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Happy Easter



St Alban's Village Fete

Saturday July 2nd

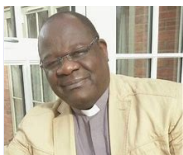
**12.30pm Rector's
Garden**



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From Father Lameck

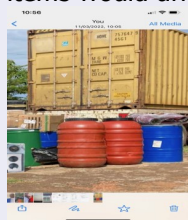
The Rector is back in the Parish

The two months away have been helpful and refreshing but at the same time, I ought to admit that I missed my dear parishioners. I am aware that a lot took place during my absence from the parish but a special thanks to all the clergy who took services and the churchwardens and P.C.C. members who organised the day to day running of the parish activities. Once again, many thanks to you all.

The School donations finally arrive in Zimbabwe

I am sure we all can recall the generous donations of some school items and girls' sanitary wear sent to Zimbabwe in December 2021. It was my hope that all these

items would arrive whilst I was still around but to due to Covid -19 rules, some delays were encountered along the way. The good news however is that the drums with the items finally arrived in Zimbabwe when I was just about to come back to the UK. The drums will be delivered later once cleared by customs. Please see picture below.



Once again, many thanks for the generous hearts that made it possible to have this consignment reach that far.

St Alban's Village Fete July 2nd 2022 12.30pm The Rector's Garden

After last year's successful fete we are now planning this year's event. The fete is a major part of our fundraising activities towards the upkeep of the church. We are extremely grateful to the following local businesses who are already supporting this year's fete so generously:

Swayne Johnson Solicitors, The Pheasant, The Letters, Peckforton Water, The Ice Cream Farm, Morton's Spar, Fired Up at The Bear, Jill Weedon's Balloons, Leaf, Gifford Lea.

If you can help us in anyway with donations for stalls, the raffle, BBQ or help on the day, then please get in touch.
Ruth Morgan: 07753673334

Sport & Leisure Tattenhall, also known as 'Tattenhall Recreation Club', 'SportTattenhall', 'The Flacca', and 'The Rec Club', has a busy summer ahead!

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations Thursday, 2 June – Sunday, 5 June



All welcome! Don't go away for the week – make sure you come and join us on the Flacca for an extended weekend full of live music, barbecues, open mic, cricket match, crafts, mini-disco and games for children, and much more! With the Clubhouse Bar, its new external decking and Marquee alongside, events will take place come rain (no never, it wouldn't dare) or shine!

Thursday events will continue on from the Village Day on the Flacca organised by the Parish Council; for a full up-to-date list of events and times for the weekend visit www.sporttattenhall.co.uk. or keep an eye out around the village and on www.tattenhall.org.

Friday @ the Flacca.

Back by popular demand! All welcome! Organised by each sports' section of the club, these take place on the last Friday of the month with a few extra in between! It's a chance to come along and enjoy a relaxed alfresco early-evening drink and barbecue at the club whilst the children take part in some activities and games.

However, a polite reminder to please leave bikes, scooters and dogs at home as they can all damage the pitch. Thank you!

Junior Sports' Courses

Following on from last year's successes, this summer sees the return of several junior coaching programmes:
the ECB's All Stars (5 – 8 year-olds) and Dynamos (8 – 11 year-olds) junior cricket development programmes, in conjunction with the Cheshire Cricket Board and Swayne-Johnson Solicitors, runs for 8 weeks from Monday, 16 May.
LTA junior tennis coaching programmes run by Ace Tennis Academy and Junior Football coaching courses with MPH Academy for primary-aged children

Sport & Leisure Tattenhall offers a host of sporting opportunities on your doorstep, for both juniors and seniors (of all ages): American football, cricket, croquet, football, gym, running, racketball, squash and tennis. A variety of membership packages are available, including social, single or multi-sport.

For more information on all of the above, visit www.sporttattenhall.co.uk.

Easter Traditions and The Hot Cross Bun

For Christians, Easter is about celebrating the central miracle of Jesus' death and resurrection. It's been the most important date in the religious calendar since the very earliest days of Christianity. In medieval



England, churches held intricate rituals and dramatic religious ceremonies, and clergy and congregations all took part in various processions, vigils and plays over the Easter weekend. Easter follows Lent – a period of religious observance and abstinence from worldly pleasures to remember Jesus' fasting in the desert. During Lent many people might give up chocolate, but before the Reformation Lent was rather more involved for English Christians. They were supposed to avoid eating meat, eggs or dairy, they couldn't play any sports. So when Easter came around, there were many good reasons to celebrate.

The 14th-century Shropshire cleric John Mirk wrote of Easter as the time when fires were extinguished, hearths strewn with fresh rushes, flowers displayed and houses cleaned, it was the origin of "Spring cleaning". The 17th-century poet Nicholas Breton still thought of it as 'the sun's dancing -day and the earth's holy-day' – a time for 'nothing but play and mirth'. Even by the mid-19th century, when holidays were few and far between for working people, Good Friday was still one of two national days off, the other being Christmas Day.

Today sweet round Hot Cross Buns seem to be available all year round, but traditionally they were a treat only to be tucked into on Good

Friday. The buns weren't necessarily round – some 19th-century sources describe them as triangular cakes – and the cross on the top was nothing special, with many breads being marked with the cross

right up until the 20th century. What *was* remarkable about the buns was that they were baked on Good Friday, which imbued them with various magical properties. Many people believed that bread or buns baked on Good Friday would never go mouldy, or that they could be used to treat a range of medical complaints. Good Friday bread would be hung from a string from the kitchen ceiling, and pieces would be broken off and soaked as and when needed through the year. They were also thought to bring good luck.



The symbolism of the bun is clear to see with the cross representing the crucifixion of Christ, and the spices inside signifying the spices used to embalm Jesus at

his burial. Orange peel is sometimes added to reflect the bitterness of Jesus's time on the cross. They are sometimes called an "Alban Bun" as in early church times the enriched bread buns were distributed to the poor by the monks of St Alban's.

Now many millions of hot cross buns are sold each year, and as we enjoy them, we should reflect on the symbolism and tradition of this favourite treat.

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Chairman: Iain Keeping

The Parish Council held its monthly meeting on 7th March in the Barbour Institute.

There were two items on the Agenda of particular interest to residents and because of this, public participation was split between these.

The first matter to be raised was that of the proposed 4th phase of the Gifford Lea development. Councillors were keen to hear views from residents and also from the planning consultants who had prepared the planning application.

After much discussion, and moving on to the formal Agenda, the Parish Council agreed to strongly object to the application on a number of grounds, one of which was that the development was contrary to Policy 1 of the Tattenhall & District Neighbourhood Plan.

The comments in full can be found in the minutes of the meeting on the Parish Council website.

The second item on which public views were sought was that of Glebe Meadow. A meeting had been held with representatives from the Parish Council, from TWiG, from Transition Tattenhall and with Roger Goulding from CWaC. Mr Goulding leads on Green Infrastructure and Biodiversity. Councillors heard from those groups who would not support the opening up of the meadow to public access and the Clerk read out an email from one resident which had arrived just that afternoon.

The Agenda item was then considered by Councillors and it was decided to take the advice of Mr Goulding who felt that managed access would not harm

the biodiversity of the site and would enable children to engage with nature and that encouraging people to engage with wildlife enhanced the quality of life. The Parish Council would take this forward.

Apart from the usual business of the Council, around finance and planning matters, another important item on the Agenda was the plan for celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June. Councillors heard that the working group was collaborating with Sport Tattenhall to bring an exciting programme events to the village on Thursday 2nd June.. A grant had been applied for and the Council also approved funding to cover costs in the event that the grant application was not approved. Plans were being developed and on the back page of the magazine is a brief outline of what is proposed. Further details will be published as they became available.

There was a short presentation from Kloud9 about the upcoming fibre network rollout in Tattenhall.

An update was given on the much needed repairs to the War Memorial. A plan for the repair was being developed but the cost would be significant and grant funding would be required if a provider could be found. Councillors were mindful that residents were keen to know what was happening and would make details public as soon as possible.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday 4th April at 7.30pm in the Barbour Institute.

Cllr Pat Black

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Family Songs of Praise



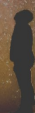
**Come and join us on the first
Sunday of the Month at 10:30am**

**We are inviting the children
to attend a Sunday School
story and craft activity**

**Come and join us for a pastry
or a bacon sandwich at 9.45am**



LOSS CAFÉ



Are you struggling with grief caused by the loss
of a loved one or pet?

Has the lockdown brought a sense of loss and
stress?

Come along to the loss café. Where you can
get a cup of tea and cake in a friendly, non
religious environment while talking, listening or
sharing your journey with like-minded people.

**We meet on the last Friday of the month at
10am in the St Alban's Community Room**

All are Welcome



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Dates for your diary

Saturday 30th April, HomeGrown Market 12midday–4pm.

Visit www.homegrownevents.co.uk for more details.

Sunday 1st May, Car boot, 10am start, £10 a car, places limited, email to book a slot.

Sunday 15th May Plant Sale, on the Millfield, Tattenhall Gardening Society.

Saturday 21st May—Basix Wrestling comes to Tattenhall, tickets limited, available on ticketsource, search Tattenhall. This promises to be an exciting evening, never seen before at the Barbour!!!

Jubilee celebrations at the BI—watch this space for details of the special events happening in your Village Hall.

Check our website for monthly class listings and details of all groups, classes and events at the Barbour.
www.barbourinstitute.com

The Barbour Drop-in coffee morning is going from strength to strength with record numbers of guests attending and biscuits eaten. All welcome, £1 donation. Every Friday 10am—12midday. Keep checking – in at the drop-in as we may need to change the day as the building gets busier.



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Loss Café

This Cafe is not all doom and gloom nor does it focus solely on death or losing someone dear. There are many aspects around loss and coming to the cafe gives a chance to explore them. A time to reflect, think, listen and offer any experiences you may have to help others. Sharing can

help and time spent at the Cafe can be a comfort. You do not have to bring anything.

The next meeting will be held on Friday 28th February. If you would like to know more about the 'Loss Café', please contact the Rector on 01829 770245. All are welcome to The Community Room at 10.00am.

The Village Surgeries Group

The surgeries will close at 1.00pm on 28th April and 24th May for staff training. During this time, please ring 111 for urgent advice or in case of emergency, dial 999. The surgery phone lines will re-open at 5.00pm

PARISH NEWS DEADLINES 2022

Please remember that if you miss the deadline your item may not be published.

The Parish News will now be published every **second** month. The deadlines for 2022 are: **13th May; 15th July; 9th September; 11th November**

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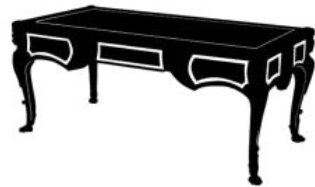
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Painting the gates and metalwork



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| | Ruth Morgan | 771841 |
| Handley | Alex Park 771556 | Christine Walley 771976 |
| Burwardsley | Barbara Sculthorpe 770418 | |

Diocesan News

Malpas Deanery News: The next chapter meeting is at Tarporley on 4th April.

Deanery Chapter Away Day

The Deanery Clergy Chapter is going to have a quiet day during the month of May.

Archdeacon's Visitation

Tuesday 16th June 2022 - Chester /Malpas St Michael Plas Newton at 7.30pm

The Visitation of the Archdeacon, the historic process by which church wardens are admitted to office in the Malpas Deanery, will be held at **St Michaels Plas Newton** on the above date and time. Our Church Wardens are required to attend; it is hoped that our sides men and women, though not required to attend are invited to do so, will make a special effort to be present this year.

Churchwarden training 2022

16th July 2022 at Church House

New Churchwardens

15th October 2022 in St John's Hall, Lostock Gramam

All Churchwardens

OUR THREE CHURCHES TOGETHER



Lenten Course 2022

The Lenten Course which has been running from 16th March will end on 13th April. If you are still available for the remaining sessions, please come and join us in the Vault at Tattenhall Church on the remaining Wednesdays from 6.00pm.



ST. ALBAN'S, TATTENHALL



Holy Week and at Easter

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| Palm Sunday 10 th April ; (the beginning of Holy Week) | 8.00am 10.30am | Holy Communion Parish Eucharist |
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Palm Crosses will be distributed at all services

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| April 11th Monday | 7.30pm | Compline |
| April 12th Tuesday | 7.00pm | Holy Communion |
| April 13th Wednesday | 10.00am | Holy Communion |
| | 7.30pm | Compline |
| April 14th Maundy Thursday | 7.30pm | Eucharist of the Last Supper |
| April 15th Good Friday | 10.30am | The Service of Good Friday |
| April 16th Easter Eve | 7.30pm | Compline |
| April 17th EASTER DAY | 8.00am 10.30am | Holy Communion Easter Eucharist, |

with Blessing of the Paschal Candle and Easter Garden

After this service there will be an Easter egg hunt in the churchyard for children who have attended the service.

On Easter Sunday, we will be welcoming Bishop John Hayden who will be our celebrant and preacher.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting and the Meeting of Parishioners

These two meetings will take place on Sunday 24th April soon after the 10.30am service. Although much of the business of the meetings is of a formal character, it is none the less important, and we urge all who worship at St Alban's Church to be present. The matters under review include the election of Church Wardens, Councillors and Sidesmen.

Baptisms

Tattenhall Church has come a long way in realising the need to make the baptism of your child a sacred, enjoyable and memorable service. The Church of England has a variety of Common Worship baptism services which can be used during a baptism. After careful thought and consideration, the church has chosen one that is inclusive, accommodative and clearer in its liturgical outlook especially for those who are not regular worshippers. It is from this development that we have set aside the 'First **Sunday** of each month for such baptismal services. Please note that we can also discuss other options of having the baptism of your child being conducted even on a Saturday if that is convenient to you or Sunday afternoon. If you live in the area or you are in any way connected to families in Tattenhall, please get in touch with the Rector or Churchwardens for baptismal arrangements in the future.

Anniversary Celebration of the Family Songs of Praise with Breakfast Sunday 1st May at 10.30am



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Two years ago, we launched the '**Family Songs of Praise with Breakfast**'. This Breakfast takes place in the Community Hall at 9.15am and at 10.30am; we have our Family Songs of praise in church. This is a service designed to meet your spiritual needs as you have the opportunity of choosing your own favourite hymn as well. The service lasts about 45 minutes and there is always a short sermon/talk and prayers in the end. After the service, breakfast is again served and we all sit together as a family of God in fellowship. Please note that this is not a Communion Service because it is a service designed to meet the needs of all people including our children who can hardly cope with long hours.

All are welcome even if you have never been in church; let this be your first time to come and fellowship with us. *"Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost". (Isaiah 55:1)*

From The Church Calendar

Thursday 26th May is **Ascension Day**, an important day in the church year. The Holy Communion will be celebrated at 7.30pm in the Lady Chapel.

Sunday 5th June is **Whitsunday**. This is an important day in the calendar and one which, since the abandonment in this country of the Bank Holiday which was once attached to it, has lost its public prominence. All who worship at St Alban's are urged to worship on this day, if at all possible.

Sunday 12th June **Trinity Sunday**, officially called "The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity," is one of the few celebrations of the Christian Year that commemorates a reality and doctrine rather than a person or event. On Trinity Sunday, Christians remember and honour the eternal God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Trinity Sunday is celebrated the Sunday after Pentecost, and lasts only one day, which is symbolic of the unity of the Trinity.

From the Registers

OBITUARIES

The late **Mrs Jean Smallwood** died on 24th December 2021. Her service was held at Tattenhall Church followed by a committal at Vale Royal on 12th January 2022. She was 92 years old. May her soul rest in peace eternally.

The late **Carole Stork** died on 3rd January 2022. Her service was held at Tattenhall Church on 27th January 2022. She was 59 years old. May her soul rest in peace eternally.

The late **James William Pickering** died on 9th January 2022. His service was held at Tattenhall Church on 1st February 2022 followed by a burial in the grounds of their family home. He was only 18 years. May his soul rest in peace eternally.

The late **Doreen Morgan** died on 15th February 2022. Her service was held at Tattenhall Church on 7th March 2022 followed by a burial in the churchyard. May her soul rest in peace eternally.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, HANDLEY

Services

Our Easter Service is on 17th April at 9.15am and it will be a Communion Service.

After this service there will be an Easter egg hunt in the churchyard for children who have attended the service.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting and the Meeting of Parishioners

These two meetings will take place on Wednesday 20th April at 8pm. Although much of the business of the meetings is of a formal character, it is none the less important, and we urge all who worship at All Saints to be present. The matters under review include the election of Church Wardens, Councillors and Sidesmen.



ST JOHN'S CHURCH, BURWARDSLEY

St Johns Church has stood 'on the hill' since the 1700s and has endured many changes and is still standing.

We would like to dispell the rumours that the church is closed.

St Johns is very much open: the pandemic hit us hard and we are struggling financially but we remain open for services, baptisms, weddings and funerals.

Songs of Praise takes place on the second Sunday of each month at 4.30pm with light refreshments after the service and we look forward to seeing you.

Services

Our Easter Service this year is on 20th April.

We will not be having the usual Songs of Praise Service in the afternoon but there will be Communion Service in the morning instead.

After this service there will be an Easter egg hunt in the churchyard for children who have attended the service.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting and the Meeting of Parishioners

These two meetings will take place on Wednesday 18th April at 2pm. Although much of the business of the meetings is of a formal character, it is none the less important, and we urge all who worship at St John's the Divine to be present. The matters under review include the election of Church Wardens, Councillors and Sidesmen.



JANE'S JOTTINGS

I HAD NO IDEA.... Those of you who read my last jottings may remember that my word for the year is "positive".

- I HAD NO IDEA how difficult it is to be positive when things aren't going too well - and it's only March!
- I HAD NO IDEA the year end Accounts would take so long.
- I HAD NO IDEA how hard it is to correct one's posture (actually I am pretty positive here that it is probably impossible but don't tell anyone as this is a very non positive comment!)
- I HAD NO IDEA how much I needed a holiday.
- I HAD NO IDEA how dodgy I must look to Airport Security Staff – Drug Baron material judging by their search of me and my luggage earlier this week – and
- I HAD NO IDEA I had no idea until I had time to think about it relaxing during the holiday I HAD NO IDEA I needed!! I don't think one has any idea about anything until one tries it or experiences it! At the risk of repeating myself
- I HAD NO IDEA what it costs in terms of time and money to run a church until I became involved. It is taken so much for granted because everything is always ready and waiting for us when we turn up.
- Similarly The Fete – people come to this traditional English custom and thank goodness they do – but they HAVE NO IDEA what work has gone on before the actual event takes place.
- I HAVE NO IDEA how to get the following messages across to you in a way that makes you take notice and spur you into action.

St Alban's needs help with the jobs that keep things ticking over.

- I HAVE NO IDEA what as there are loads to choose from - some more onerous than others but there will be something if only you would make that call and give it a go.
- I HAVE NO IDEA why you don't.

St Alban's is in serious need of funds. Our deficit last year was in the region of £10,000. We have managed to reduce the deficit significantly over the last couple of years but this amount is still way too high. If every household in Tattenhall made one donation every year how wonderful that would be–

- I HAVE NO IDEA how much to suggest but that doesn't matter – just do it PLEASE.
- If you HAVE NO IDEA how to go about the above all you need to do is get in touch with me and I will guide you.

When you HAVE NO IDEA about anything it can come as a surprise when you discover that there are jobs which are not as easy as one would think! Years ago I offered to help at the Fete; Sell Ice Cream I thought – a doddle! This was before the small tub concept. I was placed on the front steps of the Old Rectory complete with Freezer containing *large tubs* of ice cream. I think it must have been before the soft scoop concept as well – *it was rock hard* and would not budge. A very hot day ensured a decent queue which got longer as my wrists got weaker and more painful and a pile of serving utensils got more bent and distorted. Uri Geller would have been most impressed.

Jane Richards 01829 770482

Brian Crossley MBE

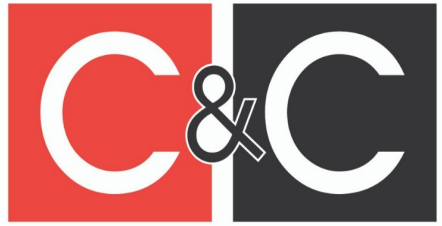
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YOUR WILL is of course a very private matter and you do not need to disclose anything about what you leave or to whom. There are plenty of Solicitors who can guide and help you write it.

If you would like a general no obligation chat with us before deciding or would like information about what will happen to your gift should you leave one, please contact the Rector (Lameck Mutute 770345) or the Treasurer (Jane Richards 770482).

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**TRANSITION
TATTENHALL**

Our village • Our future

Transition Tattenhall has hit the ground running in 2022 and it's shaping up to be a busy and exciting year.

We started off in January by creating a report on all of our activities so far, and our plans for the future, which you can read on our website

www.transitiontattenhall.co.uk.

This report covered our outings with the roadshow last summer as well as the Engagement Day held in October where we started to form the basis of the projects that we are taking forward this year.

Two of our projects have already started - these are our Repair Café and our Mini Meadows projects. A Repair Café will repair equipment or machines that would otherwise get thrown away. This is a great way to stop waste, reduce consumption, and build community links. The Mini Meadows project aims to promote wildflowers in Tattenhall. We want to encourage as many people as possible to grow some wildflowers this year and we'll be organising a walk around the village in June to see the results, as well as learn more about wildflowers and their importance. You can find out more about these, and other, projects on our website or on our Facebook page @TransitionTattenhall

We're also working to protect and promote the designated Local Wildlife Site at Glebe Meadow. This small, but significant, area of land represents a space, and conditions, that can become a symbol of the protection, preservation and enrichment of the natural world here in the centre of the village. But this can only happen with proper management and protection from damage and degradation. As always, you can find out more about this on our website.

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PC Stephen Gardner

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If you are interested please contact the Secretary:

Email Val_Meeks@Yahoo.co.uk Tel: 01829 770781



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Palm Sunday is on April 10th, followed by Easter Sunday on April 17th; both Services at 10.45am.

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West Cheshire Rural u3a monthly meetings are held in the Barbour Institute, Tattenhall on the third Thursday of the month. The meeting opens at 2.00pm with the speaker slot starting at 2.30 pm.

The speaker at our meeting on **21st April is David McCaddon**. David is an award-winning playwright and author of modern Crime thriller novels. His talk “Costa del Crime” looks at the changes that have happened since those days when some of the villains from the Great Train Robbery, Security Express & the Brink’s Mat Robbery attempted to escape there.

On **May 19th** we welcome **Tony Bostock**. His talk “Cheshire pubs and Pub Signs” looks at some of the many attractive old Cheshire pubs and the stories behind their signs.

For membership information contact our Membership Secretary Dorothy Turpey via the contact page on our website <https://u3asites.org.uk/west-cheshire/contact>



Tattenhall Allotments Association have launched a new website. Visit the site for information about the allotments, its history and aims for the future. The news section documents activities such as work parties and social events for the allotmenters, while there is also a recipe section for members to share their favourite ways of enjoying the fruits of their labours.

tattenhall-allotments.co.uk



Tattenhall Singers have a new musical director and are inviting people to go along for a free taster session on a Tuesday evening from 8-9.30pm in the Barbour Institute.

The community choir is open to both male and female singers.



Collections of emergency supplies to help those fleeing from the war in Ukraine have already been made in Tattenhall but the real need now is for donations so that supplies can be purchased by the aid agencies. There are many ways to donate, through the Disasters Emergency Committee (www.dec.org.uk), other charities or through banks. The UK Government has pledged to match funds raised for the appeal up to £20 million pounds.

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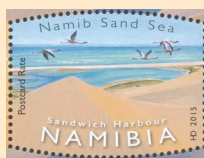
Ken's Korner

Jottings from the crevices of his memory of life in The RAF

Early last century it was German West Africa, then part of the Union of South Africa. Now it's Namibia, an independent country. In steamship days, Walvis Bay was an important port. Today, it's cruise ships that call.

Going ashore, I noticed none of the colourful buildings had gutters or drainpipes; rain is so rare. Nearby was a shallow lagoon, in it was a huge flock of flamingos, all sifting the water with their beaks, feeding on tiny crustaceans. They made a beautiful spectacle when they took off, flew round, and settled back again.

A convoy of Land Rovers waited, each equipped with a tank of drinking water and first aid kit. We boarded, four to a vehicle, with one empty safety vehicle at



the rear, as we set off along a sealed road into the desert. I asked our driver why the road hadn't melted in the extreme heat, "Easy", she said, "It's sealed with salt". Salt sets very hard and, there's no rain!

We glimpsed the 'skeleton coast' where the ocean breakers meet the sand dunes, with no vegetation or potable water for survival, and pressed on to Swakopmund, originally a German town with streets and buildings named in German. The railway terminus was 'der Bahnhof'.

Driving into deep desert, we halted occasionally, were shown isolated leathery-leaved plants over 1,000 years old, walked over rocks too hot to touch, tried to climb enormous sand dunes, and learned first-hand that the Namib desert is a cruel place.



SAVE THE DATE

Thursday 2nd June 2022

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