

Sharlands 50th Wedding Anniversary!

Tim and Freydis Sharland recently enjoyed their Golden Wedding after a remarkable fifty years. Tim, an early member of the Special Air Service, carries shrapnel in his skull to this day. Freydis was one of the remarkable lady pilots who flew almost every kind of wartime aeroplane from factories and depots to operational airfields in WW2 - a Spitfire one day, a Wellington bomber the next. She only got rid of her microlight aircraft a year or so ago. With great reluctance also went their boat some time later.

Freydis has been heavily involved in all aspects of village life. A devout and vigorous member of St. Helens, and a long- term WI member. I well recall just a year or so back, when Bridget Jones and Marie Warwick decided after many years, to give up producing the famous Bensington Society suppers, there was a crisis as to who would take on the catering. At an age when she was more than entitled to let others take the strain, Freydis immediately volunteered to assume this task, and did so for some time. She has been a positive President of the Bensington Society for some years now. Together they continue, at the least excuse, to organize and run raffles for that essential extra cash for charity.

Tim's old world charm seems almost from a lost age. A delight to meet any time around the village, we still wonder at all he manages to carry around in that distinctive satchel! A keen photographer, he keeps a meticulous record of the many times they seem to have gone off around the world, in search of their many, many friends, and a very loving and rightly proud family.

