



Valerie, Thelma and Freda attending the Cheshire Federation Literary Lunch held at Cheshire View, Christleton, on Leap Year Day - 29th February.

Meetings are held in St Luke's Church Hall on the 4th Tuesday of each month, please ring our Secretary Thelma Dutton on 01477 537989 or our President Linda Taylor on 01477 533762 if you'd like to join us.

## Coffee Morning

On 21st April we held a patriotic Coffee Morning. The date was the Queen's real birthday so we decorated St Luke's Hall in red, white and blue bunting and balloons. We had various stalls - the Guides doing face-painting and fun games; Home Grown in Holmes Chapel telling everyone about their initiative in the village; tombola; book and bric-a-brac stall; cake and produce stall. The entrance fee included a cup of tea and biscuit. We were very busy and the



tombola and cake stall soon sold out. Thank you to all the villagers who came along and supported us.



Freda, Claire and Lynda all set up and ready for the off

# VILLAGE FAIR

Just one of our lucky winners



Oriel, Thelma and Linda putting the finishing touches to the stall just ready for our first customer



Our Treasurer, Jayne, sampling some of the food



In May we joined in the fun at the Victoria Club for the annual Village Fair. On this occasion we decided to have a change from cakes and to have a 'Cork in the Bottle' stall instead and for the children, a bran tub. These were a great success and we sold out - so more bottles next time!

Four of our members attended Lakeland's WI VIP evening in May at their Handforth Dean store. They decided to drive, which made it a lot easier as they all spent a fortune, and they would never have managed to carry it all on the train.

They had loads of drinks and nibbles, obviously all demonstrating Lakeland's wares, but after the sausage bake, herbie potatoes, and chilli they went on to sample the homemade yoghurts, cupcakes, all washed down with Pimms and fresh coffee.

## Diamond Jubilee

On Sunday, 3rd June, 2012, Holmes Chapel celebrated the 60 years reign of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II and it was done in great style.

Proceedings opened early on the Sunday morning with the movement of all the gazebos (which made up Holmes Chapel's version of Buckingham Palace's rooms) into the large Sports Hall of Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School because of the incessant rain. Around the hall were the stalls run by the many organisations we have in Holmes Chapel, everywhere festooned with red, white and blue bunting and flags.



Chris and Thelma all ready for the start

A Service of Celebration commenced at 11.30 am organised by Churches Together in Holmes Chapel. Around 450 residents attended and joined in the service, accompanied by Holmes Chapel Singers and Orchestra.



We were in charge of Afternoon Tea in the Small Hall which we suitably decorated and as the weather was wet and the picnic lunch was so well attended people had to use our hall too, we therefore had lots of requests for hot drinks, so served tea and cakes from 1pm until after 4pm. It was hectic and hard work, and at times we couldn't even see the end of the queue, but we managed and we all have a great sense of pride in being a part of these celebrations.