

# Link

For the parishes of Bunbury & Tilstone Fearnall



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*The scribes on all the people shove And bawl allegiance to the state,  
But they who love the greater love Lay down their life; they do not hate.*      Wilfred Owen



## Bunbury School remembers

Every child in Bunbury School will have worked on the WW1 banner which will hang in St Boniface church. It will bear the name of every soldier from Bunbury who died in 1914-1918 and an embroidered poppy for each of them. Pictured above working on the banner are Dixie Hall, Sam Bateup, Holly Marsden, Hannah Thomas and Phoebe Williams.

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# Community news

Congratulations to **Phyllis Cowap**, who has recently celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Harriet Briggs-Harris** was born on 23 February at home in



and sympathy for those sleepless nights.

At 10.57 on 15 May, **Eliza Grace Cooper**, daughter of Bunbury Youth Worker **Abby** and husband **Stephen**, entered the outside world, at 6lb 9oz. *(A new recruit for the YCs panto, timing her arrival so beautifully for the Link deadline?)* All are doing well.



Congratulations to **Samantha Carr** and **Alex Moore**, married on 17 May at St Boniface.



Welcome to **Veronica Jayne Parker** of Wardle Hall, baptised on the 1 May at St Boniface. We wish her and her fiancé Charles every blessing as they prepare to get married in Scotland in August.

Welcome to **Samuel Joseph Oliver Nunkoo**, son of **Michelle** and **Glen**, baptised on 11 May and **Teddy David**



**Owen**, son of **Hannah**, baptised on 11 May, both at St Boniface.



**Veronica Green** will be ordained deacon on Sunday 29 June – we are lucky that she will

then be joining our parish as our curate (see p10).

For all those who have been christened/baptised there is the opportunity to **reaffirm the promises** that were made on your behalf as a child at a service of **Confirmation** with Bishop Keith in October. Revd Tim will be running a series of four confirmation classes in September. There will be one session per week, and each session will last no longer than an hour. If you would like more information please contact Tim on 261511 or [revtimhayward@gmail.com](mailto:revtimhayward@gmail.com)

Cub Leader, **Amanda Harris** has been appointed 25<sup>th</sup> South West Cheshire (1<sup>st</sup> Bunbury) Group Scout Leader. **Simon Walker** is stepping down and moving on to explore other adventures. Simon has been involved in Scouting for more than 10 years, showing a huge commitment of time and energy. Perhaps his most lasting legacy is that of leading the team building the fantastic new Scout Hut. The hut will see many generations of Scouts pass through making new friends, having great fun, enjoying new challenges and learning new skills along the way!

**Ian Adkins, Amanda Harris, Steve Mort and Mike Healy** all recently gained their Nights Away Permit so that they can take the Scouts and Cubs camping anywhere with landowner permission - digging their own loos too!

**Jo Mundell**, chairman Bunbury Parish Council, presented the Chairman's Cup to **Andrew Thomson** for his outstanding contribution to the village, particularly with The Parish Plan, of which he is the Chairman of the Steering Group.



Congratulations to handball goalie, **Fiona Parker**, who has been selected for the U16



England squad for the international Partille Cup, in Sweden. She will spend 10 days in Gothenburg, at the Olympic Solidarity Camp, training and then playing in matches.

**Save the Family** thanks you for the abundance of household articles and

## Community news (contd.)

clothing donated for their recent collection, which will be put to very good use.

It was lovely to see former Youth Worker, **Kim Beswick**, join Tim, Abby and the egg hunters at the Easter egg hunt (pictured below).



Many thanks to all who supported the 2014 **Children's Society** box collection for St Boniface and St Jude's, which raised 286.66. The **Christian Aid** coffee morning raised over £270. Thank you.

**Bunbury Gardening Club** will be visiting Bollin House in Wilmslow on 17 June. For details contact club secretary Margaret Bourne 260944. Bunbury Gardening Club is still looking for a new chairman, contact Margaret Bourne.

There will be a **Sandstone Trail** walk in aid of **Bunbury Playground** and **Alder Hey** on 28 June (see P7 for details).

Polish off your halo, dust off your tiara and join the **Ladies' Midnight Walk** on 28 June in aid of **St Luke's Hospice**. To learn more and sign up visit [www.midnightwalk.co.uk](http://www.midnightwalk.co.uk)

The **joint service** of the Methodists and St Boniface is on Sunday 29 June at 10.30am.

**Bunbury Singers** rehearse in Bunbury School from 7.30 to 9.15pm on Mondays in term time. They are actively recruiting new members, particularly men. Come along and give it a try!

Bunbury's **Pudding Club** returns to St Boniface on 18 July. Watch out for further details.

On **Fridays**, from 10.30am til 12 at **Tilly's**, there is 'coffee and cake' for anyone of ripening years – no need to be a church goer. All are welcome; coffee is at the discounted rate of £1 per cup and free cake. Looking forward to seeing you! If you need transport please contact Amber Middlemiss on 261437 or email [midrook@btinternet.com](mailto:midrook@btinternet.com)

The **copy deadline** for the July issue is **Friday 13 June**. The magazine should be in church for delivery on **Friday 27 June**.

### Our prayers for June

We pray for all who are ill, especially **Kath Collinge, Carol Hooper, Betty Clauson** and **Hilda Elsworth** and for all who are mourning a loved one.

**TIM HAYWARD**

Your Vicar



I am writing this short article still wet from the water fight I have

just had with the Year 6s after their dreaded SATs. It was wonderful to see them so happy and joyful after what has been a testing week.

We all have to face exams or tests or inspections throughout our lives, whether it be at school or later in life at work. We approach them differently, but often you can feel the stress levels rise, along with the blood pressure, and you begin to wonder is it really worth all the hassle. Unless you are super confident, you begin to doubt yourself and/or the people around you. There tends to be something you're not sure about, and you spend the time that is left filling in the gaps.

It takes a fair amount of skill and mental gymnastics to get yourself in a good frame of mind: wanting to be the best you can be and to thrive under pressure, whilst at the same

## Exam time!

time, if things go wrong, being able to move on, to be kind to yourself and others, and to learn from the experience!

My prayer for the Year 6's, and indeed our teenagers taking their GCSEs and 'A' Levels at this time, is that they might see the bigger picture, and that their faith in God and in themselves will help to inspire them. May they see a God who wants the very best for them, a God who believes in each one of us, and who will help us to be the people he has created us to be.

And yes, this will mean hard work for the most part, but may we never miss an opportunity to relax and to have great fun.

So that's enough from me, my Super Soaker is waiting and needs more water!

God bless all our work and play.

## Carnaval brasileiro de Bunbury!



Bunbury Village Day is getting ready for a fabulous day of fun on Saturday 21 June! Former England footballer **Earl Barrett** has kindly offered to open the day, which will have a Brazilian theme to celebrate June's World Cup. We can promise a variety of displays including Capoeira (a traditional Brazilian martial art), football skills and Morris Dancers. We've ensured that the day will appeal to all ages. There'll be a climbing wall and spider tower, bouncy castle and slide as well as a puppet show. The Techniquet science centre will be offering the

intriguing opportunity to do "science busking" (practical science experiments).

Along with vintage fairground attractions, a variety of craft stalls and even an aeroplane cockpit, there'll also be the chance to ride Segways, donkeys or a rodeo bull!

Given the amount of things to do on the day there'll be cake stalls, ice cream outlets, a barbeque and a bar to keep you going.

We've also lined up some great raffle prizes, including tickets to see Jessie J in Delamere Forest and a Mercedes/BMW for the weekend.

The procession will leave St Boniface church at 12.30pm to meet on Bunbury Playing Fields at 1.00pm, so see you at Bunbury's Brazilian Carnival!

The Village Day Committee





**Eric Wallington**  
Reader Emeritus  
**Thought of the month**

Do you ever think about what you are doing when you switch on the light in the house? Maybe, close by or perhaps miles away, the generators in the power station are converting the energy of nature into electricity. In turn, the electricity races across the pylons and thick cables, underground down our lane or street and into our homes, just so that we don't bump into things in the darkness of the house at night-time. It is amazing really, isn't it?

If we, however, choose to operate other power switches, we have at our disposal enough power to operate the fridge, the television and the vacuum cleaner and more. We, of course, don't create that amazing power - we simply choose, as and when, to apply it! Something even more amazing happens with the power of God. It's a power greater than that of all the generators across the world put

together, yet God makes it available to ordinary human beings like you and me. We call it the power of God or the power of the Holy Spirit.

But, just as when we turn on the switch, all the power of the electric grid is available to us for a whole variety of purposes, so when we turn on the switch of faith, the gift of the power of God's Holy Spirit is available to us all in different ways and, especially so, at different times. But the most important gift that God's Holy Spirit offers to each one of us is surely love - love that enables us in our daily lives to convey to our neighbours something of that amazing love for us all. The power is all there in God's holy grid - all we need to do is to plug in the right appliance at the right time and God will help us to make it work.

## Church diary for June

Sunday 1 June	8.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface	Wednesday 18 June	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface	
	9.30am Holy Communion	St Jude's		Sunday 22 June	9.00am Holy Communion	St Jude's
	10.30am Family Worship	St Boniface			10.30am Family Communion	St Boniface
	11.00am Holy Communion	Calveley		Wednesday 25 June	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Wednesday 4 June	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface	Sunday 29 June	9.30am Holy Communion	St Jude's	
Sunday 8 June	9.30am Family Worship	St Jude's		10.30am Family Communion	St Boniface	
	10.30am Holy Communion	St Boniface	Wednesday 2 July	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface	
6.00pm Evensong	St Boniface	Sunday 6 July		8.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface	
Wednesday 11 June	10.00am Holy Communion		St Boniface	9.30am Holy Communion	St Jude's	
Sunday 15 June	8.00am Holy Communion		St Boniface	10.30am Family Worship	St Boniface	
	9.30am Morning prayer	St Jude's	11.00am Holy Communion	Calveley		
10.30am Family Worship - at Bunbury Cricket Ground	St Boniface & Calveley					



**Pat Edgley Ellis**

Reader

**A Christmas tree in June?**

Our Church is named St Boniface, after our Patron Saint who died in 764. We celebrate his day on 5th June.

He was born as Winfrith, "friend of peace" in Crediton, Devon. He became a teacher, then a priest. He went first to Frisia, (Holland) then to Germany when Pope Gregory sent him to Hesse, and changed his name to Boniface, "maker of good".



There he met the worshippers of Thor, the god of thunder.

Determined to do away with their pagan superstition, he took an axe to the Giant Oak of Geismar, their sacred tree. With a mighty effort, he felled the oak, and its branches landed in the form of a cross.

The whole forest was crushed as the Oak fell. All except one little fir tree, which grew into a beautiful evergreen tree, seen as an image

of God. Its green never failed, as the love of God never fails.

Thor didn't appear to save his people, and from that day, many became Christians.

And the little fir tree became the first Christmas tree, a reminder to us all of God's evergreen love.

Lord, you sent your servant Boniface To preach the Gospel and save the people of Germany.

Give us the courage to challenge wrong where we find it.

Make us friends of peace and makers of good.

And grant that we may show in our hearts the everlasting love of God.

(Banner and window in St Boniface church)



# Give us Two Minutes... Cynthia Fowles



Cynthia Fowles was born in the house where she lives now, in 1938. She went to Spurstow School. After passing the 11+ she went on to Nantwich and Acton Grammar

School (now Malbank School) She was married on her 21st birthday at Bunbury Church.

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

Do as you would be done by (from Mrs Do-As-You-Would-Be-Done-By in Charles Kingsley's The Water Babies)

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

I'd like to invite Richard Littlejohn, who writes amusingly in the Daily Mail, Ann Widdecombe, so down to earth, and author Anthony Horowitz.

**What would you call your autobiography?**

I did my best - honestly.

**What was your first job?**

As a Tax Officer with the Inland Revenue, in Chester.

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

I'd have more traffic control around the Co-op.

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

Five go to Smuggler's Top by Enid Blyton because, as a child, she made me want to read and started me on a lifetime enjoying murder stories and thrillers.

**What is your biggest regret?**

Not learning to drive.

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

Courts dealing more firmly with criminals.

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

I've never been in an aeroplane, I don't own any trousers and the day I should have sat my 'O' Level exam I was lying in bed in a darkened room with measles.

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

I'd like to get my garden looking decent.

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

The Isle of Wight - it is quiet and so historic.

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

It would depend on the weather! I would like to do some gardening, church at Calveley on Sunday, followed by a good Sunday roast with friends.

# Megan's charity challenge



McDonald House at Alder Hey Hospital.

"This is a charity that means a lot to my family" Megan says, "My parents lived in one of their rooms for a number of weeks, when I was a toddler and in hospital. My Dad ran the London Marathon when I was 4 to raise money for Alder Hey Hospital, as they looked after me so well. I want to raise money for Mac House as they looked after my Mum and Dad".

Bunbury schoolgirl, Megan Jones (Year 5) is taking on the challenge of running the Bupa Junior Great North Run on 6 September.

Training has commenced for the 2.5 mile run, which takes place in Newcastle-upon-Tyne the day before the world-famous Great North Run.

The second part of the challenge that the nine year old has set is to raise at least £250 for Ronald

The Ronald McDonald House provides parent accommodation, free of charge, for the parents/carers of the most critically ill children being treated at Alder Hey Children's Hospital, Liverpool. RMH is an independent charity and relies totally on public donations.

If you would like to make a donation, Megan's Virgin Money Giving page is: <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/MadelineJones>



Ronald McDonald House at Alder Hey Hospital, Liverpool is the largest Ronald McDonald House in Europe. Since opening in 1993 with just 26 bedrooms, the House has expanded twice and now offers accommodation to 84 families each night. Over 16,000 families have used it and in 2013 the House helped 2,300 families stay close to their children in hospital.

There are now 69 family bedrooms and 15 family apartments for long stay families, who need to stay for 6 months or more. Each apartment sleeps a family of 4/5 and has a twin bedroom, lounge, dining area, open plan kitchen and bathroom.

The House has a waiting list every night in excess of 20 families and further development of the apartment block will not only give long stay families some much needed privacy, but will also release rooms in the main House for short stay families. The House is run by an independent charity, the Alder Hey Family House

# A far more than fair day for art fair



Calveley Fair and Art Show on 10 May was a resounding success. Many people new to our small Chapel took the trouble to find us and attend. The art by the Chester based Monday Painters was tremendous with over 100 paintings on display, many for sale too. Made in Cheshire, mostly cakes (!), was sold out by lunch, second hand books in great number sold well too and the teas did brisk trade throughout. All round, the few who put the show together did a really magnificent effort which is part of our mission outreach well achieved.

## Noah's Ark ties up on Bunbury Cricket Pitch? (The cricket club sign does say 'New Members Always Welcome')



In place of the usual Sunday service at St Boniface, a blessing of the Animals/Pets' Service will take place at Bunbury Cricket Field at 10.30am on Sunday 15 June. It will be followed by the welcome return of the **church v club cricket match and a BBQ**. All are welcome!

# Mumsnet.com and me



I am a new granny, (very aging!) and you might think that mumsnet.com is an odd place for a silver surfer to visit. My daughter-in-law asked me to help her arrange her daughter's (my granddaughter's) christening. First thing was to find out exactly; what was the difference between a christening and a baptism? When I 'googled' the answer I was directed to mumsnet and amongst the chat there were lots of

comments about there being very few hymns for christenings. I also had in my possession a well used copy of Hymns Ancient and Modern. It belonged to my husband which he had had at school (we had to provide our own in those days) so it was indeed very ancient and not at all modern. In the fly leaf it had cost 10 shillings. Mumsnet was right there weren't many Hymns for 'Holy Baptism' or 'For the Young'. However there was one hymn that with a little bit of rearranging offered potential even though 'Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children' didn't seem too promising a start. Further investigation revealed that the words were from a poem written by Christopher Wordsworth who was the nephew of William Wordsworth, but being written in the language of the God fearing

mid-19th century it certainly needed a bit of pruning. Dispensing with *dutiful Joseph* and *steadfast David*, changing *thy* and *thine* to you or yours, and in this case *them* to her, there emerged a beautiful little personalised poem perfect for Holy Baptism. Ah what tune you say? Enter [cyberhymnal.org](http://cyberhymnal.org) for the answer. Ann Badrock played the John Stainer tune for 'Love Divine All Loves Excelling'. For music anoraks the meter is 8.7 8.7D. Many well-known hymn tunes are written in this strong meter; there were over 50 to choose from! Cyberhymnal plays them for you too.

Heavenly Father, send *your* blessing  
on *your* children gathered here,  
may they all, *your* Name confessing,  
be to thee for ever dear.  
Holy Saviour, who in meekness  
didst make safe save *this* child to be,  
guide *her* steps and help *her* weakness,  
bless and make *her* like to thee;  
Bear *your* lambs, when *she is* weary,  
in *your* arms and at *your* breast;  
through life's desert, dry and dreary,  
bring *her* to *your* heavenly rest.  
Spread *your* golden pinions o'er *her*,  
Holy Spirit, from above,  
guide *her*, lead *her*, go before *her*,  
give *her* peace and joy and love:

PS The difference between a christening service and a baptism service is that babies are 'baptised' during a 'christening' service just as couples are 'married' during a 'wedding' service. Ref; Church of England, FAQ's for christenings. Much better chat on mumsnet! Elizabeth Grace Thalia, daughter of James and Joanna Lea was christened recently at Calveley Church. After the Sunday morning service the font was placed at the chancel step. Baptised by Tim she was supported by her godparents and four generations of family and friends. She wore her great great grandmother's christening robe.

## News from St Jude's

Ann Latham passed away on 23 March and will be hugely missed, not only by her family, but by St Jude's church family and the wider community she touched day to day. St Jude's was at the heart of Ann's life, all of which was reflected in the moving service of thanksgiving for Ann on 8 April at St Jude's, in which Alpraham Singers played their special part.

As the Revd Alan Mumford said so appropriately, at the service, in his poem about Ann 'We thank you Lord that in your plan, you gave us all this dear, dear Ann.'

During Holy Week, on Wednesday 16 April at 7pm,

Alpraham Singers performed Stainer's Crucifixion at St Jude's. The service was well-supported and St Jude's was filled with uplifting music, singing and prayer. Sincere thanks to Chris Barnes and The Alpraham Singers, Alison Moss the organist and Tim for organising the performance. Afterwards, tea, coffee and cakes were enjoyed by all in the church hall at Tilstone Fearnall.

If you would like to join Alpraham Singers, they would be delighted to hear from you. The singers practice at The Grange on Monday evenings. Please contact Kath Williams on 07803 723440 for more information.

## Hitting the Sandstone Trail for Bunbury Playground and Alder Hey

So far 40 plus locals have signed up to join Group Scout Leader Amanda Harris on a charity walk, on 28 June, taking in the whole 34 miles of the wonderful Sandstone Trail in 1 day.

Besides the fun of the adventure, we intend to raise funds for Bunbury Play Area which will benefit local families and Alder Hey Children's Hospital. You still have time to sign up and join in the fun, alternatively please look out for details of our Just Giving Website and make a pledge, or sign

someone's sponsorship form.

Alternatively you can place a donation in a sealed envelope and deliver to Tilly's coffee shop, or the Co-op in Bunbury for the attention of Amanda Harris - The Sandstone Challenge. Please give Amanda a call if you would like more information or to sign up for the Sandstone Challenge...

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# Bunbury Remembers - an update



Here is the latest news on the village project to mark the centenary of the start of WW1 (The Great War). The aim is to refurbish the war memorial arch, which is 96 years old, and the pillars and steps outside St Boniface and to provide a

plaque to record what was done by the village, and why.

Since the last news we have had several private donations from members of the village who want to make their own contribution to the scheme, perhaps to mark the loss of a relative or family friend who gave their lives so that we could be free. If you wish to make



a donation please contact Reverend Tim Hayward, Jill Walton or Leila Potter (see numbers below) who will be delighted to hear from you.

Donations have also come from the Nags Head, Bunbury and the Dysart Arms who collected via their football teams and carol singing respectively. Currently, we have over £2,500, with significant grants coming from the War Memorials Trust, Cheshire East Council and our own Parish Council who are giving £500 to the project.

*As shown on the front page of this issue, the children of Bunbury Aldersey Primary School are making an embroidered banner, titled 'Bunbury School Remembers', guided by Helen Jones and helped by a team of parents and friends of the school.*

If you wish to help in the fundraising or organisation please contact Jill Walton on 260195, or Leila Potter on 260357.

## Bible uptake in Afghanistan mirrors WW1

Soldiers who turned to the Bible and prayer whilst on the front line in Afghanistan have described their experiences in a new study published in the 2013 Defence Academy Yearbook.

British troops serving today told how they carried Bibles, crucifixes and rosaries whilst deployed abroad.

The survey was carried out by the Reverend Peter King, an army chaplain based in Helmand Province, in Afghanistan, between October 2011 and April 2012.

He said, "The significance of scripture and prayer is still there for soldiers. It surprised me how the Bible is still valued in a very different society from WW1. If you are faced with the possibility of danger, it seems to be when the ultimate questions are asked. People will carry Bibles passed down through the family. That's about a link with loved ones. But there's also evidence that scripture became a rock, a source of guidance, or a place where

hope was found." One soldier said he read his Bible because "it gave me belief that if I made the ultimate sacrifice I had something to go to."

Some 46% said that they prayed while they were in Afghanistan and a further 46% carried a symbol of faith, often including a Bible.. Seventy-five per cent described themselves as Christian, 12% as atheist, 7% as agnostic and the remainder followed another faith, belief or philosophy. Those joining the Armed Forces today are still offered a copy of the Bible, just as they were in 1914. Mr King said "We still have a very significant take-up. And it's used in vigils for repatriation and at Remembrance Sunday when it speaks a language that's understood by soldiers. While everyone is ultimately faced with the profound questions of life, soldiers face them at a young age because they face dangers more than most."



# The 15-year-old who ran away to sea



Edgar Ellis in his Royal Navy uniform

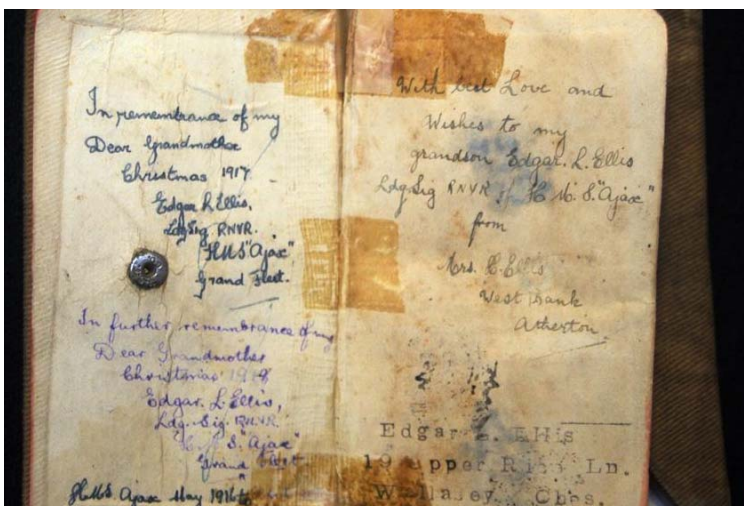
Aged just 15, Edgar Ellis ran away to sea. His son, Calveley's Major John Ellis (77) recalls, 'He went down to the naval recruiting office and saw a sign saying that you had to be over 18. So he told the Petty Officer that he was 17. The man said, "Come back when you're 18."

'So he went to the back of the queue, came back and the same Petty Officer said, "How old are you now, son?" He said he was 18 and he was in.'

Edgar spent his war as a signaller patrolling the North Sea on the battleship HMS Ajax. Here he helped to intercept and detain thousands of merchant ships thought to be carrying cargo bound for enemy shores.

He was still only 15 years old when he took part in the Battle of Jutland, the largest naval battle of World War 1. 'A piece of shrapnel from a German shell lodged in his forehead,' John says. 'He really thought he was dead because his scalp came down over his eyes and there was blood everywhere.'

'The officer of signals came over and pushed the skin back and wrapped the bandana that he wore round his head and said, "You'll be all right. Stay on your post." And he did, but he had terrible headaches for the rest of his life!'



Edgar spent the rest of the war at Scapa Flow and, when he was off duty, helped to scrape ice from the ship to prevent it from capsizing.

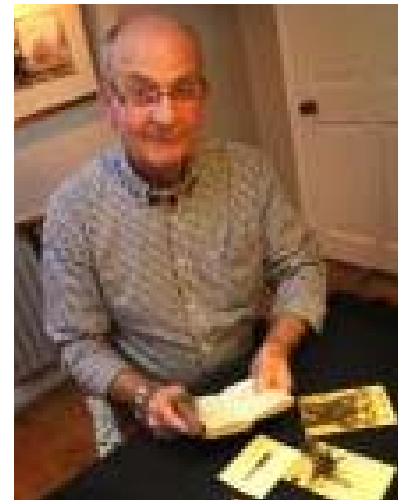
'He grew up incredibly fast on that ship. I think that the Bible that his grandmother had given him got him through the war. He would have relied on it, I'm sure of that.'

Edgar's New Testament falls open at Psalm 23: the Lord is my shepherd. 'His faith meant a tremendous amount to him,' says John. 'He was strong-willed and dutiful, but it was his faith that pulled him through. He had great faith that all would be well.'

Leading Signaller Ellis survived the war and went on to fight in WW2, recording his Christmases spent away from home in the same tiny New Testament.

Both his son and grandson subsequently used the same New Testament when they were in the Forces.

'When I read it today I feel my father's presence,' says John. 'Reading it reinforced my faith and I'm sure it did his.'



## Futility

Move him into the sun -  
Gently its touch awoke him once,  
At home, whispering of fields unsown.  
Always it woke him, even in France,  
Until this morning and this snow.  
If anything might rouse him now  
The kind old sun will know.

Think how it wakes the seeds, -  
Woke, once, the clays of a cold star.  
Are limbs, so dear-achieved, are sides,  
Full-nerved - still warm - too hard to stir?  
Was it for this the clay grew tall?  
- O what made fatuous sunbeams toil  
To break earth's sleep at all?

Wilfred Owen May 1918

## All the fun of the fête!

There is plenty of variety this year at the fête at Beeston Castle on August Bank Holiday Monday. The Roman Centurions from the Deva Experience will welcome us in, explaining life as a soldier and allowing us 'hands on' experience of their uniforms and weaponry!!

George Marsden is promoting our own World Cup in the form of five-a-side matches, to win a Trophy and a goal scoring knockout!! Perhaps the rest of us will be found in the Pimms and Strawberries tent, or enjoying a traditional English Afternoon Tea, served as if you were in the Ritz, with full waitress service: tea served in fine bone china with sandwiches, scones and cake stands brimming with sweet delights!!



Why not bring your dog to compete in the novelty classes, come and enjoy Veronica Green and her puppets, listen to Johnny Gillett's 'tales'! Try your hand on our side shows. Then if you have any energy left, climb the Castle.

We would love to see you, we can offer reduced prices for families and the car park is free!

## Baptism party at The Mill



All those who have recently been baptised/christened at St Boniface are warmly invited to a Baptism Party/Picnic at Bunbury Mill on Sunday 22 June at midday.



There will be fun and games and an opportunity to meet with other young families.

Please bring your own picnic and enjoy the beautiful surroundings of Bunbury Mill.

The Mill will be open to the public as usual at 1pm.

## Great news - The parishes of St Boniface and St Jude's are getting a curate!



Rev'd Tim and the team are delighted to welcome a new curate, Veronica Green, to Bunbury. Veronica was delighted with the appointment, explaining: "When the children were small I took part in a Harvest 'Songs of Praise' programme televised from where? St. Boniface of course!

"My lovely family begins with Nigel my hubby, and my three amazing children Michael 26, Camy 22, and Rosie 21."

Rev'd Ray Samuels, our Director of Ordinands, responsible for the training and deployment of curates writes:

'A curacy is about training. It's a sort of apprenticeship where the person learns not just from the vicar, but the whole parish. Africans say 'it takes a whole village to raise a child'. I think in a similar way 'it takes the whole church to raise a curate'! Your practical love and prayers as well as your openness, thoughtfulness and trust will make a tremendous difference.

The aim is that after about three years of learning from Tim and all of you, Veronica will be able to run a church. Over time she will have a go at everything Tim does. You can help by giving her loads of encouragement and helpful feedback. One other way you can help is by making sure Veronica does not do too much! There will be continuing training offered through the diocese and there will be her family commitments. The temptation is to become too busy and I know Veronica will be fully committed to the parish. However I believe it will be a really positive and creative few years that you will share with her. I know that both Tim and Veronica are really looking forward to it!

The Spanish have a story about a father and son who became estranged.

The son left home and the father later set out to find him. He searched for months, without success. Finally, in desperation, the father turned to the newspaper for help. His ad simply read, "Dear Paco, meet me in front of the newspaper office at noon on Saturday. All is forgiven. I love you. Your father."

On Saturday, 800 young men named Paco showed up looking for forgiveness and love from their estranged fathers.

# Bunbury Scouts and Guides compete in the 48th Cheshire Hike



The leg to Checkpoint 13 wasn't too bad and the challenge was sucking Shreddies. We got full points on this! After that, we plotted the route and decided to do an extra 5km for additional points. We met a yappy dog in a farm, so quickly went on to the next part. We reached Checkpoint 14 in good time and climbed a ladder as the challenge. We ate half our lunch and moved on to cross the A51 and then the A49 near Tiverton. We then had this really confusing part where we had to almost backtrack. We joined the Sandstone Trail to Checkpoint 15. This part was a bog! Checkpoint

Five intrepid pairs of Bunbury Scouts and Guides: Annabelle Moss and Charlotte Munthson (Senior)

Toby Moss and Thomas Adkins; Hope Dewson-Smyth and Charlotte Williams; Emily Pape and Becky Edwards (Intermediate) and Luke Williams and Ed Harris (Junior) walked and camped in the tough competition of the 48th Cheshire Hike. Over 300 teams set out, walking distances of at least 30Km (Junior) up to 58Km (Senior). All our teams did really well and completed the two-day hike; the leaders and parents are very proud of them all.

Here is a shortened account from one of the teams:

We headed out at a strong pace, using 6 figure grid references for our route, remembering that points weren't just about speed, but also camping, organisation and spotting Observation Boards on trees etc. In 10 minutes we had got lost on the wrong road, so, to get back on track we had to make our way through a Czech truck yard (yes, it really is in Cheshire).

Checkpoint 11 was run by Bunbury Scout Group, so it was nice to meet Toby's mum and Thomas' dad, and also Amanda and Steve. The rain was beating down hard now, so we changed into our waterproofs. We gave in our OBs and set off. Straight away it stopped raining. Great decisions so far!

15's challenge was the NATO phonetic alphabet that we knew nothing about, and still don't! We finished off our lunch and headed into Tarporley via the bridge over the A49. This was our extra 5km. Fortunately, we knew Tarporley and got to Checkpoint 16 quickly. We reached Base Camp early, pitched our tent, cooked our risotto and then lay down to relax. Bedtime came nice and early.

Rising at 6:30am, we cooked our porridge and packed up. We set off towards the A51. From Duddon the route was fairly easy to follow until we got to a big house and went wrong. We backtracked.

Setting off from one checkpoint, we got to a field of bulls, and ran to the next fence. The thing was, we knew it was the right route, as there was an OB in there. On to Waverton and Christleton! We walked past the primary school and found our way to Checkpoint 43. They had a map that would get us through the streets of Chester to Bishop Bluecoat High School.

It was such a nice feeling, arriving and taking our boots off.

If anyone is interested in doing the 49th Cheshire Hike in 2015, please contact Ian Adkins, 07712 775398.

## Bunbury bell(e)s ring out for St George's Day



Mirja Crump, Margaret Rogers, Natalie Jewell, Helen Jones, Tina Kirby and Vicky Riley relaxing after ringing the changes for St George's Day

## Comments from some of the Scouts and Guides

*"We had lots of fun plotting, walking, cooking and camping (as well as eating a lot of sweets). During the training we learnt many new skills including seemingly impossible map reading. The challenges varied from the phonetic alphabet to moving shredded wheat with straws, testing our new skills. We walked a total of 27 miles (45km) with 9.5 kg to carry. Although it was difficult, we both want to do it again next year."*

*"I found the practice hikes a challenge and seemed to always get lost! However, when it came to the real thing, all the training and skills came together - we managed to plot co-ordinates, take bearings and therefore read the map, completing the 30km hike without getting lost once!! It was hard carrying everything for the whole weekend on your back, but we had a laugh along the way and made a few new friends from other Scout groups. It was definitely the hardest thing I have ever done, and it felt great to finish the hike."*

*"Completing the Cheshire Hike gives you a real sense of achievement when you realise the distance you have walked."*

*"I enjoyed walking through places I didn't know and I liked the challenge Scout Leader Amanda Harris said:*

*"Manning a Cheshire Hike Checkpoint with Ian Adkins, Steve Mort and Alison Moss was a real privilege and a lot of fun! 60 polite, enthusiastic teams (eventually!) passed through our checkpoint, despite rain and getting lost, a lot of times for some!! Our checkpoint offered the chance to earn extra points by explaining what first aid they would give if they found a person lying injured. One hiker said he would first check for "Maggots" and another, when prompted who would you call, sang out "Ghost Busters"! It was an awesome experience."*

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