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November 2019

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Timothy Keller

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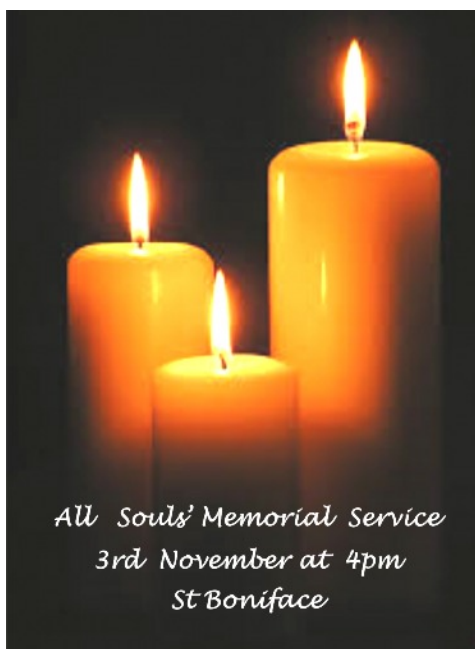


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Candles for remembrance...



This month the lighting of candles takes on particular poignancy. During the **All Souls' Memorial Service**, candles will be lit in memory of the departed, their names will be read out – those who have died during the last year as well as those whom people would like remembered.

If you would find it comforting to come and sit quietly to remember those who are important to you, please do join us.

Names can be added to the list at the back of the church or emailed to bunburyparishoffice@gmail.com

Remembrance services will be held on Sunday 10 November at St Jude's (9.30am) and St Boniface (10.45am).



... and for celebration

Join over one million people sharing the light of Christingle.

Last year more than 6,000 celebrations raised almost £1.3 million to light up the lives of children and young people between the ages of 10 and 18.

Right now in Britain there are children and young people who feel scared, unloved and unable to cope. The Children's Society works with these young people, step by step, for as long as it takes.

The Children's Society is a national charity that works with the country's most vulnerable children and young people.

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**St Boniface
Christingle
Service**

**Sunday
1st December
at 4pm**



Collection in aid of
The Children's Society

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making childhood better

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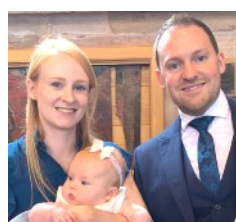
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Community news

Congratulations to **David Owen** and **Samantha Richardson** who were married at St Boniface on 5 October.



We welcome **Amelia Paige Richards**, daughter of **James** and **Jenni**, christened at St Boniface on 13 October.

Congratulations also to **Alexander Brian Clarke**, son of **Graham** and **Lisa**, christened at St Boniface on 20 October.

Rain or Shine is back! The acclaimed Rain or Shine Theatre Company is coming to Bunbury on 30 November to present their hilarious version of **Wind in the Willows** – see ad on p15. It will be held in Bunbury village hall and profits will be shared between the hall and Bunbury Mill.

Bunbury WI – On Thursday 14 November the AGM will look back over the last very enjoyable year. Please come along and see what's on offer for the coming year. On 12 December the WI travels around South America with Hazel Griffiths – visitors are warmly welcomed. £3 which includes refreshments at the Pavilion, Bunbury 7.30pm. Contact Sue Watson 01829 260642

Decibellas' Christmas concert will be at St Boniface on 7 December at 7.30pm. This concert will be raising money for **DKMS** and **Bunbury's Pete McCleave** in his #10000donors appeal. See ad on p6.

Bunbury Singers will hold their Christmas Concert at Tarporley Chapel on 14 December at 7.30pm.

Belle Voci will be performing a Christmas concert at St Boniface on

Saturday 14 December at 7.30pm. See ad on p15.

Bunbury Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday 14 December and will showcase local talents. All stall holders are from Bunbury or have ties in the community. Free entry, open from 10am–2.30pm. Refreshments in aid of St Boniface. See ad on p.5.

Reign Baker (3) and **Holly** are pictured right taking part in the Woof Mudder at Blakemere.



They completed the 1.3 miles course raising £120 for St Luke's Hospice.

The Tuesday lunch club had an outing to see Downton Abbey at the Odeon in Crewe. Thank you to all the drivers. It was very successful and everyone is looking forward to the next outing.

BONFIRE & FIREWORKS

Tuesday 5 November
Bunbury Playing Fields

6pm gates open
6.45pm bonfire lighting
7pm firework display

Adults £4 Children 5-15
£1 Under 5s free

Food & drinks by Tilly's
BBQ by Burrows
Stalls by Bunbury
Scouts

No sparklers allowed
Event by Bunbury Parish Council

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A word from the editor

*Where is this year going? The months are flying by. Christingle falls early this year so is included in this edition. It is a lovely service for all ages, held on the first Sunday in Advent. This is the same weekend as Bunbury Youth Club's **Cinderella** on Thursday 27 and Friday 28 November and **Wind in the Willows** by Rain or Shine on Saturday 30 November. Some of us will go to all three events!*

*If you would like a **Christmas message** in the Link we are relying on trust this year, asking anyone who submits a message for print in the Link to make a donation to Crisis - see contact details on p.12. Please email your message to parishlinkeditor@gmail.com or post it through my letterbox before 13 November.*

Chester Cathedral will be hosting a national monument in November, the eight metre high Knife Angel sculpture, made from 100,000 surrendered knives. It will stand outside the West door to bring peoples' attention to the issue of knife crime.



Bill Corn spent a week in Tarporley War Memorial Hospital. While there, his daughter Janet received a phone call asking her to bring in his jacket with his war medals as there was to be a special visitor. The Countess of Wessex visited the hospital as it is 100 years old. She spent half an hour with Bill and looked at his photo album of his carts. He really enjoyed it and liked her very much. As she left he said, "A lady of quality, gracious and sweet, if this lady's kind to me then some day we'll meet."



TIM HAYWARD

Your Vicar

Remember, remember the month of November

Our memory forms us, it has an impact on who we are as individuals and as a society. The great philosopher Aristotle referred to it as being the 'scribe of the soul', such is its effect. Memory informs our decision making and therefore our future. It keeps the events of the past effective in our lives.

During this month of November we commemorate All Saints and All Souls and remember those who have gone before us from this life and have left their mark, directly or indirectly. We treasure their memory and reflect upon all that they have given to us. We may not see them, nevertheless we are conscious of their company and long for the day when we shall see them face to face again.

It is good that we have a season of the year for remembrance - a time when we feel that the veil between time and eternity is thin, and we can sense a greater and wider communion of saints to which we belong. The Church has fixed these festivals during a time in the turning of the year when the pre-Christian Celtic religions were accustomed to think of and

make offerings for the dead. The Church kept the days, but it changed the custom.

In the Northern hemisphere the world is entering the dark half of the year. As the earth prepares to enter winter, she sheds what she no longer needs and moves inward. We live in a world illuminated by artificial light and so we often forget the wisdom to be gained from being in darkness. The darkness of this season invites us to release all of our certainties about how God works in the world. Our ancestors have passed over into the Great Night and they call to us across the threshold to release our tight grip on what we think we know.

During November we also 'remember' those who have given their lives through war in service of our country. They have left home and family often to foreign lands in the search of justice, freedom and peace; the effects of which we feel in our society today. The world could have been a very different place for us without their sacrifice, which cannot and should not be forgotten. "We will remember them."

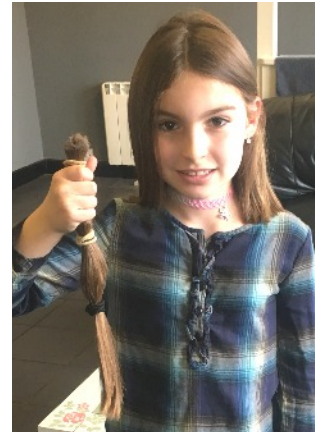
The copy deadline for the December-January double issue of the Link is Friday 15 November. The magazine should be in church on Saturday 30 November. Notices to bunburyparishoffice@gmail.com

Well done, Scarlett!



Scarlett Ellis had her hair cut on the 16 August. She had only had it cut twice

since she was born. On hearing about the Little Princess Trust and watching a video on the process of their wig making for ill children she wanted to donate her hair. Scarlett's mum Selina said, "I was against it until she decided to donate to the Little Princess Trust as her hair was so beautiful." The Little Princess Trust provides free, real-hair wigs for young cancer sufferers or for children and young people experiencing the devastating effects of hair loss. They also



fund pioneering, life-saving research into childhood cancers. Since they began in 2006, they have provided over 7,000 wigs and given grants of £2,800,000 to childhood cancer research. website <https://www.littleprincesses.org.uk/>



**Friends of Tarporley
Invite You to Join Them for a...
Christmas Social Event for
Senior Citizens**

**Monday 2nd December 2019
5:30 - 7:00pm**

An Evening of Music and Singing...

Coffee, Tea and Mince Pies

Tarporley CE Primary School

Entry is Free - Transport Available

To Reserve Your Place and for Information

Call Gill Stitt - 01829 733709



*A wide variety of stalls, with
refreshments kindly provided
by St Boniface Church*

Saturday 14th December

@ The Village hall

Doors open 10am - 2.30pm

Free entry



Calveley school news

It's been a busy term here at Calveley Primary Academy. We have welcomed back lots of familiar faces, and lots of new families too!

On the 10 October we celebrated #HelloYellow. All the children dressed in yellow and donated money to support children and young people's mental health. The day was a fantastic success. All classes took part in exciting activities to explore their feelings and mental health.

As part of our harvest collection, our head boys have visited Nantwich food bank to hand in our donations and learn why we donate to people in need. Here is what they thought...

"When we became head boys we were delighted that part of the role included visiting the Nantwich food bank. So, on the 8 October at 11:20am, we arrived at the food bank to hand in Calveley's donation of food. We were greeted at the door by a volunteer who showed us where to put our food. After we had been fully acquainted we got to work. First, we weighed it all. Then, we wrote the dates on. Finally, we organized all the food into boxes. On a whole we really enjoyed the opportunity to be a part of such an incredible organization helping people in our area."

By Peter and Ben, Calveley Primary Academy Head Boys 2019-2020



Cards for good causes

Cards for Good Causes Charity Christmas Card Shop, which sells cards for more than 30 national charities, opens on 29 October in the Tarporley Baptist and Methodist Church. Staffed by local volunteers, the Shop is open Monday to Saturday, 10am to 4pm from Tuesday 29 October to Saturday 30 November.

Not only are the sales of Christmas Cards an important source of funding for the different charities, but they also help to raise awareness of their work. You can choose from a fantastic array of charity cards and stock up on Christmas essentials, such as wrapping paper and

gift tags. The shop is part of the 'Cards for Good Causes' national network of over 300 shops and in the past 5 years charities have received over £20 million from sales by Cards for Good Causes.

Cards for Good Causes also operates in the Cathedral and John Street Methodist Church in Chester until mid-December.



Cakes galore for Macmillan

There were four Macmillan Coffee mornings in Bunbury this year! The first was at **Bunbury Mill** (which raised 655.50), the second at **Lynne Simpson's** (Lizella) which raised £320, the third at the **GP surgery** and the fourth at the **school**. Well done to everyone who supported and to those who gave up their time to help.

The second Macmillan coffee morning at the surgery was a wet and windy one, writes **Rachel Thirlwall**. Spoilt for choice again with lots of delicious home baked cakes from very talented individuals. This year's raffle included excellent prizes donated by local businesses. A big thank you to



Bunbury Mill's outstanding team...



... and their outstanding cakes!

Burrows & Sons, The Yew Tree, Bramble Blooms and Piste for their prizes, and to the Co-op for providing the coffee, tea and sugar. We also say a big thank you to Mrs Croley who did us proud running the raffle. Despite the rain our fantastic

and generous patients came out and supported us raising an amazing £400! Thank you to everyone who donated and supported this event. Your generosity makes a big difference to the lives of others affected by cancer.

Decibellas
Women's Choir

It's Beginning to look like Christmas!



Saturday December 7th 2019 at 7.30pm
St Boniface Church Bunbury

Tickets £10 adults and £5 children from Old Fire Station
Chocolate Shop Tarporley, Tilly's Bunbury,
via www.decibellas.co.uk or email decibellas@gmail.com

Raising funds and building awareness for DKMS and
Bunbury's Peter McCleave for his #1000donors appeal

BUNBURY BOWLING CLUB



CHRISTMAS

BINGO

BUNBURY PAVILION
SATURDAY 14th DECEMBER 2019

DOORS OPEN 6.30 PM
EYES DOWN 7.00 PM

Super Prizes

Refreshments

Raffle

ALL WELCOME SO DO COME AND SUPPORT US AGAIN

More details from:
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A day in the life of...

Emergency departments have gone through a couple of re-branding exercises over the years. They started out as casualties (and spawned the ever popular TV show), then A&E (which came to signify "Anything and Everything") into the current iteration as

Emergency Departments (EDs). This latest name change was, in part, to highlight what we are best at: emergencies. If you have a long-term condition then I am not the person you need – a GP is much better at that than me. Nor am I the right person to be giving you a specialist second opinion. What we're there for and best at, is looking after people when they have a life-threatening illness, or a significant injury.

Unfortunately, the A&E brand is so strong that when people aren't sure of the healthcare options available to them, especially out of working hours, they come to us. Everyone knows that if you sit in an ED/A&E waiting room long enough, you'll eventually see a healthcare professional who might be able to help.

As we all know, people do wait. Most people have been to an Emergency Department and the time you had to wait is almost a badge of honour. "I went to A&E once and had to wait five hours" is unfortunately what most people open with when they find out what I do. That or: "could you just take a look at my leg/shoulder/ rash?"

Every winter the media is full of the apparent crisis in the healthcare system but at Leighton Hospital where I work, our busiest month in the Emergency Department ever was this August when we saw nearly 9,000 people. This is 1,000 more than last August and the upward trend is replicated up and down the country. In "the good old days" winter was hard but the summer was a time to recoup and recharge. These days it's pretty relentless the whole year. When I started out, a night shift was a time for wheelchair races and getting take-away because the department was empty. Now night shifts often have the longest waits because the staffing is lower. Unfortunately, people don't know this and will say "I came at 2am because I thought it would be quieter."

... Emergency Department consultant Jo Tillett



There are many reasons for the increased attendances. There are more houses within the area we serve, but I think part of it is what I call the "Amazon Prime" mentality. People don't expect to wait any more; everything is immediate. If I forget my anniversary I can go on Amazon and order something to save my marriage that will arrive the next day. People see healthcare as the same.

That said, if anyone asks if I wish I'd done a different career, I always say

no. The ED team at Leighton are fantastic and a great bunch of people to work with. Almost everyone I speak to says: "I had to wait [x] hours, but when I got seen, the staff were amazing." It's a hard job and definitely not for everyone but for those that like it, it's incredibly rewarding. The high stress and emotion that comes as part of the job really bonds people together. It's a sad fact that someone's worst day (car smash, stroke, critical illness) is my most interesting work. It is also the patients that we can (hopefully) make the most difference for.

I love the challenge of variety, I can be seeing a 100 year old who had a funny turn in church one minute and the next, be treating a 4 hour old baby with life-threatening infection. We have to know the recognition and initial treatment for whatever comes through the door. When you hear sirens, the anticipation builds.

My favourite group of patients are children. For that reason I did an extra 18 months of Paediatric Emergency Medicine training at Manchester Children's Hospital. You have to work extra hard to win the trust of children and parents but a bit of silliness works wonders and the subsequent interaction is really rewarding. I am the Paediatric Emergency Medicine lead at Leighton. It's my role to keep training our staff and writing policies and pathways to ensure the care of children at Leighton remains of the

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The Night Sky in November

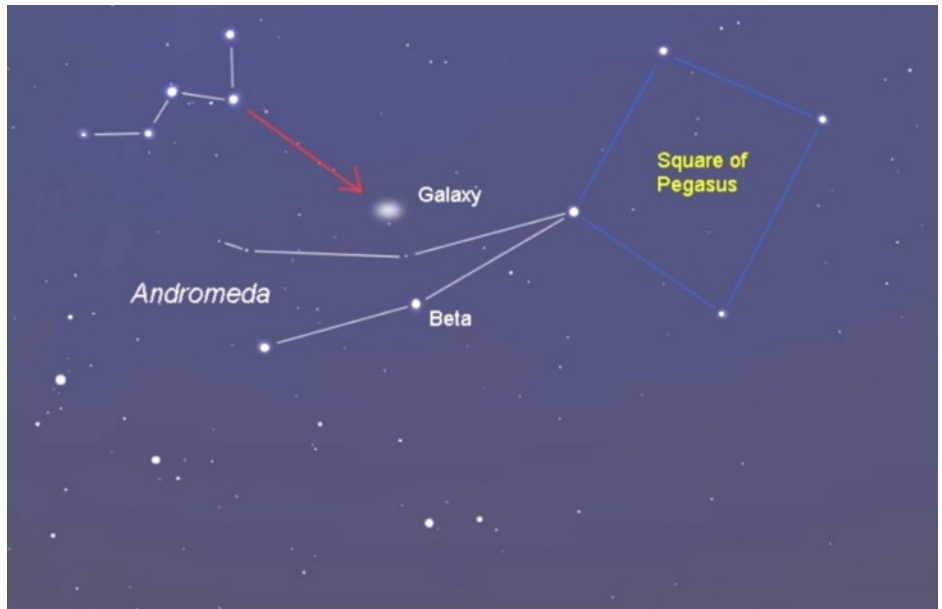
People often ask me what is the furthest object you can see in the sky just with your naked eye. The answer is the Andromeda Galaxy which lies at a distance of about 2.5 million light years away. It is the nearest major galaxy to our own Milky Way and contains around one trillion stars (that's one million million stars!).

November is a good time to spot the Andromeda Galaxy, but you will need to choose a dark night with no moon and no streetlights in the vicinity.

Looking nearly overhead, locate the constellation of Cassiopeia, which resembles a letter 'W' (or 'M') and use the chart to locate the galaxy. It will appear as a small hazy spot. Better still, scan the region with binoculars and you should pick it up more easily as a smudge of light.

Photographs though large telescopes, like the one shown on the right, reveal the galaxy in stunning detail. If you lived on a planet revolving around a star in Andromeda, the sky would be filled with stars just like it is here in Bunbury. But they'd be scattered about in completely different patterns and you'd be free to create your own constellations.

When you've found the Andromeda Galaxy, spend a few minutes pondering how you are looking deep into space. It took the light you see 2.5 million years to travel the distance to your eye.



With a little imagination, you can play time traveller and picture how Earth and life on our blue planet may have looked so long ago.

Finally, consider any number of potential life forms looking back at our own spiral galaxy, the Milky Way, which to them would be a mere smudge of light in their night sky.

Happy stargazing!

Bunbury Stargazer

OUR SECRET HISTORY Part two

Malvina and Rosl, two young 18-year old Czech girls, had managed to board the train from Prague headed for the Hook of Holland. Having received sponsorship from two families in the United Kingdom and collecting their visas the previous day they planned to take the ferry from the Hook of Holland to Dover, then the train into London, where they would be met by a representative of the Czech refugee society.

All went well until the train reached the Dutch border where it was stopped by the Germans. The passengers were ordered off the train and lined up on the platform. Three nuns were singled out and shot. Apparently they were Jewish men trying to escape from Czechoslovakia in disguise.

The two terrified girls were called forward and asked what their plans were. They were told to accompany two German officers. The remaining passengers were put back on the train and returned to Prague. The girls were marched to the station master's office. An amazing thing then happened. The German officers told the station master to lock the girls in his office overnight, they told him to put the girls on the first train to the Hook of Holland the next morning. As they left one officer turned to the girls and said: "Not all Germans are bad, you know." After an uncomfortable night the station master saw the girls onto a train and they finally reached the Hook of Holland. It was late, but they managed to catch one of the last ferries bound for the United Kingdom. On 27th August 1939 they finally set foot on UK soil. The girls only spoke a few words of English and were taken to the homes of their sponsors. They were registered as aliens so had to report to Bow Street Police station every week to have their documents stamped. They were told they could not relocate to any area near the coast. They were considered a security "risk".

One week later the United Kingdom declared they were at war with Germany. The family who had sponsored Malvina and with whom she was now working for, contacted the Czech Refugee Trust to say their plans had changed. They had intended to move to Ireland and take Malvina with them, but had now decided to leave immediately for South Africa. Malvina was dismissed and given no pay. The Czech refugee Trust hastily found her a position as a domestic in a nursing home in Windsor. A few months later a group of officials visited the home. One singled



Malvina out after hearing she was Czech. He asked her what her ambitions were. She told him she wanted to learn to speak English fluently and to find work as a book keeper once again. It transpired that this gentleman had influence and he was impressed with the young girl's ambition. A few weeks later he returned to tell her arrangements had been made for her to study English and book-keeping at Brighton Technical college. Lodgings had also been organised for her.

She was a conscientious student and learned very quickly. Having completed her courses with flying colours and excellent references she was employed as a finance clerk at International stores. She had settled very happily with a lovely lady and her daughter who treated her as family. It was while there she met a handsome RAF officer who was to become her husband. Rosl had also settled and married a naval officer. The girls always remained in constant touch over the years and visited each other regularly with their children as their families grew.

So, is that the end of our secret history? You might have guessed that this is a story about my mother. However, Malvina died at the age of 66 in 1987. It was only when sorting through her documents that the next amazing chapter of our hidden history began to unfold.

To be continued...

Give us 2 minutes...

Henry Cunningham is the landlord of the Nags Head. He runs the Nags with his wife Pat and son Stephen. He is very well known in the village and is great with his customers. Henry was born and bred in Ellesmere Port. He married Pat in 1972 and has three children and two grandchildren.

The editor writes:

I have got to know Henry as I help to run the Tuesday lunch and games sessions. Nothing is ever too much for him. He is very generous and any requests are always dealt with with good humour – even being asked to do "Give us 2 minutes!"

Henry Cunningham



One thing people would be surprised to learn about you?

I have just realised what a boring life I have led!

What would you like to achieve?

To see more Bunbarians in the Nags Head and retire.

What is your favourite place and why?

Madeira - a lovely place and lovely people.

How would you spend your ideal weekend?

Watching England beat Wales at Twickenham on the Saturday and on the Sunday see Everton beat Liverpool at Wembley.

If you had a motto what would it be:

I am always right and the customer is always wrong!

It's a celebrity beer call who would you invite?

Robert De Niro, Billy Connolly and George Best.

What would you call your autobiography?

Life's too short.

What was your first job?

I was a paper boy seven days a week and paid 14 shillings and sixpence (72.5p)

What would you change about Bunbury if you could?

I would improve the triangle to be a highlight of the village, replace the pavilion with a custom built sports pavilion and improve the parking around the village.

What is the best book you have read?

The Moon's a Balloon by David Niven.


What is your biggest regret?

Not buying the freehold of the Nags Head ten years ago!

If you were granted one wish what would it be?

That my family are safe and secure in a world where Everton are top of the football league.

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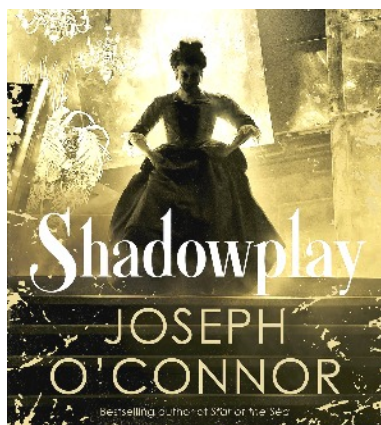
BAR OPENS 7PM CURTAINS OPEN 7.30PM

CINDERELLA

28TH 29TH NOVEMBER AT THE VILLAGE HALL

From the bookshelf of Paige Turner

A review of **Shadowplay** by Joseph O'Connor



If you walk past the Lyceum Theatre in London's Strand and are particularly observant, you may notice a plaque mounted on the wall to the right of the main entrance. It reads simply; "Henry Irving was the first actor to be knighted (1895). From 1878—1902 he managed the Lyceum

Theatre. Whilst working at the Lyceum as Irving's acting manager, Bram Stoker wrote Dracula. This plaque was unveiled by Ian McKellen (KBE 1988) on 13 February 2006."

Joseph O'Connor's latest novel tells the story of the often fractious but always deep friendship between Irving and Stoker and of their relationship with the actress Ellen Terry. Like all O'Connor's novels he conjures up a wonderful sense of place and then brings fascinating and

engaging characters to life within that. I think that O'Connor is one of the truly great novelists writing today having written masterpieces like "Star of the Sea" and "The Thrill of it All". But I suspect he is at his best when breathing fictional life into real world events as he does to brilliant effect in "Ghostlight", a reflection on the Irish playwright, J M Synge and here in "Shadowplay".

O'Connor's use of language is almost poetic and I often find myself re-reading a passage just for the pleasure of the prose, but don't be fooled - O'Connor is also a great storyteller. He engages you in the lives of his characters so that you invest your emotions in their outcomes. In "Shadowplay", much of the narrative flows through Stoker and his frustrations as a writer who constantly fails to achieve success. The irony is that, as a modern reader, we know that Stoker has achieved a lasting fame through his masterpiece, Dracula, that eluded him throughout his life.

I cannot recommend "Shadowplay" strongly enough. Its immediate impact on me was to read "Dracula" – another wonderful novel, but let's save that for another review!

Celia Smyth's recipe for November



Ingredients

8-12 big pork sausages	Worcestershire sauce
4 lambs' kidneys (optional)	1 tablespoon mustard
1 tablespoon olive oil	¼ tsp cayenne pepper (or to taste)
125ml water	2 tablespoons tomato puree
1 teaspoon soy sauce	1 tablespoon brown sugar
2 tablespoons	

Devilled sausages

Serves 4

With bonfire night fast-approaching, we all enjoy a warming sausage meal before going out into the cold. This recipe adds a spicy note to your everyday sausages and will be loved by adults and kids alike!

Serve with either mashed potatoes or sweet potatoes or on

a bed of steamed rice with vegetables. If using kidneys, take off the outer membrane of the kidneys and cut out the core using a sharp knife. Heat oil in pan and brown sausages and halved kidneys until cooked. Drain any excess oil from pan.

Combine all other ingredients with the water to make a sauce. Add to sausages and stir until sauce begins to boil then reduce heat to a simmer. Stir occasionally for about 10-15 mins. Serve with either a potato or sweet potato mash or on a bed of steamed rice with vegetables.

Bunbury school news

It has been a very busy start to the year at Bunbury Aldersey CE Primary with lots of school and community events to celebrate.

Harvest Festival

Our annual Harvest festival was held at St Boniface church. Despite the rain showers there was a packed congregation. The service focused on thanking God for trees and all that they provide for us. Whilst some classes taught us about the harvest we reap from different types of tree, other classes reminded us that without the world's forests our planet is in danger of being damaged beyond repair.

The school choir wrote an environmental song which was sung by Year 5. It was very moving. It is hoped that the song can be recorded and the message spread. It would be lovely to see Bunbury School acknowledged for such positive reasons.

Our donations this year were plentiful and we shared these with our local foodbank in Nantwich.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

A week later we opened our school doors for our annual coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. As always the event was well attended by parents, relatives and members of our governing body. Organised by the school council and Mrs Smith the event raised £268.82.

Cancer is an illness which impacts many of our lives and is a charity very close to my heart. We were so pleased to see so many parents and relatives supporting our event which had been organised by the children. Alongside our coffee morning we also held a 'Best Bake' competition. The winner of our competition was Grace in Year 6. Judges, Mrs James (RCSAT Director), Mrs Melia (from the school office) and our Head Boy & Girl along with myself had a very hard job! However, we did enjoy tasting all the cakes.



Apply now to enrol your child for our Reception 2020-21 class at Calveley Primary Academy.

Tel: 01270685540 www.calveleyprimary.cheshire.sch.uk



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- Excellent SATs results in 2019.
- A dynamic and inspiring curriculum that allows children to apply their learning to the world around them and learn important life skills.
- A beautiful, small school set in the Cheshire countryside.



Christmas messages for Crisis

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London E1 6LT

Or telephone 0300 636 1967

To donate online, go to
<https://www.crisis.org.uk/>

Don't forget to send your Christmas message to parishlinkeditor@gmail.com by 13 November!



Community news contd...

St Boniface had their **harvest lunch** after the Harvest service. Soup, cheese and apple crumble was served. It was a lovely, relaxed occasion. Many thanks to all those who brought food and made it so enjoyable.

There was a great atmosphere at the Tin Tabernacle for **St Jude's Harvest Supper** at the end of September.

About 50 enjoyed the delights of Harvey's supper. The raffle and bar contributed to the overall success and the vicar was on good form as his team were joint winners of the quiz, ably assisted by Michael Latham. Well-deserved guests of honour were Stan and Phyllis Bromfield on account of their work on the Hall. The church

looked lovely.

Thanks to all for making the weekend such a success.

The November meeting of **Bunbury Gardening Club** will be their Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 19 November at 7.30pm in the village hall. Tickets £6 payable at the door. New members are welcome.

On 22 November the **Funky Choir** will be performing at Calveley Chapel at 7.30pm. Tickets £5 including refreshments. Contact Kath Roden on 01270 528272 or the churchwardens.

Monday prayers at 9.30am in the Ridley Chapel.

Early Birds celebrated **50 years** with a coffee morning. Peggy



White, who was a playgroup leader for many years, and **Karen Bootle** (pictured above) were there and **Gill Cadman** the present leader and **Miss Armitage** (pictured below) the reception teacher at Bunbury School.



Thank you so much for all the donations to the **Nantwich foodbank**. Please keep them coming - bars of soap, sponge puddings, razors and tinned potatoes are still needed.

For young people from Year 6 upwards, **Bunbury Youth Club** takes place in the church on Monday evenings in term time at 7:30pm. If you would like any more information please contact our Youth Worker Beth Hayward on email: bunburiyouthworker@gmail.com

Friday at Tilly's Coffee and Cake Every Friday, from 9:30am until 11am Contact Amber Middlemiss Tel: 01829 261437.

Church diary for November

Sunday 3 November	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Communion & Sunday School 10.30am Family Worship 11.00am Holy Communion 4.00pm Memorial service	St Boniface St Jude's St Boniface Calveley St Boniface
Wednesday 6 November	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Sunday 10 November	9.30am Remembrance 10.45am Remembrance	St Jude's St Boniface
Wednesday 13 November	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Sunday 17 November	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Worship 10.00am Third Sunday brunch 11.00am Morning Worship 6.00pm Evensong	St Boniface St Jude's St Boniface Calveley St Boniface
Wednesday 20 November	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Sunday 24 November	9.30am Holy Communion 10.30am Family Communion	St Jude's St Boniface
Wednesday 27 November	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Sunday 1 December	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Christingle 10.30am Family Worship 11.00am Holy Communion 4.00pm Christingle	St Boniface St Jude's St Boniface Calveley St Boniface

Happy 90th birthday, WI

On a sunny September afternoon, Bunbury WI celebrated its 90th birthday at the Scout Hut which had been decorated and the tables laid out for afternoon tea.

We were welcomed with a glass of fizz before being entertained by the Tarporley Sixth Form Vocal Chamber Ensemble. They were superb and allowed us to join in with the singing.

We stood to sing Jerusalem before being served a wonderful afternoon tea by Susi, Tina and Liz from Waterside Cafe.

Eileen Wood, whose mother-in-law was a founder member of Bunbury WI, and who has been a member for 72 years, then cut our own birthday cake supplied at cost from the Tarporley Cake Company. We were equally enthralled by the Tarporley High School Brass Group under the tuition of Helen Burrell and Mike Monument which had us tapping our feet.

The raffle was drawn with prizes from local businesses and Eileen Wood



thanked the committee for a wonderful afternoon.

We wish to thank Okells, Rose Farm, Wardrobe Tarporley, Nags Head Bunbury, Tillys, Co-op Bunbury, Tarporley Cake Company and Margaret Bourne for their support and to members and guests for coming along.



Parish Council pursuits

The Parish Council met on 9 October with eight Councillors attending and two residents. A report on policing issues was received from Councillor Brookfield. Parking issues were discussed; the results of a speed survey recently carried out in the village by the Highways Dept are awaited. It was noted that the history of Bunbury Aldersey School dated from 1591 and it is

the oldest of the Haberdashers' schools.

One planning application was considered and several planning decisions were discussed. The Christmas tree for the village has been ordered.

And so Bunbarians with Christmas approaching perhaps it's time to start buying a few presents!

Leila Potter Local Press Officer



A day in the life of...

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highest quality. Our current hope is to build a dedicated children's area in our department, separate from adults. Anyone who's visited an Emergency Department on a Saturday night knows that there are things there that children don't need to see.

People often say "I bet you see some sights in A&E, what's the worst you've seen?" What they normally want is blood and gore or tales of people inserting things where they shouldn't. I actually find the hardest part is assaults and abuse. Unfortunately we see drunken fights, domestic violence and child abuse. If you crash your car, the injuries might be severe but it was an accident; with assaults/abuse, someone did this to you.

There's a lot of talk about work-life balance. I'm lucky: my job allows me to work less than full time. Working shifts suits part-time work. Especially in the Emergency Department as I have no responsibility for ongoing care. I see a patient, do whatever I can for them then admit/discharge them. So if I'm not at work the next day it doesn't matter. That said, anyone who's seen me running to school because I'm late for pick-up knows I haven't quite got it sorted! Hopefully it will help protect me from burnout though which is very common in emergency medicine.

Outside of work I love going on adventures with the family and dog. Tidying is never as fun as going and doing something at the weekend! I also enjoy running and recently sloshed my way 17 miles around the Sandstone Trail race. Sunday night is band practice night as I play the trumpet in the local band the "Easy Peelers"



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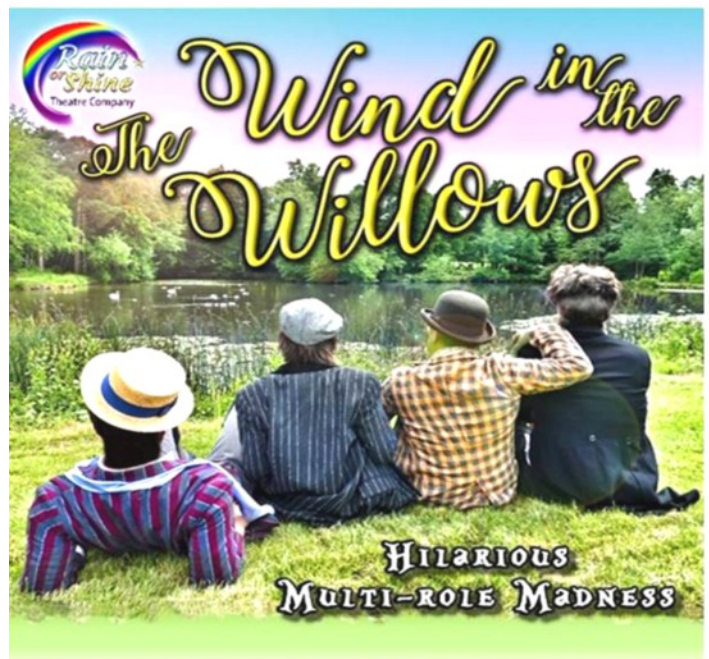
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Bunbury's own version of a Bavarian Oktoberfest returned to St Boniface on 11 October complete with live oompah band, Klaus Encounters. The band say they like Bunbury gigs for audience enthusiasm and we didn't fail them, with more dressing up than ever, and plenty of rousing singing.

Huge thanks to the catering team, and to Dan and Si Lees Jones for their contributions to the liquid refreshments, which helped to raise the grand total of £1600.



Prayers

We continue to pray for **Hazel Wilkinson, Cody Balshaw, Geoff Dickens and Senga Carman**. We also pray for all who are mourning a loved one, especially the family and friends of **Helen Wilson**.

*For the times when remembering
is painful,
we ask for your comfort, Lord.
For the times when remembering
is difficult,
we ask for patience.
For the times when remembering
brings us joy, we give you praise
and thanks.
Amen*



Pat Ellis - Reader Emeritus

Taste and see

It's fun going to a food fair and tasting all those free samples. The stall holders proudly present their wares in the hope that we will enjoy them so much we want to buy and take them home.

We can distinguish five different tastes, sweet, sour, salt, bitter and umami, or savoury.

As babies we start to learn what tastes we like or hate, ever tried to coax a reluctant toddler to try something new?

The psalmist said, "Taste and see that the Lord is good." (Ps.34).

Tasting means trying, or sampling, seeing involves understanding. So God's people in the psalm are urged to "try and experience" just as we do those food samples.

God is calling us to "take a bite", to try for ourselves and experience God's goodness to us, getting to know Jesus, our



friend and Saviour. Jesus said: "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty."

We experience God's incredible goodness when we look at his awesome creation, or recognise his blessings of providing, protecting and caring for each one of us.

*Dear God,
Help me to taste and see for my self
your unfathomable goodness.
Thank you for sending me
Your Son, Jesus Christ,
Who loves and cares for me
so much
That he gave his very life
That I might be saved.*

Mike Rogers writes...

Falling leaves



With copy deadlines being what they are, I find myself writing this at the beginning of October in preparation for publication at the beginning of November.

As I write, the leaves on the trees are just beginning to turn and I am left to wonder if we shall have had one of those glorious Octobers when the colours of the leaves on the trees will be at their brightest before they fall to the ground to lay a carpet of gold.

And that reminds me that very soon after this has been published, other leaves will be falling to lay a carpet of a different colour, for November is the month of Remembrance and as part of our yearly Acts of Remembrance poppy leaves will fall to the floor of the Albert Hall. They will form not a carpet of gold, but a carpet of red to remind us of the cost of the conflicts which punctuate our history. And it is important both to remember for ourselves and to pass on the duty to

remember to the generations who are to come.

We have already lost the living memory of those who fought in the Great War and it will not be so many years before those who took part in the Second World War will no longer be with us. But sadly, the experience of war, with all its horrors, is still with us as on Remembrance Sunday we gather to recall those who have fought and continue to fight for the freedom and peace we so earnestly crave.

In making our Act of Remembrance we stand in a long tradition; writing around 700BC, the Prophet Isaiah speaks of 'beating swords into ploughshares and spears into pruning hooks'.

As the leaves fall, either from our trees or from the roof of the Albert Hall, may I invite you to remember, in quiet gratitude, all those who have given us our freedom and then to play your part in bringing Isaiah's words to fruition.

Calveley Harvest

Calveley Chapel held a most enjoyable Harvest Supper at the Woodlands on 6 October, followed by the Harvest Festival service, where a large congregation celebrated God's goodness in creation and remembered our responsibility to share and care for others. A big thank you to the host and helpers at the Harvest Supper and to the congregation, organist and choir, and to those who decorated the Chapel so beautifully. Nantwich foodbank has benefitted from the generous donations.

An extract from a very early Bunbury Parish Magazine dating from just after WW1:

"Calveley Church Harvest Festival: Offerings of fruit and vegetables were sent to the Hospital in Victoria Avenue, Crewe. The offertory amounted to £2 14s 9d and was divided between the Serbian Relief and the Waifs and Strays Society."



When bombs fell on Bunbury



Bomb damage to St Boniface



Damage inflicted on the cottages opposite the church

Bunbury is very fortunate to have an amazing resident historian in John Elsworth. He has written publications over the years on various topics. One of the publications was Bunbury during the Second World War as reported in The St. Boniface Bunbury Parish magazines. John took parts of the magazines relating to the Second World War and wrote an introduction.

Included here are two of the photos of war damage at St Boniface on 24 November 1940. The photographs are from the Museum of Policing in Cheshire who gave permission to the Bunbury Society to print them.

On the night of 24 November at least ten bombs were dropped; nine caused very little damage but the tenth landed on the cottages where Walter Done and his family lived, fortunately no lives were lost, but the cottages had to be demolished as did the smithy. St Boniface lost windows in the blast and there was variation in the blast damage. Services restarted in St Boniface six months after the bomb explosion.

In the publication John has included quotes from Bunbury magazine

November 1941: "Appeal The Beeston Petrol Dump Guard have to face, like many similar bodies of men, dreary and lonely periods during the winter months and are in urgent need of a wireless set to dissipate the tediousness unavoidably associated with their present occupation. Will anyone who can help please get in touch with me (Vicar) or the officer in charge."

My family were living in one of the cottages on the night of the bomb, writes **Walter Done**. My sister Edith, then aged 9, said she remembered it well – I intended to record her recollections, but sadly never did. I was apparently asleep in a drawer, aged 16 months. These days I probably park my car just about where the cottage stood!

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