

# ST CHAD'S CHURCH, BAGNALL —NEWSLETTER 06.08.23

I begin with an apology. I have had a rotten cold all week and am feeling well under the weather. I missed last week's service (see note below). I missed my dental appointment (good news except I had to rebook!!!!) and I've had to postpone what little social life I have.

I'm blaming Brian, he started with this cold nearly two weeks ago and he generously has deemed to share it with me! He in turn is blaming Jo-Anne for passing it on to him, and as she's away on holiday she can't refute this!

It has been quite a nasty one even by my standards (although maybe not the man flu that Brian's had)!!!

Consequently I've not had the inclination or the energy to put pen to paper or rather to two finger type anything meaningful in this newsletter. So, please forgive me and I'll do better next week.

## Received on Tuesday.....

Dear Sheila,

Thank you again for the Newsletter.

Please will you pass on my thanks to everyone involved in making the communion service last Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July so meaningful.

The music and hymns were a great choice and enjoyable to sing.

The sermon gave lots of opportunities to relate the parables to life now. It was delivered in a sincere way and all the service could be heard.

It is important to leave church feeling uplifted.

Please can Rev. Patricia come more often.

Many thanks,

*Diane*

## Prayer Corner:

**Lord, you have given us a rich world where there is enough for everyone's need but not for their greed.**

**Help us who have received plenty to be generous with others and so to express your care for us all.**

**Amen.**

*Muriel*

## 2023 Sunday, August 6th

### Day of the Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine

Its headquarters are in the city of Vinnytsia. When the Soviet Union dissolved in 1991, many aircraft were left in Ukrainian territory. Ever since, the Ukrainian Air Force has been downsizing and upgrading its forces. The main inventory of the air force still consists of Soviet-made aircraft. Since February 2022, the Air Force has been engaged in constant combat operations in the face of the 2022 Russian Invasion of Ukraine.

## Smiles:

The story of Adam and Eve was being carefully explained in the children's Sunday School class. Following the story, the children were asked to draw some picture that would illustrate the story. Little Bobby drew a picture of a car with three people in it. In the front seat was a man and in the back seat, a man and a woman. The teacher was at a loss to understand how this illustrated the lesson of Adam and Eve. Little Bobby was prompt with his explanation. "Why, this is God driving Adam and Eve out of the garden!"

# Tea for Two!

(or in my case, tea for one and orange juice for the other!)

Hello friends—just a short and sweet offering this week, in contrast to last week's saga! And this week, surprisingly, there is no mention of flowers!

For Christmas last year, Maddie and Sam gave Pete and I a couple of gift vouchers for afternoon tea. I have kept them safe and sound until recently, when I decided that I really MUST use them before they become an old story (or I put them in a place that is so safe, that even I can't find them)!

Therefore, a few weeks ago, I booked us both in for said afternoon tea, with a view to us visiting on Saturday 22nd July. Afternoon tea is something which has always sounded very appealing to me but in reality, has never lived up to my expectations probably because I don't drink tea (in all my 50+ years, Mum still can't understand this!), I don't eat butter (Mum could never understand this either), I don't eat cream (to this day, Mum cannot get her head around the fact that I don't like the stuff), I don't eat jam (only a thin scattering within the layers of a Victoria Sponge!) and I don't like currants (I love most fresh fruit, but do NOT like it messed about with!) !!! Consequently, there isn't that much left on the tea stand that I actually like!!! On voicing my concern to the establishment (I bet they thought they had a "right one" on the end of the phone, I was assured that I would be able to choose from a menu when I arrived—this was very encouraging!

The day dawned dull and rainy! Thankfully, by the time we were due to go, the rain had petered out a little and it was just drizzly as opposed to torrential! I was grateful for this since we were able to present ourselves in the very genteel surroundings, in only a slightly damp condition rather than sporting the altogether unfavourable style of "drowned rat".

Whitmore Tea Room is part of the Whitmore Hall Estate and situated right next door to The Mainwaring Arms (as an aside, this was the location of my VERY FIRST date, many moons ago!). Dating back to the late 17th/early 18th century, the hall has always remained within the same family.



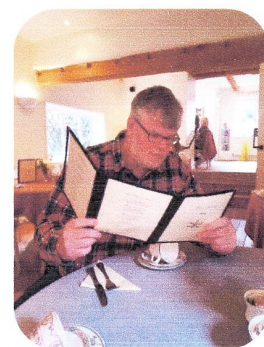
**"The tea room building itself is over 150 years old and was originally a coach house with lodgings. In more recent years it has been an art gallery, tea room and fine dining restaurant. Its solid oak beams and lead lined windows continue to attract customers from all over the country and abroad who are drawn by its old world charm and quintessentially English heritage."**



Inside the tea room you immediately felt that you had stepped back in time! Not just because of the old fashioned, cosy interior but also because of the quite and peaceful atmosphere, the attentiveness of the staff and the attire of fellow guests.... Everyone seemed to have made an effort with their outfit ... there was even a lady wearing a hat which I thought was fabulous! I am a great believer in wearing a hat for an occasion!



As promised, we were handed a menu where we could choose our own sandwiches, scones and cakes—this was bliss for me! All the sandwiches contained some form of dressing or relish so, whilst Pete was in his element with this, I was able to request a simpler version and I have to say, they were delicious! SO-fresh and absolutely chock-a-block with your choice of filling.



Similarly, the scones were accompanied by clotted cream and jam so I requested a plain scone and enjoyed it enormously! As I ate, I could almost hear my mum saying.... “Oooh, I don’t know how you can eat that ... it must be so dry!”

As you can see from the photo, Pete swept in and took full advantage of the fact that he had double portions of preserve and clotted cream!



Now... when it came to the cakes, I found a real problem! There must have been at least a dozen to choose from and I was really spoiled for choice! In the end, (after asking to have a look at close quarters!) I plumped for the classic Victoria Sponge since it looked absolutely delicious! I have to say that it certainly lived up to my expectations. A very generous wedge, filled with butter cream and in the middle, not just ordinary jam, but a fresh berry compote which was SCRUMPTIOUS!

All in all, an absolutely lovely couple of hours, doing something that I would never arrange for myself. DELICIOUS food, lovely surroundings, attentive and genuinely kind staff and all arranged and paid for by Maddie and Sam—a real treat!



If you fancy treating yourself to afternoon tea, or even just a cuppa and a slice of cake (they have a good selection of options), I would highly recommend Whitmore Tearoom. Alternatively, if you fancy purchasing gift vouchers for friends or family, speaking from experience, they really do make a lovely present!

I have to tell you that now I have finished writing up about “cake” and such, and have been looking at that piece of Victoria Sponge for far too long, I am fighting the urge to start baking!!! It doesn’t take much to persuade me to get out the kitchen scales! *Esther x*

# POSTPONED

**Sunday 6th August—Barbecue**

*Postponed for 2 weeks to the 20th August.*



*All other details apply.*