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Let us endeavour so to live that when we come to die even the undertaker will be sorry – Mark Twain

Bunbury to pay tribute to nation's fallen

VETERANS who fought for King and Country during the Second World War will join Bunbury's Remembrance Sunday parade on 13 November.

John Walker and Bill Corns, both of whom served in the Army, are expected to swell the ranks as the Royal British Legion, Scouts, Guides, Cubs and Brownies march from the Nag's Head to St Boniface Church for the annual service of remembrance at 10.45am.

Leading the parade will be British Legion president George Potter, who served in the Merchant Navy.

During the service, names of locals who died during the First World War and the 1939-1945 battle will be read out.

Wreaths will also be laid by various groups including the Royal British Legion, the

Scouts and serving councillors.

The Last Post and Reveille will be played by Ted Fowles on the bugle.

"The day means different things to different people," said Mr Potter.

"Relatives of fallen soldiers, even from the First World War, come especially to hear their names while others remember past friends.

"Above all the nation comes together."

It will be vicar Rick Gates' last Remembrance Sunday service before he retires on 31 December. After the service, the parade will march back to the Nag's Head.



STUCK IN: Children and adults joined in 'pray and play' at St Boniface last month. Full story and pictures on Pages 8 and 9

Time to get in a mess ...

ST BONIFACE Church was overrun with new and familiar faces last month – as it opened its doors to a new idea.

In all more than 60 people played, prayed and ate together as part of Messy Church.

Joy Parker said all of the activities had a God-centred theme. "Even the beer tasting," she said.

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WE welcome **Finley Thomas Peacock**, son of **Robert and Joanne Peacock** of Calveley, who was baptised at St Boniface on 2 October.



Congratulations to **Hayley Johnson and Adam Hulme**, who were married at St Boniface Church on 17 September.

Many happy returns to **Chris Jones & Robert Tomlins**, who celebrated significant birthdays (a total of 90 years between them) this month.

Early Birds Pre-school is hosting a **Fizz Fashion Show** at 7.30pm on 29 November at **Tarporley Community Centre**. Tickets, which are £5 and include a welcome drink on arrival, are available from Becky Posnett on 01829 260251.

Early Birds Pre-school is collecting for **"Bags2School"**. Bags2School are a company specialising in the recycling of second-hand clothing, bedding, soft toys, paired shoes, belts and handbags. Bags to fill are available from Early Birds. Alternatively, fill a bin bag with any of the above items and drop off at Early Birds, Bunbury Village Hall. All

PRAYERS

We pray for the families of Thomas Kay, Henry Haynes, Kenneth Musgrove and Kathleen Wright and anyone who has lost a loved one recently.

collected bags are weighed and a price paid per ton to the pre-school. The more they collect, the more money is made for the pre-school. Should your items require collection, please call Becky Posnett on 01829 260251. All bags need to be at Early Birds by 23 November.

Andrew Dean would like to thank everyone who helped with the **Oktoberfest** on 8 October, and all those who supported by coming to this great evening. A total of £550 was raised for the sports department at **Tarporley High School**. We hope to see a few of the lederhosen and dirndls around the village.

It is **Operation Christmas Child** shoebox time again. Leaflets will be available from Bunbury School, St Boniface and St Jude's churches and from Jane Overy (tel. 01829 260294). Last year nearly 1.12 million shoeboxes packed with gifts of toys, educational items, hygiene items, sweets, hats, sunglasses etc went to children in Africa, Central Asia and Eastern Europe. Pick up a leaflet or phone Jane for further details. Shoeboxes will need to be completed by 14 November.

St Luke's Hospice is holding its popular annual **Santa Dash at Oulton Park Racing Circuit** on Sunday 11 December, beginning at noon. This is a sponsored 5K dash, stroll or bike ride around the international circuit. The event is very popular with families. Adults are encouraged to dress up in Santa suits and children enjoy dressing in fancy dress. Spectators can enjoy the event and also take an opportunity to shop at the dozens of festive food stands. There will also be a sale of quality Christmas trees which

are cut and transported from Scotland especially to support the hospice. Log on to www.stlukes-hospice.co.uk or telephone 01606 555688 for more details. Supporters of St Luke's Cheshire Hospice can purchase their charity Christmas cards from www.stlukeshospiceshop.co.uk

The **choir practice** sessions for the **Carol Service at St Boniface Church** will take place on 3 and 10 December from 10.30am until noon. The Carol Service will be on Sunday 18 December.

BY the time you read this, Christmas really will be just around the corner. The next Link will be our bumper December/January edition and, as in previous years, we are giving readers the opportunity to publish their **Christmas greetings** in the Link instead of buying Christmas cards for the neighbours. And all we ask for in return is a small charitable donation. This year, our chosen charity is Chester Aid to the Homeless. If you are interested, please send your Christmas greeting – along with a cheque (made payable to Bunbury PCC) for at least £10 - to Nick Sanders, Woodstock, Hill Close, Bunbury, CW6 9QJ, before 20 November. Alternatively, you can go online. Simply log onto www.justgiving.com/Bunbury-Link, press the 'Donate Now' button and write your Christmas message.

The **copy deadline** for the December/January double issue of the **Link** is **Friday 11 November**, and the magazine will be available for distribution on Friday 25 November.

DATES FOR

Saturday 26 November
2pm: St Jude's Christmas Fair, church hall.

Tuesday 29 November
7.30pm: Fizz Fashion Show, Tarporley Community Centre.

Sunday 4 December
4pm: Christingle service, St Boniface Church.

YOUR DIARY

THE TWO-MINUTE INTERVIEW

If you had a motto, what would it be?

She who dares wins, or what goes around comes around.

It's a celebrity beer call. Whom would you like to invite?

Edward Cullen from Twilight, Errol Douglas, the most soulful hairstylist ever, and my friend Debs Shields, because she would never forgive me if I left her out, knowing that Edward Cullen was there.

What would you call your autobiography?

It's all about ME.

What was your first job?

I used to work at Fine Fare for those who are old enough to remember Fine Fare.

What would you change about Bunbury, if you could?

Provide the older children and teenagers with more activities and things to do in the village so that Mum and Dad don't have to operate a taxi service.

What is your biggest regret?

I regret not going for my audition at Manchester Polytechnic in 1989. The nerves got the better of me. I always wanted to be in Corrie, and I am very envious as my friend Claire Calbraith went and is now in Downton Abbey. I always now say to people of any

Suzanne Badder runs The Salon in Bunbury. She opened her business above Tilly's coffee shop in March 2008 and has not looked back since. Today she journeys from her home in Meadowbank near Whitegate almost every day to Bunbury where she works alongside another experienced stylist, a physiotherapist, a chiropodist and a beautician. If you've not visited The Salon, you might have seen Suzanne in fancy dress on Village Day Here she tells the Link what makes her tick ...

Suzanne Badder



age to follow their dreams or they will regret it in the future.

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

For my dad to be well again and all my friends and family to be happy. Oops is that two wishes?

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

I was part of a convoy carrying aid to Bosnia during the 1991-1993 war. I drove a seven-ton lorry with my dad (I was 19). We

carried medical aid and necessities to hospitals and refugee camps.

We used to travel with the International Rotarians from Cardiff after raising funds all year round. In all I went five times. It was a very harrowing experience, but those trips have made me the kind of person I am today.

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

To continue to be what I am good at - hairdressing and listening.

What is your favourite place and why?

Treaddur Bay, Anglesey. A peaceful place with fabulous views, and many childhood memories.

How would you spend your ideal weekend?

My weekend starts on a Saturday evening when I enjoy a bottle of wine and sit in front of the TV with my feet up. Sunday is perfect with a roast followed by a lovely walk down the lanes where I live with my 3 dogs. It's bliss.

As Rick plans to leave Bunbury to reflect, PCC looks to the future

Villagers put faith in search for a new vicar



LEAVING BUNBURY: The PCC is currently seeking a replacement for vicar Rick Gates who is retiring on 31 December

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THE search for a new vicar for St Boniface Church is on.

It is hoped Rick Gates' replacement will be chosen within a few months of him retiring on 31 December.

"The process can take a long time," said treasurer John Mason. "But we are ahead of the game because Rick gave us a long notice period."

Although the vacancy has yet to be advertised, it is now well known that the position will soon become available.

"We expect there will be quite a lot of interest in the position both from within and outside of the diocese," said John. "Who

wouldn't want to be vicar here?" Rick, 65, announced his retirement in the August/September edition of the Link.

He said, he wanted to 'reflect, regroup and hopefully renew'.

If a woman is appointed vicar of St Boniface, it will be a first for Bunbury. But many will know that women clergy are no stranger to the church.

The Rev'd Jane Stephenson, who now preaches at Tilston, served as Rick's curate for many months and the Rev'd Alex Sanders has occasionally stood in for Rick.

The diocese formally asked the two parish church councils - in

Bunbury and Tilston Fearnall - to meet about a month ago to put together a description of both parishes and the job on offer.

Each council now has to choose two representatives who will be involved - along with the Bishop - in choosing the new vicar.

A patron of the benefice - in Bunbury's case it will be the Haberdashers - will also be involved in selecting the best man - or woman - for the job.

Rick is barred by law from having a say in finding a successor.

If they cannot agree on an appointment within nine months, then the Archbishop will be asked to choose.

THE GRUMPY GARGOYLE



THERE are changes afoot at Link Towers.

One of the editors is leaving and a new vicar is soon awaited.

I am also moving on.

The freedom of expression enjoyed over the past few months, after I have been silent for so long, has been wonderful. Thank you for your positive feedback.

I have so much grumpiness left in me that it is hard to know how to finish, but I will make it topical.

Christmas.

Except Christmas isn't topical, because I am writing this in October. And that is the point.

A close chum of mine received her first corporate Christmas card at work a couple of weeks ago. What does this company hope to gain? Certainly, it has been noticed, but for all the wrong reasons.

It isn't being organised; it's just a bit sad, in all senses of the word.

On the one hand, it is arguable that Jesus' birth should be celebrated throughout the year, but the commercial bringing forward of Christmas is not motivated by religious altruism.

Instead, further panic is instilled in an already consumerism-focused western world, where pennies are stretching and Christian church attendance is dwindling.

Christmas brings a warm glow to many, but unhappiness and panic to others.

I wish you the warm and glowing kind and hope that in all the consumer madness you pause and reflect a few times to consider what it's really all about.

I am sad to be signing off, but looking forward to the changes the New Year will bring. Next time you pass St Boniface Church, look up and give me a wink and a smile. Who knows, you may even make an old gargoyle less grumpy.



Bonfire Bakes

We really enjoy Bonfire Night in the Cruttock household.

The major takes pride in the size of his sparklers and always puts on a good display for the neighbours. Traditionally we have had sausages with jacket potatoes around the bonfire, but this recipe puts an extra twist into the potatoes. You can make them a day or two ahead, and chill them until the big night which can save some time.

HOW TO MAKE IT

HEAT oven to 220C/gas 7.

Oil and season the potatoes, then bake for one hour until a knife slides in easily and the skins are crispy.

Alternatively, microwave the

WHAT YOU NEED

6 large baking potatoes

85g butter

1 tbsp English mustard

6 large spring onions, finely chopped

200g mature cheddar, with about 100g extra for sprinkling

2 x 300g cans of red kidney beans

potatoes until nearly cooked, and then bake then for about 20 minutes. Cool for 10 minutes.

Halve the potatoes lengthways and scoop out the cooked potato into a bowl, leaving a thin layer behind so that the skins still hold their shape.

Mash the potato with the butter, mustard and seasoning and then stir in the spring onions, 200g of the cheese

and the drained kidney beans.

Pile the mixture back into the potato skins and scatter with the remaining cheese.

The potatoes can be made to this stage a day ahead and then kept chilled.

Bake for a further 30 to 40 minutes until bubbling and golden.

Serve with the sausages and perhaps a green or tomato salad.

Greg Williams, landlord, The Dysart Arms



THERE aren't many things better in life than sitting down with good friends and enjoying a bottle of wine or two over a nice supper.

On Bonfire Night, though, with Fatima's delicious Bonfire Bakes, a conventional bottle of wine may not be the most practical of approaches. Instead get yourself a nice little hip flask and fill it with port

which is always a winner with anything cheesy.

A basic ruby port will be just fine, but for optimum value get

Get yourself a nice, little hip flask ...

an LBV which stands for late bottle vintage and in layman's terms means the best grapes of a particular vintage.

Tawny port too is lovely, slightly drier and marginally more expensive, owing to the fact that it

requires more ageing before release.

If you are more of the white grape persuasion then do not fear as white port, or one of a large number of pudding wines, will also aid festivities admirably.

If none of the above tickles your fancy, just have a pint of real ale like Snowdonia ale, the flagship beer of the superb Purple Moose brewery in Portmadoc which I have on very good advice is Fatima's favourite tippie.

Don't forget to say **Grace**

Thank Thee Lord for thy protection o'er us,
And tantalising tastes soon placed before us,
Fine are, the best Thy good earth can provide,
to keep us nourished, content and filled inside.

And so dear Lord, pure and divine
who changed the water into wine,
bless us now, 'ere we shall lack,
as this night we seek to change it back.
Amen

Trustees arrange meeting for potential volunteers

Help needed to run ancient mill

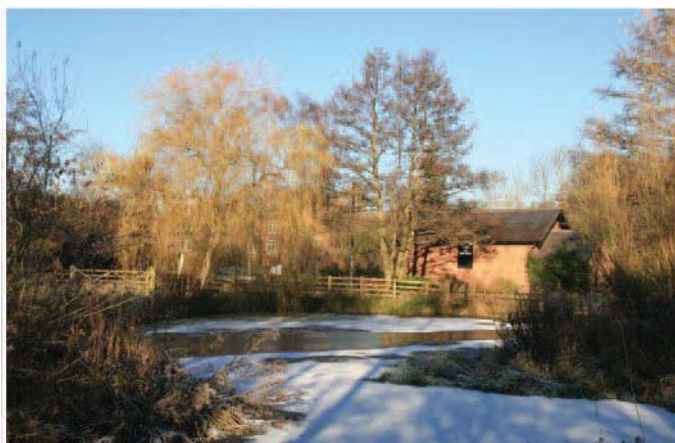
VOLUNTEERS are being sought to help maintain and run Bunbury's ancient watermill.

Apart from help with maintenance, the trustees are looking for a bank of kind souls who would be keen to learn about one of Britain's oldest occupations so that they can conduct tours of the mill – and also help to teach children visiting the mill.

The trustees are also hoping to introduce supervised activities to encourage people to study the flora and fauna around the mill which closed in March 2010.

"Without these valued supporters, the mill will struggle to be a viable operation that can grow and develop into a resource to be treasured by our community," said Tom Gilchrist, one of the trustees.

A meeting has been arranged for potential volunteers. It will



BRIGHT FUTURE: Volunteers are now being sought to help maintain and run Bunbury's ancient watermill

be held in the old classroom at the mill at 7.30pm on Tuesday 8 November.

"A lot of people have been very generous in offering both the help and the money that have allowed the project to proceed so we also would like to thank them and explain to

them what is happening," said Tom.

If you are interested in helping bring back the mill into operation but cannot attend the meeting, please email tom_gilchrist@bunburymill.co.uk or telephone Ernest Croley on 01829 260344.

RICK GATES

your vicar



Where has all the time gone?

SITTING in my study the other afternoon, with the sun streaming through the window, I took down a book off one of my bookshelves. It was Marie de Hennezel's book 'The warmth of the heart prevents your body from rusting - ageing without growing old.' As I opened it, I found a photograph between pages 8 and 9. I had clearly used the photograph as a bookmark when I first tried to read this book.

It was taken one evening in November, 13 years ago, of Dorothy Vickers and your then new vicar at the doors to St Boniface. A greeting and a beginning. Dorothy looks no older now, 13 years on, but your vicar is much greayer and thinner.

Thinking about it, as I have had time to reflect recently, I realise that it is



how we grow old, not why we grow old, that matters. At some point in time we shall all be aware that like any journey we have suddenly arrived, but will not have appreciated how quickly we have travelled. Of course, when you think of it, ageing and travel have the same companion – time.

But strangely many of us would give our time away more generously than our fleeting possessions. I have come to realise that you should treat time as a precious friend rather than an enemy. As the dawn of my retirement approaches, I look back to realise I have given my time with generosity, often not thinking about, or valuing, this most precious commodity.

But soon I will have the time for change. It will be my season, as God planned for me from the beginning. I had been waiting for the time to read de Hennezel's book for over two years. Placed there it waited patiently for me.

I hadn't realised how quickly 13 years would go. I hadn't realised how patiently a book could wait for me. It has taken all this time for me to understand what God has always known He would teach me, in His own time.

Ecclesiastes Chapter 3: There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under the sun.

Quickest way to raise concerns

VILLAGERS concerned about speeding traffic in Bunbury are being given a voice.

Cheshire West and Chester Council wants them to contact Bunbury Parish Council directly if they feel the village would benefit from 20mph speed limits.

"The impetus for any reduction in speed would have to come from the community," said press officer Ian Callister.

His advice follows the council's decision to vote in favour of introducing 20mph speed limits on residential roads if there is a need – and the community wants them.

Cathedral Express steams in

LOVERS of the steam train are in for a rather special treat on 3 December when the Cathedrals Express passes through Bunbury on its way to Chester for the Christmas markets.

It is due to pass Bunbury Locks at about 12.20pm and is expected to return around 5.10pm.

Pulling it will be the 70000 Britannia - the first of 55 Standard class 7 engines to be built in Crewe by British Railways.

The 60-year-old locomotive, which is capable of speeds of up to 100mph, was built for express passenger services between London and Norwich.

Cards for good causes



A SHOP selling charity Christmas cards will be open again in the run-up to Christmas.

Last year the Cards for Good Causes shop in Tarporley raised thousands by selling cards on behalf of 30 different charities.

Local volunteers will open the shop at Tarporley Baptist and Methodist Church on Tuesday 1 November at 10am.

It will then be open Monday to Saturday from 10am to 4pm until Saturday 3 December. At least 75p of every £1 goes directly to the charity.

Church services



Wednesday 2 November

10am: Holy Communion, St Boniface Church

Sunday 6 November

8am: Holy Communion, St Boniface Church

9.30am: Holy Communion, St Jude's Church

10am: Family worship, St Boniface Church

11am: Holy Communion, Calveley Church.

Wednesday 9 November

10am: Holy Communion, St Boniface Church

Sunday 13 November

9.30am: Remembrance Service, St Jude's Church

10.45am: Remembrance Service, St Boniface Church

4.30pm: Evensong, St Boniface Church

Wednesday 16 November

10am: Holy Communion, St Boniface Church

Sunday 20 November

8am: Holy Communion, St Boniface Church

9.30am: Family worship, St Jude's Church

10am: Family worship, St Boniface Church

11am: Family worship, Calveley Church

4.30pm: Evensong with Bishop Peter, Calveley Church

Wednesday 23 November

10am: Holy Communion, St Boniface Church

Sunday 27 November

9.30am: Holy Communion, St Jude's Church

10am: Family Communion, St Boniface Church

Wednesday 30 November

10am: Holy Communion, St Boniface Church



Eric Wallington: Thought for the month

A GUIDE was showing some visitors around Bateman's, the house where Rudyard Kipling

lived, when he suddenly went silent because, to his chagrin, he'd forgotten the name of the other house where the novelist had lived previously. Later one of the guests saw the name under a picture of the house concerned and tactfully drew the guide's attention to it. 'Ah well, you know what they say,' sighed the guide. 'There are only two

disadvantages to growing old – one's loss of memory and I cannot remember what the other one is.' Most people, I suppose, don't fully appreciate what a useful thing memory is until it begins to fail them and I include myself in that category. There are short-term memories and long-term memories. The former is involved with what you've just done. Like where you left your reading glasses and this clearly is the first to fail as we get older. Long-term memories, like what you did when you were younger, sometimes become more vivid as

Reader Emeritus

we grow older. We all, I suppose, no matter how young or old, hope and believe that we shall, after death, live on in the memories of those who know us. Archbishop Rowan Williams once described the church as the 'forgotten people whom God remembers'. Everything we are and do is, I believe, stored in the memory of God – except, of course, those sins which we have confessed and which God has promised to forgive and forget. So very properly we can all be described as living on in the memory of God.

Jo Mason tells how she struggled to believe after husband's diagnosis

FAITH is not about certainty.

That's what my husband John wrote in this column last month. Somehow he was able to use that uncertainty to grow closer to God.

My reaction to John's cancer diagnosis was rather different.

I needed certainty, and if I could not have certainty about the future for one of the people who meant most to me in life, I needed to be in control of other significant aspects of life.

So began my personal challenge with my faith.

As I'm Jewish but worship in church rather than travelling to my nearest Reform synagogue in Manchester, my relationship with God is a little complicated anyway.

It's always been defined in part as my cultural identity, just sort of there in the background: unquestioned, unfathomable, undefined.

Now, with life imploding, I couldn't rely on something or someone I hadn't figured out.

I often felt that there was no room for God in my head suddenly – it was too full of complex

My own battle to keep the faith



UNCERTAIN TIMES: Jo Mason

emotions and consumed with the effort of keeping going. I felt powerless already; I didn't want God reminding me how insignificant we were.

'A couple that prays together stays together. As a married couple, John and I had usually prayed together last thing at night, but I began to struggle to find the words and the conviction.

That nightly ritual gave us comfort during the early months following diagnosis, however, and, as time

went on, somewhere in all of this I felt the most profound – almost tangible – sensation of being carried. It reminded me of the Mary Stephenson poem, *Footprints in the Sand*.

Looking back, I feel that somehow during that time I walked away from – but have since started taking faltering, but more deliberate, footsteps back to – God.

My faith is still undefined and unfathomable, but it is no longer unquestioned.

PRAYER FOR THE MONTH: Pat Edgley, Reader

Eric Morecambe was a wise man



BRING me laughter, sang Morecambe and Wise all those years ago.

Did you hear 'I was asked for eight characters for my password, so I said 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs?' " Daft isn't it?

We often take ourselves too seriously. Yes, we may have a lot to worry about and great sadness in our lives.

But there is often a funny side, a sense of the ridiculous

and that's what keeps our spirits up. Laughter can defuse an embarrassing or difficult situation.

As I looked for a prayer this month, I found mainly negative thoughts, doom and gloom and introspection, what we might call 'naval gazing'.

So let's redress the balance and give thanks to God for putting humour into the world and nudging us to laugh at ourselves.

Thank you Lord for your precious gift of laughter. Give us a sense of humour,

And also things to laugh about.

Give us the grace to take a joke against ourselves, And to see the funny side of the things we do.

Les us not take ourselves so seriously.

Save us from annoyance, bad temper and resentment against our friends.

Help us to laugh even in the face of trouble.

And to remember that your foolishness Is wiser than our wisdom For Jesus' sake. Amen.



Guten abend is had by all at the Oktoberfest

SOMETIMES, Bunbury sees some unusual sights.

If you were in the village on the evening of 8 October, you may have been forgiven in thinking that you had strayed into downtown Munich as the sounds of oompah music and German song strayed from the village hall.

In fact, this was the Bayern-Bunbury Oktoberfest, featuring the magnificent Klaus Encounters Oompah Band.

More than 100 guests filled the village hall, many of them dressed in lederhosen or dirndl to be entertained by the band (featuring Herr Dean and Herr Crotty), to sing 'Ein Prosit', to drink a (small) amount of specially imported Bavarian beer, and to enjoy the excellent meal of wurst, kartoffeln, sauerkraut and rot kohl, expertly prepared by Herr and Frau von Waddington. There were party games too - the sight of Baron

von Peyton trying to inflate a balloon using a pump on which he was sitting was one which has scarred many.

It was indeed an excellent, and unusual, night and many thanks are due to all those involved in the event, including Graf und Grafin Mulcahy, Herzog und Herzogin Everton und Oberst Munro for their help.

The event raised £550 for Tarporley High School's sports department.

Storyteller unearths some fascinating facts

Tales of the unexpected

IT seems there is a lot more to Bunbury than one first imagines.

And who better to reveal some of its fascinating secrets than master storyteller Johnny Gillett.

He has been researching the life of John P Mellor, a successful trader who bought Mayfield on the corner of Whitchurch Road and Peckforton Road in Bunbury Heath.

Mellor's plan was to develop the house with a view to moving in with his staff – a maid, one cook, one coachman, one groom and a woman named Elizabeth.

"All we know is that Elizabeth was 38, black and unmarried," said Johnny.

She was also employed as his housekeeper which was ex-

remely rare. "It was virtually unheard of for a black woman to hold such a high position in a Victorian household," said Johnny. "It was certainly not the work of a slave."

Johnny has just finished another month telling stories of the Black History of Cheshire.

Last month was officially Black History Month in Britain and sought to redress the balance where the heroes of our shared British history have often been shown as white.

"People of African origin have been living in these islands, and had positions of leadership since Roman times," said Johnny. "But sadly most of our Cheshire stories of the black community are not

happy ones, with slavery being very much linked to the salt trade." However, one of Johnny's favourite stories surrounds the African prince, Warabo, who is buried at St Laurence's Church, Frodsham.

He was the son of the King of Opobo (now part of Nigeria), King Jaja, who began life as a slave to his own chief.

However, Jaja proved himself to be clever and resourceful, and eventually became the king of his own people.

Under his leadership, his people prospered, trading in palm oil, which was used in soap manufacturing.

Jaja dealt directly with Liverpool and knew of schooling in the area.

Bishop Peter's date in Calveley

THE BISHOP of Chester will attend a special service at Calveley Church this month.

The Right Rev'd Dr Peter Forster will join the choral evensong at 4.30pm on Sunday 20 November to help celebrate the centenary of the reordering of the church by the de Knoop family.

The family enlarged and refurbished it in 1911, making use of an old coach house to provide a large room – now the vestry – to be used by the choir and members of the clergy.

It was at that time that the main body of the church – thought to have once been a threshing barn – was also renovated.

The plaster was removed from the ceiling to expose the beams, a dado of oak panelling was added throughout, and the piece de resistance was a richly wrought oak screen marking the entrance to the chancel. The organ was also rebuilt and the stained glass windows were installed by Messrs. Powell of Whitefriars in London.

Calveley was so proud of its newly refurbished church that tickets were sold for the grand re-opening on 10 November 1911. The service on Sunday 20 November to celebrate the centenary of these grand achievements is free to all.

Therefore, he sent his young son to attend the Manor House School in Frodsham.

Sadly, Prince Warabo, who was well loved by the local people and was an avid cricketer, died of pneumonia, after insisting on playing his favourite sport in the rain. The whole village was upset by the loss and insisted that Warabo was buried amongst them in a very modest grave.

Jaja was very soon deposed by the British in their takeover of West Africa and exiled to Cape Verde, never to return to Opobo alive.



Good times at Calveley

CALVELEY had a most successful service in celebration of the harvest festival.

The singing was led by St Boniface Church choir.

The church was once again beautifully decorated by a team under Jenny Brooks. It really did look very attractive.

We have some work to be done following the Quinquennial inspection, but nothing which looks too expensive.

We look forward to The Friends of Calveley Church getting underway again in support of these and other schemes.

Our next big event is a choral evensong at 4.30pm on Sunday 20 November at Calveley Church to celebrate the centenary of the reordering of our small church by the de Knoop family in 1911.

We would love to see you there.

John Ellis



From Page One

David Cox, from the Yew Tree Inn in Bunbury, provided the beer to help reflect God's bounteous harvest.

Chris Jones organised several energetic games, including a human snakes and ladders game based on the Creation story from Genesis.

Members of the congregation splatted the rat to save the harvest, visualised their prayers in 'pray dough', bobbed for apples and made beaded friendship bracelets.

"There was something to suit everyone," said Joy.

Sue Melia assisted the grape treaders to show the fruits of their labours in a footprint frieze and banner. The frieze, which had been laid down the aisle, was used during the worship, when everyone was encouraged to add a pebble to it with a silent prayer.

During the service youth worker and birthday girl Kim Beswick told a story and led the singing.

After the service, the catering team dished up a lovely spread which included a birthday cake that had been made especially for Kim.

As the event came to a close, one of the youngest children was overheard to ask her mum: 'When is church going to be messy again?'

The answer is 15 January.



HAVING FUN: A host of activities were organised as part of Messy Church to bring the people closer to God ... and organisers said it appeared to have worked wonders



Where has the year gone?

IT'S November already.

It's hard to believe that the year that we hailed as the 'New Year' is looking decidedly tatty.

As some poet or other said: it's a time of 'mists and mellow fruitfulness'.

But all it means is that we are all a year older.

It has certainly been a fruitful year.

Never have we had such a crop of apples, enough to gladden Mr W Tell's heart, but would, no doubt, worry his son.

That said, Bonfire Night is something to look forward too when Mr Fawkes goes on the fire.

Hero or villain - depending on your point of view - he must be the biggest mug in history.

When they said: 'it's all right mate, they'll never catch you', they did and it wasn't his idea in the first place.

Operation Christmas Child is here again when we are asked to fill a shoebox with a selection of small gifts suitable for a boy or girl.

This is the same as in previous years. However there will be more information in church.

St Jude's Christmas fayre this year will be held on Saturday 26 November at 2pm.

Come and start your Christmas shopping with us. Who knows - you might meet Father Christmas.

Our friend and PCC secretary Ann Posnet has not been too well of late. All at church send their best wishes for a speedy recovery. Please remember Ann in your prayers.

On 27 September the funeral of Harry Mitchell took place at St Jude's. May Harry rest in peace and rise in glory.

Bob Gardner

As a boy, he often went fishing with actor Henry Fonda



FAMILY MAN: Henry with David Simpson, Thelma, Ken, Lynette Simpson, Garvin, Gemma Haynes, Josh and Gabrielle Cowley

HENRY Haynes was a character who packed so much into his life. He was born on Christmas Eve 1924 in London, and was the oldest of four children.

The family grew up in London, Henry only moving first to Garstang and then to Tarporley to be closer to his daughter, Lynette, and her family when they settled here.

In the late '20s and early '30s, Henry's father established a catering agency supplying help to the film industry, which led to the Haynes children often appearing as film extras.

Henry was to be seen in films such as "The Life of Don Juan" with Douglas Fairbanks, "Drake of England" with Mathieson Lang, "Things to Come" with Raymond Massey, "Fire over England" with Flora Robson and "Wings of the Morning" with Henry Fonda.

Henry struck up a friendship with 'Hank' Fonda as the two enjoyed fishing together.

Henry left school at 14 in early 1939.

One of his first jobs was at the Ascot Gas Water Heater making munitions.

At 18, Henry was called up for National Service in the Royal Navy, and in 1942 served as an Engine Room Artificer stationed at the naval dockyard in Alexandria, Egypt.

After returning to the UK, he was demobbed in 1946.

Henry met his wife-to-be Eileen, who had come over from Ireland, in Neasden.

They married in 1952 and set up home in Harlesden, London, where their children, Lynette, Maureen and Kevin, were born.

The family later moved to Harrow where Gemma was born at home, delivered by Henry himself. Henry worked in engineer-

Henry's legacy lives on



ing all his life as a machinist, skilled toolmaker and later became a company director in The Power Tool Company.

A notable achievement was the development of the 'Moskito' speedboat, a forerunner of the modern jet-ski.

Henry made the news testing this boat on the Thames.

As reported in the Evening Standard, he was stopped by the river police for speeding.

Sadly Eileen died in 1975 leaving Henry and the family devas-

tated. Four years later, however, Henry was delighted to become a grandfather for the first time and eventually had eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

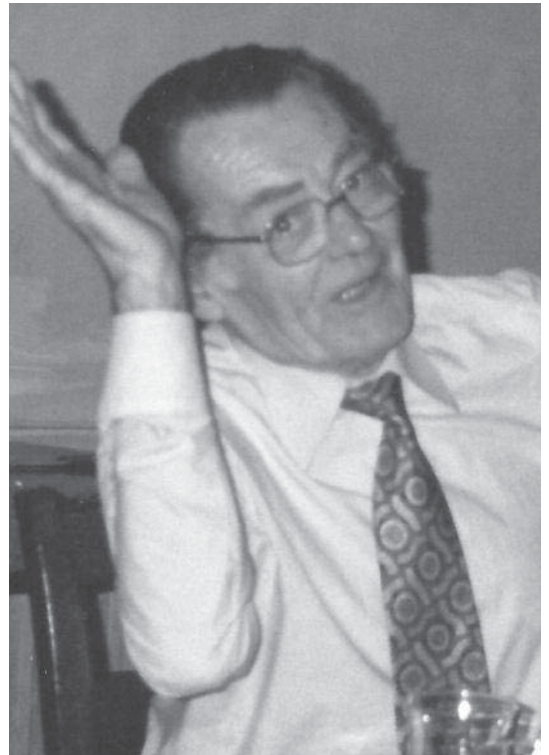
He fulfilled his role as grandfather, not only in the usual ways such as babysitting and attending school events but by making fancy dress costumes and school projects, all designed and built with engineering precision.

Henry was most happy on family holidays spent caravanning in Sussex and Ireland and in a cottage on the beach at Rock in Cornwall, and enjoyed fishing and gardening, which became a part-time job after he retired.

Henry loved having his family around him particularly at Christmas when he organised the event with characteristic precision.

This usually began about September over a drink in the Rising Sun.

Henry will be missed by all the family but leaves many special memories for them to treasure.



Son's tribute to Dad

FAMILY and friends gathered at St Boniface Church on Friday 7 October to give thanks for the life of Thomas (Tom) Kay, a Bunbury man who was loved and admired by all who knew him.

His sons, Simon and James, paid a moving tribute to their much-loved father, a man who 'never gave up, never took no for an answer and who stood up for what he believed in'.

A wonderful role model for his sons, Tom relished a challenge, whether it was landscaping his own garden or crafting the furniture for their home.

Tom loved the water and he leaves his family with many memories of happy times, particularly those spent on holidays by the sea.

He will be much missed by all who knew him and our thoughts go out to his family at this time.

Family tribute to a fine mother-in-law

A GREAT grandmother, who spent her life helping others, has been laid to rest at Audlem Cemetery.

Kathleen Vera Wright, who was 86, was given a fine send-off at Lightwood Green Methodist Chapel near Audlem.

During the service, which was conducted by Pastor Ron Page, her eldest daughter Mary's husband paid tribute to his mother-in-law.

"You will all have heard various comedians make jokes about the dreaded Mother-in-law," John Thomasson told mourners. "But my Mother-in law was the dearest kindest person you could ever wish to meet."

Kathleen Johnson was born on 5 February 1925 to George and Cecilia Johnson at Well House Farm, Marchamley, near Hodnet. She was one of eight children having three brothers and four sisters, and their births were spread over about 20 years, in an era where in large families the eldest children helped to rear the youngest.

She attended Marchamley Primary School, until the family moved to Coole Lane Farm, Audlem, where she used to walk to Sound Primary School every day.

After leaving school Kath went to work for Arthur and Mildred Huntbach at Kinsey Heath.

When elder sister Madge got married, Kath returned home to help her mother and father.

Kath met her future husband, Archie Wright, when he was visiting his brother who farmed next door to her parents at Coole Lane.

They were married in 1949 and started life together on the family farm at Rope Bank, Audlem, where Kath looked after Archie and father-in-law Thomas.

Their first daughter Mary was born in 1951 followed by Jane in 1953.

The following year they bought Woodworth Green Farm, Bunbury, and in 1959 daughter Gill was born.

Kath spent many happy years at Woodworth Green farm helping Archie and looking after the family and tending to her poultry.

"When they first moved there, there was no mains electric," said John.

"Mary remembers her mother having to light Tilley lamps every night for the house, shippens and poultry sheds."

As Mary, Jane and Gill developed into attractive young women, Kath had to cope with a string of male admirers.

"I remember when Mary eventually built up the courage to invite me in to meet her parents," said John.

"I was given the customary cup of tea, cheese and tomato sandwiches followed by her super sponge cake and apple pie." At that time John did not like cheese.

"I dare not refuse the supper for fear of offending Kath," said John. "But after five years of courtship, I got quite fond of cheese."

John was the first to attempt to woo and marry their eldest daughter Mary, followed by Roger who married Jane and then Neil who married Gill.

"Neil, Roger and I could not have had a better mother-in-Law," said John.

In time along came the grandchildren Joanne, Robert, Stevie, Maria, Mark and Tom.

In 1992 Kath and Archie retired to their bungalow in Bunbury Lane, Bunbury, where Kath nursed Archie until his death in 1999.

After Archie's death Kath enjoyed her first freedom from family commitments, and was able to pursue her interests in the chapel and Bunbury fellowship. She was also a member of the Wednesday club and the WRVS.

"I think she did baking for most of the older people in Bunbury," said John.

"And any visitor was made very welcome, as long as they would join her for tea and cakes."

In 2009 Kath joined Gill and Neil at Woolfall, Hankelow, to enjoy her final years. Among the regular visitors was great grandson Bertie.

Sadly due to ill health, Kath's planned stay with Gill was cut short and she moved to St Catherine's to receive special nursing.

Whilst in St Catherine's her second great grandson Alex was born and she was as proud of him as all the rest of the grandchildren.

"We will all remember Kath for her kindness and hard work," said John.

"She would always put others' needs before her own. You would never hear her moan or complain, even at the end when her ailments were terribly distressing."

"If only the world was made up of all people like her."



Your chance to say it in lights ...

A TREE in the grounds of St Boniface Church will once again be lit up in the run-up to Christmas.

Villagers are invited to dedicate a white light in memory of a loved one or to mark an important event such as a birthday, a wedding or a special anniversary.

In return, all the church asks for - nicely, of course - is a £5 donation to help raise funds for its upkeep.

"The Tree of Lights has become something of a tradition in Bunbury now," said treasurer John Mason.

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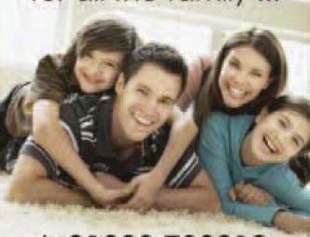


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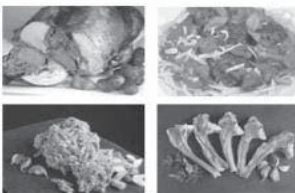
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Letters...

Your chance to share your thoughts with others

Christianity is built on working together

'IT is the weak man who urges compromise - never the strong man.'

I wasn't sure that your choice of quote (see above) should have been on a Christian publication such as the parish Link.

Too many people have the view that religious folk are fundamentalist die-hards who are unwilling to listen to others' experiences, too willing to marginalize those who do not conform.

However, Christianity is built on reaching out and working together.

In the book of Isaiah, God says "Come now, let us reason together" and Jesus tells us in Matthew's Gospel to move on from "an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth" to "love your enemy and pray for those who persecute you."

Jesus replaces an uncompromising cry for perceived justice with the reminder that those who hurt us are human too – in need of love and our prayers.

Perhaps we could adapt Hubbard's quote to say: "It is the wise man who urges compromise – never the foolish man."

Sadly Hubbard cannot tell us what he meant. He died aboard the Lusitania when it was torpedoed through the commands of some uncompromising, strong men.

JOHNNY GILLET

Bunbury

Parents should lead by example

I felt I had to write after reading the Grumpy Gargoyle's column in last month's Link.

The other day I was on my way to work when I passed a



The way We were

A VILLAGER sent us these two images of Bunbury from years gone by. I expect people who have lived here for years will recognise the places and perhaps some of the faces as well. If you have any old pictures of Bunbury, the Link team would love to hear from you.

mother walking her two children to Bunbury Primary School.

Nothing wrong with that on the face of it.

The problem was that they were walking past the Vicarage – where the road is very narrow anyway – with their backs to the traffic.

Not only that but the mother was walking in front of her children which meant, if they had got knocked down, she would not have even witnessed it.

I probably would not have written to the Link, had the Grumpy Gargoyle not mentioned it. But these kind of things have worried me for a long time.

Please parents, lead by example.

P WATKINS

Bunbury

BOSSY BELL

HELLO.

Allow let me introduce myself.

My name is Bossy Bell, a near relation of Grumpy Gargoyle.

I reside high up on the roof of St Jude's Church.

I know my voice is all on one note - just dong, dong, with no ding - but I see everything from my position and a dong can say a lot.

I want to see children's feet hopping and skipping up the path to church on Sunday mornings like I used to not all that long ago.

Why cannot we make our church enjoyable for the

younger people around?

The messy Sunday in Grumpy Gargoyle's church sounded fun.

We are the lucky ones with a church hall so the mess doesn't have to be all in church.

We have a costly new music system for what we were told was for young people's services but where are the ones who wanted it? Children still need parents to organise things.

A stupid saying 'See you later' is used everywhere at the moment. But when is later? Please let us see now, not later.

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