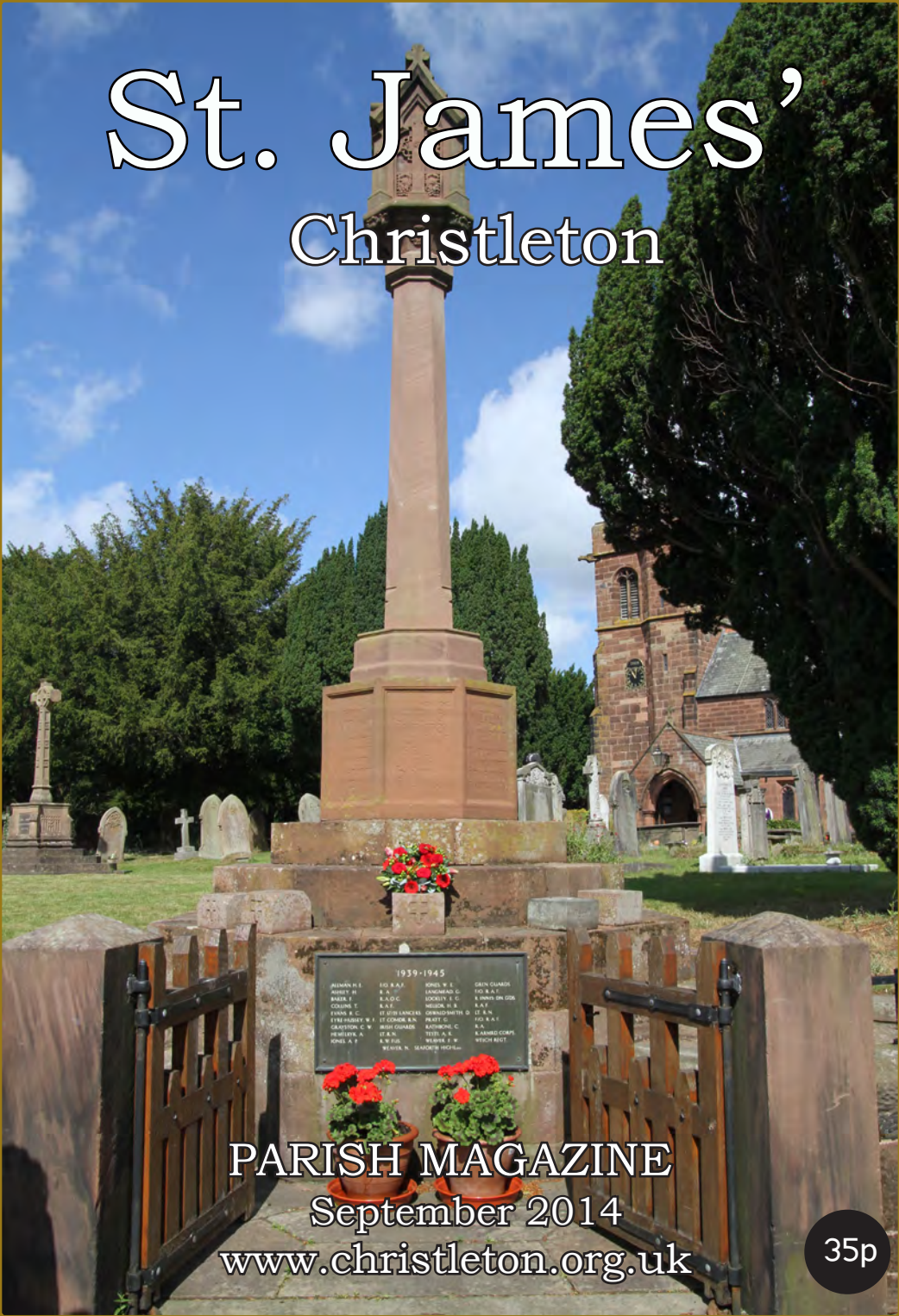


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Starting in September

Mon	1	10.45 am	Holy Communion at Oaklands Nursing Home
		11.20 am	Holy Communion at Tarvin Court
Wed	3	10.45 am	United Communion - followed by Refreshments
Thur	4	12.00 noon	United Prayer Lunch - Methodist Church
Fri	5	6.30 pm	Choir practice
Sun	7	8.00 am	Holy Communion
		10.45 am	Sunday Club - Parish Hall
		10.45 am	All Age Service
		6.30 pm	Holy Communion
Mon	8	2.00 pm	Mothers' Union - Parish Hall
Wed	10	10.45 am	Holy Communion - followed by refreshments
		11.30 am	Holy Communion - Birch Heath Lodge
Fri	12	6.30 pm	Choir Practice

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Sun	14	8.00 am	Holy Communion
		10.45 am	Holy Communion
		6.30 pm	Evening Worship (BCP)
Mon	15	12.30 pm	Monthly Luncheon Club - Parish Hall

Wed	17	10.45 am	Holy Communion - followed by refreshments
Fri	19	6.30 pm	Choir Practice
Sat	20	1.30 pm	Wedding - Michael Tucker / Helen Thomas
Sun	21	8.00 am	Holy Communion
		10.45 am	Morning Prayer
		4.00 pm	Messy Church - Parish Hall
		6.30 pm	“Sacred Space” a service of meditation & reflection
Wed	24	10.45 am	Holy Communion - followed by refreshments
Fri	26	6.30 pm	Choir Practice
Sun	28	8.00 am	Holy Communion
		10.45 am	Sunday Club - Parish Hall
		10.45 am	Holy Communion
		6.30 pm	Evening Worship (CW)
Mon	29		Holy Communion for St Michael and All Angels followed by
		7.30 pm	PCC - Parish Hall

September Magazine cover

Front Cover

The Village War Memorial, 4th August 2014, Commemorating the Men from Christleton who gave their lives in the Great War 1914-18.

Back Cover

Scenes from the Luncheon Club at the Parish Hall in July.
Cliff Bridge celebrates his 102 Birthday with friends.

Message from our Rector



On August 04th, the Country stopped to remember the outbreak of the First World War, and here in this parish, we also stopped as many gathered at St James, to remember those from this parish who gave their lives for our freedom. It was a privilege but also distressing to read out the names of the men who died, not only during the conflict, but also those who died subsequently of wounds sustained. Perhaps what made this more

poignant was, (thanks to the research of David Cummings) along with the roll call of names, we also (in many cases) learnt of their addresses. Local men of this parish, Fathers, Sons, Husbands, Brothers, from the wealthy landowners to the humble labourers, not one family was left untouched by the devastation and horror of those dark days.

It was named “The War to end all Wars” although this was a description used in previous battles, this time, it had a resonance and perhaps it would be so.

Sadly, we know that just twenty one years later, those horrors would be seen again by a different generation.

In recent weeks, our television screens have broadcast news reports from the Middle East, as Israel and Palestine have unleashed weapons of terror on each other. We have watched in almost disbelief as Men, Women and Children on both sides of the conflict have lost their lives. Images which in themselves are hard for us to watch, and yet for those in the midst of the battle, these are family members, much as those we remembered on 04th August. Thomas Aquinas the thirteenth century priest and theologian wrote about “A just war” citing the following seven principles as he saw them

1. Last Resort

A just war can only be waged after all peaceful options are considered. The use of force can only be used as a last resort.

2. Legitimate Authority

A just war is waged by a legitimate authority. A war cannot be

waged by individuals or groups that do not constitute the legitimate government.

3. Just Cause

A just war needs to be in response to a wrong suffered. Self-defence against an attack always constitutes a just war; however, the war needs to be fought with the objective to correct the inflicted wound.

4. Probability of Success

In order for a war to be just, there must be a rational possibility of success. A nation cannot enter into a war with a hopeless cause.

5. Right Intention

The primary objective of a just war is to re-establish peace. In particular, the peace after the war should exceed the peace that would have succeeded without the use of force. The aim of the use of force must be justice.

6. Proportionality

The violence in a just war must be proportional to the casualties suffered. The nations involved in the war must avoid disproportionate military action and only use the amount of force absolutely necessary.

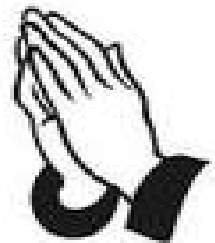
7. Civilian Casualties

The use of force must distinguish between the militia and civilians. Innocent citizens must never be the target of war; soldiers should always avoid killing civilians. The deaths of civilians are only justified when they are unavoidable victims of a military attack on a strategic target.

Whatever our thoughts and beliefs in respect of the concept of a “Just War” we should always remember the innocent casualties who will always be effected by the actions of war, and how years do not diminish the grief and sadness and of the pain. Perhaps there are grounds for war when all other avenues have been exhausted, but we should remember the words of Christ before we take such action.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God”.

Your Servant,
Malcolm.



WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

SUNDAY CLUB

Held in the Parish Hall from 10.45 am – 11.45 am each Sunday during term-time, except when Family Service is held at St James. For further details please contact Berenice Kirwan, 336779.

CHRISTLETON METHODIST CHURCH

We meet for Informal Prayers and a Simple Lunch on the first Thursday of each month at 12 noon. All welcome. There is no charge for the lunch but a donation to cover costs would be appreciated.

CHRISTLETON W. I.

Meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 7.15 pm in the Parish Hall. Further details may be obtained from the Secretary, Miss Ida Rogers, Chester 350060.



CHESTER FLOWER CLUB

Meetings are held in Christleton Parish Hall on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1.30pm. Details of any events can be obtained from the Secretary, Mrs Lilian Hopley. Telephone Chester: 676683.

MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTIONS

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MAGAZINE DISTRIBUTORS

The **September** magazine will be available for collection from Church on **Sunday 31st August**.

4th August Service at the War Memorial

At 10.30pm on Monday 4th August, a short service was held at St James' to commemorate the start of the hostilities of the Great War 1914-18. The service was led by the Rector Rev. Malcolm Cowan and during the service the names of the fallen were read out and commemorated by the lighting of candles on the chancel steps. After the short & moving service of psalms, canticles and prayers, the congregation assembled at the War Memorial for Prayers of Remembrance and the laying of a wreath of garden flowers.

There, in the warm sun of an English Summer's day, we remembered with gratitude the men from the village who gave their lives for the country, often in far-away inhospitable places. We will remember them. DC

People in the News

Alex Clifton

Congratulations to Alex for his part in directing yet another successful "Theatre in the Park Season" at Chester's newly refurbished Grosvenor Park. Alex a former student of Christleton Primary & High Schools is artistic director of this unique outdoor theatre, and responsible for the production this season of Macbeth, Comedy of Errors and The Secret Garden.

The Secret Garden in particular was an outstanding success, with the cast aided by a series of delightful puppets which helped bring the story alive for the hundreds of children who witnessed it. (The adults enjoyed them too) I understand that almost 20,000 tickets have been sold for this season, for a venture that has grown into a permanent feature of Chester's Summer Season of attractions. The cast of nationally well-known actors and actresses help to bring all the stories alive, and it's wonderful to see them change their characters in this repertory staging of the three very different plays. DC



Nature Notes

This summer we've been fortunate to have two short holidays in Pembrokeshire and Anglesey and have been able to carry out several enjoyable long walks along the coastal footpaths. The flowers have been magnificent, with a myriad of colours and in great profusion in their perfect habitat.

The walks have usually been on warm summer days, and the views out across shimmering seas to the outer islands have been excellent. Sadly many of the beaches below had been stripped of their golden sand due to last winter's severe storms, but interesting sights have appeared, like the practice landing craft used to train troops during WWII, which had been buried under sand near Tenby for over 70 years. The sand from these beaches itself has been deposited out at sea, so it is hoped that the natural action of waves will eventually bring it back. My favourite bird sighting on the coast this summer has been the chough.



These colourful members of the corvid family have jet black plumage, but bright red beak and legs. Their loud piercing call is a complete give away, chou-chou-cough, often repeated several times and they can usually be seen wheeling away in the sky just above cliff ledges. They feed on the short swathed grass found on headlands, and have done remarkably well to recover from becoming almost extinct in the UK only twenty or so years ago. They also like worms which I found out whilst watching one very close up, feeding in a patch of farm manure near South Stack. The birds are normally quite shy, but this one was so engrossed in finding something to eat, that he didn't see me approach with my camera. Another bird that we have seen many times this summer has been the peregrine falcon, from young sitting on nest ledges, to adults diving for food. We watched engrossed at Cemlyn Bay recently, when a hungry adult peregrine tried to take a tern from the colony there. Hundreds of common, Arctic and Sandwich terns took off and wheeled in the sky,

dipping and diving in a wide variety of shapes and patterns, whilst creating an enormous dim, trying to deflect the attacking bird from its potential prey. We saw the peregrine make three attempts over a half hour period, before eventually it did manage to catch a small tern. When the immediate danger had gone, a large number of these wonderfully streamlined birds flew out to sea across the shallow bay, and were soon returning to the colony to feed their young with beaks full of small fish and sand eels. DC



History File

The work of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

I'm sure that most people will have heard & seen the work of the Commonwealth Graves Commission. Recent television programmes about WWI will have brought into sharp focus some of wonderful work they do. Staff of the C.W.G.C. maintain thousands of cemeteries and memorials across the world, that commemorate the lives of 1.7million men & women from the Commonwealth who have died in Wars. It was the vision of Sir Fabian Ware. At 45 he was too old to fight but he became the commander of a mobile unit of the British Red Cross. Saddened by the sheer number of casualties, he felt driven to find a way to ensure the final resting places of the dead would not be lost forever. His vision chimed with the times. Under his dynamic leadership, his unit began recording and caring for all the graves they could find.

Eminent architects Sir Edwin Lutyens, Sir Herbert Baker and Sir Reginald Bolmfield were chosen to begin the work of designing the cemeteries and memorials, and Rudyard Kipling was given the task of advising on inscriptions. In 1921 the Com-



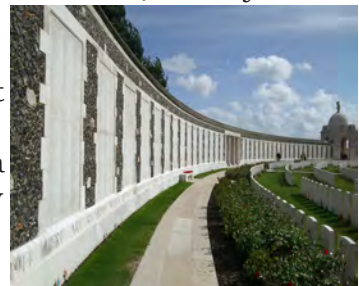
mission built three experimental cemeteries. Forceville in France was considered to be the most successful. Garden designer Gertrude Jekyll advised on the planting and the architects created a walled cemetery with uniform headstones in a garden setting. Blomfield's Cross of Sacrifice and Lutyens' Stone of Remembrance were the formal features. Over the course of the decade over 2400 cemeteries were constructed in France and Belgium, while work progressed in Italy, Egypt, Palestine, Macedonia, Mesopotamia (Iraq) and on the Gallipoli Peninsula. The pace of building was extraordinary and the energy brought by the individual architects gave character and often great beauty to the cemeteries they built.



The memorials to the Missing gave the individual architects scope to try to express the enormity of the human sacrifice made. The first to be commissioned and completed was Blomfield's magnificent memorial in Ypres, The Menin Gate Memorial*, which commemorates the names of more than 55,000 men on 1200 panels. Other memorials followed: Tyne Cot in Belgium designed by Sir Herbert Baker; the Helles Memorial on Gallipoli designed by Sir John Burnet; the Thiepval Memorial on the Somme is the work of Sir Edwin Lutyens while the Missing in Salonika are commemorated at Lake Doiran on a monument by Sir Robert Lorimer. Later individual member states erected memorials to their own country's dead: the Canadians at Vimy Ridge, the Australians at Villers Bretonneux and the South Africans at Delville Wood.

"He is not missing, he is here." Field Marshal Lord Plumer said at the unveiling of the Menin Gate Memorial, in July 1927

We have now been privileged to see many of these beautiful monuments & memorials, so beautifully kept and maintained, graves and plaques surrounded by beautiful flowers as in a garden setting. The Memorial Cemetery at Tyne Cot outside Ypres and that at El Alamein in Egypt from the second



world war remain vivid in my memory, for their calm beauty and the poignant memory of the tens of thousands who have fallen there from all parts of the Commonwealth. DC

Additional Reference; C.W.G.C. Website

Saturday 4th October 2014
7.30pm at Christleton High School

(Full details next month & on posters)

Christleton Villages History;
Great War Voices Project.1914-1918
Remembering our Forgotten Heroes

An evening to commemorate the men of Christleton Parish who died in the Great War & the story of the villagers left behind. This is a unique occasion when we tell the story of the parish during the years 1914-1919. This story is based on recent research of the men commemorated on the Village War Memorials, and from the untold stories uncovered from the Parish Magazines printed during the period of the war.

The story of how the women organised themselves to create The Christleton Voluntary Aid Society. How they undertook first aid training, how they created a rota to send food parcels to prisoners of war. Learn how they supplied the Cheshire's with garments to keep them warm. Learn how the village policed itself, created a war savings fund, and how they commemorated the lives of those lost. We are piecing together a poignant story of sacrifice & survival, telling the untold story of the village during the dark days of war.

The talk will be illustrated with paintings by the late Alan Davies former Art Teacher at Christleton, modern photographs taken by students of the High School and members of Christleton Local History Group. We have collected stories & some photographs of our local men and their families, including a unique collection of black & white photographs recovered from a set of glass negatives from the Cullimore Family Archives. An evening, not to be missed.

Christleton Local History Group

Winter Programme 2014-15

Meetings at Christleton Primary School in
Quarry Lane at 7.30pm

Wednesday 24th September 2014

Speaker David Cummings

The Cities of Bruges & Ypres
&

The Great War Voices Project

There will be a short AGM followed by a talk. David will update the progress of the Christleton Villages Great War Voices Project, and give a talk about a recent visit to Bruges and Ypres, tracing the stories of some of the Christleton men who fell in the battles of Ypres Salient during WWI.

What's new at Messy Church !

Our next meeting will be on September 21st when our theme will be “ **I am the True Vine** “ - (John 15: 1-11) . We shall be exploring what a vine is like and what Jesus meant when he said these words.

We will have some books, including both children's and adult bibles available to loan from September and will also have some booklets such as bible reading notes for loan or sale.

Our 'Reflection' corner will be included every month from now on, and will provide a quieter space for people. We have a Prayer Box for personal prayers and will continue to have a themed prayer activity. If you would like a chance to explore the Christian faith alongside your children, and you enjoy an informal and interactive setting, then you may like what we can



offer at Messy Church. You can ask the questions that you've always wondered about ; some we might be able to answer and others we won't, because none of us has all the answers. We are all on our own spiritual journeys. Equally, there is no obligation to do anything other than enjoy the activities and have time with your children. We finish with afternoon tea which is always a treat.

Messy Church is for families in particular, but we have room for all. Our youngest visitor was six weeks old and our eldest, one hundred and one! We have one rule, children must be accompanied by an adult. We will be asking for a small donation as from September. Do join us on the third Sunday of the month at 4.00 - 6.00 in the parish hall in Christleton. Although you are reading this in St. James' magazine, we welcome you regardless of church background.

For more information please telephone Berenice Kirwan on 01244 336779

CONGRATULATIONS

To **Doreen & Dave Spencer** who will celebrate their **Diamond** Wedding Anniversary on **25 September**.

With love & best wishes from all their family and friends.

Belated congratulations to **Dr Arwyn Owen and Mrs June Owen** of Rowton who celebrated their **Diamond Wedding** on Thursday **24 July**.

SACRED SPACE

Sacred Space is the title for the

6.30 pm Service

at

St James on

Sunday 21 September

A time for **meditation**,

reflection with music, hymns and readings
held in prayer.

A time of space in our busy lives.

Gill Hibbert

CATCHING UP WITH THE CATHEDRAL

There will be a Commemoration Service on Sunday 7 September remembering the First World War.

In a recent letter, the Very Rev'd Professor Gordon McPhate, Dean of the Cathedral recalled what the Cathedral was like one hundred years ago in 1914. The King's School and the Choir School were both in the precinct. A said Eucharist without vestments was celebrated once a month. Only the Dean and one of the four Canons lived in the precinct because residence was just a stint of three months in the year. The Dean lived in the present Bishop's House whereas the Bishop lived in a Palace by the river Dee.

In contrast to the hundreds of visitors today, the Cathedral was EMPTY! Anyone wishing to get in could find a Verger and pay 6d (equivalent to £10 in today's money) to be admitted.

There was a big conflict between the Dean and the Bishop which ended up in litigation. The Bishop avoided attending the cathedral in order to avoid the Dean. The Dean found an excuse not to be there when the Bishop was there. Bishop Francis Jayne was of Welsh origin – a campaigner for food to be provided in public houses as well as drinks! An Anglo Catholic he liked to wear cope and vestments whereas Dean John Darby was of Irish origin and a low churchman who deplored the use of copes and vestments and even opposed the display of crucifixes in churches.

In 1919 the Dean died aged 88 and the Bishop retired aged 74. Our present Dean says that, unfortunately, the Church will not allow him to continue until the age of 88!

The Refectory is under new management and is working in partnership with Gianni Paletti of the Bollicini Restaurant.

Funding has been secured to restore the houses numbered 4 – 10 in Abbey Street and these beautiful houses will be returned to their former glory as three- and four-bedroom town houses.

Margaret Croston

ON GAMBLING

From an early age I have felt uneasy at the notion of getting something for nothing. Even today I would rather donate £10 cash to a good cause than buy £10 of its raffle tickets and gamble that I might just win a prize. And if I win, what have I done to earn it? I have not won a writing competition or a running race but gambled that by sheer fluke my name might be drawn out of a hat.

Is that attitude an old-fashioned and stuffy ethic and where did it come from? I cannot truly attribute it to my own Christian faith, more to my Methodist grandmother and the strict principles that she portrayed throughout my childhood. Clearly tea-total and sabbatarian with strictly no work on Sundays, her body language and example also decried anything resembling a gamble or a bet. As her third son, my father quietly warned me off getting anywhere near those topics when we visited her for tea on Sunday afternoons.

Very strict principles shone out of Grandma Carruthers until her death in 1957 and perhaps I respected them partly through a youthful fear.

Farming in the 1930's depression of West Cumberland had been hard for the family and she had reared seven sons often on a pittance. Had grandma been alive today, around her would have been debt built up on credit cards, the chance to borrow from a bank paying interest on the loan, a surfeit of high street betting shops even in the local market towns and, yes, National Lottery tickets to purchase over the counter at the Post Office. All these would present challenges beyond all measure to a family who scraped up enough income to pay rent on their small farm. Money was not to be borrowed or won, that was a sin. So was debt.

It would be easy to deride Grandma's attitudes and to dismiss them as something of the past, but she was a kind and generous person with a strong, straightforward Christian faith. My

respect for the principles still remains with me, but where would so many good causes, sports projects, and arts initiatives be today without generous funding from the National Lottery? The sums are huge; over four billion pounds expected to be available from the Big Lottery Fund over the next 6 years. It is a voluntary tax, no one is forced to pay it. Winners seem to deserve their publicity on TV and in newspaper, who can challenge their kindness and generosity?

But it is one thing to pop to the Post Office to buy a lottery ticket each week, another to applaud the rapid growth of betting shops on the British high street. Apparently there are 39 in just one Leeds constituency, over 150 in the city of Liverpool. Family welfare charities report family breakdown caused by gambling debts and addiction to betting. They tell us it is the desperation of poorer families that leads so often to such sadness and debt. It could so easily be me or any of us if we hit really bad times.

Betting shop advertisements in newspapers and on television, the growth of gambling on-line, and huge support for horse-racing from punters rich and poor are all big forces to be reckoned with. Like enthusiasm for the National Lottery such things are here to stay.

Please God, don't let me be a spoilsport. Just help me to decide what to think. *John Carruthers*

THE ROAD TO GENEVA

I thought you might be interested to hear how the Coffee Morning on 24 July went in the quest to help my grandson Antony, get to the World Championships in Kick Boxing in Geneva.

The sunshine at 6.00 am in the garden was a welcome sight & a relief knowing that I wouldn't have to squash everyone inside. Antony arrived with all his 10 trophies which he displayed on a table for all to see and several people were particularly interested to hear



all about the martial art of kick boxing & how he had won the trophies. Cups of tea and coffee were served with home made scones, shortbread biscuits & Rebecca's home made carrot cake. Sophie & Betty sold the raffle tickets and Sue was kept busy selling cakes & jams.

Lots of people who came along said it was almost like a 'reunion' because they met people they hadn't seen for many years, some as long ago as school days & they had thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Including the many donations received in advance from people who couldn't attend, the total sum raised was £400 which means that the target of £3,000 has been achieved to send Antony (& his Dad because he's under age) plus the 2 other boys who also qualified, on the plane with the GB Team to Geneva on 11 September.

So, a very big thank you to everyone who came along to support us and watch this space for further news following the Championships next month. *Janet Milton*

Ben Williams' Corner

A French Steam Locomotive For sale £800,000

A report in the Telegraph Newspaper reminded me of my first trip to Paris.

Following D-day when the Allies had air supremacy the French railway system was virtually destroyed. After the war America under the Marshal plan supplied France with locomotives and Rolling stock.

When I was 21 and due to be called up a friend suggested we had a holiday in Paris. We travelled down to London on his motorbike and stayed with our respective relations. The Festival of Britain was in full swing and I went there with my cousin. It was on the south bank of the Thames part of which had been

the Lambeth Lead Works. The site had been cleared only the skeleton of the shot tower was left, you could go inside and look up at the sky. Built in 1826 it was sad to think it was due to be demolished to make way for the Queen Elizabeth Hall. At the time it was one of only three remaining in the country. I believe Chester's Tower is now the only purpose built tower left, erected in 1799 it is certainly the oldest.

We caught the train to Dover crossed the Channel on a ferry and caught another train arriving at the Gare du Nord in the dark. We walked past the locomotive as it stood there grimy and shrouded in steam, much larger than a British loco. The Westinghouse



brake pump chuffing away as if it were out of breath. It could have been the engine now for sale, it looked like it, and the brake system seemed to indicate it was American built. A man was examining the wheels with a bundle of flaming rags on the end of a rod.

We of course did the normal tourist things. We walked up the stairs of the Eiffel tower [cheaper than using the lift] went to the Folies Bergere and saw the famous tableaux, the usherette demanding a tip, apparently they weren't paid. I found the behaviour of the Parisian bus passengers strange, the buses were single deckers with a large open platform at the rear. You would see a bus coming along with a crowd of people on the platform and about four inside. Apparently it was cheaper to travel on the platform. We used the Metro, it followed the road system and the stations were close together. A lot of it was built on the 'cut and cover system' a deep channel was dug up the centre of the road a track built at the bottom the channel covered over and the road put back. We saw one uncovered whilst they repaired the road, you could hear the trains rumbling underneath.

I have been back a number of times since; it is a city I like very much. *Ben Williams*

Chester's Cinemas

In view of the forthcoming plan to convert the Odeon Cinema to an arts centre when we will once more have a cinema in town it made me wonder how many remember Chester's Cinemas in their 'heyday'. The Odeon opened in 1936 and it must have been the following year when our next door neighbour suggested we all go to this new Cinema. I can't remember much about it except it was a Disney Cartoon. The last time I went was to a Pensioners morning performance when coffee and biscuits were included.

Chester's first super Cinema was the Gaumont at the top of Brook Street built in 1931 in the mock Tudor style popular in Chester at that time, it had a Compton organ a restaurant and a small stage, I saw a pantomime there once. Also Cliff Richard performed there. It was thought to be Chester's finest cinema. It was closed in 1961 and in the alteration process the organ was accidentally destroyed.

A similar cinema was the Regal opened in 1937 at the corner of Love Street and Forgate Street it also had a Compton organ and stage. The Rolling Stones appeared there, I didn't see them but I did see Steeleye Span with Maddy Prior. The warm up act was a young Richard Digance. One afternoon some time in the 1940's I was in the Groves by the Bandstand and Organ music was coming from a loudspeaker and was told it was being relayed from the Regal. The Organ is now in Australia.

Along the road where Primark now stands was the Classic. We used to take our two young daughters there for a Saturday morning performance, go shopping and then go to the Swan pub next door for lunch.

Opposite the Cathedral was another Cinema it started its life as a Guild Chapel then became a Theatre and finally the Music Hall Cinema. It is now Super Drug.

The last cinema I can remember was the Majestic in Brook St, opened in 1921 it was Chester's oldest cinema, I never went there. Its auditorium was lost when Hoole Way was built; rows and rows of small terraced houses were demolished the same time, also the top of Brook St opposite the Gaumont where a rather smelly ornate cast iron urinal stood. Another fine piece of

cast iron street furniture in Bridge St was also lost to road widening. At the junction of Upper and Lower Bridge St were underground toilets with a lamp standard with an ornate base sited in the centre of the two staircases. Pepper St was very narrow with a Church on one corner and a pub on the other and a row of terraced houses behind the Pub; one I remember had a notice in the window offering the services of a Clairvoyant. The Pub, houses, toilets and lamp all went when the road was widened.

Some time ago we went to Chester Heritage Centre [The old Church at the corner of Pepper St] to listen to a talk given by David Ellis and Steve Howe who have made a study of Chester's Cinemas I would recommend anyone interested to visit their web site <http://www.chesterwalls.info/gallery/cinema3.html>

Ben Williams

My Father in Salonika

My father was in the 12th Cheshire's in the Salonika campaign. These are the things I remember he told me.

1. He went into battle once and when they withdrew, out of the company he was in [I think about 100 men] only 12 men and a sergeant were left. I would think this would be the assault on Pip ridge

2. He also had shrapnel wounds to his chest; mention is made of a shrapnel bombardment.

After this he related being taken to a field hospital where he was to be x-rayed. He was laid on a table and an x-ray lamp was shone on him, a doctor with a long stick with a bit of rag on the end soaked in ink dabbed his chest where he could see pieces of metal. He was then taken into the operating theatre where the metal was removed.

[In the W.W.1 museum in Ypres such a unit is set up using manikins for the doctor and nurse]

I don't know if it was after this but he was in hospital and he was not expected to last the night they asked him if he wanted a priest. In the next bed the man had a bottle of Dr Collis-Browne's chlorodyne; at that time a mixture of laudanum, can-

nabis & chloroform my Dad swigged most of the bottle and was still alive in the morning?

3. He also spoke of being in an invalid camp in Corfu. They were in tents on a hillside and some of the soldiers raided a nearby orange grove and stole the oranges, but they were sour so they threw them down the hillside on the tents below. They were in trouble for this

4. He also spoke of a time when he lay wounded on the battle-field and a Bulgarian officer came walking amongst them shooting the wounded with his revolver my Dad played dead and was missed. He managed to get to a hut where he was found by Serbian soldiers and taken to hospital.

5. My cousin told me that his father, finding my father missing, went to look for him, found him wounded and carried him back to camp on his back.

6. My father was wounded twice, a bullet in the arm and shrapnel in his chest. It would seem likely that the bullet, was the first and after it healed, he was sent back into the fighting, and the chest wound, the second when he was invalided out. He received a pension for a while but then it was taken off him. The man given the job of assessing pensions was a Mr Barker the headmaster of Childer Thornton School. My father was very aggrieved as Barker had not been in the war, but was depriving money from those who had. By a strange quirk of fate my father's sister Mary eventually became his housekeeper when his wife died. *Ben Williams*

Bible Verses:

Ecc 12:13 "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man"

Ex 20:6 "And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love God, and keep his commandments".

Deut 7:9 "Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations;"

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NEWS:

"MAKE 'n MUNCH" is coming to you!

Sunday 14th Sept:

10.00am in Parish Hall: Worship workshop for everyone to make things for the service, whilst munching on toast with tea/coffee.

10.45am Morning Worship service in church for all ages.

Sunday 12th Oct:

10.00am in Parish Hall: Breadmaking workshop for everyone. Have a go or watch others, plus munching on toast & tea/coffee.

10.45am Morning Worship Harvest Festival service in church for all ages. You may bring gifts of fresh or non-perishable goods for Chester Aid for the Homeless and for Save the Family.



Parish Registers (July)

The Baptism Service

13th William John Alexander Goodsall son of Charles & Bridget Goodsall. 93 Butterbach Road, Huntington, Chester

“We welcome you into the Lord’s Family”

The Funeral Service

4th Ann Cobb 30 Rycroft, Elton age 60yrs

6th Hugh William Stubbs Oaklands Nursing Home, Tarvin Road, Littleton age 97yrs

17th Elizabeth Ann Bowdler 15 Broxton Road, Clutton age 53yrs

21st Winifred Alice Kirk Tarvin Court Nursing Home, Littleton age 91yrs

“Grant them eternal rest”

Offertories

July	Cash	CSE	2014	2013
6th	190-55	331-10	521-65	763-40
13th	185-72	500-75	686-47	635-00
20th	56-95	540-03	596-98	695-70
27th	88-75	540-03	544-45	793-55
Totals			£2,349-45	£2,887-45

“Of your own do we give you”

Develop a Habit

Courage is not the absence of fear. That idea is the biggest lie in the world. Fear is impossible to eradicate. If you were completely fearless, you’d be dead. People who are courageous are scared to the core—they just make themselves go forward anyway; they make themselves take some kind of action. Taking action, even though you’re afraid, is how you become courageous—because courage, like fear, is a habit. The more you do it, the more you do it, and this habit—of stepping up, of taking action—more than anything else, will move you in a different direction. Remain Blessed and Courageous Amen.

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, CHRISTLETON

SUNDAYS:	8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	
	10.45 a.m.	Parish Communion	1st & 3rd Sundays
		Family Service	2nd Sunday
		Mattins	4th & 5th Sundays
	6.30 p.m.	Evensong	1st, 2nd & 3rd Sundays
		Evening Communion	4th Sunday
		Songs of Praise	5th Sunday
WEDNESDAY:	10.45 a.m.	Holy Communion	
SAINT'S DAYS:	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	

WHO'S WHO & WHAT'S WHAT

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Luncheon Club at the Parish Hall in July



Cliff Bridge celebrates his 102 Birthday with friends

Back to school

Young James finished his summer holidays and went back to school. Two days later his teacher phoned his mother to tell her that James was misbehaving. "Wait a minute!" protested his mum. "I had him here for weeks and I never once called YOU when he misbehaved!"