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For the parishes of Bunbury & Tilstone Fearnall



March
2018

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Joseph Epstein



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Community news



On 20 January, **Frederick Oswald Garnett**, son of **Jonathan** and **Emily**, was baptised at St Boniface. His proud grandparents are

Alex and Nick Sanders. Congratulations to all.

Congratulations to **Coco Cynthia Taylor**, daughter of **Peter** and **Anne**, who was baptised at St Boniface on 21 January.



Congratulations to **Ella Phoebe Taylor**, daughter of **Gary** and **Tracy**, who was baptised at St Jude's on 28 January.

Congratulations to **Poppy Grace Ingman**, daughter of **James** and **Diane**, who was baptised at St Jude's on 28 January.

Congratulations to **Macie Jayne Hancock**, daughter of **Kevin** and **Sarah**, who was baptised at St Jude's on 28 January.

Congratulations to **Oliver Perry** and **Michelle Powell** who were married at St Boniface on 27 January.



Congratulations to **Brenda Fishwick**, who celebrated her 90th birthday on 25 January with lunch at the Dysart.

Don't miss **Sunday Brunch** in church on **3rd Sundays at 10am** – starting 18 March.

There will be an **Agape Meal** on **Maudy Thursday 29 March** 7pm, with guest speaker David Herbert. On **Good Friday** there will be an **outdoor service** outside Tilly's at 11am.

Bunbury Church Fête will be on **Bank Holiday Monday 7 May**, at Beeston Castle.

On 8 March **Bunbury WI** will have a painting demonstration by Gill Adlington.

Bunbury Gardening Club's meeting on 20 March will be all about The Show – a question and answer with Barry Smith, followed by cheese and wine - BYOW. Tuesday 20 March at 8pm in the Village Hall. Tickets £6 pay at the door. New members are welcome.

Bowling Club - indoor bowling in the Pavilion on Monday afternoons at 1.30pm. Anyone is welcome to come along! The green will re-open early April.

The Jigsaw Club, which has funding from Bunbury Parochial Charities for prevention of rural isolation, is up and running. It has over 340 jigsaws to suit all interests available to anyone who is housebound. Call Ruth Tilston on 07837 261523.

Friday at Tilly's coffee and cake every Friday, from 10.00am until 11.30am Coffee £1. Contact Amber Middlemiss 261437.

Bunbury Village Day will be on Saturday 23 June 2018 Bunbury Playing Fields - for more info: www.bunburyvillage.info For any queries or to book a pitch for a stall email: contact@bunburyvillage.info

Tom Crotty would like to warn the residents of Bunbury and environs not to be too frightened if they see him jogging the local lanes. He has foolishly signed up to run the **London Marathon** on 22 April. This happens to be his 62nd birthday - an interesting alternative to retirement! Tom is running to raise money for Mind and the RNLI so if you would like to give him added incentive and support these two important charities, go to:

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/TomCrotty>

Bunbury Youth Club events: 5 March Ice Skating, 12 March Games Night, 19 March Bunbury Bake Off, 26 March Easter Egg Hunt (meets Mondays 7-8.30pm, St Boniface church, open to all

from Y6 upwards). There is no religious content, but it is, nevertheless, under the care and love of the church community. (For a round-up of recent events see P5.)

The Alpraham Coffee Morning has restarted at the Tollemache Arms at 10.30 on 2nd Fridays of the month.

St Luke's Hospice thanks everyone who bought their **Christmas trees** at the new location kindly offered by The Playing Fields committee (sorry to all who thought we were still at the Yew Tree!). Thanks to those who had their Christmas tree collected in exchange for a donation to the hospice. The trees were collected by local residents Derek Pegg and Kevin Thompson in vans loaned by local company Extreme Adventure, and chipped and shredded at Beeston Market with chippings used for paths at Portal Golf Club - a 'win win' solution to getting rid of your Christmas tree.



Have you ever visited **Tarporley Vintage Charity Shop**? Customers say it is very different from most charity shops. Donated goods are high quality, sparkling clean and beautifully displayed. But they need your help! They need more donations of good quality household goods: small pieces of furniture, crockery, ornaments, records etc which would raise funds for Tarporley War Memorial Hospital. Donated premises and volunteer staff ensure every penny raised goes to the hospital. Collection of larger items can be arranged. Please call in Tues-Fri 9am-4.30pm, Sat 10am-2pm or call Lucy Munro, 01829 260487.

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The Parish Link would like to thank **John Ellis** who, among the very many other things he has been doing at Calveley, has for some years kept the Link up-to-date on Calveley Chapel news. We wish him a happy retirement.

The Parish Link needs volunteers to deliver the magazine along the Whitchurch Road - 28 copies and Bunbury Lane - 50 copies. If you could do either of these, please call Joy 260032.

Our prayers for March

Lord, make more room in us for kindness and forgiveness, clear the clutter of our discontent and make us more thankful.

We pray for all who are ill, particularly for **Hazel Wilkinson, Pam Hardy and Joyce Buxton** and for all those who are known only to you. We also pray for all who are mourning a loved one especially the family and friends of **David Spibey, Joan Lupton, Doreen Bebbington and Barbara Crossley**.

The copy deadline for the April edition of the Link is Friday 16 March. The magazine should be in church: Friday 30 March.

TIM HAYWARD

Your Vicar



Spring cleaning with Jesus:

A bowl and a towel

The worker needs his tools, Whether it's hammer and chisel or brush and palette it matters little.

Artist or artisan, professional or labourer, you are lost if you've got nothing to blame.

But what tools do you need to build a kingdom?

Would an orb and crown be any use to change hearts and minds?

Can you refashion a people with your hands?

Bring me a bowl and a towel!

Some jobs are surprisingly done better on your knees because you can more easily get to the hard to reach parts:

Those nooks and crannies that harbour the dirtiest bits.

Let me sit at your feet and show you what love can do.

Prayer

Lord, take the shoes off our Church not only physically, outwardly, actually, but inwardly also.

Lord, take the shoes off our Church - the shoes of pride and fear, complacency and factionalism.

Lord, take the shoes off our Church that our worship may touch the whole life of this parish:

And to this end, put the shoes on our Church that it may go out to serve all men and women everywhere, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Grave talk

There will be another GraveTalk event in the Village Hall - on Saturday 21 April from 10am-12 noon. To give you an idea of what it will be about, last time the hall was set out as a café, with coffee, tea and cakes. There were short introductions from two funeral

directors who gave us valuable insights into what kind of choices are available and what specifically needs thinking of in advance. Gaynor Macgregor talked about end of life options and making your preferences known, and there was also a specialist solicitor for the elderly. People were invited to ask questions.

People who attended said they valued the opportunity to discuss openly their concerns and hopes, aided by conversation cards and small groups; they particularly liked the wide range of expertise available, and advice on practical issues. Topics such as organ donation, euthanasia, fear of death and recovering from grief were also touched on in discussions, and members of the Pastoral Visiting Team were available if people wanted one-to-one support, as were Rev Tim and Rev Vicky.

This time we hope to offer similar speakers/experts, plus someone who has a lot of experience in choosing care homes, and someone who specialises in helping people to downsize or declutter homes. Do come along and join us - there will be tea, cake and coffee, and the Village Hall will be a welcoming café environment.

Church diary for March

Sunday 4 March	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Communion & Sunday School 10.30am Family Worship 11.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface St Jude's St Boniface Calveley	Sunday 25 March Palm Sunday	9.30am Holy Communion 10:30am Parade with Murphy the Donkey & Family Communion	St Jude's St Boniface
Wednesday 7 March	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface	Wednesday 28 March	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Sunday 11 March Mothering Sunday	9.30am Holy Communion 10.30am Family Communion	St Jude's St Boniface	Thursday 29 March Maundy Thursday	7.00pm Agape meal	St Boniface
Wednesday 14 March	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface	Friday 30 March Good Friday	11.00am Outdoor service 2.00pm Watch Hour Service	Tilly's St Boniface
Sunday 18 March	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Worship 10.00am 3 rd Sunday Brunch 11.00am Matins 6.00pm Evensong	St Boniface St Jude's St Boniface Calveley St Boniface	Sunday 1 April Easter Sunday	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Holy Communion & Sunday School 10.30am Family Communion 6.30pm Holy Communion	St Boniface St Jude's St Boniface Calveley
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Pat Ellis - Reader Emeritus
From Amorous Adventurer to Dean of St. Paul's - John Donne 1572-1638

A direct descendant of Martyr Thomas More, John was born a Roman Catholic at a time when it was illegal to practice the religion.

Educated at Oxford and Cambridge, he became a lawyer and poet, known for his dissolute life and erotic poetry, famously "the flea".

He became disillusioned with Catholicism after his brother died in jail following torture, for hiding a Catholic priest.

He married Anne More, and had twelve children.

He turned to the Anglican faith, taking Holy Orders in 1615.

Grief stricken by Anne's death in childbirth, he was left in poverty to raise his family.

He became Dean of St. Paul's, at the instigation of King James, and became the most eloquent preacher of his day.

Fearing that his sinful life had put him beyond the reach of God, serious illness and

remorse helped him understand the suffering of the world, and his poetry became personal and pleading to God for salvation, as new sins emerged as soon as God forgave the ones already confessed.

"When thou hast done, thou hast not done, for I have more."

His utter trust in God's grace shines out in his 'Hymn to God the Father'.

"I have a sin of fear, that when I have spun My last thread, I shall perish on the shore;
But swear by thyself, that at my death, thy Son, Shall shine as he shines now, and heretofore;
And having done that, thou hast done, I fear no more."



Mike Rogers writes... Tent pegs

There is an Arabic proverb which says, 'A tent cannot be put up with one peg'. The inference is that any structure needs more than one thing to support it. I often wonder if St Paul (who was a tent-maker) knew of the proverb and used it as the inspiration for the words he famously writes in Romans of us being '... all part of the one body, but with different functions', for the concept is not dissimilar.

St Paul was trying to describe to his readers how a Christian community depends for its existence on each of its members and their differing functions and he reminds us that without these, a community can neither exist nor function effectively.

And so it is with the church. We each need to play our part in the worshipping community that makes up the Christian body. Some may want to be a leading light, others are content to be regular and faithful members of the congregation week-by-week or month-by-month. Or it may be that the part you want to

play falls somewhere between these. Alternatively, there will be those who feel closer to God outside in the open air, experiencing the beauty of creation. But if you are of the view that God cannot be found within a church building then you could be missing a vital ingredient of our Christian life. Worshipping with others who share the same belief in God's grace has been a part of Christianity from the earliest of days. Not only does joining with others afford an opportunity for friendship it also helps our faith and our understanding to develop.

So, wherever you are and whatever part you play in our Christian community, do remember that we are all on a journey and to travel without companions is a lonely experience. As my Arabic proverb reminds us, 'A tent cannot be put up with one peg' - all that we do and achieve, we do with the help of those around us and more importantly, with the help of God's grace through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Barbara Croley reflects on Christopher Robin's prayers



Little boy kneels at the foot of his bed, the next line was not quite so easy to remember and I had to ask several people before I could continue, drops on his little hands little gold

head. "God bless mummy, I know that's right, wasn't it fun in the bath tonight". How easy it is to become distracted - and not only children do this. I sometimes wonder, have I said all the family prayer? Christopher Robin does ask God to bless the rest of his family and finally remembers himself.

I suppose the whole process takes no longer than a minute when he is tired and maybe not much longer when Christopher Robin is not very sleepy. There are many church members pray together as one, and their prayer is very special. We here in Bunbury have a special time on a Monday morning, and over the years have prayed for many. Rick Gates was one we offered

prayers for, when he was very ill and James Bartlett, who was a very sick little boy.

Back to Christopher Robin - I suppose he was coached from an early age what to say, but possibly, when he grew up like many of us he found it hard to listen. What are we listening for? What does God say to us? How does God say it? Who has heard his voice? Long silences disturb us when praying and this is when our minds wander. I don't have a set time for prayer and I know I should but then, so often, people or things come into my mind and I feel they are there for a reason, so I pray then. We wonder if our prayers will make a difference, but we have to put our trust in God.

Before you think I am mad using Christopher Robin as an example, his prayers are so childlike, but said with sincerity - even though he did not always understand why he had to say them. It was just what he was encouraged to do before he went to sleep. Christopher was based on a real boy and that little boy grew up to be a true servant of God in later years.

There are many opportunities, these days, for groups to meet and if you don't feel like joining one of them, then start your own - you will be surprised how it will enrich your life.

Bunbury Youth Club draws a crowd



The first half-term of the new Bunbury Youth Club has been a great success. We've had Games nights with table tennis, pool, table football and Wii Dance. Local artist Sophie Parr held an Art Class and inspired 15 youngsters to have a go at painting a watercolour landscape. And there were 21 young people at our Pancake Party. Elizabeth Jones won the prize for the most pancakes tossed in a minute - 70! Sophie Harrison was the fastest finisher in the pancake race down the church aisle in 7 seconds.

Bunbury Youth Club meets at St Boniface every Monday 7.00-8.30pm in term time and is for Year 6 children and above. All are welcome.



Give us Two Minutes - Lucy Munro



I was born in Stone, Staffordshire. Dad was a civil engineer on the construction of the brand new M6. Mum was an English teacher and I was the second of their four children. When I was 16 we moved to Edinburgh, where I went to the Mary Erskine School then went on to an English degree at Manchester University and it was there, in my first week as a student, that I met Richard. I went

on to take a post grad at Leeds then joined him in Sheffield where he was working as a trainee accountant. In September we will have been married 30 years.

We moved to Bunbury in 1995 with Hannah, aged 3, and Isobel, a baby of 6 months. Richard's job was in Northwich but we had visited Bunbury years before and knew that this was where we'd really like to live. By chance, the very day we came to look around, Heath Cottage was put on sale and here we still are, 22 years and a few extensions later! Frances came along in 1998 and she's just joined Isobel at Newcastle University.

During our time in Bunbury I have been lucky enough to make lots of great friends. I've been kept busy with children, gardening and committee work of all sorts, from Mums and Toddlers to the Neighbourhood Planning Group and Bunbury School Governors. I also co-edited the Link for seven years and now sit on the St Boniface PCC and Church Fabric Committee. My current project is to help drive forward improvements to the church kitchen.

Now the children have all left home, I am hoping to travel more, catch up with old friends, train my dog and improve my garden. One of these aims is less attainable than the others.....

It's a celebrity beer call - who would you invite?

It would be gin and tonic not beer, and it would have to be people who make me laugh. Julie Walters, Alan Bennett, Tim Vine, Dawn French and Miles Jupp - that sounds like a fun evening! Non-celebrities welcome to join us!

What would you call your autobiography?

I would never write an autobiography - my memory is too bad!

What was your first job?

One Christmas I was a relief postman in Edinburgh and after a fortnight I developed housemaids' knee lugging the postbag up the steep stone stairs of Victorian tenement buildings. My first 'proper job' after leaving uni was as an Executive Officer posted to the Leeds Collection of HM Customs and Excise - yes, dear reader, I was a junior VAT collector! The office was on the 14th floor of a city centre tower block and at 22 I was in charge of a room-sized computer and five clerks, four of them, confusingly, named Janet. I lasted 6 months.

What would you change about Bunbury?

I would love to see the various empty and derelict properties in the village brought back into use. They have been sad eyesores spoiling our village for so long it is easy not to notice them anymore, but we should be using the buildings we already have

before we lose any more of our precious green fields to development. I won't be greedy, but I wish all the potholes in a 20 mile radius were instantly and permanently repaired - my car has definitely suffered more than its fair share of wheel and tyre damage this winter.'

What is the best book you have read?

A Suitable Boy by Vikram Seth. A fantastic read, full of humour, humanity, politics, a cast of thousands - but be warned.. it is about 500 pages long and a pound in weight.

Any regrets?

I don't really hold with regrets but do wish I could remember even half the French and German I knew when I was younger.

What would people be surprised to learn about you?

I am a trainee bell ringer at St Boniface. All I can say is that I'm finding it much harder than it looks.

What would you like to achieve in the next 12 months?

Try to improve my bellringing.

What is your favourite place?

I love Bodysgallen House near Llandudno, but that's because I always have a lovely time there with old friends. Our favourite place as a family has been Pembrokeshire, but in fact there are few places I like more than my own garden on a warm and sunny spring day, particularly when Richard has mowed the lawn, and the dog is resisting the urge to dig.

What is your ideal weekend?

My ideal weekend would involve, in no particular order: Richard and the girls; sunshine; a walk on a beach; old friends; Bach on the car radio; finding some beautiful old Staffordshire china in a junk shop; a dark chocolate Bounty bar; sweet peas; lots of laughter; gin; home-made rhubarb crumble. I'm easily pleased!

BUNBURY YOUTH GROUP

March

- Ice skating - March 5
- Games Night - March 12
- Bunbury Bake Off - March 19
- Easter Egg Hunt - March 26

April

- Games Night - April 16
- Movie Night - April 23
- Games Night - April 30

FOR MORE DETAILS
CONTACT 01829 261511
Monday nights 7-8.30pm
Year 6 and upward

Sculptor Stephen Broadbent on Stanley Spencer's Christ

How do you look at art and can it help us to think theologically? This was the theme of a 24 hour conference held at Foxhill, the diocesan retreat house in Frodsham, led by theologian, Professor David Brown.

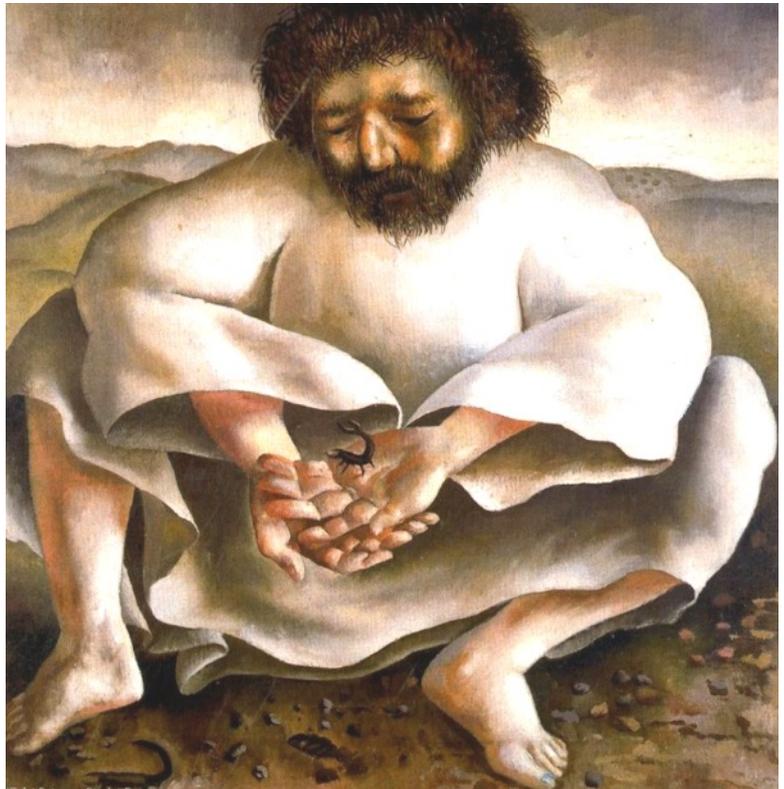
Exercising imagination and the telling of stories is what sets our humanity apart, we have over many centuries made sense of the world through metaphor, image and symbol. Jesus's parables create pictures in our minds, challenging our imagination to find the truth for ourselves. This ambiguity will prove difficult for those trying to set doctrine, but it can be transformative for the person who personally receives a poem, an image or story for themselves.

What do you see in this painting by Stanley Spencer? Is it important to know the artist's intention, or do we need an understanding of the language of symbolism?

This painting entitled *The Scorpion*, is one of a series of works exploring 'Christ in the Wilderness', linked to the biblical teaching of Jesus "I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you." Luke 10:19

What does it say to you? What do you see in the face of Christ? The shape of his cloak and overall colour seem in harmony with the landform, this speaks to me of the incarnation, God becoming one with nature, real

compassion even to the bits that would cause harm. But there is so much more to see, that will speak differently to each of us.



Parish council pursuits

The Parish Council met on 14 February with eight Councillors and two residents attending. There were no planning applications... what a surprise!

A £100 donation to the Air Ambulance Service was agreed. Affordable and Social Housing were discussed. Councillors have delivered a leaflet to all houses in Bunbury explaining how to register with Cheshire Home Choice, the co-ordinating body for allocating Social Housing. 35 new affordable/social houses will be built as part of the new developments that currently have planning permission. The Council have asked Cheshire East to repair and resurface parts of Bowes Gate Road and Bunbury Road where a large number of pot holes have appeared. An election will take place on 22 March to fill the vacancy for our Ward Councillor, following Michael Jones's resignation. And so Bunbarians put a spring in your step and keep smiling!

Leila Potter

New Bunbury Bus Services

The new bus services From Bunbury to Nantwich will commence on April 1st. The services, now renumbered '70', will run from Bunbury to Nantwich and back three times a week, on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday (excluding Bank Holidays). Leaving Bunbury at 10.17am, arriving Nantwich at 10.52am. Leaving Nantwich at 1.45pm, arriving Bunbury at 2.17pm.

Parish Council Press Officer

Lent 2018

The existence of suffering in the world is a major obstacle to belief in God for a great many people.

Thousands of books have been written on the subject of human suffering and there are many arguments that are put forward in an effort to explain its existence, the classic ones being suffering is punishment, suffering is education and suffering is a privilege.

Some would seek to turn to the bible for an explanation and there is perhaps no greater treatise on suffering than the Book of Job.

At 6pm each Sunday evening of Lent Rev Mike Rogers is leading a series of reflections in St Boniface church which, with the help of Job and all his troubles, might provide you with food for thought on which to ponder about your own assumptions about God and his place in human suffering.

As before, each session will last between 30 and 45 minutes and, with the exception of those Sundays when Evensong is sung when the reflection will replace the homily, will include a period of silence for contemplative prayer and the saying of Compline. You will be most welcome at any or all of the sessions.



Bunbury comes dancing

Bunbury Village hall was at full capacity on Saturday 27 January for the first ever Bunbury Come Dancing. Six local couples performed for the audience and the judges, all hoping to lift the coveted glitterball trophy.

The event was organised by Abbie Coney and Gemma McGrillis to raise funds for the charities they are supporting by running this year's London Marathon - SCOPE and The Christie. As well as planning and promoting the evening, they also took part as dancers along with their husbands Phil and Matt.

The other couples who very kindly (and bravely!) took part were: Lucy and Ian Cole, Helen and Jo Tillett, Julia and Rob Dancy and Vanessa and Lee Greenbury. All the couples spent weeks rehearsing dance moves, making costumes and getting themselves ready to perform in front of the judges. The audience were entertained by energetic Jives, a beautiful Waltz, a flirty Foxtrot, a cheeky Charleston and a dramatic Paso Doble. The dancers put in such an amazing amount of time and effort which paid off in an unforgettable night of fun and laughter.

As well as pleasing the audience, the couples were also out to impress the four formidable judges: Tim 'Revel' Hayward, Shir-laine Crotty, Amandarcy Harris and Phil 'Bruno' Allcock, who all played their roles to perfection.

Looking after the couples and making sure the evening ran smoothly were Gill Arnold and Beth Hayward, the hostesses with the mostest who were on hand to congratulate the dancers and keep the judges in check. Gill also started the night with a beautiful solo dance that she choreographed herself.

During the interval the audience cast their votes for the winning couple whilst being entertained by the wonderful Bunbury Singers who were given four 10's by the judges for their performance.

The votes were counted and verified and then the winners were announced as... Vanessa and Lee Greenbury - a well-deserved win for their fantastic Paso Doble.

The evening was an enormous success and raised £1850 to be split between SCOPE and The Christie. It was a lovely community event which will be fondly remembered for a long time to come.

Keeeeeeeeep Dancing!



ST BONIFACE CHURCH

3rd Sunday Brunch

Starting 18th March
10am

Informal, family friendly café style
service

INTERVIEWS, MUSIC AND DRAMA,
REVIEW OF THE PAPERS

Coffee, croissants, bacon rolls.

Bunbury Singers present cheques following successful fundraising



Bunbury Singers were very pleased to present St Luke's Hospice with a cheque for £1,100 as a result of their recent concerts.

Mandy Shaw, Community Partnerships Fundraiser from St Luke's, was delighted to be able to collect the cheque at one of Bunbury Singers' regular rehearsals. An additional donation of £250 was also presented to Guide Dogs for the Blind, which was collected as a result of carol singing in various Tarporley pubs and the Lockgate Café in Beeston.

There is an exciting concert planned for 12 May at Tarporley Baptist and Methodist Chapel, so keep the date free!

More details about Bunbury Singers and their activities can be found at www.bunburysingers.co.uk

Tributes

Joan Edge - loved fun family holidays in Devon and Cornwall

Born at Tiverton in 1940 to Les and Frances, Joan never saw her father until she was five years old and the war had ended. Her father's work with various hunts involved lots of moving around so for Joan school life was hectic as she went to nine different schools. Despite all the changes, with her hard work and determination Joan was successful and went to Nantwich Grammar.

Joan was brilliant with numbers, calculating everything in her head, and her first job after school was looking after the accounts at the Co-op, which was where Tilly's is now. She also did house work and helped at Tarporley School during the lunch break.

Joan met Eric on a blind date, where they had gone with a couple of friends to the cinema in Chester. They sat by the river after the film and Joan always said "That night we sat by the river, I knew you were the one I wanted to spend the rest of my life with". Joan and Eric were married in April 1960. She loved to dance and Saturday nights were often spent with a friend at the Bickerton dances. Eric would head off for a drink with friends and they would arrive back for the last waltz!

Joan was a loving and devoted mum to Alan who was born in 1965, and Peter who arrived three years later. Family holidays were great fun, with suitcases piled high on top of the Mini as they headed off to Devon and Cornwall. For their 25th wedding anniversary Eric persuaded Joan to venture further afield and this trip to Mallorca was later followed by holidays in Tenerife, Ibiza and Menorca.

Joan didn't enjoy the best of health as thirty years ago she had kidney failure, then had a kidney transplant, and broke her hip in Tenerife. She never complained, never moaned, she just got on with it, supported by her loving family and the hospital. Joan was loyal, devoted and hardworking and her love and inspiration will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.

Brian Hughes - lover of nature and the outdoors

Brian was born at Wrexham and his parents farmed at Top House Farm at Marchwiell and ran a bakery in Wrexham. With his three siblings Brian had a traditional childhood on the farm and invariably he and his brother, Peter were in trouble. At the age of nine Brian was sent to boarding school in Oswestry, an experience he didn't recommend.

After school he worked on the farm before he got work with a builder, followed by six years working for Dunlop. Then for thirty five years he worked for Wrexham Wire where he greatly enjoyed his working life and made many friends.

Brian first met Jennifer at a dance in 1968. He had been to the Bickerton Poacher and on his way to Nantwich he called in at the dance and as they say "the rest is history". In June 1970 they married at St Boniface and in the following years their children Jo, Debs and Andrew were christened there.

Family holidays were great fun, off to Black Rock Sands or down to Devon and Cornwall. Brian loved family coastal holidays, fishing, crabbing and building sandcastles with the children. He even enjoyed the rainy days playing cards, snakes and ladders and Pictionary! He enjoyed sport and followed the fortunes of Manchester United and Wrexham. A rugby fan, he took great pride in watching his son, Andy, play.

Nature and the outdoors were important to Brian. He grew his own vegetables and picked mushrooms in the fields; the "full English" of bacon, eggs, sausage and black pudding to go with the mushrooms was a great favourite of his. Brian loved his food: if he was well fed, he was happy. He was a gentle giant and wasn't big on words but Brian loved welcoming family and friends to his home, the more the merrier.

Brian was content in life even though he experienced difficult times with his health. At only forty he had both hips replaced and in later years suffered a stroke, but he was fighter with boundless reserves of inner strength. The love of family and friends supported Brian through these difficult times. Brian's love, loyalty and commitment will be missed.

Judy Morris - gave so much love and inspired so much love in others



Judy was an only child, the daughter of Gordon and Phyllis Whittaker. She was justifiably proud of her father, a tall, dark and handsome man who became a distinguished international rugby referee. She attended St Anne's School, in Windermere.

When she grew up, Judy married Bill Morris, who had returned from the war. They made a most striking couple, he with his fair debonair looks and she with her dark, beautiful complexion. Judy and Billy always used to send green jelly babies to each other. They remained devoted to each other through thick and thin (and there was plenty of both) for nearly 60 years. Judy loved skiing in France and family holidays in Spain - the early days of package holidays.

They were wonderful and affectionate parents as the girls grew up, and that they gave them every support.

She was suitably proud of her two strong-minded daughters, Gail and Tish - the Morris brothers as they became known - and equally proud of her five grandchildren, Gemma, William, Poppy, Harry and Phoebe and of her three great grandchildren, Freddie, Woody and Henry. She was a brilliant granny and never lived more than 10 miles away and her high standards will remain a strong influence on all her devoted grandchildren. Judy was the matriarch, her love and guidance a real treasure and rightly cherished.

Judy was always so interesting, because she was always interested in others. She was forever asking after people. She will be remembered for her kindness and generosity, her work at St Luke's, her support of the WI and her commitment to Meals on Wheels, among other things.

Judy's very genuine faith shaped her life. She was so devoted to St Jude's, as well as her community. Right until the very end, Judy lived a life in which she gave so much love and inspired so much love in others. Judy's legacy is impossible to measure.

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