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Through the DEC emergency appeal, Christian Aid has donated £1 million for trauma first aid kits and £1 million for urgently needed medical and pharmaceutical equipment, items and supplies. Please give what you can during Christian Aid Week 15 – 21 May.



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# Community news

The **Christian Aid Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy sale** will be held at 1 Manor Cottages, School Lane on Monday 23 May 10am-12pm.



Artist **Elena Ghetau** gave St Boniface a number of **paintings** when she left the village. The church has decided to sell the paintings and donate the proceeds to the **Ukraine**

**emergency**. The pictures will be on sale after the 10.30am service on 1 and 8 May.

**Contemplative Prayer** Normally on the 3rd Tuesday of the month, for May only, it will meet on the 4th Tuesday, 24 May at both 2.30pm and 7.30pm.

On Sunday 5 June **Calveley Chapel** will hold the monthly service at 11.30am where we celebrate the **Queen's Jubilee Anniversary**. Everyone is warmly invited to share in the celebrations. After the service there will be refreshments; we hope you can join us.

## Show off your skill – Bunbury's got talent!

Do you have a hidden talent as a craftsperson or artist? Have you made or painted a piece we could display in our summer Inspire22 exhibition?

St Boniface is staging an ambitious showcase of floral displays, arts and crafts from 15-17 July.

We are looking for local people wishing to share their creative talents in art, embroidery and textiles, ceramics, sculpture, model-making, metalwork, woodwork, jewellery. Pieces will be returned at the end of the exhibition.

Please contact [bunburyinspire22@gmail.com](mailto:bunburyinspire22@gmail.com)

## Children's art competition

**Inspire22 Flowers, Arts and Craft event will host a children's art competition. The aim is to encourage young people to 'be inspired' and produce a piece of artwork as follows:**

### Age categories:

Pre-school 0-4 years  
Key Stage 1 4-7 years  
Key Stage 2 7-11 years  
Key Stage 3 11-14 years  
Key Stage 4 14-16 years

### Artwork specification:

- 2D piece of artwork
- No larger than A3
- Any medium (e.g. pencil, charcoal, watercolour, acrylic etc)

### Theme:

'Be Inspired' - whatever inspires you; be it nature, people, places... the list is endless.

### Timings:

Closing date: Friday 10 June. Judging to take place w/c 13 June. Winners in each category will be displayed in St Boniface as part of 'Inspire 22'

### How to enter:

Entry forms will be available from Monday 9 May from [www.stbonifacebunbury.org](http://www.stbonifacebunbury.org) Look for What's on and click on Inspire22 or pop into Tilly's coffee shop.



## A word from the editor

The Easter weekend was so lovely and after all the Covid restrictions over the past two years, it was lovely to see families going out together. Thanks must go to Tim, Claire and Beth and Rose and Poppy for all their work with the variety of Easter services on offer in the Parish.



**THURSDAY 5TH MAY**

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## Artist and Craftsperson Open Call



**Arts Crafts Flowers Weekend  
at St Boniface 15-17 July**

Are you an artist or craftsperson?

Opportunity to exhibit and sell in 3-day  
exhibition

New exhibition in beautiful space

Any specialism (painting, ceramics, jewellery,  
textiles, embroidery, metalwork, woodwork etc)

Submission deadline 14 June

More information including entry requirements  
contact [elainecrotty2@icloud.com](mailto:elainecrotty2@icloud.com)

The copy deadline for the June issue is Friday 13  
May. The magazine should be delivered Saturday  
28 May. Notices to [bunburyparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:bunburyparishoffice@gmail.com)



TIM HAYWARD

Your Vicar

# Christian Aid Week:

## *Hunger for food, hunger for hope, hunger for justice*

We have all seen the news of the devastating war in Ukraine. We've heard heartbreaking stories of people fleeing violence, not knowing when they'll see their loved ones again.

In Zimbabwe, another crisis – the climate crisis – is causing aching hunger.

Even though it's 7,000 miles away, the war in Ukraine has driven up food prices in Zimbabwe and around the globe. Ukraine and Russia produce large amounts of the world's fertiliser and food, like wheat and cooking oil. Without them, vulnerable families will be pushed even deeper into hunger.

The climate crisis has also caused a shift where we see the sun and the rain move from being primarily essential allies to seemingly existential adversaries. In Zimbabwe, the dry seasons are becoming increasingly problematic to predict and increasingly difficult to define. Vulnerable communities face the threat of more intense droughts, floods, and storms. When the rain does come, its intensity increases year on year. A factor uncomfortably balanced by the way in which the daily minimum temperatures continue to climb.

This change in the climate has resulted in more challenging conditions for farmers and makes the successful production of crops next to impossible. Harvests are failing and the threat of hunger is real.

When Jesus asks: 'Which of you, if your child asks for bread, will give him a stone?' (Matthew 7:9) it is clear he is not suggesting bread is a luxury.

Bread is the starting point. Bread is the bare minimum. Bread is the thing that is the very least.

Further, when Jesus taught us how to pray to God the Father, our very starting point is the request for bread. We are to ask for bread for today. (Matthew 6:11)

Bread is non-negotiable. If the child asks for bread, they don't get stones, they get bread.

This year Christian Aid invites us to help families and farmers in Zimbabwe to:

- grow drought-tolerant crops
- learn how to grow food in dry seasons
- build storerooms to survive future droughts
- eat more healthy and nutritious food
- learn new skills for alternative sources of income when agriculture fails.

Your gift this Christian Aid Week will not only help fulfil the need to grow food but will also act as a physical demonstration of hope and justice for the people who need it the most.

## Our prayers for May

*God of all good things,  
We thank you for spring,  
The lengthening of the days  
And the trees and flowers  
that delight us.  
God of life, we praise you.  
Amen*

*We pray for all who are suffering in  
body mind or spirit, thinking especially  
of **Guy Johnson** and **Eileen Wood**.  
We pray too for all those who mourn  
loved ones, especially the family and  
friends of **Sarah Kendrick**.*



# New start for Bunbury's community choir

## Open evening 16 May at 7.30pm

### Church diary for May

Sunday 1 May	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Worship 10.30am Forest Church & Holy Communion 11.30am Holy Communion	St Boniface St Jude's St Boniface  Calveley
Monday 2 May	11.00am Fête	Beeston Castle
Wednesday 4 May	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Sunday 8 May	9.30am Holy Communion 10.30am Outdoor service followed by APCM at 11.30am and bring your own picnic 5.30pm Youth Alpha	St Jude's Simpson's Rough Woods Darkie Meadow
Wednesday 11 May	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Sunday 15 May	9.30am Family Communion 10.30am Brunch followed by Jubilee tree planting 6.00pm Evensong	St Jude's St Boniface  St Boniface
Wednesday 18 May	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Sunday 22 May	9.30am Family worship 10.30am Family communion	St Jude's St Boniface
Tuesday 24 May	2.30pm Contemplative prayer 7.30pm Contemplative prayer	St Boniface St Boniface
Wednesday 25 May	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Sunday 28 May	9.30am Family worship 10.30am Family communion	St Jude's St Boniface

Bunbury's Community Choir has been rethought, renamed and relaunched as Just Sing!

During lockdown many choirs and other voluntary groups folded due to difficulties, but Covid also highlighted the need and desire to do something fun together, as a community. Bunbury's choir is lucky to have appointed Elaine Cook (pictured right) from Market Drayton, as their new conductor.



Elaine has loved singing all her life. She sang at university in the Royal Holloway College Chapel Choir and later under Hallé Chorus Master Keith Orrell. A soprano soloist, she has been vocal coach for several amateur productions, including *Les Misérables* and *Anything Goes*. She has a Diploma from the London College of Music and is an advocate of the benefits of singing together in choirs but most of all for pleasure.

They are also delighted to have secured Alison Moss as their accompanist. Alison has just retired from being a piano teacher for 32 years. She has accompanied instrumentalists, singers and Christmas choirs; also Tarporley High School choir and Tarporley Scouts' Gang Show. She is currently delivering fun music sessions in pre-schools.

The choir loves new members and is holding an open evening on Monday 16 May at 7.30pm in Bunbury School Hall, when they will sing a few songs and have a chat with a glass of wine!

There is absolutely no requirement to read music or to have previous singing experience (there is no audition) – the emphasis is entirely on singing together and having fun doing so.

The choir is open to all men and women 16 years and over and fees are a reasonable £60 per term. The Open Evening and first session are free so please give it a try!

Regular rehearsals are Monday evenings in the school hall, beginning 25 April. Contact Karen Grimwood (secretary) at karen.grimwood60@gmail.com or 01829 260997.

# Sky notes for May

There is a minimum of four eclipses in any one year: two eclipses of the Sun and two of the moon. Most years only have four, which is the case for 2022, but there could be as many as seven. Not all eclipses will be seen from everywhere on earth.

This year there will be a total lunar eclipse early in the morning of May 16. An eclipse of the moon occurs when the earth lies directly between the sun and the moon and the moon lies in the shadow of the earth. For a total lunar eclipse to happen, all three bodies lie in a straight line. This means that the moon passes through the darkest part of the earth's shadow – the umbra.

During a total lunar eclipse, the moon sometimes turns a deep, dark red because it is illuminated by light that has passed through the earth's atmosphere and has been bent back towards the moon by refraction.

The moon will start to enter the earth's shadow just after 2.30am BST. Over the next two hours you will see the shadow creeping gradually, covering more and more of the moon's surface. The full eclipse will start just before 4.30am.

The entire eclipse lasts for more than five hours, ending at 7.50am. However, observers in the UK will only be able to see the eclipse from 2.30am–5.10am as the moon will have set below the horizon by the end of this period.

The optimal viewing time to see the eclipse is between 4.30am and 5.00am. This is the period of totality. The whole of the moon will still be visible.



A second eclipse will happen on November 8. But it won't be visible from this country - so try and catch May's event!

While you are watching the eclipse, look out for brilliant Venus low in the south-east. You can spot it in the early morning all month - not just on the morning of the eclipse.

Clear skies!

Bunbury Stargazer

## Supporting Ukrainian refugees

You may have seen Dr Krish Kandiah on TV breakfast programmes talking about how best to support Ukrainians fleeing the conflict in their homeland. As head of the registered charity Sanctuary UK, he is leading a rapid response initiative to find humanitarian sponsors from individuals, families, churches and community groups to sponsor Ukrainian refugees coming to the UK. This follows the successful system that has been established to help Hong Kong, Syrian and Afghan refugees, so Sanctuary has a proven track record.

Dr Kandiah is liaising with government through the Home Office and Levelling Up departments to advise on streamlining the process hoping to speed up the arrival of Ukrainian refugees. Sanctuary UK works closely with RESET, a charity that trains and supports those offering refuge in their neighbourhoods as well as

other small charities that offer practical help through equipment such as cots, high chairs, etc.

The government has launched Stage 1, asking individuals or families to register interest in providing shelter for a Ukrainian refugee. It is hoped that in the near future Stage 2 will be launched where local community groups can register their interest in sponsoring refugees within their community. It is hoped that the local community would be able to help with school admissions, finding a doctor, helping with application for benefits and job applications as well as financial support. Bunbury church has joined over 2,000 churches who have already signed up to help alongside schools and local community groups. If you want to find out more and how Sanctuary UK links into other charities please visit their website.

# Alive project back up and running

The Alive project is "coming alive" again after the prolonged shut down due to Covid. The lunch club on Tuesday at the Nags Head had 24 people attend last week. The coffee mornings on Fridays also at the Nags Head are increasing in numbers and some newcomers to the village are joining us. Anyone can come along, they will always receive a warm welcome and will soon make new friends.

The social prescribers from the surgery and the pharmacy manager came to talk to us about services they can help with (see the separate article below.)

There are several future events to look forward to including a coach trip to the seaside on 9 June.

Falls prevention classes at the Instinct Gym in Tarporley began last week and those who came along found the session really beneficial and wish to continue with the programme. The instructors were very helpful and we

certainly had a lot of laughs while building our core strength.

Following a very enjoyable visit from the Early Birds at Christmas we have been invited to continue meeting with the children. On 24 May they will be making crowns with us ready for the Queen's Jubilee. On 29 June we have been invited to their end of term concert followed by afternoon tea, which we really look forward to.

Going forward, if we can find an instructor, we are hoping to hold beginners computer sessions for help with our laptops, iPad and iPhones.

It was fortunate that ALIVE began just before the Covid lockdowns. Our members who live alone had made new friends and were able to keep in touch with each other by telephone alleviating the long months of isolation. The ALIVE volunteers also kept in touch with everyone so a big thank you to them all.

## What is social prescribing?

Social Prescribing is a way of connecting people with activities, groups and services in your local community that might help you feel better.

It starts with a conversation.

Lindsay and I are there to listen, help you explore your needs and what matters to you.



Lindsay



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Social prescribing can help you to have more control over your health and find ways to improve how you feel in a way that suits you. What matters to you is important and it matters to us too! We will listen to you, find out what support you need and then help you access a range of non-clinical services or activities on the road to feeling better.

Social prescribing can help people with a wide range of social, emotional, mental, physical and practical needs. It just takes a referral from your GP.

# Bees at Easter

According to the Met Office, and they should know, the UK had its sunniest March since 1929 and its second sunniest overall (records go back to 1919), as high pressure and clear skies reigned over the UK, with an average of 160 hours of sunshine. Yes, it was really shirtsleeves weather a couple of weeks ago.

On the 10 April 2022 a week before Easter, I went out to my greenhouse where, (probably foolhardily) there are tomato and chilli seedlings! to find I had ice on the inside of the glass. My Swan Lane hive is just behind that very same greenhouse, the bees were experiencing sub-zero temperatures as well.

One of the many things bees are good at is knowing that the temperature is too cool for comfort or whether it is seriously windy or raining. None of these scenarios are to their liking and so the bees are currently not making an appearance until quite late in the morning if at all!

It seems that nowadays climatic changes commonly described as "Global Warming" are not necessarily giving us warmer but rather more chaotic weather. Late winter/early springs are not keeping to traditions of being initially cold and then gradually warming. No-one has told the bees this and, if we get unseasonably warm early days and then very unpleasant cold days this leaves

them bees confused and, in a quandary, as to the best thing to be doing.

I would normally already have had a real spring-clean of the hives, sorting out, removing mess, tidying the comb and possibly harvesting some honey left over from winter stores. I haven't wanted to disturb them up to now as I have been uncertain as to how well they have weathered this winter but will have to next week at the latest. In fact, as it was so cold, I gave them some sugar syrup which I wouldn't normally do this late in the spring.

There are even more critical implications of this interruption to normal honey bee activity. You will no doubt have noticed all of the cherry /apple/ plum and other species that are in full blossom waiting to be pollinated about now. Estimates vary greatly but some put the percentage of food crops which rely on honeybees alone for pollination as a staggering 75%!! Honeybee populations are already threatened by neonicotinoid pesticides, if we add variable weather to this situation too often, there is a real and present risk to food production.

I have to confess to not having a solution to hand to deal with either of these threats but we will certainly feel the agricultural impacts before too long. We had better enjoy and encourage our bees while we can!



## Parish news: Have you had your say?

Bunbury residents should now have received a copy of the Consultation Document to have your say in updating the Neighbourhood Plan.

Filling in the Consultation Document is your opportunity to tell the Neighbourhood Plan Group what you like about Bunbury, what your concerns are and where you would like to see improvements. Your views are important to us to help shape what is included in an updated Bunbury Neighbourhood Plan. The Plan is being updated in response to government and Cheshire East Council changes to planning legislation.

Anyone aged 16 or over and living in Bunbury can complete the Consultation Document. If you need more copies they are available to pick up at Tilly's, the Co-op, the Church and Burrows, where you can also return your completed forms. Or you can fill in a copy on line by typing the following link which will take you straight to the page: [bunburyvillage.info/bunbury-neighbourhood-plan-questionnaire](http://bunburyvillage.info/bunbury-neighbourhood-plan-questionnaire)

The closing date for consultation returns is 10 May, so please let us know what you think.

# Bunbury school news

It is the end of a very busy spring term at Bunbury School. It would be very easy to write and report about the high number of school absences, both staff and pupil, which have continued throughout this term. However as always life in Bunbury school has been about much more than Covid. During this time we have continued to achieve as a school and provide for the children of Bunbury so that they develop a true love for learning.

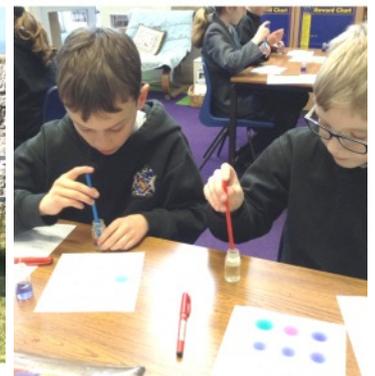
From Chester City Football club coaching Key Stage 2 children, Bikeability in January and World Book Day in March. Numerous school trips to Nantwich, Beeston Castle and Stockport Air Raid Shelter as well as promoting mental health during our Growing Together Mental Health week in February. There have been numerous visitors. Chemistry with Cabbage led a science workshop with Year 5, Roman Day in Year 4 and Greek Day in Year 5 as well as welcoming Ann Angel to lead the World Faith day on Judaism.

As a school we have not forgotten those less fortunate than ourselves. £500 was raised for the Unicef Ukraine appeal along with £200 for NSPCC number day.

At the end of the term the whole school was able to worship in St Boniface church with the Easter service. This was an absolute delight after leading many services over the past two years via Zoom. It was wonderful to welcome so many parents, grandparents and friends back into church. The final week of the spring term saw us begin our Platinum Jubilee celebrations. Each class explored a decade of the Queen's reign. This ended with a Decades disco and dress up day in school. It has certainly been a term full of excitement and enjoyment.

Looking to the summer term there are a number of further exciting opportunities once again on the horizon for our pupils. This week the delivery of an outdoor pool installation will enable us to provide onsite swimming lessons over a period of two weeks for all our KS2 children. After the huge success of Schools Fest 2020 the event will be returning the week beginning 16 May. The children will again be challenged and provided with rich and character-building experiences.

*Outside the world may remain strange and uncertain but behind Bunbury school walls wonderful things have continued to take place...*

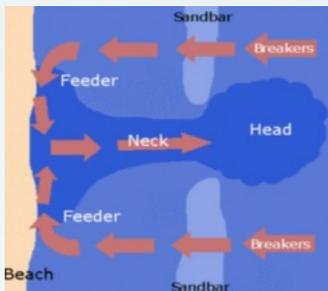




# Claire Wilson

## Riptide vs ebb & flo

We have just lived through and are living through a long period of collective trauma. An unexpected pandemic saw an unprecedented number of deaths, long term illness and separation from one another and subsequently a war in the Ukraine. We are exposed to descriptions and scenes of hideous violence and suffering. Our compassionate human response is to want to alleviate the suffering,



resulting in an amazing outpouring of generosity and a willingness to stand in the breach.

But people are finding themselves experiencing tiredness to the point of exhaustion and the beginning of a numbness. They are overwhelmed by the volume of suffering and pain, which is like the build-up of sand on the beach. The sheer quantity of sand creates sandbars. As the water flows to the shore, it breaks over the sand bar and, on its return, it looks for the quickest path back out to sea. If there is a channel between 2 sandbars, then a riptide

or rip current is likely to occur. The riptide or rip current is a channel of extremely fast flowing water which drags everything in its path out to sea extremely rapidly. This phenomenon causes many beach fatalities because people try to fight it, attempting to swim frantically back to shore against the current, eventually succumbing to exhaustion.

The surprising way to survive this is to either relax, let it take you until it spits you out or swim at a 90-degree angle to it, across the flow. To survive compassion fatigue, we must not continue to constantly fight against all the injustices. We need to stop exposing ourselves to the news for a period, allow ourselves to relax or find a distraction, like spending time with family, going for walks, dancing, taking a long bath. We must recognise our fatigue, find balance in our lives, and reconnect with loved ones in ordinary, joyful ways. This way we will be able to re-join the struggle for justice through activism in a safe and sustainable way. Aware of the riptides of exhaustion, looking out safely for the areas where we can participate in the ebb and flo of activity and rest.

*Apologies for any inaccuracies in description of how riptides occur – I am not an expert!*

# Mike Rogers

## Please may I can?



As some of you may know, through illness, I was unable to write my piece for last month's Link and I have to say, I was intrigued to see that my column was given over to the Archbishops of Canterbury and York. Not bad substitutes for the ramblings of a retired parish priest! I'm grateful to them for stepping into the breach!

The month of May always brings a bit of a smile to my lips. Nothing to do with the promise of lighter evenings and better weather than the month engenders, but all to do with my daughter.

As a child, she, like many others, struggled with the difference between 'may' and 'can' and which to use when. As a consequence, and to hedge her bets, a request was often phrased as 'Please may I can...!'

I was reminded of this by a recent letter in the Church Times, where the author was bemoaning the use of 'may' in so many of our prayers.

You see, to ask that something 'may' happen implies that it may not and therein lies the dilemma my daughter faced; there was no doubt in her mind that she can go to the park, but whether or not she may would always depend on whether or not permission would be granted. Hence the rather curious phrasing of her question.

And maybe, the same applies to our prayers. Are we so uncertain of God that we question whether or not our prayers will be answered?

In these troubled times let's be positive with God. Let's be certain that he will answer our prayer, mindful that his answer may not be the same as the one we were expecting.

As the Prophet Isaiah puts it:

*For my thoughts are not your thoughts nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.*

You might be surprised at the outcome.



# Facebook foodbank appeal

The church has put out an urgent request due to the cost of living crisis. Follow us on [Facebook](#) to get the latest news.

### These items are urgently needed:

- Tinned vegetables
- Tinned fruit
- Tins of meat (stew, chicken curry, etc.)
- Instant coffee
- Long life milk (UHT)
- Deodorant
- Bars of soap
- Washing powder

### They have plenty of:

- Pasta
- Soup
- Baked beans
- Rice
- Biscuits
- Breakfast cereal
- Porridge



# Bunbury Medical

## Practice news: May

### Staff Update

Our Wellbeing Co-ordinator, Willow, is due to start her maternity leave and so we have been joined by Amanda Parry. Amanda is part of the Social Prescribing team and can help people with a wide range of social, emotional or practical needs. You do not need a GP appointment to access their services; speak to one of our reception team or pick up a leaflet from reception.

The Rural Alliance primary care network has been joined by Steph Brown-Stewart who is a Dementia Practitioner. Steph is a nurse with many years' experience in supporting people diagnosed with a cognitive impairment. She will be spending time in all six rural practices and conducting regular reviews for those diagnosed with a dementia. Steph can support carers as well and offer formal referrals to social services and other agencies. This is an exciting new role and will be developing over the coming months.

### Covid News

The Spring Booster programme commenced at the beginning of April. The programme is aimed at those aged over 75; residents of care homes and people aged over 12 who have a weakened immune system. The practice is not going to be running any booster clinics, so if you are eligible, the quickest and easiest way to arrange a Spring booster is by going online via the National Booking Service, or by calling 119. There is no need to call the surgery.

Anyone who is eligible will receive an invitation from the NHS over the course of the spring and early summer.

At the time of writing, since the beginning of the pandemic, 938 Bunbury patients have tested positive for Covid-19, with 221 cases having been reported in the first 3 months of 2022. At the beginning of April, more Bunbury staff than at any time during the pandemic were absent due to the virus which is why it is so important that anyone entering the building continues to wear a mask.

### Dispensary

Dispensary continues to be very busy, with the added pressure caused by absent staff due to illness.

Our dispensary team receive a high volume of prescription queries from patients; this can have the effect of taking team members away from their dispensing duties which results in dispensing delays. So that prescription queries can be dealt with efficiently, please try to avoid telephoning the surgery to raise them; alternative ways to raise queries are:

- e.Consult, which can be accessed via our website; this can also be used for many different clinical queries as well as medication issues.

- Patient Access - patients can submit prescription requests and raise queries through the Patient Access App.
- White prescription slip.
- Medication query forms - these are kept at the practice and can be completed and handed in at the surgery.

We are usually able to respond to these queries within two working days, however, if you wish to discuss your medication with Diane, our in-house pharmacist, reception will make an appointment for you.

Please note that we do not accept prescription orders over the telephone. Also, please be assured that it is not necessary to call the surgery to check if your medication is ready.

If a dispensing query is urgent, then patients may call our dispensary team between 12:00 noon and 1:00pm Monday to Friday, and select the appropriate option.

Due to the high Covid figures and as we are currently seeing at least 20 new cases per week in Bunbury patients, we have decided to continue to dispense from the window but will keep you posted.

### Other news

Tarporley Cottage Hospital is now closed to inpatients and is no longer a minor injury unit. The hospital has been taken over by the Cheshire and Wirral Partnership and discussions are ongoing regarding its future use in the community. Please be aware that the infirmary in Northwich has a minor injuries unit which is staffed by Nurse Practitioners who specialise in minor injuries; there is also an x-ray facility.

### MINOR EYE PROBLEMS

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If you are registered with a West Cheshire GP such as Bunbury, you can use this service. It is for people of all ages, but children under 16 years must be accompanied by an adult.

To make an appointment, please go to [www.primaryeyecare.co.uk](http://www.primaryeyecare.co.uk) to see a list of participating opticians, then call them to make an appointment.

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## David Anthony Simpson of Tarporley

The family gave fitting tributes to an incredible family man and party thrower, summarising that he was hugely intelligent, family orientated and completely selfless to the last, full of humour, wit, and a great paternal influence. He was a truly remarkable man David, a bright and astute engineer, great friend, and prankster. A loving family man, a fantastic father to four children and three grandchildren and devoted husband to Lynette.

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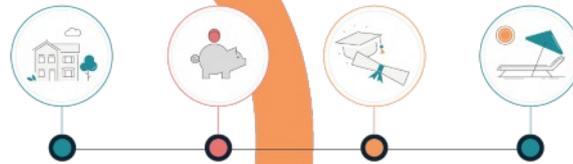
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