

7 Broad Oak
Stoombridge.

Dear Everyone that made last Sunday's
RTWC's Concert so memorable!

My sincere thanks to all of you.

Having taken part in so many of your
concerts for more than twenty years, it
was a new experience for me to listen
and to see your faces and the
conductor's back instead of the opposite.
Having looked forward to singing
"The Armed Man" for many years

I found it quite hard to decide to come
and just listen but I am so thankful

to have done it. I would not have
missed it for the world - if every one
who has power over "armed men" could
attend a good rendering of this work,
especially with all those moving images
at the same time, perhaps there might
be an end to wars? It moved me
to tears and I do not think my
tears were the only ones.

Thank you all for an unforgettable
Remembrance Day performance. - yet
for me the last world war brought great
sadness and the greatest joy of my life.

During the battles of Arnhem & Nymegen I
met the English soldier who became my
husband two years later. We were very



happy together with our children till
he died several years after our
Golden Wedding. So, thank our
God, good can come despite evil.

I'm sending this to you all via
Helen McNab, because
I know where she lives -
I hope there may be time
for her to read it during the
"break" at the next meeting.

My sincere thanks and good
luck for the next concert(s).

Johanna M. Thorpe

'Anemones'

from a painting by Catherine Airey
Sold in aid of the Alzheimer's Society