

## Community Pride Update

The Village has looked lovely again this summer with hanging baskets and tubs of flowers, many thanks to the people who regularly water and nurture them.

The bunting for the Royal Wedding and summer events did not materialise however we now have the risk assessments in place for future projects.

It was decided that we would not enter the Best Village competition this year as we were concentrating on the Armistice events.

The Community Pride team organised a meeting to join forces with other residents in the village to form the Armistice Committee. We have split into sub-groups and have organised a weekend of events (see attached).

The wording decided upon for the postcard/posters is '**In Gratitude to all who served**' to include everyone who played a part during 1914 - 1918. This will also be engraved on the Commemorative benches and the Historical Interpretation panel.

Postcards (see attached) are to be delivered to every household inside the October Parish News.

The weekend has been organised as a mixture of celebration, reflection and long term legacy projects high lighting the role that Tattenhall played in WW1. There will be films, parties, sing a longs and a concert all with a nostalgic theme (see attached program).

Matthew Morris has generously offered to organise the putting up of flags and poppies for the Armistice event on 28<sup>th</sup> October.

New flags have been ordered.

30 new poppies for the lamp posts have been ordered.

Some of our events are obviously in line with national initiatives.

The commonwealth War graves commission signage is complete on installation of 3 signs for Clayton, Brierly and Wignall gates. Terri Hull is also trying to get a 4<sup>th</sup> sign for the Tilney gate.

The bells of St Albans will be ringing out for peace joining others throughout the land.

The lighting of the Beacon at the Beacon Field will accompany others lit across the land at the same time.

The WI have taken on board the 'Cascade of Poppies' that will adorn the stage. Many people in the village have joined in with the making of Poppies and the children from the Park School will each be making a Poppy with Lisa over the first half of the Autumn term.

A book of poppy stories is also being compiled (why they were knitted/made in memory of someone – what was their story). Some of these stories have been shared on Tattenhall.org

St Alban's Church have purchased a 'Silent Soldier' that will be positioned inside the Brierley gates.

The Parish Council (precept money) have funded an historical interpretation panel to be installed on the triangular piece of land opposite the War Memorial. This is now complete and ready to be positioned, permission has been granted.

Each child (under 16) in the village will be given a bag of jelly babies (originally named PEACE BABIES). Each bag will have the story attached.

They will also be given a commemorative wristband. These are red with black lettering **Tattenhall 1918 – 2018**. These have been ordered.

Anzac biscuits made from the original 1918 recipes will be made by the ladies of the WI to be served with coffee after the laying of wreaths on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November.

David Bish is organising rehearsals of the parade from the church to the War memorial so that everyone knows what to do, where to stand etc for a smoother transition.

There will be an article on line asking for any serving members of the forces living in the village who could lead the parade.

Shops and businesses in the village will be invited to decorate their shop windows in keeping with the era. A prize will be awarded for the best one.

### **Funding**

Terri Hull has produced a long term Heritage Trail pamphlet funded by Redrow. These will be distributed to every household in the December issue of the Parish News.

We have been successful in our application to the Member's Budget and have been awarded the money to commission Andy Smith to create a Poppy Wreath Sculpture to be sited with George. The wreath will compliment George and be made in the same style and material. It will have 52 individual poppies each with the initials of the fallen soldiers from Tattenhall.

Andy has agreed to fix this in place for us. It will be positioned by George's foot at an angle so that the eye is drawn up towards the horse.

Permission for the Poppy Wreath to be erected has been applied for from the Trustees of the Barbour Institute.

We successfully applied to the Covenant fund for 6 '**There but not there**' Soldiers. These are silhouette figures which could be placed on pews in church, the Commemorative seating at the War Memorial and on the stage with the poppy cascade. (positioningTBC).

Thom Morton is funding the 2 new benches 'Commemorative seating'. These are ready and will be installed by a team from Bolesworth. Permission to site the benches has been sought.

Our next 'Armistice meeting' will be on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September @7pm.

Due to the success of last year's **Lantern Parade** we will be organising another one this year.

We will be holding **Children's Christmas parties** (2 age groups as usual) on Saturday December at the Barbour Institute.