



## Could you make a Superhero Scarecrow?

A hero or a Superhero, we can't wait to see your designs!

of the community, is working on a programme of events over the Armistice weekend. The aim is to have something for everyone and the full programme will be published in September.

Just as a taste of what is to come on Friday 9th November there will be a good old-fashioned sing song, with tipples and tasters from the era, accompanied by a few surprises from TADS.

In the meantime, please remember that the WI has ambitious plans for a cascade of poppies in the Barbour Institute over the weekend. They are hoping for at least one from every household and as long as yours is red, with a black centre, it doesn't matter what it's made from. Each



poppy should be as large as an adult 'fist'. Each thread or wool at the back for attachment. Poppies can be delivered to any WI member or to Sue Gamble at 14 Barnfield off Covert Risetelephone 01829 772659.

Are you making a poppy in memory of someone who went off to the Great War . If you would like your story told, please get in touch with Ruth McPhillips on 01829 770762 Watch out for more details in the coming months and put the weekend of 9-11th November in your diary.







### Evening visit to 'The Laundry' in Denbigh. A chance to see a New Garden evolving within an Old Setting!

A converted Georgian House and a 200 year old Walled Kitchen Garden form the backdrop to garden works started in 2009. The garden now incorporates 'rooms' outside, from the terraced courtyard to oval lawns, herbaceous borders and a small pleached lime avenue. A two acre woodland walk skirts the outside of the walled garden, featuring Viburnum and Rhododendron.

Wednesday 13th June, car share before 6pm in front of The Barbour Institute, Tattenhall, CH3 9PX

Entrance to garden, including tea and cake: £8 Oranised by the Tattenhall Garden Society. Non-members welcome! For further details and to book your place, please contact Jen Benefield, Chair, 01829 770692



## **TATTENHALL'S** VILLAGE HALL The Barbour Institute

The winners of the May draw were:

£50—number 50

£25—number 49

€15—number 92

The next monthly draw will be at the Village Market on Friday 1st June If you haven't yet become a member of the 200 Club, there will be another opportunity to join later in the summer.



## **Tattenhall** Garden Trail



June 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 2018 1 1 am - 5 pm

A great day out to explore eight private gardens in the Parish of Tattenhall. Refreshments are available all day in St. Alban's Church Vault and at selected gardens.

Tickets are £6

Entry is free to those under 16 years of age

Available from Alison's Coffee Shop. Tattenhall News. Tattenhall Post Office. Church Vault and at the open gardens. No dogs please. Enquiries 01829 770932



#### FROM THE RECTOR

#### A Time for Everything (Ecclesiastes 3:1-8) Life is beyond our control.



Alban is believed to have been a Romano-British citizen of the third century in the city Roman Verulamium, in the valley below the present Cathedral in Saint Albans, Hertfordshire. earliest versions of his history say that he gave shelter to a stranger

fleeing persecution. This was a Christian priest, originally un-named but later called Amphibalus. Alban was so moved by

the priest's faith and courage that he asked to be taught more about Christianity, then still a forbidden religion.

Before long the authorities came to arrest the fugitive priest. But Alban, inspired by his new-found faith, exchanged clothes with Amphibalus, allowing him to escape. Instead Alban was arrested and brought before the city magistrate. Alban refused to sacrifice to the emperor and the Roman gods. When asked to identify himself he declared: 'I am called Alban and I worship and adore the true and living God, who created all things'.

The magistrate ordered that Alban should receive the punishment due to the priest. He was brought out of the town and up the hillside to the site of execution where he was beheaded. Despite escaping, Amphibalus too was later arrested and also martyred a few miles away.

Alban was probably buried in the Roman cemetery, now located by modern archaeological digs to the south of the present Cathedral. Alban is honoured as the first British martyr, and his grave on the hillside quickly became a place of pilgrimage.

In the early eighth century the historian Bede told the story of St Alban and

described 'a beautiful church, worthy of his martvrdom'.

The shrine of St Alban can be visited at the cathedral in St. Albans. The present shrine. constructed in 1308, supports a modern red and gold canopy under which rests a shoulder-blade said to come from the original relics of the saint's body. The canopy is embroidered with English wildflowers, commemorating description of Alban as ascending a hill "adorned with wild flowers of every kind." The red rose, in particular has come to be a special symbol of the saint reflecting the words of an ancient prayer: 'Among the roses of the martyrs, brightly shines Saint Alban.'

Alban is a saint of the undivided church, a saint for all Christians. His welcome to a persecuted stranger was a powerful example of courage, compassion and hospitality.

For over 1700 years, pilgrims have prayed on the hillside, many on or near St Alban's Day, 22 June, when his story is celebrated and re-enacted.

The picture is of the St Alban's window in Tattenhall Church. The window is without doubt our oldest window and dates from medieval times, possibly the fourteenth It features in "Pevsner century. Architectural Guides: Buildings of England -Cheshire and is known as the necklace of blood window. On very close examination of the window you can see that the head has been severed and placed back on top of the

#### **Celebrating St Alban's Day (Patronal Festival Service**)

This year our '3 Churches Together' are celebrating St Alban's Day (Patronal Festival) on Sunday the 24th June at Tattenhall Church. Time is 10.30am and all our parishioners from the three parishes are cordially invited. The service will be led by the +Bishop of Chester; The Right Revd Peter Forster.



## The Churches of Tattenhall, Handley and Burwardsley Churches without Walls

Rector: Rev. Canon Lameck Mutete, The Rectory, Tattenhall 770245

Churchwardens Tattenhall Handley

Dee Mason 770553 Alex Park 771277

George Richards 770482 Christine Walley 771976 Barbara Sculthorpe 770418

Burwardsley Jean Dutton 770379 If you would like to be included in our

what have you got to lose.

value to the thief but of great

Sometimes items are stolen and discarded such as photos that are of no

sentimental value to you. Think about it,

e-mail HomeWatch updates contact list, send your details to graham@gmarsden.co.uk together with vour address and phone number in case of e-mails bouncing back.

**Graham Marsden 771641** 

#### **CHURCH NEWS**

#### **Diocesean News**

#### Foxhill – Retreat and Conference Centre

Foxhill is a spiritual retreat and conference centre, near Frodsham in Cheshire. It is an ideal venue for day or residential retreats, conferences and study breaks. Foxhill can be booked for conferences, overnight stays, retreats, wedding receptions, celebrations and special meals. There are 3 conference rooms available. The centre can cater for individuals or large groups, so whether you're looking for a suitable venue for a meeting, or a space to get away for a while, Foxhill can provide all the facilities you need. It is only 2 miles from the M56, which makes it very simple to get to and provides the perfect location for exploring Chester, North Wales, the Peak District, Liverpool and Manchester. For more information, please email Foxhill: toufoxhill@chester.anglican.org

#### ST ALBAN'S CHURCH, TATTENHALL

**SERVICES** 

Sunday mornings 8.00am and 10.30am Wednesday 10am

#### **SUMMER BIBLE STUDY COURSE** The Steps to Forgiveness and Reconciliation

Tattenhall Church is embarking on an 8 weeks course on Forgiveness and Reconciliation. Forgiveness is what most of us as Christians are looking for as we seek to have a better relationship with our God. We however need to realize that forgiveness is a two way process and it



begins with you and not those who have sinned against you. "Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us). These are 8 weeks of self reflection, prayer and discussions as we all seek to be reconciled to our creator Lord and Savior. If you live in or around the village, please feel free to come and walk together with others on the same journey with you.

Venue – The Vault Community Room every Wednesday from June up to end of July.

Time -8pm.

6<sup>th</sup> June Introduction

Reconciliation begins with God 13<sup>th</sup> June 20<sup>th</sup> June Reconciliation must be intentional

27<sup>th</sup> June Reconciliation must be bathed in prayer

4<sup>th</sup> July Reconciliation demands humility

## **INCIDENT calls: Ring 101** Parish News Magazine



month.

We are all aware of the value we place on our monthly 'Tattenhall, Handley and Burwardsley Parish News Magazine'.

Not only is this an excellent platform for news items within the village but it has also become an increasingly economic way in which to distribute flyers etc — The Sandstone Ridge Festival Flyer, the VSG PPG Newsletters and even Tattenhall Online being recent examples. With this in mind, therefore, we are now introducing a modest £25 charge for circulation of any flyer/newsletter etc each

Update

Considering that the total number of households to whom the Parish News is delivered is approximately 1450, then it is considered that this represents extremely good value for money as a distribution process. We have spoken to organisations who have most recently used this distribution method and they completely support such a policy; for that we thank them.

If any group within the village wishes to use this service, then please contact Dee Mason, Churchwarden with responsibility for the Parish News, at deezel2206@sky.com We continue to thank our small army of volunteers who work tirelessly in circulating the Magazine — 'Engaging with the Community'.

## Patient Participation Group Survey Presentations to be held in Tattenhall and Farndon

**POLICE CONTACT NUMBERS EMERGENCY calls ONLY: Ring 999** 

Since the publication of our Spring Newsletter, your Patient Participation Group (PPG) has been working hard to analyse the outcomes of The Patient Participation Survey.

The Survey closed on 14 April and we received 533

responses; a much greater number than we had expected.

Your feedback has really helped us understand what you like about the services from the surgeries and what might be improved.

The results will be presented at two meetings as follows:



**Farndon** — at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday 5 June at 7pm, and

**Tattenhall** — at the Barbour DIFFERENCE Institute on Wednesday 6 June at 7pm

suggestions, these sessions will

also overview changes that will be made and, where it is not possible to make adjustments, the surgery will explain why. Thank you also to the Pharmacies and the Post Offices that supported us in collecting the completed forms.

tattparish.news@hotmail.com



#### **HOMEWATCH**

#### Dear Residents

Detectives are urging Cheshire residents to be vigilant after an elderly woman from Runcorn and an elderly man from Chester were scammed out of large quantities of money last month .

They both handed money to a courier for safekeeping after receiving a phone call from a man purporting to be a senior police officer. The bogus officer told them that their savings had been targeted by thieves and were not safe in their bank accounts.

If you are similarly contacted, try and get the number by dialling 1471 or note the time of the call and pass on to the Police on 101 or Action Fraud 0300 123 2040 along with any other details. Police would like it known that they would never contact a resident in this way

There have been a number of scam emails circulating referring to attempted blackmailing of recipients.

It refers to imaginary visiting of dubious websites hoping the target will pay the scammer in Bit Coin to prevent circulation of non existent content of the victim's web cam to the contents of their address book. They allegedly say they originate in China and India and the person has 20 or so days to respond. Do not do so.

We have enjoyed some fine weather recently and hope it will return for the summer. Please try and remember to secure windows and doors when you are not in sight of the house, such as in the garden. Opportunist thieves are more prevalent during these periods Electrostatic HomeWatch window stickers are available - please see the Drop In information. If your existing

HW sticker requires replacing or you

are a new member and would like one, please get in touch.

Police surgeries are an opportunity for residents to meet local officers and report any concerns or issues they might have. Please come along.

Tattenhall Police Surgeries will be held at:

## Tattenhall Library and Alison's Country Kitchen

The Police always welcome your call on 101. Let them make the decision on its urgency and a method of dealing with your concern. If you aren't sure about a suspicious situation you can always call HomeWatch 771641 for advice, or anonymously CRIMESTOPPERS on 0800 555 111.

Rural officer contact details.
PC Gerard Gigg and PCSO Rachael
McKevitt

Please call 101 or, f you wish to e-mail Ged, his address is gerard.gigg@cheshire.pnn.police.uk

FREE UV marker pens and Homewatch window stickers are available on request at the 'Drop In' at the Barbour Institute, one for each person attending.

The Drop In is held every Tuesday 10am - 12noon and all are welcome so come along for a chat and to sort out the world's problems with endless cuppas and biscuits for £1 per person, along with security advice thrown in for free.

With your free FREE UV marker pens all that is required is that you mark your valued items with your house Name or number and Postcode. 11<sup>th</sup> July Reconciliation requires vulnerability
18<sup>th</sup> July Reconciliation is complete with restoration
25<sup>th</sup> July Conclusion

#### **ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

At the recent meeting held on the 24th April, **Dee Mason** and **George Richards** were unanimously elected into office as Church Wardens for the coming year. The P.C.C. also made the following appointments:

Deputy Church Wardens: Jean Griffiths and Cathy Kitchin

P.C.C. Vice Chair **Neil Friswell** 

P.C.C. Secretary **Georgina Blackhurst** 

#### **New Treasurer**

After many years of dedicated work and service to St Alban's Church, Andy Morris retired from the position of Treasurer. We wish him all the best as he continues to serve the church and community in many other ways.

The new Treasurer is now **Jane Richards** who takes over from Andy.

We welcome Jane and wish her the best as she begins work in this new role.

#### **CHURCH CALENDAR AND DIARY**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June feast of Barnabas the Apostle.

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June feast of Bernard Mzeki, (African Christian Missionary, Apostle

and Martyr) He worked particularly amongst the Shona people of modern-day Zimbabwe and was martyred on 18 June 1896)

Sunday 24th June Alban, Martyr. This is our Patronal festival where all our

parishioners are expected to attend.

#### THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Please note that St Alban's Church now runs a Sunday School on the first Sunday of each month. This special service is run in The Vault Community Room every first Sunday at 10.30am where the children enjoy a bible story and a craft activity relating to the lesson.

Our goal is to have a Sunday School every Sunday and this is something we can offer as more volunteers join us. The service only runs for about an hour and is led by very kind, caring and professional people.

#### FROM THE RECORDS

#### BAPTISMS

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April Jessica Robyn Siddorn Saturday- 21<sup>st</sup> April Ivy Victoria Upton Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April Aiyanna Grace Kadzumba

#### OBITUARY Myra Bonso

Myra Benson 29<sup>th</sup> August 1930 – 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2018

Myra was born in 1930 and brought up on the family farm in Bickerton. She moved to Rose Farm, Tattenhall having married Dennis in 1954. Life running the farm together was hectic but enjoyable, alongside her love of family life having eight children. Sadly her first born Alan died aged three of Leukaemia but in her

lifetime she had much pleasure in seeing her remaining four boys and three girls grow up, establish their own lives whilst always remaining close to her.

Myra enjoyed village life and had many friends locally, she worshipped at St Alban's Church, Tattenhall and was a very proud member of the Mothers Union there, enjoying the fellowship and the organized outings. Along with her friend, Jean , she would run the annual cake stall at the church village fete, raising funds for the church. Dementia interrupted parts of Myra's life in later years but her enjoyment of family life at the farm remained steadfast to the end. Myra was loyal, devoted and hardworking and will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.

#### **ALL SAINTS CHURCH, HANDLEY**

SERVICES 1st SUNDAY Family Service 9.15am
3rd SUNDAY Communion Service 9.15am

#### **Election of Churchwardens**

Following the Annual Meeting of Parishioners, the following were elected as Churchwardens; **Alex Park** and **Christine Walley**. May the Lord bless and guide them as they begin their new role as leaders of the church.

#### FROM THE REGISTERS

#### OBITUARY Gladys Vera Dutton- 86 years

The funeral took place of Vera Dutton, age 86, on Monday, 16th April, 2018, at All Saints Church, Handley. Vera and her husband Brian had lived in the parish for almost 50 years and would very often sit in their garden listening to the church bells ringing on Sundays, in fact Brian had lived in the parish for all his life. Vera will be sadly missed by her relatives and friends. Donations from Vera's funeral were donated to All Saints Church at Handley.

#### ST JOHN'S CHURCH, BURWARDSLEY

SERVICES 2nd SUNDAY Songs of Praise 4.30pm 4th SUNDAY Communion Service 9.15am

#### **ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

At the recent annual Meeting of the Parishioners, **Jean Dutton** and **Barbara Sculthorpe** were elected as Churchwardens for this year. May God guide them as they once again lead us during the year.

Our new Treasurer is **Jeanne Parsons**. The PCC Secretary is Rachel Hall. May the Lord continue to guide as you lead the church of God in the coming year.

#### Hello Tattenhall

for more detail on 01829 770762



Saturday afternoons at our Bowling Green behind the Sportsman are really buzzing. You are able to borrow some woods (the technical name for bowls) and learn to master the art of crown green bowlingwe haven't made it yet but we are still trying!

Come and discuss the dos and the don'ts over a cup of tea.

Turn up from 2pm to 4pm at the green or ring Ruth or Jim McPhillips

#### PARISH NEWS DEADLINES 2018

8<sup>th</sup> June; 13<sup>th</sup> July; 10<sup>th</sup> August; 14<sup>th</sup> September; 12<sup>th</sup> October; 9<sup>th</sup> November

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### TATTENHALL BRIDGE CLUB



New members welcome! A friendly introduction to club bridge
You do not need a partner just come along – we have a host system.

We meet at 7 p.m. every Friday in the Barbour Institute, High Street, Tattenhall, CH3 9PX

Interested?
Contact Val Meeks :Email Val\_Meeks@Yahoo.co.uk
or phone 01829 770781

#### BROWN KNOWL METHODIST CHAPEL Rev. Rob Weir 01948 663936

You are welcome to join us for worship on Sundays at 10.45 am, followed by coffee and biscuits.

On Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June we are holding the first of our summer Afternoon Teas. These are very popular and run from 2.30-4.30pm. There are also a number of regular activities - a House Group, Ladies Meeting, Men's walking group, while some get together for a meal

and fellowship. You are very welcome to join us for any of our activities.

Please contact (01244 535231) for general info, (01829 782283 for bookings, or see our website for more details – brownknowlmethodist.com



## **Tattenhall's Village Hall**

### **High Street Tattenhall Chester CH3 9PX**

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The Barbour Institute is Tattenhall's Village Hall, ideally situated in the centre of the village.

As well as hosting regular events such as Film Nights, Bingo, Jumble Sales and live music and theatrical performances, we are also the perfect venue for you! We have five rooms available for hire, accommodating between 20 and 150 guests; our beautifully refurbished Main Hall is the largest. We have a large catering kitchen and a smaller kitchen upstairs. There is free parking outside and the whole building is fully accessible, with ramp access, a disabled toilet and a lift for easy access to our upstairs rooms. We have Children's Party packages (with lots of space for party games), Afternoon Tea Party Packages (complete with vintage china and a tea urn!), Evening

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Range of glassware, Refreshments – we can provide tea/ coffee/ biscuits for a small charge, Bar available by prior arrangement.

Also available in the Main Hall: Stage extension, Stage lighting, Sound system, Hearing loop, Microphones, Ceiling mounted projector and dropdown screen

Get in touch soon to see how we can make your event a success.







# TATTENHALL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

will be held on 14th June at 7.00pm in the Barbour Institute.

All residents of Tattenhall are invited to attend

#### **SERVICES**

St John's Burwardsley (along with Tattenhall) is one of the few churches in the Diocese that remains open during the day. This is a special privilege to all our parishioners and visitors to our tourist's attraction sites in the parish. Every month we have two services as advertised in the Parish Magazine. We invite you to come to any of the services, if you are new in the parish you will be most welcome to a very warm Christian environment where Christ is Lord. If you are planning to have a wedding, this is the perfect spiritual location for your sacrament. All you have to do is just to contact the Rector or Churchwardens.

Please note that on 24<sup>th</sup> June, there will be no service at St John's Church as we will be celebrating together with our sister churches at St Alban's Church at their Patronal Festival service at 10.30 am.



Please join us in St Alban's Community Room for

Soup & Pudding

Friday 1st June 12-2pm £3

## **Tattenhall Park Primary School**



## **WormFest 2018**

Saturday 9th June from 12.30—3.30pm
Wiggle off at 1.30pm
£6.00 per plot—some tickets still available from school

BBQ—Letters Out— Amazing cakes and coffee—Refreshments,
Games—Great stalls —and lots, LOTS more...
COME AND JOIN US!



### **Tattenhall Community First Responders -Annual Charity Golf Day** Friday 22 June 2018

Tattenhall Community First Responder Group is hosting its eighth annual Charity Golf Day at Aldersey Green Golf Club on Friday 22 June 2018. All previous years' events have been a great success and enjoyed by all, so why not support us by entering a team, sponsoring a hole or donating a prize?

It only costs £50 to sponsor a hole, and £100 to enter a team of four, for which you get tea and coffee on arrival, 18 holes of golf and a two-course meal after play.

#### Please contact Nigel Worthington on 01829 770511 to enter or for sponsorship details.

Tattenhall First Responders are unpaid volunteers who respond to certain 999

emergency calls in the local area. We are trained to provide basic life support, administer defibrillation and oxygen, and provide first aid and reassurance for a range of conditions. As well as responding to medical emergencies in the local area, we also provide emergency life support and defibrillator awareness training for local people in conjunction with **Jill Raine** at "The Studio" in Worley Court. For more details of this please contact Jill on 01829 771895.

For further information contact Rob Selby on 01829 770586 or robertselby586@btinternet.com

#### Heartstart and Defibrillator Training at The Studio, Tattenhall **British Heart Foundation "Heartstart" Training 2018**

The **Heartstart** programme includes: assessing an unconscious patient, performing cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), dealing with choking, dealing with serious bleeding, helping someone who may be having a heart attack.

The next session is on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September from 2-5pm

#### **Defibrillator Training 2018**

Tattenhall Community First Responders have funded wholly or in part the provision of a number of defibrillators in the locality, and everyone should know how to use them. The next sessions are on Saturdays, 2-4.30pm on the following dates:

### 21 July; 24 November 2018

The training is being delivered by

**Tattenhall Community First Responders** At The Studio, Worley Court, Bolesworth Road, Tattenhall, CH3 9HW

To book a place, phone either:

Jill Raine on 01829 771895 or Rob Selby on 01829 770586

Cost: This training is provided free of charge -

however donations to Tattenhall Community First Responders are gratefully received. www.thestudiotattenhall.co.uk

tattparish.news@hotmail.com

#### TATTENHALL and FARNDON SURGERIES

The Surgeries will be closed for half a day on 28th June and 24th July from 12.30pm The Surgeries will reopen at 8.00am the following morning. In cases of emergency, please ring 01829 771588.



The June meeting of the Tattenhall W I will be held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> in the Barbour Institute at 7.30 pm. This will be a Talk with a Difference –

Fun with Clay presented by John and Annette **Christophers of Albrighton Pottery.** Do come and enjoy

Our monthly activities include scrabble; crafts; book club; coffee club (health); there are organised walks followed by a lunch and for one hour each month we do a bumble bee count and record our findings on this important pollinator.

We are a friendly group with lots on offer and would love to welcome you at our meetings.

## VILLAGE DIARY

MAY			
	Operation SHIELD roll out	begins in Tattenhall	
30th	Film@Barbour	Barbour Institute	8.00pm
JUNE			
2/3rd	Garden Trail	Tattenhall	
4th	Parish Council Meeting	Barbour Institute	7.30pm
7th	TOFs Meeting	Barbour Institute	2.00pm
8th	PARISH NEWS DEADLINE		
9th	WormFest	Primary School	12.30pm
13th	Gardening Society visit		
14th	TCA AGM	Barbour Institute	7.00pm
20th	WI Meeting	Barbour Institute	7.30pm
21st	U3A AGM	Barbour Institute	2.00pm
22nd	First Responders Charity Golf		
28th	CAMEO Lunch	Carriages	12 noon
JULY			
7th	Church Fete		

#### ST ALBAN - THE BLOOD AND THE GORE!

On page 3, Fr. Lameck has given a brief history about ALBAN, a man who died for his faith. But now for the really

interesting bits!

Alban was led to execution, and presently

came to a fast-flowing river that could not be crossed There was a bridge, but a mob of curious townspeople who wished to watch the execution had so clogged the bridge that the execution party could not cross. Filled with an ardent desire to arrive quickly at martyrdom, Alban raised his eyes to heaven, and the river dried up, allowing Alban and his captors to cross over on dry land. The astonished executioner cast down his sword and fell at Alban's feet, moved by divine inspiration and praying that he might either suffer with Alban or be executed for him.

When Alban reached the summit of the hill, he felt thirsty and prayed God would give him water. A spring immediately sprang up at his feet. It was there that his head was struck off, as well as that of the first Roman soldier who was miraculously converted and refused to execute him. However, immediately after delivering the fatal stroke, the eyes of the second executioner popped out of his head and dropped to the ground along with Alban's head so that this second executioner could not rejoice over Alban's death.



The martyrdom of St Alban, from a 13thcentury manuscript, Note the executioner's eyes falling out of his head.

In later legends, Alban's head rolled downhill after his

execution, and a well sprang up where it stopped. Upon hearing of the miracles, the astonished judge ordered further persecutions to cease, and he began to honour the saint's death. St Albans Cathedral in Hertfordshire now stands near the believed site of his execution, and a well is at the bottom of the hill, Holywell Hill.

Do pop in to St Alban's Church, Tattenhall – it is open every day.

Look for the 'necklace of blood' window (as mentioned on page 3) to the right hand side of the main altar. This window is 700 years old

Can you see St Alban's flag anywhere in the building?



#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

St Alban's welcomes gifts in Wills? Large or small we promise to use your gift to make a difference in our Parish.

If you would like to discuss the matter with the Rector or would like to see a copy of the St Albans Legacy Policy, please contact Jane Richards 01829 770482.



C A M E O (Come and meet each other)

The Cameo Lunch is held on every fourth Thursday Come and meet everyonearrive with old friends, leave with NEW FRIENDS

Join us at CARRIAGES on 28th June for a two Course Lunch (Starter/main, or main/pudding) for just £15 including coffee at 12 for 12.30 p.m.

A raffle is held, with the proceeds going to a local charity. (Donations of prizes are always welcome)

Ring Kate (Bosley) on 01829

771660 to book a place





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On Monday 14th May, the Annual Parish Meeting was held at 7.00pm, at which the Chairman of the Parish Council gave a report 
The police reported low crime figures but on the previous year and was pleased to present the Village Cup to Bob Blackhurst for his involvement as a School Governor, past Parish Councillor and Chairman of the Friends of St. Albans, A number of topics were raised by residents including the need for the Primary School to liaise with the Parish Council and the community about out of hours and holiday access to the park. The matter of the Community Room in the former pool building at the school was also raised. Again, there is a need for liaison to ensure the community can have access to the building.

The Parish Council then held its First Meeting at which the post holders were elected:

• Iain Keeping

Chairman

Alison Pritchard

Vice Chairman

Jonny Kershaw

Vice Chairman

Carol Weaver was confirmed as Housing Officer and members of the Finance and Planning Committees were established.

The new Clerk was then formally appointed. She is Ann Wright, an experienced Clerk and former Ward Cllr. and Parish Council

Chairman. Ann's contact details are at the top of the page.

concerns over speeding at Milton Green. A number of residents raised the issue of speeding on local roads and the police will be monitoring this.

The Parish Council's Annual Report will be published in June and will be on the website and in various outlets in the village.

A new insurance policy was agreed; a survey of the trees owned by the Parish Council was approved; the Clerk would set up online banking; the payroll was outsourced.

The Community Safety group reported that the proposed parking restriction changes on Chester Road required a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) as did a change to speed limits. It was confirmed that Operation Shield roll

out had begun.

The Community Pride group has been working with community members on the Armistice Commemoration—further details are available elsewhere in the magazine.

The next meeting is on 4th June at 7.30pm in the Barbour Institute. Residents are invited to attend and raise matters of concern with the Parish Council.

Cllr. Pat Black

The Opal Club

has continued to meet every Tuesday for coffee, lunch and activities.

We have enjoyed a visit to Bellis's Garden Centre for lunch and retail therapy. Plans are being made for a canal boat trip and picnic, and a visit to the

seaside. Members are delighted that Mrs Diana Barbour has invited members and volunteers to Bolesworth in July.

As always we most grateful to all our volunteers who transport members and organise our happy days. It is said that the best health tonic is time spent with friends and an element of laughter. The OPAL Club tries to provide such occasions.

#### TATTENHALL OVER FIFTIES (TOFS)

Chairman: Noel Atkinson 01829 770808 Treasurer: Jack Raine

At the meeting on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May members were entertained by Paul Stuart who sang a range of easy listening songs and songs from the shows.

Due to having to cancel in February because of the weather Sophie Bennett will be the singer at the Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June meeting.

The July meeting will take place on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> and TOFs' birthday and AGM will be held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> August. New committee members will be most welcome. Once again we were very lucky with the weather and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the coach trip through scenic Wales. With a coffee stop at the Ponderosa on Horseshoe Pass, for the men to admire the motor bikes, and a visit to the Tweed Mill at St Asaph for shopping there was something for everyone.

It's warm weather and a warm welcome awaits you at 2.00 pm at the Barbour Institute on the first Thursday of each month so why not come

#### **Travel With TOFs**

The next coach trip is on Thursday 21st June to the Tram Museum at Crich in Derbyshire. Departure will be 9am and cost will be the usual £10. Contact Noel on the number above for seat availability.

There will also be a trip to **Llandudno**, details to follow in the next magazine



### The Friends of St Alban's Church Building, **Tattenhall Annual General Meeting**

will be at 12 noon, Sunday 24 June 2018 in St Alban's Church. All members welcome.

#### **West Cheshire Rural**



Come and join us for the AGM of the West Cheshire Rural U3A at 2pm on Thursday 21st June at the Barbour Institute in Tattenhall. After the AGM Carole Codd will talk about her experiences as a Registrar.



Refreshments will be available from 2.00pm For information on membership and forthcoming events please contact either Hilary Scarratt 01829 770516 Hilary@Scarratt.com or visit our website u3asites.org.uk/west-cheshire

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