

### Annual Report: Rick looks to the future

“Traditionally, this is my opportunity to thank everyone for their year’s work and commitment to the growth of the church. This year, I am genuinely humbled at what has taken place, particularly over the last 8 months. It is said that when churches lose their vicar, for whatever reason, they also lose a third of their congregation, and another third when a new vicar is appointed. I hear that Head Office is therefore at a loss when they see that our church has actually grown, not only in numbers, but also in depth. The church seems to have taken off, become confident, since I was forced to relinquish the reins.

It seems that Bunbury is now seen as a model of a rural church in the Diocese, one that has expanded, taken risks and grown. So much so that the Bishop has decided that we should have an assistant minister. Jane Stevenson, who is due to be made a deacon in July, is married with two children at university and works as a secondary school teacher.

I would particularly like to honour all those who are working with the next generation, both the teachers and helpers in the increasingly popular Kingdom Kids classes on Sunday mornings, and those working with our tireless parish youth worker Johnny Gillett on other valuable youth projects.

You will all be aware and, I hope, as thrilled as I am at the advances that have been made to the fabric of the church over the last three years: the effective re-ordering, the new churchyard and the funds raised towards the new Ridgway Window.

I am hoping to be back at work by late summer but I am considering changing my role in the light of the exceptional gifts displayed by our lay readers. I would like to become their support as they develop their own ministries. I would like us to become a powerful resource within this Diocese to the Glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

**Rick Gates, April 2005**

As we put together this magazine in mid-May, Rick suffered a setback, with a blood clot on his lung, and spent several days in hospital. We all hope that he is soon home and back on the road to recovery.

### Stage-struck in- Shropshire?



Lots of local girls (including Rachel and Sarah Overy pictured here) were involved in a dance show featuring excerpts from various musicals and the ballet ‘Sleeping Beauty’, at the Civic Centre, Whitchurch, in early May. Teacher Alison Hanlon gives lessons in Bunbury and Bickerton.

At least 13 local families had two or more daughters on stage: all the girls, whose ages range from 3 to 18, thoroughly enjoyed the experience of performing. The older girls, dancing ‘en pointe’ were much admired by the little ones. Special mention must go to Anastasia James, who won the award for most improved dancer, and to talented Verity Burrows who made a striking Aurora. Well done to all the performers, and those helping behind the scenes.



**Bunbury Cubs, Scouts and Explorers with leaders at the closing ceremony of their annual camp on May 15th**

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# Nature Notes on location in New Zealand



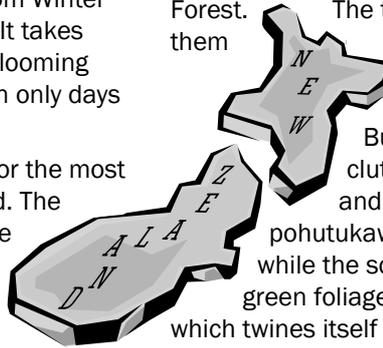
I have been asked by one or two people to give you an account of my holiday in New Zealand. We visited in January and it was like being in a dream to be transported from Winter straight into their Summer. It takes

some believing to see all the flowers of summer blooming when I'd been looking at dead stalks in the garden only days before.

I found the native flora and fauna fascinating as for the most part they are not found anywhere else in the world. The New Zealanders are trying hard to eradicate all the species of plants and animals that have been introduced from other countries that have had such a drastic effect on many native birds that are now threatened with extinction. The possums in particular are a menace. These destructive animals kill many trees and birds. The Kiwi which is the national bird is small tubby and flightless and not easy to observe as it is nocturnal and very shy, whilst the Kea is a large parrot with drab green feathers and which is very inquisitive. We were warned when visiting the Franz Josef glacier that we might come back to

our camper van and find the rubber on windscreen wipers and even the tyres destroyed. They are very amusing to watch when they are not being destructive.

The New Zealand 'bush' is very different from an English Forest. The tall trees grow close together and many of them have small leaves. There is a fresh clean damp smell and very thick undergrowth. One creeping twining plant is called a Bush Lawyer because once you get into its clutches its hard to get out. The tree ferns and mosses are very attractive and the pohutukawa trees have brilliant crimson flowers, while the scarlet of the rata gleamed among the green foliage of the host trees - the rata is a parasite which twines itself around another tree until it throttles it to death, itself living on. When we got to Northland we went to see a Kauri tree that was over 2,000 years old. It is the largest living organism and named Tane Mahuta, God of the Forest - 30 metres in height and 13.8 metres girth. At one time there were forests of these tremendous trees but they were ruthlessly cut down for their excellent timber. Gum was extracted from them which was an important ingredient for



making varnish. I feel I have only just begun but now must finish and maybe write again about the playful dusky dolphins, the sperm whales, fur seals and magnificent Wandering Albatross we were lucky enough to see in our travels.

**Liz Jones**



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# Why do we find it so hard to pray?

We may have been taught to pray at home as young children. We probably had a prayer time at school, and we all know the Lord's Prayer, which Jesus gave us, the blueprint for all our prayers. We know God wants us to pray to him. So why is it so hard to do? We put it off. No time, we are too tired. We don't feel worthy enough to talk to our Saviour. Perhaps there is something going on in our life that we can't face up to, and we hope that God won't have noticed! Are we too proud? We believe we can tackle any task quite well on our own, so why get God involved?

Jesus teaches us to depend on him for everything. We must become like little children before God. We don't give our small children everything they want, if it is not good for them. So no sweets just before dinner, and no staying up late watching horror movies, no matter how much they plead! So it is with God. He oversees our lives, and knows what is best in his plan for us, even though we can't understand.

Why should we pray when God already knows what we need, and provides for us? We need God's grace to sustain us in times of trouble, and to keep our lives 'on course', so that we are not being side-tracked by worldly concerns. He is our heavenly Father, the creator God, who made the heavens and the earth. He made us and loves us more than anything else.

He wants to be with us, and for us to enjoy being with him.

There was a minister who had a five year old son. The little boy knew he was not allowed into his father's study when he

was working. But the boy pleaded, 'Please, Dad, let me come in. I will sit very quietly, I won't disturb you, I just want to be with you'. Can you imagine yourself, coming into God's presence, and just sitting there quietly, just being with him?

This is what prayer is, enjoying a relationship with God. God wants us to bring to him every ordinary moment in our day. When all is going well, sometimes we forget that our happiness comes from God. Do we remember to thank him? Prayer isn't just 'I want', but how can I do what you want?

What about the dark times, illness, or bereavement, wars and natural disasters. Where is God then? We cannot understand how God works, but we must trust that he is there, in every situation. The more we pray, the more God's power will prevail.

How do we do it? God knows you, and loves you. God doesn't need clever words. Come as you are, now. Think of God, often, whatever you are doing, at work or play. Look at God's beautiful creation. Marvel at the sunset, the storm clouds. Thank God for all his blessings. Ask to be forgiven for all the wrongs in your life. Pray for the world, and for those whose life is difficult just now.

Sit quietly in God's presence, whether your life at the moment is peaceful or turbulent.

'Be still, and know that I am God.'

**Pat Edgley**

## Still no faith?

'Jesus said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"' (St Mark 4, 40)

Jesus put these questions to the disciples in the midst of a raging storm! They were in a boat with him on the Sea of Galilee when they were hit by a furious squall, with the waves breaking right over the boat. Didn't the disciples have more than a little cause to fear, with the storm transferring the lake into their little boat with alarming speed? Wasn't it the most natural thing in the world for them to panic?

But the disciples hadn't fully realised that their passenger was Lord of the whole earth, including winds and storms, and fear had soon overcome the limited faith that they possessed. Sometimes people try to claim that a bit of fear is alright: it gets the heart and the action really going. But it can take the colour out of our hair, and can even stop our heart!

Jesus makes it clear that fear is bad news, and that if fear is taken on board, faith takes a dive into the water. We can either have fear and let it get a hold of us, or we can have faith in the power of God to be greater than anything on this earth. But, says Jesus, we cannot have it both ways.

Fear can never get the better of God. But this side of the grave we are mostly human. We do, however, have the offer of the strengthening power of the Holy Spirit and the more we avail ourselves of his power, the less freedom of manoeuvre there is for the Evil One to come at us with fear, as we cross the lake of life.

**Eric Wallington**

## No decision yet on O<sup>2</sup> Mast

St. Boniface PCC is obliged, as trustees of a charity, to investigate any potential source of funds to help run this ancient building. There has been a lot of interest and discussion over whether the PCC should agree to the siting of an O<sup>2</sup> mast on the tower. It may be helpful at this stage to spell out exactly how a decision will be reached.

Consecrated church buildings - like St Boniface - are in the ultimate charge of the Bishop exercising his authority through the Diocesan Chancellor, a lawyer. To alter such a building needs approval via a Faculty signed by the Chancellor following a legally-prescribed procedure. All the recent improvements to the church have come about through this procedure which is as follows:

1. The parish (PCC) develop the scheme and resolve to apply for a faculty.
2. Application is made by the Vicar and Churchwardens with detailed plans.
3. The Diocesan Advisory Committee, which deals with such matters for all churches in the Diocese, reviews. Support leads to the issue of a DAC certificate.
4. The Faculty application and certificate is submitted to the Diocesan Registrar; the scheme is placed on display at church, and possibly elsewhere, for 28 days stating how any objections can be made.
5. The Chancellor considers the application and any objections. He may settle the matter or decide to hold a Consistory Court within the parish.
6. If a Faculty is then issued, and only at this point, the PCC decide whether to go ahead with the work.

**The proposed O<sup>2</sup> mast is now at stage one.**

# Joy Parker describes her Passover in America

Just before Christmas I had an email inviting my family to a celebration of the Passover in Avon, Connecticut!

In 1938 my grandparents heard about an organisation called the Kindertransport which took Jewish children out of Nazi Germany and placed them with English families. This was how my Auntie Lilly became part of our family. We keep in regular contact, although she has lived in New York for many years. My email was from her son, Ralph. I accepted the invitation immediately, and with great delight. I didn't tell the children until Easter as I had been asked to keep our visit a surprise for Auntie Lilly and Uncle Jerry.

Once they knew, I didn't dare let them speak to Auntie Lilly on the phone in case they gave the secret away. We all (Helen, Danny - Helen's boyfriend, Antonia, Ruth, Fiona, Julia, Simon and Joy) managed to give her quite a shock!

Far-flung members of Jewish families gather together for the Passover, and friends and neighbours are often invited. It is not unusual to invite non-Jewish friends.

The Passover is important because the Last Supper, which we celebrate on Maundy Thursday, was the Passover meal. I was a bit perplexed that the Jewish Passover came 3 weeks after Easter. Apparently, one of the early Popes changed the date!

Traditionally, the children play a big part in retelling the Exodus story at Passover. Ralph was very skilled in drawing the story out of them. Special questions are asked: "Why is this night special?" The children answer that there are bitter herbs to eat. (This symbolises the bitter experiences of the enslaved Israelites). "Why do we dip the parsley into salt water?" (Tears). All these special foods are displayed on an ornate dish. Simon also took great delight in reciting off the nine plagues of Egypt including frogs, gnats, flies and locusts! Everyone has a special book, called a Haggadah, with everything in Hebrew and English.

Before Passover the house was cleaned from top to bottom and, in particular, any 'leaven' - risen bread - was thrown away. (The fleeing Israelites made a dough of flour and water and let it bake in the sun as they went, with no time to let it rise). Matzos is used instead - it is like large cream crackers.

Three are set aside in a special divided bag and represent the Priests (Cohens), the Priests' assistants (Levites) and the Israelites. The middle one is broken in half and bits hidden around the house in table napkins. The children (anyone under 25 on this occasion!) had great fun finding them and were rewarded with a present.

Several times in the proceedings sweet red wine is drunk, with grape juice for the youngest, and the household use silver cups received at their Bar or Bat Mitzvah. I was privileged to be given one as a present at the Passover, with my name and Passover 2005

inscribed on it. There is a special cup with Elijah's name on it. No-one drinks from this cup, but later in the meal the front door will be opened so that, if it is the time for Elijah to return, he may come in.

A festive meal of chicken or lamb is eaten, followed by a choice of puddings which do not contain raising agents.

We went to a service in the Synagogue. Most of the service is conducted in Hebrew, but the prayer books and Bible have everything in English, as well. The sermon, of course, is in English. There is no choir, but a Cantor sings some parts.

There is no altar, but the beautiful big hand written Old Testament scrolls are kept in the ark, a sacred cupboard, at the east end of the synagogue. There is a raised platform, called a Bimah, which corresponds roughly with our sanctuary and from which the service is led.

We were expecting that my aunt and uncle would be called up to the Bimah - a particular honour - , for a reading

from the Torah scroll and a blessing. (The Torah is the first five books of the Old Testament). We were totally unprepared to be called up ourselves! The Rabbi explained to the congregation that my grandparents, Margaret and Herbert Allen 'rescued' Auntie Lilly, as a little girl of ten, from Nazi Germany when she came to England on the Kindertransport a few months before the Second World War. The Rabbi likened Auntie Lilly to Moses who was rescued by Pharaoh's non-Jewish daughter. It was a very emotional moment; the Rabbi and most of the congregation in tears.

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Lilly and Jerry



The Passover table: From left: Antonia Parker, Julia, Hilda, Ralph and Jake Rosenberg, Jake's friend, Helen's boyfriend Danny, Helen, Simon, Julia and Fiona Parker.

We found that we were being thanked for something which happened before any of us was born. It was enormously touching, but obviously I felt a terrible fraud as it was not of my doing. They sang the Israeli National Anthem for us. (Israel is very much felt to be a place of safety for Jewish people, happy and settled as they may be where they live. If the unthinkable happened, and there was ever the threat of another Holocaust, there would be somewhere to escape to.)

My Aunt and Uncle invited us back to New York, for our last day. Auntie Lilly is a New York tour guide and she gave us a wonderful tour of New York in a stretch limousine. The sun shone as we went to the Empire State Building, Ground Zero, Times Square, followed by champagne in their apartment.

### Ruth's Passover Nut Cake

(as enjoyed recently at St Jude's)

¾ lb ground almonds

8 eggs

3tbsp orange juice

1 cup (250ml) sugar

3tbsp rum or brandy

#### Method

Separate the eggs. Mix all ingredients except the egg whites. Beat the egg whites and fold in. Bake in an 8" tin at 350F or 180C for 55 minutes. Alternatively, bake in sandwich tins, for less time and sandwich with strawberry jam. Dust lightly with icing sugar.

### Matzos and Cheese

(a popular teenage snack)

Use Matzos from a large supermarket, or substitute cream crackers.

Put cheese slices on the matzos and microwave for 30 seconds.

# News from St.Judes

**St Jude's Beavers** were the first to use the brand new oven in the Church Hall when they 'visited' Italy on 19th May. They made delicious cheese and tomato pizzas with Amanda Wilson and Angela Wright watched by Ann Latham, Church Warden. They then made and raced 'Roman' chariots with the Explorer Scouts. On Sunday 22nd May they had their first Church Parade, for which they wrote and illustrated their own prayers.



**Exam successes:** In the latest piano exams staged by the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music, the following local pupils deserve congratulations: Katherine Lindop (Gr 1 pass); Stephanie Shaw (Gr 2 pass); Emma Downie (Gr 5 merit) and Jessie

Kelly (Gr 5 distinction). Their teacher writes: "Music is for life and the above youngsters have made a real effort at their various stages of learning. Well done!

**St.Judes Summer Lunch** will be held at Haughton Hall on Sunday 5th June at 12 noon. Tickets are available from Anne Latham on 01829 260488.

## Local plumber pipes music into Village Hall

Martin Hill, (husband of Paula and father of Genevieve and Arabella) who is known for squeezing behind radiators, installing tanks, fixing boilers and maintaining pipes, threw down his tool kit and picked up his guitar. Mart plays lead guitar with fellow performers Aaron on drums, John, lead singer and Jason, bass guitar and keyboard, in a popular tribute band to Led Zeplin called Led Balloon.

The band perform all over the UK and on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May it was Bunbury's

turn with the Village Hall rocking as "A whole lotta love" echoed around its walls. Martin eased into his arms many different guitars, swinging them and himself around the stage; his long locks whipped the air in rhythm. He stroked, strutted and teased a frayed string bow across his guitar to give a spooky, mystical, electrical sound. What a talent!

**Jane Brown**



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## Holidays are coming! Johnny writes....

As the exams are on the one thought that keeps you going is that it will soon be August and the holidays will be here!

Last year it was AugustARTS, 'Drama in Narnia' and 'The Storykeepers'. But what does this August hold for children and youth?

In many ways, the answer is up to you. Over these last few weeks, I have been speaking to teenagers, children and parents to see what kind of activities you would like to have over the summer holidays. My aim is to provide activities for the children of the Bunbury area, but also to get young people organising their own projects. It would be great to see older youth enriching the holidays of younger children and all their efforts would be rewarded through the Millennium Volunteers Scheme I've talked about before. So what are we actually going to do? Of course, there will be the annual Holiday Club. Last year our teenagers helped with the children's teams and provided music. I'd like to see this go further with them leading games, providing

drama and 'crazy characters' as well as technical support.

There seems to be interest in having another Summer Theatre School - 'Drama in Narnia'. This year's story will be the ever popular 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe'. Again, teenagers will be able to assist in props making and costume design.

And AugustARTS? Well, only if it's wanted. I am really looking to offer more than simply 'the arts'. But that is down to you. If you are between the ages of 12 and 18, please give me your own ideas! You can phone me, email me



([johnny@stbonya.org.uk](mailto:johnny@stbonya.org.uk)) or speak to me face to face.

The idea is that all of this will come to a conclusion at our church fete at Beeston Castle on the August Bank Holiday. There we will see a display recording your work and activities perhaps with some dramatic performance to accompany them. It's down to you. Don't miss out on this year's August Action.

## Bootleg Abba

Saturday 21st May saw a strangely-dressed crowd gathering at the marquee on Bunbury Playing Fields. On closer inspection they turned out to be some familiar faces in fancy dress to enjoy a night of Abba's music from talented tribute band Bootleg Abba.

Dysart landlady Liz Snell (below) organised the event, with profits going to local youth projects. Jim Walker won the prize for best-dressed Abba look-alike. We promise more pictures next month!



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# News from Calveley

After a successful Art Exhibition and Spring Fayre, we are looking forward to our next events. These will be two Open Gardens. On Sunday 5th. June, Mr. & Mrs. John Lea of The Old Vicarage, Alpraham Green (off Long Lane, Calveley) will be opening their garden from 2 p.m. until 4.30 p.m. Admission, at the gate, is £4, which includes tea and a choice from the usual Calveley selection of delicious cakes.

The second Open Garden on Sunday 31st. July, will be at Elm Tree Cottage, Alpraham Green by kind permission of Mr. & Mrs. George Basnett. Admission will again be £4 to include tea and cake. (2 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.)

Apparently, we are going to have a good summer, so these should be two

pleasant, relaxing afternoons! We hope that you will be able to support one or both of these events in aid of Church funds.

## Playground open to all!

As the weather improves a quick reminder that the Calveley sports court and playground is open to the whole community during weekends and school holidays. It can be used for tennis, football or netball and all the nets are supplied. In addition to this there is a stage area and playground which can be used. The name of two key-holders for the sports court, and their telephone numbers, will be posted on the Notice board outside the

school playground every two weeks.

We very much hope you enjoy the facility and treat it with respect in order for us to continue using it for many years to come.

For more information or bookings call Sandra Edge on 01270 528 467



## Chatwin family - 5 years in Manila

Many people will remember the Chatwin family, who used to live in Wyche Lane. Here Sarah brings us up to date with their news from the Philippines:

"We have lived in Manila, capital of The Philippines for just over five years now, and the time seems to have passed in a flash. It has been a wonderful opportunity to travel and see the world, to gain an understanding of many different cultures, to broaden our horizons, and in every respect it has been a fantastic experience for the whole family.

The Philippines is a country of great contrasts, where tremendous wealth rubs shoulders with unimaginable poverty, and where heavily polluted cities are a gateway to the some of the most beautiful natural landscapes in the world. The locals are genuinely friendly and welcoming, they understand the value of a smile to brighten up your day and when they wish you a good morning, you know that they really do mean it.

It is likely that your impression of The Philippines has been influenced by TV and newspaper reports, and it certainly can be an exciting place to live. In March 2001 I surreptitiously packed a bag with baby food and nappies for a quick escape as we watched tanks roll up to the presidential palace through thousands of protesters, in fact the People Power 2 revolt was a largely peaceful event which brought an end to the Presidency of Joseph Ejercito Estrada, and installed the current President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo. Natural disasters have also hit the headlines during our stay here; volcanic eruptions have devastated communities as have earthquakes and typhoons. Thankfully the Boxing Day tsunami missed us completely.

Adjusting to life in Manila is not something that happens overnight, but I will admit it didn't take long to get used to having help in the house. From the outside, it might seem bliss to have someone take care of all your household chores, in fact it is pretty amazing and took me all of five minutes to adapt! But there is far more to it than simply

dropping your dirty clothes on the floor only to find them reappear washed, ironed and neatly folded in your cupboard. Firstly there is the whole business of 'hiring' and 'firing', then there are the personal lives which have to be considered and all their relations who come as part of the package. You soon have to develop some nifty H.R. skills to keep the helpers you can get along with, and get rid of the ones you can't. That's also to say nothing of getting used to the complete lack of privacy.

One of the most obvious contrasts to life in Bunbury is the climate, which varies from hot and wet in summer, to hot and dry in winter, as I write, the temperature is a steaming 38°C, that's just over 100F. The best of the weather is usually around Christmas, when it would be perfect for a Village Day barbeque! It took a while to acclimatize, but now we are very used to the heat, which is why you'll see us wearing fleecy jackets and shivering when we visit Bunbury in August.

In order to escape from the heat at weekends we like to head for the beach and with over 7000 islands there is plenty of coastline to take advantage of. The sea is a deep turquoise blue, and the palm-fringed beaches have powder fine sands of blinding whiteness. As keen scuba divers, we have made the most of our opportunities under the water; the older children have completed their open water diving qualifications, while the younger ones swim like fish.

As for the family, all five children now attend the British School Manila with Tom our eldest currently studying for International Baccalaureate, in year 12, and Jasmine who left England as a two-month-old baby, thoroughly enjoying herself in reception class.

Since Lucy got in touch with me and asked me to write something for the Parish Link I have been browsing the website and caught up with lots of the news from Bunbury. The internet is a wonderful thing!"

**Sarah Chatwin**

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## International Rugby victory

Jonathan Steventon and Alex Caldwell met up with old friend Toby French, who moved from Bunbury 18 months ago, at a rugby ground in Brussels. Alex & Jonny, who play for Whitchurch Under 11s, had travelled to Toby's school in Brussels to play in a junior Five Nations Tournament. The Whitchurch boys were representing the club, and England. They played a series of matches against teams from Belgium, Ireland, France and the Netherlands and ended up playing France in the final - and we're pleased to report that England were, on this occasion, victorious - England senior team eat your heart out!

On the Sunday Whitchurch played the British School of Brussels in the inaugural 'Waterloo Cup' and were victorious a second time.

Toby's mum, our old friend Jacqui, was kept busy organising the catering for 500 people during the

## Well played, YCs!

Here the YCs tell us about their latest sporting success:

"On Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup> may, Bunbury YCs played at the annual 7-a-side football tournament, with high hopes of gaining a trophy. The competition, in which numerous church youth clubs do battle, is set up by the Diocese. The team that we entered consisted of Harriet Mulcahy, Ben, Cadman, Rowenna Harris, Catherine Verity, Robert Noonan, Owain Rees, Edward Whyte, Patrick Crotty and Andy Jones. We discovered we had



**Toby, Jonny (with mouth guard!)  
and Alex**

been moved up to the seniors league, playing opponents aged up to 18. We still tried our hardest, and after 5 games we finished second in our league, which was a great result!"

**Diana Caldwell**



## St.Luke's on the march

Following your mention in the April Link and lots of other publicity we have had a fantastic response to the sponsored Midnight Walk and the entry closed in mid May with 550 women signing on. There are 20 women from the Link circulation area taking part (you may have seen them out training and chatting in their striking yellow T-shirts) and all looking for sponsorship - please support them.

On another note, we regularly run raffles, tombolas and auctions at

St.Luke's and contributions or prizes are always gratefully received - anything from a box of chocolates or toiletries to a week in someone's luxury villa! Please contact me.

One other event you might like to know about is Go Yellow in June. This is the Hospice movement's annual initiative where anything yellow goes. T@3 (tea at 3!) suggests you hold a yellow-themed tea party at 3pm on Friday 17th June, but any day in June goes. It can be as simple as a cup of tea and a custard cream to a full tea dance with anything in between.

**Jane Thompson**

## The last horses of the war



Long-serving distributor of the Link, Gordon Jones of Queen Street, was inspired by last month's article about the end of the War to tell us of some of his own wartime experiences.

Many of you will know Gordon – a stalwart of the Bowling Club, Gardening Club and the man responsible for some of the home-grown produce for sale in daughter Vicki's Village Greens. He has lived in the village for the past 79 years, since moving to Whitehouse Cottage when he was 6 years old.

In the late 1930s, Gordon was working as a second horseman to the huntsmen and whips of the Cheshire Hunt, when was approached to join up with the Cheshire Yeomanry, a regiment still using cavalry horses. With the arrival of the war he was working alongside Les Moss, and they decided between themselves that they 'might as well join' rather than face conscription. By September 1939, aged just 19, Gordon found himself travelling with the horses down to Dover, across to France, by rail to Marseilles in horseboxes, and from there by boat to Palestine. He was made groom to the officers' horse. The Cheshires had a mainly peacekeeping role, though after one incident with the Free French, when they had to cross into Syria, it was deemed that horses

were not fit for modern warfare. So that was the end of a centuries-old tradition. Gordon then became a member of the Royal Corps of Signals, though they retained their own cap-badges. They followed the Infantry north through Italy via Tripoli, and eventually, after 6 months in Belgium, back home – Gordon had been four and a half years away without home leave.

Before the war, Gordon recalls that a family of 6 girls had come to live in Queen Street. All the boys of the village were interested! "I picked one out, Freda. I thought 'She's all right!'" he recalls. "But war broke out, she was called to work in munitions, and we lost touch. So when I came home, I looked around again, and found her younger sister - Joan - who had turned into a very nice young lady!" They married in 1947.

Gordon worked as an HGV driver for United Dairies, and later as a store man for Rolls Royce. Joan died 15 years ago, but at 85 he is still cheerful and active. He still goes into Tarporley Hospital to entertain "the old folks" with old songs and monologues, many written himself.

Another story about the end of the war comes from **Jill Robey**, whose grandfather Captain Geoffrey Peters, as senior British naval officer, Denmark, liberated Copenhagen in 1945 from the occupying German forces. "When he got home my mum, then aged 7, didn't know who he was as he had been away at war for the whole of her life."

## Happy Birthday Railway Children!

The Railway Children charity celebrates its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary this month with a reception at the House of Commons. The event will be attended by the great and the good from the railway industry, MP's, celebrity supporters and some of the many individuals who have helped the charity get to where it is now. In our first 10 years we have raised over £3 million and helped over 50,000 children find a better life away from the dangers of the streets.

It's a busy month as we will also be repeating the successful Three Peaks Challenge by Rail, an event in which 200 people climb Snowdon, Scafell Pike and Ben Nevis in under 48 hours, with a special train taking everyone between the mountains. All you wonderful people who generously sponsored me last time will be relieved to hear I will not be competing again. I feel my skills would be better used this time managing the event from the comfort of the train! Many thanks to Cath Cook from Bunbury who helped us out last year and will be getting involved again this year.

We received a letter from a little girl recently from one of our projects in India who said, "Thank you for giving me back my childhood." That message is for each and every one of the very generous people in the parish who have supported the Railway Children.

If anyone would like any information about the charity, please do ring me.

**Katie Mason**

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# John Posnett - Bill Spiegelberg speaks at his funeral

Following our report of John Posnett's death in last month's Link, here are some more memories from an old friend.

"The Posnett family have been associated with farming from the earliest records of the mid 17<sup>th</sup> century although latterly they were very successful tanners in Runcorn and elsewhere.

John's maternal grandfather had bought Tiresford in the 1920s and in the 1950s John lived there with his mother Betty. After he left Stowe School and completed his National Service, he ran the farm with his mother and together they built up a pedigree herd of Guernsey cows latterly in partnership with Andrew Hope. They had enormous success with, in particular, two bovine Oscars with Carmen and Daphne who were All-breeds Champions in 2001 and 2002. Carmen won the title of European Supercow, one of only 4 cows to win this All-breed award. After the Foot and Mouth outbreak they were the first to introduce a Canadian strain of Guernseys in the country. In the Guernsey Society he held every office including that of President for two years.

On the death of his mother's brother Geoffrey Dean, he moved to Haughton Hall which he inherited as well as the adjacent farms. John continued to run the estate just like his uncle, taking pride in seeing his tenant farmers prosper and encouraging their sons to stay and continue farming the land. Above all, he always treated them as his friends, as indeed he did his employees.

In the 1950s, Geoffrey and John bought control of Cooke Bros. Tattenhall, a milk bottling business which they turned into soft drinks manufacturing and changed the name to Calypso Soft Drinks Ltd. This became a hugely successful enterprise, thanks to the continuing help of Ken Cooke and later his son, Peter.

It was over forty years ago that I chartered a small plane on a Sunday morning to take a party of friends to Paris for the day as our local racehorse trainer had two horses running at Longchamps. John, of course, came too and was full of his latest product, "Cherry Perry" which he said with glee was 2% perry and had never seen a cherry in its life! I gather from Ken Cooke that it was not the outstanding success which John hoped for but there were many products later about which he was rightly enthusiastic. He and Geoffrey were

never afraid to try out new ideas even if they didn't always work out. But they generally did.

They were one of the first in Britain to start an association with Tetrapak of Sweden, producing soft drinks in small laminated cartons which became world beaters.

I know I speak for many people here today when I say we have lost an irreplaceable friend whose kindness and hospitality were truly legendary. A telephone conversation, in the evening before you ate, meant that the dinner would only be fit for the dog! His family forbade him from having a mobile!

I have had some wonderful family holidays with John, from bucket and spades in Trearddur Bay when our children were tiny, to skiing in France and Canada and summer holidays on the Continent. John was always the first to ski down and pick me up when I fell. In Portugal he always knew the best restaurants.

John's sense of fun was always with him and his willingness to join in village life was loved by everyone who knew him. He carried out his duties as High Sheriff of Cheshire and Chairman of Tarporley Hospital Trustees with wisdom, determination and good humour. With him you always knew that failure was not on the agenda.

With Ann's support, Haughton Hall was "open house" throughout the year, not only to every Posnett, Hardy and Bird but also to everyone who attends the many events for local causes.

Last but not least as a family man he will always be remembered. He was immensely proud of Phillip and thrilled that he was now running his own business. At Phillip and Becky's wedding reception on 2<sup>nd</sup> April he spoke with great pride about Susanna's TV programme on Vermeer which she had researched and was to be broadcast the following Saturday.

Ann and he had a marvellous marriage for over 32 years. Ann with her strong character and sense of fun was a perfect foil for him and he was a wonderful husband, father and friend whom we are here today not to mourn but for whom we give great thanks."

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## Community news

Welcome to **James Alexander**, son of **Ann** and **Ken Gray**, little brother of **Katie**, and new grandson to **Frank** and **Mary Large** born on May 14th. He attended church for the first time on 22nd May at St.Boniface.

Welcome to **James Eric Topp**, son of local vet **Alasdair** and wife **Ruth**, who was baptised at St.Boniface on 30th April and to **Rebecca Kenworthy**, daughter of Mandy and Richard, who was baptised at the morning service at St.Boniface on 8th May.

Congratulations to **Rosalind Kepke** who married **Paul Smith** at St.Boniface on 22nd May. Former Vicar **Donald Marr** dodged the showers to officiate at the wedding at short notice due to Rick's hospitalisation.

Congratulations also to Bunbury Churchwarden **Barbara** and Verger **Ernest Croley** who celebrate 25 years of marriage as we go to print.

Welcome home, **Katie Crotty!** Katie has spent the last few months teaching skiing in Canada.

Belated Happy Birthday to **Jack Caine**, whose 18<sup>th</sup> birthday in May was successfully advertised on the A49.

## General notices

**Wanted!** Toys and games for a new **after-school club**. **Lucy Lawrence** is just starting this up and would be grateful for any unwanted toys in good condition, suitable for 5-10 year-olds. She is particularly looking for: ride-on toys; cars and trainsets; games and puzzles; Lego; dolls prams and buggies; dressing-up clothes. Please contact her on 261330.

**Come out, come out, wherever you are!** The British Legion, Bunbury Bowling Club, the Gardening Club, the W.I, the Bunbury Society: according to our reckoning there are well over thirty organisations meeting regularly in the Bunbury area. The Link hears regularly from about three! So this is a call to all those social secretaries out there: we want to know what **your** group is getting up to. We like to hear about events, competitions, visits, 'important' birthdays and anniversaries – and the monthly Link is a great way to get publicity for fundraising and social events too. We hear a lot from the younger members of our community – let's hear a bit more from our more mature friends.

**Friends of Tarporley High School:** So many people comment about the poor state of Tarporley High School's buildings, that the Home School Association there have decided to take the bull by the horns and do something about it. With the slogan 'Let's do it!', the association is launching a campaign for friends of the school to commit a small sum of cash each month to fund specific improvements to the school environment. The first leaflets launching the **Friends** scheme were given to prospective parents at a meeting on 17th May and Association chair, **Katie Mason**, is hoping for good support: "Without this help the school cannot afford these improvements, and our image will continue to let us down."

If you would like to know more about becoming a Friend to Tarporley High School, please contact Katie on 260374.

Don't forget **Bunbury Village Day** on 18th June. Pictured below are two familiar Bunbury faces at a previous Village Day. Do you recognise them?!



## Church notices

Please continue to pray for **Rick, Benjamin Thomas, Hanni Latham, Betty Clauson** and particularly for **Camilla Broster** and her family.

The annual **baptism lunch** takes place at St.Boniface on Sunday 3rd July. Please note that the service starts at the later time of 11.00am with lunch served at 12.30 or soon after, and as usual there will be a retiring collection to contribute towards the cost. Please contact **Peter and Kath Collinge** for more information or to offer help 260077.

Much progress has been made with the the proposed design for the **Ridley Chapel window** which was changed following comments from the Diocese. There is still time for contributions, which would be gratefully accepted. Contact the churchwardens (numbers on page 2).

**The Children's Society Boxes** raised £383.38. Thanks to all concerned.

Rick is planning to run another series of **confirmation classes**, though no dates have yet been set. There will be separate classes for adults and young people. If you are interested, please contact Rick.

Regular, and not-so-regular St Boniface churchgoers look forward to the **coffee and biscuits** at the end of the service! But we need more volunteers to sign up for occasional coffee-making so this pleasant social tradition can continue. Please add your name to the rota at the back of church.

Thanks to all who helped with the **Christian Aid** collection and to anyone who helped with extra **Link distribution** while Jill and Lucy were away.

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### June

1	10.00am	Holy Communion	
5	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Boniface
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Jude
	10.00am	Family Worship	St Boniface
	11.00am	Matins	Calveley
	2-4.30pm	Calveley Church Garden Party	
8	10.00am	Holy Communion	St Boniface
12	9.30am	Morning Service	St Jude
	10.00am	Family Communion	St Boniface
	6.30pm	Evensong	St Boniface
15	10.00am	Holy Communion	St Boniface
18		Village Day	Bunbury Playing Fields
	4.30pm	Open Music Rehearsal	
19	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Boniface
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Jude
	10.00am	Family Worship	St Boniface
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Calveley
22	10.00am	Holy Communion	St Boniface
26	9.30am	Morning Service	St Jude
	10.00am	Family Communion	St Boniface
29	10.00am	Holy Communion	St Boniface
<b>July</b>			
3	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Boniface
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Jude
	11.00am	Family Worship	St Boniface
	11.00am	Matins	Calveley
6	10.00am	Holy Communion	St Boniface

### Looking ahead

#### July

2nd	Bunbury School Barbeque
3rd	Baptism Lunch (note later time of service)
16th	The Bunbury Ball
24th	Cricket match: Church -vs- Cricket Club

#### August

1st - 5th	Summer Holiday Club	St.Boniface
29th	Beeston Castle Fete	

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