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# The Parish Magazine of Mottram St. Andrew



Produced jointly by the Village Hall Committee and the Parish Council

Fantastic Summer and fabulous sunshine. I love this, kind of makes you feel alive and makes you realise just what rubbish summers we have endured for many years. Holiday times look promising for all you jetting off for a summer vacation or for those staying closer to home. I will be off to Abersoch this week "Cheshire by the sea" and can not wait to dip me toes in the sea.

Fair well to Andy & his family from the Bulls Head pub we shall miss him and thank him for all his support with village events over the years. A Big welcome to the new Landlady of our local pub. You know what that means folks, yes I will have to start my quest all over again for the Cheese & onion pie to be back on the menu!!!

Lots of news for you all this month. The biggest news being that we have found someone to take over as editor of our lovely community magazine. I would like to take this opportunity to give a big welcome to Mana Shibata who has been a member of our community and now is living in Macclesfield. Going forward Mana will take on the role of Editor from myself, therefore if anyone needs to contact her with ref to the Mercury or wants to get involved in producing exciting articles for the Mercury then you can contact her via email : [manashibata.ob@gmail.com](mailto:manashibata.ob@gmail.com)

Over the years as editor for the Mercury I have truly enjoyed keeping you all up to date with local news but due to life's commitments I have had to step down

from this role. I will still continue to be a part of our community and still be involved in the Horticultural show etc.

I wish Mana every success and I am sure she will be able to inspire a new direction for our magazine.

Thank you to all that have supported me and helped produce articles of interest without you all it would have been difficult to say the least. We all make an effort and see what we can achieve. I am sure I will see a lot of you whilst out with my four legged friend Riley the dog and look forward to continue to keep up to date on village news.

Things to look forward to are The Village Horticultural Show in September which is always a spectacular display of local talent , the Harvest Festival service at the village chapel and a few music & charity events in October at the village hall.

You can keep up to date with up & coming event via our village website so please take a look & check out what is going on .

<http://www.mottramstandrew.com>



Front cover image Hare Hill beautiful walled garden

# Parish Council Chairman's Report

By Robert Hughes

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It is a tremendous honour to have been elected Chairman of your Parish Council at the Annual Council Meeting on May 21st this year. I would like to thank my predecessor Bill Pilkington for his many years of loyal service to the parish. Bill's work ethic and dedication are exemplary and I am delighted he is staying on as a councillor.

Of course, no Parish Council can function without an efficient clerk and in Ron Taylor, we have one of the best. Ron, too, has given many years of devoted service and I am lucky to have him alongside me at Council meetings. Ron was actually due to retire this month but his replacement unfortunately had to withdraw from the role due to unforeseen circumstances. We wish Haley all the best for the future and thank her for her contribution during her period of training. Fortunately for all of us, Ron has agreed to remain in harness for a further twelve months while we look for his long-term replacement. Please contact Ron via the village website if the clerk's role is something that would interest you.

I first moved to Mottram St Andrew in August 1999 with my wife Kathryn and our two young children Cameron and Ellen. Both are now grown up but continue to think of the village as their home. They would be the first to acknowledge how lucky they were to have been raised in such a safe and friendly community.

Kathryn and I together ran a licensed gift manufacturing business based in Knutsford for many years and when we

sold the company Kathryn began a second career as a novelist and is now hard at work on her fourth book. For my own part I have acted as a business mentor for the last few years and saw becoming a Parish councillor as an opportunity to do something for the village which has been so good for me and my family.

Before becoming Chairman I took responsibility as a councillor to push our case for fibre broadband throughout the parish. I have an excellent relationship with Andrew Arditti at Connecting Cheshire and will try to provide updates as and when each postcode area has fibre broadband made available to it. At the time of writing, postcodes SK10 4AU and 4QF have gone live and interested residents should contact their broadband provider to enquire about an upgrade to fibre. Some homes in SK10 4AX are also eligible.

Although the date may have passed by the time you are reading this, on Monday July 30th at 7.30pm the Village Hall will host a residents' meeting to discuss a proposal to build four houses and a car park on the triangle of land bordered by Moss Lane and Wilmslow Old Road. Any residents who believe they would be affected by this proposal are invited to attend and make their views known.

Last month saw a serious fire on Priest Lane which destroyed a detached garage. Fortunately no-one was hurt. When fire engines arrived on the scene, from stations beyond Wilmslow as it turned out, the fire crews did not know the locations of the nearest fire

hydrants. Thankfully they were quickly located and Councillor Pilkington has been working hard with the local fire authority to ensure no repeat performance. Accordingly, all hydrants in the village centre have now been marked with yellow paint. Please look out for your nearest hydrant (usually a metal plate by the roadside) in order to assist fire crews in the future. Cheshire East appliances carry hydrant location maps and we are working with the council authorities to ensure that crews carry maps for areas other than their own in the future. A copy of the hydrant locations in the village centre will shortly appear as part of the Emergency Plan document on the village website at [www.mottramstandrew.com](http://www.mottramstandrew.com)

Your Parish Council consists of seven councillors, of whom I am merely one. We are here to serve you so please do make use of us and get in touch with any one of us, or the clerk, via the website.

In the meantime enjoy the fine weather and please respect the hosepipe ban which comes into force on August 5th.



## **ANNUAL VILLAGE REMEMBRANCE SERVICE**

SUNDAY 11th NOVEMBER 2018

This year's annual village remembrance service will be held in the village chapel in Priest Lane on Sunday 11th November exactly 100 years since the guns fell silent on the Western Front and the armistice was signed to mark the end of the First World War, the war to end all wars.

The service will commence at 10.30 and at 11 o'clock we will observe the two minutes silence to remember all those from the village who gave their lives on behalf of their country in both World Wars.

I hope that the centenary service will be well attended.

**By Bill Pilkington**



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Community - News

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The chapel was full to overflowing on 5<sup>th</sup> July when the many friends of Alma Fletcher gathered with her family to say their last farewells. Alma, who sadly passed away on 24<sup>th</sup> May, was born in Mottram in 1939 and though she travelled the world, Mottram was her home and the village she loved. She was very much family orientated but everyone around her seemed to be included in that group and over the years her ready smile often lifted the spirits of those who met her wherever she was. She will be sadly missed by both her family and the many friends she made over the years but well remembered for everything she meant to us all.

On the 12<sup>th</sup> July the chapel was again in use as family and friends of Norman Wright gathered there for some conversation and refreshments after his thanksgiving service at the crematorium. Norman too was born in Mottram in February 1916 at what was then the Post Office. Apart from his early work years and a spell in the army, he lived and worked within a few yards of his birthplace until moving with his wife Jessie to Wales for their retirement years. Norman returned to Mottram in 2011 at the age of 95 having lost Jessie and becoming less active himself and could often be seen on his determined daily walk around 'the triangle' which he continued to do until he was 99. His back finally having given up the struggle to meet his daily demands it retired with him to Cavendish Court Nursing Home in Alderley Edge in 2015. He celebrated his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday there and, being well

loved and looked after, lived a further two years, passing away peacefully in his sleep on the 25<sup>th</sup> May aged 102.

How things have changed during the lives of both these longstanding Mottram residents yet many things in the village would still be recognisable, even to those members of the community who preceded them. One thing would be the chapel Open Air Service which has been a feature in the church calendar on and off over many years. This year we again held the service by the bungalows on Alderley Road in June; the first Open Air Service our relatively new minister Rev Sue Swires had conducted. We are pleased to say the weather behaved itself for once and was perfect for the occasion; not too hot, not too windy and with only the small threat of a rain shower which managed to avoid us this year! Once again we are indebted to Michael Nixon who kindly allowed us to use his electricity to brew the tea and the musicians from the Over Alderley Band who provided the musical accompaniment.

A week or so before this we held a Strawberry tea event in the Village Hall and we thank everyone who helped make the afternoon as enjoyable as it was. We are pleased to say it raised £366 for church funds for which we are very grateful. The Coffee Morning held in May realised £145 to send to East Cheshire Hospice and our sincere thanks go to everyone who contributed in any way.

August is a holiday month and relatively quiet in the life of the church though our Sunday Services continue on at 9.30am

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each Sunday morning and the Singing Group and Crafty Club continue on through the month at their regular times. The Methodist Church New Year starts again in September and we are fortunate this year not to be losing a Minster in the Methodist 5 year cycle of stationing.

Rev Sue Swires will be leading our **Harvest Festival Service** again on **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 2.30pm** and joining with us as we continue to celebrate with a harvest tea following. Nowadays our gifts to the harvest display at the front of the church tend to be more of the tinned and packaged variety that can be more easily distributed to those who need it. This year we will be supporting the Macclesfield Salvation Army food distribution service and the residents of Rossendale in Sutton. If you can help add to these initiatives in any way then please feel free to bring items to the church to add to the thanksgiving display and to swell the amount we can send. We are sure everything we can send will be welcomed by everyone in need. One final note to remember is the Harvest Service replaces the morning service on that Sunday and we all get a lie in on a Sunday morning for once!

Ian Wright (Secretary)  
Tel:01625 583704



# Bowling Club

By Jill Hillary

We are always in need of new players to join our friendly club. If you fancy giving it a go, why not pop along to the green one Sunday afternoon from 1400 where you'll meet some of us. You do not need to have any bowling experience as our members will show you the basics. We even have bowls available for you to try until you fall in love with it.

One of our members has written and had published "The Story of Mottram Bowling Club : If you Build it They Will Come" to mark the club's 35th anniversary. This is a well documented history from humble beginnings where local members and residents (after an extortionate quote) joined together and decided to build the green and later the pavilion themselves. Tales and photographs from the start to present day make this not only an interesting read but part of Mottram St Andrew's social history. This is limited in numbers so if you would like to purchase a copy for £5 please contact either Brian Slater on 01625 828077 or Jill Hillary on 01625 820244.



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# The Untidy Gardener

Summer is a time when the life in our garden ponds is really moving; not that nature has not been busy earlier but generally it isn't until the gardener feels warm enough to stand and watch these activities does this busyness become apparent! Our garden has two and a bit ponds; the bit part quite small but connecting the other two. This is supposed to be a part of a cascade system which worked for a time when the ponds were first installed. Over the years however, voles and other rodents have inconveniently nibbled their way through the liner (the little beggars!!), along the low water mark meaning that the top pond of the cascade can't hold the water long enough to create the desired effect. This has not put nature off however and all are full of life of one sort or another.

I was brought up with knowledge of garden ponds having had a close encounter with one when I was very young. It was memorable because of the way the adults present laughed when I fell in! I have subsequently learnt that their laughter was not so much the fact I had fallen in but the speed at which I got out! Apparently I was only in the water a few seconds. At the time I thought it was hours! I don't remember getting changed. They probably just hung me up somewhere to dry. It was like that when I was young!



We replaced the liner in the larger pond in summer 2017, repairs attempted in 2016 having failed dismally, and I have to say that paddling about in the mud at the bottom of a pond is just as entertaining at my age as it was in my early youth! We have no fish, the heron having eaten the last one some years ago and I'm not keen on netting (or paying to provide dinner for the heron!). We do however have plenty of amphibians along with many other rather derogatorily named 'lesser creatures' who all have a part to play. All in all we netted over twenty newts and several frogs in the bottom of the pond even though it was summer and breeding season was over. From what I've read they are supposed to be dispersed around the garden earning their keep by eating all the slug eggs and aphids etc. by the time we were busy.

I was pleased however to determine we had a good selection of our native newts, the Smooth or Common Newt being the most predominant. There were two or three Greater Crested Newts among them which I suspected were there but had not seen for a few years; these latter imposing individuals if you are into amphibians. There may also have been some of our smallest species of newt the Palmate, though they could have been juveniles of the smooth so have to pass on that one. Whatever their kind, they were all transferred to the top pond for a holiday while their new home was reconstructed (though the frogs were impatient and kept hopping back!). We (me and the assistant gardeners), kept a bin full of mud with all its 'mostly' microscopic life to return to the pond when we were done and took the opportunity to divide the water lilies and re plant them in baskets where necessary and all the plants were kept in various containers and most replaced as weighted cuttings as the pond was filled. I wanted to re-fill it purely with rain water and began by draining the water butts which allowed replanting but little else. And then I waited for rain. And I waited and waited. Can you believe that! It did not rain for weeks. I was alone in the country wanting rain! Then it did rain and, forgive me if I'm wrong, but until recently I thought it was never going to stop, and now we are wondering if it will ever start again!

By Ian Wright



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## **Mottram St. Andrew Primary Academy**

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# **H**ead Teacher's Report

By Miss Jean Willerton

It is hard to believe that I have come to the end of my first year as headteacher of Mottram St Andrew Primary Academy. It has been an incredibly enjoyable and busy year, and a privilege to take on the leadership of this special school.

Earlier this term, Year 6 went to the Conway Centre in Anglesey for their week long residential visit. They did a wide range of activities, including sailing, raft building, canoeing, abseiling and den-building. The children had an amazing week with lots of opportunities to leave their comfort zone, and gain a real sense of achievement from taking on new challenges.

The Summer Fair has been a highlight of this term, and we are hugely grateful to our PTA, the Friends of MSAPA, for the time that they put into its organisation. As well as being a significant fundraiser for us, it is an important event for our school and had a lovely community feel. Across the year, they have raised a significant amount of money which has enabled us to purchase significant items, including a class set of tablets, two new interactive whiteboards, outdoor play equipment, reading books and IT resources for French and reading comprehension.

Our Nursery has now been opened for a full year and we have been very pleased with its success. We take children from the September after they are three and offer flexible hours. The core sessions are 8.45-11.45am and 12.15-3.15pm and free childcare hours can be used for these. We also offer wrap around care from 7.45am-6pm. If you know anyone who might be interested in a Nursery place then please ask them to email [office@mottramacademy.org.uk](mailto:office@mottramacademy.org.uk)

Finally, I must finish with our amazing Year 6 children for whom today is their final day at Mottram. They have been a credit to themselves and our school, and I am sure they will continue to use their diverse talents as they move to high school. Their performance of Peter Pan, together with our Year 5 children, was an incredible achievement which showed their confidence, team work and initiative. It has been a privilege to get to know them this year and I wish them well for their future success.

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# Village Hall

By Steve Hatton



The wide range of regular activities continue at the Hall . We have just invested in a new set of crockery as the old set steadily reduced due to breakages etc . This will enable us to provide the proper equipment for the bigger functions that we have .

Jan Fogg attended her first meeting as a Trustee in June . I was delighted to see Jan finding out how things are done and asking good questions about why we do things the way we do . A fresh pair of eyes is always helpful ,and this new perspective added to Jan's energy , should help us identify opportunities to do things better going forward .

We would welcome the chance to meet anyone in the Village who might be interested in becoming a Trustee but first want to understand the role and responsibilities .



We have already booked Sam Kelly ,who is one of the brightest and best of the young performers on the UK Folk music scene . Steve Tiltson and Jez Lowe who are both celebrated artists in their own right join forces in March next year , and local band Pilgrims Way make a second visit performing their new Stand and Deliver Show .

But first the legends that are Martin Carthy and John Kirkpatrick coming to Mottram in October !

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# Brownies

By Katy Hatton

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## 1st MSA Brownies

The Brownies enjoyed a picnic and water slide in July.

We planned healthy meals one week, then make and ate them the following week as part of the brownie skills badge.

We have finished for the summer holidays now and restart on Tuesday 13 th September at 5 p.m. in the village hall

Katy Hatton ( Brown Owl).

Contact: 01625 590879

We had a small camp, lit fires to cook, a water slide and picnic in June and July.

We have finished for the summer term and restart on Friday, 9th September at 6 p.m. in the village hall.

Katy Hatton (Owl)

Contact: 01625590879

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# Guides

By Katy Hatton

## 1st MSA Guides

We have been very busy preparing for a chamboree....a weeks long camp with scouts and guides from around the world.We have made gadgets to help with washing up, practised knotting, packing rucksacks etc.

It promises to be a fun filled week with lots of sporting activities, outings, crafts and making new friends. On Monday we go to Liverpool for the day and Bear Grylls flies in with his helicopter on Sunday.

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# Wednesday Club

By Joan Williams

Here comes the summer and what a fabulous one we are having this year.

The group have enjoyed many fantastic days out and fun times sharing laughter and company with our lovely group members.

We still enjoy our quizzes, bingo, raffles and a game of darts.

We are a fun loving, good bunch of adventurers if would like to join us and are thinking about it, please call Margaret or Pauline.

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# Women's Institute

By Anne Wilson

In my last report I mentioned that we were having a representative from the charity Ronald McDonald House Liverpool, a totally independent charity raising all its' own funds, located in the grounds of the world-famous Alder Hey childrens' hospital. They are a home away from home, where families of seriously ill children receiving care and treatment at the hospital can stay close by, just minutes away from their child's bedside, in accommodation provided free of charge. Gillian was in awe of our energy, kindness and community spirit and we raised just over £100 to donate to their remarkable charity.

Eight of our members joined the group trip to Tutbury Castle in June. Everyone had a lovely afternoon tea and thoroughly enjoyed the talk by Lesley Smith as Nell Gwynne.

At our July meeting Mr Pink gave us a talk & slide presentation on "A Nostalgic Ride on a Manchester Tram".

Two visitors from North East Cheshire Group attended, telling us how we all fit together in the group and more about their roles within it. A summer evening walk from the "March Hare" in Cheadle Hulme proved to be very popular with an optional meal afterwards.

On 6th August our "Summer Surprise" meeting will be held @ Rosemary Norbury's this year – we will be serving a strawberry tea and glass of fizz. Everyone is to wear something pink and we will have our usual bring & buy stall in "Pink" as we are also raising money for "Breast Cancer Care".

A visit has been arranged to visit Hilltop, Flash Lane, Prestbury, which is part of this year's National garden scheme. You won't be surprised to hear that this includes tea & homemade cakes!!

The 69<sup>th</sup> Annual Horticultural Show is fast approaching. We hope that the WI section which includes 12 classes this year in produce, flowers and craft proves popular and we get lots of entries from our members.

Looking ahead to our September meeting we are coming "Close up and Personal with Birds of Prey" I will let you know the outcome!

Since my last report we are pleased to announce that we now have our own 'Mottram St Andrew WI' Facebook page – please take a look.

Our Film Group meet monthly at MSA Methodist Church – please see the village notice board for upcoming dates and times.

For more information or if you would like to attend one of our meetings contact Margaret Graham 01625 617054 or Anne Wilson 01625 250473

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# Social Club

By Mick Shaw

What a fantastic Summer! It has been interesting to see how the country changed once we got used to having sunshine every day. Initially there were BBQs every night like we're supposed to when it's sunny. These became fewer the longer the hot spell continued and we became accustomed to the prospect of having more sunny days to follow. Let's hope the sunshine continues for a while longer yet.

With all the sunshine, there should be some fantastic displays in the forthcoming horticultural show on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> September..

Thank you to all who have returned their completed GDPR forms. For those of you who haven't returned them this is your last chance to do so. If you do not return your forms, we can no longer hold your information on file so you will cease to be a member of the Social Club. They can be returned by post, in person or by email to Sheila Cavanagh (email: msavillagehall@outlook.com).

Anyone out there who fancies training as a pyrotechnician to help out on Bonfire Night, please get in touch. Help make the fireworks display spectacular. Contact Mick: msavillagehall@outlook.com



## Forthcoming Events:

Curry Nights are Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> August and 25<sup>th</sup> September. Names on the list or contact me by the Tuesday the week before to avoid disappointment.

Bonfire building will start on Sunday mornings in October from 10.30am to noon. Please feel free to come down and lend a hand for whatever time you have available.

The Club is open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evenings from 8pm and you would be most welcome to join us.

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## Community - News

### MSA walkers



The walking group were taken on a new walk by Val and Brian who had recently discovered it.

A delightful walk around Bollington and the surrounding areas.

We enjoyed seeing beautiful scenery and a large waterfall. We sat in the sunshine outside of a pub for lunch and drinks.

Everyone agreed that the route was so lovely that we were like to do it again!



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### Toddler group

The toddler group had a picnic in the poplars garden. The children enjoyed a paddling pool, sand pit and different toys to play with.

We have now finished for the summer, restarting on Monday, 12 th September at 10.30 in the village hall.

Contact: Katy Hatton

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### Pilates

Heidi puts us through a very interesting and varied session every Wednesday 13.30-1.30 in the village hall.

Do come along and try a free session.

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JOSEPH HUBERTUS PILATES

*Beth Gardom lived in Mottram for over 50 years with her husband Reg and both immersed themselves into village life. I shared extracts from 1986 to 89 in the previous editions of our Mercury and now we move on a year to 1988 to see what was happening in the village and society in general.*

### January

*The New Year's Eve dance at the Hall must been good, for 'though I still feel rotten, I quite enjoyed it.*

*The weather has been spring-like - quite out of season. I'm not sure I like it. Perhaps we shall get some real winter weather soon. The birds are not really hungry yet, although they are there all the time.*

*Backing school campaign: Macclesfield Express Advertiser*

*Nicholas Winterton MP has thrown his weight behind the campaign to keep Mottram St Andrew school open. He told the Macclesfield Express Advertiser "I have always supported the retention of rural schools. I fought for the retention of Mottram St Andrew school in the early '70s when Mrs Thatcher was Minister for Education". And he added "I believe the school provides an excellent standard of education, is popular locally and provides a focal point of the village, and for those reasons should be retained. The problem today is that people know the price of everything, and the value of very little. The value of the school to the pupils that go there and their parents is something you cannot put a price on. Certainly the governors, staff and pupils of the school have my one hundred per cent support".*

*We have a harder battle to face this time, because so few children are from the village. Good luck to us.*

*18<sup>th</sup> - School Meeting. 6pm & 7pm. Very well attended and all spoke very well, BUT .... I wonder?*

*We are enjoying editing The Mercury and there is talk of buying a photocopier for the Village Hall so that we can do the printing ourselves.*

### February

*12<sup>th</sup> - To Fords and heard the shock news that they are moving to Devon.*

*16<sup>th</sup> - The For Sale board has gone up at Quarry Cottage. It should cause quite a sensation and we shall be questioned to death.*

*17<sup>th</sup> - Reg to Chester on a two day course about producing a Village News Magazine.*

## March

2<sup>nd</sup> - Reg at PTA meeting. The fate of Mottram School does seem to be sealed - I do hope I am wrong. There was a damaging headline in the Messenger this week.

7<sup>th</sup> - The Village Hall photocopier arrived here. Bought a clock for Lou Eley's 21<sup>st</sup> present.

11<sup>th</sup> - Lou Eley's 21<sup>st</sup> - far too noisy for me

12<sup>th</sup> - Annie and Herbert's ruby wedding

13<sup>th</sup> - Management meeting at the Village Hall and the Scotts take over as Village Hall Treasurers.

*Shackletons fly home for their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary*

*Shackleton airborne early warning aircraft were given leave yesterday to fly from Lossiemouth Grampian to make a 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary fly-past at the factory where they were built in Woodford, Cheshire. Waiting to welcome them were many of the 3,500 workers at British Aerospace factory where today only civilian aircrafts are produced.....*

*Eric outwits television panel*

*Prestbury car jockey Eric Lees baffled a panel of celebrities when he appeared on TV's popular game show "What's my Line". His television debut will be screened later this month, a week before he hangs up his keys at The Bridge Hotel, where he has worked for the past 36 years. Managing Director of The Bridge Hotel, Mrs E Grange said "he will be sadly missed by everyone. He has become part of the family and is a figure head of Prestbury."*

I do enjoy our lunches at The Bridge. It is nice to be well known customers and be made a fuss of. Eric will be missed - it has been very nice to have the car taken away and returned - a touch of real luxury.

## April

What a dreadful disaster at Cup Semi Final (Hillsborough). People were crowding and pushing into the ground, and 95 were squashed and suffocated. Other people in the ground did not fully realise what was happening, nor did the Police or the ground officials. The memorial service that was later held in Liverpool Cathedral was so well done. A memorial plaque "You'll never walk alone" was set in the floor.

12<sup>th</sup> - we went to Chester for a meeting about the school.

#### *Airport drama of trapped worker*

A baggage handler was locked in the hold of a Dan Air jet as it prepared to take off. He was found when a passenger heard banging beneath the seat. The man was locked in after he went into the hold on the tarmac at Manchester airport to adjust a container so the dog inside could breathe.

19<sup>th</sup> - Reg at Hall for meeting about Hall's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

23<sup>rd</sup> - London Marathon - Philip Bentley taking part, but we did not see him.

25<sup>th</sup> - Club Night Special for Jack. A very noisy gathering but I think it was enjoyed. We gave him and Ros a bowl and an aerial photograph of Mottram to take to Devon.

30<sup>th</sup> - It was forty years today since the Village Hall was opened, so an Anniversary Service was held this afternoon. It was a very happy occasion, and the Hall was well filled. Two ministers - David Moir and David Redrobe - quite a double act. Over Alderley Band. Children from School. Tina sang "Bless this House". Wednesday Club served tea in the back room afterwards. I'm sure everyone enjoyed it. (Vera Henshall was there).

#### May - Village Hall 40<sup>th</sup> Year

1<sup>st</sup> - 1400 It's a Knockout. Quite a success. The games went very well and quite a lot of money was made. We were lucky to have a lovely sunny day. Mary worked really hard frying hot dogs and hamburgers.

2<sup>nd</sup> - Special Club Night. Over Alderley Band played at the Club and representatives from the Cheshire Community Council handed over the £200 grant towards the copier.

3<sup>rd</sup> - 2000 Old Time Dance

4<sup>th</sup> - 2000 History of Mottram St Andrew. I did feel that the History Evening could have been better, but I think everyone did enjoy talking about the photographs etc.

5<sup>th</sup> - 2000 WI coffee evening

6<sup>th</sup> - 2000 Jazz Band and Barbecue - Not enough people at the barbecue. We thought the band were great.

10<sup>th</sup> - A big helicopter was flying very low. It came round a number of times. Discovered later that it was checking pylons.

13<sup>th</sup> - Macclesfield at Wembley - lost 1-0 after extra time.

20<sup>th</sup> - Cup Final - Liverpool 3; Everton 2

24<sup>th</sup> - Wildboarclough suffered the worst devastation in living memory as a freak 25 foot tidal wave swept through the Dane Valley. Hundreds of sheep and cattle were wiped out by the torrential downpour and ill-fated cottages suffered thousands of pounds damage as the wall of water crashed down on the tiny picturesque village. Traffic and communications were thrown into confusion as bridges collapsed, roads were uprooted and telephone lines flooded when the unprecedented flooding wreaked havoc last Wednesday afternoon.

27<sup>th</sup> - Supper with a flutter at the Hall. It was great fun but there were not enough people there. The handles on the horses will have to be altered as they caused blisters on people's hands.

29<sup>th</sup> - Vulcan went over the house today. We were really excited to see it.

### June

24<sup>th</sup> - Village Fete and Dance with evening barbecue outside. Lovely weather. Well supported. Made £700.

Grey Power - 11 people who become OAP's this year - Joan Plowright, Robert Bolt, Leslie Phillips, Katie Boyle, Earl Spencer, Countess Spencer, Lord Weinstock, Brian Rix, Ron Moody, Sir Peter Parker and \*Reg Gardom\*

### July

22<sup>nd</sup> - Reg bought a bicycle today - much against my wishes. Changed furniture around to fit in the copier - perhaps.

23<sup>rd</sup> - We put the furniture back in the place - didn't like it any other way.

### August

Vulcan goes for a song Ten historic aircrafts, including a huge Vulcan bomber, are to be auctioned next month by the Ministry of Defence. The 99ft long Vulcan with a wing span of 111ft is expected to bring only between £3,000 and £6,000 - the snag is, none of the planes can fly, and the buyer has to take them away. Transport would cost many times the buying price.

25<sup>th</sup> - moved out desk to make room for the photocopier. Need a shelf to go over it.

26<sup>th</sup> - Grand Draw and Barbecue. Folded at least 2,000 tickets. Made about £300 which was disappointing.

30<sup>th</sup> - Bowlers Jumble Sale. Made £180.

31<sup>st</sup> - Reg at Hall all day.

## September

1<sup>st</sup> - Reg at Hall all afternoon.

2<sup>nd</sup> - Flower Show - Exhibits up and Reg up there all day! We sent several entries and got two awards - 1<sup>st</sup> for blackberries and 3<sup>rd</sup> for sweet peas.

26<sup>th</sup> - Went to Reaseheath with Dorothy Seymour for Best Kept Village awards. It was so amateurish!

## October

*School fight* MP Nicholas Winterton is to lead a protest meeting aimed at fighting the closure of Mottram St Andrew Primary School. School representatives and Mr Winterton will meet with a Department of Education and Science officer on 2 November to put forward their case against the Authorities plans to cease maintaining the building.

12<sup>th</sup> - Reg busy all day with a new shower which I didn't think we needed. He has had so much trouble with fitting it and the bathroom has been in such a mess. And it simply was not necessary. I feel really angry about it. And, to add to matters, it cost £100! Ridiculous.

15<sup>th</sup> - Shower finished now, but bathroom still not back to rights.

21<sup>st</sup> - Mike Kennerley's 21<sup>st</sup>. Gave a flight bag. Good food and party. Enjoyed the party but people didn't seem to dance much. Nicola Cavanagh was really smart.

31<sup>st</sup> - Hallow E'en - more maniacs than usual on the Edge and some very big bangs.

## November

2<sup>nd</sup> - School meeting with Ministry. School fairly pleased with Ministry. No news yet.

4<sup>th</sup> - Village Hall bonfire. Reg there am. Wales v All Black - less said the better. Fireworks great success. Made over £180.

6<sup>th</sup> - Village Hall Club bar broken into. Microwave taken and all the spirits. Got in through cloakroom window and forced bar door. We think Pollyanna (Edmee's dog) heard them and barked at 0430.

11<sup>th</sup> - Remembrance Festival. I watched the Albert Hall Evening and also the service at the Cenotaph. The service was rather disappointing - too much reminiscent talk and not enough attention to marching. 50 years !!

20<sup>th</sup> - Village Hall burglar alarm installed today. The alarm went off for no reason. Everyone rang Reg up to say so. I feel we are going to have trouble with it.

Week commencing 27<sup>th</sup> - Busy with Mercury. We enjoy doing the Mercury but it really is a complicated job. The bits of news just don't fit together to fit the pages - it's worse than a jigsaw puzzle because the bits are not the right shape. It was one year old this time so we wished ourselves a Very Happy Birthday.

### December

16<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Dance. About 100 there. It didn't seem as jolly as usual.

17<sup>th</sup> - Yellow Broom for lunch. All very nice indeed but I did feel shattered after that and the Dance the night before.

19<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Club - a good night. About 60 there.

21<sup>st</sup> - Club Draw. We won 9 things this time.

25<sup>th</sup> - Fighting and slaughter in Rumania. Earthquake in Australia. We had just a quiet day. Reg cooked the meal - and did most of the washing up as well. Bless him x

31<sup>st</sup> - New Year's Eve Dance

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