

Bunbury's Beth: world champion again



first! I always try and meet up with them if I know I have some time off. I do get chance to watch the X-Factor and actually watched it the night before I won the world title and then watched the results when I got back to my room late Sunday night on ITV2.

Did you ever think, when you were training in your teens, that you could become a world champion? I did gymnastics

because I loved it. I never ever dreamt that I could be a world champion let alone twice world champion three years apart!

What do you do to relax? I go shopping, meet up with friends and family, basically just do what any normal person would!

What happens between now and 2012? We heard on the radio interview that you are planning to compete in the next Olympics? I will take each competition as it comes. For now, I am having a couple of weeks off, and then will be back in the gym training for the European Championships in April in Birmingham.

Obviously the Olympics are in the back of my mind and I would love to be there but three years is such a long

time so we will just have to wait and see.

What are your immediate plans after this competition? I have been non stop doing media for the past 2 days and on Saturday I am off on holiday. My coach is getting married so there will be about 40 of us out there. When I return I am not sure yet.

What advice would you give to local youngsters who would like to be a sporting champion? Never give up on anything and make sure you enjoy it and then you can give 100%.

Thanks to Beth and Ann for our "scoop".

Bunbury girl Beth Tweddle hit the headlines on October 18th with the fantastic news that she is a world champion again, having won the floor exercise final of the World Gymnastics Championships held at London's O2 Arena, the second world title of her career. Through her mum Ann, we were lucky enough to be able to ask Beth, 24, a few questions about her busy schedule:

How does your training regime affect 'normal life'? Do you get time to watch the X-Factor? Obviously it can be tough to fit in a normal social life but my friends are very understanding and realise that my training comes

Remember, remember the fifth of November



Bunbury Bonfire Night will be on Thursday 5th November on the playing fields. Gates open at 6.30pm, the fire is lit at 6.45pm and fireworks start at 7.00pm. Refreshments available from 6.30pm. Children under 5 get in free.

The Perils of Peter Pan!
YCs sell-out panto
26-28th November
Tickets available soon.



Wedding congratulations to Gaynor and Colin - see page 2

Community news

Link distribution supremo **Liz Morton** is now a grandmother, following the birth on 30th September of Anna, a daughter for **Alison and Hugo De La Pena** who married at St Boniface in September 2007. Congratulations to you all (pictured below).



Welcome to the following children recently baptised at St. Boniface:

Taylor Isabelle, daughter of **Nathan Taylor and Lee Wooding** of Crewe on 13th September; **Archie Jeremy**, son of **Jeremy and Lynda Lloyd-Wright** of Whitchurch, on 20th September; **Olivia Kate**, daughter of **Karen and John Brittan** of Weybridge, Surrey, on 20th September (Archie and Olivia are cousins); **Harry Andrew**, son of **Andrew and Nicola Prince** of Crewe, on 18th October; and **Charles Henry Danesh**, son of **Keith and Maral Hann** of Malpas on 25th October.

Congratulations to **Sarah Jordan and Simon Walker** who were married at St. Boniface on 25th September (pictured below).



Regular readers of the Link will have followed the exploits of **Gaynor MacGregor** with her reports from Kosovo and Iraq as a member of the TA. Congratulations to **Gaynor** and

new husband **Colin Stanyer** (pictured on front page) who married at St. Boniface on October 2nd. The couple, with a little help from their friends, held their sit-down reception in the church itself.

Golden Wedding congratulations to **Dennis and Joan Burrows** of Wyche Lane, Bunbury, whose three children organised a family celebration for them.

Many happy returns to **Sophie Lamb, Emma Waddington** and **Rose Everton** who all celebrate their 18th Birthdays around now.

Many happy returns to Bunbury's **Mark Burrows**, soon to be a father of four, who celebrated a big birthday in October. We hear **Max Harris** and **Helen Craig** have also reached the big four - oh: happy birthday!

Claire Dickens has asked us to thank all the many friends who have sent their good wishes and support.

Sadly we must report the tragic death on October 17th of local farmer's son **Mark Crank**, aged 27, of Alraham, former pupil at Tarporley High School. It was a tribute to Mark and his family that 750 people attended his funeral on October 23rd at St Boniface.

Our sympathies also to the family and friends of Bunbury's **Marjorie Kirkham** after her recent sudden death.

Caroline and 'The Gang' from Meadow House Park, Spurstow, would like to thank everyone who contributed to a wonderful fundraising afternoon on Saturday 26th September for **Macmillan Cancer Support** by buying Raffle tickets, giving donations and gifts and coming to our party for tea and cakes. Again the sun shone and there was a wonderful atmosphere. Can you believe it - we raised £900! Here's to next year!

Our former Vicar, **Canon John Bowers**, cyclist extraordinaire, has written to thank us for the support readers gave to his sponsored cycle pilgrimage to Lindisfarne - 80 miles a day for 6 days in mixed weather and hilly terrain. In total he and daughter Ruth raised £12,700 on this ride, for the **Barnabas Fund** and its work in North Kenya where 48 young girls are being cared for and educated in the Christian faith.

Isobel Munro is again collecting loose change in aid of the Smile Train - all small copper coins (and any others) will be most gratefully received. There is a box in church or contact Isobel on 260487. Many thanks.

Rehearsals have already started for Bunbury Young Christians' Panto on 26-28th November, **The Perils of Peter Pan**, by Tom Crotty. Watch out for the tickets going on sale.

The new **Knit and Natter** club started on 20th October at Bunbury Methodist church. Contact **Barbara Croley** 260344 if you would like to join in. Knitters and natters of either gender most welcome!



Pictured above is the **De Bell** family, on a recent visit to Bunbury after moving to Singapore 9 years ago. It was there they met both the **Shears and Gillett** families, who were then keen to see Bunbury for themselves! The De Bells now live in Australia.

Good Companions' next production, **Dying to Meet You**, has had to be postponed. Watch this space.

Many thanks to all those who attended **Tarporley High School Quiz** in October. Over 140 people turned out and £600 was raised for school funds at this enjoyable event. Special thanks to quiz master **Tom Crotty** for some intriguing questions.

Church news

The **December/January** Link will be published on Sunday 6th December. Contributions by Wed 25th Nov please

This month please pray especially for **John Mason, Paul Rathbone, Claire Dickens and Brenda Miller**.

We pray also for the **families of Mark Crank, Marjorie Kirkham** and for all those recently bereaved.

Wealth - or lack of it

'Though wealth increase, set not your heart on it'

(Psalm 62, 10)

Many countries in the world today are wealthier than ever before and for that we should be profoundly grateful to God. Yet in our own nation many are poor and don't share the prosperity of the wealthy. There are many nations in the so-called Third World where people live always close to starvation. For these things we have to feel truly ashamed. On the other hand, many people seem entirely materialistic in their thinking, and consider becoming wealthy the most important aim in life. For this we should feel truly sad.

But we shouldn't be negative about wealth. Even the poor in this country, for the most part have possessions beyond the dreams of the richest of our ancestors. In this country, ninety-nine percent of households have a television and a refrigerator, and more than ninety

percent have a telephone and a washing machine. Not long ago, most of us lived in cold rooms and ate what we would call plain food. Nowadays most of us have opportunities our grandparents and great-grandparents could scarcely have dreamed of.

Certainly we should be grateful for the chance in our day to learn and to relax, to travel and to enjoy good things. But we should never take it all for granted, or even somehow imagine that we've 'earned it'. Ultimately, all these wonderful opportunities are the gift of God, who made the raw materials and gave us the skills to use them.

Equally we must never overlook the poor. Those in this country struggling to survive on low pensions and meagre benefits; those in the Third World scratching a living from the bare soil, suffering from starvation and all the diseases that can bring. And we need to be conscious that God doesn't give his

gifts on the basis of who deserves them: if that were so, I suspect that many of us would have little at all.

The Psalm warns us: 'Though wealth increase, set not your heart on it'. We have come through the affluent society into the consumer age and I don't believe we're much happier in the process. And it may well be that in the process we have set our hearts on wealth, rather than happiness, or rather than seeing wealth as the gift of a generous God, to be shared and enjoyed with others. We can recognize and enjoy the material world but we need to beware of materialism which can see nothing beyond what we can buy and sell.

God put us here to gain pleasure from his creation, but also to see beyond it, and, while giving thanks always to the Creator, to build up love which leads to eternal life.

Eric Wallington

Church Council plans for growth



The St. Boniface Church Council (PCC) met in early October to discuss its plans for the future. Jeremy Shears led everyone through a 'SWOT' analysis of our church, to identify our Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats. In the discussion that followed priorities were set for 2010.

The running of a large church is as complex as running a business and can only be done successfully by making the most of the skills and time of those who put themselves forward to help.

It was unanimously agreed (with Rick abstaining of course!) that Rick himself is our greatest asset, and that he

should be freed as far as possible from administrative tasks, to concentrate on what he does best, that is ministering to the people of our parishes who need him most.

Another priority is to make St. Boniface more welcoming to all, both at Sunday services and all our other events.

Pictured here are the Church Council members who were there - so if you see any of them when you are out and about, be sure to tell them what you think about how St. Boniface can better serve our community.

Jill Robey

Toasties' success

Recently, the Toasties youth group received word that their application for a grant from the C of E National Youth Evangelism Fund was successful. The proposed and agreed plans are to use the grant to help fund film nights in the new year, aimed at young people between the ages of 11 - 18 in the Bunbury area. On these occasions, we plan to watch movies on a big screen and, through discussion afterwards, relate it to issues facing young people today and how Jesus can impact their situations in a meaningful way.

Laura Warrington

Toasties is the new youth group meeting every second Thursday at Bunbury Methodist Church. For more information or if you would like to get involved in the movie night, contact the church Youth worker Laura Warrington 07763408609.

Little girl: 'Can I go out and play with the boys?'

Mother: 'No, you can't play with the boys, they're too rough'

Little girl, after a few moments' hesitation: 'Well, if I can find a smooth one, can I play with him?'

St. Jude's round up - Ann Badrock writes

St. Jude's Harvest Supper was held on September 26th and was a great success raising £852, many thanks to **Ann Posnett** for organising it.

We enjoyed our Harvest Festival Service. The church looked beautiful thanks to **Ruth Aidley** and her team of flower arrangers. A donation has been forwarded from St. Judes to Farm Crisis Network.

Congratulations to **John and Wynn Lloyd** on celebrating their Golden Wedding on August 31st, and also **Bernard and Margaret Bird** celebrating their Golden Wedding on 17th September.

Get well wishes to **Frank Latham**. After

having a fall at home, he is being looked after in Tarporley Hospital.

We have received many generous donations from the friends of St. Judes. The PCC wishes to acknowledge these gifts and record our sincere thanks to them. We assure them that they will be put to good use in maintaining the Church and Churchyard.

The graveyard

St. Jude's Church would like to remind families that they are responsible for the maintenance of the memorials of their departed family members. If the stones are not secure we have no alternative but lay them flat. This we are obliged to do for safety reasons.

The church hall

St. Jude's church hall is available for hire by members of the public. If anyone wishes to do so please contact **Bob Gardner** on 260555.

Services at St Judes

We have a service every Sunday at 9.30am in addition to our many social gatherings that we have during the year. Our services are conducted by a variety of retired priests, in addition to Rick. By the use of a variety of retired priests we do get different and interesting approaches to the Gospel Message. Our Remembrance Day Service is on 8th November, at 9.30am.

Give us two minutes - Jo McDonald

Jo grew up in Saltburn by the Sea, Cleveland. From an early age she loved drama, history, books and as a child wanted to be an archaeologist, then a butcher and then a theatre director. She was always involved in the theatre and when she went to university says she pretended to study law when actually she was always in the Guild Theatre Group. She was a Barrister for a while but stopped when she, John and first child Alex moved to Michigan. On their return to the UK, now with daughters Isabelle and Eloise, they moved to Bunbury and Jo got the chance to put on shows again. (Remember Stars in your Eyes?) When they temporarily left the village for Germany Jo spent four years as stage manager for the Bonn Players.

Jo is currently a voluntary family advocate in Halton and a governor at Tarporley High School.

If you had a motto, what would it be?
Never give up!

It's a celebrity beer call. Where is it and who do you invite and why?

Kenneth Branagh, Elvis Costello and Vivienne Westwood. I'd like to work with them on an idea I've got.



What would the title of your biography be called? "I've got this idea..."

What was your first job? Teaching recorder to the infants when I was in Top Juniors, as it was called then.

Who would you make Prime Minister? Neil Kinnock

Where did you meet your partner? In the sea at Polzeath, Cornwall

What is your biggest regret in life? Not spending more time in heels

And what is your biggest success? My kids

If you could change something about Bunbury, what would it be? The traffic congestion between the chip shop and the co-op.

What is one thing about you that people may be surprised to learn? I have a porridge phobia, especially the cold porridge pan.

What would you like to achieve most in the next 12 months? Finish the knitting projects I've started

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

To have my own theatre.

Where is your favourite place, and why? Rievaulx Abbey, North Yorkshire.

It's somewhere I visited a lot as a child and I always found it a very magical, peaceful place. I used to imagine what it would be like to have lived there when it was a working community

Where and how would you spend your ideal weekend? Driving to North Yorkshire in the MG with John. Staying at Runswick Bay and visiting Rievaulx, Helmsley Castle and generally traipsing about the moors.

Save money and stress this Christmas

Instead of buying and writing cards send your local greetings via the Link for a small donation to Crisis at Christmas. Send us your message (18 words max) and donation to **The Link, Heath Cottage, School Lane, Bunbury, CW6 9NR.** Enquiries to Lucy 260487.

Final date Thurs 26th Nov for publication in the December/January Link available on December 6th.

Bienvenue aux Haberdashers

On October 14th, Bunbury School enjoyed a visit from their friends the Haberdashers, making their annual trip north, (what they call their 'Deputation') to see what the school is getting up to. This year, after the traditional presentation of port and anchovies by



Y6 pupils Ben and Frances to the Master, Mark Powell, the Haberdashers, school governors and other guests were treated to a fantastic French-themed presentation. Each school year sang or recited in French and Y6 even did a French dance. Mrs Greenbury, the school's French expert, deserves congratulation for all her hard work. The children's singing, enthusiasm and accents were a credit to her. Shown left is Y1 pupil Jacob, in a replica of the Master's magnificent blue robes.

Thanks to all pupils and parents who responded to the recent visit of a Barnardo's representative. After hearing about children much less lucky than themselves, the pupils gave a generous £900 to the charity.

Thanks too, to all those who supported the cake stall run by Mrs King's Y6 pupils at the end of half term, either by baking or buying. Every last crumb was sold, and the £135 raised – a record – went to The Smile Train appeal. There was a disappointing turnout in response to Mrs Crotty's appeal for gardening help, but one Y2 pupil made up in



energy and enthusiasm for the lack of adult help. Well done to Maisie Craig, aged 5 (above) for her determination in clearing the pond – and even more admirable, clearing up the mess afterwards!

Lucy Munro

Light up our tree



The Target 1250 **Tree of Lights** at St. Boniface's gate during December has become a Bunbury tradition. Over the past three years the tree has raised well over £2,500 for the restoration of our beautiful church. This year the yew will once again be covered in 100 white lights to be enjoyed by visitors to the church and by passers-by over the Christmas period. For a minimum £5 sponsorship, you can dedicate a light on the string to commemorate a special event - a birth, a wedding, an anniversary, an achievement, - or to remember someone special.

If you wish, your name and message will be recorded in a special book in the church and there will be a short service of dedication when the lights are first switched on, after the Christingle service on November 29th. If you would like to take part, use the form here or ring Jill Robey 260081 or Lucy Munro 260487.

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Jill Robey, 1 Manor Cottage, School Lane, Bunbury, Cheshire CW6 9NR.

Sue Tickled Pink at launch

Congratulations to Sue Briggs-Harris, former editor of the Knutsford Guardian, on the launch of a new venture, the first paid for wedding magazine to be aimed at the gay market. The first edition for the North West was launched at a sparkling party in Canal Street, Manchester at the beginning of October. Some Bunbury friends went by minibus to support Sue and enjoy the pink cocktails and pink chocolate fountain (Sue is shown right with neighbour Phil). Lin Gates, who wore some spectacular pink stilettos, said what a pleasure it was to see Sue so excited at the fruition of the magazine.

Tickled Pink magazine is available at

Borders or from 01606 888111 or visit the website

www.ticklepinkmagazine.co.uk



Brrrrr!

As autumn leaves begin to fall,
And winter starts to coldly call,
We wrap up warm and wonder
where

The summer went.
Was it ever there?

Our coats and jumpers seem to
stare
And beckon us to places where
We haven't been since chilly spring
Shall we resist,
Or let winter begin?

Reluctantly, we all give in,
And banish t-shirts till next year.
We put our arms through cosy
sleeves
And snuggle up with those so dear.

It's not so bad, this winter thing.
The changing seasons seem to
bring

Their own small pleasures,
Annual treasures
But brrrrr...
How I prefer the spring!

Caroline Briggs-Harris

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Jingle all the way - join the Santa dash

What on earth is a Santa Dash? Well, it's a charity fundraiser where hundreds of people dressed as Santa Claus will be pounding the pavements of Nantwich Town Centre on Sunday December 20th to raise funds for the Railway Children charity.

You are invited to take part in the hilarious festive event which includes a 2.5km fun run and 5km race. Both distances start and finish in Nantwich Town Square. The 2.5km event (one lap) will begin at 10.15am and the 5km race (two laps) at 10.45am.

The registration fee is just £15 (or £12.50 for children aged 10-14) and this includes a free Santa Suit with long jacket, hood, belt and beard. All finishers will also receive a commemorative medal. Children under 10 can participate **free of charge** and are invited to wear festive dress - sorry we can't provide costumes for this age group.

Proceeds will be donated to the charity and participants are

asked to raise a minimum of £20 sponsorship.

We expect this race to be a sell out. Places will be allocated up until the race limit is reached. Please note: There are no entries on the day.

Interested? **Contact Katie Mason - katie.mason@railwaychildren.org.uk**



Mary Mullock - animals the love of her life

My mum was my best friend and companion, always by my side whenever and wherever we went. She was born in Burwardsley and educated at the village school. On leaving school she helped out on her parents' smallholding at Willow Hill in Burwardsley as animals were the love of her life, (next to shopping!) She loved her visits to Beeston Market on a Wednesday and

you never knew what she would come home with, from hens to ponies. She was married to Frederick (Fred) for 67 years and she loved both her children, John and Sylvia, her grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

We all miss her so much but she is in a far better place and out of pain.

Sylvia and Ray Bennion

Deadline for shoebox appeal

The deadline for the Operation Christmas Child shoebox collection this year is approaching fast. Please take the time and trouble to fill a shoebox with small gifts and toiletries for a needy child overseas. Leaflets available in St. Boniface give more information. It is so easy to give a child who has nothing the most memorable Christmas of their life.

The collection will be on Monday 16th November from Bunbury School, St Boniface and St Judes or ring me for more information.

Nicola Elsegood 260507



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As the nights draw in and daylight ebbs away, those who suffer seasonal depression dust off their light boxes in an effort to overcome their inner darkness.

Jesus is our light box. When we turn to him and his radiant presence, our lives change.

Dear God,

If I turn my back on the light, I will see only my own shadow.
"Conversion" asks me only to turn around.

Help me this day to be a joy to people, not a drain,
and brighten someone's day.

For Jesus' sake. Amen.

Pat Edgley

ST. BONIFACE CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Anybody wishing to join the St. Boniface Christmas Choir for the Carol Service on Sunday December 20th is cordially invited to rehearsals in church on Thursdays 3rd 10th and 17th of December at 7.30pm prompt.

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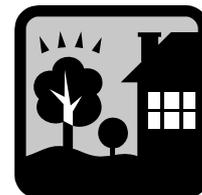
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November Diary

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1	8.00am	Holy Communion	St. Boniface
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Jude's
	10.00am	Family Worship	St. Boniface
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Calveley
	4.00pm	Service for the bereaved	St. Boniface
4	10.00am	Holy Communion	St. Boniface
8	9.30am	Remembrance	St. Jude's
	10.45am	Remembrance	St. Boniface
	4.30pm	Evensong	St. Boniface
11	10.00am	Holy Communion	St. Boniface
15	8.00am	Holy Communion	St. Boniface
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Jude's
	10.00am	Family Worship	St. Boniface
	11.00am	Matins	Calveley
18	10.00am	Holy Communion	St. Boniface
22	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Jude's
	10.00am	Family Communion	St. Boniface
25	10.00am	Holy Communion	St. Boniface
26-28		The YCs Panto - The Perils of Peter Pan	
29	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Jude's
	10.00am	Family Communion	St. Boniface
	4.00pm	Christingle Service	St. Boniface

December

2	10.00	Holy Communion	St. Boniface
5	2.00pm	St. Jude's Christmas Fair	
6	8.00am	Holy Communion	St. Boniface
	9.30 am	Holy Communion	St. Jude's
	10.00am	Family Worship	St. Boniface
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Calveley

Looking ahead December

13	9.30am	St. Jude's Carol Service	St. Jude's
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