

# Link

For the parishes of Bunbury & Tilstone Fearnall



November  
2014

*Look wide, and when you think you are looking wide, look wider still*

*Robert Baden-Powell*

## Jambusters Jive A night of Forties fun

- ♪ Dancing
- ♪ 2 course supper
- ♪ Local real ale
- ♪ Live music from the era



**Plus speaker Julie Summers,  
author of Jambusters**

**Saturday 29 November at St Boniface Church  
7pm for 7.30pm - 11.30pm**

**Tickets 10 Guineas (£10.50) from Lucy Munro  
260487 or Tilly's**

**Fundraising for St Boniface Restoration Fund  
plus donation to the Royal British Legion**

## Key dates at a glance

All Souls Service at St Boniface	2 November 4pm
St Jude's Remembrance service	9 November 9.30am
St Boniface Remembrance service	9 November 10.45am
St Jude's Christingle	7 December 4pm
St Boniface Christingle	7 December 5pm
St Boniface Nativity Service	14 December 10.30am
St Jude's and Calveley joint Carol service	14 December 4pm
St Boniface Carol service	21 December 6.30pm

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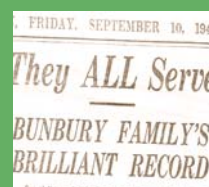
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Mike Rogers gives  
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Remembering a local  
family's war record

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## Community news

We welcome **Sullivan Thomas Harding**  
baptised at Calveley Hall Chapel on 21



September, son of  
Alan and Natasha,

**Oliver Rex Dargan**  
baptised at St

Boniface on 28  
September, son of

Christopher and  
Louise, **Logan Gabriel**

**Hodge** (pictured left)

baptised at St  
Boniface on 5  
October, son of  
Max and Christina  
and **Isabella Ava**  
**Carnell** (pictured  
right) baptised at  
St Boniface on 12  
October, daughter  
of Matthew and Jayne.



Congratulations to **Blanche and George**  
**Wilgose**, who celebrated their 65<sup>th</sup>  
wedding anniversary in October.

**A Remembrance Day Service** will be held  
in **Tiverton, at the War Memorial** just  
before 11am on 11 November.

**Bunbury WI** meets at 7.30pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Thursday of every month in the Pavilion.  
On 13 November **Julie Summers** will talk  
about her book, **Jambusters**. Call Lesley  
Moore on 262514, or simply come along.

On 11 November **Bunbury Gardening Club**  
will have a **Hot Pot Supper and AGM** in the  
Village Hall at 8pm. Tickets £6 on the night.  
Secretary Margaret Bourne 260944

**Operation Christmas Child** takes gift-filled  
shoeboxes wrapped and packed by  
children and adults in the UK to children  
around the world who would have nothing  
this Christmas. School, church and Jane  
Overy (260294) have leaflets. You can find  
out where the shoebox went if you make a  
£3 transport donation online. Please return  
filled shoeboxes to school, church or Jane  
by 12 November, to enable distribution.

The **YC's Panto** will be **Jack and the**  
**Beanstalk** on 20-22 November. Not to be  
missed! Tickets will be available soon from  
Burrows' or Wendy Slack, priced £6 (£4  
cons). See poster on p6.

The **Jambusters Jive** on Saturday 29  
November with live 40s music, dancing,  
supper and local real ale, and talk by Julie  
Summers will be a great night out. Tickets  
are 10 gns. (£10.50 to you and me) Tel  
Lucy Munro on 260487.

**Do you have any good quality Lego or**  
**Lego Technic in your loft that you could**

**donate to Bunbury school?** Their lego is  
rather tatty and it is very expensive to  
replace. If you can help, contact  
[admin@bunburyaldersey.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@bunburyaldersey.cheshire.sch.uk).

**St Jude's Christmas Fair** will be on 6  
December in the Church Hall.

**Bunbury Methodist Chapel Carol Service**  
will take place on Sunday 14 December at  
10.45am. All are warmly welcome.

The members of the Bunbury branch of the  
**British Legion** are delighted to have **Mike**  
**Rogers** (see p5) as their new President, a  
role he will fill with enthusiasm and  
commitment.

**Friday at Tilly's** meets Friday mornings  
10.30-12, at Tilly's. If you know anyone  
who might like to come, but isn't mobile,  
phone Amber on 261437. If anyone is able  
to help with transport on a Friday morning,  
please let Amber know.

**Bunbury Football Club** (5-11 years) meets  
on Saturday mornings, in term-time, 9.30-  
11am on Bunbury Jubilee Playing Fields.  
[www.bunburyfootball.uk](http://www.bunburyfootball.uk),  
[info@BunburyFootball.co.uk](mailto:info@BunburyFootball.co.uk) or 07901  
954862.

**Tarporley, Bunbury and District Historical**  
**Society** meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday in the  
month at 7.30pm in Tiverton Village Hall.  
Details from Ann Wall 01829 261612.

**Martin Cook** will be leading rehearsals this  
year for the **St Boniface Christmas Choir**  
on Saturday 29 November, 6 December, 13  
December 10.30am-12pm. Anyone who  
would like to sing at the Carol Service on  
Sunday 21 December is very welcome. No  
previous singing experience is required; it  
is an opportunity to develop and enhance  
your singing skills in a friendly setting.

**Bunbury Mill:** Jackie Griffiths, one of  
Bunbury Mill's Trustees, would like to  
thank each and every one (too many to  
name) for generous donations of plants for  
the grounds. They have made a lovely  
display this year and will be even better  
next year! A big thank you too, to  
everyone working on our ongoing  
improvements to the Mill.

**Host** is looking for kind, friendly,  
hospitable people of all ages who are able  
to welcome an international student at  
university, far from his or her own family,  
to their home, for a day, a weekend or at  
Christmas. You don't need to live near a  
university, as students will travel for the  
privilege of meeting you, learning about  
real life in this country, and sharing their  
own culture. Please see [www.hostuk.org](http://www.hostuk.org)  
or call Martin Gill 07758 950043.



The **Bunbury Neighbourhood Plan** questionnaires have been delivered and need to be returned by 5 November in the boxes in the Coop, Tilly's, Burrows and St Boniface. There will be a drop-in morning at Tilly's on Saturday 25 October from 10am-12pm, during which information and advice on the questionnaire will be available from members of the Steering Group. A public meeting to discuss the plan will take place on Monday 24 November in the Village Hall at 7pm. To contact us, please use [info@bunburynpg.org](mailto:info@bunburynpg.org). You can speak to the group for a short time, by appointment, at the beginning of one of our regular meetings. To arrange this, use the email above. More information on our Village Hall noticeboard and will be soon on our web site, [bunburynpg.org](http://bunburynpg.org).

The **copy deadline** for the December-January issue is **Friday 15 November**. The magazine should be in church for delivery on **Friday 29 November**.



## Get your Christmas messages in the Link

**Looking for a way to save time, energy, trees and money - and support a good cause?**

Instead of sending Christmas cards to local friends this year, print your message in the December issue of the Parish Link - for only £5. All proceeds go to **Crisis**. Email [parishlinkeditor@gmail.com](mailto:parishlinkeditor@gmail.com) with your message.

## Our prayers for November

We pray for all who are ill, especially **Kath Collinge, Hilda Elsworth, Harry Woodward and Daniel Jones** and for all who are mourning a loved one including the families of **Timothy Atkins, Dorothy Vickers, Pauline Chesters and Roy Harding**. We also pray for former Bunbury Youth Worker, **Laura Warrington, husband Luke and baby daughter Penny** as they fly to Manila, Philippines, on 26 November to continue their work with Wycliffe Bible translators, for a safe journey, interesting work and the forging of exciting ties with the community.



## TIM HAYWARD

Your Vicar



When I think of God, I hear a song, and it's a song that moves me. It has a melody, it has a groove, and it has a certain rhythm. People have heard this song for thousands of years, across continents and cultures, across time. People have heard the song and they've found it captivating, and they've wanted to hear more. And there have always been people who say there is no song, but the song keeps playing.

And so Jesus came to show us how to live in tune with the song. He's the way, the truth and the life. This isn't a statement about one religion being better than all the other religions. The last thing Jesus came to do was to start a new religion. He came to show us reality at its most raw, he came to show us how things are. Jesus is God taking on flesh and blood, and so in his generosity, and in his compassion, that's what God is like. In his telling of the truth, that's what God is like. In his love, and forgiveness, and sacrifice, that's what God is like. That's who God is, and that's how the song goes.

The song is playing all around us all the time. The song is playing everywhere, it's written on our hearts, and everybody is playing the song. The question isn't whether or not you're playing a song, the question is are you in tune?

God is generous: so when I'm selfish, or stingy and I refuse to give, I'm essentially out of tune with the song. God is love: unrestrained, unconditional love. So when you see someone sacrifice themselves for another, for the well being of somebody else, it's like they're playing in the right key.

## Have you got the X factor?

They're inspiring and powerful, and they're in tune with the song.

Now some people know all sorts of stuff about music. They know about pitch, about modes, and keys and instruments. They can hear things maybe other people can't, they can hear subtlety and nuance in the song that other people might miss. But it's also possible to be so caught up in the technical aspects of the song, that you miss its simple pure enjoyment.

Now there are people who talk like they know everything about being a Christian, and yet they can seem way out of tune. And then there are others who might say, they don't know much at all about the Christian faith, and yet they can seem very in tune with the song. I've met lots of people who struggle to know what it means to have a relationship with God, and yet they show faith, hope, love, truth, compassion and justice, and generosity.

Maybe you have this sense like you have no relationship with God because these ideas you have, and these things that you've been told about what it is and what it isn't, don't resonate. But perhaps the way that Jesus lived: you can see that, you can understand that, you can relate to that, you can play that song. And as you live in tune with the song, in tune with the creator of the universe, may you realise that you are in relationship with the living God, the song is written on your heart.

You do have the X Factor.

## Confirmation celebration for Bunbury teens

On Sunday 12 October five young people were confirmed by Rt Revd Keith Sinclair, Bishop of Birkenhead. Bishop Keith presided over a very moving service and gave an excellent talk, comparing the wedding garments in Matthew's gospel to the wrist bands you are given at a party or pop concert. Bishop Keith said he hadn't brought real wrist bands to give out, but he hoped those being confirmed would want to continue wearing today's 'wrist bands' throughout their lives.

Bishop Keith also commented upon the high standard of music and thanked both the choir and music group for "allowing themselves to be woven together (a la my wristband) and become part of the varied pattern of the wedding garment (to change the analogy) to bring God glory."

Special thanks too to the school choir, also in good voice.



Pictured left to right, with the Bishop, are: Jonathan Melia, Thomas Fairclough, Tristan Bird, Abigail and Christopher Whittingham.



## Eric Wallington Reader Emeritus **The power of speech**

I have no human doubt that one of the greatest gifts which God has given the human race is the ability to talk to one another.

Birds and animals have some power of communication with others of their own kind by sound and signs, but not by words. Human beings are able to exchange ideas of the most complex nature and developments in human knowledge have greatly increased the usefulness of speech.

And, of course, knowledge can be sent to distant countries and radio and television have made it possible for one human being to communicate with one or thousands - perhaps on the other side of the world - all at once.

There is another side to this. While all God's gifts to us are meant to be well used this is not always the case, as the Bible reminds us. St. James, in his short epistle, has sharp things to say about 'the tongue' and of course spiteful talk and malicious gossip can be really hurtful.

On the other hand, we can use our abilities to express sympathy, to cheer and to encourage. We can also spread the truth of God's word.

And, of course, we can use our abilities in spreading friendship amongst the lonely and the very old. And so our words, as well as our deeds can really advance God's kingdom on earth.

## Church diary for November

Sunday 2 November	8.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface	Wednesday 19 November	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
	9.30am Family Communion	St Jude's	Sunday 23 November	9.00am Holy Communion	St Jude's
	10.30am Family Worship	St Boniface			
	11.00am Holy Communion	Calveley			
	4.00pm All Souls' Service	St Boniface			
Wednesday 5 November	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface	Wednesday 26 November	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Sunday 9 November	9.30am Remembrance	St Jude's	Sunday 30 November	9.30am Holy Communion	St Jude's
	10.45am Remembrance	St Boniface			
	6.00pm Evensong	St Boniface			
Wednesday 12 November	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface	Wednesday 3 December	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Sunday 16 November	8.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface	Sunday 7 December	8.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
	9.30am Family Service	St Jude's			
	10.30am Family Worship	St Boniface			
	11.00am Family Service	Calveley			
				10.30am Family Worship	St Boniface
				11.00am Holy Communion	Calveley
				4.00pm Christingle	St Jude's
				5.00pm Christingle	St Boniface



## Pat Edgley Ellis Reader

### **Give us this day our daily bread**

Our churches have been supporting the Nantwich Food bank with our Harvest offerings.

It is shocking to realise that many families in our own communities are struggling to feed their children properly.

Those of us who have plenty and to spare, whose problem is greed, not hunger, need to think again.

This poem, from Cartmel Priory, helps us to take a fresh look at our staple food and be thankful.

"I am the Bread of Life". John 6: 48 -

"Be gentle when you touch bread.

Let it not lie uncared for, unwanted.

So often bread is taken for granted.

There is such beauty in bread:

Beauty of sun and soil,

Beauty of patient toil.

Wind and sun have caressed it;

Christ often blessed it.

Be gentle when you touch bread."

Lord, help us to remember

That you are the bread of life.

We rely on you for our very being.

Teach us to share what we have in abundance

With those who have so little.

Give us fresh eyes to look again with wonder

At those simple things we take for granted

And be thankful.



# Give us Two Minutes

Mike's early life was spent in Hitchin. On leaving school, he served an apprenticeship with GEC in Coventry but in 1971, was commissioned in the Engineer Branch of the RAF. He married Margaret in 1972 and their first tour together was in the Outer Hebrides. From there they wandered the United Kingdom and Germany, moving every 3 years or so. He served on two squadrons, No 54(F) at Coltishall and No 617 (The Dambusters) at Marham. As RAF Marham was used by the Royal Family to fly to and from Sandringham, he was fortunate to meet several of them as they passed through and on one occasion, to sit next to the Queen for a formal lunch (and see inside her handbag!). He was honoured to meet her again in Buckingham Palace when she pinned the OBE on his chest. He left the RAF as a Group Captain to train full-time for the priesthood.

He was ordained in 2001 and 'served his title' in Bromsgrove. At the end of his curacy, he became the Rector of a group of very rural parishes on the borders of Worcestershire, Gloucestershire and Herefordshire. He retired from there to Bunbury in September 2013. He enjoys spending time with his family, walking, working as a volunteer lock-keeper at Bunbury Locks, gardening, reading, 'fiddling' with his 1971 Triumph Herald and taking the occasional service.

**If you had a motto, what would it be?**

Always look on the bright side of life - not that I always do!

**It's a celebrity lunch – who would you like to invite?**

Neil Diamond, Dolly Parton, Michael Parkinson, Cleo Laine and Desmond Tutu.

**What would you call your autobiography?**

A plan is merely a basis for change

**What was your first job?**

Delivering furniture for the Co-op in Letchworth.

**What would you change about Bunbury, if you could?**

Like most others, the parking in the centre of the village

**What is the best book you have read to date?**

Seven Years in Tibet by Heinrich Harrer

**What is your biggest regret?**

Being away from home as my children grew up

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

To have met my father-in-law

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

In 1979 I circumnavigated the world several times at the North Pole - and I have a certificate to prove it!

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

To finish re-decorating the house and re-building my 1971 Triumph Herald convertible

**What is your favourite place and why?**

The Falkland Islands - the air is so pure and clean, the scenery is superb and the wildlife is magnificent

**How would you spend your ideal weekend?**

Being with my children and grandchildren. With one of our children in Texas and the other here in UK it is not often that we can all be together at the same time. We achieved it this year and prior to that it last happened in 2006 but our youngest grandchild had not been born then.



Mike  
Rogers

## Bunbury Parish Council hosts Bonfire Night on Wednesday 5th November

Gates open at 5.45pm

Fireworks display by Lightech at 7pm

Entry price on the gate: £5/adult,  
£2/Children (under 5s free)

Refreshments from Burrows Butchers  
and Tilly's Coffee Shop

Table-top stall in aid of The Bunbury  
Playground Appeal

**STRICTLY NO SPARKLERS ALLOWED!**

## Memorial service to our loved ones

A special memorial service is to be held at St Boniface on Sunday 2 November at 4pm. It is an opportunity for people to remember before God our loved ones who have died: to thank God for all that they meant - and still mean - to us; to commend them to God's sustaining love, and to affirm our faith in the God who supports us and gives us courage and strength throughout our lives.

During the service, the names of the departed will be read out - those who have died this last year, as well as those whom folk would like to be remembered - and there will be an opportunity to light candles in memory of them. The candles serve as a symbol - both of the prayers we offer for our loved ones, and of Jesus Christ the light of the world, in whom we place our hope and who leads us from death to life.

If you would find it comforting to come along and sit peacefully to remember those who are important to you, do join us.

# Bunbury School news

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.*



Mrs Crotty writes: The school has been studying the Fruit of the Spirit. All class teachers have taken part and the children have moved around the school to visit the different fruits. It starts at the beginning of the week with Mrs Thacker, and then ends with Revd Tim or Revd Veronica. We split into seven age groups and they rotate around the teachers, hence the term "roundabout assembly". As a school we felt that it was a really important subject to get across to the children. Even if one is not Christian the fruits are the basis for a really good person. My assembly has been kindness and goodness; some of the children say some really

profound things. This morning one of the Y2 children said "Kindness is love." At the end of the seven weeks the children will be visiting St Boniface where there will be interactive displays linked to each fruit. On Sunday 16 November there will be a celebration service in church.

Rev. Veronica and I are hoping to start an ethos group in school. Details to follow later.

Year 5 are preparing for their visit to Chester Cathedral for Pilgrim Day. Pilgrim Day takes place at Chester Cathedral and one year over 800 children attended. During the day the children learn about pilgrimage, Benedictine prayer and how prayer is as important today as when the Cathedral was built. According to legend, a prehistoric Druid temple existed on this site, which was succeeded by a Roman temple dedicated to Apollo; when Christianity became the state religion of Rome in the fourth century AD, the pagan temple may have become a Christian church. Certainly a church was founded here in 660, and in 875 the relics of St. Werburgh were brought to Chester to protect them from attacks by the Vikings. Year 5 will learn more about St. Werburgh. They also have the opportunity to hear the organ being played, try new crafts, and enjoy new musical experiences, the joy of collect worship with other school children for across the county and it is hoped that they day will help them to understand what it is to be a pilgrim.

The open day is on Tuesday 2 December for reception 2015 parents 1.15pm-2.30pm. Other parents are welcome to look round too.

**BUNBURY YOUNG CHRISTIANS  
& FRIENDS PRESENT**

## Jack & The Beanstalk



**A PANTOMIME BY WILEY BOWKETT  
ADAPTED BY TOM CROTTY**

**THURSDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2014  
FRIDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER 2014  
SATURDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER 2014**

**ADULTS £6 CHILD/CON £4  
TICKETS ON SALE SOON AT BURROWS  
BUTCHERS, CHURCH, OR CONTACT  
WENDY 260657**

## Made in God's image

Wow, these third Sundays come round so quickly and it was lovely to welcome George Williams and his family and friends to October's, writes curate **Veronica Green**.

The beginning of the service included a generous greeting to everyone but especially young George, who was being baptized and welcomed into the church family. Smiles were drawn from the whole congregation as his image appeared on the screen - snapshots of George and brother Oscar.

The theme for the service was we are made in God's image - his likeness. The band played and led our songs of worship and Stephen Broadbent guided us through thought-provoking prayers. While Revd Tim explored the good news of our being made in the image of God and bearing His characteristics of creativity, communication, responsibility, intelligence, spirituality and relationship, in the children's corner we discussed our likeness to our own family. We looked at photos of relatives and compared our physical likeness while also thinking about God's character of kindness and love and how being made in His image should affect all we do and say. The children cut and pasted pictures of people, old, young, black, white - all made in God's image - and created a wonderful cross-shaped collage depicting the uniqueness of us all, reminding us of our unique Creator God and Father.

Each one of us is "Fearfully and wonderfully made" (Psalm 139:14); The children drew around one of their feet and created a pictorial memory for George and his family of all those who shared his special day and stood alongside him.

We too are a wonderful collage, created and shaped by God, we should celebrate our differences, embrace the gifts we meet in others and reflect all of God's purposeful characteristics - each of us a snapshot - bright eyed and full of life.



# Freda, Bunbury's own Jambuster



As Burrows' Butchers appeared to contract into the tiny original shop and the greengrocers seemed to reopen next door when ITV got to work on Home Fires, we stepped back with them to 1939. The filming triggered curiosity over the 'real' experiences of the Burrows family at the time.

It was Freda Burrows' dream to be a nurse. As war loomed it seemed her dream would be fulfilled. As her six brothers and the one non-family

assistant went to war, Fred Burrows turned to daughter Freda to become a butcher instead. She became the first female butcher in the area, slaughtering, cutting up carcasses and serving in the shop and dealing with coupons and rationing - not quite what she had had in mind. She said, "It had to be done, otherwise the business would have gone under".

What happened to her brothers? Freda's husband, Ken Cheers, has a newspaper cutting from September 1943 (right). Frank (27) went into the Tank Corps, Fred W.(26), an RAF wireless operator, was on operational duty over Germany during the Battle of Britain, then

went out to the Middle East. He was reported missing on September 6 1941 and was later found to be a prisoner of war in Germany. Thomas and George (23) were twins.

Thomas was a corporal in the RAF and, like his brother Fred, joined up in 1938, before the war started. He went out to Egypt in 1939 and served through the campaigns in Greece and Crete, returning to Egypt. George became a Leading Cook in the Royal Navy, seeing service in the Mediterranean and the Fiji Islands. APO Roy Burrows (21) joined the RAF and won the Elliot Memorial Prize at Halton and spent two years at Nottingham University studying engineering, before being commissioned. John (18) joined the RAF as a wireless operator and air-gunner the month before the article was written, having previously been in the Air Training Corps. They also had a younger sister and brother, Joyce and Eric.

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## News from St Jude's

St Jude's harvest supper in late September was a great success. The evening was filled with fellowship, laughter and wonderful food.

With the centenary of the outbreak of World War 1 in mind and Remembrance Sunday fast approaching, a sincere thank you to those of you who have been in contact regarding relatives named on the war memorial in Alraham. It was announced in a recent newsletter that Alraham Parish Council has been awarded funding to renovate the memorial.

There are plenty of dates for the diary - St Jude's Christmas fair is on Saturday 6 December and the family Christingle service is on Sunday 7 December. The carol service is on Sunday 14 December.

The next date for St Jude's Sunday School is Sunday 2 November. Sunday School is held on the first Sunday of the month at 9.30, meet in the church hall next to St Jude's. It got off to a roaring start back in September, so do join us; the more the merrier!

*You are invited to*  
*The Arley Hall*  
*Christmas Shopping Spectacular*  
*In aid of the Seashell Trust*

**CILAMPAGNE & SHOPPING SPECTACULAR EVENING**  
**MONDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 2014**  
**6.00PM - 9.30PM**  
**ENTRY £10 PRE-PAID £12 ON THE DOOR**

**DAYTIME SHOPPING SPECTACULAR**  
**TUESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2014**  
**9.30AM - 3.30PM**  
**ENTRY £6 ON THE DOOR**

**TICKETS - tickets@arleyhallshoppingspectacular.co.uk TEL: 0161 610 0170**

**www.arleyhallshoppingspectacular.co.uk**

**Seashell Trust**  
REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 109027

For those we love and those we miss

## Bunbury Tree of Lights 2014



To sponsor a light on the tree at St Boniface this Christmas in aid of our church building please fill in the form or contact Jill Robey on 260081 [jill@1manorcottage.co.uk](mailto:jill@1manorcottage.co.uk)

I would like a light on the tree to celebrate:  
(please give details)

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.....

I would like to donate £..... (£5 min)

☐ If you would like to Gift Aid this donation to Bunbury PCC (Charity No 1133106)\* then tick box

\*By ticking this box you acknowledge that: you must pay an amount of income tax and/or capital gains tax to cover the amount that all charities and CASCs you donate to will reclaim for the tax year; Council tax and VAT do not count; and Bunbury PCC will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that you have given. If you pay income tax at a higher rate you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your self assessment tax return if you want to receive the additional tax relief.

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# Harvest at St Boniface

Bunbury's lovely Harvest Service included a bread making session for the children during the sermon. Afterwards a harvest lunch with a delicious selection of soups, cheeses and puddings was much enjoyed. Harvest gifts from all three churches went to the food bank in Nantwich.





# Harvest at St Boniface



## The delights and challenges of training as a Pastoral Worker



I have just started training to be a Pastoral Worker (PW), writes **Amber Middlemiss**. This is a licensed role in the Church of England, similar to a Lay Reader but with the emphasis more on pastoral work in all its forms eg visiting the sick and bereaved, running groups and many other roles. It can also include some involvement in the running/leading of services but this tends to be more secondary.

Last year I completed the Diocese's 'Foundations for Ministry' course which was a general grounding in basic theology with many practical applications such as studying what the Bible says the

Kingdom of God is like and then considering how closely my church resembles that. Out of this assignment came the idea for setting up the 'Friday morning at Tilly's' group for older people which I'm really enjoying; it's just great to see people come along and get to know others and enjoy coffee, cake and chat. It's gratifying that I need to do so little - just facilitate the odd introduction, a bit of chat, and then everyone else gets on with it and people step in and help, and do lifts, and generally make it very easy - it feels like a privilege to be part of such a buzz, and of course Kevin and the team at Tilly's are a huge support in all of it. There is always room for more - we haven't quite filled Tilly's yet - so if you haven't been do come and say hello any Friday morning - and if you don't consider yourself to be the right age then just come as a friend and get to know a few more people in the village.

Although I'm only two weeks into the PW course proper I'm feeling quite challenged by the teaching on the first module, Volunteers and Teamwork, and excited to see what will come out of it all.... I hope to keep you up-to-date with a short piece like this each month in the Link.

## Harvest at Calveley



Calveley had a most successful Harvest Holy Communion celebrated with the choir which was in fine voice. The little Chapel was particularly full for the traditional evening occasion and all enjoyed the refreshments afterwards. The Chapel was beautifully decorated by the small team and looked at its best.

**The Calveley Community Plan document has now been published** and is available to view on the website:

**[calveleycommunitynoticeboard.btck.co.uk](http://calveleycommunitynoticeboard.btck.co.uk).**

The plan is a rolling document and updating news will be added to the website regularly with a formal progress update being published every six months. Please keep checking the website for up to date information. Any queries please contact the Clerk, Sue Stockton email: [communityplan@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:communityplan@hotmail.co.uk)

# Dorothy Vickers - a true Bunbarian



Dorothy was born in November 1925 to parents Stephen and Mary at Church Bank Cottage Bunbury. She had an older brother Frank. She attended the girls' school in College Lane Bunbury. After leaving school she worked at the village grocery and newsagents shop, one of her jobs was to deliver the papers on her bike around

Haughton and Spurstow.

Her great sadness in her life was losing her beloved Ed in 1974 just months after they had completed work on the bungalow that took them 5 years, a real labour of love. She stayed there and was never short of company. Dorothy was very talented at all kinds of embroidery and needle work, as well as baking - in her younger years she was always baking cakes for people.

Dorothy always had company, because she was such a good friend to many, and adopted several families as her own. She was so devoted to the Large family - growing up with Mari, Nancy and Molly and playing on the farm. She was wonderful with children - she was a real support to Gary and Suzi McCormick, and Emily's first words were 'Dot, Dot, Dot!'

She eventually gave up work to care for her father after he had, had a stroke. After her father passed away she got a new job

working at Bunbury Aldersey School as an Assistant to the Cook and she stayed there until she retired.

Dorothy was always involved with St Boniface church and was such a staunch supporter of the church. She was so proud of being a part of its history. No doubt being born and growing up in its shadow had a profound influence on her life. She took a pride in cleaning the silver for many years; she was very involved in making and teaching people to make the Kneelers and worked tirelessly for Beeston Castle Fete. When Miss Churton had the fancy goods stall, she worked all year knitting and sewing for it. She managed the tea tent and raffle at Beeston Castle Fete for many years with Mary Large, a good friend.

She also supported events at St Jude's and Calveley Dorothy was a member of the Bunbury W I for many years and rarely missed a meeting. Her last outing with the W I was a trip to Wales in June.

Dorothy was a true Bunbarian, living all her life in the village and loved this village and its people. She would often speak of the many stories and secrets she carried with her, and of her many diaries and jour-nals. She was a lovely writer and her diaries could probably be bestsellers..... but she would never want her journals to be published. Not only have we lost a wonderful woman in Dorothy, we have lost a little history of the village.

Dorothy was thoughtful of others, right to the very end getting all her affairs in order, and she had no fear of death - she was remarkably strong and her faith made her so.

## Pauline Chesters - fought adversity and won



Pauline was born and brought up in Tiverton and was the eldest daughter of Norman and the late Alma Chesters. She attended Tarporley Primary School and, although she had a disability, she coped with everyday life and never complained.

Her main interests were attending the chapels at Tiverton and Bunbury, where she made numerous friends, as well as enjoying Bingo and writing to her many pen friends in the UK and abroad.

Later, when she became more dependent on her carers, she was always interested in what they had to say. Pauline will always be remembered as a loving daughter, sister, aunty and wonderful friend to all who knew her.

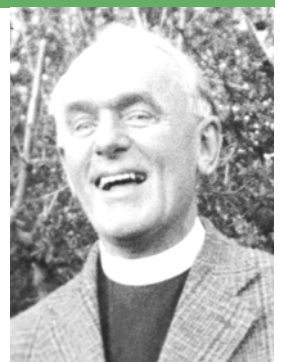
## Revd Timothy Atkins

Walter Williamson writes: Former vicar of Bunbury, the Reverend Timothy Atkins, died recently at the age of 92, at Lytham, Lancashire. He came to Bunbury in 1961 from Mildenhall, where his parish included a large American base, with which he had oversight. He was our vicar for 24 years, retiring in June 1987.

If Timothy had a catchphrase, it would surely have been, "Well done", for those were always his words of encouragement to us when we did anything for him. As he is now commended to the arms of a faithful creator I am sure that he, in turn, has now heard those words, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

W.W.W.

Donations in Timothy Atkins' memory may be sent to The Church Missionary Society, C/O J & A Porter Funeral Directors, Windsor Court, Windsor Road, Ansdell, Latham St Anne's FY8 1AH





# Roy Harding - The Boss



Roy was born in Spurstow at Brooklands in 1938 and went to Spurstow school and then on to Bunbury. He was fiercely competitive and he loved football. Roy was a good player, and teams wanted him on their side. He was known for standing up for his teammates, and for his tackling as the hard-man of the side.

He played football for Bunbury and Varden, playing centre forward or centre half. He went for trials with Wolves, and modelled his game on Billy Wright who won 105 caps for England.

Roy broke his leg at Barrow, but drove home, put his wellies on and went out to do the milking. He worked hard and he played hard.

Roy worked at Cappers Lane farm, for Norman Williams, who was Roy's best man. And it was at Norman's, Roy met Gwen - who was helping out and collecting eggs. They were married in

September 1962 at Faddiley Chapel, and were together for 52 years. They went to Blackpool for their honeymoon, going up the Tower, and saying never again, and coming home early, because it didn't suit. Roy and Gwen were content just where they were - they didn't need to travel or go on holiday. They made a home with son David, daughter Jenny and grandson Brock and these were the things that made them most content.

Roy was a good friend to many with a story to tell at the Nags or the Dysart or the Crewe Arms. In the 70s Roy got his own dairy herd; he liked to buy and then sell them on, and had a few sheep too. He had his own cattle wagon and loved going to the auctions at Oswestry, Beeston or Crewe where he was known as the Boss.

Roy retired in 2000 and this gave him more time to breed and race pigeons, winning several trophies - one race was over 700 miles to France. He had a proud collection of trophies, not just from the pigeons, but also from football, and the greyhound days with uncles Herbert and Harold, going to Bellevue, Scotland, London.

Sadly Roy was diagnosed with Parkinson's in 2007 and this can't have been easy for him or indeed Gwen as the dementia started to take its toll. Roy's family are very grateful to all the staff at Church House Nursing home who cared for Roy so well.

## Freda Burrows (continued from p.7)



Back: Tom, Roy, John, Eric, Frank, Fred, George  
Front: Freda, her father Fred, mother Jane and Joyce

The two eldest boys' wives, Vera (with baby Anthony) and Lynne (now a local Land Girl) were anxiously waiting at home in Bunbury. Apart from being a butcher, Freda was constantly writing loving, morale boosting letters to her brothers, knitting (she could alter patterns as she knitted) and was deeply involved in the WI and British Legion, of which her father was President.

Amazingly, all the Burrows boys returned safely. Many people will remember Frank (Mark's grandfather) as Bunbury's butcher and John as the grocer/greengrocer, who eventually moved his shop into new premises he built next door, now the Co-op.

Freda was born in 1923 at Dairy Cottage, Haughton, the year before the farm was sold and the family founded their butchers' in Bunbury. Growing up in a big family in the 20s and 30s, everyone had jobs to do. Freda became almost a second mother, helping prepare and

serve large amounts of food to a growing family. In 1951 she married Ken and they later bought Brook Cottage, where Ken still lives and where they brought up Laura and Andrew. Freda was Akela of Bunbury Cubs for 26 years, assisted by Joyce and, later, John's wife, Eva. Freda was ever busy and involved in every village activity. She died in 2007.

Prisoner of war, Flight-Sergeant Fred W. Burrows was eventually able to write home, via the Red Cross:

Stalag Luft III May 8th 1943

My Dear Parents,

*I do not need to search the recesses of my memory to conjure a mental picture of home. Each time I close my eyes, a vision of the serene order of events in the village, with home and you at the centre, makes me yearn to return. It would be wonderful to take a walk on a summer evening through the fields towards the hills. I can imagine standing on Beeston Crag and looking over the vista of cultured land verdant with green of the pastures and golden where the setting sun caresses a field of corn. There is a murmur of wind in the trees; the birds call to each other as they fly lazily homewards and the last rays of a sinking orange ball cloak the valley in mystic purple shadows. Twilight falls, and with it a breeze nips through the meadow grass, whispering a song of perfect peace in a country where men may freely think and freely live. The dream fades, and I look around - the wire enclosure, no green grass, no beauty of nature and my heart cries, "How long, O, Lord, how long?"*

*Forgive me if I have bored you with idle dreams, but there is so little to tell you, with the exception that I am healthy in body and mind, that I am pleased that everyone is well and business worries nil. I am longing to see you all again, but until that day comes I must be content, and ask you to keep smiling too.*

Your loving son,  
Fred

# Sandwiches all round



The 3rd Sunday all-age service was all about food in September. The children were given gifts of sandwich fillings, butter or bread. As one boy commented, these weren't much use on their own, but when everyone shared together you could make something fantastic. The congregation, receivers of the resulting gift, seemed to agree and wolfed them with their coffee. (Hands had been well washed!)

We all have gifts and when we work together they become so much more than the constituent parts.



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