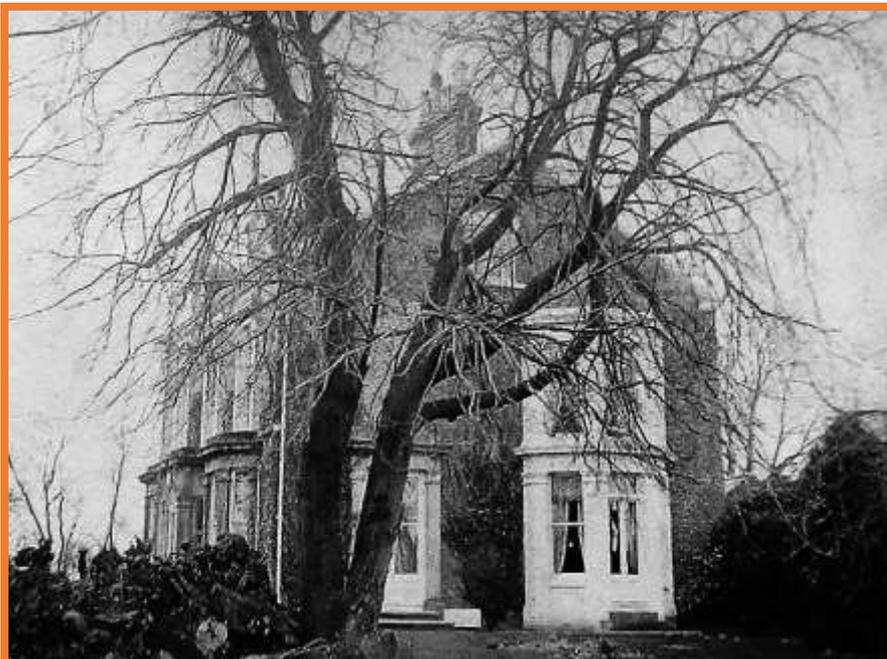
In the mid-1800s the small hamlet of Thornton Hough and the surrounding farmland was owned by Baron Mostyn of Mostyn in North Wales. It was all sold in a series of separate lots at a three-day auction in July 1849 at the Mostyn Hotel in Parkgate. Wealthy businessmen, mostly from Liverpool and Chester, bought parcels of land and had country 'villas' built either to live in themselves or to rent out. In a series of short articles I'll unfold a bit about the origins and history of all those buildings including Thornton Hall, Westwood Grange (now the Red Fox), Copley, and Thornton House.

The two oldest large houses, Hilltop and Thornton Lodge, both of which pre-date the sale were both farm houses. Hilltop, as its name implies, stood at the top of the hill overlooking a cluster of small cottages mostly grouped around the crossroads where the lane from Raby to Brimstage crossed the turnpike road linking Neston with the ferry at Woodside.

The house was possibly built for the Radford family who, in 1860, owned the windmill at Willaston. Later enlarged, its exact origins are still a bit of a mystery.

Thornton Lodge, which also stood alongside the turnpike, was originally the farm house to Thornton Lodge Farm. It was built sometime before 1831 and the date 1813 is carved just inside the entrance. The earliest recorded occupant of the property was a Mr Stuart Williams, a Liverpool merchant. The house and land were then occupied by local farmers until Thornton Lodge itself became a separate property when the existing farm house was built in 1879 ..... and two years later the house was home to Joseph Hoult, the steamship owner.





**Thornton Lodge**

In 1891 it was sold to William Lever and then became the home of his brother-in-law, John Ferguson and his wife Jane, Lever's sister. They lived there for the next forty two years until she died in 1936 and the house then passed through several owner-ships until the present day.

In the next edition I'll explore the history of some of the other large houses which still exist in and around the village.

**Gavin Hunter**

### Trade Directory

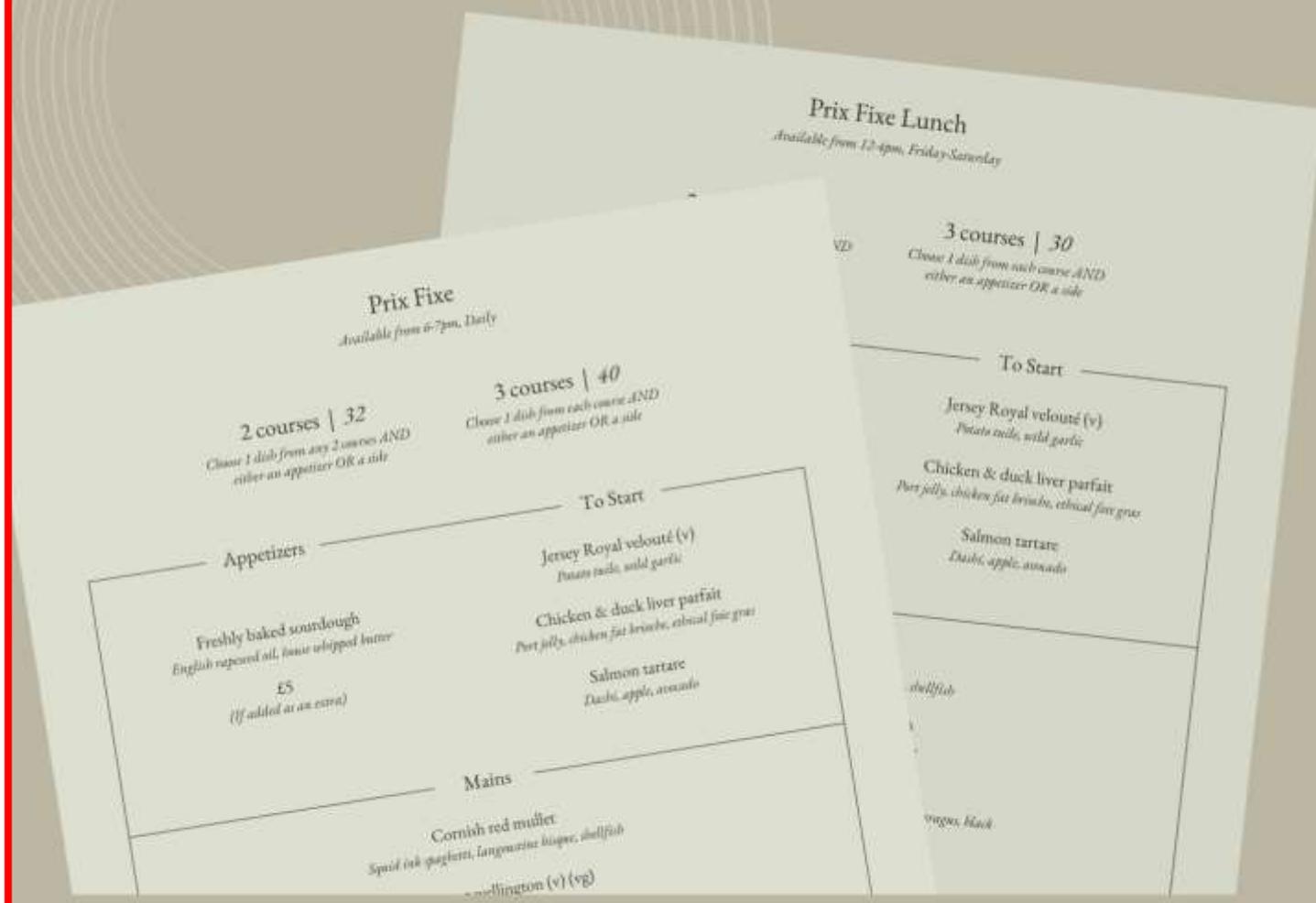
Trade	Name	Contact Tel	Mob
Greenhills garden Services	Will	336 5167	07754 411693
Joiner	Paul Whitehead	353 0493	07762 637374
Painter & Decorator	A Foreshaw	327 4788	07979 233 422
Health & Wellness - <i>Pilates</i>	Peter Heath	644 9279	07808 920 813
PAT Testing	Joey Farrell		07723 997 434
Gas Service	Mike Jones	342 5805	07813 137 134
ACG General Maintenance	Andrew Grover		07384 466 414
Book Keeping	Russ Smith	208 7126	07463 669 418

*Following a suggestion from various readers, we have compiled the above list based on their recommendations. if you know of anybody else who would like to be included please inform any of the Editorial Team.*

**Disclaimer** *"The above are not recommendations of the editorial team and neither All Saints PCC nor the editorial team can accept any liability resulting from using these organisations/trades people."*

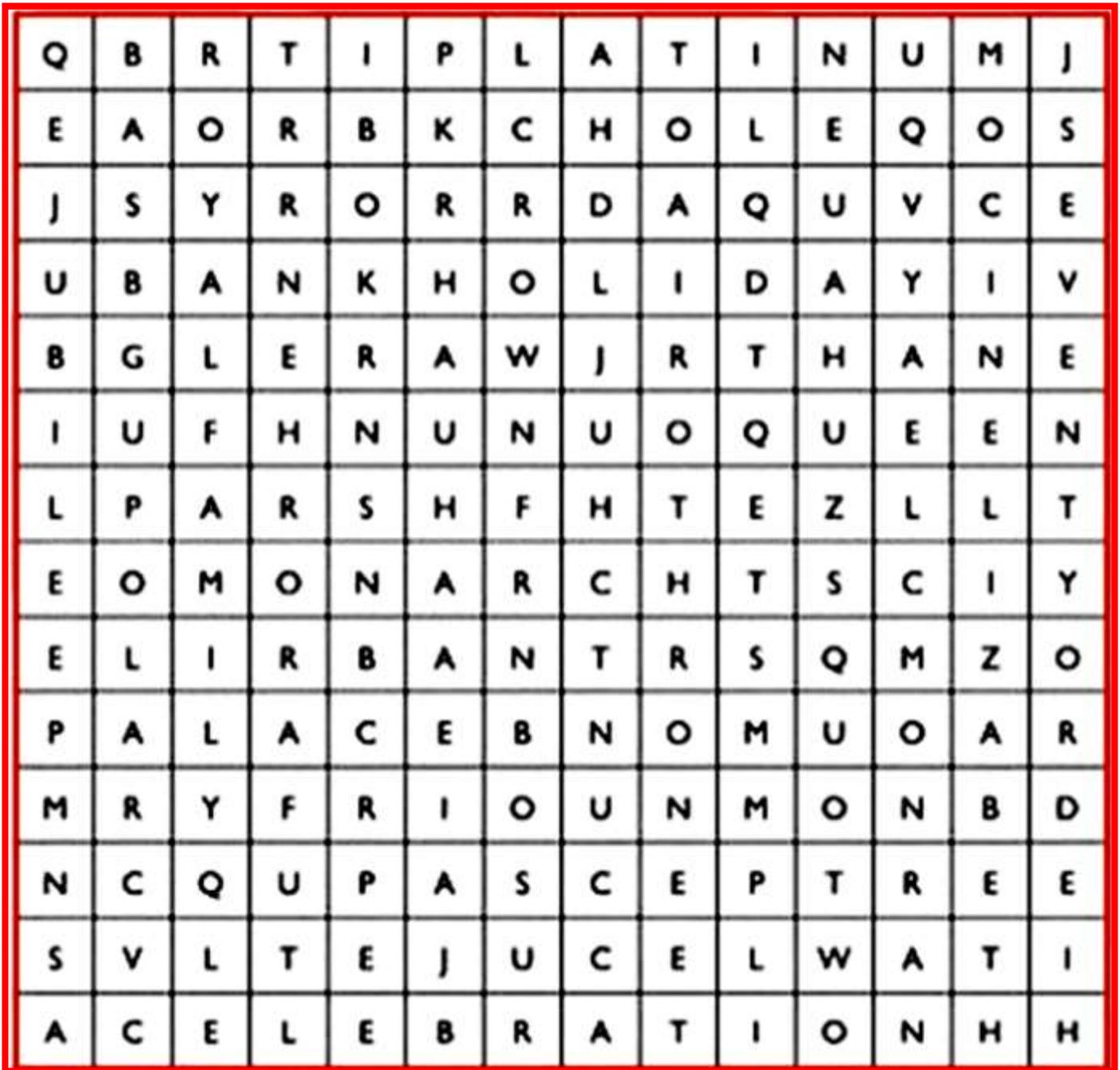


# Brand New! Prix Fixe Menu



For more information,  
just visit [www.thorntonhallhotel.com](http://www.thorntonhallhotel.com)

# Platinum Jubilee Word Search



Can you find all these Jubilee related words in the grid?



- |                                      |                                  |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Palace      | <input type="checkbox"/> royal   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Queen       | <input type="checkbox"/> bank    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jubilee     | <input type="checkbox"/> monarch |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Platinum    | <input type="checkbox"/> sceptre |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Celebration | <input type="checkbox"/> orb     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Seventy     | <input type="checkbox"/> crown   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elizabeth   | <input type="checkbox"/> throne  |

## POETRY CORNER Jabberwocky Charles Lutwidge Dodgson (Lewis Carroll)

'Twas brillig, and the slithy toves  
Did gyre and gimble in the wabe:  
All mimsy were the borogoves,  
And the mome raths outgrabe.

“Beware the Jabberwock, my son  
The jaws that bite, the claws that catch!  
Beware the Jubjub bird, and shun  
The frumious Bandersnatch!”

He took his vorpal sword in hand:  
Long time the manxome foe he sought -  
So rested he by the Tumtum tree,  
And stood awhile in thought.

And, as in uffish thought he stood,  
The Jabberwock, with eyes of flame,  
Came whiffing through the tulgey wood,  
And burbled as it came!

One, two! One, two! And through and  
through  
The vorpal blade went snicker-snack!  
He left it dead, and with its head  
He went galumphing back.

“And hast thou slain the Jabberwock?  
Come to my arms, my beamish boy!  
Oh frabjous day! Callooh! Callay!”  
He chortled in his joy.

'Twas brillig, and the slithy toves  
Did gyre and gimble in the wabe:  
All mimsy were the borogoves,  
And the mome raths outgrabe.

The young Charles Lutwidge Dodgson (1832—1898) enjoyed entertaining his ten brothers and sisters with stories, games, puzzles and riddles. As an adult he taught mathematics at Christ Church Oxford, and as a bachelor was much in demand to carry on entertaining the children of his colleagues, including Alice Liddell and her sisters.



He wrote many books of logic and mathematics, and was a prolific amateur photographer while the science was in its infancy, but he is best known for his two books: Alice's Adventures in Wonderland - based on a game of cards, and Through the Looking Glass - based on a game of chess. The children knew him as Dodo, and his pen-name was Lewis Carroll.

As to what *Jabberwocky* "means", in *Through the Looking Glass* Humpty Dumpty explains: "*Brillig* means four o'clock in the afternoon - the time when you begin *broiling* things for dinner." "That'll do very well" said Alice, "and *slithy*?" "Well, *slithy* means lithe and slimy. Lithe is the same as "active". You see it's like a portmanteau\* - there are two meanings packed up into one word."

"I see it now," Alice remarked thoughtfully: "and what are *toves*?"

"Well, *toves* are something like badgers, something like lizards, and they're something like corkscrews. Also they make their nests under sundials - also they live on cheese." "And what's to *gyre* and to *gimble*?" "To *gyre* is to go round and round like a gyroscope. To *gimble* is to make holes like a gimblet."

"And *the wabe* is the grass plot round a sun-dial I suppose?" said Alice, surprised at her own ingenuity. "Exactly so. Well then, *mimsy* is flimsy and miserable. There's another portmanteau for you. And a *borogove* is a thin shabby-looking bird with its feathers sticking out all round."



"And then *mome raths*? "Well, a *rath* is a sort of green pig, but *mome*. I'm not certain about." "And what does "*outgrabe*" mean?" "Well, *outgribing* is something between bellowing and whistling, with a kind of sneeze in the middle.

When you've heard it once you'll be *quite* content." Humpty explains no more, so we must be content too. Alice comments: "Somehow it seems to fill my head with ideas."



An early version of the first verse suggests an Anglo-Saxon heroic ballad. Here a young hero, with a special sword, seeks and vanquishes an evil monster, gallops triumphantly back, with proof, and normal life resumes. There is rejoicing Callooh! Callay!

Many ideas may occur to you.

**Caroline Lancelyn Green**

\*a portmanteau is the sort of suitcase that opens into two halves.

# All Saints' Church Thornton Hough



Come and celebrate  
Her Majesty the Queen's



## Platinum Jubilee

at a special service  
on  
Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 10:30am



### Brahms String Sextet

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 7:30pm

All Saints' Church, Thornton Hough



In the idyllic setting of All Saints' Church, the Festival Players, lead by Eva Thórarinsdóttir (Associate Leader of RLPO), perform **Brahms' Sextet in G Major** and **Mendelssohn's String Quintet no. 2**.

The programme will also premiere a brand new work by a **local composer, Isabell Ryder**.

#### Tickets:

**Adults £20 / Students £8 / Children Free**

#### Buy online:

[www.wirralchamberfest.co.uk](http://www.wirralchamberfest.co.uk)



Eva Thórarinsdóttir, Celia Goodwin – violins  
Nicholas Bootiman, Alex Mitchell – violas

## Gardening Corner

June and July are not the busiest months of the year but there are always plenty of jobs that can be done. The lawns need cutting (but not too low if the weather is very dry) and the borders require weeding. Also weed around the vegetable plots and fruit bushes. Flowering plants need dead heading, there are seeds to sow and veg to harvest. Time should also be left for enjoying the garden, watching the birds and wildlife, sitting in the garden on warm evenings relaxing to the chirping of the birds and watching the sunset.

Keep watering newly planted, young and particularly thirsty plants, such as salad vegetables, tomatoes and dahlias. Keep the greenhouse well ventilated and apply shading paint or put up screens if not already done. Also douse the greenhouse ground/path with water regularly to keep moisture levels up.

June is the perfect time for taking many types of cuttings, which is a light and enjoyable task and provides the welcome benefit of providing many new flowers, plants and shrubs for free, so can be very rewarding.

All manner of pests, insects and birds will be after ripening fruit and succulent, young growth, in both the vegetable and ornamental garden, so your skills in outwitting them will certainly be tested this month.

Below is a list of tasks which you can do in your garden:-

- Prune back your late spring-flowering deciduous shrubs such as forsythia and jasmine if you haven't already done so.
- Deadhead the roses cutting back to a leaf to encourage strong growth. If the roses are in pots do water them regularly and add some liquid tomato fertiliser on a regular basis. Don't forget to spray them to get rid of greenfly etc. Also pick off the leaves with blackspot.
- Pick your early strawberries and rhubarb and if you planted other fruit and vegetables very early then these might be ready for harvesting.
- Lawns need little attention during these months but ensure that you have a regular pattern for cutting the grass and not always in the same direction each time and as mentioned above not too low if the weather is very dry and hot.

But above all do sit in your garden and enjoy the fruits of your labour with a glass or two of something to help you relax or a cup of tea if you prefer. As you look at your garden you could use the time to consider any changes which you might like to make for the following year.

**Good Gardening!**

***An enthusiastic Gardener***

### **A little more humour**

Dogs can't operate MRI machines. But catscan.

I put my grandma on speed dial the other day. I call it insta-gran.



**SUNDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2022**

**"SAVE THE DATE"**

**THORNTON HOUGH VILLAGE GREEN**

**12 - 4pm**

**COME AND JOIN IN WITH THE**

**BIG JUBILEE LUNCH**

**BRING THE COMMUNITY TOGETHER!**

**Programme of Events**

10.30-11.30am All Saints Church Thanksgiving Service.

11.00-3.00pm Allure Events Village Hall - Local Artisan Craft Fair

12.00-1.00pm - Bring your own picnic on the Green.

1.00pm-4.00pm Activities, and Entertainment for all including Yoga Bears, Little Story Explorers, Brimstage Brewery,

Connected Voices Choir, Leverhulme Avenues,

More information to follow soon

**Please Contact Lyndsay Smith on 07714487311 if you can help volunteer or want to get involved.**

**Supported by Thornton Hough Community Trust Ltd.  
Registered Charity 1109865, Company Reg 05462878**

### **Thought for July**

July is the month for relaxing and enjoying the summer holidays. Holidays give opportunities for recharging your inner batteries so that you are well prepared for the challenges and opportunities to come in the months ahead.

## Cookery Corner

### CHICKEN IN WINE SAUCE

Medium chicken            2oz butter  
½ pint white wine        1 tablespoon brandy  
½ pint white sauce       ½ pint single cream  
Salt and pepper



Cut the chicken into 8 pieces. Dust these with flour, salt and pepper. Heat the butter in thick sauté pan, add the chicken pieces and cook gently for 20 to 25 mins, covered with a lid. Turn the pieces frequently while cooking. Transfer to serving dish and keep warm. Add wine and brandy to the juices in the pan. Allow to boil for a few mins. Blend in the white sauce and cream. Bring to the boil and simmer for 5 mins. Check seasoning, pour over the chicken and serve with fresh vegetables.

### BISCUIT CAKE

3oz butter & 3oz caster sugar, 1 egg  
5 tablespoons strong, fresh coffee  
½lb digestive biscuits & 2 plain chocolate flake bars

Crush the biscuits in a bag or tea towel using a rolling pin. Transfer to a bowl. Pour the coffee over the biscuit crumbs and stir well. In another bowl cream the butter and sugar together, blend in the beaten egg yolk and beat well for a few mins. Add the stiffly beaten egg white and mix well. Crumble one of the flake bars into the bottom of a sandwich cake tin. Then fill up the tin with alternate layers of biscuit mix and butter cream. Cover the top surface with the second crumbled flake bar. Over with foil and chill for 6 or more hours. Loosen the edges before turning out onto a serving plate.

Make some strong, fresh coffee to go with the biscuits and enjoy whilst you watch or listen to some of the Jubilee celebrations.

### **Wirral Classic Car Rally**

Ending on the Village Green

On Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2022

at 2.00pm for public viewing

- Refreshments available on the Green -



# BRIMSTAGE BREWERY

**BORN & BREWED  
ON THE WIRRAL  
SINCE 2006**



**SALES & GENERAL ENQUIRIES  
0151 342 1181**

**WWW.BRIMSTAGEBREWERY.COM**



**@brimstagebeer**



**@brimstagebrewery**



**@brimstagebrewery**

At Thornton Hough WI we are slowly getting back to where we left off in March 2020!

At our April meeting Gavin Hunter entertained us with a most interesting talk about Lady Lever. We are more familiar with tales of Lord Leverhulme, so it was fascinating to hear about the exploits of his wife, Lady Lever. She was extremely well travelled, visiting Europe, America and Australia, sailing across the Atlantic 14 times and round the world twice, in opposite directions.

At the beginning of April, members enjoyed a day trip to the historic town of Skipton and despite a drizzly and windy start to the visit, enjoyed a lovely day.

We are excited to be a part of **The Picnic on the Green** in Thornton Hough Village on Sunday 5 June to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and will be selling tea and cakes from 12.00 - 2.00 pm at the WI Hall. Let's hope for a lovely day; we look forward to seeing you.

Thornton Hough WI members will be acting as stewards and helping in the catering tent at the **Cheshire Show** on 20 - 22 June at the Tabley Show Ground, taking cakes and competition contributions with them. The show is well worth a visit.

We do not have a speaker at our June meeting on Tuesday, 7 June, as we will be holding our own celebrations for the Platinum Jubilee – tickets £3 members, £5 visitors.

At our meeting on Tuesday, 5 July, **Joan Finney** will give a talk on the life of **Joyce Grenfell**.

Our meetings start at 7.30 pm during the summer months. All welcome.

Details of our programme can be found in the noticeboard outside the WI Hall. You don't have to be a member to join in.

**1st Thursday of every month:** *Strolling Group* led by Val Peter. We meet in the Village Hall car park at 11 am to car share to the start of our walk. On Thursday, 9 June, we hope to go to Caldby Wirral Way car park to walk along the estuary at Cubbins Green and then back along the Wirral Way.

**2nd Tuesday of every month:** *Craft Afternoon* in the WI Hall, 2 pm – 4 pm

**3rd Tuesday of every month:** *Afternoon Social* in the WI Hall, 2 pm – 4 pm: Members will be available to help with mobile phones, iPads and laptops.

**4th Tuesday of every month:** *Book Club*, 2 pm – 4 pm: We have so far read and discussed *Still Life* by Sarah Winman and *To Calais, in Ordinary Times* by James Meek

**Garden visits:** We have four garden visits planned so far and we welcome friends to join us. Places must be booked in advance for catering purposes. Please let Val Tomlinson (0151 353 8743) know asap if you would like to join us. Apart from the coach trip on 24 June, please meet at the entrance to the gardens at 1.45 pm for 2 pm.

*Wednesday 8 June:* Bryn Bellan, Bryn Road, Gwernaffield, near Mold. Leave A541 on Gwernaffield Rd (Dreflan); after half a mile turn right to Rhydymwyn and Llynypandy. Bryn Bellan is 300 yards along and parking is in the courtyard.

*Friday, 24 June:* Jacqueline Iddon's garden near Ormskirk. Cost: £35 includes coach trip, tour of the garden with a talk or demo and a light lunch. There will also be plants for sale. Leave Thornton Hough at 10 am.

*Monday, 4 July:* Rose Brae, 27 Earle Drive, Parkgate, CH64 6RY. Cost: £7 includes refreshments.

*Monday, 25 July:* 5 Gayton Lane, Gayton, CH60 3SH.

*Janet Gaywood*

### WIRRAL SHOEBOX APPEAL, 2022

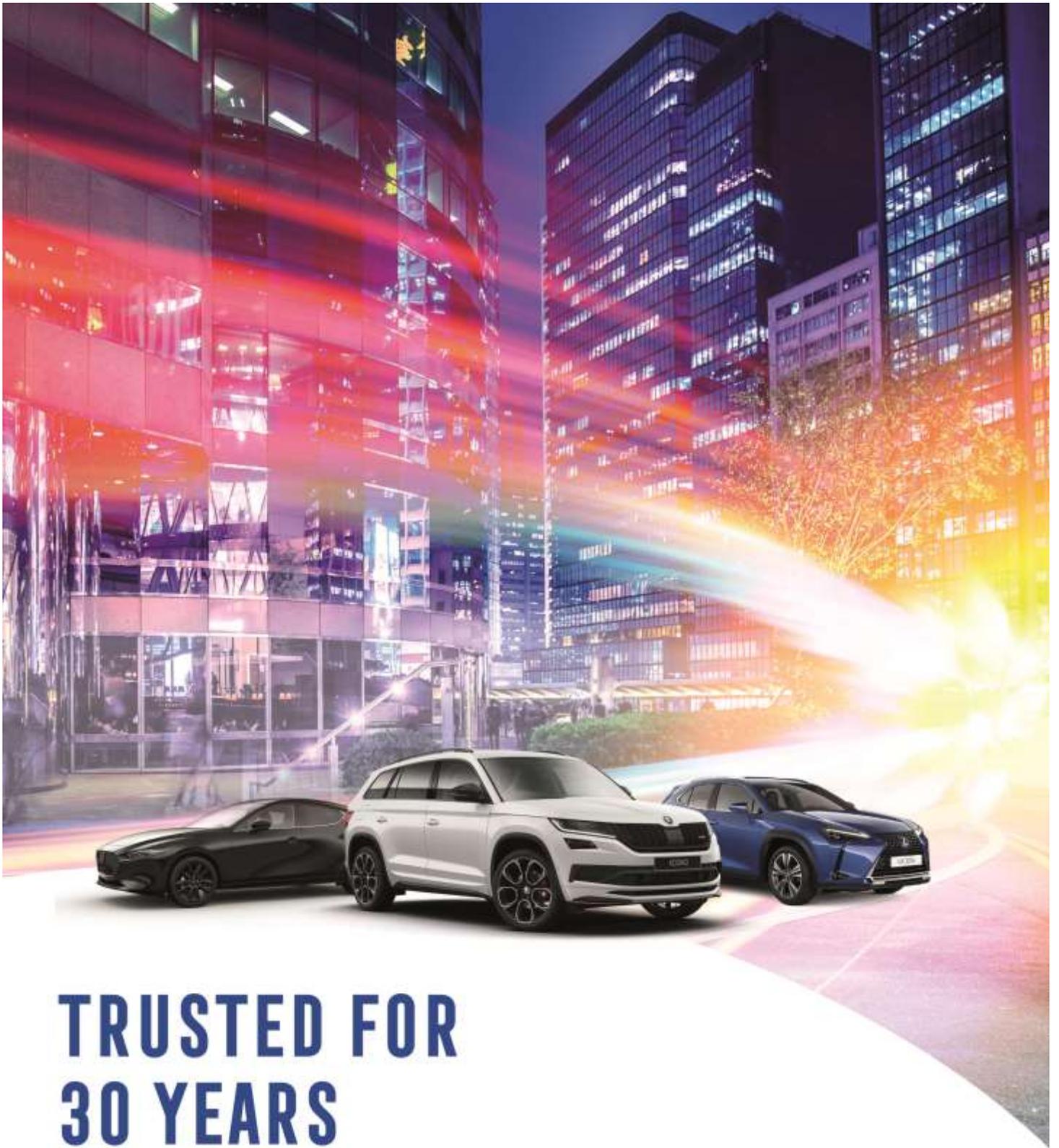
It is my pleasure to thank everyone who supported our Coffee Morning in the Women's Institute in April. So many were involved, either helping on the day, providing the refreshments or running a stall, or coming along to share the event with us. Thanks also to those who were not actually able to come along but were generous enough to pass on a donation. We raised a grand total of £800 which will be used to pay for the transport costs of gift-filled shoeboxes when we come to assemble these in November.



Because of increasing prices, the Teams4U charity will be asking for £3 (instead of £2.50) towards transport costs for each box donated this coming year.

*Val Peter*





# TRUSTED FOR 30 YEARS



**Mitchell Group**  
it's our people who make the difference

Cheshire Oaks, Chester CH2 4RG  
T: 0151 346 5555 [www.mitchellgroup.co.uk](http://www.mitchellgroup.co.uk)

Search 'Mitchell Group'   

## Giving to All Saints'

We are very grateful to all of those who make regular gifts to support All Saints' Church. We receive no support from government or central church sources and are dependent on the gifts made by our congregation and other supporters.

Some of our supporters give directly from their bank or building society account by setting up a **Standing Order** which transfers money directly to All Saints' bank account once a month (or once a year). Giving by standing order is safe, and the amount paid is completely in the control of the donor; it saves the donor having to remember to make their donation each month and is handled efficiently by the bank and our finance system.

Some prefer to make their gift using our **Weekly Giving Envelopes**. We provide these donors with a box of 52 envelopes, one for each week of the year, in which they may put their gift. The envelopes do not contain the donor's name but use a pre-printed envelope number to link the gift being made to the donor. The envelopes are placed in a basket when people come into church. Those who give using the envelopes, but are unable to come to church, will often fill the envelopes for the weeks they are absent and bring them along when they next come to church.

There are also some donors, and some casual visitors, who make their gift by putting money (cash or cheque) into the basket when they arrive at church ("**open plate**" giving).

During our services, when the offertory basket is brought forward, the Vicar blesses and gives thanks for the gifts in the basket and all the other gifts received via direct transfers into our bank account.

Whilst the government does not provide funds for All Saints', we are able to recover part of the Income and Capital Gains Tax paid by our donors, through **Gift Aid**.

If you pay Income Tax (or Capital Gains Tax), by completing a *Gift Aid Declaration Form*, and make your gift by standing order or through the weekly envelope scheme, All Saints' can recover the basic rate tax (20% tax band) you have already paid on the income from which you make your donation. This means that if you give £20 to All Saints' we can recover £5, making your gift worth £25.

*Please note that you must pay at least as much tax (Income and Capital Gains) as the total amount of Gift Aid recovered by ALL the charities who claim Gift Aid on your donations. HMRC can ask you to repay the amount of Gift Aid recovered which exceeds the amount of tax you have paid.*

Where donors don't pay sufficient Income and Capital Gains Tax, All Saints', through the **Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme**, is able to claim Gift Aid on gifts of £30 or less made in cash (*not on cheques, standing orders or other bank transfers*).

If you haven't or are unable to make a Gift Aid Declaration, and give using weekly envelopes using cash, and the amount you place in each envelope does not exceed £30, then All Saints' will reclaim 25% of your donation under the Gift Aid Small Donation Scheme. You don't need to do anything to enable this to happen.

The Gift Aid Small Donation Scheme also allows us to reclaim 25% on open plate collections made in cash, where each single gift does not exceed £30.

Gift Aid and the Gift Aid Small Donation Scheme provide an important source of income to All Saints', of course the amount we receive from these depends on the generosity of our donors.

If you wish to discuss your financial support for All Saints' or are interested in becoming a regular donor, then please talk to either Brian Morris, our Giving Secretary, or to Iain Stinson our Treasurer. All details of your giving are treated in confidence and no information about your giving is shared with any third party, other than that required by UK law.

Once again, on behalf of the PCC, I would like to thank those who generously and regularly give to support All Saints' Church.

*Iain Stinson*

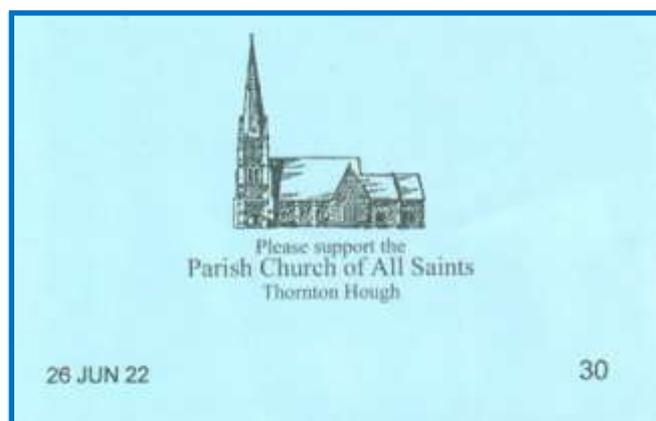
## Weekly Giving Envelopes

The new set of envelopes begin on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June.

Boxes of envelopes are available at the back of church for existing donors who use the weekly envelope scheme. Each box is labelled with the name of the donor who is to use them. Make sure you take the correct box of envelopes.

Please only use the new envelopes (which are blue) from Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June. Please use your final "old" envelopes (which are green) on or before Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June or Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. Any unused old envelopes (green) should be destroyed.

If you would like to support All Saints' and want to use our Weekly Giving Envelopes, please contact Brian Morris, our Giving Secretary or Iain Stinson, our Treasurer.



*Iain Stinson*





# Wills and Lasting Powers of Attorney

## WE OFFER FREE ADVICE, FREE HOME VISITS, FREE INFORMATION PACK

A WILL allows you to control what happens to your property, money and belongings after you die, and to see they are distributed the way you would wish them to be. An LPA allows someone to help deal with your affairs when you are alive.

Only if you decide to buy a **WILL** or a **LASTING POWER OF ATTORNEY** do we make a charge which are as follows:

**SINGLE WILL - £150.00**

**MIRROR WILLS - £180.00**

**LASTINGS POWER OF ATTORNEY- £225**  
*(plus Office of Public Guardian fee of £82.00)*

What we quote is what you pay – there will be no nasty surprises

**CALL 0151 633 2525 or  
07835 574 390**

for your **FREE ADVICE, FREE HOME VISIT or  
FREE INFORMATION PACK**

Green Light Wills Ltd | Reg. Office: 91 Market Street, Hoylake, Wirral, CH47 5AA  
T: 0151 633 2525 | e: hello@greenlightwills.com | www.greenlightwills.com  
Members of The Society of Will Writers



## Register of Baptism, Burials and Marriages for

### BURIALS

John McIver

### Died

11<sup>th</sup> May 2020

### Age

82

### Burial/Ash

26<sup>th</sup> May 2022

### BAPTISMS

1<sup>st</sup> May 2022 Trent Beauden THOMPSON

22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022 Summer Rose Farrell YOUNG

### WEDDINGS

14th May 2022 David Benjamin GREEN

Natasha Ruth CONWAY

### Jubilee Quiz Answers

- |                    |                            |                                   |
|--------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. June 1953       | 8. Prince Andrew           | 13 7 - (Fisher, Ramsey, Coggan,   |
| 2. Kenya           | 9 Buckinghamshire          | Runcie, Carey, Williams, Welsby)  |
| 3. Tony Blair      | 10 The lighting of Beacons | 14 Stan Mortenson for Blackpool v |
| 4. Geoffrey Fisher | 11 Stanmore to Stratford   | Bolton                            |
| 5. Norman Hartnell | 12 The Queen was           | 15 London Palladium               |
| 6. Canada          | pregnant with Andrew       | 16 Prince Andrew                  |
| 7. 14              | and then Edward            | 17 14                             |
|                    |                            | 18 Virginia Wade                  |



**Jonathan Frost  
Rare Books Limited.**

# Wanted

books, travel journals, manuscripts,  
ephemera and photographs  
from 1500 to the 1960s  
(and occasionally beyond!)

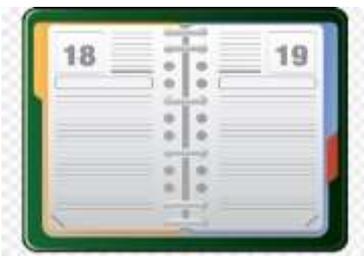
*We purchase collections, libraries and single items.  
We can also provide valuations for probate or insurance purposes.*

**Contact us :-** by email: [jfrbooksLtd@gmail.com](mailto:jfrbooksLtd@gmail.com)

telephone: 0151 7331501 or 07766 711103







## Parish Diary

### June—July 2022

#### May

<b>26</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Ascension Day</b> Holy Communion
27	Friday	Choir Practice
<b>29</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Easter 7 / Sunday after Ascension</b> Holy Communion

#### June

1	Wednesday	Holy Communion
2	Thursday	Bank Holiday
3	Friday	Bank Holiday
<b>5</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Pentecost</b> <b>Thanksgiving for HM Queen Elizabeth II</b> Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) Service of Thanksgiving for Queen Elizabeth II Village Jubilee Event (Village Green)
8	Wednesday	Holy Communion ACF: Christian Aid (Christel Langdon-Griffiths)
10	Friday	Choir Practice
<b>12</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Trinity Sunday</b> Holy Communion Choral Evensong
15	Wednesday	Holy Communion
<b>19</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Trinity 1</b> Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) Holy Communion
22	Wednesday	Coffee Morning
<b>26</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Trinity 2</b> Holy Communion
29	Wednesday	Holy Communion

**July**

2	Saturday	7:30pm	Concert (Wirral Festival)
<b>3</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Trinity 3</b>	
	8:00am		Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	10:30am		Holy Communion
6	Wednesday	10:30am	Holy Communion
8	Friday	7:00pm	Choir Practice
<b>10</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Trinity 4</b>	
	10:30am		Morning Prayer
	6:30pm		Holy Communion (Traditional Language)
13	Wednesday	10:30am	Holy Communion
	2:15pm		ACF: Summer Tea
15	Friday	7:00pm	Choir Practice
<b>17</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Trinity 5</b>	
	8:00am		Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	10:30am		Holy Communion
20	Wednesday	10:30am	Holy Communion
22	Friday	7:00pm	Choir Practice
<b>24</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Trinity 6</b>	
	10:30am		Holy Communion
27	Wednesday	10:30am	Coffee Morning
29	Friday	7:00pm	Choir Practice
<b>31</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Trinity 7</b>	
	10:30am		Holy Communion

**August**

3	Wednesday	10:30am	Holy Communion
<b>7</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Trinity 8</b>	
	8:00am		Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	10:30am		Holy Communion

## Who to contact about our groups

<b>Bible Study and Prayer</b>	<b>Shirley McEvoy</b>	336 3449
<b>A Church Fellowship (ACF)</b>	<b>Helen Tankard</b>	hdt1426@sky.com 648 0181
<b>Church Choir</b>	<b>Iain Stinson</b>	342 4800 iain@stinson.org.uk
<b>The Magazine Team</b>	<b>Patsy Baker</b>	336 3273
	<b>Iain Stinson</b>	342 4800
	<b>Brian Morris</b>	336 1393
	<b>Revd Vicky Barrett</b>	336 2766

## Morning Prayer at all Saints

Why not join Vicky for a Morning Prayer service in church on

Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays  
at 9.15am.

It is a very peaceful way of starting the day.

### The Magazine

Thank you to all those who have contributed articles, photographs and ideas for this edition of *The Magazine*. Contributions for future editions of *The Magazine* are very welcome. Please contact any member of the editorial team with your ideas and articles. Articles may be submitted in any reasonable format and should not be subject to any copyright restrictions.

**The deadline for submission of materials for the next edition is**

**July 19<sup>th</sup> 2022**

## Who's who at All Saints

<b>Vicar</b>	<b>Revd Vicky Barrett</b>	336 2766 vicar@allsaintsth.org.uk
<b>Churchwardens</b>	<b>Pam Machin</b>	pam@allsaintsth.org.uk
	<b>Alan Splitt</b>	336 3573 alan@allsaintsth.org.uk
<b>Parish Office</b>		office@allsaintsth.org.uk 245 4986
<b>Verger</b>	<b>Margaret Gamble</b>	336 7540
<b>PCC Secretary</b>	<b>Sue Stinson</b>	342 4800 sue@allsaintsth.org.uk
<b>PCC Treasurer</b>	<b>Iain Stinson</b>	342 4800 iain@stinson.org.uk
<b>Planned Giving Secretary</b>	<b>Brian Morris</b>	336 1393 brimorris@sky.com
<b>Prayer Link Coordinator</b>	<b>Rhona Mayhew</b>	334 5637 rhona@allsaintsth.org.uk
<b>Electoral Roll Officer</b>	<b>Elly Macbeath</b>	
<b>Safeguarding Officer</b>	<b>Linda Arch</b>	safeguarding@allsaintsth.org.uk
<b>Health &amp; Safety Officer</b>	<b>Graham Seagrave</b>	health&safety@allsaintsth.org.uk
<b>Parish Hall Caretaker and Bookings</b>	<b>Margaret Gamble</b>	336 7540
<b>Director of Music</b>	<b>Iain Stinson</b>	342 4800 iain@stinson.org.uk
<b>Magazine Contributions</b>		editor@allsaintsth.org.uk
<b>All Saints Church Website</b>		www.allsaintsth.org.uk
<b>Data Privacy Statement and Safeguarding Policy</b>		allsaintsth.org.uk/about-us/ and via the footer of each web page

[www.allsaintsth.org.uk](http://www.allsaintsth.org.uk)