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Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is a gift of God, which is why we call it the present.
Bill Keane

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My name is Maxwell McCleave. I go to Bunbury School and my class is Y4 and my age is 8. My brother is called Seb and he goes to the same school as me he is in Y1 and his age is 5.

My Dad has myeloma, which is a blood cancer that I really don't want him to have. You can help Pete my dad beat his blood cancer by registering to be on the Stem Cell Donor list.



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Community news

New arrivals

Congratulations to Laura and Tom Bruce on the birth of Harry, born 25 November. Harry's grandparents are Liz and Steve Mulcahy and Nigel and Jackie Bruce.



Emma and Charlie Crotty are delighted to announce the arrival of George Crotty, born on 5 November. George is brother to Jacob.

George's grandparents are Tom and Elaine Crotty.

For those of you who have had children at Bunbury School and remember Mrs King (Anne) she is now a granny. Congratulations to Charlotte and Andy on the birth of Sienna Rose on 12 January.



Laura, Tom, Charlie and Charlotte all went to Bunbury Primary School.

St Boniface weddings

Congratulations to Christopher Howell and Alice Owen married on Friday 21 December.

Congratulations to David Greenway and Naomi Langford-Archer married on Saturday 22 December.

Congratulations to Robert Booton and Kerry Goodwin married on Saturday 29 December.

Community News

Bunbury Bowling Club - Indoor Bowls every Monday 1.30-4pm, Pavilion, Bunbury Playing Fields. Come along for bowling and a cup of tea. Contact Dave Evans 01829 262514

The February meeting of Bunbury Gardening Club will be a talk on "Cholmondeley Castle Gardens" by their head gardener Barry Grain on Tuesday 19 February at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The charge for non-members will be £3 on the night.

Do you have time on your hands? The Jigsaw Club has over 700 jigsaws, which can be borrowed for all ages. Ruth Tilston

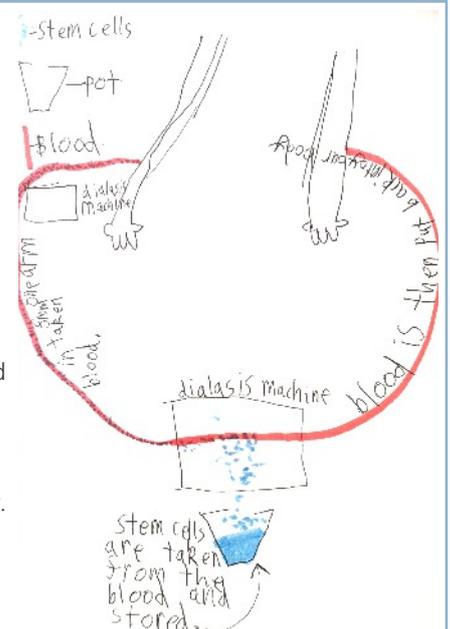
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To find himself a donor my daddy has started a campaign I would like to tell you about. It is called 10000donors.com - he is trying to get as many donors on the list as he can which I hope one day will be a match for him, but also for many many others.

The picture that I have just drawn is about the stem cells. The blue small things are the stem cells and the red is the blood. The stem cells are found in your blood if you didn't know. The blood is put into a machine, which is called a dialysis machine. The machine takes all of your stem cells out of your blood which they put into a pot to be cleaned and put into a the person who has cancer.

Thank you for reading my article I hope you will help me and my daddy's campaign.

Love from Maxwell McCleave



News from the editor

Happy New Year! If you have any news for the magazine please get in touch.

After researching Slovenia (see p7) it looks like the most amazing country with beautiful scenery.

Barry Grain and his team with the support of Lord Cholmondeley are really developing the gardens at Cholmondeley. It is such a special place. I would urge anyone who is interested in gardens to support the gardening club event.

Looking for something to do on a Tuesday afternoon?

Starting in April by kind permission of Bunbury Medical Practice, there will be social afternoons Tuesdays 1.30-3pm with tea, coffee and biscuits. People can come for a chat, play cards or games (scrabble etc); we will organize whatever people would like. Volunteers will run the sessions. The surgery has a lovely room and I am delighted the practice agreed with my suggestion to use it for the community.

We are looking for volunteers to help to go on a rota. If you are interested in helping or wish to know more, contact Elaine Crotty 01829 260648. Look for details in next month's magazine. Does anyone have a folding card table that they would be prepared to donate to the club?

goes to Tilly's on a Friday. Her contact number is 07837 261523.

St Boniface church cleaning: 10am on first Monday of each month. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you to everyone who sang and attended the Christmas concerts held at St Boniface and gave so generously. The Bunbury Singers concert raised £750 for St Luke's Hospice and the Decibellas Christmas concert raised £2,500 for the Teenage Cancer Trust.

A big thank you from Win Bond: "to everyone who sponsored me for Sober October. I was also going to Walk on Coals for St Luke's hospice on the 16 November, but due to a family bereavement I couldn't do it, even though lots of my friends had sponsored me. I did raise the fantastic amount of £1,544 and purchased a pressure sore mattress for St Luke's Hospice and shared the rest between Tarporley Hospital and Leighton Hospital Prostate Cancer Support Group. It has been a very emotional time for me, but the strength and support of all my friends and family have pulled me through a very sad time. Thank you everyone, I love you all."

The copy deadline for the March issue of the Link is Friday 8 February. The magazine should be in church on Friday 22 February.



TIM HAYWARD
Your Vicar

I am writing this article on the day of the meaningful vote in the House of Commons. It has been a chaotic time for our Parliament and in the middle of the House has been the Speaker - John Bercow - trying to ensure fair play by making sure that everyone keeps to the rules. He reminds me of my Deputy Headmaster in his use of jocular humour along with the ever-present threat of detention. Watching some of the debate, I have lost count of how many times the Speaker has shouted "Order!", sometimes in a sequence of fives.

When the apostle Paul wrote to the unruly Corinthian early church, he reminded them that "God is not a God of disorder but of peace".

In fact, the Bible opens with the creation story, where God creates in an orderly way until "God saw all that he had made, and it was very good".

Speaking "ORDER!" into chaos

In the Gospels, we see: "Jesus rebuke the wind and say to the waves, 'Quiet! Be still!' And the wind and waves obeyed him."

In contrast, sin disorders.

Theologian Tom Wright sees salvation in terms of God restoring order. He observes: "In the Hebrew mind, 'judge' doesn't mean 'condemn'. It means to put things right at last, where things have been out of joint. What a judge does is restore order and balance to the world. So God is coming to sort the whole thing out and the Christian message is - God has actually done that in Jesus."

At the beginning of 2019, we invite God to reorder our disordered lives. Our prayer, in the words of John Greenleaf Whittier's beautiful hymn: "Take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess, the beauty of Thy peace."

Friday at Tilly's group receives Co-op grant

The Co-op presented members of the Friday at Tilly's group with a cheque for £5,746.87, raised through their membership card scheme last year. This grant is hugely appreciated and will be used to cover the weekly costs of coffee and cake. It will also help with



the annual trip to Llandudno and other trips, which might be planned.

The group is open to anyone and everyone though the emphasis is on older people who may be experiencing loneliness or just want to get to get to know more people in the area. There is no formal membership or subscription; a £1 donation is requested for each hot drink on a Friday morning. Thank you to all those Co-op users who contributed to this cause by using their membership cards and to the Co-op itself for its commitment to community involvement and support.

Please note: new time for the Friday at Tilly's group is 9.30-11am.

Get walking in the new year

The last walk of 2018 saw 32 walkers taking to the pathways of Bunbury village. Despite the poor weather experienced during the previous days, the leaders were able to select three different walks to suit the needs and abilities of those attending. After the walk, everyone retired to The Nags Head where Henry had welcoming open fires, hot soup and sandwiches waiting. This informal pre-Christmas get together with lunch is now becoming a firm favourite and tradition with the Walking Group.

The first walk of 2019 took place on the 2 January, 15 people took part and there were three different walks, the shortest taking in the new track around the playing field with a visit to the new housing site on Wyche Lane. The short walks are available to

anyone with mobility challenges including those who may be getting over illness or hospital treatment or who need walking aids to help them get along.

The longer walk, which lasted for just over an hour went from the village centre down to Tilstone Fearnall locks on the canal and then along the tow-path to Bunbury Locks. The group then returned to the village via Bunbury Road where they joined the rest of the group for coffee and biscuits.

The Walking for Health group meet every Wednesday at Bunbury Methodist Church at around 10:15 am and walks start at 10:30 am sharp. Look out for the sign on the door! There is no fee to pay and no special equipment is required.

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BUNBURY WI MEETING
LIFE ON THE STREETS FEATURING THE SHREWSBURY STREET PASTORS

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 14TH 2019
7.30PM

THE PAVILION, HURST CLOSE, BUNBURY

VISITORS WILL BE WARMLY WELCOMED

Come along from the comfort of your warm homes and hear about the work these volunteers do on the Streets, stories of real events that have taken place and the challenges that lie ahead on a daily basis.

NON MEMBERS £2.00 INCLUDING TEA AND CAKE

Bunbury Youth Club pantomime—was it fun? Oh yes it was!



After a year's absence, the Village Hall was packed for two nights of Bunbury Youth Club's pantomime, "Babes in the Wood". Tom Crotty's script was brought to life by a group of dopey deputies from Captain Mainwaring's Guard, hilarious merry men, a bustling nurse, cheeky Jack and Jill, a romantic pairing of Maid Marian and Robin Hood, a stable lad and his steed, Dobbin, a herald who announced the villainous Sheriff and a Fairy of the Forest who ensured a happy ending. This production involved 20 children and many supportive parents, who helped with makeup, staging, box office and bar. Gill Arnold created the lively dance routines which opened and closed the show, and Beth Hayward spent time working with some of the children on their lines and

procuring all manner of creative additions to the staging. Nearly all of the cast members were just 11 years old or younger, giving performances which belied their youth with strong characterizations, some neat ad-libs and lots of hard preparatory work. The group learned valuable lessons in teamwork and self-discipline, and had lots of laughs along the way.

A last-minute illness meant that Rev Tim stepped in as Sheriff of Nottingham, revelling in being the pantomime villain and earning 'boos' as he strutted about the stage.

Youth Club members and their families can be proud that this event brought pre-Christmas cheer to many, with profits being donated to charity. Lights, colour, dancing, romance and laughter: a joyous way of bringing the whole Bunbury family together. Now what pantomime will the Youth Club pick for 2019?

Youth Club meets on Monday nights 7-8.30pm at St Boniface.

Winter term
Youth Club Programme 2019

BUNBURY YOUTH CLUB

St. Boniface Church 7-8.30pm

14TH JAN - GAMES NIGHT
21ST JAN - STREET DANCE
28TH JAN - ART SESSION
4TH FEB - CLIP AND CLIMB
11TH FEB - BAKE OFF
18TH FEB - HALF TERM

All welcome - Year 6 and above
Contact: rev.timhayward@gmail.com

ALIVE (Alleviating Loneliness in Village Environments)

On 23 March a newly formed group called ALIVE will hold a special event in Bunbury Pavilion from 12 noon to 3pm. There is no charge for entry and free refreshments will be provided. It is designed as a pop in event to see what's on offer in the community. This event will bring together a range of groups and societies who can offer information, advice and support. In Bunbury we are lucky to have a strong sense of community; however, with an ageing population there is a hidden epidemic of loneliness across the country. Recent research has shown there are well over one million lonely people. Silver Line, who link lonely people to a volunteer receive 800 to 1000 calls a day, 365 days a year from people seeking a friendly voice to talk to. For some, a phone call once a week is their only contact with the outside world.

Loneliness is bad for your health. The effect of loneliness is equivalent to smoking 15 cigarettes a day; it is more harmful than obesity and increases the rate of heart disease and dementia. For every £1 spent on addressing loneliness the health service saves £3.

So what can we do to alleviate this growing problem? We hope to provide as much information as possible to enable everyone - the elderly and equally importantly their relatives and friends - to have full knowledge of what is on offer. We also wish to identify new ways to support our community, with the emphasis being on fun.

Come and join us on the 23 March. With your help we can make a difference. Let's help everyone to become not just "Older but Bolder".

For further information: tel: 01829 261526 or email: k.blackwood1@sky.com

Diabetes Specialist, Barbara Jones

At work, I am known by my maiden name of Barbara Lovelady and my role is that of a Community Diabetes Specialist Nurse (CDSN). The post was developed in response to the needs of the patients and staff working in Diabetes care. Diabetes is a fast growing problem for healthcare. As a consequence of that, the National Diabetes prevention programme has been developed. My role is to help support those already diagnosed with diabetes to manage it better for themselves through diet, lifestyle advice and medication options.

Each day I have clinics in GP practices with a Practice nurse or GP as we assess their most complex patients and agree a plan. During my day, I see many heart-breaking scenarios as patient stories unfold: an elderly patient coming to terms with the challenge of managing their insulin with a failing memory. Mothers who struggle to manage their diabetes when they rely on food banks to feed themselves and their families. I have also been privileged to work with many who have given so much to others they love, but have paid a high price with their own health.

However, there is comfort in the faces of patients and healthcare professionals I teach when they truly understand how the treatment options can help and especially the joy when patients respond well to a new treatment. Education about the lowly carbohydrate and the realisation that it is not only sugars in sweets, cakes, sugary drinks, alcohol, biscuits and chocolate, but also starchy carbohydrates (e.g. bread, rice, pasta, potatoes) that contribute to increasing blood glucose brings me to work closely with my dietician colleagues. Innovations such as the CDSN role are helping to bring the care and control back to the patient. It is a fantastically rewarding, but challenging job with no two days the same. Each day I have a telephone clinic and one of the other challenges for a dinosaur like myself is mastering the innovations in IT. Seeing people develop the confidence and understanding to manage this complex balance of food, activity and insulin for themselves is amazing. An essential tenet of nursing is that everyone is an individual and what works for one person may not work for another so all care needs to be individualised, which can be a genuine challenge in the time pressured NHS.



Cholmondeley head gardener success

Barry Grain joined Cholmondeley Castle as head gardener in February 2013 with over 20 years of horticultural experience, he has been instrumental in the continuing evolution of the gardens, and works closely with the Cholmondeley family.

Barry designed Cholmondeley's Silver Gilt show gardens at RHS Tatton Park Flower Show in 2015 and 2017, and led the project to recreate the Temple garden at Cholmondeley in the Great Pavillion at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2016.

Barry will be the speaker at gardening club on 19 February - all are welcome.



Celia Smyth serves up Bowes Gate Chicken



The Link's own cookery expert, **Celia Smyth**, has been hard at work over the Christmas period preparing this rich warming winter casserole recipe...

Rather to my surprise this year, I have found myself with some rather nice Portuguese red wine left over after the Christmas festivities. This easy recipe uses a very healthy glug of it, but still leaves over half a bottle for the chef to enjoy - and it smells great whilst it is cooking too! It is recommended for a dark Saturday evening in - and in my opinion it even improves a bit with freezing!



Ingredients

2 tbsp olive oil
 8 chicken thighs, on the bone
 1 red pepper and 1 green pepper, seeded and cut into 1 cm slices
 3 garlic cloves, finely chopped
 1 big leek, thickly sliced
 225g cooked ham, cut roughly into chunks
 1 tsp paprika
 300ml red wine
 400g can chopped tomatoes
 2 tbsp tomato purée
 ½ tsp dried thyme
 chopped fresh parsley to serve

Method

Heat oven to around 160C/fan 140C/gas 3. Heat the oil in a large flameproof casserole and fry the chicken over a high heat until browned all over. Remove with a slotted spoon and set aside. Reduce the heat slightly and add the peppers. Cook for 2-3 mins, turning, until they start brown. Add garlic and leek, cook for 2-3 mins, then stir in the ham. Check the wine by drinking a glass or two. Sprinkle the paprika into the pan;

cook for a couple of seconds, then add the wine and bubble for a few minutes. Tip in the tomatoes, tomato purée and thyme and mix well. Pour in enough water to just cover the chicken and season. Bring to a simmer, cover and transfer to the oven. Cook for 1 hr until the sauce thickens and chicken is tender. Sprinkle over the parsley and serve with creamy mash, using Marfona potatoes if you can find them.



Pat Ellis - Reader Emeritus Patience is a virtue...

Possess it if you can. Seldom found in women, and never in a man!

Probably not politically correct! But indeed, it applies equally to all of us.

We know the frustration of a delayed flight, the fear of looming test results, the excitement of a special event to come.

And we are not in control.

Being impatient won't help. It takes us away from the moment, we get distracted, unable to concentrate. Taking shortcuts can lead to more problems. Distractions bring anxiety.

But life is happening right now, and we might be missing it.

Today is the tomorrow we worried about yesterday, and all is well.

So try this, from St. Anselm.

"Yield room for some little time with God; and rest for a little time in him. Enter the inner chamber of your mind; shut out all thoughts except that of God.

And come now, Lord my God, teach my heart where and how it may seek you, where and how it may find you."

Lord, fill the space of my anxiety
 With your calming love,
 So that I may not exhaust myself

With fear and worry,
 But live and cherish each moment

And see the joys that are all around me,
 To know that with your hand in mine,
 All will be well.



Mike Rogers writes...

Why write it down?



Wading through yet another swathe of newspaper 'column inches' on the subject of Brexit set me wondering 'Did Jesus ever write anything down?' He must have been able to write. Even if he could not write himself (which is unlikely), he lived in a literate society where scribes were known to him and to his audiences. Yet nowhere in the bible that I've ever found is there a record of Jesus instructing his disciples to commit his sayings to paper or even to memory (which would have provided an alternate means of ensuring their preservation).

Did Jesus not care what happened to his words

once they had left his lips? And if he did care, how did he suppose that their preservation was to be accomplished?

But then does it matter that Jesus never wrote anything down? Maybe not.

The overriding maxim has to be that well known saying of unknown origin: '*Actions speak louder than words*'. That is what Jesus' first followers understood their mission to be; we only have to read Luke's eyewitness account in the Acts of the Apostles to know that much to be true. So, let me finish with some words of Jesus, again recorded by Luke, in the parable of the Good Samaritan, '*Go and do thou likewise*'.

World Day of Prayer service 1 March

Slovenia: "Come - Everything is Ready"



We are inviting people of all ages to the World Day of Prayer service at St Boniface. This worldwide inter-denominational service organised by

women is on **Friday 1 March at 10.45am**. Everyone is welcome - please bring toddlers as there will be activities for them; men, please come along and enjoy the service and lunch.

The theme of this years' service is: "Come – Everything is Ready". The artist, Rezka Arnuš, wanted to present two topics with her artwork pictured above. The country of Slovenia and the main biblical story of the worship service. At the top there are women dressed in national traditional costumes.

The semi-circular ornament with Slovenian folk embroidery represents a plate or a table with their best known national dish - potica - and grapes from various wine producing vineyards. Partly under the table, one can see the children from the margins of the society. They heard the invitation to the feast. The red and white colours used reflect Slovenian folk embroidery. The green background colour emphasizes the green Slovenia, fields and forests. The warm colours of children express the joy of heartfelt invitation.

Slovenia is a country located in southern Central Europe at the crossroads of the main European cultural and trade routes. It is in the EU. It used to be part of Yugoslavia before declaring independence on 25 June 1991, and is one of the smallest countries in Europe (about the size of Wales) with the population of 2 million. The majority (82%) are Slovenes, but

there are also Croats, Serbs, Bosnians, Macedonians and Montenegrins, and a small number of Roma, who have their own language and customs. The official language is Slovene, but Hungarian and Italian are co-official languages for those minority communities. It is a fascinating country and we will be able to gain an insight into how life is for the people who live there as well as thinking more about the theme.

Please join us for all or some of the following:

10:45am WELCOME CAFÉ with refreshments from Slovenia

11:30am SERVICE led by Revd Vicky Barrett (Curate)

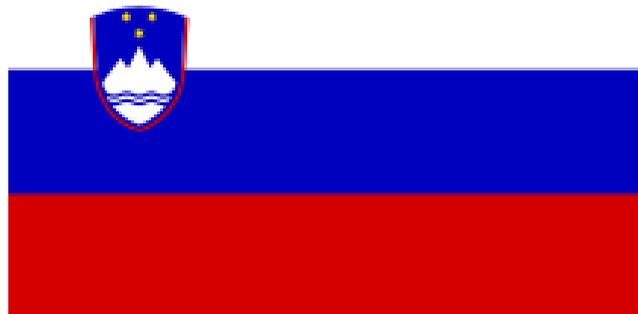
Followed by LUNCH: Soup, bread & cheese and dessert provided. Please bring a £2 donation towards the cost of the lunch.

For more information, please contact: Debbie Shears 01829 260707, akaroanz@hotmail.com

15 fascinating facts about Slovenia

For those who haven't, here are some fascinating facts about Slovenia:

1. There are over 10,000 caves in Slovenia, the best known being Postojna.
2. The Slovenes love wine. There is one vineyard per 70 people.
3. And bees. One in 20 people keep bees.
4. The capital Ljubljana translates as "The loved one" and has a fairy-tale castle (pictured).
5. The coast is small, only 46km long but pretty.
6. There are still over 400 brown bears in Slovenia.
7. Lake Bled is one of the world's best lakes. If a couple marry on Bled Island, the groom must carry the bride up 99 steps.
8. Mountains are in their blood. The first couple to get married on Mount Everest were from Slovenia. The highest mountain in Slovenia, Mount Triglav, is 2864m high.
9. Triglav National Park is the oldest in Europe.
10. The world's oldest vine - 400 years old - is in the town of Maribor.
11. The world's largest ski jump is in Slovenia.
12. Slovenia is bordered by four countries: Italy, Austria, Croatia and Hungary.
13. Half of Slovenia's surface area is forest.
14. Filmmakers love Slovenia. The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian was filmed in Slovenia.
15. You can pay to stay in a Prison Cell at the Hostel Celica in Ljubljana.



Give us 2 minutes...

Duncan moved to Cheshire in 1994 after leaving the army. He has three children - George, Gracie and Braeden and has lived in Bunbury for the last 14 years. Clair and Duncan lived in Tarporley for a short while before discovering Bunbury whilst out walking with their springer spaniel Tess.

If you had a motto what would it be?

"There is many a pleasure lost in the pursuit of comfort" is a favourite motto of mine. So many beautiful experiences in life can often be missed when the going gets tough. With my love of extreme sports this motto has often been at the forefront of my mind when I have competed in challenges such as the Ironman, Pitmans Derby bike race or long-distance hiking from the Southern Uplands Way in Scotland.

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

It would have to be Barack Obama - his wisdom, grace, understanding and intelligence would make for a really interesting couple of hours.

What would you call your autobiography?

Fat lad wins! Over the years I have been able to pull off quite a few athletic achievements despite facing a constant battle with weight and many people questioning my ability. It just proves to

show that you do not have to have a six pack!

What was your first job?

I was a junior semi pro cyclist in my younger years and my first Saturday job

Duncan Mackenzie



was in a small bike shop where I learned how to service bikes. My first 'proper' job was army radar technician where I was stationed all over the UK, Gibraltar, and Dortmund.

What would you change about Bunbury if you could?

With the increasing volume of traffic and for the safety of our community I would

welcome a 20mph speed restriction on all the roads through our village.

What is the best book you have read to date?

River God by Wilbur Smith

What is your biggest regret?

Not learning to fly a helicopter when I had the chance, although I did learn to fly a single engine fixed wing plane four years ago.

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

I wish that I could play the saxophone.

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

Complete the Ironman in less than 13 hours. Look out Bolton in July!

What is your favourite place and why?

Madeira. I have very happy memories of a wonderful holiday that Clair and I had pre-children - the beautiful landscape, outstanding walking, brilliant food and romance!

How would you spend your ideal weekend?

A few beers with friends in the Nags on Friday. Saturday morning with my boys mountain biking in Llandegla. Lunch and shopping with Gracie around Chester. Takeaway curry watching a DVD. Sunday a private jet to go skiing with Clair for the day followed by some apres ski!

St Mary's Nantwich in Partnership with CAP (Christians Against Poverty) 'Managing Your Money & Paths to Employment'

The CAP Job Club is on Tuesdays 9.30am-12.30pm at the Market Street Church in Nantwich, opposite the Civic Hall. It aims to equip people with skills to seek employment and to build confidence and self-esteem. The Job Club provides a drop-in facility where anyone can access confidential listening, support and encouragement, meet others in similar situations and enjoy refreshments. It can

direct people to the interactive 'Steps to Employment' course, or people can be referred or self refer on to this course. It runs for eight consecutive mornings 2-3 times a year and includes CV writing & interviewing skills, 1:1 coaching & support in a relaxed and inclusive environment. CAP Money is also run at the CAP Job Club centre twice a year, a free short course about managing money simply. The three

sessions provide budgeting skills and a simple, cash-based system, helping people to get to grips with their finances, so they can budget, save and prevent debt. The next CAP Steps to Employment course starts on Tuesday 5 February. For further information contact 07398 434397 or email saintmarys.capnantwich@gmail.com. Free debt counselling is also available through CAP. Call free on 0800 328 0006.



All our yesterdays: Calveley Chapel and station

The station at Calveley, originally named Highwayside, was opened by the Grand Junction Railway in 1840, after the Irish Mail contract was transferred to the railway in 1839. It was renamed Calveley Station in 1845. In 1860 it is recorded that

"The North Western Railway Company have a Station at Calveley from which there are 5 up and 4 down trains daily, except Sunday, when there is but one. Mr S. Bourne, station master. A commodious Inn and several neat cottages were erected near the station by Mr. John Bowen."

Industry developed around the junction of the railway and the Shropshire Union canal providing alternative employment in this predominantly agricultural area.

In the 1850s there is a sawmill recorded which was making silk bobbins from the withies growing around the river Gowy, which flowed from Peckforton through nearby Bunbury and Calveley and across the Cheshire plain, before finally flowing out into the

Mersey estuary. These were transported to Macclesfield, the centre of the silk weaving industry by canal barge. The sawmill was situated beside the canal and the railway, as was the coal yard, with both transferring their wares to and from the railway and the canal.

When the sawmill closed the site was taken over by United Dairies who collected milk from the farms of Cheshire and prepared it prior to transportation all over the UK by rail. United Dairies became a major employer, at its peak employing more than twenty lorry drivers as well as many dairy and laboratory staff. Milk was collected daily from local farms and distributed using dedicated railway tanks.

King George VI and Elisabeth Bowes-Lyon visited the station and Calveley Chapel in 1947 whilst on a royal train tour of the north-west. Sadly the station closed to passenger services in 1960 and closed to all services in 1964. United Dairies closed shortly afterwards in 1965.

The signal box continued to be operated twenty four hours a day and in the 1970s the signal box at Calveley was 'manned' by the first female signaller in the UK, being Mrs Violet Latham. The signal box was finally demolished in the early 1980's

Over the years Calveley Chapel was the centre of worship for many of the local community associated with Calveley Station and its surrounding industries and there are numerous early baptisms recorded in the Calveley Chapel Baptism Register relating to local railway workers families including:

Mary Elizabeth Brown 18/07/1869 daughter of Robert (railway porter) and Mary Anne Brown.

Thomas Hughes 2/10/1870 son of John (station master) and Margaret Anne Hughes.

Gordon Askew 31/05/1902 son of Frederick Percy (station master) and Anne Askew

Gordon Owen Thomas 10/05/1903 son of John Biswick (railway guard) and Frances Elizabeth Thomas.

Nellie Bostock 18/03/1906 daughter of Samuel (station master) and Louise Kate Bostock.

Frances Barbara Rule 30/03/1919 daughter of Frederick (railway detective) and Frances

Elizabeth Rule

Eric Longfield Jones 06/06/1920 son of William Longfield (station master) and Bertha Mary Jones.

Some local names here, doesn't "railway detective" sound amazing?

Church diary for February

Sunday 3 February	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Communion & Sunday School 10.30am Family Worship 11.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface St Jude's St Boniface Calveley
Wednesday 6 February	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Sunday 10 February	9.30am Holy Communion 10.30am Family Communion	St Jude's St Boniface
Wednesday 13 February	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Sunday 17 February	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Worship 10.00am Third Sunday Brunch 11.00am Matins 6.30pm Evensong	St Boniface St Jude's St Boniface Calveley St Boniface
Wednesday 20 February	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Sunday 24 February	9.30am Holy Communion 10.30am Holy Communion	St Jude's St Boniface
Wednesday 20 February	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Sunday 3 March	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Communion & Sunday School 10.30am Family Worship 11.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface St Jude's St Boniface Calveley

Man's humanity to man - as observed by a local resident



One lunchtime before Christmas I was in Tilly's. The tables were full with people having a lovely time with friends. I noticed an elderly gentleman who was obviously poorly. The staff at Tilly's were so caring. I know that this gentleman would be lost without them. He has most of his meals there. Tilly's is far more than just a café. It's such an important part of the community.

Sky notes for February

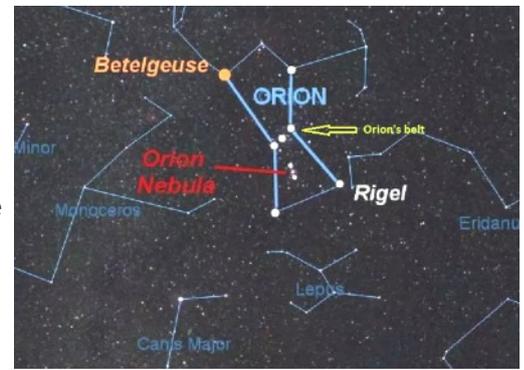
The Orion Nebula

In the last edition of the Link we looked at the constellation of Orion, the Hunter and how we can use its stars to point to neighbouring constellations. Orion dominates the February night sky. Apart from its very bright stars, it contains a fascinating object that is well worth trying to spot. Choose a dark night with no Moon in the sky and make sure you are well away from streetlights. Allow a few minutes for your eyes to adapt. Locate Orion in the south using the chart. You'll spot the brightest stars called Betelgeuse and Rigel. Between them lies a row of three stars - Orion's belt. Below the belt are three other stars, much fainter. If you look carefully at the middle star, it appears slightly misty. Now use your binoculars. This misty patch is called the "Orion Nebula". Nebula is Latin for cloud; this is a cloud

of hydrogen gas deep in space. Large telescopes show there are faint stars inside the nebula: stars are being formed from this cloud of hydrogen in the same way as our Sun was formed from another nebula. You are looking at a stellar nursery over 1300 light years away!

Take part in a scientific research project

In Bunbury our skies are still relatively dark so we can enjoy the night sky. However, many parts of the country have severe light pollution. This February, the Campaign to Protect Rural England is holding a Star Count to create a map of the UK. This will show how light pollution affects the night sky. It's simple to take part: look up at the night sky and record how many stars



can be seen in Orion. Further details are at: <https://www.cpre.org.uk/what-we-do/countryside/dark-skies/star-count-2019> The best time to do the count is from 2-9 February, when the moon is smallest, so the skies are darkest.

Bunbury Stargazer

February prayers

During these winter months we pray for anyone who finds the longer, dark days difficult. We pray for those who have lost a loved one at this time and remember the families of Marjorie Cook, John Lightfoot and Malcolm Rose. We also pray for anyone who is ill, including Vicky Riley, Pam Hardy and Hazel Wilkinson.

More community news



Photo taken by Peter Jones of the Bunbury Tree of Lights 2018 in memory of "those we love and those we miss."

2019 is the 90th birthday of the **Bunbury WI**; an inspiring year beckons. In February warm homes give way to hearing about the work of the Shrewsbury Street Pastors; March brings a mystical journey out of our logical worlds with the Magician Pete Turner. In April take flight with Lisa and her birds from Shropshire Falconry (as seen on BBC Countryfile). The Craft group will be active too. Visitors are very welcome. Meetings are every second Thursday at 7.30pm in the Pavilion at Bunbury playing fields. For more information please contact Sue Watson on 01829 260642

Would you like to learn flower arranging? Five workshops will be held at **Bunbury Mill** 10am to 3pm on 19 & 26

February, 12, 19 & 26 March for beginners and those seeking to develop skills further. A different technique each week with minimal equipment needed: secateurs, scissors and any greenery from your garden or a kindly neighbour! Details from Anne James: anne.james55@hotmail.co.uk. The Mill opens end March. The watermill can be opened for private group tours and the visitors centre can be hired for private use e.g. parties. There is a website www.bunburymill.com. Thank you so much to those people who came to the **coffee morning at 80 Watergate Street**. £300 was raised for the Share Shop and Save the Family.

Have you been on a holiday in **Slovenia**? If you have souvenirs you could lend for the World Day of Prayer on 1 March, please contact: Debbie Shears 01829 260707 akaroanz@hotmail.com.

St Boniface is keen to recruit a **hospitality team** to help plan and host social and catering events, from Harvest lunch to Beeston fete to Oktoberfest. If you can volunteer in any capacity, you would be welcome. No meetings, just a willingness to help. Please contact Lucy Munro, lucykmunro@hotmail.com

There is a link between these three pictured right (*oh yes, there is!*) - can you guess it?



Sylvia Broomhall

Born in in Bunbury in 1939, Sylvia was the eldest of three children to Tom and Aida Fowles. Sylvia went to Bunbury School and had a happy childhood filled with fun.

Sylvia met John at a local dance and after they married they moved to Wrenbury. Sylvia and John were a good team and they moved to Kelsall where they ran a grocery shop. Sylvia loved being in the shop, chatting away to customers. Always cheerful, she had a great sense of humour and was often seen laughing and crying at the same time.

Family life with daughters Lisa and Trish was busy and there were lots of parties with family and friends. She was a caring and proud mum who taught her children to always try their hardest and to be strong. In later life Sylvia relished her role as grandmother to Tom and Riley. Her caring nature extended beyond the family to her love of animals. She had even been known to revive a hamster with a drop of whisky.

She will be remembered for her positive attitude to life and for the love and inspiration she gave to family and friends.

Malcolm Rose

Born at Ellesmere Port in 1950 to Gwyn and John, Malcolm was the younger brother to his sister, Joyce. He went to school locally and on leaving served as an apprentice at Wainwright and Gibson where he qualified as an electrician.

Aged 21 Malcolm travelled to Europe and found a job in Monchengladbach working on simulators at an RAF base. On a trip home a mutual friend introduced Malcolm to Lynn and he decided not to return to Germany. They were married at Christleton Church in 1977 moved to Tarporley and had two children, Joanne and James.

Malcolm was working at British Nuclear Fuels in Capenhurst when a chance conversation with his brother in law, John, led to a career change for Malcolm. John knew of a used Ford Granada for sale, which Malcolm bought and then sold on for a profit. Malcolm then became a full time motor trader. Malcolm had a long and successful career.

Malcolm had many hobbies such as shooting, golf and boating at Abersoch. In Abersoch Malcolm loved fishing and teaching the children water sports .

Malcolm enjoyed sharing his success and gave his time, help and interest to both family and friends. He will be sadly missed.

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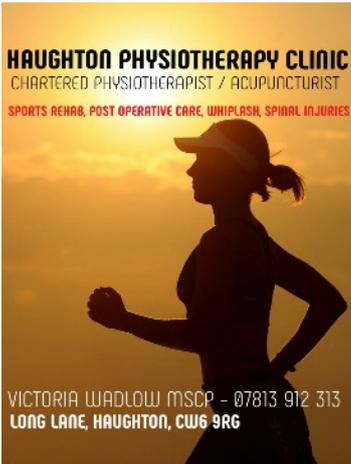
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