

# Link

For the parishes of Bunbury & Tilstone Fearnall



April  
2012

*All change is not growth, as all movement is not forward*

*Ellen Glasgow*



“Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.”

## Easter services

Agape meal

Thursday 5 April

7pm St Boniface

Good Friday 6 April

10am St Boniface

Easter Sunday

8 April

9.30am St Jude's

10am St Boniface

6.30pm Calveley



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## Community news

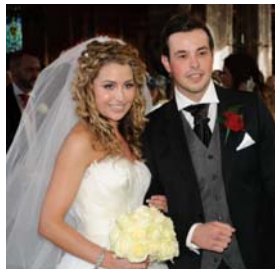
To celebrate the Queen's 60th year on the throne, St Boniface is lighting a **Church Beacon** on top of the tower on Monday 4 June between 10 and 10.30pm. This will be one of thousands of beacons being lit across the world at the same time. All are welcome to come for the lighting of the Church Beacon on the night.

Many happy returns to **Bill Corn**, who celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on 12 March.



We welcome **Lucas Kendrick Roberts**, son of **Richard and Helen Roberts** and grandson of **Barbara and David Morrey**, baptised at St Boniface on Sunday 11 March.

Congratulations to **Phebe Cassidy and Nicholas Hemmings**, married at St Boniface on Saturday 10 March.



Congratulations to **Carolyn and Guy Johnson**, proud grandparents to a new grandson, **Archibald William Trehearne** (Archie), born to son Charles and his wife Lorna on 6 February.

**Jim and Jean Walker** are delighted on the birth of their new grandson, **Joshua Walker**, born on 22 January in Austin, Texas. Parents Graeme and Ellie braved transatlantic travel to bring him over to Scotland for his great-grandparents' diamond wedding anniversary celebration.



On Thursday 5 April, the traditional **Agape meal** will be held at St Boniface at 7pm, with guest speaker David Pott (Two Saints Way). There is a sign-up form at the back of church for those wishing to attend.

On 21 April at 7.30pm, **Chorale** will be performing a concert of **English songs**

**through the ages** at St Boniface. Tickets: £10 (£8 concessions, £2 u18s); available from Hilary and Peter Stallworthy on 01606 334890 or on the door.

**Christian Aid week** is 13-19 May. There will also be a **door-to-door collection** as in previous years and Jill Robey will hold a **coffee morning and bring-and-buy sale** on Friday 20 April at 10am-12pm at 1 Manor Cottages, School Lane, Bunbury.

As part of the **NGS Open Garden for Charity**, **Haughton Hall** will open on Sunday 6 May 2-5pm. For more details, see ad on page 4.

Bunbury Parish Council and the Playing Fields Committee are organising a Jubilee celebration on Sunday 3 June. The Diamond Rose Queen will head up a procession of **"It's a Knockout"** teams from the church to the playing fields. The games begin at 2pm (gates open at 12.30pm). Admission £2, free for children under 16.

If you are involved in organising another event in our parishes please let us know so we can include all the details in the May Link.

The **Bunbury Singers** are currently rehearsing for two concerts. The **Spring Concert** will be held on 21 April in St Helen's Church at Tarporley, with a guest appearance by Caroline Childe (soprano) in aid of the Tarporley Memorial Hospital League of Friends. A Celebration Concert will also be held to commemorate the **Diamond Jubilee** on 1 June in the Jessie Hughes Hall at Eaton, with the Eaton Primary School choir. If you are interested in joining Bunbury Singers, do come along to a concert or to rehearsals held on Monday evenings (term time) at 7.30pm at the primary school.

The NSPCC Nantwich is holding the 5th **10k spring cross-country run** along the Sandstone Trail on Sunday 15 April. Supporting Rainbow House in Crewe, the run will start from Beeston Market car park at 10am. Advance entry is £10 (£12 on the day). Call Andrea Beaumont on 732994 or email sandstonerun@yahoo.co.uk to enter.

The April **Bunbury Gardening Club** event will be a talk by Doris Bamford on 'Ponds and Aquatic Plants' on 17 April at 7.30pm.

**Got a fridge to swap?** St Boniface would like to replace its large fridge/freezer with a small fridge. If you can help, please contact the churchwardens.

A new **Zumba** class taught by the popular teacher, Nikki Goodrich, has started at the scout hut in Bunbury at 10.30am on Wednesday mornings (term time), cost £4. "Dance as if no-one is watching!"

The **copy deadline** for the May issue of the Link is **Wednesday 11 April** and the magazine will be available for distribution on **Friday 27 April**.

# Dave Donkin gets himself going for Get Kids Going



Bunbury resident Dave Donkin is a familiar sight in the village, pounding the back lanes in pursuit of £1000 for the charity *Get Kids Going*, a sports charity which helps disabled children and young people in the UK to participate in wheelchair basketball, rugby, tennis, skiing and many other sports. It provides specially built sports wheelchairs, equipment and sports grants for the disabled. Many of the

young athletes dream of competing at the London 2012 Paralympic Games.

"I first came into contact with them at the BUPA Great North Run last year - and on 22 April this year I'll be running the Virgin London Marathon on behalf of this amazing charity. I have never run a full marathon before but I know I can do the distance. The running is the easy bit. The hard part is the charity fundraising - asking people for money takes me well outside my comfort zone.

"But Bunbury is making this easy for me. The generosity I have encountered has been truly humbling - simple things, like the raffle prizes donated from the Dysart Arms, The Salon, Yew Tree Bunbury, Panama Hatty's and Portal Golf & Spa have meant so much. And then there was the *Curry & Quiz*, followed by the *Chilli & Quiz* night hosted by Tilly's coffee shop - truly a night of good food, good wine and good company.

Thanks to the people of Bunbury, Dave is halfway towards his target and is confident it will be achieved. He's even dared to dream of making £2,500 - the cost of a lightweight sports wheelchair. So give Dave a wave if you see him out training and follow his progress - or maybe make a donation - at <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/DavidDonkin>

*Contributed by Jane Fickling, freelance journalist*

## Our prayers for April

We **pray** for Bunbury School Deputy Head **Nicola Badger**. We continue to pray for **Nicola Howbrigg** (conductor of the Christmas choir) now recovering well from surgery, and anyone else who is unwell. We pray for everyone who is mourning a loved one including the families of **Denise Rylands**, **Suzanne Swann** and **Joyce Cornes**. We pray that God will inspire the right person to respond to the advert for the post of **vicar** of this parish. We pray for **Nick Sanders** who is training to be a Reader and starts a placement in another church soon.



### Meet the new kids!

Chestnut Meats is holding an

## Open Day

Sunday 15 April, 2-5pm

Admission free, refreshments available.

Kidding Barn, Long Lane, Haughton (400 yards past Chestnut Meats towards Nantwich)

# Church diary for April (and first week of May)

Sunday 1 April <b>Palm Sunday</b>	9.30am Holy Communion 10.00am Family Worship 11.00am Holy Communion	St Jude's St Boniface Calveley
Wednesday 4 April	10.00am Holy Communion 7.30pm Compline	St Boniface St Boniface
Friday 6 April <b>Good Friday</b>	10.00am Morning Service	St Boniface
Sunday 8 April <b>Easter Sunday</b>	9.30am Holy Communion 10.00am Easter Communion 6.30pm Easter Communion	St Jude's St Boniface Calveley
Wednesday 11 April	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Sunday 15 April	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Morning Service 10.00am Family Worship 11.00am Family Worship	St Boniface St Jude's St Boniface Calveley

Wednesday 18 April	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Sunday 22 April	9.30am Holy Communion 10.00am Family Communion	St Jude's St Boniface
Wednesday 25 April	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Sunday 29 April	9.30am Holy Communion 10.00am Family Worship	St Jude's St Boniface
Wednesday 2 May	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Sunday 6 May	9.30am Holy Communion 10.00am Family Worship 11.00am Holy Communion	St Jude's St Boniface Calveley





## Major Cruttock's cookery page

With spring just around the corner, and the Diamond Jubilee nearly upon us, the Major's thoughts are turning to the barbeque. Only last week he was down the potting shed grunting and heaving, trying to get the griddle out from its final resting place last year, followed by some vigorous scraping to get rid of last September's residue. Not a pretty sight...! These lamb koftas are really easy to make and go down a treat at any event outside. This recipe makes about 8 koftas, and we always serve them with some yogurt, flat bread and a green salad. Roll on the summer!

### Don't forget to say Grace

God is great  
God is good.  
Let us thank him for our food.  
By his hand, we are fed,  
Give us, Lord, our daily bread.  
Amen

### Ingredients

500g minced lamb  
1 tsp ground cumin  
2 tsp ground coriander  
2 fat garlic cloves, crushed  
1 tbsp chopped mint  
oil for brushing

### How to prepare it

Mix together all the ingredients until well blended.  
Divide into eight balls, then roll each ball on a board with a cupped hand to turn them into ovals.  
Thread on to 4 metal skewers and brush with oil.  
To cook on a griddle: heat the grill until you can feel a good heat rising and cook for 3-4 mins each side.  
Don't turn until they are well sealed or the meat will stick to the grill or pan.  
Season to taste and set aside.



NGS Gardens Open for Charity

### Haughton Hall

Sunday 6th May 2012, 2-5pm

Hall Lane, Tarporley, CW6 9RH

Admission £5, £2.50 for children, under 5s free.

Homemade teas, cakes and refreshments.

Cake and plant stalls. Dogs welcome.

### And the wine to go with it

With lamb koftas, I believe the Major may have provided me with a far easier task than most months, with a multitude of wines from all over the globe that will do a fine job alongside them.

We are primarily looking for spice so the wines will generally (but not in all cases) have had some exposure to oak; on the reds a Spanish Tempranillo - the main grape in Rioja - would do the trick, as would a southern French Syrah, Aussie Shiraz or pretty much any red from Lebanon.

On the whites an Italian Friulano, a Pinot Gris or the outstanding Gewürztraminer grape - both of which have their roots in Alsace, north-west France - are excellent, and there are now good and more moderately price versions from New Zealand, Chile and Argentina.

If rosé wines are to your taste, I would plump for one derived from syrah or shiraz to ensure there is enough spice.

Cheers!

Greg Williams, Dysart Arms

## The Big Bible Event at Chester Cathedral



Chester Cathedral hosted a massive Messy Cathedral in mid-March - The Big Bible Event. This was the cathedral in relaxed mode.

"Eight zones, each with eight activities took us from Genesis to Revelation", writes **Joy Parker**. "We particularly enjoyed building the walls of Jericho, making Esther's tiara,

turning water into 'wine' and an interactive graffiti wall, in which we used a laptop computer and wii to 'spray paint' our biblical illustrations onto a large screen."

Halfway through there was worship with an active sermon which ran through the service picking up threads (denoted by lengths of cloth) throughout the Bible, from the fall of Adam to the Resurrection. A Gospel choir led the singing. During the day there was also a puzzle trail round the cloisters and various competitions. It was a good family day out, mainly aimed at 7-11s, but suitable for any age - we hope they do it again!



# Give us 2 minutes... Johnny Gillett



*Johnny came to Bunbury in 2004 to be our first Parish Youth Worker. He now tours the UK and beyond as The Journey Man unearthing and telling stories from world folklore as well as Cheshire's own tales. He is also found in our own Primary School teaching Speech & Drama.*

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

"A life lived in fear is a life half-lived." This is not to say that I am fearless – far from it – but this is always a reminder to me of what I could be

missing out on when I choose not to take a risk.

**It's a celebrity beer call. Whom would you like to invite?**

Jesus Christ, Siddhartha Gautama (the Buddha), Guru Nanak, the Prophet Muhammad, Moses and Mahatma Gandhi. I'm not sure they'll all have a beer but what a group meeting that would be!

**What would you call your autobiography?**

"Was that a true story?" This is one of the questions I get asked most as the Journey Man and it'll give some ambiguity to my life-story. I don't want to give too much away.

**What was your first job?**

I used to work for Arundel Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust, helping out with various projects such as digging ponds, assisting visitors, feeding the ducks. It was a lovely place to work, attractive surroundings and an easy pace.

**What is the best book you've read to date?**

Anyone who works for churches should say the Bible, I guess, and this is truly the most remarkable of books. I've always loved it but perhaps not in the way people might expect. Other than the Bible, there have been so many great books which I've read. The story I return to again and again is a little known tale by JRR Tolkien called 'Smith of Wootton Major'. This is a story, which speaks to me deeply and makes me feel good about life every time I read it. I have thought about learning it off by heart so that I could share it with others – maybe one day.

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

I'd love to see Beeston railway station opened up again with a shuttle bus from Bunbury – that would help us all, wouldn't it?

**What is your biggest regret?**

Not going to university when I was young. Although I have a lot of experience in my line of work, I always feel I have to prove that I know what I'm talking about. I love studying, comparing theories and analysing data, and I actually enjoying writing essays.

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

For humanity to be a lot more forgiving. I hate it when people are marginalised or made to feel less than human. We're all in this world together and none of us is perfect, not even close to it.

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

I still know the all words to the soda stream TV advert from the early 1980s. "Lemon, lime, strawberry, blackcurrant flavour too..." and it goes on!

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

To see The Journey Man Theatre expand to other schools. I believe I've developed a great programme for building children's confidence, so the plan is to see that replicated in other schools in the area.

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

This is such a hard question to answer as I have lost my heart to so many places, but if I could go anywhere I'd have to choose Thailand. Their traditions and architecture are enchanting, so magical and the people are friendly, gentle and helpful.

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

I love going to the theatre, although I don't go half as much as I would like. So an ideal weekend for me would be staying at one of the grand hotels in London to see a West End show.

## Book review: The Shack by Wm Paul Young

The house group, The Women at the Well, recently read this thought-provoking book. Here, Joy Parker, shares the group's reactions.

The basic story is of the brutal murder of a young girl & how her father deals with the aftermath. He meets with God the father, son & holy spirit - three separate characters - who help him come to terms with his daughter's death & his whole life.

The work is one of fiction but is extremely thought-provoking. The book has been widely praised - and widely criticised - but can offer insight to us all. Issues such as the nature of the Trinity are looked at and an attempt is made to rationalise God who is three and yet one. Mack had a problem with God the Father, as he had not got on with his own father. The book explores having a relationship with God and how that can change your relationship with others.

If God is a loving God, why does he allow suffering? Why, if he can foresee events, does he allow a child to be abducted and murdered? Why does God not prevent evil?

The book confronts the issue of forgiveness. In both extreme and regular circumstances Although it is fiction, it has parallels in life. The group found it challenging and interesting. If you wish to join the group, the discussion is still ongoing and does not require attendance at previous sessions. We meet at Gables Cottage (opposite the school) on Mondays from 1.30 to 3.30, in term time. Contact: Debbie 260707 or Joy 260032.



Calveley Church  
is holding an

## Art Exhibition

Saturday 28 April 2012

10.00am to 4.00pm

Entry is £2 and includes  
catalogue & refreshments

**Raffle**

**Stalls**



## Eric Wallington

Reader Emeritus

### Thought of the month

Do you enjoy pain? A silly question - me neither! Some people apparently do and doctors call them 'masochists' and see it as a symptom of mental illness. Clearly, people who seem to like being in pain won't avoid painful situations and that can't be healthy! Pain is a kind of warning, telling us that there's something wrong, and it triggers our autoimmune system or forces us to choose between 'fight or flight'. So I suppose we can say that pain has virtue because it is an essential mechanism for survival. But we still don't like it!

Good Friday teaches us to look at suffering in a new way. Jesus complained about pain when he called from the cross, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?'. But he also accepted it as a

necessary part of human existence; and beyond that, to death as the beginning of eternal life.

A play entitled '*God on Trial*' movingly depicted a group of Jews waiting to go into the gas chambers at Auschwitz. As they argued amongst themselves, they remembered that God had made a covenant with his chosen people: if they would obey His laws, He would defend them. As they were called to go to their death, they all put on imaginary skullcaps and advanced, singing the 'Kaddish', the Jewish mourner's hymn of praise. Singing praise in the face of suffering and death - that has to be amazing.



## The Great Debate: Do our church traditions enable or stifle our relationship with God?

In the February Great Debate column, we read the rather sad story of a church attendee who was put off going to church by the people, by not being made to feel

welcome, and by feeling excluded from the 'club'. It's encouraging to see that the church took this to heart and is making special efforts to ensure that this doesn't happen again.

But here's a thought: perhaps it isn't the people that is getting between us and God, but the church itself.

We go to sit in a cold church on a Sunday on hard pews, and this is how it goes:

Stand up, sit down, kneel, sit, kneel, stand, sit, put your envelope in a basket, shake hands, walk for a sip of wine and a piece of bread, kneel, stand, sit, stand, kneel again.

Is this really the best way to worship and to pray to God in the 21<sup>st</sup> century? More to the point, the mission of any church should be to make it as easy as possible for as many people as possible to meet God. Is it therefore really a good idea to invent rules which totally baffle many people coming to church for the first time?

You only have to go to one of the many (very lovely) weddings at St Boniface - where many 'unchurched' people attend - to see the confusion that all these 'rules' cause. How can you expect people to want to come and meet God in church if their main concern is being embarrassed by standing when they should be kneeling, and baffled by the strange language and ritual that exist in church.

The church calls it liturgy: I call it simply confusing!



## Pat Edgley

Reader

### Be thou my vision

It happens to us all. One day we can't see the small print any more, and a trip to the opticians is called for. Hopefully, with glasses, the problem is solved.

For some people, it's not that easy, and failing eyesight becomes a real burden, as the world darkens and fades around them.

But even with perfect eyesight, all of us have our darkness within us, when troubles press us and we can't see a way forward.

How wonderful to hear in the Bible, God's living word, that in Jesus Christ we have a risen Saviour who is with us always, guiding us every step of the way.

Lord, you restored sight to the blind.  
Be our guide in times of darkness,

Help us to see the light of your steadfast presence  
Showing us the way.

You teach us that your word  
Is a lamp to our feet  
And a light to our path.

Lead us through the confusion  
Of our inner blindness

That through the lens of your word  
We may focus on your life

And once again see clearly  
To emerge into the glorious light of your salvation.



# Year Three visit the Gita Bhavan Hindu Temple

'Hindu Worship at home and in the Mandir' is one of Year 3's spring topics in RE, during which children learn about the different Hindu customs and objects used in the act of 'Aarti', part of Hindu worship or 'Puja'.

Teaching in the classroom only goes so far and, despite having genuine artefacts and the internet for enhancing understanding, nothing beats the real thing. Experiencing the different sights, sounds and smells of another culture first hand can only improve children's understanding and appreciation, and it is this which underpins the annual visit to the Gita Bhavan Hindu Temple in Manchester, now in its third year.

With its white and gold turrets, the temple looks impressive yet quite out of place in its suburban setting; it proved an easy 'I spy' for the children on arrival in Whalley Range!



Mr Sharma welcomed the class into the building, a former church hall, bought by the Hindu community in 1987. After removing shoes, the children were led into the main room. As in previous years, the impact on the children was immediate and profound: first sounds of whispered 'wow's and then a stunned silence. At the far end of the large, carpeted room, an array of Hindu deities, brightly decorated in pink embroidered garments and headdresses, stood proud and serene beneath white marble columns and canopies. The children silently studied the intricate detail of the smooth faces and the costumes of the many Hindu gods. They recognised Ganesh, Krishna, Rama, Sita, Hanuman (the monkey) and were introduced to Durga, Vishnu and Lakshmi, among others. Mr Sharma explained about the symbolism in various objects and told the children stories from his childhood and of his favourite deity, Rama.

Undaunted by 31 children sitting on the carpet in their temple, people performed their acts of worship; firstly, ringing a bell to announce their arrival to their God and then preparing the puja tray, lighting candles and incense sticks, offering food (prasaad) and flowers, and praying to their particular deities. One lady sang her prayer accompanied by the priest and Mr Sharma.

Eagerly, the children asked questions and were able to spend time sketching an object or a God that had caught their eye. Before leaving, they were all offered the chance to receive a red



mark on their foreheads and some of the fruit brought for worship.

"The more I learn and teach about Hinduism, the more I recognise the many similarities there are between our two religions", observes Year 3 teacher **Vanessa Greenbury**. "Many of the stories told have parallels with stories from the Bible and despite its appearance, Hindus believe in one supreme, omnipresent God, using the physical deities (murtis) purely as a way of describing and understanding different aspects of their God; very similar to the different ways Christians have to describe God (God the Father, God the Creator, etc). Most importantly, however, the sense of calm, perspective, acceptance and simplicity I have always felt after spending time in the Mandir and talking with Mr Sharma, reminds me very much of how Jesus teaches us to live. We can learn a great deal from recognising our differences but, in my opinion, much more from appreciating our similarities. Hopefully our trips to the Gita Bhavan Mandir encourage our children to do just that."

## The life of an evacuee brought into sharp focus for Year 6 at Bunbury Primary School



We have been studying World War Two and were lucky enough to have the chance to meet a real life evacuee. She was the grandma of Hope, a member of our class and Hope had told us she was really friendly. But we didn't expect what we got...

Mrs Smyth amazed us with her eagerness to answer questions and we swiftly found out that she was evacuated at the age of six to Lymm from Manchester to avoid the horrendous bombing.

You're probably thinking that Lymm is a bustling city, however, back in WW2, it was open countryside.

'I was only six when I was evacuated so I didn't think much about it. In fact, I thought it was just a big adventure!' Adventure was a word that came up a lot, however, this adventure was not going to last. After 18 months, Mrs Smyth went back to the horrendously bombed Manchester. This is where the reality of war really hit her.

To this day, Mrs Smyth still remembers the cacophonous BANG of a bomb that hit her local church. She told us: 'It was like nothing I had ever heard before.' Other memories include: her gas mask; an uncomfortable piece of rubber that made her look like Mickey Mouse; and sleeping on a dusty shelf surrounded by preserved food in the larder under the stairs. Apparently, if you did not have an air raid shelter, the safest place in a bomb attack was under the stairs.

These are just a few amazing things she told us. Although not all evacuee experiences were bad, the war was definitely a truly terrifying period of history.

Kate Samuel, Year 6

*"We all agreed that we could have sat and listened to her story all day."*

*Niamh Craig, Year 6*

## Denise Rylands – a life of faith and art



A service of thanksgiving for the life of Denise Rylands of Haughton was held at Malpas church, the home of so many family memories, on Wednesday 7 March.

Denise Bates was born in 1928 spent her childhood days at Chorlton, Manchester before attending Morton Hall School, Oswestry aged eight. Her association with the school continued throughout her life. Obtaining a scholarship, she went on to study at the Byam Shaw

School of Art. She was an incredible artist and saw heaven not only in a wild flower but in all things. She was given her first major commission by the headmistress of Morton Hall to paint murals for the dining room. These astonishing murals, completed over a ten year period with interruptions for marriage and the arrival of Tom and Mark, depict country and city proverbs.

Denise married the Revd. Mike Rylands, then Rector of St. Oswald's Malpas, and it was there that they married. After the births of their two sons, daughter Ali then arrived to complete the family, and Denise's link to the school continued as a parent. Later she became a founder governor and remained on the school council until her death in February. A school memorial service is planned.

Denise and Canon Mike shared a passion for nature and growing plants and tending the rectory garden which they both loved, and this continued when her husband retired nearly twenty years ago and

they moved to Haughton. Denise completed many art commissions associated with nature but perhaps her greatest love was tempera painting and latterly these were the result of many happy times in Rhodes. In Mike's final years Denise looked after him with great kindness, strength and dignity.

Denise was very organized and her family remembers her daily "to do list", top of which was Ash Wednesday service at Bunbury followed by putting spring flowers on Mike's grave at Malpas.

Tributes were made at the service by her daughter Ali and son Bishop Mark. She will be sadly missed by the St Boniface family and the village at large.



'The Gardeners', Haughton, by Denise Rylands

## Joyce Cornes – "a bit of all right"



On Thursday 8 March family and friends gathered at St Boniface to remember Joyce Cornes and give thanks for her family life over

82 years. She was one of seven siblings living in the parish and went to Tilstone Fearnall School. At 14 during the Second World War she started working for Neil and Jack Colley at King's Arms, Barbridge (now known as Barbridge Inn). She first met Hubert her husband-to-be in the Kings Arms who on seeing her thought, "She's a bit of all right"

They married at St Boniface church in May 1950. Daughter Carol was born and in 1954 they moved to Calveley and her husband Hubert worked at United Dairies. Their second child Chris was born. The family have happy memories of this time with lots of laughs.

When the dairy closed Joyce and Hubert both started working at Holland's cheese factory and shared more happy years. Carol and Chris both married (Brian & Helen, respectively) and grandchildren Christopher, Dale, Daniel and Jack followed. Joyce loved her grandchildren visiting and jokingly encouraged them to speak well by saying "graass" for grass and "carstle" for castle. They moved to Alraham to a bungalow in 1989. Hubert passed away in February 1995 and is buried in the church cemetery.

Four great grandsons came along: Jay, Taylor, Ash and Nate. Joyce loved teasing them and always had a ready supply of jaffa cakes and jelly babies to hand. She enjoyed family gatherings where she was generally the life and soul of the party, making the family laugh and revelling in her company.

## Memories of Suzanne Swann

Former Vicar Rick Gates gives a tribute to Suzanne Swann:

"It was a strange and difficult privilege to take the funeral of Suzanne, a fascinating friend: funny and demanding; needy and fiercely independent, a delightful mixture that makes her a cherished friend.

At our first meeting she talked to me of fashion. Perhaps she felt I was not dressed to the standard she expected. Our last conversation, a few hours before her death, was about having a fine cup of coffee in Nantwich. Between these two memories is a seamless round of living and being, meeting new people, dancing, reading and moving from one delightful residence to another until she arrived at her final home in Queens Drive, Nantwich.

One place she and the family lived was the home of the late Phyllis Churton, another great personality that many of the 'old church and village' will remember with fondness.

Suzanne adored her large family - on her terms - and she enjoyed the care and devotion they lavished on her...when she allowed it!

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