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In tennis, love is nothing; with God, love is everything - Wayside Pulpit Acton



‘Home Fires’ themed fête breaks fundraising records

What a wonderful day for the Beeston Castle fête! The weather was glorious and the vintage theme fabulous. The queues to come in to the castle told their own tale.

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Community news

We welcome **Rory Alexander Smith**, son of **Matthew** and **Laura**, baptised at St Boniface on Sunday 19 April. We also welcome brothers **Hugo** and **Frederick Mould**, sons of **Nick** and **Claire**, baptised on Sunday 3 May (pictured above).



Congratulations to **Sean Augustin** and **Samantha Wood** who were married at St Boniface on Monday 13 April.

Congratulations to **Fharhad Motaleb** and **Lindsey Rowland** married at St Boniface on Saturday 25 April.

Congratulations to

Jack Heaton and

Kate Campbell

married at St

Boniface, Great

Paxford, on

Sunday 17 May (or

November 1939).

The Revd Adam

Collingbourne

officiated.



Congratulations! **Peter and Mia Crump's** daughter **Leena** and son-in-law **John's** baby daughter **Freya Hannah Jane** (pictured below) arrived safely, a little early, on 29 April at 4.5 lbs. Brother **Dylan** enjoyed **Beeston Fête**, but **Freya** slept serenely through it.



Congratulations to **Ernest and Barbara Croley**, who celebrate their emerald (35th) wedding anniversary in June.

Frances Munro completed **Chester Half Marathon** on 17 May - one of 7,000 runners. Her efforts raised over £500 for **North West Air Ambulance**. Thanks to all who sponsored her.

Events at **Baby & Toddler Group** in June include a visit from **Hodge Podge Ceramics** on 10 June, in time to make **Father's Day** gifts with the children, a **Family Walk** at **Delamere** on 28 June, and a **Baby Coffee Morning** on 29 June at **Tilly's**. Visit our Facebook page for details facebook.com/BunburyMothersAndToddlers On 11 June **Sandra Dykes** will give a talk to **Bunbury WI** on the history of the **League of Friends**.

Bunbury Gardening Club will be visiting **The Old Parsonage, Arley**, on 16 June.

Sandbach School is holding an **Activity Morning** on Saturday 27 June 9am-12.30pm for boys in current years 4 and 5. There will be many activities on offer from art, drama, ICT, science, sport, and design & technology. The morning will cost £5 and will include a snack mid-morning. On some activities the numbers are strictly limited and students will be allocated on a first come first served basis (with payment). See website for details.



Friday Night Bash for Nepal - saddened and moved by the recent devastating earthquakes in Nepal and having contacts in this area due to recently visiting this beautiful country, **Mairi Harris** (260011) and **Selina Willis** (260899) know of a project in a village in **Dolakha** district, east of **Khatmandu** to re-build the school there. Education is held in great esteem by these generous, resilient yet very poor people. **Disco Friday** 26 June, 8pm until late, in the **Village Hall**. Please come along, enjoy yourselves and support this worthwhile project. Tickets £8 from **Burrows**.

Don't miss **Houghton Pop-Up Café**, in aid of **Alder Hey Children's Kidney Fund**, on Sunday 28 June 2-5pm at **The Mount, Ferret Oak Lane, Houghton, CW6 9RQ**. Live music and Refreshments, Raffle, Tombola, Crafts and Home Produce. Everyone welcome! More details from **Alison Moss** 260820.

Summer is just around the corner! **St Jude's Summer Lunch** is on Sunday 5 July at The Old Vicarage, Alpraham Green, starting at 12pm with a buffet lunch, bar and raffle. To purchase tickets, please contact Kim Smith on 260918 or ask another member of the congregation. It is always a superb afternoon with delicious food, good company, fine wine and not to mention, walking distance for many of you.

St Jude's coffee morning in Alpraham at The Tollemache Arms is still the first Friday of the month, but no longer the third Friday of the month. The next two coffee mornings are Friday 5 June and Friday 3 July (10.30am – 12pm).

A Public Enquiry is to be held at Carlsberg Lounge, Crewe Alexandra Football Club, Gresty Road, Crewe, CW2 6EB on Tuesday 2 June 2015 at 10am re Appeal by Bloor Homes North West about erection of 34 dwellings, a school car park with associated access road and new landscaping at Land off School Lane, Bunbury, CW6 9NR. (Please notify Cheshire East Council if you need disabled access)

The sun shone on the **Ascension Day walk** and the ten people who climbed had excellent views from Stanner's Nab. Veronica had prepared a lovely and moving service.



The **Children's Society** thanks all box holders for this year's contribution of £304.00.

Decibellas would like to thank all who attended the concert at St Boniface last month. It raised a staggering £1900 for St Luke's Hospice.

All are welcome to the **Methodist services** in Bunbury and to the Tiverton service on the first Sunday of the month.

The **copy deadline** for July Link is **Friday 12 June**. The magazine will be available for distribution from **Friday 26 June**.

Our prayers for June

We pray for all who are ill, including **George Wilgose** and **Hilda Elsworth**, and for all who are mourning a loved one, including the families of **Bob Davies**, **Gail Jones** and **Joyce Bayliss**.

We pray for our Curate, **Revd Veronica Green**, who will be ordained Priest on Saturday 20 June in Chester Cathedral, that she may be blessed with a long, happy and fruitful ministry.

Village Day: Fun times are coming and the Home Fires are burning!

Preparations for Bunbury Village Day on Saturday 20 June are now well underway!

There will be a TV and film theme to celebrate the current Home Fires ITV series that was filmed in the village and Catherine Oldfield, Executive Producer, has given the day a very welcome endorsement:

"We loved filming in Bunbury and so we're thrilled that HOME FIRES has inspired the theme for this year's Bunbury Village Day".

To continue the theme we're delighted to confirm that Julie Summers, author of the original Jambusters book, will be opening the event and holding a book signing too.

We're also pleased to announce that the Bunbury Playground Committee will be putting their first spade in the ground to start work on the highly anticipated improvements to the Playing Fields Playground!

We can promise something of interest for everyone on the day, so alongside the fairground attractions, puppet show and donkeys will be climbing towers and Segway rides. There'll also be craft and food stalls, a classic car display and photo opportunities.

With so much to entertain you there'll be ample opportunity to enjoy a variety of refreshments including a bar and barbeque. The parade will leave from the church at 12.30pm, with fancy dress based on your favourite TV or film star, moving on to the playing fields for 1pm. We'll see you there!

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'FRIDAY NIGHT BASH'

Friday 26th June

BUNBURY VILLAGE HALL



ALL PROCEEDS TO SHREE MAHOGANY PRIMARY SCHOOL, DOLAKHA, NEPAL

Music by Reflections Disco

8pm till late

TICKETS £10 from Burrows Butchers

Food and Bar



Eric Wallington
Reader Emeritus
Faith and healing

A man had a bad back and one Sunday he decided to make a bargain with God. Almost rudely, he said to God, "I'm in pain and if you make me better by next Sunday, I'll put £30 in the collection!"

The next Sunday, feeling no better, he said to God, "If you heal me by next Sunday, I'll put £300 in the collection." But, the following Sunday he felt a lot worse, so he promised that if God would cure his back he would give £3000 to the church. During the next few days the pain reduced and then completely vanished. The next Sunday, the man said, "God, you can forget our bargain, the pain just got better by itself!"

Undoubtedly, God does heal people. I'm sure he's doing it all the time. Often we may not fully notice, or we put it down to

coincidence. God has clearly caused our bodies to develop powers of resistance. And, I suppose, that really evolution tells us how it happened, but it doesn't tell us why.

When we encounter a new virus, for instance, many people develop antibodies which fight against and overcome the threat. Those who survive, I've no doubt, pass on the antibodies to their children, and so on. Over time, many diseases have been defeated by what we choose to call 'the body's inbuilt power to heal itself'.

The second way God heals us is by inspiring doctors to find new ways of curing disease and our personal faith surely does much to help that curing process. God surely moves in wondrous ways his wonders to perform!

Church diary for June

Wednesday 3 June	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface			
Sunday 7 June	8.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface	Sunday 21 June	10.30am Family Worship with Calveley and St Jude's - Veronica's first Communion service	St Boniface
	9.30am Family Communion	St Jude's		6.00pm Evensong	St Boniface
	10.30am Family Worship	St Boniface	Wednesday 24 June	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
	11.00am Holy Communion	Calveley	Sunday 28 June	9.00am Holy Communion	St Jude's
Wednesday 10 June	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface		10.30am Blessing of pets and animals service	Cricket pitch
Sunday 14 June	9.30am Holy Communion	St Jude's	Wednesday 1 July	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
	10.30am Family Communion	St Boniface	Sunday 5 July	8.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Wednesday 17 June	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface		9.30am Family Communion	St Jude's
				10.30am Family Worship	St Boniface
				11.00am Holy Communion	Calveley



Pat Edgley Ellis
Reader
St. Richard of Chichester 1197 -1253

Richard was born into the Gentry at Burford, but renounced his inheritance and the chance to marry a noble lady, to devote himself to study and the Church, becoming expert in Canon Law.

He was a strict vegetarian who lived frugally and wore a hair shirt. In his spare time, he grew figs.

As Bishop of Chichester he is noted for his stringent church reforms, not least reforming the morals and manners of the clergy.

All priests had to swear a vow of chastity and marriage was forbidden.

Long hair was not allowed.

For the mass they had to wear proper dress, clean robes, and use a gold or silver chalice.

If they rushed or mumbled their words, they would be suspended.

He allowed no gambling at baptisms or marriages!

After his death he was buried at Chichester, and it was believed that miracles were wrought at his tomb, which was a popular place

of pilgrimage till it was destroyed by Cromwell on the orders of Henry V111.

Today a modern tapestry is displayed at the site.

On his death bed, Richard is said to have recited this prayer, now often reworked, not least in the musical "Godspell" as "Day by Day".

*Thanks be to thee
My Lord Jesus Christ,
For all the benefits which
Thou hast given me,
For all the pains and insults
Which thou hast borne for me.
O most merciful Redeemer,
Friend and Brother,
May I know thee more clearly,
Love thee more dearly,
And follow thee more nearly.
Amen.*



Modern tapestry at the site of the shrine

Give us two minutes... Barbara Croley



Barbara was born in Liverpool, in Walton Hospital, in September 1937, and lived in Bootle until her 20s. As a tiny child, she remembers the timber yard opposite their house being bombed and going up in flames. Their house was bombed and Barbara's brother David's pram was buried in masonry, but luckily

he was found safe underneath it all, although they had to find a new house nearby. Barbara married Cliff and they moved to Ingleton, near White Scar Caves, the first of several moves. Stephen was born in Liverpool in 1959, Ian in Southport in 1960 and Helen in Chester in 1973. Barbara is immensely proud of all of them and their achievements. Barbara and Cliff parted ways after 19 years. Later, Barbara married Ernest and they moved to Bunbury. Barbara is Enrolling Member of Bunbury WI and was a church warden at St Boniface for many years.

If you had a motto, what would it be?

If it feels right, then do it. It is important to stand by what you say, to tell the truth rather than mislead anybody.

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

This is a pie and pint supper. I would need a big table and I'd invite Tony Benn, because of his lovely voice, his determination and his gift of calming rowdy meetings, Ann Widdecombe, because she says what she feels, Desmond Tutu, because of his experience of so many walks of life and his ability to talk to all and Bessie Braddock, who, although a Labour MP, was not afraid to roll up her sleeves or get down on her knees and help people in need, particularly during the War.

What would you call your autobiography?

A Love of Life

What was your first job?

My first job was as a Saturday girl in Woolworths. After leaving school, I trained to be a telephonist and worked on liners in Liverpool. The GPO would put a portable exchange on large ships on docking and sailing day for the captain and officers to phone arrangements for people to leave and to put in orders for stores for sailing day. First class passengers would phone their chauffeurs.

What would you change about Bunbury, if you could?

I don't think I would change anything. There are so many things going on here, you couldn't do them all or you would never be at home. In the 1980s, Bunbury was just as busy as it is now, but people walked. They're now so busy they go by car. I would like us to be able to slow down to a walking pace. I wish, too, that we could go back to a more visible seasonal change in the fields.

What is the best book you have read to date?

Jennifer Worth's *The Midwives*. It is very different to the film series. The book shows the hardships and the touch of the midwives' kindness in situations where people had more babies than they needed or wanted or could care for.

What is your biggest regret?

At 11, I passed the 11+ to go to Grammar School, but wasn't able to go. It was the cost of the uniform and trips, but there was a feeling that there was no point in educating girls as they just got married. It wasn't thought that if you educate girls, they pass on their education to their children.

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

To see my family, children and grandchildren, be healthy.

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

I played hockey for Nelsona Jam and Jacobs Crackers. The team was known as the Jammy Crackers.

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

To get my garden back in order - last year I had a fractured shoulder.

What is your favourite place and why?

The borders of Northumberland and North Yorkshire - so restful.

How would you spend your ideal weekend?

Having a nice lunch with my family and walking along the River Dee.

Did Jesus have a sense of humour?

"What kind of man was Boaz before he got married? Ruthless"

This is one of the offerings of Bentley Browning, stand-up comic and vicar's son, who is currently giving clergy comedy training. He suggests that many of Jesus' best known lines, such as the remark about it being easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than a rich man to enter the Kingdom of God, could have been intended as jokes.



bodies such as Natural England, The Environment Agency and English Heritage the chance to comment on the plan. Following this stage, and the comments received from the recent survey, we will review the plan and make a formal submission to the Council under Regulation 15 with accompanying evidence base. This will then be submitted to Cheshire East Council and on to an Examiner. If the Examiner is satisfied that the Plan is in general conformity with both the Local and National Planning Policy, then this will be followed by a Referendum later in the year.

The survey produced 265 responses with a 95% agreement to the policies, and the headline results were announced at a public meeting held on 27 November, attended by 72 people. Thanks to all the people that completed the survey and those who attended the meeting.

The Plan has now been submitted to Cheshire East Borough Council for six weeks consultation, ending on 21 May, under Regulation 14 of "The Neighbourhood Plan (General) Regulations 2012". This gives other

God bless our pets

TIM HAYWARD

Your Vicar



Children love their pets and for good reason. Creatures large and small teach, delight, and offer a special kind of companionship. A quick safari through a child's bedroom can remind you just how densely imaginary critters populate the storybooks, movies, music, toys, decor, and clothes of our childhood.

When I was growing up, I always wanted a dog but unfortunately my mother was allergic to dog hair, so we settled for goldfish instead. These however didn't last long, once it was my turn to clean out the tank.

Like most parents, Beth and I counted on the common-sense idea that having pets around would help teach our children responsibility and maybe empathy. But we've also learned that the presence of a dog in our house has helped foster their emotional, social and physical development. And there's plenty of solid evidence to back this up.

Here are five reasons to let the fur fly in your home.

Pets Help with Learning

While book groups are the rage among mums, our children now have their own reading group: we often find them curled up in bed or lying in a den of blankets in a quiet nook of the house, reading to Bella, our dog. They pet her as they read, stop to show her pictures and ask her questions. They even reassure her during scary parts of the story.

Educators have long known that bringing animals into school helps children learn. Now they are finding that all children can benefit

from the presence of a non-judgmental pal with paws. In one study, children were asked to read in front of a peer, an adult, and a dog. Researchers monitored their stress levels, and found that kids were most relaxed around the animal, not the humans.

Pets Provide Comfort

In another study, children were asked what advice they would give less-popular kids for making friends. The top answer didn't focus on a cool toy or must-have trainers. It was: get a pet. Whether a hamster or a horse, an animal gives a child something to talk about and a shared interest with other children.

Animals are also a great source of comfort. A group of 5 year-old pet owners were asked what they did when they felt sad, angry, afraid, or when they had a secret to share. More than 40 percent spontaneously mentioned turning to their pets. Children who get support from their animal companions were rated by their parents as less anxious and withdrawn.

Pets Encourage Nurturing

In other research, children over age 3 were measured how much time they spent actively caring for their pets versus caring for or even playing with younger siblings. Over a 24 hour period, pet-owning kids spent 10 minutes in caregiving; those with younger siblings spent only 2 minutes.

"Nurturing animals is especially important for boys because taking care of an animal isn't seen as a 'girl' thing like babysitting, playing house, or playing with dolls," Dr. Melson says. By age 8, girls are more likely to be involved than boys in childcare both inside and outside their homes, but when it comes to pet care, both genders remain equally involved.

Pets Keep Kids Healthy

According to a study by Dr. Ownby, a Pediatrician and Head of the Allergy and Immunology Department of the Medical College of Georgia, in Augusta, having multiple pets actually decreases a child's risk of developing certain allergies. His research tracked a group of 474 babies from birth to about age 7. He found that the children who were exposed to two or more dogs or cats as babies were less than half as likely to develop common allergies as children who had no pets in the home. Other studies have suggested that an early exposure to pets may decrease a child's risk of developing asthma.

No one knows for sure why this is the case, but Dr. Ownby has a theory: "When a child plays with a dog or a cat, the animals usually lick him," he says. "That lick transfers bacteria that live in animals' mouths, and the exposure to the bacteria may change the way the child's immune system responds to other allergens."

Pets Build Family Bonds

A pet is often the focus of activities that families do together. Everyone takes the dog for a walk, or shares in grooming and feeding him, or gets down on the floor and plays with him. There are even benefits from simply watching a cat chase his tail or a fish swim in his tank. Spending time like this offers the wonderful potential of slowing down the hectic pace of modern life. If someone asks what you've been doing, you might respond "nothing." And in this era of being constantly on the go, "nothing" can be an important thing to do.

† St Boniface Blessing of Pets Service †

Sunday 28th June on Bunbury Cricket Pitch
All animals welcome!

A short service, we start at 10.30am
All the animals will be blessed

After the service we are bringing back the traditional
Church vs Bunbury Cricket Club match and BBQ!

Join us for a lovely family day - we would love to
see you and your wonderful pets there!

Bunbury playground project gets go-ahead

It's been quite an exciting few weeks at Playground HQ. The project made the front page of the Chester Chronicle reporting the £80,000 grant awarded from Viola, and the team is delighted to announce that they have also made a successful application to WREN who have awarded £75,000 for this 'outstanding project'. When added to the local fundraising

total the team is rapidly approaching their fundraising target, and would like to take this opportunity to thank all of their supporters.

Work is just starting, however, as building is currently scheduled to start at the end of the football season. The plan - designed to appeal to all ages and all abilities - is shown below.



Image courtesy of Newground landscape services

Beeston Castle Fête: best ever!

The Fête's new, earlier, date on May Bank Holiday Monday was clearly a super choice - the first outdoor event of the year. The weather had people arriving at the tea tent asking for their lunch to be wrapped in napkins so they could picnic. The burgers ran out at the barbecue and had to be replenished, the pie man sold all his pies and Snugbury's ran out of ice cream!

The Fête was opened by Jambusters author, Julie Summers, who also did book-signing, a silent book auction and carried off a prize with her dog in the dog show. The Lindy Hoppers, who were previously at the Jambusters Jive, arrived in a 30s car, gave a display and taught volunteers to dance. There were plenty of activities for the children, as well as the adults, and it was also a beautiful day to climb up to the castle.

Our local thespians performed brilliantly, on an improvised stage. Veronica's mother actually wrote the 'skits' that were performed by Mike Ridley, Mari Harris, Veronica, Abby Cooper,

Charlotte Williams, Chris Jones, with Andrew Dean and Tom Crotty as musical accompaniment, whilst Tim, our Vicar did a juggling act as actor, dog show judge, goalkeeper...!

Sarah Thompson would like to give a massive thank you to all who helped in any way. It was a big success, largely due to good weather, but many people worked extraordinarily hard on the day. It was wonderful to see lots of new ideas come to fruition. Particular thanks to the Fête Committee, who work most of the year round to ensure the Fête continues. The Fête raised a massive £8,400.





Let's hear it for St George and for VE Day!



rock a bit. At 11am Reverend Tim, Reverend Mike and Zoe Green (Cub Leader) led a short service to mark the occasion. Two of the ringers that day were also in the band of ringers in 1995 when Bunbury rang for the 50th anniversary of VE Day: Jill Robey and Mia Crump.

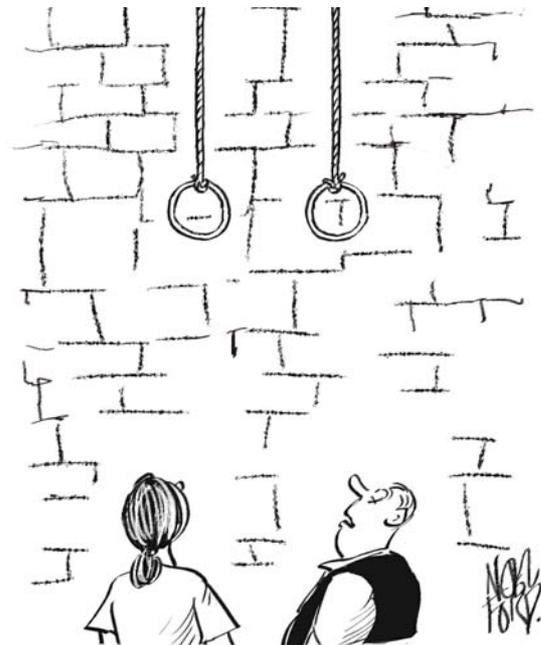
Earlier, the RBL President, Group Captain the Reverend Mike Rogers and the Chairman of Bunbury Royal British Legion James Walton ventured onto the top of the tower with Zoe Green to unfurl and raise the Union Flag.

Bunbury bellringers have participated in two national events this month. Bunbury's bells rang on St George's Day on 23 April as part of a national ringing event called "Ringing for England" which aims to get as many of the 208,000 bells in church towers across the UK ringing at the same time at 6pm on St George's Day each year. Tim watched the ringing and it was the first opportunity for two of our learners to join the rest of the band to ring for a special event. It was also the first time that Peter and Helen Jones had rung together. Representatives from Bunbury branch of the Royal British Legion and Scouting Association were invited to the church, or up the bell tower if they wished, to hear the bells being rung on Saturday 9 May to mark the 70th anniversary of the allied victory in Europe. This must have been quite a thing back in May 1945, as no-one had heard bells for the five years of the war as church bells ringing meant that a parachutist had landed, or we were invaded. To the village's great sorrow, Bunbury's bells were not able to be rung in 1945, because of bomb damage to the church in 1940. Tower Captain, David Riley and his team of bell-ringers gave a fascinating half hour of various peals of the bells - mostly all 8 of them - which certainly made the tower

Over the past 12 months the bell ringers have resumed their regular practice night (Thursdays 7.45pm to 9pm) and have been very lucky to be joined by Margaret Rogers, an experienced ringer who many will know moved to the village with Mike over a year ago. Regular practices mean they can take on some new recruits and they now have three enthusiastic learners ringing regularly: Peter, Richard and Tim.

The bells are rung regularly for Sunday services and also often for weddings. They rang for 14 weddings in 2014.

The Jambusters Sound Recordist came up to record the bell ringers ringing at one of their practice nights so they could use the sound of our bells for the Home Fires church wedding scene (episode 3).



"Apparently, the new member of the bell-ringing team is a keen gymnast"



Bell ringing on VE Day

Bunbury players achieve national Handball triumph



Saturday 16 May was a proud day for Bunbury in the world of English handball. Having won the league a fortnight earlier, **Morgan Gillett** travelled with his team, Warrington Wolves, to the Copperbox in London to play for the English Handball Association Cup. He met up with **Eoin Stein** and **Jonathan Melia** (all pictured top right) who arrived with Deva HC Under-18s to play against Peninsula HC for their cup also. Both games were exciting events in this venue built for the 2012 Olympics.

All the Bunbury boys came home victorious with Deva scoring 23 against Peninsula's 17 and Wolves achieving a hard won 30 to London Great Dane's 29. Morgan has now had his place confirmed with this year's England Under-19s squad, which will see him playing in Hungary, Serbia and Italy over the summer.



A focus on marriage for pastoral worker

Having just finished the 'Marriage Matters' module, trainee Pastoral Worker Amber Middlemiss shares some interesting statistics on marriage:

- Since 1862, the highest number of marriages occurred in England and Wales in 1940 with over 470,000 weddings - 7% of the unmarried adult population
- In 2009 there were 231,000 weddings - 2% of unmarried adults
- Currently only 30% of people getting married have a religious wedding (compared to 50% in 1991)
- The Church of England still marries around 54,000 couples a year, and of course offers time and space before the day to consider the vows that they will make.
- In 1991, 40% of couples had cohabited before a religious wedding; that figure now stands at 75%
- Because one in five couples already has a child or children when they approach church for a wedding, the Church has recently published guidelines to combine marriage with thanksgiving for the birth of a child, or even baptism, if so desired
- Apparently 9 out of 10 couples rate their church wedding experience as good, very good or excellent - hopefully the marriage gets the same score!

If that's whetted your appetite for a marriage - or renewal of vows - this piece by Kahlil Gibran is a popular choice of reading.

You were born together, and together you shall be for evermore.

You shall be together when the white wings of death scatter your days.

Aye, you shall be together even in the silent memory of God.

*But let there be spaces in your togetherness,
And let the winds of the heavens dance between you.*

Love one another, but make not a bond of love:

Let it rather be a moving sea between the shores of your souls.

Fill each other's cup but drink not from one cup.

Give one another of your bread but eat not from the same loaf.

Sing and dance together and be joyous, but let each one of you be alone,

Even as the strings of a lute are alone though they quiver with the same music.

Give your hearts, but not into each other's keeping.

For only the hand of Life can contain your hearts.

And stand together yet not too near together:

For the pillars of the temple stand apart,

And the oak tree and the cypress grow not in each other's shadow.

from The Prophet by Kahlil Gibran

Bob Davies - Local lorry driver and former chorister



Robert (Bob) was the second youngest of 11 children to Garnet and Mariah Davies at Sunny Side, just outside Malpas. He spent his childhood there, was a pupil at the Alport School in Malpas and was also a choirboy at Malpas church. After leaving school at 14 Bob started work for Cheshire County Council as a 'Steam Roller Can Lad and Fire Lighter'. You don't see many vacancies for that job these days! His next job was as a lorry driver for a local Malpas company called Proudloves and he continued his lorry driving career for the rest of his working life, apart from his time in the Army. Bob's army life began with the local home guard as a very young man. He was then enlisted into the Army in November 1942 and joined the Cheshire Regiment transferring to the 53rd Highland Infantry, which comprised The Black Watch and Seaforth Highlanders. In early summer 1944 Bob was based at Dover to prepare to be sent to France to take part in the action of the D Day landings. He remained in the army until 1947, returning to the new family home at Harthill.

Bob returned to work as a lorry driver and started working for Cheshire Farmers. It was while working here that he and Nancy met. The story goes that they met on Beeston Castle at a motorbike scrambling event. Bob was quite a bit older than Nancy and at first he was not approved of by her grandmother Gertie Axon, who was a very formidable lady. Eventually though, Gertie was won over, and Bob and Nancy became engaged and were married in Bunbury Church in June 1950.

They started married life living in with Nancy's parents in Wyche Road, Bunbury, where in 1951 Ben was born. Shortly afterwards, they moved into a lovely new home at 26 Peckforton Hall Lane, Spurstow and in October 1953 Judith was born.

At this time Bob worked for United Dairies at Calveley and his children can remember that he had a daily, very early morning milk run into Liverpool. Ben and Judith have very happy memories of travelling around the local farms and small holdings, with their father in the milk lorry.

In the 1960s Bob sang in the Bunbury choir. He was also a member of the Bunbury Amateur Dramatic Society and the family can remember seeing him performing and singing "Pennies from Heaven" in a local production.

After finishing work at United Dairies, he had several further driving jobs - with Crosville Buses, Limmer and Trinidad and Hoveringham, both at Beeston Quarry, and finally at Stocknalls in Tarporley, where again he drove a milk tanker. He finally retired from work due to ill health, in his early 60s. Son Ben is the very proud owner of a flat back Foden lorry and Bob loved to take trips out in it with Ben. Foden's were his favourite lorry.

Bob was a true countryman and loved to walk around Peckforton and Bickerton Hills and Beeston and the surrounding area. He also loved reading, listening to classical music and opera and wouldn't miss Songs of Praise on a Sunday for anyone. He had a strong Christian faith throughout his life.

Bob and Nancy were married for over 64 years. They had six grandchildren, Ben and Ella's children - Alexandra, Lucie and Ben, and Nancy's 3 sons - Robert, Andrew and Thomas. And to date, there are three great grandchildren, Finlay, Harriet and Indo.

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