

# Link

For the parishes of Bunbury & Tilstone Fearnall



February  
2016

*Love is practical, or it is not love at all -*

*PW Heward*



## Clara takes the plunge

With snow on the ground outside, 12-year old **Clara Carson**, daughter of **Jasper** and **Kay**, was baptised on Sunday 17 January by full immersion. Despite Jasper's best efforts, the water never quite reached a comfortable temperature, but Clara stayed resolute. Surrounded by family and friends, and accompanied by entirely self-chosen music, all were delighted to share in her celebration.

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# Community news

Congratulations  
to **Emma  
Downey** and  
**Rory Sanderson**,  
married at St  
Jude's on 12  
September.



Congratulations also to **Sarah Walker**  
and **Steve Dixon**, married at St  
Boniface on 12 December.

**Finlay James**

**Wilgose**, son of  
**Andrew** and  
**Lauren**, grandson  
of **Paul** and **Nina**  
and great grandson  
of **Blanche** arrived  
21 November in  
Melbourne.



We welcome  
**Annabelle  
Mary Watson**,  
daughter of  
**Maggie** and  
**Richard  
Watson**,  
baptised at St  
Boniface on 22 November.



**Megan Faye Warrington**, daughter of  
former Bunbury Youth Worker **Laura**  
and husband  
**Luke** and  
sister to  
**Penny**, was  
born on 17  
December,  
when the  
family



returned to England from Papua New  
Guinea, where they work for Wycliffe  
Bible Translators. They were home for  
the birth of Megan, but also for Luke  
to have an operation on a disc in his  
neck. Luke is now recovering and  
thanks everyone for their prayers.

**Freya Harkon-McGreggor** has raised  
the fantastic sum of £3,350 for the  
mental health charity **MIND**. Freya  
walked the Two Saints Way between  
Christmas and New Year. You can still  
donate by visiting:  
[www.justgiving.com/Freya-Harkon-McGreggor](http://www.justgiving.com/Freya-Harkon-McGreggor)

**Win Bond** says a big thank you to  
everyone who sponsored her when  
she did Sober October and aimed to  
raise £500 which would help to test  
50 men for prostate cancer. With  
everyone's generosity she raised the  
magnificent sum of £1,030 which will  
be presented to Gary Steele,  
Chairman of the Prostate Cancer  
Support Group, at her Charity Line  
Dance weekend in February at The  
Queen's Hotel Llandudno.

**The Poppy Appeal** raised a total of  
£5835.80 in 2015, slightly less than  
last year by £96. The collection itself  
was up by £308.62 but 2014 had been  
boosted by £405 from Lights Out.  
Bunbury bucked the national trend  
which was about 25% down.

**Calveley Chapel** had an enjoyable  
evening of Christmas flowers  
demonstrated by Anne Gator, a  
NAFAS area demonstrator. She gave  
us lots of  
ideas and  
donated her  
arrangements  
for our raffle.  
With a glass  
of wine and  
delicious mince pies and Christmas  
biscuits, a good time was had by all.



The governing bodies of **Bunbury** and  
**St Oswald's primary schools** have  
agreed that the two schools will  
**federate**. Details of the results of the  
consultation at Bunbury can be seen  
on the website.

All are welcome to the **Methodist  
services** in Bunbury, and to Tiverton  
on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month.  
Hoping everyone enjoyed the  
Christmas Festivities and had chance  
to see the Chapel Christmas lights and  
wishing everyone the best for 2016.

**Bunbury Gardening Club** will have a  
talk on 'Growing from Seed' by  
Nichola Reynolds on Tuesday 16  
February at 8pm in the back room of  
The Village Hall. New members are  
welcome.

At **St Boniface**, on **Wednesdays  
7:30pm during Lent** Revd Mike Rogers  
will lead a series of talks on prayer,

particularly the Lord's Prayer—praying it, meaning it, living it. There will be an opportunity to experience what will be for some, a different way of praying, contemplative prayer. Each session will last about 30 minutes consisting of a 10 minute address, 10 minutes of contemplative prayer then ending with Compline. You are most welcome to all or any of the sessions.

**The Women at the Well** will show the film **The Theory of Everything**, at 1.15pm on Mon 8 February at Pemberton, School Lane, and will hold a Lent course based on it, **The Mystery of Everything** by Hilary Brand, from 22 February for five weeks – see Sunday sheet for venues.

**Bunbury School** and **St Boniface** will be constructing a **multi-sensory experience** based on **The Lord's Prayer**, in church from Monday 14 March to Palm Sunday. In the meeting on 13 January, **Bunbury Parish Council** discussed many matters, including the **Parish Plan**, on which everyone on the electoral roll is invited to vote in the **Referendum on 10 March** in the Pavilion. On **Saturday 23 April** the Parish Council will organise a **Tea Party 4-6pm** in the Village Hall to celebrate **HM Queen's 90th Birthday** and will send an extra-special invitation to parishioners over 90 years of age. Bunbury WI have been invited to prepare the Tea Party, and would welcome helpers - please contact Cllr Leila Potter, Press Officer Parish Council, 01829 260357.

**St Boniface Church Fête** will be on **Monday 2 May** and the theme will be **A Right Royal Garden Party**. We would like to invite all those in their 90s as VIP guests to enjoy the fête and a free afternoon tea. Please could you let us know if you know someone in their 90s who should be invited.

**Bunbury Village Day** will be on **Saturday 25 June**, so please save the date!

On 17 July there will be a **Service of Confirmation** at St Boniface. If you would like to find out more about confirmation, please contact Tim. Tim will be running confirmation classes in the spring for those who are interested.

## TIM HAYWARD Your Vicar



When you were growing up did you ever play the game with your family or friends - 'who can stop talking for the longest?' Or perhaps to raise money for charity, you might have tried a 'sponsored silence'. Now as a parent, I realise why these games and initiatives were encouraged so readily! Every now and then it's good to have some silence. But if you're anything like me, it seems to get harder and harder to do. Life seems to be played out with the volume turned up. There are so many competing voices for our hearts and minds, let alone our ears.

At the start of the year, I went on a 3 day silent retreat. It was wonderful. Now, don't get me wrong, it was very difficult at first. The silence was hard to cope with, the temptation was to fill it. But after a while, I got used to it and started to embrace it. It helped to be staying as a guest in a religious community - the Brothers observed silence for most of the day apart from lunch! They were comfortable with it and just spending time with them helped. But what was most noticeable, was that after a while, I became more in tune to what was going on in my heart - the important stuff. Through no fault of our own this can easily be drowned out by the constant noise. But it was as if the speaker in my heart was being fine tuned.

Throughout the gospels, Jesus is often disappearing to find some peace and quiet. Even Christ is not immune from the demands of life and the need to be refreshed and renewed.

At the start of Lent, we remember the story of Jesus being in the

## This Lent, why not fine tune the speaker of your heart?

wilderness for 40 days and 40 nights. Conditions were difficult - little food and just wild animals for company. Arguably, what has become the most remembered part of the story is the temptations of Jesus. His wrestling with the dark side and whether Jesus would listen to the assaults.

However, this Lent, as well as the temptations, I will be reflecting on how Jesus in the silence, in the wilderness, must have become more in tune to what was going on in his heart. Just before Jesus goes into the wilderness he is baptised and there is a voice from heaven (on loud speaker) saying "You are my son, you are my delight. I love you." It was very dramatic. But I wonder how often Christ heard and listened to his Father's voice in the silence. His friends and disciples, the gospel writers only record a few of these precious moments between Jesus and 'Our Father', but they are often the dramatic. I suspect it's in the silence that Jesus fine tunes his heart - a speaker for his Father's voice.

So this Lent, my prayer for us all is to carve out some silence and fine tune the speaker in our hearts. It may take a while and be frustrating at first - there are so many radio channels and probably quite a lot of noise to get through. You never know what you might hear - but if they're words of love and affirmation I'd be tempted to say you're getting in tune with 'Our Father'.

### Our prayers for February

We pray for all who are ill, including **Ernest Croley** and **Luke Warrington** and for all who are mourning a loved one, including the families of **Norman Dutton**, **Brenda Foord** and **Peter Moss**. We pray for the **peace** of the world and **harmony** between nations.

**March Link copy deadline:**  
**Friday 12 February.**  
**Links in church: Friday 26 February.**



**Eric Wallington**  
Reader Emeritus  
**The Salt of the Earth**

In St Matthew's Gospel, we're told that Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored?"

Sometimes we may well say about somebody, who is loving and kind: He, or she, is 'the salt of the earth'. We say that, sometimes, about a friend who is loving and kind in a quiet, modest way. A statement perhaps, such as: 'He or she may never be great and famous, but they do so much good that they are truly the salt of the earth'.

The poet, Shelley, on one occasion, apparently described one of his friends as "one of those happy souls who are the salt of the earth and without whom this world would smell like it is a tomb".

Salt, of course, is what makes food interesting and preserves it from going rotten. Jesus clearly meant something like this when he told his followers that we must be the salt of the earth. He also said that we're to be the light of the world, with a goodness shining out of us that will show others the way to live their lives, even without words being spoken. What a challenge!

## Church diary for February

Wednesday 3 February	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface	Wednesday 24 February	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Sunday 7 February	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Communion & Sunday School 10.30am Family Worship 11.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface St Jude's St Boniface Calveley	Sunday 28 February	9.30am Family Communion 10.30am Family Communion	St Jude's St Boniface
Wednesday 10 February	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface	Wednesday 2 March	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Sunday 14 February	9.30am Holy Communion 10.30am Family Communion	St Jude's St Boniface	Friday 4 March	11.30am Women's World Day of Prayer service	St Boniface
Wednesday 17 February	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface	Sunday 6 March	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Communion & Sunday School <b>Mothering Sunday</b> 10.30am Family Worship 11.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface St Jude's St Boniface Calveley
Sunday 21 February	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Morning Prayer 10.30am Family Service 11.00am Matins 6.00pm Evensong	St Boniface St Jude's St Boniface Calveley St Boniface			



**Pat Edgley Ellis**  
Reader  
**A Safety Net**

We are hard wired to be fearful, it is a safety mechanism against the perils we meet every day.

In our media-driven world the constant clamour raises our cortisol levels to danger point.

Our fearfulness changes as we grow, childhood nightmares and monsters under the bed give way to the monsters of mortgage, job and responsibility; later come fears of infirmity, loss of power, and loneliness.

At any age, our fears, rational or imagined, can stifle our natural creativity and lead us into a world of isolation and lives lived in neutral.

We become stuck in a situation because we are afraid of trying something new. Then we become more fearful and avoid anxiety producing situations.

We may spiral into debt or stay in a toxic relationship because we see no way out.

But we have a safety net in our loving and caring God.

When we ask him, he will gently lift us up and set our feet on firm ground.

We may find his help in the love of a caring friend, or a voluntary agency which will support us through our difficulties.

Jesus, our Loving Saviour,  
Let us not be afraid.

Give us courage to ask for help  
And the patience to see it through.

Dispel all the monsters  
Which stop us living life to the full.

Let us feel your strong arms  
Lifting us up from our pit of despair  
Until we find our feet on firm ground.

Be for us the wind beneath our wings  
And let us fly  
To be what you would have us be.

## Give us two minutes... Michael Williams (Welsh Mike)



I was born in the South Wales valley town of Merthyr Tydfil, the eldest of three boys, in 1947. We were not a well off family, things were very difficult for the working class in Britain in those days. Even so, my parents gave us a good upbringing and did their best to keep us well fed and clothed. From a very early

age I had to work to subsidise the family income.

One of my dreams was to have a Welsh mountain pony for Christmas; quite out of my reach. But many years later I bought one for my youngest brother, to his and my family's delight.

I went to church at St John's, Church of Wales, and sang in the choir, until I was a teenager.

From the age of eight my free time was spent catching rabbits and fishing with some wonderful old gentlemen in my neighbourhood, who taught me all the ways of the countryside. These experiences and the skills I learned from them led to me becoming a head gamekeeper in later life. I did not excel at school, preferring to spend my time walking the Welsh hills and fishing the wonderful rivers. I do regret some of the neglect of my schooling, but you can't turn the clock back.

Also, as a young boy and man, my other sporting interest was boxing. I was very fortunate to train with some of Wales' boxing legends, Howard Winston, a world champion, among them. I was on the point of becoming a professional boxer, when an eye injury ruled it out.

I married Angela, my wife of 48 years in 1968 and we had four children, two girls and two boys. We now have 7 grandchildren, so life is always full!

In 1970, I was lucky enough to obtain a job as a full time gamekeeper, moving to Hereford and later Anglesey. I have met several celebrities and well known people. Once, one of the guests was introduced to me as Paul Tibbets, the man who flew the first and, so far, the last! mission to drop the atom bomb.

In 1983, I became Head Gamekeeper to Viscount Leverhulme, of the famous Lever Brothers family and this was the pinnacle of my career. I was employed by him and his family for over 27 years and, on retiring, was given a lovely cottage in Tiverton. This brought us to Cheshire and, after meeting Revd Tim Hayward, I joined the church at St Boniface.

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

Love your family and your life.

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

Some of my friends died very young, so them, of course and special guests Sir Gareth Edwards, a rugby legend, Sir Bernard (later Lord) Miles, a brilliant actor and the great American boxer, Jake LaMotta.

**What would you call your autobiography?**

Rich without a fortune

**What was your first job?**

Picking coke (used coal from the ironworks) - and seeing many a fight over who got the best pieces.

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

Seems perfect, to me.

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

Where the Lion Feeds by Wilbur Smith.

**What is your biggest regret?**

Not being able to be a professional boxer.

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

Good health for all my children and grandchildren.

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

My wife and I fostered children and eventually adopted our two sons. We also provided respite care to severely handicapped children.

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

Just to carry on being a happy family man.

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

South Wales valleys, where the singing is wonderful and the people are the Salt of the Earth.

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

Going to world rugby at the Millennium Stadium in Cardiff where Wales will play England and, of course, win!! On Sunday having a traditional Welsh roast dinner with my family.

## Pastoral Visiting Team Update

*Amber and the team (Debbie, Jan, Jill and Sandra)*



Many of you will have read about the Pastoral Visiting Team and seen our photos in December's issue of the Link, writes Pastoral Worker **Amber Middlemiss**.

I need to apologise for putting in the wrong gmail address last

time; to contact us please use:

**bunburypastoralteam@gmail.com**. I'm sorry if anyone has been trying to reach us on the other one and failing.

This is a new venture and we are feeling our way with it; similar teams in other parishes offer visiting to those who are housebound or of limited health or mobility. This might also include those who have been bereaved and have lost a bit of confidence and might appreciate a little company. We hope that this offer of companionship will be an affirming relationship, and a link to the wider community. It will complement any domestic and/or social support that someone may already be receiving, and not replace it. If you know of anyone who might like this kind of input, or if you have any further ideas about what we could offer, please do get in touch using the email address above - we'd love to hear from you.

# Bunbury School uncovers a history mystery

On Thursday 7th January Year 3 were vigorously digging to plant some seeds in science. Instead they found a few interesting objects under the school grounds.

Excitedly, Year 3 investigated the map and discovered it led to Beeston Castle. They knew this because it was older than any other castle around this area. On the map there is a line and it was the River Gowy. Children



knew the river was around Beeston Castle so they knew for definite it was for Beeston.

Next, Year 3 began to think about what the key could open. After a while they began to feel like it opened long forgotten treasures that belonged to Richard 2nd. This treasure has been hunted for many years but never has been found. When asked about the treasure Mrs Walker (teaching assistant) joyfully said "The treasures might be carvings, shiny marbles, a few diamonds, small bells and a flute."

Now children are eagerly researching King Richard and parts of a Motte and Bailey Castle. They are lost for words in this serious situation and have still not cracked this history mystery. One pupil pronounced "I just can't believe it. I hope we find the treasure."

If you have any information that might help Year 3 solve this mystery please contact the school on this address: Year 3, Bunbury School, School Lane, Bunbury, Cheshire, CW6 9NR.

## Bunbury Neighbourhood Plan - Referendum Update

The plan was recently returned to Cheshire East Council after being independently examined, part of the process that all Neighbourhood Plans go through. The Examiner's report recommended some changes to the plan and these will shortly be incorporated before the final version is published. The main points of the housing policy have been retained with an amendment to the Co-Location element. The Inspector's report can be viewed on the Neighbourhood Plan website ([www.bunburynpg.org](http://www.bunburynpg.org)) on the 'Publications' tab.

The next stage in the plan's progress is to hold a referendum for Bunbury residents to vote on the plan. The referendum will be held on Thursday 10 March, in the village, and all eligible residents will be notified. Eligibility is the same as for all other elections, i.e. if you are on the voters' register and eligible to vote in local elections you will be able to vote on the plan.

Before the referendum takes place the Neighbourhood Plan Group will deliver a copy of the final plan to all households in Bunbury and will include a breakdown of the amendments that have been made. The plan will also be published on our website and on the Cheshire East website.

A campaign to publicise the referendum will begin soon and we want as many residents as possible to turn out and to vote for the plan. In order for the plan to be accepted it must be voted 'for' by more than 50% of the votes cast.

**BUNBURY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN  
REFERENDUM DAY  
THURSDAY 10 MARCH - VOTE YES!**

## Veronica is installed at Whitewell

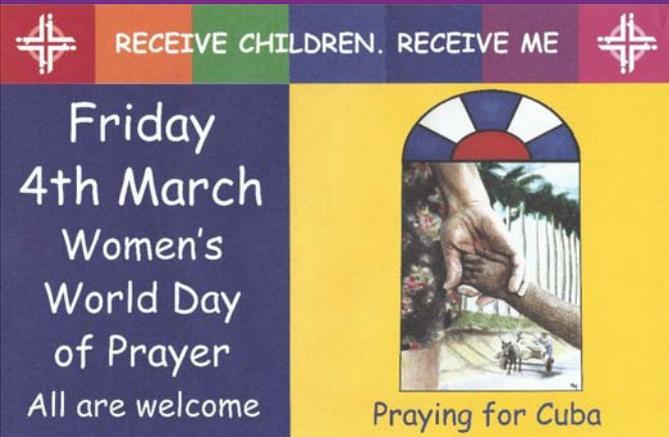


Photographic highlights from Veronica's lovely Service of Installation at Whitewell.

The night was inclement (as evidenced by Veronica's wellies), but the welcome was warm.



# Women's World Day of Prayer - Friday 4 March



We are inviting people of all ages to the Women's World Day of Prayer service at St Boniface Church. It is a worldwide interdenominational service for women taking part on Friday 4 March. Mums, please bring your toddlers, as there will be activities for the toddlers.

The theme of this year's service is: "Receive Children, Receive Me". The poster shows the hand of a child holding hands that of an adult and was designed by a female Cuban artist, the service written by the women of Cuba. Cuba has been in the news in 2015 in relation to the visit by Pope Francis and also with the renewed talks between Cuba and the US. It is a fascinating country and we will be able to gain an insight into how life is for these women as well as thinking more about the theme.

Please join us for (all or some) of the following:  
10:45am Welcome Cafe with refreshments from Cuba  
11:30am Service led by Rev. Denise Harding (Minister from Bunbury Methodist church)  
Followed by bring and share lunch...soup, bread and cheese will be provided. Please bring some dessert or a £2 donation.  
For more information, please contact Debbie Shears 01829 260707, email akaroanz@hotmail.com



**BUNBURY WALKING FOR HEALTH GOES WEEKLY!**

New for 2016!

"Weekly Wednesday Walking"

Join us for a free friendly walk to help become and stay active!

Meet inside the Methodist Church, Bunbury at 10.15am (walk starts 10.30am prompt)

For further information contact:  
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Cate Gregory 01270 528202  
Jim Walker 01829 261227



7.30 - 11.00pm £12 per ticket



FRIDAY, 5TH FEBRUARY

**BARN**

**DANCE**

**LIVE MUSIC**

—TWO COURSE HOT SUPPER—

**ST. BONIFACE CHURCH**

PROCEEDS TO ST. BONIFACE & BUNBURY SCOUTS

# Mike Ridley reflects on the Good Companions



We arrived in Bunbury in 1988, looking forward to our first experience of village life. It was lovely to receive the warm welcome that Bunbury is famous for and we soon found that there were a rich variety of clubs and organisations catering for the interests of both old and young. There have been many times over the subsequent years where we have been really thankful for the enormous efforts that the leaders and helpers have put in to ensure the continuation of so many opportunities to relax, enjoy, achieve and even learn! I do hope that volunteers continue to come forward to ensure that we don't lose this valuable part of village life.

For my part, I eagerly joined the quickly expanding cricket club, became a member of the little Methodist Chapel... and decided to have another "dabble" in amateur theatricals; my last role, many years earlier in the Carlisle Green Room Club had been a small part in Salad Days. Therefore, with some trepidation, I joined the Good Companions.

Over the last 28 years I have really enjoyed the many shows and events that the Good Companions have contributed to village life. From my first big role - Thomas Cook in the Magical Mystery Tour, to my final performance last autumn as a miserable old man(!) in the Comedy Sketch Show, I have enjoyed enormously the fun, friendship and entertainment provided by the group and I am so sad to see its closure (at least from the Bunbury end). I'm just glad that we will retain some links through the continuation of Good Companions based in Church Minshull.

It would be so difficult to pick out the "stars" of the Good Companions down through the years - the actors, the singers, the producers, the directors, the back-stage crew, the front of house helpers, the scenery, the sound, the catering....and so many more! You know who you are, and I thank you personally and on behalf of all the wonderful audiences for all your hard work, as well as the enjoyment you provided.

And my final personal reminiscences? The great musicals and the gingham dresses reproduced once again for another exuberant rendition of Oklahoma; my desperate attempt to emulate Michael Flatley's Riverdance in my own Bogdance; but pride of place must go to the brilliant production of Under Milk Wood where the Village



*A new group has grown out of some of the members, based at Church Minshull village hall. Some of the assets have gone to this new group and they are performing their first production in Acton and Church Minshull in March.*



Hall was amazingly transformed into the village of Llareggub! Well done to everyone, and maybe one day in the future, Bunbury Good Companions will be re-born....with a small part for a (very) ageing thespian!



# Jeremy Shears - new President of the British Astronomical Association



**Jeremy Shears** was a child of the Apollo era and the first lunar landing and eagerly read all the astronomy books the library could offer. The blue touch paper, however, was

the gift of a telescope on his 11th birthday. He joined the astronomy club at school and they built an observatory with a large telescope, which was opened by Patrick Moore, a previous president of the British Astronomical Association.

Until he came to Bunbury, ten years ago, Jeremy had only been able to dream of an observatory of his own, because he lived around the world, working for an international energy company. Although still travelling regularly, he is now based in England. 'Really dark skies' immediately headed the list of requirements for a house. Jeremy says, "In Singapore, I had downloaded satellite light pollution maps to pinpoint the darkest place I could live that was still conducive to family life!" In Bunbury, without a moon, on a dark night, you can see the Milky Way overhead, which is no longer possible over most of the country.

Jeremy built a two meter diameter observatory in his garden, for his telescope. But, he reveals, he no longer looks through the telescope: "I have a very sensitive detector that enables me to see things that are much fainter. I use software to take the images and extract scientific data from them, such as the brightness of objects." Technology has developed rapidly allowing amateurs to do what only professionals could do a few years ago.

Jeremy is very keen to involve young people in astronomy, as it leads them into many other branches of science. You don't need a telescope and you can learn how a star is born, dies, collides etc. You can pursue astronomy at different levels, from just looking up and enjoying the vista, to amateur astronomers conducting real science alongside professionals and writing papers with them. It is



one of the few sciences where amateurs can work with professionals.

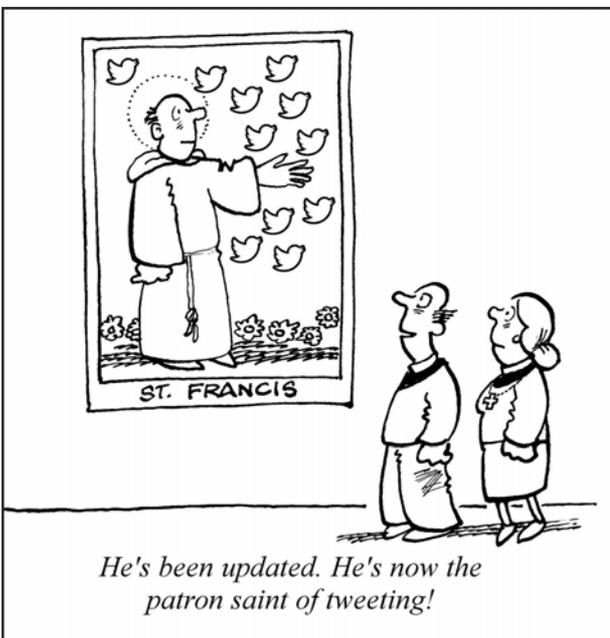
Amateur and professional astronomers complement each other and can, collaborating together internationally, obtain 24 hour coverage from around the world. Also, wide coverage means a better chance of clear weather somewhere.

There is much public interest in Tim Peake, the first Briton to walk in space, and the space station can be seen from earth - if you look at the right time.

The British Astronomical Association is in its 126th year and has 3,000 members. As president, Jeremy chairs the Board of Trustees and chairs the Council and represents the organisation at functions. He has already met the Ambassador of Japan when, on behalf of the Emperor, he awarded the Astronomer Royal, Professor the Lord Rees of Ludlow, the Order of the Rising Sun (pictured below).

Jeremy enjoys going out and meeting people interested in astronomy. As well as meetings up and down the country, he is involved in two workshops a year on 'Back to Basics' - talks on how to get started, often attended by people who got a telescope for Christmas or are thinking of buying one, and want to know what they can look at in the sky.

Are you interested? Join your local astronomical society - Chester's meets in Waverton on the last Wednesday of the month. You don't need a telescope - the first thing is to look with the naked eye and learn the constellations. The next is to try binoculars - you can see a lot more, such as star clusters, galaxies and nebulae.



# St Jude's Flower Festival

23-24 April

'Celebration'

**Celebrating the 90th birthday of  
Her Majesty the Queen**

Includes concert by The Grove Singers  
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# Thank You from ITV's Home Fires team



Very many thanks to so many for taking the time to respond to our questionnaire following the end of filming of Series 2 of the ITV drama Home Fires. We do appreciate it. Over 97% of responses were positive. All comments are extremely helpful and will be taken into account should we get the go ahead for a third series. Thank you again. Best wishes, **Catherine Oldfield (Executive Producer) and the whole Home Fires team.**

***The church would like to thank ITV for their generous donation of £11,500 towards the cost of two new boilers in St Boniface. It has been wonderful to keep the home fires burning in the village church during the winter months.***

## In tribute

# Brenda Foord - lover of fashion, cooking and home



Brenda Foord (nee Mayther) was a 'Hampshire Hog' born in the New Forest in 1939. She had an older brother, George, and as her father was one of seven grew up within a close extended family with lots of cousins. Her aunties, all very tough, strong women, had a very big influence on her.

Brenda trained to be a nurse, but everything changed after she met Michael. They had originally met as pen pals but Michael, who was in the RAF, very dashing and with a sports car soon swept Brenda off her feet. They married in 1959 at Brompton, Yorkshire and moved into the family farm.

They had four daughters: Louise, Alison, Diana and Rosalind and Brenda loved creating a warm and welcoming family home. Sharing the family home was important to her, with horse shows in the garden and picnics for the children with friends from school. Looking after

people was one of her great gifts and in later years she loved picking up the grandchildren- Alex and Soph from school and entertaining them with tales of her childhood. In addition to her children, the family home was also shared throughout the years with various 'Westies', Brenda's favourite dog.

Brenda was always fashionable and well-dressed whatever the occasion. Indeed, there are memories of her the 'hot peroxide blond with hotpants' driving tractors on the farm and increasing attendance at the NFU meetings.

A great fan of Mary Berry, cooking was important to Brenda. Whether preparing a dinner party or a family Sunday lunch it gave her pleasure to cook and most importantly to share the meal with family or friends. Brenda was a very good gardener and she and Michael were often busy at Brookfield House laying lawns, planting roses and building a swimming pool.

Brenda didn't like growing old; she said it "crept up on her like a spider" but right until the very end she lived a life in which she gave so much love and inspired so much love in others.

## Peter Moss - fun loving farmer



Peter, son of William and Winifred, was born in 1935, a younger brother to Edwin and Margaret. The family moved to Radmore Farm when he was two and Peter's love of the land and farming was born. Peter attended several boarding schools where he enjoyed sports and playing tricks as much as studying.

His initial aspirations to be an engineer changed forever following the sudden death of his father and when he was just 21 Peter took over the farm.

Running the farm was a huge task but he found time to do the thing he liked most, "having fun" - a busy social life with Young Farmers and playing on various sports teams. At a stock judging event in 1955 he met Joy, who "impressed him with her knowledge of dairy cows". Following a courtship of nine years they married at Ashton Hayes in 1964.

Peter and Joy had two sons, Christopher and Michael and family life was busy, with running the farm and many family activities such as gymkhanas with the boys and lots of cricket. Sport was a significant part of Peter's life, as a young man playing football, cricket and tennis, as a parent teaching and supporting his sons and more recently with his grandchildren. In later years playing bowls four to five times a week kept up his competitive spirit and most importantly gave him the companionship of fellow players. This love of sport he passed on to his family.

In his 50's health issues meant early retirement and the sad decision to leave farming. However, Peter took on retirement with same gusto as his working life. Over the years many months were spent at their beloved second home in Spain, Dona Lola, where they made many new friends. These included John, a fellow golfer, whom Peter managed to knock unconscious with an errant swing when the head of his club flew off but they still became lifelong friends. Sharing their Spanish home with family and friends gave them great joy.

In his retirement Peter enthusiastically embraced his role as Grandpa to Annabelle, George, Toby, Arty and Dai, always interested in and supporting them with their various hobbies and interests. Peter will be sadly missed by Joy and the family but his influence and love will live on in their memories and hearts.

As a result of kind generosity of friends and family, £500 each will be given to St Boniface church and Macmillan Cancer Support.

## Norman Dutton - lover of sport and family life

Norman, the youngest son of Samuel and Lucy Dutton, was born in Spurstow on 12th May 1931. He was twin brother to Margaret and younger brother to Eric and Ron. Norman grew up in Bunbury and the surrounding area; initially going to school in Spurstow and then Bunbury. He never moved away, other than a short time spent recently in Scotland, and he loved being part of the village community.

Norman grew up to be a farmer, 'a painter and decorator', a milkman and jack of all trades. Throughout his working life, whatever work he was doing, Norman was always a hard worker who would go the extra mile.

He was lucky to have two families in his lifetime and was father to Barry, Wendy, Emily, Sophie and Luke and later became a Grandad and even a Great Grandad. Norman had fun embarrassing his children with his dad dancing, dreadful dad jokes or playing loud bagpipe music out of the car when picking them up. Family holidays to Tenby and later caravanning in Scotland were happy times. Norman loved the beach and enjoyed nothing more than driving to spend a day by the sea which always included eating ice cream.

Norman's love of sport started at an early age when, as a child, he used to throw his kit out of his window so he could sneak off unnoticed to play football. This passion stayed with him and he often travelled at weekends to watch his

son, Luke playing football and cricket. His only trip abroad, to Spain, was to support Luke's football team. His own success in sports resulted in him being a champion darts, dominoes and bowls player.

He was an important friend to many people he met throughout his life and their shared company and chatter were a major part of life for Norman. Indeed, Norman made a trip to Guernsey in the 90's with the sole purpose of visiting friends he had made when they were evacuees during the war. Despite the many years that had passed they were so happy to catch up and share their stories. Closer to home, happy times were spent in the local pubs meeting old friends and making new ones.



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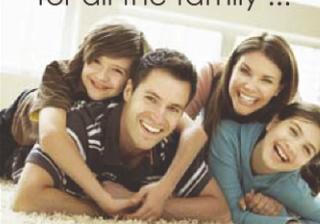
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