



## SUMMER 2023

### Description

Summer is here! And finally weâ??ve been enjoying a bit of sun. Okay, it might still rain occasionally. But generally, the temperature is up a little. Thatâ??s good news. To boost your spirits even more, [a brand new edition of Roof â??nâ?? Roots](#) is out!

# roof 'n' roots

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## 'He taught me how to rock and roll!'



ROCK SOLID: Jenny and Trevor are happy with their MMHS home. Inset: Trevor (far right) and The Sapphires



JENNY AND TREVOR MARK  
THEIR DIAMOND WEDDING  
IN OUR ANNIVERSARY YEAR

You might not see his name in lights. But MMHS resident Revd Trevor Haigh has played his part at the forefront of cultural change.

championship in Yorkshire. 'We were number one in our street,' Trevor smiled.

Skiffle emerged from early 50s jazz clubs as a British expression of American folk and blues. It gave young people their own exciting sound, amid the dull dreary days of rationing. 'It's folk music, played with a jazz beat,' said Trevor, 82.

chest bass and washboard. 'We all went to the same youth club. We were only 16, 17 year-old, if that,' Trevor remembered.

Their hero wasn't American boy Elvis, but British lad Lonnie Donegan. The Sapphires sang Lonnie's tunes, like *Rock Island Line*. 'We did that at a breakneck pace,' laughed Trevor, 'started off slow, but at the end we were out of breath!'

Two of The Sapphires have since passed away, and Trevor's skiffle days are over. But still, he loves using music in church. 'We're restarting our "power praise" singing once a month,' he said.

Even more life-changing was when Trevor rolled up on his James motorbike to impress young Jenny. A Cliff Richard fan, Jenny knew nothing of skiffle, but her heart skipped to a new rhythm – particularly when Trevor took her dancing. 'He taught me how to rock and roll,' smiled Jenny, now 78.

The couple married on Boxing Day 1963. They celebrate their Diamond Wedding during this, MMHS's 75th anniversary year.

Here are just some of the main features:

- the skiffle sermoniser;
- how we launched our 75th anniversary year;
- sing a song for MMHS;
- how to start your own culture of contemplation.

These stories and more are in the [Summer 2023 edition](#) of our regular news and feature publication.

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