



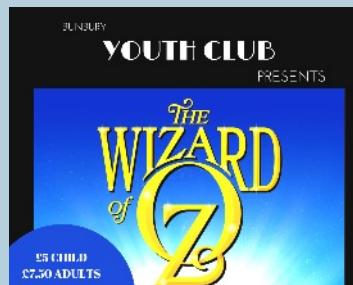
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The Spirit of Ukraine

an evening of Opera, Poetry & Art in aid
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**Friday November 25th 2022 at 7pm
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Organised by The Rotary Club of Tarporley
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Tarporley Rotary Club is organising a fundraising event in aid of children's hospitals in Ukraine. With direct connections through the International Fellowship of Rotarian Doctors and Health Professionals they are working hard with the Ukrainian Cultural Association UK to raise funds for desperately needed medical equipment. Your help and support would be much appreciated.



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Community news

Many thanks to **Steve Griesau** for taking over the delivery of the Link along the A51 from the Arnold family – in addition to his Calveley round.

A **volunteer is sought** to deliver 60 copies around **Tattenhall Lane** and **Beeston Lane**. If you can help, please call Carolyn Johnson on 01829 260703.

Congratulations to all our recent baptisms and wedding couples!

Baptism congratulations to:

Penny Broadbent, daughter of **Anne** and **Matthew**, baptised on 2 October

Bella-Rose Papworth, daughter of **Sally** and **Shane**, baptised on 2 October

James Wall (below), son of **Alison** and **Michael**, baptised on 9 October



George Berrisford (below), son of **Natalie** and **Dale**, also baptised on 9 October



Wedding congratulations to:

Carmela Farrington and **Sean Watson** (below) married at St Boniface on 12 August



Rachael Barrie and **Alex Sykes**

(below) married at St Boniface on 24 September,



Lowri Passey-Williams and **Marty Lambert**

married at St Boniface on 1 October (pictured below at Peckforton Castle where they had their reception),



A word from the editor

Last month we advertised the new choir in Bunbury, **Just Sing**. I decided to join – I am so glad I did. The conductor Elaine is really skilled. If you are tempted, rehearsals are held at Bunbury School on a Monday night from 7.30–9.00pm, Contact karen.grimwood60@gmail.com

When our family moved to Bunbury there were five shops in Bunbury. Although the village is now much bigger, we might soon be down to one shop. Our village community will be the poorer for it. If we don't support our shops, we lose them.

Jason Austin and **Eliza Burton** married on 6 October.

The **Bunbury Gardening Club** Annual General Meeting is on Tuesday 15 November at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. New members are welcome.

Rev Tim and the **Agricultural Chaplaincy** team held a well-attended Harvest service at Broster's farm on Friday 7 October.

Christmas messages in the Link – To have your Christmas message printed in the Link, please email it to Elaine Crotty parishlinkeditor@gmail.com or post it through the letterbox to Sunnybank Cottage, School Lane Bunbury. Please give your donations to Crisis at Christmas online or phone 08000 199099. Deadline for the message to be printed in the Link is Monday 7 November.

With **Marcus Williams** once again stepping in as MD, the **Christmas choir** is preparing new pieces for the **St Boniface Carol Service** on Sunday 18 December with rehearsals at 10am-12pm on Saturdays 3, 10 and 17 December. All are welcome to join.

Decibellas' Christmas concert will be held on Saturday 10 December at 7.30pm. They are delighted that Bunbury's new choir, **Just Sing**, will join them to showcase some of their new repertoire. See ad on p7.

It's panto time!

The days are getting shorter and as winter approaches it means just one thing: panto season! Starting in September our young people put down their table tennis bats, snooker cues and stopped dancing to Wii Dance because rehearsals are now in full force.

Gill Arnold, our expert choreographer has added a bit of funk to this season's Panto, teaching the kids some new groovy moves. Kathleen Carline and Claire Cook have been busy working on costumes and props for a scarecrow, a tin man and a lion. Yes, you've guessed it... this year's pantomime, written by Tom Crotty, is The Wizard of Oz. See ad on p11.



TIM HAYWARD

Your Vicar

No worry is too big or too small

The world is a scary place. Every time you listen to the news there is more darkness and uncertainty. We are facing more questions than answers as no one knows exactly what is going to unfold. Whether it be the war in Ukraine or the cost of living crisis, it is easy to feel overwhelmed and powerless. In times like these we have to cling to these two simple truths: God is ever constant, and our identity is secure in Him.

Knowing that God is faithful and He wants what is best for us is the steadfast anchor for all our circumstances. Philippians 4:7 promises if we bring everything to God, (N.B. everything - no worry is too big or too small), His peace which passes all understanding, will guard our heart and mind through Christ Jesus. That word guard is much stronger than our English language expresses. In the Greek it means "to protect by a military guard, either to prevent hostile invasion, or to keep the inhabitants of a besieged city from flight."

I don't know about you, but for me during these anxious times I need a military strength guard to keep my mind from being consumed with worry and fear. God's peace not only keeps out invaders, but keeps us from running away in fear. So how do we live in that peace? The Message translation of the same verse ends with this phrase, "It's wonderful what happens when Christ displaces worry at the centre of your life."

So the next time you listen to the news and start to feel anxious and overwhelmed, remember to choose to guard your heart and mind with the truth of who God is and who you are in Him. Let Christ's peace displace all worry and guard you from attack. Invite Christ's perfect love to cast out your fear.

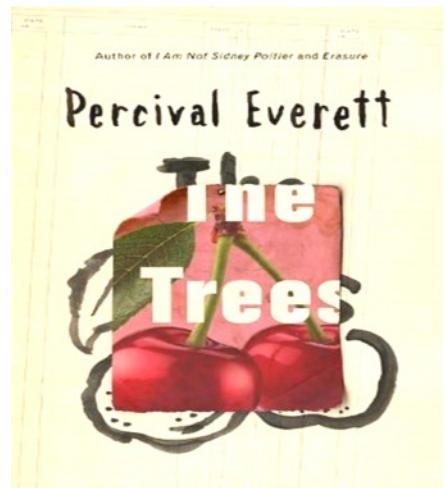
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Book review

The Trees by Percival Everett

Continuing my exploration of the 2022 Booker shortlist takes us to one of the most fascinating and different books that I have come across in many years. Percival Everett is a prolific US author who is almost unknown in this country and *The Trees* is a very worthy addition to the shortlist. If I tell you that it is a gruesome multiple murder mystery set in the deep south of Mississippi that is also uproariously funny then you may get a feel for why I refer to it as different.

Two African American detectives from the Mississippi Bureau of Investigation are sent to the small town of Money, Mississippi to assist the local police in solving a bizarre double (or triple) murder. The deceased are both members of the same white family whose parents had been accused of the (real life) murder of Emmett Till, a 14 year old black boy who had died in Money 65 years earlier. The strange part of the murder is that a third corpse of a young man with a striking resemblance



to Emmett Till is discovered with the bodies.

This hardly seems the stuff of comedy but Everett's two detectives are enriched with such humour that at times you will laugh out loud. As the novel explores the reality of the history of crime against minorities through the whole of the 20th century and its residue in the racist attitudes of today, Everett uses humour with enormous skill to highlight the absurdity of the attitudes and behaviours embedded in society. Even Donald Trump can't escape the author's wicked wit.

Paige Turner

Church diary for November

Wednesday 2 November	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Sunday 6 November	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Worship 10.30am Holy Communion & Forest Church 11.30am Holy Communion	St Boniface St Jude's St Boniface Calveley
Wednesday 9 November	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Sunday 13 November	9.30am Remembrance 10.45am Remembrance	St Jude's St Boniface
Tuesday 15 November	2.30pm & 7.30pm Contemplative prayer	St Boniface
Wednesday 16 November	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Sunday 20 November	9.30am Holy Communion 10.30am Sunday brunch 6.00pm Evensong	St Jude's St Boniface St Boniface
Wednesday 23 November	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Sunday 27 November	9.30am Family Worship 10.30am Family Communion	St Jude's St Boniface
Wednesday 30 November	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Sunday 4 December	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Worship 10.30am Holy Communion & Forest Church 11.30am Holy Communion 4.00pm Christingle	St Boniface St Jude's St Boniface Calveley St Boniface
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St Jude's news

St Jude's harvest supper was held on Saturday 24 September, enjoyed by all with catering provided by Harvey's caterers.

On Saturday 8 October an afternoon tea was held in St Jude's church hall to say thank you to all members of the community who had helped with the refurbishment of the kitchen either by fundraising or practical help.



Sky notes: November

With the long November nights, we welcome the return of the most popular planets to the evening sky, compensating for the rather barren skyscape that the glorious Summer constellations are slowly vacating. Saturn in Capricornus and Jupiter in Pisces occupy the southern aspect during mid-evening in November. Saturn remains rather low, setting by 10.30pm, while Jupiter is very bright and splendidly placed all night long. It is by far the brightest "star" of view. Mars also becomes prominent in the east, in Taurus. It's a bit fainter than Jupiter, but gives itself away by its reddish hue.

Here are some dates that might help you identify these planets. On 1 November, Saturn lies just above the Moon, whilst on 4 November it is Jupiter's turn to occupy that position. On 11 November the Moon lies near Mars and on 29 November Saturn lies to the right of the Moon.

The Leonid meteors have their maximum on the night of 17 to 18 November. These are very fast shooting stars that often

leave persistent trains. The maximum this year is just after last quarter moon, so the bright sky will probably mean fewer are seen.

By the end of November, Orion and his retinue of brilliant winter stars are well up in the east. More on these next month.

Clears skies! Bunbury Stargazer



Jupiter with his Great Red Spot on October 4 (image by Mike Greenhill-Hooper)

Foodbank news

Anne James is the new foodbank coordinator in the village, taking over from Alex Sanders. The box that collects food items is inside the gate at the Village Hall

Anne had a conversation with one of the Mid-Cheshire Foodbank coordinators to find out a little more

It was explained that EVERYONE involved in the food-bank scheme, including the co-ordinators – who work up to 35 hours – are all volunteers.

The dry goods, toiletries and cleaning products are taken from Bunbury via

Winsford to the main Northwich distribution centre where fresh produce such as bread, eggs, milk etc. are added before they are distributed to those in crisis.

Anyone from Bunbury and the surrounding area needing support from the food-bank gets help through Mid Cheshire.

If there is anyone needing support they can be referred through the school, the GP or the church. (More about this next month)

The initial referrals are viewed as supporting those who find themselves in a temporary position of crisis and in need of an emergency parcel. There is a system that monitors those who either remain or

dip in and out of crisis so that a more targeted level of support can be offered. Needing access to food-bank support is often an indication that there is more going wrong for that household and they may need help with other issues. The foodbank supports a full range of people needing help from those wanting to make home cooked meals, to those wanting snacks such as pot noodles, and homeless people with no access to cooking. So all contributions are always used.

UHT milk, orange juice, tinned veg and snacks such as pot noodles are always needed, but the foodbanks are overwhelmed with cereals and baked beans.

The Trussell Trust also accept financial donations. Go to www.trusselltrust.org for more information

Our prayers for November

Lord,

*We remember those who have died in war, with regret;
We remember those who have died too soon, with sadness;
We remember Jesus, who died on earth so that we can come close to You, with thankfulness.*

Amen

Bunbury School news

This term we have celebrated Harvest in Bunbury school with our annual Harvest Celebration Worship. For the first time since autumn 2019, we have been able to hold our service back in St Boniface church. We were delighted to welcome so many parents, carers, grandparents and relatives to the service and it was fantastic to see that the church was packed.

Throughout this half term the children have been thinking about Thankfulness through their weekly worships. Harvest is a time to thank God for all the gifts of his creation. During the service we thought about the story of Ruth and Boaz. In the Bible, God frequently reminds His people of the importance of taking care of those who are in need. The story of Ruth and

Boaz is an example from the Old Testament where they both put other people first. In this story Ruth takes advantage of the Law of Gleaning which was a form of welfare. If you owned a field, your reapers (the people who worked for you gathering the crop) could go through the field once, and only once. Whatever they missed had to be left for widows, orphans and the poor - for those in need. People believed that

the existence of the Law of Gleaning was proof that God cared for the poor and expected those who had enough to share. In the story Boaz had a plentiful harvest so he was able to give some to those in need. We talked with the children about how we can do the same today by adding a few items into the food bank box when we go shopping. Our harvest donations this year therefore went to our local foodbank and we had a fantastic amount of produce donated.

We continued through the service to think about Ruth and Boaz. Ruth was not wealthy like Boaz, but she gave something very important - she showed kindness to Naomi and stayed with her through a difficult time. She was thinking about the harvest she was producing for herself. With the children we thought about how we could show the Fruits of the Spirits in all we do so that we can live in peaceful world. Like the earth, we can produce a good harvest or a bad one - useful products like wheat, fish and clay, or kindness, goodness and self-control - or we can produce weeds and barren crops, like selfishness, greed, hatred and war. Just as the carrots and apples need lots of things to come together to produce a healthy harvest so we need lots of different

fruits of the spirit to make us a good person.
Each of our classes shared

their thinking about what Thankfulness means to them. As we continue to live in uncertain times, we have been thinking about being thankful: by loving others, giving cheerfully, caring for creation and giving our time.

Worship at Bunbury is linked to the Christian values and each half term the children look more closely at a particular value. Retuning back to school in September we all looked at Thankfulness, and what this meant to the children as well as stories within the Bible. During the half term, different children are rewarded weekly for showing this Christian value in their everyday lives both within school and in the community. The children really enjoy this in-depth work on each of the Christian values and are always very able to demonstrate how they live their daily lives showing each of these values.



The beekeeping year winds down (and hopefully so does the beekeeper!)

Beekeeping is like gardening; there comes a time when, despite your hopes and dreams, you know in your heart that there isn't much that you can do and it's up to nature to see the hive or plants through the winter ready to re-emerge in spring.

With bees, you can do your best to ensure that the winter is a good and survivable one. One of the main parameters is temperature and as of late there haven't been really cold winters: this year late winter/early spring was a series of alternate warm and then cold spells which confused the bees. It's better to have cold and then warm weather for hive management.

People are always surprised when I tell them that worker bees in the summer only live for a couple of months at most and are continually replaced by new hatchings. That isn't the case over winter. The bees who go into semi-hibernation have to live all winter and their principal task is to cluster round the queen, to keep her warm and fed and feed themselves, preferably on their own honey which they have stored religiously all summer. In last



month's Link I wrote that one of my hives has an extraordinary amount of honey, filling the roof of the hive to capacity and the bees are still quite busy (see photo taken on 7 October). The honey has created a problem as that is where I put my

carefully crafted insulation to aid them in their temperature regulation. I am going to have to hope that all that honey will fill the cold space and act as insulation; time will tell. No-one on the internet seems to have much experience of this predicament.

The hive down at the Mill hasn't done as well and the bees have been very grumpy with me (it means they have a grumpy queen setting the tone, I believe) so I haven't seen them almost every day as I do with the Swan Lane hive. I will sadly probably move the whole hive somewhere less shaded next spring.

Assuming that the bees make it through the winter. The bees have honey, but whether it is enough isn't clear. They probably need 15 bars or so of filled comb to get them through winter. I will try to count them if the weather brightens up. In fact, the bees are still busy too and also still grumpy so I leave them to their own devices for a while. I will definitely put insulation in the Mill hive roof as they will certainly need some thermal comforting.

To improve the odds, I give them some extra food. Sugar syrup, plain old Tate and Lyle (or COOP!) dissolved in warm water, stirred up as a brew for them (setting off the fire alarm in the process) with a small amount of essential oils added; lemon grass and spearmint which the bees enjoy and which has some medicinal properties. The bees drink it from a feeder (see photo) so you can see how much they take.



When the weather gets much colder I give them cake-sugar – simple Tate and Lyle (other brands are available) –



moistened to make a paste. Essential oils are added and the mixture is left to dry and set, then placed in the roof of the hive (see photo).

So, the yearly beekeeping cycle draws to an end with many unexpected new experiences to educate and amaze. I won't know until spring whether my, and the bees', efforts have been successful.

I hope you've enjoyed hearing this year about my trials/tribulations/successes. I wish you a good Halloween/Bonfire Night, a merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous new year.

Decibellas presents
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With special guests, Just Sing

Saturday 10 December at 7.30pm
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Adults £10 Children £5

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The Cheshire Community Foundation will have a cash bucket collection on the door
Decibellas is a registered charity: 1197363

Original artwork by Karen Smeathem

Bunbury Medical Practice news: November

Staff Update

Having received many applications for the position of Practice Manager, we will be interviewing applicants during November.

"Movember" and Prostate Cancer

Movember, the month formerly known as November, has, over the past few years, become the month to raise awareness for men's health, specifically prostate cancer, testicular cancer, mental health and suicide prevention.

We wanted to use this November to talk about prostate cancer. 1 in 8 men will develop prostate cancer. If you are over 50 or you are black or your dad or brother has had it, you are at an even higher risk.

Prostate cancer is not always life-threatening but when it is, the earlier you catch it, the more likely it is to be cured.

If you would like more information regarding symptoms and changes that you should look out for, there is information on display in reception and a leaflet from Prostate Cancer UK that might help you. You can also go online to info@prostatecanceruk.org

Flu Season is here!

There are various clinics currently set up here at the surgery and you are encouraged to have your flu vaccine to help protect you and your loved ones over the coming winter months. This is the first year where flu and Covid are circulating together and as many people are now not wearing face masks, the risk of catching the virus is significantly higher.

Eligible patients are:

- All 2 and 3 year olds vaccination is nasal spray Fluenz.
- Patients over 65
- Patients in a clinical risk group, for example those with diabetes.

Flu vaccines will be available from November for patients over 50.

If you have had a flu vaccine elsewhere, please let us know so that we can update your patient record.

Currently we are not running any Covid vaccination clinics at the surgery but you can find Covid vaccination information via 119 or on the Government website.

Dispensary

Last month, we talked about out of stock items, which we hope you found useful.

This month, we wanted to mention medication which has been ordered by patients, prepared by our dispensary team and then sadly not collected.

At the end of September, we had over one hundred bags of medicine which had not been collected and which therefore had to be put back to stock. Obviously this involves unnecessary work.

We would just like to remind our patients to only order what you need and at the point when you have seven days of medication left.

Singing for the Brain

One of our patients, whose partner has a diagnosis of dementia, recently let us know about this group which they had attended together and thoroughly enjoyed.

Singing for the Brain is organised by the Alzheimer's Society, Cheshire Services. Sessions are free and you don't even have to be able to sing! They take place at Elm Church Chapel, London Road in Nantwich. Each session starts with tea and biscuits, followed by chair exercises and then a sing song of favourite tunes. Sessions are held on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month 2:00-3:30pm. You do need to register to attend, and this can be done by calling 0300 369 0570.

Social Prescribing activities and groups in the local community which might help you feel better, without needing a GP appointment.

Weekly Wellbeing Walk - Tarporley

Every Tuesday, 11am-12noon. Meet in the car park by Brook Road playing fields. All abilities welcome, unfortunately, no dogs. Booking essential by calling Esta or Lindsay on 07593 138655 for a registration form. Or email esta@healthboxcic.com

Weekly Wellbeing Walk - Tattenhall

Every Wednesday, 10.30am-11.30am. Meet at Tattenhall playground. All abilities welcome, well-behaved dogs on leads also welcome. Booking essential by calling Rachel or Charlotte on 07706 322217. Or email rachel@healthboxcic.com

Brain Yoga and a cuppa - Kelsall

Every Friday, 12noon-1pm at The Morris Dancer in Kelsall. A silly quiz and chit chat. Anyone welcome, whether you just want some company or to meet other people. Booking essential by calling Lindsay or Esta on 07593 138655 or email esta@healthboxcic.com.

These groups are run and hosted by your Rural Alliance social prescribing team.

A favourite in the Crotty household, well worth the effort

Mary Berry's Canterbury tart



Ingredients

For the pastry

100g/4oz butter, cubed
200g/8oz plain flour
25g/1oz icing sugar, sifted
1 egg, beaten

For the filling

4 eggs
200g/8oz caster sugar
2 lemons, rind and juice only, grated
100g/4oz butter, melted
2 large Bramley apples (about 350g/12oz in weight), peeled
2 dessert apples, peeled and thinly sliced
25g/1oz demerara sugar

Method

1. If making the pastry by hand, rub the butter into the flour and icing sugar until it resembles fine breadcrumbs.
2. Stir in the beaten egg and bring together to form a dough. This can also be done in a food processor.
3. Roll the dough out on a floured surface and line a round 28cm/11in (3.5cm/1½in deep) flan tin. Form a lip around the edge. Chill for a further 30 minutes while making the filling.
4. Preheat the oven to 200°C/400°F/Gas Mark 6.
5. To make the filling, beat the eggs, caster sugar, lemon rind and juice
- together in a large mixing bowl. Stir in the warm melted butter.
6. Coarsely grate the Bramley apples directly into the mixture and mix well.
7. Remove the tart from the fridge and spread the runny lemon mixture over the base.
8. Level the surface with the back of a spoon and arrange the dessert apple slices around the edge, overlapping. Sprinkle over the demerara sugar.
9. Put on a heavy baking tray and bake in the oven for about 40-50 minutes until the centre feels firm to the touch and the apples are tinged brown. Serve.

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Mike Rogers A Sense of Humour



November is a month rich in Remembrance. After 28½ years in the Royal Air Force, at this time of the year my mind naturally turns to friends and colleagues lost in the line of duty. But that's not the only memory. I also remember some of the high (and the low) points of my military career.

One of my most enjoyable tours in the Royal Air Force was spent in Norfolk as the Senior Engineer Officer on 617(Dambuster) Squadron. Apart from being associated with one of the most famous squadrons in the Royal Air Force and having the opportunity to meet people whose names are legendary, people like Leonard Cheshire and Dave Shannon, I was also able to travel extensively - Sardinia, Canada, the Nevada desert, Malaysia and Norway were all regular destinations for our Tornado GR1 aircraft. But with the smooth, there was always the rough. Interminable exercises in the face of the then Cold War threat saw us locked into concrete bunkers for days and nights on end.

During one of these exercises, things were not going my way at all. Everything we tried to do went wrong, my aircrews had no serviceable aircraft to fly, the food was awful and I had not slept for nearly 24 hours. My normal sweet nature was getting a little ragged...

Just when I was about to explode again, I was handed an envelope. I can remember throwing it on the desk saying, 'I haven't time to deal with that now' and turning my attention again to whatever crisis was occupying my mind at the time. The bearer of the envelope, a doughty and well-respected Senior Non-commissioned Officer of many years' service, persisted; he was adamant that I needed the contents of the envelope then and there.

Eventually and somewhat begrudgingly I opened it. Inside was a sheet of paper carrying the words 'A Sense of Humour'. I was about to give the messenger a piece of my mind when realisation dawned; I had been given a timely reminder of exactly what I had lost. Somehow, after that, things started to get better.

I wonder how many times in our lives we have needed to be prompted to stop, just for a moment, and take a new look at where we are and what we are doing.

Elizabeth DIANA Jones

Elizabeth Diana Vickers, known affectionately as Diana, came into the world on 3 July 1931, the first-born child of Jo and Edith Vickers. Then came her brother Miles and two sisters, Eileen, and Doris. They lived happily in Bunbury, with Edith being the homemaker and Jo, cycling to Crewe, where he drove trains. Diana shared her father's love of cycling. She went to the girl's school in Bunbury.

One of her first jobs was working for Calveley dairies. She also worked as a seamstress at the prestigious Browns of Chester, from where she carried on a hobby of sewing. Through her love of dancing, she met Raymond Thomas Jones, marrying after a short courtship. They initially settled in Bulkeley, then moved to Spurstow, where they spent the rest of their married life.

Diana stayed at home once her sons, Phillip, Graham, and Adrian, were born. She kept herself busy with parttime jobs as cleaner and dinner lady at the local school. As the years passed by, she was proud of her ever-increasing family with eight grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

She had many hobbies that filled the rest of her time, dancing and sewing, darts which she played as a member of the team at the Crewe Arms, bingo playing at the Mecca with her special dabbers, doing crosswords and puzzles, and no night was complete without a nightcap of whiskey.

Diana began to suffer with dementia was eventually cared for at Wrenbury Nursing Home.

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David Alan Douglas Barlow

David Alan Douglas Barlow was born on 4 September 1950, in the Countess of Chester hospital, to Moses and Ethel, known as Barbara. They lived in Wardle and then in Bunbury. He was one of four boys, the others being: Gilbert, Gerald, and Billy. He went to school in Bunbury until he took the 11+ and then went to Crewe.

Dave met Carol at Carol's auntie's house. They got married on 13th September 1980 in the registry office.

He was a builders' labourer and was proud to say he laid bricks at Leighton hospital. But he would probably say his proudest achievements were his six children: Louise, Emma, David, Rebecca, Rachel, and Carly. Equally special to him were his grandchildren, Oscar, Ollie, Elijah, Freya, Cara, Kyle, Shaun, Grace, William, Henry, Scarlett, Lily, and Paige. And in true grandad style, his grandchildren had him wrapped around their fingers.

Dave had a great sense of humour, loved to have a drink with his mates at the Malbank, and would fish anywhere and for anything. Playing games was another of his favourite pastimes, but he was not averse to cheating to the point where Monopoly was banned from being played at all! Dave loved to sing hymns at the top of his lungs, when getting ready to go out, and the hymns chosen for his funeral were amongst his favourites, including The Lord's my Shepherd and The Old Rugged Cross.

Dave's health deteriorated over the last three years of his life, but he retained his good humour throughout. He will be sadly missed by Carol and the family.

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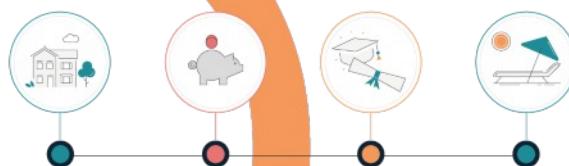
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