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This month we will enjoy a special Bank Holiday weekend as we celebrate Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee. It's a once

in a life time event as it's highly unlikely that any of us will be celebrating another platinum jubilee in our lifetimes. What a remarkable achievement - 70 years of service.

The celebrations in church actually started in May with a Platinum Jubilee concert where we had the real pleasure of listening to some of the music played at the Coronation Service in Westminster Abbey back on the 2nd June 1953.

The service opened with the stirring music by Charles Parry and the words 'I was glad when they said unto me'. With these opening words a young 27 year old woman took her first step down the aisle of Westminster Abbey and walked into the history books.

When I heard the opening notes played in church I felt the enormity of the occasion and also something of the weight of responsibility that a young woman was committing herself to.

The Chinese philosopher Lao-tzu (604-531 BC) once said, "A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step". A reign of 70 years began with that first step into a new and unknown future.

There are many first steps that we will all take in our lives. This month there will be 2 weddings in church where couples will

be taking their first steps into a new chapter of their lives. Likewise during baptism services, all who come for baptism are taking their first steps on a journey of faith that will literally last a life time.

It's during the baptism service that a person is anointed with oil blessed by the Bishop of Chester. And it was in the Coronation Service that Princess Elizabeth was anointed with oil by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

This moment was so sacred that television cameras weren't allowed to broadcast that moment in the service. Anointing with oil is an important symbol in both services as an outward sign that we are called by God into a life of service to others.

But life is more of a pilgrimage than a journey as it's not the arriving that's important but the journey itself.

*As you journey through life, choose your destinations well but do not hurry there.*

*You will arrive soon enough.*

*Wander the back roads and forgotten paths, keeping your destination in your heart, like a fixed point of a compass.*

*Seek out new voices, strange sights, and ideas foreign to your own.*

*Such things are riches for the soul.*

*And if, upon arrival you find that your destination is not exactly as you dreamed, do not be disappointed.*

*Think of all you would have missed but for the journey there, and know that the true worth of your travels lies not in the journey's end, **but in whom you come to be along the way.***

*God bless  
Tracy*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR JUNE 2022

1 Wed	10.00 am	Holy Communion (Parish Centre)
4 Sat	1.00 pm	Wedding of Joseph McMylor and Kirsty Ward

<b>5 Sun</b>	8.30 am	Holy Communion
<b>Pentecost/</b>	10.00 am	Parish Communion
<b>Celebrating</b>	6.30 pm	Compline (Parish Centre)
<b>the Queen's</b>		
<b>Platinum</b>		
<b>Jubilee</b>		

8 Wed	10.00 am	Holy Communion (Parish Centre)
8 Wed	7.30pm	Women's Fellowship
11 Sat	1.00 om	Wedding of Christopher Walker and Samantha Wood

<b>12 Sun</b>	8.30 am	Holy Communion
<b>Trinity</b>	10.00 am	Parish Communion
<b>Sunday</b>	6.30 pm	Contemplative Evening Prayer (Parish Centre)

13 Mon	10.45-12 noon	Coffee & Chat (Parish Centre)
15 Wed	10.00 am	Holy Communion (Parish Centre)

<b>19 Sun</b>	8.30 am	Holy Communion
<b>1st Sunday</b>	10.00 am	Parish Communion
<b>after</b>	6.30 pm	Choral Evensong
<b>Trinity/Rose</b>		
<b>Queen</b>		
<b>Sunday</b>		

22 Wed	10.00 am	Holy Communion (Parish Centre)
25 Sat	12 noon	<b>CHURCH FETE</b>
	7 pm	<b>Bands On The Hill</b>

<b>26 Sun</b>	8.30 am	Holy Communion
<b>2nd Sunday</b>	10.00 am	Parish Communion
<b>after</b>	6.30 pm	Compline (Parish Centre)
<b>Trinity</b>		

29 Wed	10.00 am	Holy Communion (Parish Centre)
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<b>Coffee and Chat</b> second Monday of the month 10.45 am to 12 noon (Parish Centre)
<b>Prayer Group</b> meets every Monday 10.30 to 11.00 am (Parish Centre)
<b>Women's Evening Fellowship</b> meets on the second Wednesday at 7.30 pm (Parish Centre)
<b>Toddlers Group</b> meets on Thursday each week 10.00 am to 11.30 am (Parish Centre)
<b>Knit and Natter</b> meets on Thursday each week 10.30 am to 12 noon (Parish Centre)
<b>The Choir</b> practises each week on Friday at 6.30 pm

## Mellor Rose Queen 2022 - 2023

I'm Daisy Henderson and I'm 11 years old. I love to sing, dance and play football. I have been in several shows and one recently was in 7 brides for 7 brothers at Stockport Plaza. I love going to Wales during the school holidays and having beach days. I love getting out walking my 3 dogs.

It was roughly 8 years ago and I was a Rosebud for Lucy Howling and after that I've always said when I'm older I want to be a Rose Queen and now my dream has come true.

In my retinue this year is:-

Harriett Beirne

Daisy Robinson-Bocking

Bethany Tadikonda

Molly Scott

Harriet Maxwell

Ellen Roche

Evelyn Tadikonda

Edward Henderson

Thomas Henderson

Tadgh Curly

William Tadikonda

Rachel Howling



This year I have decided to raise money for the RNLI and Seashell Trust as I feel these 2 charities do amazing jobs. I have also been keen to support the RNLI and I have done several sponsor New Year's Day dips in Wales.

I would like to say a very big thank you to Julie Mitchelmore from Village Bride in Marple Bridge who has kindly made and donated my dress for me and also my grandma Kate Moran for making all of my flowers.

I can't wait to start my role as Rose Queen and events throughout the year.

Hope to see you all along my journey this year.

Lots of love

Daisy x x x x



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On her twenty-first birthday, 21 April 1947, Princess Elizabeth was with her parents and younger sister on a tour of South Africa. In a speech broadcast on the radio from Cape Town, the Princess dedicated her life to the service of



the Commonwealth. The following is an excerpt from her famous speech showing her great love for the Commonwealth.

“It is for us, who have grown up in these years of danger and glory, to see that it is accomplished in the long years of peace that we all hope stretch ahead.

If we all go forward together with an unwavering faith, a high courage, and a quiet heart, we shall be able to make of this ancient commonwealth, which we all love so dearly, an even grander thing - more free, more prosperous, more happy and a more powerful influence for good in the world - than it has been in the greatest days of our forefathers.

To accomplish that we must give nothing less than the whole of ourselves. There is a motto which has been borne by many of my ancestors - a noble motto, "I serve". Those words were an inspiration to many bygone heirs to the Throne when they made their knightly dedication as they came to manhood. I cannot do quite as they did. But through the inventions of science I can do what was not possible for any of them. I can make my solemn act of dedication with everyone in the Commonwealth listening. I should like to make that dedication now. It is very simple.

***I declare before you all that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service and the service of our great family to which we all belong. But I shall not have strength to carry out this resolution alone unless you join in it with me, as I now invite you to do: I know that your support will be unfailingly given. God help me to make good my vow, and God bless all of you who are willing to share in it.”***

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# Platinum Jubilee Concert



Up and down the country, the people of Britain are celebrating the first Platinum Jubilee of a British monarch to ever take place! Therefore, on Saturday 14th May, Mellor Church Choir held a once in a lifetime concert dedicated to Queen Elizabeth II.

It was a beautiful, sunny evening and the concert kicked off with 'I Was Glad' by Charles Parry. The choir performed many pieces which were played at the Queen's coronation. These included: 'Zadok the Priest-Handel;' 'O taste and see'- Vaughan Williams and 'God Save the Queen,' of course. They are impactful, joyous pieces and it is tradition that they are played at Queen Elizabeth's Jubilees.

As well as the choir there were : brass, percussion, a string quartet and of course the organ. The result was extremely powerful. When I first sang with them, I thought it was amazing to hear the music echo around the church, so loud it felt like it could be heard for miles outside.

My personal favourite pieces were 'Zadok the Priest' and 'The King Shall Rejoice.' They are both very difficult to sing but it was worth a sore throat to hear the spectacular sound.

To finish off, I would like to thank Tom Howling - who pulled the whole event together, not to mention also conducting the choir; Caroline Monk - who pulled together an incredible orchestra as well as playing violin herself; the team involved in decorating the church; and the brass, percussion, string quartet and organist.

**Choir Report**

*Emily Briton*



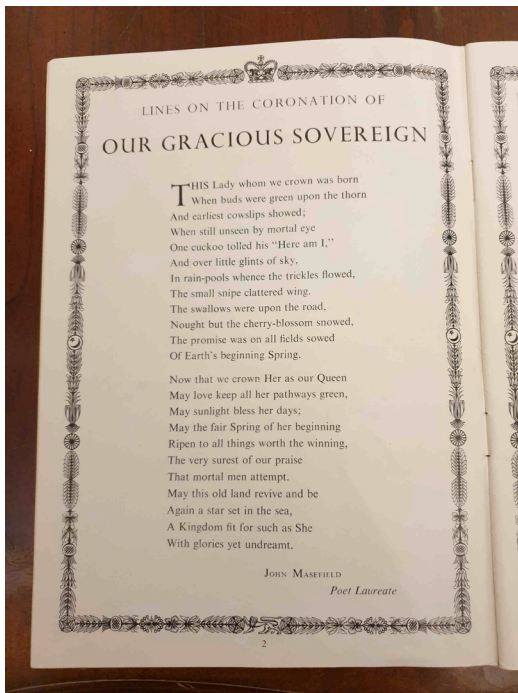
## Mellor Birds.

I came across a poem after the wonderful Platinum Jubilee Concert at church. Paddi Cunningham's uncle sang in the 400 strong choir at the Queen's coronation and had a commemorative book of the Coronation which started with this poem which features a few birds.

In Mellor Helen G. near the Royal Oak heard a nightjar while in bed with window open.

Several people have reported a sedge warbler and grasshopper warbler, seen from Gun Rd where you park to go to Robin Hood's picking stones.

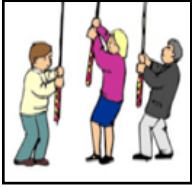
Three swifts reappeared screaming overhead on May 11th. No reports of cuckoos but on May 1st John Le Grove played on the Church organ Le Coucou by Louis-Claude Daquin (1691-1772). It was delightful.



*Maggie Williams*



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 the Queen  
 on the  
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WINDSOR CASTLE

3rd May 2022

Dear Mr. Lowe,

The Queen wishes me to write and thank you for your letter, from which Her Majesty was interested to learn that 70 people will each ring the bell at St Thomas' Church, Mellor in honour of her Platinum Jubilee.

The Queen was touched to learn that this special ceremony will take place on 3<sup>rd</sup> June to mark her Jubilee year, and that each bellringer will make a donation to go to cancer charities as part of Festival of Bells. Her Majesty sends her good wishes to all those who will take part.

I am to thank you once again for writing as you did.

Yours sincerely,

Susan Hussey

Lady-in-Waiting

## AS SEEN FROM COW CORNER



Rumours have been heard recently that summer has arrived and with it the commencement of the new cricket season. Of course this brings the perennial problem of enticing out of hibernation the previous year's players. Not all are keen to move out of their winter comfort surroundings, but with the aid of various inducements, a motley team was gathered for the first match at home to Rostherne.

At the start of the season, the strengths of each side is never known, but this first match proves to be exciting. The visitors were invited to bat first and steadily accumulated runs, but were kept quiet by Mellor's recalcitrant fast bowler, who, because of increasing physical problems, had resorted to a slower style of delivery, which brought a haul of five wickets, but not before Rostherne had reached a very respectable 167 all out. As the temperature fell, the Mellor batsmen were happy to cower in the pavilion, but successive batsmen made welcome contributions and, although wickets fell regularly, the target was reached with the last pair at the wicket.

On the following week, Mellor travelled to Glazebury, and were invited to bat first. A mammoth 273 for seven wickets was achieved, thanks to a second wicket stand of over 150, which included a big hundred comprised mainly of boundaries. No point in running singles when you don't need to. The home side must have become exhausted in retrieving the ball from the various out-reaches of the ground and in consequence their reply was a meagre 57 all out. This was made possible by two juniors, who had been promoted, taking eight wickets between them.

Again Mellor were obliged to travel for the next match but only as far as Cheadle Hulme. The home side won the toss and chose to bat first. The Mellor bowling was minus the junior contingent, due to school commitments, but even so were able to make steady inroads into the Cheadle Hulme batting, and bowled them all out for 98. In reply Mellor's centurion of the previous week was out for single figures, proving that the game of cricket can be a great leveller, but the team still managed to pass the Cheadle Hulme's total for the loss of just three wickets.

Will this winning sequence continue? We'll have to see!

Meanwhile the club have been able to field four junior teams at various age groups, thanks to the encouragement and dedication of parents and seniors. The results of the matches have been mixed, but most have been won. It's very interesting to see the raw talent coming through.

*Silly Point*

## Mellor Church Women's Evening Fellowship

Right on cue the rain stopped and the sun came out just in time for us, the Fellowship to welcome many friends to our annual Fête Shower. Thank you to everyone who supported this event. The final total is £543 for Church funds. A great amount.

Looking ahead to June 8th we have a talk on 'The Art of Tai Chi' which is a Chinese martial art practised, according to Wikipedia, "for defence training, health benefits and meditation". An intriguing combination! Do join us if you would like to learn more.

Looking even further ahead, our summer outing to Portland Basin takes place on July 13th and includes a visit to the museum, walk along the canal, and a luxury afternoon tea. Cost is £28 per person and both members and guests are welcome.

## Laughs with Lynda

Einstein discovered a good theory about space - about time too.

I was going to look for my watch, but I didn't have the time.

I'm reading a book about antigravity- I found it impossible to put down.



## OZYMANDIAS



We are delighted **Ozymandias** will be playing at 'Bands on the Hill' after the fete. Ozymandias is a newly formed band that gave a very successful performance at the Parish centre recently.

(Tickets were hard to come by).

They are a 6 piece band with 2 vocalists. Names are - Oscar Qualter, Hannah Scott, Nathan Monk, Luca Woodcock, Joseph Little, Theo Crowther (plus special guests!).

They play lots of different genres and are currently planning for their concert in Cornwall



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Captain Ken

Before actually going to sea in the Merchant Navy, at the age of seventeen, I was quite keen on jazz music, and expected it would be just one of many interests I would have to forgo. To my surprise, this did not turn out to be the case.

In the late fifties and early sixties I was serving as a junior officer on the 'Ulysses' running between the Far East and east coast of America. Of course in those days, BC, (before containers), cargo ships spent at least fifty per cent of the voyage, in port, loading and discharging cargo. This of course gave us a wonderful opportunity to enjoy shore life and make many friends, all over the world.

We were in New York, in a particularly bad spell of winter weather, and people had been advised on the radio, not to venture out, as snow blizzards were rampant. I had noted that my favourite jazz singer, Peggy Lee, was appearing at the 'Copa Cabana', which I considered to be the greatest night club.

All road traffic had ceased, but

we were berthed in Brooklyn close to the underground railway, and so could make the journey. Although hardly any audience had been able to make it, the huge cabaret and orchestra continued as normal, and was fantastic. The Copa dancers being equal to the famous Tiller girls. And it felt as if Peggy Lee was singing specially for us. Her greatest hit at the time was 'The folk who live on the Hill'. I've often wondered if that had anything to do with my eventual choice of residence.

On another occasion when berthed in Boston, Massachusetts, my friend and I were outside the Storyville night club, where the Count Basie Orchestra was expected to play. A friendly chap at the door approached us and asked if we were English, having heard us

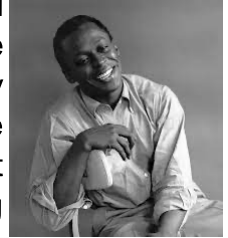


talk. He asked if we had heard of a place called Warrington, as he had been stationed there, while serving in the U.S. Air Force, and loved every minute. This must of course have been Burtonwood.

We managed to get a table, right at the front, and as one of the greatest



swing bands in the world prepared to 'Bye Bye, Blackbird', which was to play Count Basie himself Miles Davis's most recent hit tune. introduced the man who had just Later, as I collected been voted the finest Jazz singer in two pints from the the world ..... Joe Williams. Of bar, I actually course we then realised it had been stumbled into the Joe, with whom we'd been talking, man standing next to me. Realizing and he gave a special wave to us, who it was, I and said 'Hi Boys', as the band began to play, and we realized that apologised, saying 'Sorry Miles'. He we were probably the only people to replied in a most agreeable manner, know that the world's top jazz singer, 'That's alright'. Although that was the loved Warrington. We also noted full extent of our conversation, I was that the secret of Count Basie's quite astonished, as it was top news unique sound, was that his at the time that Miles Davis, percussion section was led by his considered the world's top trumpet brilliant guitarist, Freddy Green. player, had been assaulted by the Sometime later we berthed in New New York police, in the doorway of New York's Manhattan, and loved to the 'Bird Land' night club, on frequent Greenwich Village. While Broadway, where he was top of we were actually in the pub, 'Cafe the bill. The Press had reported Bohemia' listening to Donald Byrd's that Miles had had become very group, playing, we noticed Donald bitter after the experience, so it say to the group, 'Miles has just was good to find him so friendly. come in', then immediately changed the tune they were currently playing,



*Ken Owen*

### **Friday Strollers**

Next dates for strolling are Fridays

**July 1st**

**July 29th**

**August 19th**

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# FÊTE

**ROLL UP! ROLL UP! Mellor Fête is here!**  
Join us on **Saturday 25th June** for this great  
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Schedule for the week leading up to the fête.

**THURSDAY 23rd June 7pm** Many hands make light work! We need a big team to help put up the huge Women's Fellowship tent , so PLEASE SAY "YES!" when we ask you to come and help at 7pm.

**FRIDAY evening 24th June 7pm** Hope to have Beer tent operating making setting up of gazebos, stalls and Parish Centre much more enjoyable.

Come help, come socialise, come and have fun!



## SATURDAY-THE FÊTE !



From 9am setting up - lots of man and woman power needed.

12 noon **Lunches** and refreshments available in Parish Centre

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(Friday 23rd– Sunday 25th September 2022)

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### From the Registers

#### Baptism

We welcomed into God's family

Oscar Henry Philip Dodds      8th May

#### Weddings

We offer our congratulations and best wishes to :-

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Stamps can be sent directly to me or if trimmed up to 1cm of paper around the stamp and sorted into UK, Pre-decimal or overseas the stamps can be sent directly to our buyer at BCRT, PO Box 6198, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 9XT, where we raise 25% more! Please send horizon labels to me.

Thank you for your time and much needed support....until there is a cure.

Kind regards,  
Mrs Terri Bush

Volunteer Stamp Appeal Co-ordinator

### **Used stamps .**

This is a bit of a reminder that Ann Preston is still collecting new stamps. Probably quite important as our present stamps will be of no use in January 2023. Ann has sent us a letter which describes what happens to the stamps. Stamps can be left at the Parish Centre in the pigeonhole for Ann or with Val in the office or put through the letterbox Thank you.

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Open Wide the Windows of Our Spirits

Open wide the windows of our spirits, O Lord,  
and fill us full of light;

Open wide the door of our hearts,  
that we may receive and entertain thee with all our powers of  
adoration and love. Amen.

By Christina G. Rossetti

From "Prayers from the Heart" by R. Foster

## Thought for the Month



On the joyful occasion of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, and fresh from re-living the excitement of the Coronation evoked by Mellor's own Platinum Jubilee Concert, it's worth reminding ourselves of just how wonderfully she has served our country – and the Commonwealth – over the past seventy years.

At the holiest and most private moment of the Coronation - witnessed only by the "High Priest" - she was anointed by the Archbishop of Canterbury with holy oil following the tradition going back to ancient biblical times when Samuel - a prophet of the Lord - anointed the first kings of the Jewish nation. Although the significance of that act can be debated, I'm trying to imagine the effect that that must have had on the Queen as a person – from that moment becoming the Supreme Governor of the Church of England and the awesome feeling of receiving the "divine mandate of heaven." I feel sure this has given her the strength to be our quiet, guiding light during a much changing, increasingly diverse, country.

As she was declared Queen Elizabeth II she said:

**"I pray God will help me discharge worthily the heavy task that has been laid upon me so early in my life."**

For seventy years, her Majesty has held the position as Head of State, preventing anybody else from seizing that role. She has unobtrusively kept our moral compass pointing to the teaching and example of Jesus.

On this Platinum Jubilee, your Majesty, please accept the Parish of St Thomas' blessing and gratitude for your leadership and example - and may it continue into the future.

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# No Bake Fudge Slice

Jill Baker

This is a version of the ever popular, no bake slices of my childhood. This one is from my Scottish friend Alison who I have known from university days. She used to leave a box at her cottage in Biggar for us and it was devoured in moments. A good dish to make for the Fête as it will freeze or keep for making with children or grandchildren during the summer holidays.

100g/4oz butter

40ml/2 tbsp golden syrup

200g/8oz sweet biscuits such as digestives

25g/1oz raisins

50g/2oz quartered glace cherries

125g/5oz plain chocolate such as Bournville chopped

Fudge icing

50g/2oz plain chocolate

40ml/2tbsp water

25g butter

150g/6oz sieved icing sugar

0.5kg/1lb Loaf tin greased with butter or lined.

Melt the butter and syrup in a pan gently. Crush the biscuits but not too finely. Add the biscuits, chopped chocolate, cherries and raisins. Mix well and press firmly into the tin. Leave to harden overnight.

To make the icing, break the chocolate into squares and melt gently in a pan with the water and butter. Once liquid, take off the heat and beat in the icing sugar continuing to beat until smooth and thick. Spread over the cake and leave to set.

## - The latest from the PCC

The PCC (Parochial Church Council), had its last meeting on 25th April 2022, and these are the main points we discussed;

1. It was agreed that the funds raised in aid of the Ukraine appeal should be sent to the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) as this was a recognised means of ensuring that the funds went to the areas of greatest need and DEC were working with a number of charities to achieve the best outcomes.

2. Richard Elliott (Treasurer) took the meeting through the end of year (2021) accounts and presented the PCC's Annual Report and Financial Statements. He confirmed that the accounts had been independently examined by Kate Scott and that she had given assurance as to their accuracy. Richard contrasted the final year-end position with that in the budget that was set at the beginning of 2021. He explained that St Thomas' had benefited from some generous legacies that were received during the year. There was also a decision to reduce the level of Parish Share that was paid to the Diocese of Chester, during the year, and this will be kept under review. Richard informed the PCC

that Kate Scott had agreed to act as Independent Examiner once again, and the PCC wished to record their thanks to Kate for agreeing to do this work at no cost to the PCC.

3. Kathy Maxwell is one of the PCC's Safeguarding Leads, and she reminded PCC members of the safeguarding training they all need to undertake, to remain up to date with the requirements of the Diocese

4. William Heijbroek reported back on the results of the survey he carried out recently, canvassing people's views on what work should be done to improve the church porch. The PCC agreed that the priority was to carry out the basic remedial work needed, such as repainting, and that further work could be done to look at options for a new door, with costings. William also confirmed that the quinquennial inspection of the church building had been arranged for the week ending 20th May.

5. This year's APCM will take place at 11.45am on 11th May, in the Parish Centre. Discussions to identify new Churchwardens prepared to serve for the coming year were ongoing.



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## Shhhh ..... Quiet Lanes

It's over a year now since large 'Quiet Lane' notices sprung up across Mellor or, more specifically, Mill Brow, Church Road and Gibb Lane. But, I've been told, there is still some confusion about what these signs mean to road users.

The latest version of the Highway Code is not very helpful, with section 218 on 'Home Zones and Quiet Lanes' merely stating that: *'These are places where people could be using the whole of the road for a range of activities such as children playing or for a community event. You should drive slowly and carefully and be prepared to stop to allow people extra time to make space for you to pass them in safety'*.

The Department of Transport is a bit clearer about their purpose stating: *'Quiet Lanes are minor rural roads or networks of minor rural roads appropriate for shared use by walkers, cyclists, horse riders and other vehicles. The aim of Quiet Lanes is to maintain the character of minor rural roads by seeking to contain rising traffic growth that is widespread in rural areas. .... a place where (drivers) may expect people to be using the whole of the road space for a range of activities'*. ([https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2006/2082/pdfs/ukxiem\\_20062082\\_en.pdf](https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2006/2082/pdfs/ukxiem_20062082_en.pdf))

So, have the signs made a difference? Here I can only speak for Gibb Lane. The Council installed strips across the road to measure the speed and volume of traffic before installing the Quiet Lane

signs and, again, more recently. However, trying to obtain these 'before and after' results for comparison is proving difficult.

The alternative is talking to non-vehicle users of Gibb Lane. While opinions vary, some would suggest that there have been subtle changes in attitude, initially not so much from vehicle drivers but from other road users. It is as if walkers, cyclists, horse-riders and the occasional electric wheelchair-user have taken more ownership of the road, using the centre of the road more and moving aside as a car approaches, but not jumping out of the way as if they have no right to be on the lane. Drivers, in turn, seem to be getting used to this and are driving more slowly and carefully.

Once a Quiet Lane is in place it is said to be easier to get a 20mph speed limit agreed, although the Quiet Lane notices themselves may have gone some way towards achieving this. What is rather alarming though, is that modern cars that have automatic speed alerts show a speed limit along Gibb Lane of 60mph. This, in itself is a reason for 20mph restriction signs.

If anyone has influence with the Council Highway department, it would be good to have the subjective impressions noted above confirmed with the results from the speed strips. But, meanwhile, let's loudly sing the praises of Quiet Lanes as we walk and ride along them



*Ann Papageorgiou*

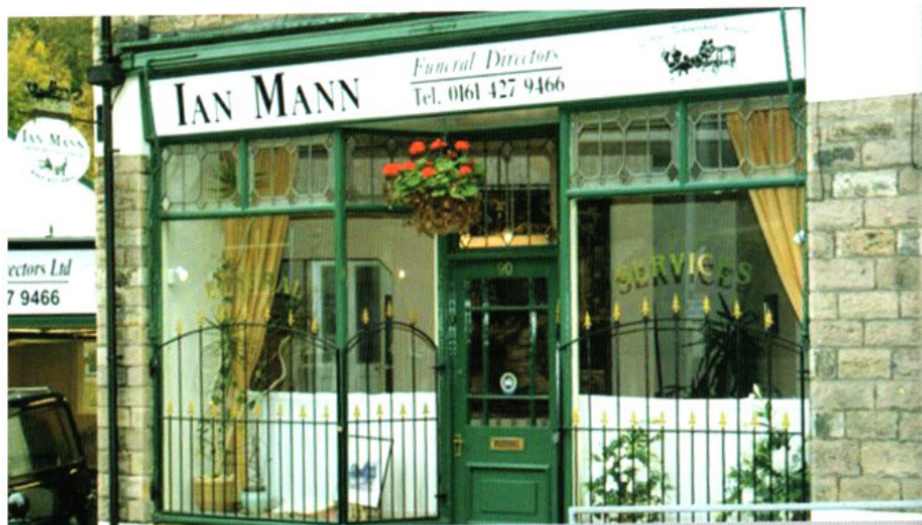


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