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BUNBURY

2021

The Olympic themed Bunbury Village Day will be going ahead on Saturday 26 June (subject to the government's roadmap out of lockdown being implemented as planned).

Village Day organisers are delighted to announce that our guest of honour will be Olympian **Dan Purvis**, who was ranked Men's Artistic Gymnast World number 1 in both 2011 and 2014.

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Community news

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Bunbury residents, **Helen Martyn** and **Margaret Large**.

COVID restrictions permitting, the next meeting of **Bunbury Gardening Club** will be a visit to Briarfield, Burton, Wirral on Tuesday 15 June. Meet at the property at 6.30pm. Admission £5.00. Further details from Margaret Bourne 01829 260944. New members and guests are welcome but please make yourselves known to members of the Committee.

Thank you to **Helen Barrie** who has volunteered to deliver the Link in Darkie Meadow. Thank you to all those who deliver the Link; the team is very grateful.

Congratulations to **Caroline Briggs-Harris**, appointed Deputy Chancellor of Coventry diocese. Each Diocese in the Church of England (and in the Church in Wales) has a Chancellor who is the principal Judge of the Consistory Court for the Diocese.

The Deputy Chancellor judges cases the Chancellor cannot hear or is unavailable.

The court deals mainly with matters relating to consecrated land and buildings. Caroline, who has a Master's degree in Canon Law, said: "Serving the Diocese of Coventry as Deputy Chancellor is an honour and I am looking forward to putting my knowledge of the laws of the Church of England to good use."

Margaret and **Mike Bourne** will open their garden again at Long Acre, Wyche Lane, Bunbury CW6 9PS for charity under the National Garden Scheme on Sunday 20 June 2pm-5pm. Tea and cakes, plant stall. Admission £5.00 for adults, children free. Charities regularly supported include

Marie Curie, Macmillan Cancer Support, Hospice UK and the Carers Trust. In a normal year, the National Garden Scheme as a whole donate around £3m to nursing and health charities.

Bunbury Parish Council met virtually in May for their AGM and monthly meeting. Andrew Thomson was welcomed to the Parish Council; his expertise in planning will be much appreciated. A number of residents attended to raise their objections to the planning application for 15 homes off Bunbury Lane. The Parish Council debated this and agreed to object to the application for many reasons, but in particular as it is outside the village settlement boundary. The decision will be taken by Cheshire East but no date has been set yet.

New bins have been ordered for the Jubilee Playing Fields; if the bins are full, please take your rubbish home. The June meeting may be moved as the legislation regarding virtual meetings has not been renewed – keep an eye on the noticeboard and website for the latest news. In July the Council expects to be back in the Pavilion if all goes to plan.

The committee of **Bunbury WI** has worked tirelessly over the past year to keep the members connected. As we walk the cautious pathway to the resumption of activities we look forward to a coffee morning at the Dysart in early June, a presence at village day and our first full members meeting in September. At Bunbury Village Day we have decided to offer cakes and drinks only. Although it goes against our principles regarding recycling of waste, all cups, plates and cutlery will be disposable. All the cakes will be pre-cut, plated and sealed in a see-through bag with a throw away fork included in the package. Tea, coffee and juice will be provided in disposable cups and milk and sugar in individual sachets. Our "cake table" will be outside the Playing Field Pavilion and we plan to have a one-way system in place.



A word from the editor

Thank you to all those who give up the time to write articles for the Link.

The column, 'A Day in the Life of...' puts the spotlight on the wide variety of work experiences and careers held within our community, whereas 'Give Us Two Minutes' is an opportunity to get to know a person's broader life experience. If you would like to contribute to the column or if you know of someone whom we should approach for an article, please let the editor know (contact details on p2).



TIM HAYWARD

Your Vicar

The Link is sad to report the death of Rev Tim's beloved mother, Heather, on Friday 14 May. Our heartfelt love and prayers are with Tim, Beth, Rose, Poppy, Tim's father, Jim and his wider family. As we continue to hold the family in this difficult time, please direct any queries via email to our assistant curate, Rev Claire, at bunburycurate@gmail.com.

In addition to being our vicar, Rev Tim has recently become the **Rural Dean**. His job is to report to the Archdeacon about the parishes in

Tim appointed Rural Dean

the Malpas Deanery. He chairs meetings for all the vicars once a month and generally looks after their pastoral care. He also has a variety of legal duties and, together with the churchwardens, is responsible for any church in vacancy. He will be very busy looking after us all.

To help him he now has a new parish administrator **Lucy Oates**. We are very grateful to Vicky Riley for all her hard work during her time as Parish Administrator

We welcome Lucy to the team.

These are busy weeks at our local **foodbank** in Nantwich, which continues to deliver food parcels to families in need, including emergency parcels that can be packed up and delivered within the day. Parcels are taken to homes in Nantwich, Crewe and the rural areas around, including the Bunbury area. Nationally, six foodbank parcels are given out EVERY MINUTE by foodbanks in the Trussell Trust network, the UK's largest network of foodbanks.

Sometimes the TV news seems so sad – and the needs of so many people so overwhelming – that it's hard to know what we can do to help out. Donations to the foodbank are a quick and effective way to give help where it is desperately needed. All those who receive food parcels have been

referred to the foodbank by social workers, doctors' surgeries or similar organisations.

I would like to thank everyone who has dropped a food or household item into our Foodbank collecting box at the Village Hall, whether it's every now and then, or every week. Bunbury community has been so consistently generous that we received a letter from the foodbank organisers. Thank you everyone.

Items needed right now:

Tinned vegetables, tinned fruit, tins of meat (stew, chicken curry etc), long-life milk, instant coffee, bars of soap, deodorant, washing powder.

Alex Sanders, Volunteer Foodbank Co-ordinator

Church Services for June
Meaning in the Miracles

6th June | Jesus touches the untouchable and shows God's love for the rejected

13th June | Friendship and faith bridge the gap and enable God to restore

20th June | Jesus is the Bread of life - still superabundant at all times and in all places

27th June | Jesus brings peace in troubled times

Sunday 9.30am St Jude's | 10.30am St Boniface
Holy Communion 1st Sunday & 3rd Sunday St Boniface
Midweek Communion 23rd June

The copy deadline for the July issue is Friday 11 June. The magazine should be delivered starting Saturday 26 June. Notices to bunburyparishoffice@gmail.com

Make donations to the church using this QR code and your mobile phone



A profile of salon owner, Suzanne Badder



From the age of eight, I helped in several day-care centres and care homes in school holidays as my dad was Area Manager for Crewe and Nantwich Social Services. This led me to being the over-caring individual I am today. I progressed at the age of 16 in completing my Antecedent Diploma in Social Care and A levels in psychology and sociology. I finally ending up as Nursing Auxiliary at Davenham Hall.

In 1993, I joined a convoy to take medical aid over to Croatia and Bosnia during the



Balkans War. My Dad and I packed up the Davenham Hall minibus and joined the International Rotarians on a voyage that will stay with me forever. We went to several hospitals and war-torn villages full of refugees; it was such a cruel time for them. In one camp there were babies that were orphaned. A lady was struggling holding her baby, so I helped by holding him, whilst she was putting toiletries and gifts into a large bin bag. I went to give her the baby back, but she wanted me to take him. It was so harrowing and still to this day I don't know what happened to the baby and his mother. It was so sad. We did the 3,000-mile round trip five times over two years, much to my Mum's dismay; she stayed at home whilst dad and I went to a war zone. At the age I am now, I feel quite guilty, I don't know how she coped.

As the years went on I decided to do a private course on aromatherapy at Burton Manor College on the Wirral, This propelled me to discover the beauty side of making people feel better about themselves, so I continued my search for my career, I joined Regis Hairstylists in 1996, and trained at the Regis Academy in Liverpool and worked at the Regis Salon next to the Grosvenor Hotel in Chester, styling a mix of Chester racecourse ladies and the elite crowd of the hotel, to the everyday shoppers looking for a new look on their shopping trip. I worked with 13 girls; we had some fun especially at the end of the day in the bars with all the other city-hairdressers. It was one big family.

In 2004 I worked as a training Assessor, delivering NVQ standards to Apprentices in the North West, visiting different salons and doing in-house training. I became the Area Manager.

2008 gave me the opportunity to fulfil my ambition when I opened my own salon. The Salon has been a height of activity for 13 years, not just for the hairdressing, but as a community hub, we call it 'The Adult Youth Club'. Over my 26 years in

the industry I have never known a salon to be such a huge part of everyone's life, it's not just a 9-5 job. My clients have made friendships with one another, through chitchat over tea and coffee, lunch and cake from Tilly's, or even a bottle of Prosecco. We have theatre dates, dinners and even the occasional night out.

I've had a few teenagers working at The Salon, but I have to say that my present helper is Jill, 78 years young. Her role is the Chief Sanitising Officer, she lives next door to the salon and lives on her own. She said that the salon has been a lifeline for her through the pandemic and I have to admit, I feel the same. Jill has made me feel more at ease as I was very anxious about reopening. She has kept us all safe.

Every week is full of ups and downs and a hair appointment often turns into a therapy session, there's laughter, upset, and emotions of every type, but everyone leaves with a smile.

To relax, I have a creative streak in me and love to do art, whether it is doodling, watercolour or mixed media. I find it is my way of helping the anxiety and stress of everyday life.

I live in a hamlet called Meadowbank, surrounded by fields, forests and wildlife, this is where my love of hedgehogs started. My friend is a full-time hedgehog rescuer and takes in all wild hedgehogs suffering or that are too small to survive hibernation. Once they have been seen by a Registered Vet and concluded their necessary treatment, they then come to me to get fattened up ready for release in the spring, cosied up by fleece blankets and a full fat diet. Numbers are declining in the UK and we need to protect our spiky friends.

Advice, if you find a hedgehog that looks small or injured, it could mean that they need attention. If injured, please take to your local vet to get treated, or contact a local rescue centre, or me on 01829 262638.

Sky notes for June – a solar eclipse!

The main astronomical event this month occurs not at night, but during the day! On the morning of 10 June we get to see an eclipse of the sun. A solar eclipse occurs when the moon passes between earth and the sun, thereby totally or partly obscuring the disc of the sun for a viewer on earth.

A word of warning: **never** look at the sun directly, with your unprotected eyes or – especially – with a telescope or binoculars: it could blind you permanently. Sadly, this does happen. For naked-eye observing you can buy special "eclipse glasses" with filters (meeting ISO 12312-2 safety standard) to reduce the sun's radiation to a safe level. Don't use anything else, like smoked glass, welders' goggles or other filters! Alternatively, you can project the sun's image through binoculars onto a piece of white card, as shown in the diagram. Again, be very careful and do not look at the sun. You can keep one of the lenses capped. It helps if you can cast some shade over the card.

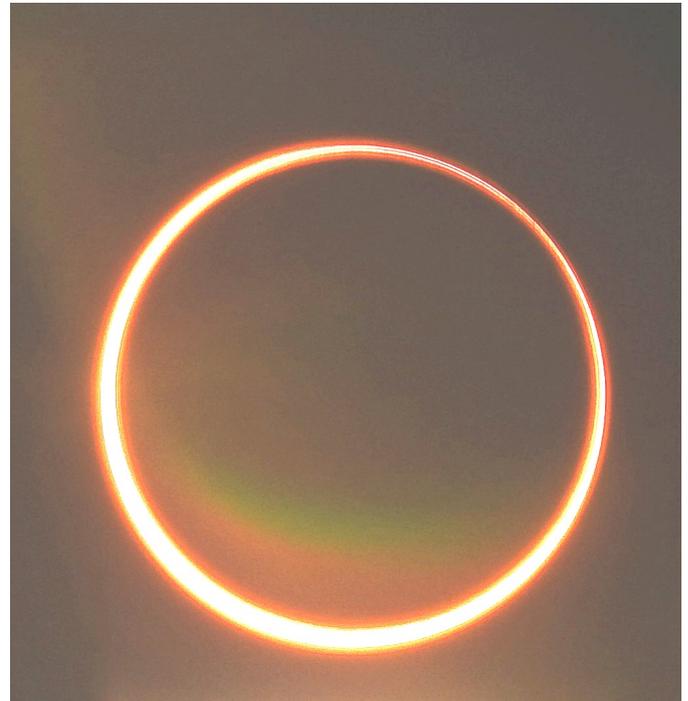
The eclipse begins at 10.06 British Summer Time. After a few minutes, a small bite will appear to have been taken out of the edge of the sun as shown in the photo on the left. As the eclipse progresses, the moon covers more and more of the face of the sun until it reaches its greatest extent at 11.13. At this time, the moon covers about 38% of the sun similar to the photo on the right. The moon then relinquishes the sun's face

and the eclipse finally ends at 12.25.

The last solar eclipse that was well observed from Bunbury was on 9 May 2016. The photograph (left) shows Rev Tim observing it through a telescope, but



Partial eclipse of the sun, similar to what we will see in Bunbury on June 10

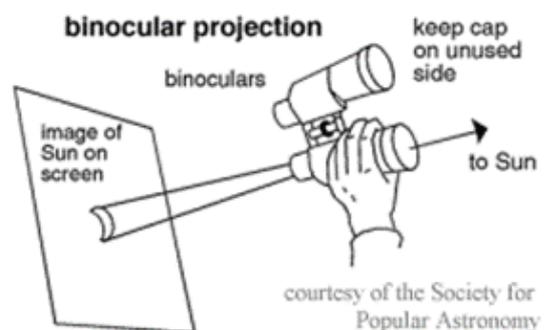


An annular solar eclipse similar to that which those in northern Canada will see

note that this telescope is equipped with a very special filter than makes it safe. Let's hope for good weather this time, too! If we were in northern Canada or Greenland observing the event, we would see a much greater eclipse. However, the moon wouldn't quite cover the sun completely. Instead there will be an "annular eclipse". An annular solar eclipse occurs when the moon's apparent diameter is smaller than the sun's, blocking most of the sun's light and causing the sun to look like an annulus (ring).

Happy (and safe) observing!

Bunbury Stargazer



Recipe for June: Chewy Date and Coconut Bars

10 minutes to mix, 30 minutes to bake

This month's recipe comes from member of the PCC, Lucy Munro.



Ingredients

115g butter
1 large tablespoon
golden syrup
1 med egg, beaten
140g chopped dates
170g demerara
sugar
85g desiccated
coconut
115g self raising flour

Method

This is a recipe by food writer **Thane Prince**. If you don't think you like dates, don't be put off. Somehow they turn toffee-ish in the oven and the resulting chewy cake is dangerously moreish. Another version adds a lemony glacé icing but I don't think it's necessary.

1. Melt the butter and syrup together.
2. Leave to cool for 5 minutes then beat in the egg.

3. Mix together all the dry ingredients, add the egg mixture and stir well.
4. Tip into a 7 inch square tin lined with non-stick paper and press down evenly.
5. Bake at 160C, 325F or Gas 3 for 30 minutes, until risen and golden. It will still be a little soft in the middle. Allow to cool before slicing.

Enjoy.

The 'never-ending story' of a chilli (and tomato) grower

We've been out for a walk this morning and because of the inclement (masterly understatement) weather of the past few days, we decided Bird's Lane was far enough. Nevertheless we had rain, hail, wind and sun: all of life's weather in a short distance! "Aye there's the rub," as Hamlet tells us, because of all of these weather types the only one that chillis really like is SUN!

Tomatoes are a little more insouciant and plough on regardless, getting a bit leggy perhaps but growing apace, nevertheless. Here are some (only a fraction of the population) in the greenhouse when according to my Google calendar (which never lies) they should have been out decorating and growing up our kitchen wall in the middle of April, as they were two years ago!

They will have to go out soon because, where they are standing is where some of the chillis will live on the sunny side of the greenhouse. These tomatoes and the ones in the cold frame already have decent flowers and so with some improved weather will soon be earning

their corn (mixed metaphor I'm afraid!). All of the varieties, common and obscure are thriving.

So are the chillis as you can see (again a small part of the population and the ones that are hogging the UV growlights) but the very wide range of varieties makes for a range of heights and habits, a bit like those early school photos where some



kids are two feet taller than the others! The tall ones are Jalapenos (Capsicum Annuum) variety "Farmers Market" and if you squint hard, you will see that they too are already flowering, hoping to persuade me to keep them indoors in the conservatory rather than subject them to

the rigours of the greenhouse or cold frame. The one in front, which while not as tall, is bushing out nicely and also flowering, is a Malawi Birds Eye Chilli (Capsicum Frutescens: similar to the Tabasco Chilli) and is a producer of a very heavy crop of smallish (2cm) but hot fruit which are also known as Peri-Peri, Pili-Pili and combinations and permutations thereof! You will have had both of these in African, Mexican and Asian food whether you know it or not. Chillis aren't native to Africa though but were taken by Portuguese navigators in 1487 (or so I'm reliably informed!) but they liked the climate and stayed.

I'll introduce you to some of the more unusual varieties in a later message from the trenches (garden type of course!).



Give us 2 minutes

Originally from Preston, I came to Cheshire during the summer holidays of 1984. I was a student at Newcastle University and had a summer job at North Western Farmers.. Derek came to fix some equipment, asked me for a date and 12 months later, after I graduated, we were married at the Bunbury Methodist chapel (the last wedding before it was demolished!). Our five children quickly followed and I thoroughly enjoyed my years as a stay at home mum. My children are now grown up, with children of their own and a few years ago I got the opportunity to join the staff at Bunbury Medical Centre in the dispensary. I love the challenge of working there and have been proud to be involved with the rollout of the COVID-19 vaccine at Cheshire View.



Melody Burrows

If you had a motto what would it be?

If you want extra kisses give extra hugs (stolen from Mrs Claus in 'Santa Claus The Movie')

It's a celebrity beer call who would you invite? Socially distanced of course

Liza Tarbuck, Phoebe Waller-Bridge, Victoria Coren Mitchell, Raymond Blanc and RuPaul should be entertaining and I'd pick up some cooking (and make-up) tips.

What would you call your autobiography?

It's Been Hard Work But Fabulous

What was your first job?

Aged 10 I persuaded my local newsagent to give me a morning paper round. I wasn't technically old enough but I was tall for my age! Being the first person to walk on fresh snow lit by moonlight was worth the early starts.

How has COVID affected your profession?

I have been fortunate to continue working throughout the pandemic so have not been subject to the feelings of isolation experienced by many, especially during the first lockdown. I'm grateful to live here with access to local shops, the countryside and supportive friends; all have been important in maintaining

a sense of perspective, especially after a hectic day.

What would you change about Bunbury if you could?

I'd love to see some allotments. I think gardening is wonderful for both physical and mental health. There's something about the coming together of people with the shared goal of growing;

What is the best book you have read to date?

The Poisonwood Bible. It tells the story of four sisters whose missionary father takes the family to Africa. Each girl has a different interpretation of events which makes one think about one's own perspective.

What is your biggest regret?

I may wish some things in life had been different sometimes but regret would be too strong a description and changes nothing. I do however regret I've never mastered a tumbling trick, I think it's called a 'flick-flack'; Also one or two hairstyles I've had over the years -serious errors of judgement!

If you were granted one wish, what would it be?

For a real time machine.

What is one thing people would be surprised to learn about you?

I've worked as an extra and appeared in many films and TV shows including Hollyoaks, Close to the Enemy, Mount Pleasant, Home Fires, Car Share and Coronation Street.

What would you like to achieve most over the next 12 months?

Staying happy and healthy is everything, I hope I can achieve that.

What is your favourite place and why?

Home; it's where the heart is!

How would you spend your ideal weekend?

With friends and family somewhere beautiful. We'd play silly games and share lots of laughs. And someone else would do all the cooking and washing up!



Claire Wilson Stream keeper

High in the Alps, nestled on the banks of a crystal-clear stream was a town. The children played endlessly on the banks and elegant fowl paraded in the stream and below the surface bountiful fish swam.

The Keeper of the Stream was an old man, who silently and unseen, traversed the hills, clearing away debris, removing leaves and branches, ensuring that the springs that fed the stream were free flowing.

One year the town council decided that their financial commitments lay elsewhere, and they would spend the taxes they raised to pay for other things, rather than a barely visible, unsupervised old man.

As the old man stopped his work, the branches fell, the leaves began to pile up and the flow of the water muddied. The waste built up silt and stream stagnated.

Initially no one in the town noticed, but soon the birds flew away in search of fresher water. The smell that permeated the air around the stream clawed at

the children's throats until they no longer came to play. As the life flow of the water became contaminated, so too the health of the townsfolk deteriorated. The sparkling beauty of the surrounding area ebbed away.

The council reconvened an emergency meeting, money was found, and the old man sought out. Once again he quietly and carefully tended the springs, until the water began to run clear. The stream flowed pure, the waters began to teem with life under and on top of the surface, and the tinkling of children's laughter rang out as they splashed in the shallows. The people realised that the life of the town depended on the vitality of the stream.

The stream is your inner life. You are the keeper.

(Based on the prologue of Soul Keeping by John Ortberg)

What steps are you taking each day to ensure that your true self is being sustained and enabled to flourish?



Mike Rogers writes... Junk mail or generosity?



One of the curses of modern life is junk mail. These days, it is not just delivered courtesy of Royal Mail, it also appears in banners on our mobile phone apps or as 'posts' on our Facebook accounts. And I never cease to be amazed how, just a few minutes searching for something on Amazon leads to a blizzard of other offers of a similar nature appearing either in my email inbox or by some other electronic means.

And then there are the offers of money. The particular counting house that is home to the Rogers' family fortune is continually offering interest free loans in return for a small percentage of the total amount borrowed or interest free balance transfers, again for an apparently nominal fee. Or, from time-to-time, a credit card is offered. All that is needed is my signature and an unspecified amount of financial freedom is mine.

The theme that runs through all the junk mail, regardless of what is being peddled is consumption; the consumption of food, of

holidays, of home improvements, of fitness, of insurance to safe-guard what I've bought or own, of financial freedom even.

So what? you might ask. It's quite simple. All you need do is either throw the offending mail in the bin or hit the delete button. And that is true.

But there is a deeper question at play here. Is our purpose in life simply to wrap ourselves in a blanket of consumerism so as to insulate ourselves from the harsh realities of life or is there something else?

Take the phrase in the Lord's Prayer 'Thy kingdom come...'. Is that fulfilled through

responding to the temptations proffered by junk mail, in wanting something we don't have or is it fulfilled by giving to people who are either less fortunate than ourselves or who have lost everything, in other words, by embracing generosity?

Only you know your answer to that.

Our prayers for June

We pray for the families of **Malcolm Turner, Helen Martyn and Margaret Large.**

*Loving God,
as we prepare to meet people in groups again,
and go out and about once more,
be with us in our joy at reunions
and be with us too where we find gaps and loss.
Thank you for the constancy of your love.*

Amen

Annual parochial church meeting

The annual parochial church meeting for the parish of Bunbury which covers St Boniface and Calveley was held online on Sunday 16 May.

Rev Tim was thanked for his creative leadership of ministry throughout a difficult year. Many people were thanked for their efforts during COVID, including:

- The **Pastoral team** for their efforts keeping in touch with people
- The **additional clergy**, the **lay ministry** team and all those who have helped Tim with the online services with talks and prayers and services in general
- **Rose Hayward** for her efforts online
- **Beth Hayward** for the Advent Windows and Lent Acts of Kindness
- Those people who have been **cleaning** and looking after our churches
- Our **health and safety officer** who has the unenviable task of working out how many people can sit in church socially distanced and making sure it is cleaned afterwards
- The **churchwardens** past and present
- Our **foodbank coordinator** and all those who have **delivered** to the foodbank

- All who have supported Rev Tim and Rev Claire in the **conduct of funeral services**, by cleaning, preparing and stewarding
- Those who create the **Link** (the parish magazine) and those who sort the Link and deliver it
- The **bell ringing captain** for undertaking research and following specific bell ringing guidance
- The **treasurer** for keeping such a good eye on the finances
- The **Standing Committee** for the many extra meetings
- Those people who give their time to be on the **PCC**.

It was acknowledged that there are others who deserve thanks for all they have done; you all know who you are.

Editor's note:

I voiced my concerns about forgetting someone on our Zoom meeting and was sent this message from John Ellis: 'How about starting with a quote from my classical past attributed to Cicero addressing the Senate on his return from exile in which many had helped to secure that return. "It is difficult to mention everybody; it would be ungracious to omit anyone."'

Christian Aid coffee morning

On the first day post-lockdown, Joyce Buxton held a Christian Aid coffee morning at her lovely cottage. The weather was grey, but the rain held off. It was lovely to be able to gather again and raise £350 for such an important cause. We even managed to keep numbers under 30!



Bunbury school news

Since returning to school on 8 March we have endeavoured to ensure that we have provided an enhanced curriculum as much as we can. Whilst our priority has been to ensure the mental health and well-being of all our children and staff, alongside plugging learning gaps, we have also continued to offer PE, music lessons and other curriculum enriching experiences.

Before Covid we were fortunate enough to work with Russell Kirk in 2019. Russell is responsible for a number of annual festivals and parades across the North West and his workshop activities mean that he is a familiar face in many schools and colleges in Cheshire and surrounding Counties. Although he still produces his own work for exhibition and private collections it is the large festive events that are his first love. This is epitomised by the Chester Midsummer watch Parade where the elements of visual arts, music and

performance all come together making it one of the most enjoyable and spectacular community events in the country.

Russell visited Bunbury school and carried out an art workshop with our Year 6 children to prepare large scale art pieces and t-shirts for the Village Day parade during the summer of 2019. The workshop was a huge success and the pieces created really enhanced the parade. Since then the art work created has been used as part of our school display. The large scale sun willow and tissue paper sculptures has been displayed alongside work on our school vision 'Let your light Shine' Matthew 5v13.

This summer we are fortunate enough to be able to work with

Russell once more as we prepare some large-scale artwork for this years Village Day parade. The theme this year will be Olympics and we look forward to seeing what ideas Russell has for us this time. Miss Hickson, our Year 6 teacher said she was delighted to be able to once again work with outside professionals as it has been such a long time since we were able to welcome different people through our doors.



Contemplative prayer

Contemplative Prayer has been part of the Christian tradition since earliest times. Its aim is to make ourselves open to God. So often we talk at God; seldom do we give God a chance to talk to us.

You might like to consider the process as similar to being shown a picture: if you were to meditate on it you would look at it and actively engage your mind, imagination, and perception. What is the subject? How was it painted? How does it affect you? What might the artist have intended?

However, If you were to sit and contemplate the picture then you would do just that, you would just sit and gaze at it, and allow it to 'speak' to you, however that may be.

In this way, contemplation differs from meditation.

In Contemplative Prayer we come before God with the 'four Ss': stillness, silence, simplicity, surrender

- Stillness enables us to give all our attention to God.

- Silence allows for the 'still, small voice' of God to be heard.
- Simplicity does not mean it is easy, rather it means that it needs minimal external input.
- Surrender. Much of our Christian life – when, where and how we pray, worship, study – is decided by us. In contemplation we give all the initiative to God, letting God be in control, not us.

Contemplative Prayer is not an easy discipline and it takes practice to empty your mind, nor does it appeal to everyone. But if you would like to give it a try and make some space in your life, there is a small group that meets in St Boniface at 7.30pm on the 3rd Tuesday of each month for about an hour - not all of which is silence! This month we will meet on Tuesday 15 June.

More details are available from Rev Mike Rogers 01829 261682 or mandmrogers@btinternet.com

Village day plans

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This year's Rose Queen is Scarlett Ellis. Her attendants are - Eva Connelly, Ella Connelly, Anya Yates, Elise Tomlinson, Martha Bennett and Tom Ford.

As ever, food and drink will be a key element of Bunbury Village Day. We are very grateful to Henry, Pat and the team at The Nags Head for generously supporting the BVD Bar.

There will be a BBQ using Burrows Butchers burgers and bangers along with veggie and vegan options. Bunbury WI will be running a take-away café with hot drinks and sweet treats. And as the BBQ cools down pizzas will be supplied by Maximilliano's Wood Fired Pizzas.

There will be a variety of stalls to buy from including stalls run by local village groups.

This year's parade will start at Bunbury School as a wedding is taking place at St Boniface. The parade will be led by the City of Chester Brass Band. The parade will be led by Rose Queen Scarlett Ellis and her attendants, Eva Connelly, Ella Connelly, Anya Yates, Elise Tomlinson, Martha Bennett and Tom Ford.

Entry for adults is £2.50 and free for under 16s.

Unfortunately, no dogs are allowed on the Jubilee Playing Fields (except Guide Dogs).

The parade begins at Bunbury School (not from the church).

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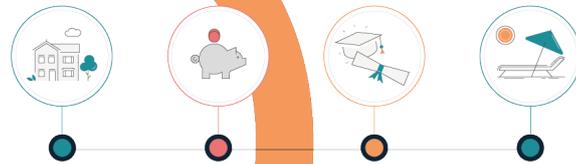
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