

## ***Penny Writes ...***

Dear Friends

***'For I know the plans I have for you, plans for good and not for evil, to give you a hope and a future'***



These words from Jeremiah speak of a reason to look forward and not just rely on the memories of the past. This will be my last newsletter and so I want to take this opportunity to thank you for all your care, friendship and fellowship over the last thirteen years. We have much for which to give thanks as we remember the faithfulness of our God and Father.

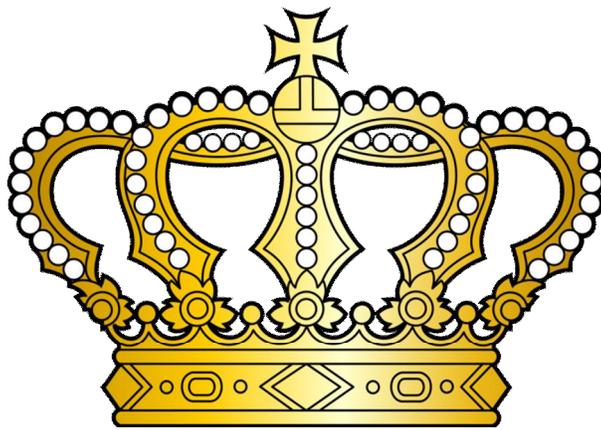
Over recent weeks we have seen a number of significant events in the village . during that time we have paid tribute to the long life of Peter Dawson, a long-standing member of the village community, as well as celebrating the almost equally long life of our Queen (more of that on p.3), amongst others.

Thelma and I will look back on our time here in the village with fond memories and great happiness . we will miss living here a lot, but look forward to keeping in touch with at least some of what is going on.

Our prayer for you is that you will continue to grow in love and service, knowing that Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life to follow. Jeremiah could look forward in hope to good things in the midst of change . and so can we!

In Jesus,

*Penny*



## A RIGHT ROYAL OCCASION!

The day of the village picnic dawned damp and drear . may be we should have expected it, after all, royal celebrations can be notorious! (Remember the Queen's Diamond Jubilee). Not daunted, we moved to the village hall and quickly transformed it into a royal picnic venue. When the weather brightened, hardier souls moved onto the green, where a gazebo and picnic hampers quickly appeared.

Inside, teas were served by the WI, games were played, ducks were fished from their pond, and crowns transformed little girls into princesses (courtesy of the Bulls Head). Meanwhile food was also being served in the pub.

During the afternoon everyone gathered in the hall at 3.00pm for the cutting of the celebration cake beautifully crafted by Laura Dimbleby. The cut was cut by Freda Campbell, who has enjoyed even longer years than the Queen.

It was a truly village occasion enjoyed by around 150 people from the village.

Our thanks go to everyone who worked hard to make it a great success . an event to join other great village celebrations!