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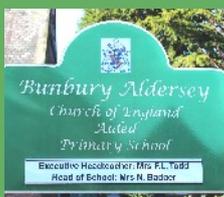
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Community news

On 24 September **Amber Middlemiss** was licensed by the Bishop of Birkenhead in Chester Cathedral.



We welcome: **Charlie Seth Walker**, son of **Robert** and **Lesley**, baptised 17 September. **Sofia Marina Deborah Franchitti**, daughter of **Dario** and **Ellie** was baptised 1 October. **Dougie Henry Shore**, son of **Rob** and **Kate** was baptised 2 October. **Elliott Thomas Cyril Oates** (pictured right), son of **Rob** and **Lucy** was baptised 9 October. Twins, **Bonnie Georgina Gibson** and **Iris Elizabeth Gibson**, daughters of **Sean** and **Jo**, were baptised 15 October. All were baptised at St Boniface.



Congratulations to **Ernest and Phyllis Johnson**, who celebrated their 50th Anniversary of their Michaelmas Day wedding on 29 September with a party at Vale Royal and raised £1,425 for Tarporley Hospital.

Congratulations to the **Greenbury family**, who had a joint celebration in September for Vanessa and Lee's 25th wedding anniversary and daughter Charlotte's 21st and graduation.



The Parish Council's annual **Bonfire and Firework Display** will take place on the Jubilee Playing Fields on Saturday 5 November. Gates open at 6pm, bonfire at 6.45pm, fireworks at 7pm. Food & drinks from Tilly's and Burrows. Adults £4, children 5-15 £1, under 5s free.

Decibellas Women's Choir of Tarporley is holding a **Celebration of Light concert** celebrating Britain's rich multicultural heritage at St Boniface on **Saturday 26 November at 7.30pm**, raising money for two charities: Sightsavers International and Northern Lights. Tickets £10 (adults), £5 (children), available at Tilly's. More information at www.decibellas.co.uk

St Jude's will be hosting a **Christmas Tree Festival** from Saturday 10-17 December. There will be a **Carol Service** on Sunday 11 December at 4pm with the Alpraham Singers and a **Christmas Concert** - a cantata based on Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol' by the Grove Singers on Saturday 17 December at 3.15pm. All are most welcome.

The Tarporley **Cards for Good Causes** shop will be in the Crown Hotel, this year, due to the ongoing refurbishment of Tarporley Baptist Church.

In order to raise some funds for both **Bunbury Mill** and the **Village Hall**, the Raise or Shine Theatre Company are coming to perform *The Hound of the Baskervilles* on Saturday 7 January in the Village Hall - for one night only! They have performed Shakespeare outdoors at Beeston Castle for the last three years, a professional enthusiast company giving traditional plays a different twist. Doors open at 6.30pm as well as the bar, with a hot dog for every one on arrival. Tickets: Adult £12.00, 6-15yrs £8.00.

Bunbury Gardening Club will hold their Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 8 November at 8pm in the Village Hall, followed by a Hot Pot Supper. Bring your own wine. Tickets £6 payable at the door. New members are welcome.

Bunbury WI AGM will be held on 10 November.

Now the **Bowling** season is now over, the green will be closed for the winter months, opening again in March 2017. We will continue with indoor bowls on Monday afternoon at the Pavilion on the playing fields starting at 1.30pm. Anyone will be welcome to come along and have 'a bit of fun'. For any further information please contact Dave Evans 262514 or daveevans80@hotmail.com

The new **Card Making Group** (pictured) is the 1st Tuesday each month, 2-4pm in church - free, with tea, coffee and biscuits!



The Bunbury Village Day (BVD) committee have completed the Annual General Meeting with reflections on a very successful event last June. The news all have been waiting for is: the 2017 Village Day will be held on Saturday 24 June. The next BVD committee meeting will take place on 11 January at 7.30pm at the Nag's Head in Bunbury. If you would like to share your ideas and even join our fun team, we would love to see you. All help, big or small, is appreciated and will contribute to an exciting, fun and community focused event.

Sponsorship of the floodlights at St Boniface October 2016 – April 2017: If you would like to sponsor the floodlights for a week in memory of a loved one please give your donation (minimum £15.00) to Revd Tim, one of the Churchwardens or John Mason.

Friends of Bunbury Churchyard - Thank you to those of you who responded to the vicar's letter last month about the care of our churchyard. We are very grateful to those who have sent donations, set up standing orders, and offered to help practically or serve on a committee. If you would like to help in any way, there is still time. We will be agreeing a plan of action over the winter months, ready for the spring.

Many thanks to **Meg and Roger Fairweather** for all their help over the years delivering the Link. They are leaving the village to join their daughter in Brighton. We are looking for someone to take over the delivery along Bowes Gate Road. The 19 copies are delivered to homes from The Chase down to the end of the road at Alpraham corner. If you can help please contact Liz Tel: 261676 or email liz@pamorton.myzen.co.uk

TIM HAYWARD
Your Vicar



'No one has greater love than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.' That is a text that we see so often on war memorials around the country. In the older language that so many are more familiar with "Greater love hath no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friends". And it's a text that calls to mind two very obvious things about the memory of war and military action. There is that dimension of taking risks for comrades, putting your own life on the line for the people who are next to you, and the dimension of putting your life on the line for your families, your communities, your country.

But in the last decade or so, the experience of those serving in the Armed Forces has been, again and again, taking risks for the sake of strangers. People have been sent to distant parts of the globe, to unfamiliar cultures locked in quarrels and conflicts about which we know very little.

Now whether we agree with these conflicts or not, the Armed Forces have been asked to go to these places, and take exactly the same risks that they would take for comrades, for family, for country. What has become one of the most complex but also one of the most extraordinary things about military service in our own generation is that our Armed Forces have taken risks for the sake of strangers.

They have taken risks not because people are friends, but in order that they might become friends, in order to build harmony and trust between peoples in an age of deep

Taking risks for the sake of strangers

anxiety and instability. And that requires an enormous and unusual level of commitment. Commitment to a vision of a world where it's possible for every stranger to become a friend.

For the Christian, that vision is rooted in a God who took the most extraordinary risk - to make us his friends. A God who in life and death served those who wanted to be his enemies, so that he might build community with them. A God who came to us, strangers to his love and his peace, and who offered his life so that there might be peace; lasting peace, universal community.

The Christian faith offers the world a rationale and a motive for this strange business of taking risks for people we don't know, in contexts we barely understand, simply because we believe it's possible that strangers can become neighbours, and that neighbours can live in harmony.

At this time of Remembrance, we give thanks for the lives and examples of those men and women who have been so possessed by that vision, so inspired that they have indeed been willing to take such risks. To lay down their lives for God's future of peace and of harmony - not just to witness to friendship that exists, but to make friendship for the future.



Christmas messages in the Link

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 a suggested donation of £10. All proceeds go to **Crisis**.

Email parishlinkeditor@gmail.com with your message by Friday 11 November.

Our prayers for November

We pray for **Vicky Barrett**, who will be our new curate. We pray for all who are ill, especially **Hazel Wilkinson** and **Jenny Brooks**. We also pray for all who are mourning a loved one, including the families of **Micky Parker**, **Celia Evans**, **Vernon Wright** and **Nora Wilson**. We remember all who have died as a result of war.

The copy deadline for the November edition of the Link is Friday 11 November. The magazine should be in church: Friday 25 November.



Eric Wallington
Reader Emeritus
Talents

In recent times it has not been unusual for churches to raise money by holding an auction of talents. It is, I suppose, a rather good way of fundraising because it involves the congregation members in doing what, they are, to some extent, good at.

Jesus once told a parable about talents. Perhaps, however, we need to recognise the word talent has, over the years, changed. Its meaning, in Jesus' day, was simply a sum of money- a huge amount, in fact. It was a sum that would have taken a labourer many years to earn.

In the parable we have a story which is about a wealthy man who invested his money by loaning it to members of his staff. Three of them were lent huge amounts of capital and told to trade with the cash. Two of the three were remarkably successful - they returned

the capital and the profit to the boss, but in return they were paid a salary to administer a large section of the business. However, one buried the money, made no profit and restored it untouched. He was chastened for his timidity and lack of imagination.

The sum of money in the parable represents, to some extent, our knowledge of God. The readers of the Old Testament had learnt from their scriptures about a God who loves us, saves and cares how we treat each other. But they were given this knowledge not just for their own benefit, but so they could spread it among others, also. So to keep our knowledge of God top ourselves is surely selfish and mean - we need also, of course, to spread around our experience of God's love to our friends and family. That, surely, is the message of the parable.

Church diary for November

Wednesday 2 November	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface	Sunday 20 November	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Service 10.30am Family Worship 11.00am Family Worship 6.00pm Evensong	St Boniface St Jude's St Boniface Calveley St Boniface
Sunday 6 November	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Communion with Sunday School 10.30am Family Worship 11.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface St Jude's St Boniface Calveley	Wednesday 23 November	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Wednesday 9 November	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface	Sunday 27 November	9.30am Holy Communion 10.30am Family Communion	St Jude's St Boniface
Sunday 13 November	9.30am Remembrance 10.45am Remembrance	St Jude's St Boniface	Wednesday 30 November	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Wednesday 16 November	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface	Sunday 4 December	8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Family Worship 11.00am Holy Communion 4.00pm Christingle 5.00pm Christingle	St Boniface St Boniface Calveley St Jude's St Boniface



Pat Edgley Ellis
Reader
Caring and Sharing

St. Martin of Tours was a soldier in the Roman army.

One freezing day as he was approaching the gates of Amiens, he met a scantily clad beggar. He impulsively cut his military cloak in half to share with the man, thus saving his life.

That night, Martin dreamed of Jesus wearing the half-cloak he had given away.

He heard Jesus say to the angels: "Martin, who is still but a catechumen, (a convert, under instruction) clothed me with this robe". In another version, when Martin woke, he found his cloak restored to wholeness.

The dream confirmed Martin in his faith. He was baptised at the age of 18, and became Bishop of Tours in 371.

The part of the cloak kept by himself became a famous relic preserved in the oratory of the Marmoutier Abbey near Tours.

The priest who cared for the cloak in its reliquary was called a cappellanu, from which the English word chaplain is derived.

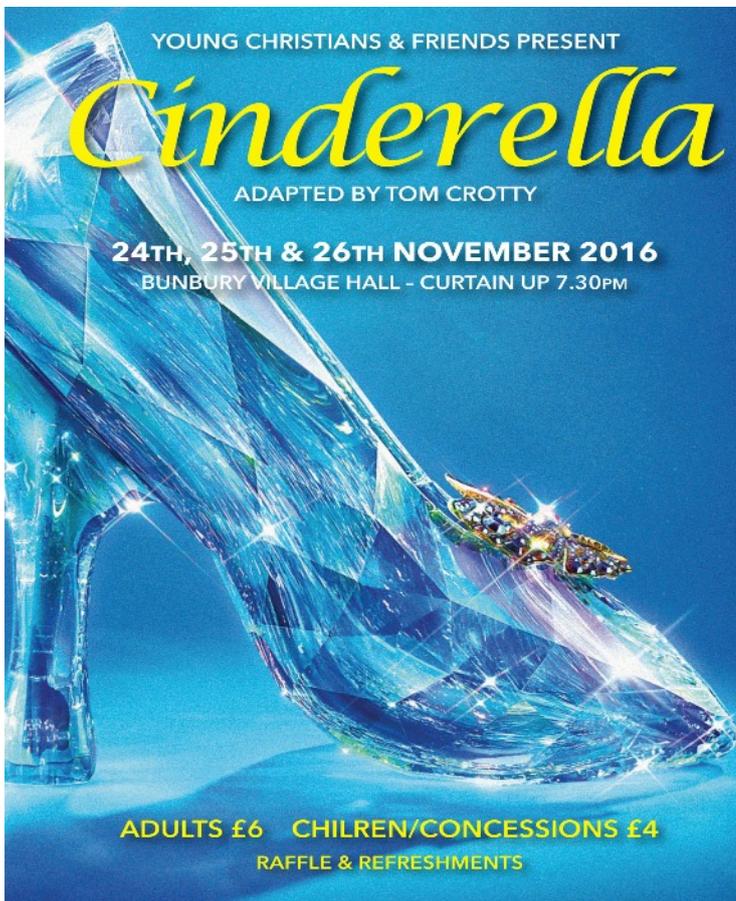
The small temporary churches built for the relic were called "capellas", a little cloak.

Eventually all small churches began to be referred to as "chapels".

O God our creator,
Who gave us all that we are and have,
Release us from selfishness,
To be able to share
What we are
What we know
What we have
With one another
And the world which you love
In the name of Christ who gave his very life for us.



The Charity of St Martin; Jean Fouquet



New curate coming to Bunbury

All will be delighted to welcome **Vicky Barrett**, who will arrive after she has been ordained Deacon in the summer. Here is a taste of how she describes herself:

Very pleased to be coming to the parishes of Bunbury and Tilstone Fearnall.

I'm inquisitive and love learning how and why things happen.

Collaborative, creative, cat-loving - I have a very scaredy cat called Jazz.

Keen on working with lots of different sorts of people. (But not at all keen on broad beans, boiled eggs or celery.)

You'll often find me out running or hill-walking - I'm looking forward to finding new adventures off the roads with you.

Born in Hampton, south-west London, but spent the last 13 years living in Hazel Grove, Stockport, worshipping at Norbury Parish Church.

Always fascinated by stories - how we create them, what they say about us.

Ripon College Cuddesdon: where I have been training at theological college for almost two years. I've enjoyed the breadth of worship, the beauty of rural life in a small village about six miles from Oxford, and the excitement of preparing to join parish life as a priest.

Relishing the prospect of being part of the life of this wonderful community.

English graduate from Cambridge University.

Taught at a range of independent and state secondary schools; worked in Senior Management; tried to ignore the repeated question, "Have you thought about ordination?" for many years.

That's probably enough for now.

Bunbury School SIAMS report: 'outstanding in all areas'

Bunbury School is celebrating, after being judged 'outstanding' by a church school inspector from the Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS) who rated it 'outstanding in all areas'. This comes just a few months after Ofsted declared the school was 'good with outstanding behaviour and safety'. Building on the earlier success, the SIAMS inspector recognised that 'the school is well-placed to move confidently into the future as leaders have the capacity, motivation and determination to do so'.

The inspector spent a day in school where she recognised outstanding strengths in all areas: meeting the needs of all learners, impact of collective worship, effectiveness of RE and the effectiveness of leadership and management.

Executive head teacher Fiona Todd was recognised for her "purposeful, explicitly Christian leadership which has unified the school and bought about rapid change". Mrs Todd said: "This judgment means even more than the pride we received from Ofsted as it encompasses not only the school ethos but the strong values our pupils embed during their school career with us and beyond."

The inspector praised the pupils' excellent behaviour and very positive attitude to life and learning. She recognised that "standards of attainment remain consistently high and that children are reflective and thoughtful learners", and that the children "express their ideas and opinions articulately within an atmosphere of trust and acceptance".

Head of school Nicola Badger said: "We are blessed to have a team of amazing staff, governors and great children. This result is testament to all the hard work of our school team and we are really proud of everyone in our school. Together we can continue to move the school forward and go from strength to strength."

The school will be holding an open day on Wednesday 9 November from 9.30-11.30am and 1.15-2.30pm on both days. Call 260524 for details.

Decibellas
Women's Choir Presents

What a Wonderful World!
A Multicultural Celebration of Light

Saturday, 26th November 2016, 7.30pm
St Beniface Church, Bunbury

Raising money for
Northern Lights, a charity giving children with life limiting illnesses a Christmas to remember
and Sightsavers, a UK based charity working to prevent blindness internationally.

Adults £10 • Children £5

Tickets available from Steaffields (Farperley), Tilly's (Bunbury)
via www.decibellas.co.uk or any choir member.

www.decibellas.co.uk decibellas@gmail.com

For those we love and those we miss

Bunbury Tree of Lights 2016



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

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

.....
.....

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 are a UK taxpayer and understand that if you pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax in the current tax year than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all your donations it is your responsibility to pay any difference.

Full name.....

Address.....
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Postcode.....

Signature.....

Date:

Tick this box for an entry in the Book of Lights

Calveley Harvest



After a lot of hard work cleaning the church and decorating with flowers and our donations for the food bank, the church looked beautiful for our harvest festival. Thanks to Kath, Karen, Sandra and Margaret for their lovely flower arrangements and to Dee, Karen, Pat, John and Yvonne for their efforts cleaning the church. The Nantwich Food Bank were delighted with the amount of food we collected and asked that we pass their thanks on to everyone who donated food.



CARDS FOR GOOD CAUSES

....caring at Christmas with Charity Cards

Tarporley's Cards for Good Causes shop, which sells Christmas cards for more than 30 national charities, will be in the Crown Hotel this year, while the Baptist church is undergoing refurbishments.

Christmas card sales are an important source of funding for charities, and they also help to raise awareness of their work. You can choose from a fantastic array of cards and also stock up on Christmas essentials, such as wrapping paper and gift tags.

The Tarporley shop is part of the Cards for Good Causes' national network of over 300 shops which in the past five years has raised over £20 million out of which charities have to pay for the production and distribution of their Christmas cards and any VAT. At least 70 pence in every £1 goes to the charities.

Staffed by local volunteers the Tarporley shop will be open Monday to Saturday, 10am to 4pm from Tuesday 1 November to Saturday 3 December.

Carol Service Choir rehearsals

Every year the St Boniface church choir welcomes additional singers for the Carol Service. The choir will be under the leadership of Martin Cook, who also conducts Shrewsbury Choral Society and Leeds College of Music Choral Society and will be ably assisted by organist and accompanist Andrew Dean. The Carol Service is on Sunday 18 December at 6:30pm - anyone who likes singing is invited to join the choir. Rehearsals before the service are as follows:

Saturday 26 November, Saturday 3 December, Saturday 10 December - all at 10:00am-12:00 noon, and Sunday 18 December 4:30pm-6:00pm.

It will be great fun and a wonderful way to "kick start" Christmas.

Women's World Day of Prayer Friday 3 March 2017

The Philippines. "Am I being unfair to you?"

Fifteen Filipino Facts (which you may not know)

1. The Philippines is the second largest archipelago in the world and is made up of 7,107 islands located in the South China Sea, Philippine Sea, Sulu Sea, Celebes Sea and the Luzon Strait
2. There are between 120 to 175 individual languages spoken in the Philippines, 171 of which are living while the other four now longer have any known speakers. However, according to the 2000 census 52 million people in the Philippines speak English, making it the fifth largest English-speaking nation behind the US, India, Pakistan and the UK
3. The top three most densely populated cities in the world are in Metro Manila and the Philippines is the 12th most populous country in the world
4. The National flag of the Philippines can be inverted to officially declare a state of war.
5. The Philippines was the first country in the Southeast Asia to gain independence after World War 2 from the US.
6. The Philippines is the world's leading producer of coconuts, having produced 19.5 million tons of the fruit in 2010
7. The national symbol of the Philippines is the Philippine, or monkey-eating eagle
8. The Philippines has the highest rate of discovery of new animal species with 16 new animal species of mammals discovered in just the last 10 years
9. The Philippines is the only majority Christian nation in Asia. Eighty percent of its population identifies with being Roman Catholic.

10. The Philippines is considered the text capital of the world. Every day 35 million Filipinos send about 450 million SMS messages. This is more than the US and Europe combined.
11. The three largest known pearls in the world were found in the Philippines.
12. Of the 10 largest shopping malls in the world, 3 are in the Philippines.
13. The world's largest shoes were made in the Philippines.
14. Mt Pinatubo on the Philippine island of Luzon erupted in June 1991 and created the largest mushroom cloud in the world. Its eruption ejected 10 billion metric tons of magma and 20 million tons of sulphur dioxide into the stratosphere. It is known for its frequent earthquakes.
15. The Puerto Princesa Subterranean River in Palawan, Philippines is 5 miles (8.2 km) long and is the second biggest in the world.

Do you have any souvenirs from the Philippines to decorate the church on the 3 March?

Are you able to help out, either beforehand or on the day?

Any help would be much appreciated. For information and to offer help, please contact:

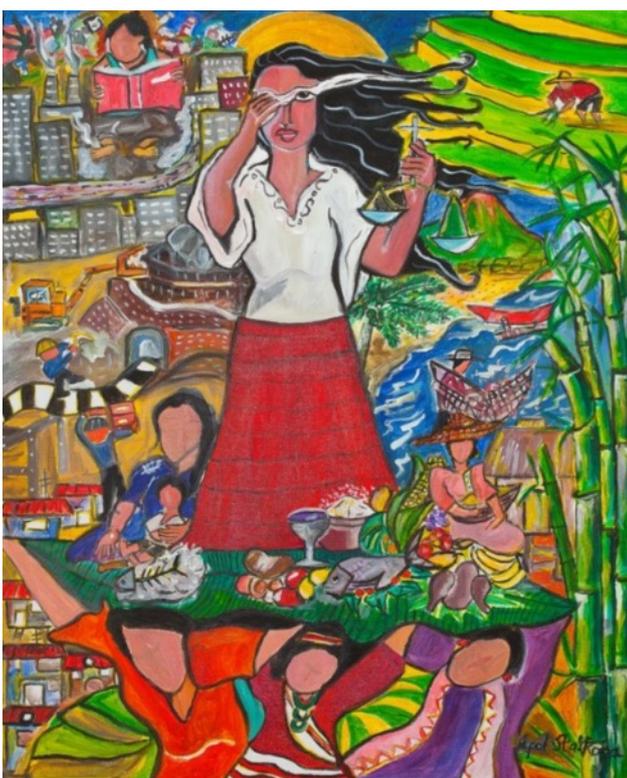
Debbie Shears, 01829 260707, shearsdebbie@gmail.com

Evensong - An oasis of calm in a busy world

At 6pm every third Sunday of the month there is a service of Choral Evensong in St Boniface church, writes **Martin Cook**. To me this service is one of the highlights of the month and it seems I have something in common with a growing number of people across the country, and not least in the college chapels of Oxford and Cambridge. This most distinct of all Anglican services offers something steadfast - a unique combination of community and solitude, of beautiful and meaningful language, interpolated with the singing of well known hymns, canticles and psalms.

So why is this service increasing in popularity? The 16th century liturgy and choral tradition offers security as you enter; you know what you are getting, and can appreciate the weight, which comes with participating in a shared history. The service typically lasts 50 minutes, is aesthetically beautiful and there is sense that one is stepping into a tradition that is greater than you.

The college chapels in Oxford and Cambridge are seeing students attending this service in their hundreds and it seems to be just as popular with those who are without - or on the edge of - faith as those who are fervent believers. In Bunbury we have a steadfast group of people who wander into our beautiful church for this service once a month. The fully robed choir lead the service in all aspects, leaving the congregation with a chance to meditate and be at peace. Like a Jane Austen novel, the language might be alien to the modern ear, but for precisely that reason it is non-threatening and inclusive, and you may soon love it. You are not asked to signal your own beliefs, or lack thereof, but you are invited to join in a pattern of worship that has shaped our national life for centuries. Why not give it a go.



Laying a special wreath for the Somme

On 8 August I decided now was the time to fulfill a promise I made many years ago to my mother, **writes Susan Baker**. That promise was to find where her brother fell at the battle of the Somme, and lay a wreath there. My mother was only five years old at the time of the First World War, so I had very little information to go on apart from the name, address and the regiment. I phoned the Manchester Regiment and gave them his name and address and within a week I had all the information I needed, that was 26 years ago. My son Martin visited the war graves with school and with the information he had he found the name of his Great Uncle Frank William Beattie on the Theipval Memorial.

Frank William Beattie was 20 years old when he died in July 1916 he has no named grave but is commemorated on the Theipval Memorial.

We travelled by motor home via the Euro Tunnel together with our eldest Son Clive and his wife and family Lucie, Thomas and Oliver, the children were born here at Alpraham but, later moved to Betley.

The journey to Theipval was lined with various graves and War Memorials immaculately kept, emotions were running high as



we approached the Theipval Memorial a magnificent sight, we found Our uncle's name on the Memorial which overlooked the battle ground it was the most amazing experience to be there and to attend the 100th year of the battle of the Somme. The service is daily for 141 days, until 18 November - that was how long the war lasted. I had requested to lay a wreath (accompanied by Thomas and Oliver) for all those brave men who gave their lives today for our tomorrow.

The amount of young students there at the visitors centre and museum told me these heroes will never be forgotten.



Parish Council News

The Parish Council met on 12 October with Ward Cllr Michael Jones in attendance.

A number of Parishioners spoke of concern at possible plans to have yellow lines at the junction of The Highlands and School Lane with parking prohibited from 8am-10am and 2pm-4pm. The P.C. discussed the situation in depth and will propose alternatives to the yellow lines, working with the school and police to educate parents and enforce existing legislation that prevents parking near junctions. Speeding was discussed. A new bench was approved for the triangle in the village.

Leila Potter, Parish Council Press Officer

BUNBURY BOWLING CLUB



Wine Tasting Evening

Pavilion

Bunbury Playing Fields

Tuesday 1st Nov 2016

7.00pm

Admission £3.00

Includes sampling of 3 wines and nibbles
More samples available by purchasing tickets

Opportunity to taste a wide selection of Italian Fine Wines

Selection includes: Pinot Grigio, Chardonnay, Sauvignon, Merlot, Shiraz, Frascati, Chianti and others

Get ready for Christmas

Buy for only

£21 per case (6 bottles)

Anyone welcome



Bunbury Scouts get Poppy award



On 27 September the 25th SWC Bunbury Scout Group had the huge pleasure, for the second year running, of attending the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal Awards, Ceremony to receive an award from the Lord Lieutenant for their contribution to the 2015 RBL Poppy Appeal, writes **Group Scout Leader, Amanda Harris**.

Thank you to Scout Alexander Kempe Smith and Cub Scout Douglas Dobson for collecting the award on our behalf and doing a tremendous job of marching, shaking hands and saluting in all of the correct places. Akela of Cubs Marnie Dobson, Scout Leader Roz Kempe Smith and Amanda Harris, Group Scout Leader, also attended this humbling event.

We were very blessed that our group's contribution of collecting for this most worthy cause around our Village was acknowledged and celebrated, so a huge thank you to all of the Leaders, Parents and Scouts who supported this fantastic effort.

The RBL are considered to be the Guardians of remembrance, but it is recognised in Bunbury that the uniformed services and groups are considered to be the future of remembering.

31/5/16 was the Anniversary of the Battle of Jutland when some 15000 men lost their lives in 1 day, many of whom were teenagers or young men in their 20s.

On board HMS Chester, which was not sunk during this battle, was John Cornwell who received the Victoria Cross for his actions during this battle. Seriously injured and just aged 16, he stood by his gun when everyone else had died. We must all be wondering why he did not flee his post and when asked he replied...

"Sir, I stayed in case I was needed."

It is men such as this whom we remember. They did what they did so that we could be free and can live in peace.

We must all remember that remembering is more than re-hashed old stories, so we as Scouts will join in taking up the torch of remembering and carrying it through to the next generation of torch bearers.

We will again support the poppy appeal this year, collecting in Bunbury, to involve the community in creating a poppy of remembrance, and to parade with the Royal British Legion on Remembrance Sunday as a Scout Group alongside the Guides and Brownies and request that you join with us to remember, showing great strength through our Church and community.

Anyone is also welcome to join us after the service and parade to share stories and enjoy a cup of tea at the Scout Hut.

Please contact Amanda Harris, Group Scout Leader, 25th SWC Scout Group-Bunbury amandaharrisgl@gmail.com 07802 792247 or Roz Kempe Smith 07881 528191 to create your poppy to be displayed in church, we will also put up notices around the village of when these community poppy making sessions will take place.

Ironman success for Bunbury trio



So, what is an Ironman? Well, it doesn't involve pretending to be Robert Downey Jr and dressing up in a metal suit (sadly). What it does involve is a swim (2.4 miles), a bike ride (112 miles) and a run (26.2 miles) all in succession; basically a big triathlon.

It's a challenge that Holly Murray, Rob Murray and Peter McCleave, decided to embark on in January and culminated in them racing in what has

been voted the 9th toughest Ironman course in the world: Tenby, Wales. With a sea swim, very hilly bike and run course, it was challenging, tiring but incredibly rewarding and, remarkably, enjoyable. The Link team asked them to share their pain with readers.

The day itself was stunning with no rain and light wind, **write Holly, Rob and Peter**. None of us was hit with any punctures or injuries, although Holly did make friends with a jellyfish on lap two of the swim. We all got to run down the fabled red carpet to hear the

famous (in triathlon circles anyway) Announcement: "Holly, Rob, Peter... you are an Ironman!"

On reflection, the day itself was most significant part of the journey - it was the goal, after all - but ironically, it was the least important. Nine months of training, often twice a day, six days a week - becoming an Iron distance athlete became a lifestyle. You have to enjoy the journey; it teaches you so much about the destination. It's a lesson that could be applied to any walk of life in a world of instant gratification and an expectation of immediate results without the effort. Hard work and self-belief can deliver the most amazing results.

Thanks have to go to our extremely supportive family and friends. We are all blessed to have people close by who, in their own right, displayed patience and good spirit beyond what many would say is reasonable! Without that network, the journey would be infinitely tougher.

So, what now? More triathlons in 2017 - we are all hooked. Is another Ironman race on the cards? No question! If anyone fancies a go there are loads of events for all abilities locally and if anyone wants to join us on a 5am run or 9pm bike ride, please just ask!

Henry Vernon (Vernie) Wright - a marvellous life

Henry Vernon Wright was born in 1934 to Henry and Marion at Oak Farm, Ridley: a younger brother to Jean and Marion. He went to school in Ridley and then Whitchurch Grammar School. In 1946 he moved to Yew Tree Farm, Haughton and spent the next 70 years there.

In 1956 he married Mary Moss, by then Vernon and Mary had already known each other for many years. Mary had caught his eye from a very early age - 11 years old to be precise - when they were fellow pupils at school. They also competed against each other at local Pony Club competitions often taking 1st and 2nd place, although later memories seem to vary as to who actually won.

Together Vernon and Mary made a wonderful, caring home for their children, Alan and Susan, who were born in 1957 and 1959. Reflecting on his life Vernon said to Alan, "I have had a marvellous, marvellous life and the best of all is spending 70 years knowing your mum".

Family life was busy but Vernon loved nothing more than to share his passion for agriculture; teaching Alan how to stack bales, feed cows, rear calves and plough the fields. Vernon's enthusiasm, patience and boundless energy knew no limits. Holidays away from the farm took in all corners of England: Skegness to Scarborough, Great Yarmouth to Bournemouth and were often shared with cousins, David and Anne.

The arrival of grandchildren enabled Vernon to share his passion for farming and the countryside with a new generation. He loved his grandchildren and supported them with his great enthusiasm in their varied hobbies and interests: watching British Eventing competitions, rugby and cricket matches, showing shorthorns and generally having great fun with them.

In later years Alan and Susan took over the responsibility of holidays and Vernon and Mary enjoyed trips to the Lakes and Anglesey. When their granddaughter, Becky, had children they almost couldn't believe they had little ones to love all over again.

Vernon will be sadly missed by Mary and the family, but his support, guidance and love will live on in their hearts.

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Adam Green - passionate about sport

Adam was born 24 years ago in Preston but grew up in Nantwich where he was a well-known lad with lots of friends. He was fun to be with, joyful, happy and caring.

Adam worked for a variety of local companies and more recently at the Tollemarche Arms. In his spare time Adam's passion was sport. He loved to watch local football teams such as Nantwich Town or Tranmere Rovers with his friend, Wayne, and was a big Man United fan too. Adam was an avid follower of Moto GP and enjoyed going to motor shows. Adam loved fishing on the canal and joined Tarporley Fishing club. An ideal day was to sit fishing by the canal where Sarah or Ken would come join him for an hour or so.

Adam met Sarah five years ago and said it was love at first sight. Ken, Sarah's Dad, was on holiday at the time and when he arrived home he found Adam had moved in. Adam and Sarah were recently married surrounded by family and friends sharing their special day at The Christie.

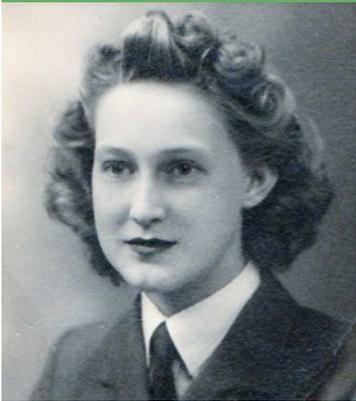
Adam was first diagnosed with cancer on 30 March last year. He took it in his stride, showing great strength and never complaining. His strength helped Sarah to be strong and she was always there for him and supported him.

The poem (right) was read by Ian Mulloch at Adam's funeral. The last time Ian had visited Adam in hospital he was cheerfully playing a fishing game on his X-Box with his dad. Adam will be much missed by Sarah, family and friends.

Gone Fishing by Dalmar Pepper

*I've finished life's chores assigned to me,
 So put me on a boat headed out to sea.
 Please send along my fishing pole
 For I've been invited to the fishin' hole.
 Where every day is a day to fish,
 To fill your heart with every wish.
 Don't worry, or feel sad for me,
 I'm fishin' with the Master of the sea.
 We will miss each other for a while,
 But you will come and bring your smile.
 That won't be long you will see,
 Till we're together you and me.
 To all of those who think of me,
 Be as happy as I go out to sea.
 If others wonder why I'm missin'
 Just tell 'em I've gone fishin'.*

Maude (Micky) Parker 1923 - 2016



Micky passed away on the 12th September at the age of 92, not quite reaching her 93rd birthday at Prospect House Nursing Home in Malpas.

She was born in Denton, Manchester, in 1923 and joined the WAAFs when she was just 19 and the country was at war. She was stationed at RAF Digby, Lincolnshire and

she worked in communications operations. To the pilots she helped and guided to safety she was known by her codename 'bluebird' and, I believe, 'Miss Spitfire'. The pilots wrote to her thanking her for what she had done for them. Micky was good at her job and travelled around the country training other service personnel.

Before the war Micky met and knew Jack Parker and their paths crossed again in 1960, he became her partner and almost 30 years later, her husband. Her son Mike was born in 1944 and he married Gill in 1968, Daniel was born in 1972.

In 1976 Micky, Jack, Mike, Gill and Daniel moved to Bunbury and began a joint venture running Johnson's Post Office and

General Store. Micky was the Postmistress along with Jack until 1990 when they decided to retire and close the business and convert the post office and store into 2 homes. She had lots of friends in the village and went regularly to the Wednesday Club. She had always been creative and enjoyed doing cross-stitch, tapestry and knitting. Micky and Jack enjoyed their retirement until Jack passed away in 1997.

Following the loss of Jack, Micky with her dogs, Sasha and then Jodie, continued to live next door to Mike and Gill and she was a very big part of their family. She had remained fit and healthy most of her life and she was a strong lady, fighting off illness when it came along. As she developed some problems in her last years, however, her family looked after Micky with help from carers and supported her in every way they could until she needed the extra care and support provided at Prospect House in 2015. She was popular with the staff there and she received excellent care. She will be sadly missed by family and friends in Bunbury.



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