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Points



The bi-monthly mini-magazine of Churches Together in Birmingham 30

Pubs & Churches



The Church Bar, Dublin

Pubs or Churches – Which came first?

Surprisingly pubs arrived before churches. That was in about 43AD, about the time the Romans invaded England. The troops needed to be fed and watered, and so Tabernae (latin for shops), sprang up in villages and towns. The name Tabernae

became anglicised to taverns and later pubs. They sold food and wine. However, the local population preferred ale which, in those days,

was unhoped and was made from just water, malted barely and yeast. But wine and beer tasted better than water! Additionally, alcohol lowered inhibitions - good for parties and festivals, and the fermentation process made it safe to drink.



The church in England was introduced at the behest of Pope Gregory I. He chose Augustine, the prior of a Benedictine ministry in Rome, to lead a mission to convert the Anglo Saxons to Christianity. Augustine and 40 monks landed in Kent in 597AD, and so the bible arrived in England.

The Bible describes numerous festivals, in both Old and New Testaments, involving the consumption of wine and beer. The one that comes immediately to mind is: 'The wedding at Cana', in which Jesus performed his first miracle by turning water into wine. Clearly,

the Bible does not disapprove of alcohol consumption but is explicit that drunkenness as a sin.

Festivals invariably involve drinking beer. Hence, the name of the festival often includes the word 'ale'. For example: Lamb-ale is held at lamb-shearing time, the Bridal festival is used to raising money for the wedding couple, Church-ale honours the church's saint, and Clerk-ale is money raised by church wardens to keep the church in good repair or give money to the poor.

‘Exaltation of Ale’: Poem by Francis Beaumont 1584-1616:

The churches must owe, as we all do know,
For when they be drooping a ready to fall,
By a Whitsun or Church-ale up again they shall go
And owe their repairing to a pot of good ale

Incidentally, Morris dancing was a common entertainment at parish festivals, and some Morris dancers still hold an annual feast called the Morris-ale.

Monasteries and abbeys brewed their own ale and monks became expert in the art of brewing. These skills extended to include distillation, and some monasteries began to specialise in exotic liquors – but that’s another story. Ale accompanied everyday meals. These religious communities began offering food, drink and rest to pilgrims and travellers, and that encouraged inns to be built.



Feasts and holy festivals were held in almost every parish and ales were brewed especially for such occasions. They were called ‘scot ales,’ (scot is a middle English word meaning a local tax and nothing to do with Scotland). Villagers or townspeople brewed for such festivals but avoided paying tax by holding back ale for themselves. Hence the derivation of the term: ‘getting away scot free’.

Why are taverns and churches often physically close to each other? In the early days, festivals were often held outdoors in the churchyard, but in bad weather they were forced indoors - usually to a nearby barn or outhouse. Once established, such buildings often became taverns, inns, or pubs (synonymous names in today’s understanding). ‘Church House’, ‘Church Inn’ and ‘The Bell’ are common English pub names derived from such proximities.

The Bell Pub, Old Church Road, Harborne, exemplifies the close association of Pubs and Churches. The Bell Pub is 300 years old and was originally a coaching inn. It became licenced premises in 1860. Directly next to the Pub is St Peter’s Church, the bell tower of which dates from the 14th century.

The area is unique venue to eat, drink and pray, with a bonus - a bowling green! Mowgli,

The Oldest Pubs in England

Some of the best-known claimants of the title of the oldest pub are:

- Ye Olde Trip to Jerusalem Nottingham – Claims to date from **1189AD**, the year Richard I became king. Built into the rock beneath Nottingham Castle, it's probably the most famous contender.



- Ye Olde Fighting Cocks St Albans – Traditionally claims an origin in **793 AD**, but historians note there is no firm evidence for that date, and the current building is much later.



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- The Old Ferry Boat Inn Holywell – Claims to have been established in **560 AD**, although the surviving building dates from a much later period.

- The Bingley Arms Leeds – Claims origins as early as **953 AD**, but, like the others, its current structure is much newer.



If you're looking for the **most widely recognized**:

Ye Olde Trip to Jerusalem in Nottingham is probably the pub most people would name. However, if you're asking in a strictly historical sense, **no pub can be conclusively proven to be England's oldest** because records are incomplete and many buildings have been rebuilt over the centuries.

A Shared Fellowship ?

In England, churches and pubs have shared a unique relationship for centuries, serving as important centres of community life. Traditionally, the church met people's spiritual needs, while the pub provided a place for social interaction, conversation, and relaxation. Many villages were built around both a parish church and a local pub, making them focal points of daily life.

Although they may seem very different, churches and pubs have often worked together to strengthen local communities. Church events, charity fundraisers, and village celebrations have sometimes been hosted in pubs, while pub owners have supported local church festivals and restoration projects. Both institutions encourage people to gather, build friendships, and create a sense of belonging.



St Martins Canterbury

Historically, there has also been some tension between churches and pubs. Religious leaders have occasionally criticised excessive drinking and promoted temperance, believing alcohol could lead to social problems. Despite this, many clergy recognised that pubs were valuable meeting places when used responsibly.

Today, both churches and traditional pubs face challenges such as declining attendance, changing lifestyles, and financial pressures. However, they continue to play significant roles in preserving England's cultural heritage.

Together, they reflect the country's history, traditions, and the importance of community, demonstrating that social and spiritual life can coexist within the same local environment.



Beehive Cells Eileach an Naoimh

When driving through France I always head for the church spire which you can easily see in the distance many kilometres away. The church is usually located in the centre of the village and next to it is the café where you can glean all the village gossip. In larger towns you will often find the tourist information office as well as the café although the latter serves the juicier tittle-tattle on local events. Sadly as in England the churches are quickly becoming a tourist attraction rather than a place of worship.

I do recommend visiting cathedral cities in the UK and overseas. They represent so much history and are ideal for a 'city break'. You arrive on the Saturday morning and enjoy the 'feel' of the place. The cathedral is always imposing with many a story to tell. There are usually guides to inform and educate you and you can only wonder at the skill and dexterity of the craftsmen of the largely gothic era creating beauty to God using a chisel and a hammer.

Next to the cathedral you often find rows of medieval houses where you can soak up the atmosphere and a hostelry serving good food and ale. On the Sunday you can attend a church service, praising God and reflecting on the hundreds of thousands of pilgrims who preceded you.

But which cathedral city do you visit first? With so many to choose from it can be a daunting task. You may be pleased to learn there are no bad decisions. Every cathedral city offers a hidden gem in the building and at times a humbling decision.



Coventry Cathedral



Worcester Cathedral

You will come away thinking that you should have visited sooner. On our doorstep we have Birmingham, Coventry and Worcester cathedrals. All very different for their own reasons but equally uplifting.

Further afield and thinking of the oldest churches you could consider:

St Martin's Church Canterbury – the oldest church building in England still in continuous use. Dating from around **597 AD**, though parts may be even older. It was the private chapel of Queen Bertha of Kent before St Augustine of Canterbury arrived in 597 AD. You can contrast the immensity of the cathedral with the simplicity of the chapel.



Canterbury Cathedral

Early monastic remains on Eileach an Naoimh –

Dating from the 6th century (around 542 AD) Eileach an Naoimh, an uninhabited island in the Inner Hebrides of the archipelago, which lies in the Firth of Lorn between Mull and Argyll. The name of the island is Gaelic for "rocky place of the saint" or from na-h-Eileacha Naomha meaning "the holy rocks". The island is known for its early Christian connections to Brendan the Navigator and Columba.



Brendan the

Escomb Saxon Church County Durham - Built around 670 AD

One of only three complete Saxon churches in Britain, this wonderfully preserved church sits in a sunken circular enclosure bordered by battered walls, an influence from Celtic Ireland.



Escomb Saxon Church

There are also Viking inspired monuments and a chapel on Orkney built by Italian prisoners of war.



Italian POW Chapel

John Slevin

The Church and the Bar

One Sunday morn, woke I up
And to church then decided to go
I put on my best, staggered out the door
To face the suns warm glow.

I found a church just down the street
So I pulled into the parking lot
Lined up like horses ready to race
They were smoking! Surely not!

Not the most religious person am I,
But this I surely knew.
Smoking round the front door of the church
Is not what a Christian should do.

Blaming my hangover, I went on in,
Then I found myself a back seat.
It hadn't started yet, there were lots of people
And the preacher I wanted to meet.

I wanted to ask him about the thing
The preacher on tv said
Something about Jesus, how He died for me
Just couldn't get it out of my head

I sat and said hello to some
Who snubbed their noses at me
The music started and what happened next
Surely my eyes didn't see

The preacher got up and for 15 minutes
Preached about the robbing of God
No doubt the church was paying that man,
It was all just a big money fraud

When service was over, I went out side
And sat down in my old model car
The events that morn had my mind racing
And it went back to last night at the bar.

I sat in the booth in the back, dark corner
And sipped on my beer and my booze
I had worked hard that week before
I had worked and paid in my dues

What difference was there tween the church and the bar
This I could not understand
At the bar the music was lively and hoppin
At the church, the music was bland

At the bar last night, my friends would listen
To whatever I had on my chest
The preacher just snobbed me and walked away
Thinking he alone was the best.

Before walking into the door of the church
I felt the too familiar choke
The bar was filled with cigarettes
The church was engulfed in their smoke

At the bar last night, before I left,
My money gave I to them
In church, the felt lined silver plates passed round
One must give or be all condemned

At that point in time, decided I then
Never to darken another church door
There was no difference tween the bar and the church
Why then should I go? What for?

Has this in your church happened at all?
Have you chased someone away?
Are you really ready to answer to God
When it comes to judgment day?

When a visitor comes to your church,
Are they greeted with loving care?
Can they walk in the door and freely breathe,
Or do they inhale smoky air?

Though their clothing is tattered and torn
And they may have bloodshot eyes.
Though they smell of sweat, and their hair is mangled
Can you hear their pain in their sighs?

If that person then walks away,
Maybe they're not what you're looking for
They have no money, they have no love
In their faces will you slam the door?

Are you willing to give of your love?
Will you bind their broken heart?
Will you welcome them in no matter what
Or be glad when they depart?

What excuses will you come up with
When before God on that day you will stand?
Will you be guilty of turning them away
Or reaching out for their hand?

My friend, I pray that as you read this
I am writing to you this day
That you search your hearts and search your minds
So as to never lead anyone astray.

Brandlynn Young

What's On



Bournville
Village Trust

Shenley Court Hall

MONDAY

Harborne Heartbeat - 9:30 - 10:30am
Gentle circuit training call John 0121 624 2540

Lunch Club (also on Wednesday's)
Home cooked 2 course meals - social and play games 11am - 1pm
Booking required £7.50 each - cash only call 0121 475 7521

TUESDAY

Xpress Yourself FREE
Free, fun dance class 1:15 - 2:15pm
Call Faye 07984 423 534

St Johns Ambulance
First Aid training for ages 10 - 17
8:30pm
Booking essential - visit www.sja.org.uk

WEDNESDAY

CapFit Classes Morning and evening class 9:30am - 10:30am & 7:30 - 8:30pm
Beginner friendly circuit training class
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Call Caprice on 07561 701 023

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Thrive - FREE Seated Exercise Class
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(limited time only) for more info 0121 805 3444

THURSDAY

Art club - Relaxed painting with company
10am - 12pm

Shenley Seniors - A social group for over 50's 12pm - 2pm. No need to book £2pp

Youth Club FREE - 6:15 - 8:15pm - to book call Felicha on 07564554512

FRIDAY

Minikidz - FREE stay and play group 9:45 - 11:30pm. Suitable for babies and pre-schoolers

Shenley Welcomes FREE - 1:30 - 3:30pm
Free group to practise speaking English - conversation cafe with refreshments. All welcome

SATURDAY/SUNDAY

Slimming World - Saturday

A supportive weight loss group 8:30am - 11am for more information call Denise 07973 899 274

Sewing Sessions FREE - Saturday 11am - 1pm/1:30 - 3:30pm contact kafibab@gmail.com 07448 172 792

Shenley Community Church - Sunday
10:15 - 12:30pm
www.shenleycommunitychurch.org.uk

For hall enquiries
Sch@bvt.org.uk
0121 475 7521



Find out more about activities in the area, follow Bournville Village Trust Communities group page



National Emergency Briefing

7pm Fri 4th Sept at St Francis Church,

Sycamore Road, Bournville, Birmingham, B30 2AA.

4pm Sat 19th Sept at Cotteridge Quaker Meeting,

23A Watford Road, Cotteridge, B30 1JB

7.45 pm Sat 19th Sept at Cotteridge Quaker Meeting,

23A Watford Road, Cotteridge, B30 1JB



When does weird weather herald climate change ?

A sobering wake-up call took place at Westminster's Central Methodist Hall on 27 Nov 2025, the 'first of its kind' National Emergency Briefing. Mike Berners-Lee joined with nine climate scientists to present clear and concise explanations of the threats to our health, our food, our national security from our changing climate.

Experts in climate science, biodiversity, food, health, economics and national security gave clear, evidence-based warnings of the dire impacts of climate change. Risks to the UK economy, society and security are real and present. We need deep, systemic changes in our energy sources, our food and agriculture to address both climate and the rapid decline in nature and biodiversity.

But these changes would bring substantial benefits for our health, wellbeing, economy and to natural environment!

In the “National Emergency Briefing” Chris Packam shares those predictions with members of the public.

Questions, discussion and refreshments to follow the screening.

How Can I Help?

The Bike Project

The Bike Project is a charity that takes second hand bicycles, refurbishes them and donates them to refugees and asylum seekers in the UK. To donate a bike, visit www.thebikeproject.co.uk and register your bike to be dropped off at Rowheath Pavilion.

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People's Emergency Briefing

On the climate and nature crisis

St. Francis Church

Friday 4 September

7.00 pm (doors open 6.30 pm)

Film screening and discussion



St. Francis Church
Sycamore Road
Birmingham B30 2AA

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www.nebriefing.org

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Want to share your books with friends?*

The Cotteridge Book Group

*(members are current or previous members
of the Cotteridge Church)*

meets in the evening about once every 6 -8 weeks in
one of our own homes to discuss a selection of books –
mostly fiction, both classics and modern.

If you are interested and would like a look at this year's programme, please
email Helen Gale at
helenmgale@gmail.com



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Urgently Needed

- Tinned/carton instant custard
- Small jars of instant coffee (not decaf)
- UHT long-life fruit juice (not needing refrigeration)
- Liquid/bars of soap/shampoo
- Tinned spaghetti
- Jam and honey
- Sugar (500g)
- Tinned fruit in juice (not rhubarb, prunes or grapefruit)
- Tinned meat /meat products
- Tinned fish
- Tinned soup
- Tinned vegetables
- Tinned baked beans
- Pasta sauce
- Tinned tomatoes
- Pasta
- Rice
- Instant noodles
- Cereal (not greater than 500)
- Toothpaste
- Biscuits
- Sanitary towels

Lower in Stock

- Tinned rice pudding
- Rice (500g)
- Tinned fish (mackerel, tuna, sardines, salmon)
- Squash
- Tea bags (40's or 80's)
- tinned or packet vegetarian meals
- Toilet Rolls
- Tinned soup
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- Laundry powder/liquid
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- Pastas shapes
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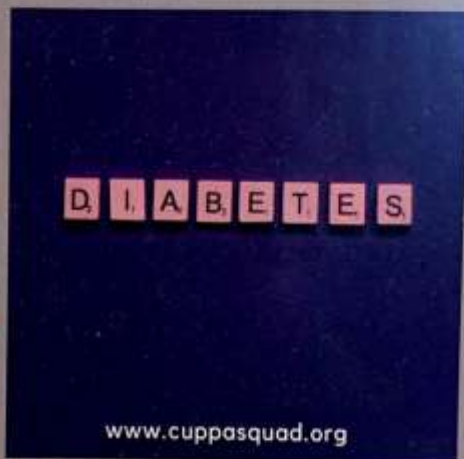
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Why is this group happening?

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www.ascensionstirchley.com

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<https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Religious-Organization/Bournville-Quaker-Meeting/>

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CHURCH CONTACTS

For further details of worship and/or activities at any of the churches please contact the people below:

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Rev Ping Ting Chen 448 9619
- Society of Friends, Bournville
Claire Bowman - 07753 635438
Room Hire,
bqmroombookings@gmail.com
<https://centralenglandquakers.org.uk/room-bookings/bournville>
- St. Francis Church, Bournville
Rev Canon Richard Wharton - 472 7215
- Rowheath Pavilion Church
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- Society of Friends, Cotteridge
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Revd Tariro Mukoja - 443 1371
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Revd Tariro Mukoja - 443 1371
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- Catholic Church of St Paul's
Father David Barry - 458 1236

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Next Issue's Focus will be

The Weather

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20 September