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Vicar's viewpoint

Dear all,

We are now into the long season called Ordinary Time which stretches from Trinity Sunday to Advent Sunday. It takes us through two seasons in the calendar... summer and autumn. The great church festivals are behind us and now it's time to reflect on and listen to all we may have learned during the seasons spanning Christmas, through Epiphany, Lent, Easter and Pentecost. They will be back again soon enough but now the pace has slowed. It's a time of learning and reflecting. Listening to and discerning what God may be saying to us when we have fewer distractions and less business in the Church's calendar.

As the evenings lengthen and weather warms, here's a thing. Step outside your home. Hear the beckoning invitation of God to spend time in His company, in parks, along the canal, in the country, seaside, in your garden. Put down your book, take off your earphones. Listen. Long. And like Cleopas on the road to Emmaus, talk to God about the things on your heart. Be honest, be truthful. Give thanks for the many blessings. Ask. Know that God in Christ is with you. Play your part in the conversation with God by the way you talk to His people and by the way you love your neighbours. Be people of reconciliation and hope.

May God bless you,

Tracy



Church Services for July 2021

Sunday Services are now back in Church:

8.30am Holy Communion; 10.00 sung Eucharist.

Wednesday morning 10.00am

Said Holy Communion in the Parish Centre.

The church is open for private prayer and reflection every day during daylight hours. Maybe light a candle in prayer... or just sit and listen to the music. Prayer resources are also available in church for you to use at home.

Our online presence continues: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday each week: 10.00am Morning Prayer and 7pm Compline/Night Prayer.

These can be found on our YouTube Channel:

Worship from StThomas (<https://bit.ly/2ynuqHq>)

Notice of forthcoming weddings

24th July 1pm – Marc Hall and Laura Matthews

31st July 1pm – Christopher Bailey and Sarah Quayle

Prayer of the Month

O God of love, we ask you to give us love;
love in our thinking, love in our speaking,
love in our doing.
And love in the hidden places of our souls;
love of those with whom we find it hard to bear,
and love of those who find it hard to bear with us;
love of those with whom we work,
and love of those with whom we take our ease;
that so at length we may be worthy to dwell with you,
who are eternal love.

Archbishop William Temple (1881-1944)

Thought for the Month

The old social contract between farmers and society is now stretched to breaking point.

We need a new deal, a new understanding, a new system, that brings farming and ecology together. And that requires dialogue, realism, trust, and changing our behaviour as both farmers and consumers, and a willingness to pay the real price (in the shops or through our taxes) of food and good farming to make things as good as they should be. Some of the solutions are small and individual, but others require big political and structural changes. We have to flex our political muscles in our millions to create a politics that sees the land and what happens on it as being at the heart of building a more just and decent country.

What will our descendants say of us, years from now? How will we be judged? Will they stand in the dust of a scorched and hostile world, surrounded by the ruins of all that exists today, and think that we, who could have saved the earth, were thoughtless vandals, too selfish or too stupid to turn back? Will the future know us as the generation who pushed everything too far, on whose watch the world began to fall apart, who had so little courage and wisdom that we turned away from our responsibilities? Or will they lie in the cool green light of the oak trees we planted and be proud of us, the generation that pulled things back from the abyss, the generation that was brave enough to face up to our own flaws, big enough to overlook our differences and work together, and wise enough to see that life was about more than shop-bought things, a generation that rose above itself to build a better and more just world.

This is our choice. We are at a fork in the road.

There is something about planting trees that feels good. If you have done it well, it will outlast you and leave the world a little richer and more beautiful because of your efforts.



Editorial Meanderings

Good morning, Gentle Readers. Although I genuinely thought I would not be typing those two heading words again, the fingers did take over automatically after typing the first letter.

My intention to retire from the editorship of *Outlook* was absolutely genuine as I felt I had been doing it for long enough (eight years) and the magazine needs a younger editor.

Two people did consider taking over the magazine and actually produced an excellent monthly issue. However, family commitments dictated that they were not able to continue and we were asked if we could take up the mantle again for a while, so here we are still holding the fort.

However, in all honesty and fairness, I do very little in the production of the magazine as Mrs. Editor puts the whole thing together (story of our married life really).

A little incident to back this up; when an actor gets a theatre job and is sent a script, he underlines his part in the script to help him follow it at the first read-through of the play, at which all the cast would sit in a semi-circle on the stage and read a vocal performance of the play. The Director usually sits in the middle facing them upstage. At one such read-through at Pitlochry, the reading was going fine until there was a pause. The Stage Manager then said, with quiet respect, 'Guy. It's you.' I then said aloud, 'Sorry, everyone. My wife hasn't underlined that bit.'

With regard to the ageing process, I grunted, limped and scratched my way downstairs the other morning to arrive in the kitchen where Mrs. Editor was looking at the weather forecast on her iPad.

'What does it say for today?' I asked her, as I shuffled my way to the coffee pot.

'Sunny intervals with occasional outbreaks of strong wind,' she said.

'That describes me in mornings anyway. So no problems there.'

While I was in the kitchen fighting with the coffee pot, she then read something from the newspaper about Boris's latest rules and prognostications for the coronavirus situation.

'Seven guests allowed at a wedding,' She read out. I didn't quite catch it.

'Seven dead in Reading?' I queried.

'No.' She then repeated it slowly, quietly and respectfully.

It was at this juncture I thought, 'Have I passed my sell-by date or is my impending deafness only the result of information overload?'

Anyway, here we are again, Gentle Readers, and for the foreseeable future will endeavour to keep the *Outlook* flag flying. For those who are part of my editorial team and contributors to the magazine - and indeed our loyal readership - stay with us and we will overcome.

Mellor Birds

Maggie Williams

I am hoping to get to the lovely Fletcher Moss gardens in Didsbury to see the four maquette statues of Emily Williamson and vote for my favourite.

Emily back in 1891 aged 34 invited her friends around to tea at her home, The Croft, (recently bearing a blue plaque) at Fletcher Moss and asked them to sign a pledge to wear no feathers.

1st July marks the centenary of the Plumage Act in 1921 which banned imports of exotic bird skins after 30 years of Emily campaigning.

So the Society for the Protection of Birds was born. All the members were women.

The winning statue is to be unveiled in April 2023 by Dr Melissa Bateson, Emily's great-great-niece, who is a bird scientist. Melissa was unaware she was related to Emily until recently when Tessa Boase researched a book called *Mrs Pankhurst's Purple Feather* about the women founders of the RSPB.

There has been a special sighting in Mellor. On 26th May Anthea M. saw a garganey duck sitting in her neighbour's tree for half an hour. We presume it was just passing through Mellor. I have not seen one here before. The diagnostic feature on the male garganey is a broad white stripe on the head. It is a relatively small duck and is unique among British ducks as it is a summer visitor.

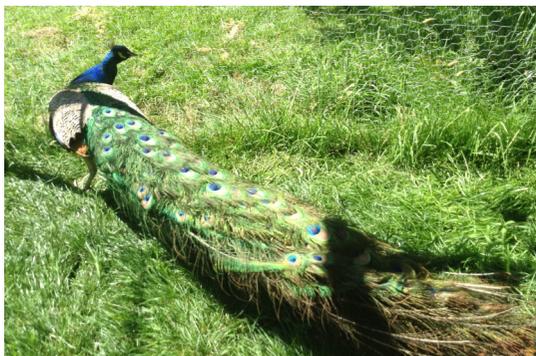


On 28th May the coal tits across the road from the War Memorial Park decide to fledge at 7am. It was filmed and was very exciting.



Today, 11th June, I was at Ken and Allwyn's just as six blue tits fledged in their summer house. The chicks were flying around not wishing to go outside while the parents kept bringing in food.

I also saw Allwyn's birthday present – a magnificent male peacock.



Allwyn's Peacock Percy

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Sticky Rice Crispie Squares

Jill Baker · ·



This is a recipe I have often made for the sweet stall at the fête. The crispies are light so lots in the bag.

227g packet dairy toffees
125g butter
200g packet marshmallows
200g rice crispies

Grease a shallow rectangular dish 12x8 inches 30x20 cm.

Unwrap the toffees and put them in a bowl and melt in the microwave (2 min at 900w). Stir then add the marshmallows and butter . Microwave for another 1 ½ minutes. Stir until you have a smooth mixture then add the rice crispies. A wet spatula will help to push into the corners of the tin.

Leave to cool then divide into `12 large rectangles cut these in half to make 24 triangles and enjoy.

A holiday activity with children?



Marple Bridge street names (2)

Peter Forbes

Continuing the short biographies of the artists often whom streets in Marple Bridge are named.

Winslow Homer (1836-1910) was born in Boston and started out as an illustrator of magazines. He specialized in watercolours of outdoor subjects. He spent two years in England at Cullercoats and then returned to the USA living in a small coastal village in Maine and painting seascapes in his own highly original style.

Henry Raeburn (1756-1823) was born near Edinburgh and spent 1785-87 in Rome studying painting. His early works were in watercolour and later works in oils. In 1822 he was knighted by George IV having painted leading members of Edinburgh society. One of his best known works is *The Reverend Robert Walker Skating* where the black-clad top-hatted figure stands out from the snowy background.

Joshua Reynolds (1723-1792) was born near Plymouth. He spent the years 1749-52 in Rome studying Raphael and Michelangelo. Whilst visiting the Vatican he caught a chill which affected his hearing for life. He returned to London and spent the rest of his life there. In 1762 he founded the Literary Club which attracted several leading writers into membership. When the Royal Academy of Art was founded in 1768 he was elected its first president. His reputation rests largely on his gift of portraiture and the leadings figures of the day sat for him, such as Sarah Siddons and Samuel Johnson and his pictures of children are particularly tender. He gave up painting in 1789 when his sight began to fail.

Peter Paul Rubens (1577-1640) was born in Westphalia. From 1587-1600 he studied in Antwerp and then went to Venice where he studied the works of Titian and Veronese. In 1605 he was sent to Spain thus beginning his career as a diplomat, then returning to Italy before settling in Antwerp as court painter to the Archduke Albert. His triptych *The descent from the cross* in Antwerp cathedral is considered his masterpiece. He worked in France for Marie de Medici, and made another diplomatic visit to Spain where he completed some 40 works. In 1628 he was appointed envoy to Charles I and completed some works whilst in England. He returned to Antwerp and completed several important works there before his death. He was a successful diplomat and a man of wide interests and tastes.

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Judy Cooper

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This is an ideal walk for a summer's evening or a short stroll on a hot day. The walk follows some lesser known-footpaths and passes the attractive Aspenshaw Hall, a place linked to Edith Nesbitt author of The Railway Children. There is also a diversion into a wood that is a good place for children to explore or a bit of peaceful tree bathing.

Parking

Park on Batemill Road . This is the road that goes from New Mills to Birch Vale. Just past the Batemill Bathroom Shop the road widens and there is room on the left hand-side for 2 or 3 cars to park. Alternatively, park on Aspenshaw Road just past Thornsett School but not if it is a School day.

Walking Route and Points of interest.

- 1 If parking on Batemill Road cross over, the River Sett is on your right. Cross over High Hill Road . Continue along Thornsett Road until you reach a crossing place; there are grey railings on the opposite side. This takes you up to Thornsett School. This is Aspenshaw Road.
- 2 Continue ahead until you reach a small grassy triangle with a signpost. Turn right.
- 3 On the left hand-side is a footpath sign amongst the trees. Go up 6 stone steps and follow the path to a stone stile (to avoid climbing over squeeze around the left side of the stile).
- 4 Follow the path, which has a stone wall on the left hand side. It can be overgrown in parts but there are lots of other paths to explore around the wood. Enjoy this wooded space and retrace your steps to continue the walk. Back down the stone steps and turn left.
- 5 Continue past Aspenshaw Hall. *Aspenshaw Hall was at one time three stories high. In the 1880s Edith Nesbitt was a friend of the Woodcock family who lived at the Hall and she visited many times. This allowed Edith to become familiar with the surrounding countryside which overlooked the industrial scenes of Thornsett and Birch Vale Print works. These provided inspiration for the author.*
- 6 Continue past the Hall and just before a row of cottages look for a footpath sign on the right. Climb over the wooden stile and follow the obvious field path keeping to the right.

7. Cross another wooden stile and follow the field path. Continue ahead the stone wall should now be on the left. Keep left and the path drops down to a stone squeeze stile. This goes down to a metal gate and down some stone steps. Turn left then at the High Walls Farm sign turn right. You are now on Sitch Lane. Turn right.

8. At the end of the lane turn right to walk back down to the lay by at Batemill Road. If you are walking in the evening The Printer's should be open for a beer. Or turn right then right again back to Aspenshaw Road.

For an extension to this walk turn left at the bottom of Sitch Lane. This will lead you to the Sycamore Inn, Sett Valley Cafe (good for coffee and ice cream but closes at 2pm) and the Sett Valley Trail which leads to Hayfield.



Farewell from Pat and Peter Harrison

By the time this edition of *Outlook* is distributed we hope to be established, if not yet ordered, in our new home in Oakham, Rutland.

The move will not have been without sadness and regret at distancing ourselves from the many friends we have made at St. Thomas' over the past thirty-three years.

We are grateful for the expressions of goodwill that we have received at this time and will retain happy memories for ever.

You will all remain in our thoughts and prayers.

We would be very pleased to keep in touch via email at docpeterlh@gmail.com or telephone on 07427 853 460.

A note from Mrs. Editor

We will miss both of you, but especially Pat when we restart our walking group. It will seem very strange without you, Pat.

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Sad news

Because of the recent government announcement delaying the lifting of restrictions planned for 21st June, we have been advised that it would be impossible for the fête to go ahead this year. This is a huge blow, not least to the incoming Rose Queen Hannah Scott. Everyone was looking forward to taking part in this happy, community event and the implications for church finances is devastating. 17th July was the latest possible date to hold the fête due to school holidays, Saturday weddings and the choir week at Hereford Cathedral. It may be possible to hold an alternative event in the autumn for which your support would be much appreciated, so watch this space...

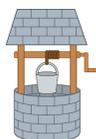
Mellor Church Women's Evening Fellowship

Meg Barley

Subject to Covid restrictions we are planning to go ahead with the **Fête Shower on Wednesday 30th June**. If all goes to plan it will be held, outside, at Lynda Gwyther's, 31 Townscliffe Lane from 7.00pm. Entrance fee is £5.00, and this includes strawberries with clotted cream and homemade shortbread biscuits, with a glass of wine or a soft drink. There will be a raffle, a bring&buy stall and a plant stall. Everybody is welcome so do come along and support this event. The proceeds go towards the upkeep of Mellor Church.

If possible please walk to the event, or try to share cars. Parking on Townscliffe is not easy! There is a snicket between 34 and 36 Clement Road which leads through to Townscliffe, right next door to Lynda's. Another option is to park safely and considerately on Clement Road and walk through.

For further information please contact me at: meg.barley6@gmail.com or on 427 4370.



Good news - the Mellor Well Dressing will still be going ahead on Saturday 17th July 2021

This will be the ninth year of well dressing in Mellor (unfortunately there was no well dressing in 2020). If you would like to help in the week (12 – 16th July) please ring Anthea Nicholls (427 2187).

Captain Ken

Ken Owen

Hopefully, on **11th July**, you will notice the Red Ensign proudly flying from the top of Mellor Church tower.



The Mission to Seafarers have asked that this date be known as Sea Sunday, making it a special time to remember seafarers all over the world and reminding us to keep in mind that over ninety per cent of all we eat and use comes by sea.

As we are all aware, the Covid-19 pandemic, has virtually changed the lives of all of us in some way or other and it is having a particularly serious effect on the world's seafarers. They are finding it increasingly difficult that for long periods of time they are unable to be relieved from their ships to see their families.

I find it truly remarkable how the Mission to Seafarers has adapted its concern to cope with the current circumstances.

The Mission has played a huge part in persuading the Government to recognise seafarers as Key Workers, together with our remarkable medical workers and I believe the British Government is the first in the world to stress the importance of this recognition.

In fact, as I write I know of two international ships which are currently being drastically affected by the Covid-19 regulations and situation.

There is the sadly unfortunate case of the Italian container ship *Ital Liberam* presently bound from Italy to China, whose captain has died (believed as a result of Covid-19) and which has been refused entry into any Asian port and has had to return to Italy in order to repatriate the captain's body.

There is also the plight of the Liberian registered *Vantage Wave* which is presently waiting off Huang Pu, a port in South China. The captain of this ship has also died (cause not specified) and the ship has almost run out of food. They have been refused entry to any other port and have therefore as yet been unable to repatriate the captain's body.

In view of these unfortunate events during the present Covid situation, It is good to know that the Mission to Seafarers is doing its level best to help the ships and crews cope with this and the chaplains will do their very best to bring comfort to the unfortunate crews and their families.

Important *Outlook* editorial discussion



One of the reasons for agreeing to taking on the editorship of your favourite magazine for a while longer was fond memories of my compulsory meetings with one of *Outlook's* contributors. Captain Ken's articles were discussed with great intensity and all seriousness in one of Ken's farm barn saloons. Refreshment was provided by Ken and graciously accepted by your esteemed editor. This was taken at about 10.30 a.m. Good to be back for the time being.

As seen from Cow Corner

Silly Point



I promise you.

Thanks to the dry April, the cricket season started on time, and despite the lack of practice there have been plenty of runs scored, mainly by the opposition, who have surpassed Mellor's total on all of the first three weeks.

Being early in the season brings to mind the selection policy in previous years, when a recently lamented former player's name was always first on the team sheet because his car, which he borrowed regularly from an affluent friend, could carry seven other players plus kit.

He claimed to have been born in 1960, so that he remained one of the younger members of side, added to which he was reputed to have shares in "Just for Men" hair dye. As the years rolled on, the year of birth was adjusted to 1965 and then to 1972.

Investment was not just limited to men's products, but also in Embassy cigarettes and Ladbrokes, and whereas the tea interval brought a welcome break in the play for most, a cigarette and a study of form would suffice for him.

A number of the related stories are extraordinarily reminiscent of those described in the cricket match in the book, *England their England* by A.G. Macdonell.

A swirling catch came his way when fielding in the outfield, no way would it be caught, but an attempt must be made, so the hands were raised towards the ball, beseeching the sporting Gods. However the ball eluded both palms and bounced off his stomach and trickled over the boundary for a four, much to the mirth of others, including the umpires.

"Unlucky John" someone was heard to utter; with a smirk on their face.

As the game came to a tense conclusion, he was instructed by his captain to play out the last over to secure a draw.

This was not to be; he was out, stumped, second ball for six.

Of course the day's entertainment did not end on the field of play, but continued in the various watering holes visited to discuss and analyse the match. Kindness was always shown by the more mature members of the team when they escorted the younger players, plus scorer, home, by leaving them propped against the front door, after first ringing the door bell.

All true., I promise you.

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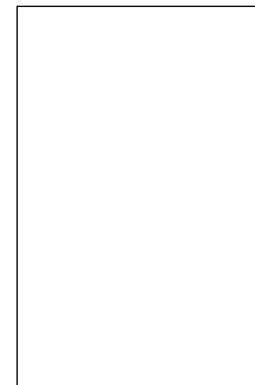


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Janet Wilson's Children's page
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Children's Page

Come Rain or Shine!

RAIN

St. Swithin's day if thou dost rain
For forty days it will remain
St. Swithin's day if thou be fair
For forty days 'twill rain na mair (no more).

St. Swithin's day is on the 15th of July. Saint Swithin was a Saxon Bishop of Winchester. He was born in the kingdom of Wessex and educated in its capital in Winchester. He was famous for his charitable gifts and for building churches and most of all for the legend which says that if it rains on this day then there will be rain for the next 40 days!

Find out about a sculptor called Anthony Gormley. He created the 'Angel of the North' in Gateshead and puts life-size human figures in lots of unusual and interesting places.

In the crypt of Winchester cathedral he has made a life-size statue of a man looking at water in his cupped hands. During rainy months the crypt floods because the cathedral was built over a spring and this is the best time to see the sculpture. The man is standing in water and his reflection creates a very special image.

SHINE

Holidays or Holydays?

These are days when we don't have to rush to school or work or even get up early! A holiday is a time to relax and do different things.

Many of the holidays we enjoy are times of celebration in the life of the church and others link with the changing seasons. The end of July is the beginning of our longest holiday. It is often one of the hottest months and is also the end of the school year....a time to prepare for summer holidays! Think about a time you really enjoyed when you were free to choose what you wanted to do and then look forward to your holiday whatever you are planning to do and wherever you go.

Remember recreation can also be read as re-creation! Apart from a hyphen, is there a difference?

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Happy memories of a previous Fête nearly 50 years ago!!

I Remember When Mellor Thoughts

Outlook November 1991

Patricia Linnell

I remember when we first went to the Mellor Church Fete on 29th June 1974.

The procession had been to Ludworth School and back, led by Marple Prize Band with the Failsworth Morris Men, the Rose Queens and the Fancy Dress competitors. We wandered around the stalls and sideshows, bought raffle tickets and ate ice cream, listened to the band and watched the Morris dancing sat on hay bales in the sun and chatted to people. Capt. Peter Reeds' grey donkey, Gillian, in her straw hat with a red rose, patiently plodded up and down all afternoon with the children on her back, along the bottom of the meadow amongst the buttercups. Our small son was fascinated and ran around endeavouring to collect and eat remnants of toffee apples! We found it all truly delightful and as Miss Kathleen Jagger remarked "Wasn't it a lovely family party?"

I have the record and the programme in an old diary. Comparison with the 29th June, 1991 shows them to be almost exactly the same. "Musical selections by the band and afternoon teas will be served in the Parish Hall." The Church Fete is in an enchanted time warp. For me that is its charm and perhaps it is not in need of innovation or alteration. Or is it?

This summer we attended a small village fete in France. Walking behind the band I was aware of a bleating sound and saw a sheep, swathed in tri-colour ribbons a belated Paschal Lamb (it being August) It was led into the sunflower decked church, to be thankfully, only blessed! It was the Fete de L'Agnean. The village population and welcome visitors, ourselves included, sat that evening under awnings in the square, eating and drinking and chatting for some six hours! A massive barbecue of roast lamb was skilfully prepared and served to us all and the celebrations continued long after midnight. It was an annual event, hugely enjoyed by the villagers, young and old. Could our Church Fete be extended by a barbecue for three hundred people? Perhaps the Fete Committee will think that 'Afternoon teas in the Parish Hall' is a good idea after all!

Laughs with Lynda

I've finally reached the wonder years:

I wonder where I left my car?

I wonder where I left my phone?

I wonder where my glasses are?

What do dentists call their X-Rays?

Tooth Pics.

Did you hear about the first restaurant

to open on the moon?

It had great food, but no atmosphere.

Name and address supplied

They're back folks, twas but a false alarm,
Guy and Mrs. Editor with all their normal charm.
Knitting things together in their inimitable style,
Producing our monthly *Outlook* for yet a longer
while.

But our thanks must go in spades no less,
To those who put out June with little mess.
It is good to know we have here in the wings,
A 'fine team' flushed with success and all that brings.

Mellor Church Toddler Group

We've missed all the hustle and bustle of Toddler Group over the last 15 months, but are pleased to announce that we plan to re-open on Thursday 2nd September at 10.00 am. Look forward to seeing you!

Church Rotas

Stewards Rota

Date	8.30am	10am
4 July	P Cooke	M Williams
11 July	A Mason	A Allcard
18 July	P Cunningham	L Forbes
25 July	P Cooke	S McAllister

For 8.30 am please arrange your own substitute. If you cannot steward at 10am, please arrange your own replacement. If this is not possible email Rachel – redwards@nhs.net

Flower Rota

4th July	Julia Mann	1st August	Wedding Flowers
11th July	Maggie Williams	8th August	Wedding Flowers
18th July	Fete Flowers	15th August	Lorraine Forbes
25th July	Wedding Flowers	22nd August	Pam Holt
		29th August	Wedding Flowers

If you wish to change a date, need a key or have any query, please contact Jill Baker (07881 902533 or jillbaker427@hotmail.com). The church key is also available from the Parish Office (484 5079) weekday mornings only.

Holy Dusters

Brass Cleaning

4 July	A Mason & C Starling	Dec	J Briggs & H Carlsson
11 July	L & J Futcher		
18 July	J & D Butterworth		Please arrange your own substitute.
25 July	C & J Mann		If necessary contact Anthea Mason on 449 9815 if there are any problems .
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Roy Taylor. 1934? / 2021

Bob Norris

It is a sad fact that fewer and fewer people in the church will personally remember Roy Taylor who died recently but, for a number of years, he played very large part in the life of St Thomas' Mellor. He started the Mellor Church Choir and was responsible for the Mander Organ being installed. The history of the choir has been well documented but I remember Roy as a real friend and as much more than the church organist and choirmaster. This, therefore, is a very personal memory of Roy.

He was a true character; there was nothing mundane or ordinary about Roy. He didn't remember but we met long before I came to Mellor. He was one of a panel interviewing me for a job at a local 'hard metals' company. The interview ended not with acrimony but, on my part, confusion. I didn't get the job but that's another story.

He came round to our house to audition me for the choir when he was desperate for a tenor just before the carol service. That's right, audition. I passed that interview and our family became involved with the church from then on. The most momentous occasion was when, one Christmas day, Harold Gwyther was unable to be in church. Roy broke all his own rules and asked Joyce to sing instead. Unless you knew Roy you won't realise just how big a thing that was. My wife was the first woman to sing in the church choir and the sky didn't fall down.

Roy had great ambitions for the choir. If I am honest, at times his ambition exceeded our ability but he established a standard of choral singing at Mellor which is maintained to this day. Roy was delighted to see, at the Choir 50th anniversary party, that what he started all those years ago was still going strong.

Roy was one of those people around whom things happened. The decision to install a new pipe organ was a major decision and commitment for the church. He gathered together an excellent group of people to lead the project and the objective was achieved and is there for all to see and hear. The fund-raising for the organ was the start of many things in the church including the Mellor Festival which ran for many years and brought quite a few big names to Mellor.

He could be very single-minded, obstinate and determined. We had arguments but always remained very good friends. As I say he was a person around whom things happened. In a very obscure way he was partly responsible for Lynda starting the vestry groups for the children in church. But that's yet another story.

Roy was a good friend who will be missed and to whom Mellor Church owes a deep debt of gratitude.

From the Registers

Weddings

We offer our congratulations and best wishes to

Daniel Troghear & Amanda Topping on 12th June

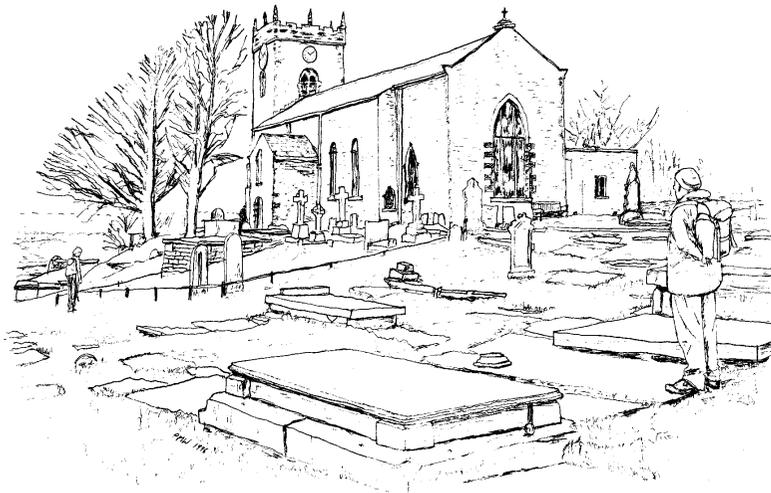
Andrew Thompson & Leanne Harrison on 19th June

Funeral at St Michael & All Angels Church, Bramhall

We remember before God and commend to his love and mercy

one of Mellor church's bell ringers

John Bradley on 27th May



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