



St. Boniface ACM - looking ahead

The annual church meeting took place after morning service on April 29th. This is the forum for the presentation of annual reports from Rick and the various committees involved in the running of St Boniface, providing an overview of the state of our church and some pointers to the year ahead. Here we give a précis of Rick's annual report – you can see the full text on the church notice board.

"I have the privilege to be a priest amongst equals, by which I mean a "priesthood of all believers". As I see it, my part in the work of this church is to have a vision of what we are and could be in the future: to recognise where we need to go, why we are going there and how to reach our goal. My task is made easier by being surrounded by so many talented, committed and far-sighted people. My thanks to you all.

"We must recognise that though we all have different gifts, each talent is really needed in this church, and also that we

are a family with God as our Father, united by one clear objective: to introduce people to Jesus at the point of their need. Our Mission Statement lays this out – 'Our purpose is that St. Boniface Church should encourage people to meet, listen to and be led by God as we worship Jesus together and experience the Spirit's power, and our mission is to reach out to everyone in our parish'.

"How do we do this? The PCC is looking at a raft of ideas including a 'welcoming ministry' – how to make our church more inclusive to all in our community. Even big business has realised that one of the most effective marketing tools is word of mouth. It may well be that you do not see yourself as an evangelist, but we all have the ability to tell our friends and neighbours about something we believe in, a product that works."

Rick

Thinking about Confirmation?

The month of June is when we especially welcome new members to our youth group, **T7.5**. If you are in Year 7 or above and want to find out more about what it means to be a Christian and about Confirmation, call Johnny Gillett on 07843-428842 or 01829-733563, or email johnny@stbonya.org.uk.

Sessions are on Thursdays 7.30pm to 8.30pm at St Boniface Church.

Adults thinking about confirmation are welcome to call Rick 260991

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60 years together



Who are they? See page 5.

Stop Press!

St. Boniface Holiday Club dates July 30th-1st August (3 days only). Watch out for more details and registration forms in church.

Bunbury Village Day 16th June

This year's theme is "Outer Space"



Parade from the church starts 1.00pm

Traditional entertainment and lots of new attractions including miniature railway, soft play area with trampolines, spectacular balloon race, football final and competitions including tug of war.

Admission £2.00 by programme - under 16s free

1250 Balloon Race at Village Day - £50 prize

Midsummer activity for the birds and bees - Liz Jones reports

June is the month of long days. The longest day at the Midsummer Solstice falls on or around 21st June, whilst Midsummer Day, a Quarter Day for rent and other farming calculations, is 24th June. High summer now begins, running from 18th June until 18th September.

June is a fragrant month. Honeysuckle may be recognized 100 yards away on a tranquil dewy evening. These warm

evenings also bring out many nocturnal insects. One of these insects could be the ghost moth which flits back and forth over a grassy spot attracting his mate with his pendulous flight. His pure white wings give him a ghostly look in the dusk. By Midsummer, bird song is slackening as the burden of breeding is now over for many species. On or about 16th June the new coarse fishing season opens after a 3 month break to enable fish to breed. Weather

permitting, the best hay is made in June and in past centuries those about to start haymaking would anxiously keep an ear open for the rooks. Noisy cawing by these birds was believed to give advanced warning of rain - a sudden downpour would ruin the newly-cut hay. The alarm could also be sounded by bees lingering within a stone's throw of their hives or swallows skimming low over the river or leaves sighing in a breeze - the calm before the storm. The daisy opens in the bright sunlight but closes if the day turns gloomy - hence its name 'day's eye'. On the other hand, swallows will fly high on fine evenings presaging a clear dry day for the morrow as aphids and other flying insects are carried aloft by the rising air currents usually present in settled warm weather. Thunder can be heard at any time of the year but June's powerful sun can certainly trigger thunderstorms. For those whose skin tingles and who become edgy during thunder, be assured that such a reaction seems common in the animal world. Even the industrious ant reacts to static electricity before deciding to launch its mating swarms and there is some evidence that birds delay long flights if thunder is imminent.



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Times of change

As I was thinking about what to write this article on, I was busy at work preparing the Year 11 Leavers' Day. I thought then about how changes can influence the whole of our life. It can be a new job, a new house, a new relationship, a new car - the list is endless. Whatever it is, change is something we all have to face. It can be liberating, scary, isolating, as well as many other things. I know that when I've had to face change, worrying about what may or may not happen has made the whole thing ten times worse. But it's when I've stopped, given it some thought and shared my concerns with other people that things have got back into perspective. We may feel that we have to cope with these things alone, but actually change does impact those around us as well.

Perhaps the biggest change in the Bible is seen in Jesus' death, resurrection and then his Ascension. I can only imagine the mixed emotions in his disciples over those six weeks. As Jesus ascended into Heaven he left them with his peace, sending the Holy Spirit as their Comforter. So as change affects the whole of our life, perhaps we should allow the Holy Spirit to touch our whole life.

This is still true today. In times of great change we can pray for both guidance and support. And as members of the community, we should be looking to see how we can help those around us as they handle change. Right now there are many young people in our parishes having to cope with change. Let's try to remember them all in our prayers. Those in Year 11 and Year 13 are finishing school. They are under the pressure of doing exams and of having to move onto the next stage of their lives; whether that's leaving home, going to university, starting a new job, leaving friendship groups. Why not take the time to chat to them, ask them how they are doing, and maybe even buy them some chocolate!

So as we all face our own personal changes, let's create the opportunities to walk in these things together, gaining strength in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

Debs Gillett

What's in a name? - Eric Wallington

'Zechariah asked for a writing tablet and wrote, "His name is John".' (St. Luke 1,63)

The story of the birth of John the Baptist is an unusual one. First Zechariah and Elizabeth are of an age when it's usually impossible to have children. Then an angel appears to Zechariah, telling him that he's to have a son and to name him John. Zechariah cannot believe what he hears and his disbelief leads to his being unable to speak until after the baby is born. Then, at the time of the baby's circumcision Zechariah, to everyone's amazement, writes on a wax-covered tablet, 'His name is John'. Immediately his speech is restored and he sings a remarkable song which today is called the 'Benedictus'.

Why then all this fuss about what the baby was to be named? Juliet asks Romeo, 'What's in a name? That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet'. But to her, their names do matter because they indicate that the star-crossed lovers come from different families at war with each other.

So the name of John is important because it tells us something about his character and his place in history. John, or originally Yohanan, was one of the commonest names given to Jewish baby boys. It means 'The Lord is gracious'. That's a common-enough statement in the Hebrew Scriptures, but even today people sometimes find it hard to believe. Before Jesus could begin his ministry, some people at least had to be prepared to believe that God is gracious. John called the people to repent, so that God could forgive them. Jesus told people who felt guilty, 'Your sins are forgiven'. The two cousins, Jesus and John, were almost opposites, yet each in his own way was proclaiming that God is gracious.

A well-known hymn begins with the words 'Ye that know the Lord is gracious' and ends with the call to

'Tell the tale of sins forgiven, strength renewed and hope restored,
Till the earth, in tune with Heaven, praise and magnify the Lord'.

Prayer at exam time

It always seems a shame that in June, midsummer, when the weather is often glorious and we want to be outside, people are stuck indoors, revising and sitting exams, hoping to go on to college; or finalising degrees, ready to take up new opportunities, start new jobs or careers.

For all of you, we pray this month.
Father God, we pray for all young people
who are sitting tests and exams
before they enter upon the wider life of the world.
For a calm mind, grant them your peace.
For a clear head, grant them your wisdom.
For a careful Spirit, grant them your patience.

For inspiration, grant them your enthusiasm.
Keep them from all panic.
And help them keep their importance in perspective.
As they face the future and all that it holds for them,
give them the confidence that they are in your hands.
Help them to discover your purpose in their lives,
so that they may make their choices based on what is true and of real value.
For the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Pat Edgley



Youth Action

This year, seven of our young people - Katrina, Rob, Alex, JG, Kirsty, Isobel, Charlotte (pictured right) and Esther braved the rain under canvas at the annual Diocese youth camp, Quinta. We joined over 100 teenagers from across the Diocese for a range of activities including sports, arts, discussions and messy games. Some of the group were surprised at how enjoyable the worship sessions were as they incorporated a number of new ways of worshipping and thinking about life and God. There were short films to watch, especially created for the weekend. Video art was projected onto the walls and the ceiling. Our group said they were quite moved at times by the films and the pictures. Then there was the band who led a number of songs in each worship session. Some said this showed how learning about

God can be fun. Others said, "It was awesome to meet people our own age and cool to all be singing together."

There was also surprise over the weekend's Bible teaching, especially what the Bible says on being young, from St Paul's second letter to Timothy, "Don't let others look down on you because you are young..."

Many finished the weekend saying, "I learnt more about God" and "I understand the Christian faith a lot better."

A big thank-you to all the staff at Church House and the volunteers from around the Diocese who put on such a great event. And thank-you to Naomi Mercer and Hayley Nicholson who came with us and looked after the girls in our group so well.

Johnny Gillett



Local football teams triumph

Congratulations to the two local football teams who have contacted us with news and photos after winning their respective finals.

Pictured right are the victorious Bunbury Cub team who won the Cub Football League beating Kingsley in the final (We are told by an unreliable source that the final score was 3 - 1 - apologies if this is wrong!)

Tarporley High School Year 7 team played against Chester King's School in the final of the Chester and District Schools' Cup Final, winning with a convincing score of 5-1.

John Roberts writes: "Tarporley demonstrated one-touch football at its best: it was a superb team performance from a side that looks set to dominate district schools' football for years to come. Well done to all the players and their manager Mr Walters, Tarporley's answer to Jose Mourinho!" The winning team is pictured below right with their medals.



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Emergency Rainbows Meeting

Rainbows has been having difficulties finding enough leaders to keep it running. The current leaders cannot continue after this term. This has left us at crisis point.

I have decided to have one last effort to try to prevent Rainbows from closing. I am calling a meeting on Monday June 18th from 5:15-5:50 p.m. in the Pavilion to discuss all the options including changing the day of meeting if necessary. I invite everyone who might be interested in helping to keep this popular group alive. You do not have to have a child in Rainbows to be a leader or helper.

If you would like to see how Rainbows works you are welcome to attend the whole of the Rainbow meeting from 4:30pm on 18th June.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to give me a call.

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60th Anniversary Congratulations



Two very well-known Bunbury couples celebrate 60 years together this month. Dorothy and Johnny Walker of School Lane were married on 14th June 1947, Betty and Dennis Clauson of Wyche Lane followed a fortnight later on 28th (did you recognise them from the front page? Many congratulations all round!

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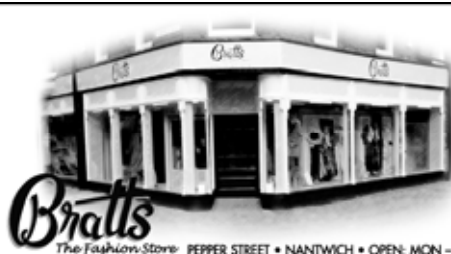


There was a good turnout to the annual Stanner Nab Walk celebrating Ascension Day on 17th May, the fine weather allowing fantastic views across the Cheshire Plain to the Cathedrals in Liverpool. But what was so funny as Rick, Barbara, Alex and others started the walk (see photo above)? Was it the firework in Rick's backpack? We think we should be told!

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Calveley Spring Art Exhibition

In spite of early inclement weather, Rick and Lin were amongst the first visitors to our annual event, now in its fifth year. The day was very well supported by our usual friends and many more who had not previously

visited us. There was a good variety of artwork on display - the work of many talented local people, and sixteen paintings were sold. All the stalls - plants, cakes, white elephant, tombola, raffle and, of course, refreshments,

were well patronised. My thanks to all helpers and stallholders, both old and new, who worked very hard before and on the day, but without whose support this event could not have taken place.

Sue



News from St. Jude's: Summer Lunch tickets now on sale

The social event of the year is our mid-summer lunch at Green Butts Farm, the home of the Okells, tickets at the giveaway price of £12 from any member of the congregation.

At the recent Vestry Meeting Bob Gardner and Linda Downey were appointed as Churchwardens for the coming year, Ann Posnett as Secretary, Michael Morgan-Wynne as Treasurer and Ann Badrock as Organist, all ready to "fight the good fight" for St. Jude's. The telephone numbers of our church officials are shown every month on page 2 of this magazine. Our sincere thanks to Carolyn Johnson, our Secretary for the last four years.

Bob Gardner

Bunbury children enjoy creative success

Various children have enjoyed success recently in local art and poetry competitions. Firstly, congratulations to Caitlin Bodfish in Y5 at Bunbury School, who won £20 as second prize in a poetry competition organized by the Congleton Writers' Forum. Here is an extract from Caitlin's prizewinning entry:

'The Sea'

I closed my eyes and took the dive,
Flying through the air.
Sea salt sprayed up in my face
And wind tore at my hair.

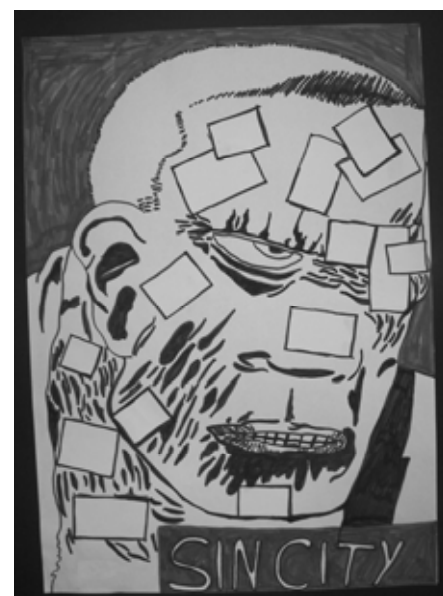
A sudden rush of freezing water
Crashed against my skin.
And down in those gloomy depths
I knew I couldn't win.

From the shadows sprang a dolphin
And pushed me to the surface,
Draped a necklace around my neck
And was gone without a trace.

The judges praised the 'mature writing with unexpected images and unforced rhyme scheme - a well-crafted poem.'

The children's art competition run annually by the Bunbury Society attracted plenty of entries in a variety of media. Shown right is David Kelly's striking entry entitled "Sin City". The winners were: Beth Blamire and Joseph

Craig (5 and under), Joseph, aged 4, was also judged this year's most promising artist; Suki Le Hunte and Eilidh Bodfish (6-8); Georgina Lewis and Holly Nicholls (9-11); and Ruth Tough and David Kelly (12-14).



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St. Boniface Lenten collection goes to Pravdinka orphanage

This year's parish Lenten Collection (the Purple Box at the back of church) is being donated to the Pravdinka Orphanage in the Ukraine which we heard of through Judy Done, who worships in Llay. One of Judy's fellow parishioners visited Sumy for Holy Week and Easter and was able to tell the local community of Bunbury's support - they were delighted! The following is taken from an article written by a Ukranian supporter of the Orphanage:

'It's four years since our parish community started to support the orphanage in the Ivanovka Velikopisarevski region. It's known as the "Pravdinka" orphanage after the nearby sugar refinery. We first met some of the children from this orphanage in 2002 when 20 boys and girls with complications after terrible food poisoning came to the Sumy children's hospital, where two of our parishioners worked. They spread the word and other parishioners began to visit the children, bringing them sweets and toys. When the children were discharged, we decided to visit them at the orphanage, and our regular contacts helped to develop a real relationship between the children, who greatly look forward to our visits, and the adults who cannot help but be concerned for the children's welfare.

When they heard about Pravdinka, the Catholics of the parish of Christ The King and St. Francis of Assisi, in Llay, Wales, were very quick to respond the children's needs. Thanks to their help, we are able to make regular trips to the orphanage (once every 6-8 weeks) taking presents and footwear and they have funded expensive operations for several children. A great friend of the children is John Fernee who is interested in their problems, writes to them and collects donations.

I went to the orphanage for the first time two years ago. Masha Kuchinskaya who is involved with the orphanage suggested that I took part in the trip. She is the one who does

the shopping, supports the link with the orphanage director, and organises the trips. She is very grateful to those who help her, and also to those who visit the children or send something for them - clothes, books and so on.

The orphanage is located on the outskirts of a village. In the grounds are buildings of the Soviet era, and buildings which are nearly a hundred years old - they appear to have belonged to the owner of the sugar refinery. The children (about 200 of them) live and study in more modern buildings. They have their own small farm - they grow vegetables and even rear pigs. The money earned is used for the needs of the orphanage. Those children who are interested are able to help.

The present director, Nina Nikolaevna, has worked at the orphanage for the past three years. Since her arrival the orphanage has changed. On each visit you notice how, step by step, everything is changing - living accommodation has been refurbished, a new summerhouse built, and now, in front of the main building a beautiful green lawn has been laid. You realise just how much depends here on Nina Nikolaevna's attitude to her job, and the enthusiasm of her and her staff. The children do a lot themselves - plant flowers, cultivate new areas, sow grass. Help has come from all faiths, and donations have come from many sources, from industrialists to local craftsmen who have been keen to help create the so-called "apartment". This is where several rooms have been furnished like a house so that the children can practise social skills such as entertaining guests, preparing food, and laying the table, which they would otherwise have learned in a family. It's not perfect but it is nice to see how much can be achieved when people put their heart into it.'

Oksana Danko (from Sumy, Ukraine)

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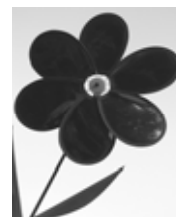


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Triumph for Good Companions and their sardines

Those who missed the Good Companions' latest production should be kicking themselves: they missed a treat. This writer actually laughed until she cried!

Michael Frayn's 'Noises Off' is a play within a play: imaginative, clever, and, we are told, one of the hardest plays the GCs have so far attempted. Performing with pace, polish and skill, the GCs pulled it off in tremendous style.

The actors in 'Noise Off' are putting on a repertory farce. The play we watch gives three versions of this farce, 'Nothing On'. In the first act we see it in desperate last minute rehearsal, the second act shows hilarious behind-the-scene tensions and the third an actual performance disintegrating before our eyes. The structure of the play meant that most of the GCs played two separate roles, but even without the assistance of different costumes, excellent acting ensured we were never in any doubt as to who they were playing. They adopted different postures, accents and expressions and as the farce developed they all displayed their own personal embarrassment and panic at the ridiculousness of the situation they found themselves in. Their looks of sheer horror as they battled through the performance really made me laugh out loud.

Casting was particularly strong and all the GCs played their parts with a real relish, but special mention must go to Ian Langford, a mixture of John Inman and Cary Grant with a bit of Frankie Howerd thrown in! He had a vibrant presence on stage and the increasingly desperate looks he threw to the audience added to the feeling of hysteria. Jo Perry was hilarious as the vacant blonde playing an elegant Inland Revenue Inspector. She was determined to battle on with the original script long after it made any sense at all. And newcomer Jacqui French made a superb Dotty, alternating the polished tones of a well bred, highly-strung actress with the cockney of the housekeeper, trying desperately to put her feet up with the telly and a plate of sardines!

Many congratulations to John Headon and Paul Stafford whose magnificent set, consisting of eight doorways linked by a stair, enabled plenty of farcical misunderstanding, and was central to the play's success. And enormous credit must also go to directors George Robey and Denise Fisher, who managed to get the very best out of this production. Well done to everybody involved. I'm already looking forward to the next production!

Kay Kelly

Brownies enjoy their first weekend away

First Bunbury Brownies (including those pictured right) enjoyed an action-packed two nights at Edgerton House near Tatton Park, Knutsford at the end of April. The undisputed highlight was the Saturday night chocolate fountain (a fondue for chocoholics), into which leader Tracy Bowman famously dipped a ball of cranberry stuffing (after a dare) and ate it with delight, to the great embarrassment of daughter Emma. The Brownies also cooked, washed up, cleaned toilets (which many, including Megan, pictured right, enjoyed!) and walked to Tatton Park, picnicking under the trees. Thanks to Jo Lester



whose meticulous planning ensured the weekend's success, and to the adult leaders and teenage helpers who all deserve medals!



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Another Galloping Gourmet? - Tom at the Manoir

I was 50 last year and one of the few upsides to this momentous anniversary is the opportunity to have a party and the delight in getting some great presents. One of the problems for people looking to buy a present for someone of such advanced years is what on earth to get that is in anyway original. Well, I'm glad to say that a group of my friends excelled themselves when they bought me a voucher for a one day course at the Raymond Blanc Cookery School at Le Manoir Aux Quat' Saisons in Oxfordshire. I finally got around to attending the course last autumn and your editors, for some reason, felt that I should share the experience with the readers of The Link.

Le Manoir is a truly wonderful setting and the great treat with the cookery school courses are that they are run in a dedicated teaching kitchen attached to the main kitchens of the restaurant so you feel a part of the bustle and energy of a top class kitchen whilst learning to do the basics yourself. The head of the cookery school is the entertaining and gifted chef, Stephen Bulmer, who has run the school since its inception. A plain speaking Yorkshireman with a wicked sense of humour, Stephen took us through a range of recipes along the general theme of an autumn dinner party. We started by learning how to make pasta, a skill that I have subsequently bored family and friends to death with, which we then used to make a delicious c pe ravioli. The ravioli, accompanied by a fricass e of wild mushrooms was our lunch – so we had a vested interest in getting it right!

Stephen also took us through the production of a delicious pumpkin soup, the secrets to making a great brown chicken stock and the production of braised lamb shank with flageolet beans. To satisfy our sweet tooth, we made a delicious and very simple mixed berry crumble as our lunchtime dessert. After lunch we had a guided tour of the kitchen gardens at Le Manoir, including Raymond Blanc's latest idea, a dedicated wild mushroom area.

After lunch, we returned to the kitchen to make thin apple tarts, and Tarte Tatin as well as learning the secrets of making proper pastry cream and souffl s. Throughout the day, Stephen was full of invaluable tips and techniques and advice on equipment. I returned inspired, resisted the temptation to rip out the kitchen and start again, and restricted myself to buying a couple of new saucepans and

some decent knives. I can thoroughly recommend the day to anyone with an interest in food. It really does cater for all levels and is guaranteed to educate and entertain. I've been asked to pass on one recipe, so keeping it simple, here's one for the mixed berry crumble that should be quick and delicious (Serves 4).

For the crumble topping:-

15g flaked almonds
70g plain flour
25g ground almonds
40g caster sugar
1g ground cinnamon
40g unsalted butter

In a large bowl, mix together the flour, ground almonds, sugar and cinnamon. With your fingers, rub the softened butter into the mixture until it looks like breadcrumbs. Add the flaked almonds and reserve.

For the berry filling:-

25g unsalted butter
25g caster sugar
120g strawberries – cut in half
120g blackberries
120g raspberries
120g blueberries
20ml cr me de cassis (optional)
5ml lemon juice

On a medium heat, in a medium stainless steel saucepan, melt the sugar and butter together. Cook for 4-5 minutes until the sugar and butter turn to a rich caramel and the first wave of smoke is emitted. Stir in the berries, lemon juice and cr me de cassis. Cook for just 30 seconds until the first bubble breaks the surface then remove from the heat.

Divide the berry mixture between 4 ovenproof gratin dishes. Sprinkle the crumble mixture on top and place under a hot grill to lightly brown the crumble. Serve with vanilla ice cream.

The filling can be adapted to the season, it works very well with diced Braeburn apples but you can use pears, apricots, plums etc., varying the cooking time to suit the fruit.

Tom Crotty



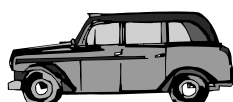
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Remembering Edith Weaver 1922-2007

Edith, or Edie as her friends and relatives knew her, was born on 6th June 1922 as the youngest child of William and Gertrude Murray. Her childhood, together with her sister Nellie and brother Tom was spent at the family home in Pudding Lane, Tiverton and they all attended the Tilstone Fearnall School. During the Second World War she worked at the Crewe Works factory helping produce munitions etc for the war effort.

In April 1946 she married Jim and they lived initially in two different homes in Bates Lane, Beeston before moving in 1952 to what became their long term family home at 17 Tattenhall Lane, Beeston. Edie and Jim had four children, three sons and a daughter and her family were always the most important thing in her life. Edie really enjoyed her family caravan holidays, particularly those in Rhyl, North Wales and after her children had grown up and left home she and Jim together with her sister Nellie continued to enjoy an annual holiday at Rhyl. Both Edie and Jim always looked forward to visits from their children and 8 grandchildren and Bank Holidays in particular, regularly saw the whole family meeting up at the family home with Mum always in her element, catering for all their needs. Both she and Jim loved listening to music particularly Daniel O'Donnell and they were both delighted to have had the opportunity to have seen him perform at a live concert. She also enjoyed her garden and the wonderful views from it to the Welsh Hills and the two

castles of Beeston and Peckforton. For many years Edie worked as a Home Help with Social Services and enjoyed caring for the elderly in their homes and continued to do so until well past normal retirement age herself. In her later years she also worked part time as a domestic helper to a local family in Beeston, which she really enjoyed.

Many will recall the sight of a helmet clad Edie on her Honda 90 scooter regularly travelling between her home and Bunbury or Tarporley for urgent shopping and to collect Pensions including sometimes those of other village residents who had no transport. In fact she continued to ride her scooter until she was in her late seventies. Sadly Jim passed away in December 1995 and Edie remained in the family home accompanied by her much loved dog Millie and with the support of her children, until the worsening of her long term illness required a brief spell in hospital and subsequent move to live St Catherine's Nursing Home in Nantwich in 2002. Edie's children have been regular visitors to her at the Home and despite her worsening condition have been comforted by her apparent ability to recognise them being there even when she became unable to communicate with them. The support, kindness and dedicated care shown to Mum by all the staff at St Catherine's throughout her stay has been much appreciated by Edie's sons and daughter.

Local dancers put on a show

A casual observer might have wondered what was causing the mass evacuation of Bunbury on the evenings of March 28th, 29th and 30th, as a stream of cars headed south. Each was packed with excited girls on their way to take part in Alyson Hanlon's biennial dance extravaganza at Whitchurch Civic Centre. About 50 local dancers aged from 3 to very much older took part in the show, which had involved many local helpers behind the scenes. Honourable mention to Barbara Griffiths of Wyche Lane, after her marathon sewing session, when she made 47 Minnie Mouse dresses!

All the girls enjoyed their chance to shine on the stage: very well done to all those awarded prizes on the last night, especially Jade Grimwood for 'Most Improved Dancer'. Also, special mention for the adult tappers including Tina Everton and Karen Nicholls, who conquered their nerves to impress as Spanish dancers.

Well done to Alyson Hanlon and to all those who helped the dancers put on the show.

Countdown to Chelsea Flower Show

For the past five years my company has had one of the coveted trade stands at the Chelsea Flower Show. From the moment in January that we heard that our application for a stand had been successful it's been all go to make sure we have enough stock to transport from the factory in Warrington to keep 157,000 well-heeled gardeners supplied with high quality garden tools.

As well as our own brand tools we manufacture a range of hand tools for HRH the Prince of Wales under his 'Duchy Originals' brand, so we've been working flat out to make enough stock for two stands. This has required the

factory workforce to work double shifts – on top of the usual workload.

The days are long, but there's a real buzz about being involved in such a prestigious event. Celebrities drop by – including pop star-turned-garden designer Kim Wilde, rugby hero Laurence de Laglio and actor Jeremy Irons. We've even had visitors from Bunbury – including garden designer and RHS medal winner Sally Sissons and former Bunbury school teacher Margaret Davies. This year Prince Charles will be inspecting the Duchy Originals range on Tuesday, so fingers crossed he is pleased with what he sees! **Andy Caldwell**

E-mail from God

One day God was looking down at Earth and saw all of the evil that was going on. He decided to send an angel down to Earth to check it out. He called an angel and sent him down to Earth. When he returned he told God that it was indeed bad on Earth. He reported that 95% was bad and 5% was good. God thought a moment and decided He had better send down a female angel to get both points of view. When the female angel returned she confirmed that Earth was in decline, 95% was bad and 5% was good. God thought about what He could do about the situation and decided to e-mail the 5% that were good with a little pep-talk, some praise, something to encourage them, something to help keep them going.

Do you know what the e-mail said? No? Oh! YOU didn't get one either?

Community news

On 13th May **Harry James**, son of **Roger and Sophie Parr** of Wyche Lane, Bunbury, was baptised at St. Boniface.

Congratulations to **Claire Sinnott and Richard Langley** who were married at St. Boniface on 5th May.

Congratulations to **David Grace** of School Lane, Bunbury, on his recent significant birthday. He said he felt 100 the day after his party!

We are sad to report the recent deaths of **Edith Weaver** of Beeston (see opposite page) and **Bob Mossford**, formerly of Haughton, who celebrated his centenary earlier this year.

As we went to print we heard of two further deaths - that of **Ruth Major** and of **Archie Campbell** on 17th May. We hope to give more details next month. Our sincere sympathies to all the families involved.

Our thoughts and prayers go to **Barbara and Peter Watson** and family on the tragic sudden death of their daughter **Danielle** age 13, a former pupil of Bunbury School. The family now live in Nantwich.

disappointing but relieved I wasn't one of the many bodies who collapsed along the way. Thanks to all of you I have raised a total of £1,244 for the Railway Children. That made it all worthwhile."

Well done to the local ladies who took part in the recent **Race for Life at Oulton Park** to raise money for Cancer Research. **Claire Dickens** of Bunbury has raised over £650 in sponsorship and has asked us to thank her supporters (she says it is still not too late to donate - tel:260323). The other runners included **Lynne Dickens, Sharon Helsby, Kate Mason and Jacque North**.

The **Midnight Walk** in aid of **St. Luke's Hospice** takes place on 16th June. Local walkers include **Judy Gray, Ann Tweddle, Liz Mayes and Karen Grimwood**. An amazing 1270 ladies are due to take part.



Diana Caldwell and Pam Steventon (shown above) are training hard for the **Moonwalk**, a full marathon walk around Edinburgh through the night on June 16th in aid of breast cancer charities. Diana writes, 'The walk is sponsored by Playtex so we get to decorate and wear our specially provided bras with pride - something I'm sure the all night drinkers of Edinburgh will appreciate! It means

we'll miss Village Day but that's just one of the sacrifices one has to make for charity!'

To sponsor them please ring 260257 or 260204 or contact their website at

www.justgiving.com/dianaandpam



Well done, **Jane Thompson**, pictured at **St. Luke's Country Fair** on 20th May. The crowds enjoying this popular event were bigger than ever.

Church news

Andrew Dean reminds us that choir practice is on the Thursday evening before the second Sunday of the month (not necessarily the second Thursday!) at 7.30pm.

Welcome to **Richard Derryhouse**, new member of St. Boniface PCC, welcome back to Walter Done as Churchwarden, taking over from **Nick Sanders**.

This month please pray especially for Neville Edgley and Claudia McLaughlin; for the Weaver, Mossford, Major, Campbell and Watson families and all those mourning the death of a loved one; for those who are troubled in body, mind or spirit and for those who care for them.

General news

Thanks from **Katie Mason** to all who sponsored her in the London Marathon:

"I did it! The heat made it very difficult and after starting off well and heading for a sub 4 hour time I started to feel very sick at 16 miles and struggled through to the end. Finished in 4 hours 38 minutes. Time was a bit

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June

3	8.00am	Holy Communion	St. Boniface
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Jude's
	10.00am	Family Worship	St. Boniface
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Calveley
6	10.00am	Holy Communion	St. Boniface
7	7.30pm	Choir Practice	St. Boniface
10	9.30am	Morning Service	St. Jude's
	10.00am	Family Communion	St. Boniface
	6.00pm	Evensong	St. Boniface
13	10.00am	Holy Communion	St. Boniface
16	Bunbury Village Day and St. Luke's Midnight Walk		
17	8.00am	Holy Communion	St. Boniface
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Jude's
	10.00am	Family Worship	St. Boniface
	11.00am	Family Worship	Calveley
20	10.00am	Holy Communion	St. Boniface
24	9.30am	Morning Service	St. Jude's
	10.00am	Family Communion	St. Boniface
27	10.00am	Holy Communion	St. Boniface
30	Tarporey School Family Bingo and Pimms		

July

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Looking ahead

July 14	Bunbury School/Cricket Club Summer Ball
July 15	Church Cricket Match and Service
July 30-1	St. Boniface Holiday Club
August 27	Beeston Castle Fête

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