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# Be inspired

A weekend of flowers and the arts in our beautiful church, showcasing spectacular floral displays created by Margaret Bourne and her team, alongside an equally stunning art exhibition

Have you ever wanted to turn a log into something useful or knit and crochet?

If so, come to the INSPIRE Flower and Art exhibition.

Knitters and crocheters will be on hand to help and encourage and you can try your hand at patchwork and rag rug making. Or learn the secret of making a flower buttonhole. On Saturday watch how a simple log can be transformed into a rolling pin or wooden potato masher without the use of electricity!

There is no need to book a workshop place – just come by the marquees outside church and try your hand at a new craft.

**Friday:** knitting, crochet, patchwork. Making a flower buttonhole.

**Saturday:** Wood turning. A log to a rolling pin. Rag rug making, knitting on giant needles.

**Sunday:** Knitting, crochet, patchwork. Making a buttonhole.

If you have any free time to help as a steward or serving refreshments, please contact Elaine Crotty on 07860 128427.

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# Community news

With **Rev Tim on sabbatical**, curate **Claire Wilson** is the main point of contact for church matters. She can be contacted by email at [bunburycurate@gmail.com](mailto:bunburycurate@gmail.com) or by phone on 07800 871790.

Congratulations to **Stacey Massey** and **Andrew Broster**, married at St Boniface on 4 June.



The Link sadly reports the deaths of **Eileen Overy** and **Eileen Wood**.

The **Pet Service** is back in a new location on Sunday 17 July – join us in giving thanks for our pets in the Dysart garden.

On 21 May bellringers from across Cheshire and Liverpool came to St Boniface to ring in memory of the late **John Elsworth**. John had been a lifelong bellringer and was one of the first to ring the Liverpool Cathedral bells in 1951. John had a long association with St Boniface as a churchwarden and as bellringing "Tower Captain". John sadly passed away during the Covid restrictions so this was a delayed memorial event. After the ringing there was a memorial service, followed by refreshments at the rear of the church.

Over the Jubilee weekend, the bells were rung in a national event to join St Paul's cathedral bells being rung before the Platinum Jubilee service of thanksgiving on Friday morning. The ringers were joined by **Dennis Burrows**, who was a bellringer at St Boniface and is the last surviving member of the band who rang the bells 70 years ago. Dennis is pictured below (centre) with



members of the current bellringing band. In the afternoon, a Jubilee Garden Party was held. Each ringer was allocated a decade of the Queen's reign to bring an iconic main or pud from that period. The result was a most eclectic buffet, washed down with the most British Pimms, English wine and other beverages.

**Tiverton village society** held a Jubilee picnic on Sunday 5 June at Deeside Ramblers hockey club, attended by many residents of both Tiverton and Tilstone Fearnall. A cake competition was won by **Myra Lloyd** (below) with an outstanding lemon cake.



**Bunbury Gardening Club's** year began with a bang: a Quiz and Fizz evening in January. In February Frank Forrest gave a talk on soil, the ingredient of gardening which we pay little or no attention to but which is most important! March's talk was entitled "A Walk in the Countryside" with Jane Allison and in April we heard about "Birds, Bees and Broadbeans" from Malcolm Mollart. Our spring and summer season began with a visit to Adswold in Mollington. Ken and Helen Black propagate clematis and their garden is filled with stunning varieties all year round. Future visits are planned to The Well House in Tilston and Ashton Grange.

July's meeting of Bunbury Gardening Club will be a visit to Ashton Grange, Grange Road, Ashton Heyes, Chester CH3 8AE on Tuesday 19 July. Meet at the property at 6.30pm. Admission £6.00. The August meeting will be a garden trail in Bunbury, starting at 6.30pm. Further details from

## A word from the editor

Many of us will have watched parts of the Jubilee celebrations on television. What a great medium it is for those of us who couldn't attend in person.

Technology has moved on so much since the Queen's Coronation; the 700 drones in the sky creating pictures at the concert were one example.

We are looking for people who can steward and welcome people to the exhibition and help with refreshments 15-17 July at St Boniface. If anyone would be able to help for an hour or two, we would be very grateful. Contact Elaine 07860 128427.

Margaret Bourne 01829 260944. New members and guests are welcome, but please make yourselves known to a member of the Committee.

On 16 August we are holding a **Bunbury Garden Trail** exploring some of our members gardens. This ends with cheese and wine in the last garden. Let's hope the sun shines.

We look forward to meeting many villagers on village day where we will have a plant stall. Our **annual show** is on 3 September in the village hall where anyone, member or not, is welcome to bring along an exhibit. Entry forms will be in Burrows or Tilly's nearer the time. Have a happy and pleasant summer of gardening.

We had a wonderful service at **Calveley** on "Jubilee Sunday" with the christening of **Jack Hopley** (pictured below). There was great singing and a super feast after the service.

Although the weather didn't hold so the church was full to the brim and we had a bit of a squeeze to serve the food and drink, everyone had a wonderful time



meeting friends old and new. We are very grateful for all the hard work that was done to make the church look so beautiful, to provide the food and drink and for those who took the time to join us as we celebrated the Queen's 70 years on the throne – long may she reign.

Congratulations to **Jack Liddiment**, baptised at St Boniface on 22 May.



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# It's the year of Jubilee!

**Curate Claire Wilson takes over this column while Rev Tim is on sabbatical**

The Platinum Jubilee Year! What an amazing year it has been so far for celebrating the Queen's latest Jubilee. All because, on 6 February, we celebrated the Queen's Accession to the throne 70 years ago. As with each Royal Jubilee, we, the British people have embraced the celebration with gusto, lining the Mall for the Horse Guard parade, flybys, spectacular pomp, and ceremony, waving flags, street parties, and much merriment.

This Jubilee had special meaning as Queen Elizabeth is now the longest reigning British Monarch, for 70 years! For this celebration, we were given an extra bank holiday, bells were rung up and down the country and beacons were lit across the UK and the commonwealth. A Platinum Jubilee commemorative medal has been created to give to serving frontline members of the police, fire, emergency services, prison services and the Armed Forces.

And hopefully a legacy will come from the thousands of trees that have been planted as part of the Queen's Green Canopy initiative. Children are being encouraged to work towards their Junior Forester Award to increase knowledge in woodland management for the future. Bunbury planted its very own trees as part of this enterprise.

Our Queen is not the only monarch to celebrate Royal Jubilees. Queen Victoria celebrated both 50 and 60 years as sovereign by having Golden and Diamond Jubilees respectively. And further back than that George III was the first British Monarch to introduce a Jubilee in 1809 when he had been on the throne 50 years.

But Jubilee is not a British term but a biblical term. To the Israelites the number 7 had special significance and every seventh year there would be year of Sabbath, when the Jewish people would neither sow nor prune their land. They were allowed to eat whatever grew naturally on the land that year but not plant anything new. This is where the farming principle of fallowing comes from. It is to rejuvenate the ground and increase its fertility.

Every seven times seven years, i.e., after every 49th year, a Year of Jubilee would be declared. So called after the "yobel" was blown, the ram's horn to announce the year of Jubilee. In basic terms, not only was the land not to be worked but property was to be returned to its original owners, people were to return home and slaves were to be released.

This year of Jubilee meant restoration, rejuvenation, and rest. It was a time of acknowledging the goodness and provision of God and of equity and freedom of the people. It was also a time of forgiveness and healing.

As we celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, why don't we consider how we might use this time for recognising God's bounty, building ourselves and others up with kindness and justice, and investing in the Earth's renewal. What better legacy!

## Our prayers for July

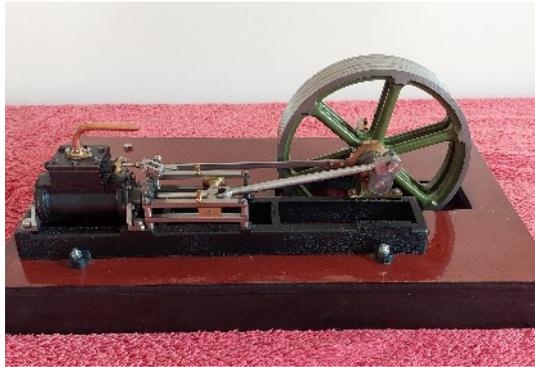
Dear Lord,

*Although we live in changing times,  
changes of schools, changes of job perhaps;  
changes in our country and changes in our world;  
we know that You are always with us  
whatever may arise and wherever we may be.*

*Thank you Lord. Amen*

# Inspire22

A glimpse of the wonderful works on display at St Boniface 15–17 July



## Church diary for July

Sunday 3 July	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Worship 10.30am Forest Church & Holy Communion 11.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface St Jude's St Boniface Calveley
Wednesday 6 July	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Sunday 10 July	9.30am Holy Communion 10.30am Family Worship 5.30pm Youth Alpha	St Jude's St Boniface Darkie Meadow
Wednesday 13 July	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Friday 15 July	12.00pm Start of Inspire22 3-day exhibition	St Boniface
Sunday 17 July	9.30am Family Communion 10.30am Pet service  6.00pm Contemplative service	St Jude's The Dysart St Boniface
Tuesday 19 July	2.30pm & 7.30pm Contemplative prayer	St Boniface
Wednesday 20 July	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Sunday 24 July	9.30am Family worship 10.30am Family communion	St Jude's St Boniface
Wednesday 27 July	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Sunday 31 July	9.30am Family worship 10.30am Family worship	St Jude's St Boniface



# Sky notes for July

Several planets are on view during the warm July nights. First up is the ringed planet Saturn, rising in the south-east around dusk. Next comes the bright planet Jupiter at around midnight, followed shortly after by reddish Mars. Venus is a glorious morning object, rising about 3 am. It is much brighter than all the other stars and planets in the sky and will dominate the eastern sky until dawn.

The moon can help you find these planets as it moves on its journey round the sky during the month. Full Moon is on July 13. On Jul 15, Saturn is directly above the moon. On July 19 it is Jupiter's turn to be above the moon and on July 21-22 the moon is near Mars. Finally, for early risers, on July 26-27 the waning crescent moon forms a striking pair with Venus low in the east.

On July 10 and 11 the moon is in the constellation of Ophiuchus. Ophiuchus, you say? But surely the moon is only found in the constellations of the Zodiac? Well, there is actually a 13th constellation that astrologers conveniently forget: Ophiuchus, the Serpent-Bearer. Like the moon, the sun also travels through the constellations of the Zodiac and the constellation it is in when you are born is supposed to be your "star sign". The star patterns we use goes back to at least the ancient Greeks. Unfortunately, there were 13

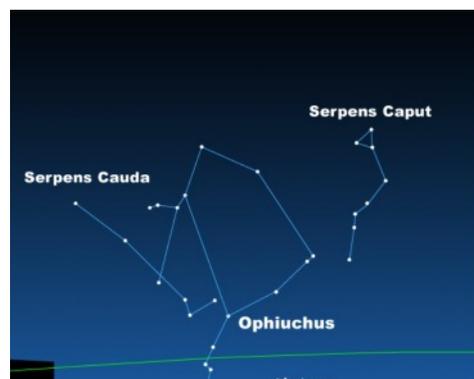
star patterns in the zodiac and that didn't fit with the 12 months of the year. So, inconvenient Ophiuchus was simply cut out!

If you were born between November 30 and December 18 your "star sign" is actually Ophiuchus. Between those dates, the sun is to be found in that constellation. Astrology is, of course, bunkum.

Nevertheless, July is a good time to find "your" constellation. I'm sorry to say that not only was your star sign deleted from the zodiac, but it's actually rather faint. Because its stars are faint, you'll need a dark sky. Look for Ophiuchus low in the south when darkness has fallen.

On sky maps, Ophiuchus the Serpent Bearer is depicted as holding Serpens the Serpent, which is considered a separate constellation. According to ancient Greek star lore, Ophiuchus is Asclepius, the physician who concocted a healing potion from the Serpent's venom, mixing it with the Gorgon's blood and an unknown herb. This potion gave humans access to immortality, until the god of the underworld appealed to Zeus to reconsider the ramifications of the death of death.

Clear skies! Bunbury stargazer



Look south on July evenings for mighty Ophiuchus the Serpent Bearer



Ophiuchus holding the serpent, Serpens, as depicted in Urania's Mirror, a set of constellation cards published in London c. 1825

## New look for Early Birds

Early Birds Pre-School, at the heart of Bunbury village life for more than 50 years, has unveiled a fresh new look and website.

Thanks to local brand agency, Neave Creative, Early Birds has a new logo and website, providing parents and carers with little ones aged two years old up to reception with all the information they need about the pre-school.

Gillian Cadman, manager of Early Birds, said: "Our new logo focuses on three little early birds, created with children's fingerprints, reflecting the individual identity of each pre-schooler and how, through play and a loving and caring environment, we help them grow, learn and develop.

"The three birds represent our three age groups; Robins (two-year-olds), Wrens (three-year-olds) and Swallows (final year before reception). We aim to develop, whilst learning through play, the skills and behaviours necessary to succeed both

personally and in society, by offering a program that meets the social, moral, emotional and physical needs of each child."

Phil Neave, lead designer at Neave Creative, said: "As an Early Birds parent, this has been a great project to support. This fantastic pre-school now has a fresh, updated new look and feel and a website filled with information ranging from its impressive Ofsted results, what a day at Early Birds looks like to fee information and testimonials from parents and carers."

Early Birds Pre School is located at Bunbury Aldersey CE Primary School, and is open term time from 8.45am to 3pm. For more information, or to arrange a visit to see round the pre-school, log onto its new website: [www.earlybirdsbunbury.co.uk](http://www.earlybirdsbunbury.co.uk)

Early Birds  
PRE-SCHOOL



# Bunbury Medical

## Practice news: July

### Dispensary

We hope that patients are getting used to being back in the building when collecting their medication. Please do remember to bring a mask to wear within the building as we want to reduce the chances of our most vulnerable patients being exposed to Covid. We also want to ensure that the practice team remain comfortable and safe and keep the surgery running at maximum capacity.

### Reception News

The Friends and Family Test (FFT) is an important feedback initiative that supports the fundamental principle that people who use NHS services should have the opportunity to provide feedback on their experience. During the pandemic, this initiative was suspended but it is now being reinstated. If you would like to submit feedback, there is a simple questionnaire at the reception desk; submissions are anonymous, and we would welcome and appreciate your input.

Friends and Family Test Data is available on the NHS website. FFT does not replace your right to complain or prevent patients from providing feedback in other ways.

Calling the practice: Our reception team are trained to help signpost patients to the correct service and healthcare professional. Patients may be asked for further information about the request they make when they contact the surgery. Please help us to help you by cooperating with our reception team. The GP partners here at the surgery support this approach as it often prevents wastage in time and resources.

### Staff Update

We are looking to add some capacity within our nursing team. Specifically, we are looking for an additional Advanced Nurse Practitioner; this would be on a part-time basis, working on a Thursday and Friday.

We also have vacancies within our Dispensing and Reception Teams. If you are interested and would like to discuss these positions further, please call Alan Courtenay, our Practice Manager, on 01829 260218. Please feel free to pass this information on to anyone you think may be interested.

### Covid

Many people had their first Coronavirus vaccination and then did not attend for their second, or had two, but not their booster. As the world begins to re-open, it's more important than ever to ensure you're fully vaccinated.

If you have been told that you are eligible for a Coronavirus vaccination, but haven't yet had it, you can book your vaccination here.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/>

### Older People Eye Tests

If you're aged 60 or over, you can have a free eye test at least every two years on the NHS. There are other ways you can keep on top of the condition of your eyes in the meantime, these include wearing sunglasses, eating healthily and quitting smoking.

<https://www.ageuk.org.uk/information-advice/health-wellbeing/conditions-illnesses/eye-health/>

### Falls

As we age, our muscle strength and balance change. These changes can lead to slips, trips and falls. Exercise can help you to maintain your muscle strength.

<https://www.ageuk.org.uk/information-advice/health-wellbeing/exercise/falls-prevention/>

### Volunteers' Week (1-7 June)

Volunteers play a massive role across the UK, and we'd like to thank each and every volunteer who gives up their time to help and support others. The huge number of volunteers who stepped up to help with the Coronavirus vaccination programme demonstrated just how many people are willing to go above and beyond to help others, and we want to thank all volunteers for everything they do to help our communities.

If you've ever thought that you could spare some time to help others, the Government website has a dedicated page to search for volunteering opportunities. There are a wide range of ways that you can volunteer, and if you've thought about volunteering, why not take a look? Our communities could not thrive without the support of volunteers.

<https://volunteersweek.org/about-volunteers-week/what-is-volunteers-week/>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/get-involved/take-part/volunteer>

# Bees in June

I didn't write an article in May due to COVID but in truth the year has been rather slow on the bee front. I hadn't wanted to disturb the bees too much because things seem to have got off to a slower start than usual. The very variable weather hasn't been very helpful either. It's actually better to have a cold winter and then a warming spring and summer but these oscillating warm/cold/wet cycles confuse the bees as to what they should be doing. I tend to leave managing them when it is clear that they truly are into the yearly cycle.

Eventually, needs must and here I am, smoker smouldering, at the hive I have in Swan Lane behind my greenhouse. My lovely assistant and photographer, Ros, isn't too keen to engage at close quarters, but a distance was no protection. I was taking bars out, saving some for extraction and rearranging others to make space for new comb, while Ros was sitting in a deckchair, when a bee stung her very painfully on her nose.

Ros has forgiven the bees (I think!) and hopefully me, but I spotted a Queen Cell which I removed. This is a sign that the bees are thinking of swarming and taking a chunk of the population off elsewhere, destination unknown, leaving an elderly Queen with the residue of the hive. It may have been nipped in the

bud and the rearranging of their real estate may have been enough to convince the bees that all is well. We shall see.

I removed a fair amount of over-wintered honey comb which isn't as pristine as this year's newly made comb. I will deal with this once it's been made. I have started crushing the older honey, filled into previously-used darker, less photogenic comb, which isn't as easy as removing honey from conventional hives. It just takes more time and patience and will bottle it over the weekend.

The hive down behind Bunbury Mill isn't as far advanced as this one, probably because the location on the mini-island between the Gowy and the Mill Race is becoming very overgrown and over-shadowed. I may have to reconsider leaving it there and find a better site somewhere else, but we shall see once I've had a look at it. I haven't done such radical rearranging of that hive, partly because it wasn't full and therefore not so urgent. The bees always have their own strategy and sort things to their liking and leaving them to it is always an option if inspiration isn't forthcoming. The trick is to try to find a solution which works for all of us, me and 50,000+ bees!

More next month...



## ALIVE group heads to the seaside

With kind permission from the Cholmondley estate and with the lovely Win Bond driving the coach, the ALIVE group enjoyed a trip to the seaside this week. Although the day dawned with a clear blue sky this soon disappeared to give the occasional shower. However, it did not stop everyone from having a wonderful day. The sat nav decided to take us on a very beautiful country route

up a hill and the view of the bay of Llandudno spread beneath us was breathtaking. Our destination was the Beaches hotel in Prestatyn. We had hoped to sit on the terrace but the weather only allowed a short walk along the front before our lunch. Following a wonderful meal the weather had improved enough for another pleasant walk in the sea air before our return journey.

# Bunbury school news

As Bunbury School is nearly at the end of the school year. I look back on last half term and am amazed how much has been achieved.

The summer term began with onsite swimming lessons. Over 100 children were provided with the opportunity to have daily lessons led by two instructors from Sports Coaching group. It was fantastic to be able to offer some of our younger non-swimmers the chance to swim, particularly after 2 years of not being able to attend leisure centre swimming lessons.

The second School Fest event was once again a huge success and thoroughly enjoyed by all 181 children. The children were able to participate in a range of different activities which included: Forest skills, Silent disco, Football workshops, Dance and Drumming workshops, Nerf Battles, Canoeing, Cave Bus and Climbing wall.

Through the week KS2 children all enjoyed an overnight camp on the field and it was lovely to see children challenging themselves and enjoying new experiences. The enjoyment and laughter was infectious and everyone thoroughly enjoyed what the week had to offer.

Schools Fest began last year and was born out of the fact that children had not taken part in such activities due to the Covid pandemic. As a headteacher I am a firm believer and extremely passionate that the staff at Bunbury School provide so much more than academic learning for the children and so for a second-year Schools Fest returned.

On the final day before half term the Queens Platinum Jubilee was celebrated with a street party. Unfortunately, due to the weather it had to be moved into the school.

However, the children still thoroughly enjoyed their Corridor Street Party Jubilee experience. It has been so enjoyable to be able to share all these experiences with the children. The final afternoon ended with party games, a bouncy castle and ice cream which was very kindly donated by Snugburys. It was a very fitting end to a great half term.

During the final few weeks of the summer term there are a number of further exciting opportunities for our pupils. I look forward to being able to share these with you in the near future.

**Outside the world may remain strange and uncertain but behind Bunbury school walls wonderful things have continued to take place...**





## Claire Wilson

### A change is as good as a rest

The summer season is upon us. The sun has shone (maybe not as much as we'd like), the winter wardrobe has been put away (save the odd cardie or jumper) and, hopefully, we will all have booked some time off work, school, or our usual activities.

And I'm sure the seven dwarfs would be singing this little ditty, as they prepared for the next few months.

Hi, Ho, Hi, Ho  
It's off on holidays we go  
To find sun, not shade,  
So, my tan won't fade,  
Hi, Ho, Hi, Ho, Hi, Ho.

Hi, Ho, Hi, Ho  
It's to the beach we go,  
With a bucket and spade,  
Stick of rock and lemonade  
Hi, Ho, Hi, Ho, Hi, Ho.

We might not be able to get away on a sun kissed break abroad, or to a cottage on our beautiful coastline, but we can take a day away to change our scenery



somehow. Take a long walk along the canal, borrow a friend's conservatory or garden for the day, somewhere that is not our usual place of habitation.

Pause. Breathe. Let's notice our new surroundings. Let's enjoy not being in the familiar with its demands and responsibilities. Downtime is so good for us - for reconnection with ourselves, family, and others. For rejuvenating our tired bodies and minds. For just life back in balance and perspective.

They say a change is as good as a rest but maybe the change for us is to REST.

# Tilston Fearnall

The refurbished gates at Tilstone Fearnall were blessed by Rev Tim Hayward and officially opened by the High Sheriff of Cheshire, Mrs Jeannie France— Hayhurst after a special Jubilee service at St Jude's church on 5 June.



The church gates were installed in 1953 to celebrate the Queens Coronation. On one gate is the Queens cipher and on the other the date 1953. The Gates were overdue a refurbishment and so the decision was taken to include this year's date 2022 in celebration of Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee. The work on the gates was facilitated by a very kind donation in memory of the late Mrs Frances Stokes of Heath Croft, Tiverton Heath a past member of St Jude's PCC and stalwart of the church. Members of her family were in attendance .



## Mike Rogers

### Pottering

I was 'pottering' in the garden the other day and it struck me that there is something of a parallel between caring for a garden and caring for our faith. If we neglect to care for the plants bushes and hedges that were once precious and planted with love they become overgrown, choked and at worst they die. Or they lose their shape and their form.

Similarly, if we fail to care for our faith and our understanding of God's love for us, then, in my experience, other things take over and just like those plants, bushes and hedges, that which was once precious and planted with love and with care fails to flourish.

But there is no future in attacking an overgrown garden without some guidance; often we need help from an expert, someone who has the right tools or the right knowledge or even both. The same is, of course, true of our faith if it too has been neglected over the years.

Lastly, after a thorough overhaul, a garden will look and feel different. If it has been possible to clear a previously obscured view, a new perspective of the surroundings will be seen and the garden itself will have been revitalised.

Again, sometimes it is necessary to give our faith and our beliefs a similar root and branch overhaul, a process sometimes known as a 'moving on' in our journey of faith. And that might result in a new perspective on life.

So, this summer, if you find yourself 'pottering' in your garden, cutting here and trimming there, removing an errant weed or perhaps bringing new life to a previously neglected area, do take a moment to think about doing the same to your faith. You never know what you might discover.

## Foodbank

Many thanks to the volunteers who continue to deliver to the foodbanks. Thank you to all those volunteers who take food to the foodbanks. As a parish we are very grateful. We are now in the Mid Cheshire group and volunteers deliver to Tarporley and Winsford.

### Here is a list of things that are needed:

- Jam
- Long life fruit juice
- Tinned fruit
- Desserts - jelly, rice pudding
- Tea bags (especially 80s)
- Custard
- Tinned/mashed potatoes
- Savoury sandwich spread

## About Guy Johnson by children Helena, Charles and Henry

Opinionated, strong willed, focused, highly driven & fiercely competitive. Not one to mince his words. Extremely logical & methodical, with high expectations of himself and those around him.

The family would wonder how he came to have so many really lovely friends.

That's because Guy was also very funny, always up for a challenge, great fun, a thrower of fantastic parties, a loyal friend, kind and very generous underneath that frequently grumpy exterior.

Guy was born in Guildford in 1938 to Eric and Marjorie, joining his elder sister Anne. The family soon moved to Sussex buying both a farm and a country hotel called Moor Hall near Bexhill. It was here Guy spent his formative years.

Being on the south coast, Guy's early memories were of war, including doodlebugs blowing out his bedroom windows. Despite the war life went on and the hotel guests were entertained with tennis, table tennis, croquet, and horses, including for hunting.

The combination of war and a taskmaster for a father, Guy formed his endless resilience and deep practicality and fastidiousness about how things should be done. He never failed to convey to his family the right way to do things. Here Guy honed his hosting and hotelier skills and more importantly how to run a good party. After leaving Malvern Guy initially resisted a career in the hotel business, working first in shipping in London before moving to the Dorchester and Grosvenor hotels before landing a Management Trainee position at the Hyde Park hotel, which also included a year long stint in Monaco as a waiter. Here he learned to speak French and gave him a lifelong love of France, the only country he

had been to outside of the UK and Monaco until his 60s.

These early years shaped Dad - a fierce competitor in everything he did; deeply practical; an outwardly tough exterior hiding a kind and thoughtful person.

Friends knew Guy for that competitive spirit or razor-sharp wit in one way or another - on the hunting field, tennis court, golf course, playing cards, doing quizzes...

Horses, eventing, and hunting featured heavily in Guy's life. From early childhood Guy's family were passionately into horses, and so Guy and his sister Anne grew up riding ponies from the age of 4. They were frequently at local pony shows and even out hunting on a leading rein aged 6 with his parents.

During National Service, Guy was invited to trial for the show jumping team, and Craftsman Johnson was selected alongside a Major General and a retired Colonel.

From there he was selected to trial for the Modern Pentathlon. None of the others could ride so he was tasked with, and succeeded in, teaching them from scratch to be able to complete a Cross Country course within 12 weeks.

The Cheshire Hunt was a big part of his life, both on and off the horse.

Henry's memory when it came to have is Guy calling him one day saying, quite matter-of-factly, that he'd fallen off the horse and had broken his collarbone - and so would be riding back to the box (which was a good 3-4 miles away), driving home - and if Carolyn wouldn't mind then taking him to hospital

Outside of horses and sport, Guy was also heavily involved in the community and politics. He spent over 20 years as Conservative Treasurer, though many will

remember him most for his fundraising quizzes.

Guy liked to get a groan with his questions, such as "how many of each animal did Moses lead onto the Ark? None - it was Noah".

At the church fete Guy was famous for the Hoopla stand, making everything from scratch. On the day of the Fete Guy would always be seen in his trademark outfit (red waistcoat, top hat with 2 and 6 pence - a real mad hatter!) loudly enticing an endless stream of punters,

In amongst all his sport, and engagement in the community, and his beloved garden - there was one rock by his side for just over 50 years - Carolyn. Carolyn and Guy were married on 2 October 1971 after just 6 months of being together (in fact Guy actually proposed on their 4th date!). Guy was never one for wasting time, once he'd got his heart set on something!

Then along came Helena, Charles. and Henry

He then gained Evan, Lorna & Emma as son & daughters in law, and 5 grandchildren to whom he was affectionately (and accurately!) known as Grumps.

Together, Guy and Carolyn made an amazing team. Always focused on creating a loving family environment, and on serving the local community. Guy and Carolyn were on various committees, helping people out and teaching the family valuable lessons in the process, Dad lived his life to the full, on his terms. The family would question why he didn't want to travel.. Guy had little interest in doing so. He had created a life that he loved with Carolyn, and his many friends and family. He had everything he wanted and needed at Bowesgate. His horses, golf, tennis and, of course, his beautiful garden.

## John Hinde – a tribute from son, Dan

Words cannot express how we feel or what we have lost with the passing, far too soon, of our Dad, John.

Nothing that we could read or write could possibly convey what he has given us over the years. It is impossible to express what he represented and the role that he served within our family. A father, grandfather and partner, so dedicated, so unfaltering, kind, reliable, loving and supportive.

We won the jackpot when it came to Dads and I am certain that everyone in here feels the same, whatever your relationship to my

father. The rows of people right in front of me represent the love, understanding and loyalty, that dad valued so much.

A boy known by many as Little Johnny Hinde grew up to become our Big John. With a huge heart, deep pockets, a wide smile and always outstretched arms - whether that be to welcome, congratulate or to console.

Dad provided us with the best of everything in life. We grew up in the idyllic British countryside with absolute freedom to roam and explore. We had every kind of plaything that a child could desire, from toys to motorbikes. We had a plethora of animals from

## In tribute

bugdies to ponies and everyone, often in vast number, was welcome to come and enjoy our home with us. We each received the very best education, despite none of us caring that much for it, and we went on exceptional family holidays from the Caribbean to the ski slopes in Colorado. Yet despite all that we were gifted, dad never ever made us feel as though we owed him a thing. He never put conditions on his love or limits on his support. The only thing he wanted in return was our happiness and he dedicated many hours listening to our heartaches to even try and ease those burdens too.

Dad was determined and dedicated in everything he did, whether that was fulfilling his role as doting partner to Sue or jet-washing 6mths worth of mud off Rebecca's car. He never gave up the fight to keep his home immaculate, against decades of relentless sabotage and attack from armies of chaotic kids, inebriated adults and Gabby's hair straighteners. He persevered at golf like a true trouper, never defeated...never quite victorious.

If things went badly wrong, as with us as his children they quite often did (you see if you give your kids the gift of confidence, sometimes they may take life a little too fast)...he would calmly say "well you can't change it" or "well what's done is done" before helping us sort out the best possible solution. He would listen and cared deeply about everyone of us blessed to be a part or his sprawling family, that you can see cluttering the first few rows here. Family meant everything to Dad. From tending to his beloved big sisters Marj and Jean, right down to cradling the latest of his

grandchildren. Be them old, new, blood or step relations, dad's love and generosity knew no bounds. He organised huge family holidays for our ever growing and ever more complex brood, patiently mapping out the plethora of adults and kids, girlfriends, boyfriends and dogs over the years - ensuring no one ever felt left behind. In fact, he had booked the entire Plas Bodegroes in Abersoch for the 20 of us this summer. That benevolent generosity was simply dad.

Dad had strong morals and high standards. He taught us you that always stand by your word and you always pay your way. He was an old school gentleman...in 44 years I only ever heard him use the f word once! He led by example and there is no doubt that he made us all at least try to be better people.

He gave us all such incredible memories and showed us exactly what life has to offer and how you use your success to bring yourself and others real joy and incredible and everlasting memories. He radiated stability and calm, he made you feel safe and relaxed and most of all loved. He laid the foundations and created the spaces for so many happy times and wonderful family unions. He was our rock, our roots, our guide and our shelter.

He was John, our dad and what a glorious time we have all had together. We will miss him inconsolably, but we will be strong and honour his lead. We will support and love each-other through this difficult time because "you can't change it" and "what's done is done". The world will never be the same again but we will try everyday to make him proud.

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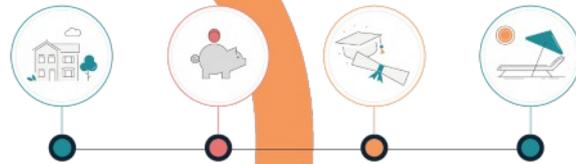
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