

# ST CHAD'S CHURCH, BAGNALL —NEWSLETTER 14.04.24

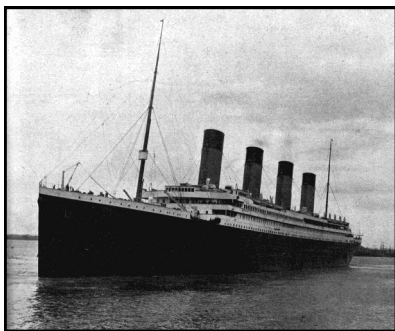
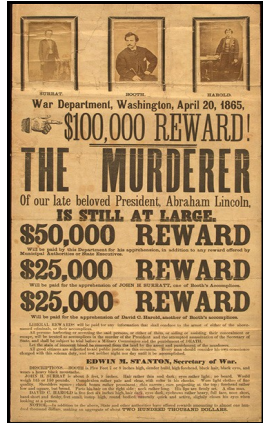
Well, Easter is over and what an Easter! From a newsletter point of view we've had a bumper time, up to 8 pages in one case. Well, now we're back down to 2 pages and I'm struggling to fill those!

I have had a really bad cold for the last week and it still continues. I can't remember the last time that I felt so ill with a cold. Consequently I have neither the energy nor wit to spend time on the newsletter, so please forgive me,

One thing that I did look up was events on the 14th April and I can't believe some of the things that have this date as their national day (mostly in the USA)!

In history here are a couple of items that caught my eye.....

**Lincoln Shot at Ford's Theatre.** Shortly after 10:00 p.m. on April 14, 1865, actor John Wilkes Booth entered the presidential box at Ford's Theatre in Washington, D.C., and fatally shot President Abraham Lincoln. As Lincoln slumped forward in his seat, Booth leapt onto the stage and escaped out the back door.



1912 – The Titanic strikes an iceberg and starts to sink

- April 14th 1986 – The heaviest hailstones ever recorded hit Bangladesh. The lumps of ice weighed about 1 kg (2.2 lb). A total of 92 people reportedly died as a result.

And here are some of the things that have April 14th as their national day.....

National Gardening Day was established in 2018, by Cool Springs Press, a publishing organisation that prints gardening books. It was done to encourage more people to take up gardening and to get seasoned home gardeners to learn even more about gardening. This day is also a celebration of gardening including all its physical and mental benefits.

Gardening is one of the oldest hobbies taken up by people in history. It dates back to 1500 BC when there is artistic evidence of people gardening for pleasure and to make their gardens beautiful, in Ancient Egypt. During the 16th century in Europe, people would use their gardens to plant food and herbs, with some flowers added here and there for decorative purposes.

In America, during the 17th and 18th centuries, the first gardeners were those who owned land and used their gardens as a source of income, by selling whatever crops they could harvest. By the 19th century, home gardens became more popular, and gardening as a hobby grew in popularity, with people preferring decorative gardens to edible ones.

Over the years, gardening has gathered even more hobbyists, and millions of people enjoy spending time taking care of their gardens. One of the appeals of gardening is that it is a very social hobby, with avid gardeners sharing tips with each other, and those without a home garden taking their green fingers to allotments and community gardens, where they can grow food together with others in their community.









# Looking Back at Easter Sunday !



Just a quick pictorial overview of the social goings-on after our Easter Sunday service! How lovely to see old friends and new, gathering together in fellowship at St Chad's, to celebrate Christ's resurrection. Chatting, celebrating, coffee and cake-sharing .... and in Sheila's case, taking home **THE BIGGEST HAUL OF EASTER GOODIES** imaginable, after taking part in the village Easter egg hunt with her two grand-daughters the day before.

A joyous occasion! **Esther x**



