

Link

For the parishes of Bunbury & Tilstone Fearnall



November
2015

*War is not its own end, except in some catastrophic slide into absolute damnation. It's peace that's wanted.
Some better peace than the one you started with –*
Lois McMaster Bujold (The Vor Game)

The reality of war and TV drama collide in Bunbury



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Community news

Henry, the newest member of the Yew Tree Team was born on 10 October to **Linz** and **Jon Cox** and is brother to **Jasper**.



We welcome **Freddie Andrew George Wilson**, son of **Philip** and **Joanne**, baptised at St Boniface on 20 September.

Welcome also to **Alexandra Poppy Preston**, known as Poppy, daughter of **Alexander** and **Rebecca**, baptised at St Boniface on 17 October.



Welcome to **Benjamin Eric Shore**, baptised at St Boniface on 18 October, and parents **Nick** and **Beth** also

renewed their wedding vows during the service.

Congratulations to **Steven Agar** and **Joan Cogley** (right), married in the intimate setting of the Ridley Chapel on 3 October.



Congratulations also to **Oliver Mulcock** and **Emma Phillips** (below), married at St Boniface by Common Licence 10 October - they currently live in Hong Kong.



Bethany Shears would like to thank all those who sponsored her in the Birmingham Half Marathon on 18 October. She completed the course in 2 hrs 7 mins and raised £333 for the Alzheimer's Society.

The Gardening Club AGM and Hot Pot Supper will be held on 10 November. **Bunbury WI AGM** will be on 12 November. Prof. Peter Styles will speak on fracking and shale gas.

Tilly's charity quiz nights are to be held on 20 November and 4 December, and forthcoming **movie nights** are *The Theory of Everything* on 27 November and *Cinderella* on 11 December. Sky TV's Arts Doctor, **Keith Fenwick**, will give a **painting demonstration** on Tuesday 24 November at 7.30pm. Details available from Tilly's.

Leaflets for the **Operation Christmas Child** shoeboxes are available from St Boniface church, school, St Jude's and Jane Overy (260294). Please could filled boxes be returned to any of the above by **Friday 20 November**. Many thanks.

Village Day 2015 was a great success. Everyone is welcome at the **AGM at 8pm on 25 November** in the Nag's Head. Volunteers are always welcome to join the team, so if you're interested please email: contact@bunburyvillage.info We'll keep you updated during the coming months as the team get ready for the big day in 2016!

Bunbury Methodist Chapel Fellowship Christmas Party will be on **Tuesday 15 December** and the **Carol Service** will be held on **Sunday 20 December** 10.45am. The Christmas Day Service be held at the earlier time of 10am.

Oh yes it is! **Aladdin** is this year's Young Christians' pantomime **26-28 November**. Tickets on sale at Burrows butchers and Tillys.

St Jude's Flower Festival will be on **23-24 April** on the theme 'Celebration', as the **90th birthday of Her Majesty the Queen** is on 21 April. The organising team is looking for ladies or gentlemen

with a passion for flower arranging. If you would like to donate towards the displays in 'Memory of a Loved One' the name of your loved one will be displayed on our 'In Loving Memory' board'. For more details, please call Jenny on 01829 730225 or email jennifer-brooks@btconnect.com.

Bunbury Singers need you! Now rehearsing with their new musical director, Sue Easton, at 7.30pm on Mondays at Bunbury School. New members are extremely welcome, especially men and altos!

The **copy deadline** for December-January Link is **Friday 13 November**. The magazine will be available for distribution from **Friday 27 November**.

Our prayers for November

We pray for all who are ill, especially **Ernest Croley**. We also pray for all who are mourning a loved one, including the families of **Hilda Elsworth, Barry Hitchen, Mary Hulme, Philip Masters** and **Henry Cox**. We pray for all **displaced persons and refugees**, as the weather turns wintry, and we pray for organisations and individuals giving aid. We pray for our curate, **Veronica**, as she leaves us for her parish of Marbury, Whitewell and Tushingham. We also pray for **Nigel and their children**, as they move, and for everyone in the new parishes.

Bunbury Refugee Drive delivers



With so much help on hand, it took hardly any time to load up the three vans filled with donations from Bunbury ready to head down to the CalAid collection centre, writes Bunbury refugee drive organiser **Dionne Lennon**.

When they got to the collection centre in time for their 2pm appointment, the organisers were quite surprised. "They thought we had three small vans - not transit vans," explained Dionne. "I was very proud of myself reversing the thing without knocking the building or any of my team over." A couple of hours later they were again on their way (once the guys had finished being roped in to reorganise the centre). All the donated items will now be

distributed to those in need in Calais, Greece and also Syria itself.

Dionne's husband John has been a tremendous support, as have Paul and Mike who drove the other vans. Quality Office Supplies really made things happen when they donated all three vans and had their drivers bring them over to Bunbury from Stockport.

"I would like to say a huge and heartfelt thank you to every member of the community," added Dionne. "From the people who donated items and money and those who helped to sort everything out into bags and boxes. Miranda Hewish and the scout hut both offered safe storage and the many strong men, women and children who have been lifting and moving donations all over Cheshire. I've met some very special people and again feel extremely blessed to live in such a wonderful community." In the words of Rachel Patten, "We might only have one match, but we can make an explosion."

Bunbury Parish Council

Bonfire & Fireworks

6pm

Thursday 5th November

Jubilee Playing Fields

Adults £2.50 - Under 16's Free

Refreshments by Tillys & Burrows Butchers

BUNBURY FARMERS' MARKET & ARTISAN CRAFT FAIR



EVERY THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH



From 10 a.m.—2 p.m.

For further details contact Tom Morrison of Berry Fresh Bakery on 01948 662822 or info@berryfreshbakery.co.uk





Eric Wallington
Reader Emeritus
Talents

The Bible relates a parable that Jesus told about money. Clearly, in those days, the talent was a larger sum of money, equivalent I believe, to something like a labourer's wages for some 15 years. In the parable, the fabulously wealthy landowner lent one of his servants five times that amount - some loan! Another servant received a loan of two talents and a third, just one whole talent of silver.

It seems that the first two servants made amazing use of the loans. They traded with the loans and returned to the lender the profit as well as the capital. But the third servant kind of just forgot that the money was simply a loan and just hid it under the mattress.

In the fullness of time, the third servant was well and truly chastised. He had completely failed to realise or remember that he'd been given temporary ownership of the money, with a view to him making profitable use of it.

It would seem clear that, because of the story Jesus related, the word talent has kind of changed its meaning. It has come to mean a skill or ability and the parable has become a basis of Christian teaching about stewardship.

Thus, the story reminds each one of us that our time, our talents and our money are effectively a loan from God and we are each called to use them all to serve others - for His sake.

Church diary for November

Sunday 1 November	8.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface St Jude's St Boniface Calveley St Boniface	Wednesday 18 November	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
	9.30am Family Communion		Sunday 22 November	9.00am Family Communion	St Jude's
	10.30am Family Worship		10.30am Family Communion	St Boniface	
	11.00am Holy Communion		Wednesday 25 November	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Wednesday 4 November	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface			
Sunday 8 November	9.30am Remembrance	St Jude's St Boniface	Sunday 29 November	9.30am Family Communion	St Jude's St Boniface
	10.45am Remembrance		10.30am Family Communion (with Methodists)		
Wednesday 11 November	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface	Wednesday 2 December	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Sunday 15 November	8.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface St Jude's St Boniface Calveley St Boniface	Sunday 6 December	8.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface St Boniface Calveley St Jude's St Boniface
	9.30am Family Worship			10.30am Family Worship	
	10.30am Family Worship			11.00am Holy Communion	
	11.00am Family Worship			4.00pm Christingle	
	6.00pm Evensong			5.00pm Christingle	



Pat Edgley Ellis
Reader
A Woman's Place...

... is in the House of Bishops

So says the tea towel in the St. Boniface kitchen.

It is almost a year now since our first female bishop was consecrated, our own Libby Lane of Stockport, and the sky has not yet fallen in!

The wheel has come full circle.

There is nothing new about influential women in the church; St. Paul mentions Nympha and Pricilla as having churches in their houses.

This month we celebrate the life of Hilda, 614 -680 AD, the founding Abbess of Whitby, who worked tirelessly to bring Anglo Saxons to Christianity, presiding over households of nuns and monks (separately, of course!).

Known for her enormous energy, a skilled administrator and teacher, her wisdom brought kings and princes to seek her advice.

They say that she turned a plague of snakes to stone, seen to this day as ammonite fossils on the shore, and seagulls dip their wings when they circle the abbey.

Hilda is patron saint of learning, culture and poetry.

Lord, in whom there is no male or female,
We thank you for the great influence of women like Hilda.

We thank you that we are all equal in your eyes.

We thank you for our diversity of gifts.

As you call us to live and work for you,

Let us remember

That it is not the beginning,

But the faithful continuing of the task

That is most important in your eyes,

Until we have completed it to the best of our ability.

Scouts win trophy at Young People's Awards



Last year for the first time Bunbury Scout Group were very privileged to join the Royal British Legions Poppy Appeal in Bunbury, writes Scout Leader **Amanda Harris**. The group has benefited from a very special relationship which has resulted in their affiliation to the Legion and the sharing of knowledge, ideas and resources for the benefit of our youngsters and Leaders alike - and importantly, in their involvement in securing the future of remembering.

Amanda, along with scout Jack Pickering, his mother and Michael Rogers, President of the Bunbury Branch of the Royal British Legion, had the privilege and honour of attending the Lord Lieutenant of Cheshire's Young People's Awards 2014-2015 held at the Daresbury Hotel in Warrington to celebrate the young uniformed organisations' contributions to the poppy collections for 2014.

The event organised by the Royal British Legion was hosted by the Lord Lieutenant of Cheshire on behalf of the Queen.

What a wonderful evening and a great pleasure to celebrate with so many worthy groups who raised vast sums of money for the poppy appeal, sitting shoulder to shoulder with representatives from the Sea cadets, Air cadets, Army Cadets along with Guiding groups and Scout Groups.

Jack Pickering received a certificate of appreciation and 1st place award in their category and a trophy.

"We feel so blessed to have received such an award and had the efforts of the children recognised," commented Amanda, "but also to have been involved in something so humbling as raising funds for the Royal British Legion to spend where it is needed and to be part of remembering those who have fallen and those who have served to keep us safe yet continue to suffer hardship. The fact the children received such recognition will certainly keep remembering alive in their hearts and minds and serve to inspire them to ensure that they share this important message."

Learning to Listen



I am now into the third and final year of my Pastoral Worker training and this module is about Listening, writes **Amber Middlemiss**. Four other people from St Boniface are joining me for this module and their feedback has been interesting. Several are finding it hard not to give advice, which is very natural for many of us, particularly

parents! We are practising giving the speaker space to speak without interruption so that they can say what they need to say, and then reflecting back some of the content, looking especially for the feelings that were expressed. We are also learning some simple techniques that can help people clarify which is the most important part and if there is any action they feel they need to take as a result. Last week we also looked at different ways of listening to God, including walking in nature, music, poetry, art, literature and being creative, as a way of nurturing our own spiritual growth.

The Pastoral Visiting Team has now started meeting and will be in attendance at the All Souls Memorial service on 1st November at 4pm which is for anyone mourning or remembering the loss of a loved one. Team members will be available during and after the service for those who need some support.



ART EXHIBITION

Modern, expressive watercolours

by **Elena Maria Roman**

Saturday & Sunday 14-15 November 10am to 6pm

At 10 Darkie Meadow Bunbury CW6 9RB

Everyone welcome!

Live painting demonstration Sunday 3.00pm

www.elenamariaroman.co.uk



Mr and Mrs Bibby retire from Bunbury school



On Friday 23 October the children, staff and parents at Bunbury School said an emotional farewell to Mr and Mrs Bibby, who are retiring and will be greatly missed. Mrs Bibby has worked as both a midday assistant and then cleaner over the last 13 years, and Mr Bibby has been the site maintenance officer for 18 years.

There was a tea party, where each class came separately and the children had chance to say a personal farewell. Then there was a special assembly, at which each class presented a card and then Mrs Todd presented Mr and Mrs Bibby with a bottle, a bouquet, a 'retirement fund' envelope and 'retirement' and 'thank you' balloons. Mr and Mrs Bibby disappeared and produced an enormous clock (pictured bottom left) which they presented to the children, together with an ornamental owl for the school garden.



An owl for the school garden from Mr and Mrs Bibby

Harvest at St Boniface



From famine...



...to feast

During this year's harvest service we gave thanks to God for all the good things in life and we remembered especially the hard work of all our local farmers who work the land tirelessly throughout the year. We were grateful to the Larges and Overys for bringing the traditional hand plough and harvest offerings. Margaret Bourne produced a tremendous harvest display.

However, we also prayed about the difficult things in our world, remembering especially the refugee crisis. Our children and young people made a shelter and reflected on the plight of many who have left their homes and are now living in makeshift camps. They made candle holders out of broken CDs and a collage out of torn up bits of magazines. They reflected on how God can transform our mess into something beautiful and they gathered around the altar during the prayers singing 'Beauty For Brokenness'. We gave thanks for Dionne Lennon's response to the crisis and prayed for all those who have been moved to do something.

*God of the poor, friend of the weak, give us compassion we pray.
Melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like rain.
Come, change our love from a spark to a flame.*



How much do you know about Cuba?

10 things you may not know about Cuba:

1. There are no animals or plants in Cuba that are poisonous or lethal to humans
2. Cuba is the home of the world's smallest bird (the Bee Hummingbird) and frog (the Mount Iberia Frog)
3. Christmas Day did not become a holiday in Cuba until 1997
4. Cuba has one of the best healthcare systems in the world
5. Cuba has one of the highest literacy rates in the world
6. Cuba is one of the only two countries in the world where Coca Cola is not allowed to be sold (the other is North Korea)
7. When Fidel Castro took power, he ordered all sets of Monopoly to be destroyed
8. President John F Kennedy bought 1,200 Cuban cigars just before he signed the embargo
9. Cubans love South Korean soap operas
10. How many Cubans use the internet? 5%



**Women's World Day of Prayer
2016 - Friday 4th March:
Cuba, Receive children, receive
me.**

All ages welcome. Put the date in your diary now! Bunbury will be holding this rather special event (service and refreshments). More details to follow.

For more information please contact Debbie Shears, 01829 260707, akaroanz@hotmail.com. Any offers of help would also be much appreciated.

Bunbury Mill streamed live to schools across UK



Bunbury Watermill hosted an online field trip 'Oaty Porridge' as part of the Tesco Eat Happy Project, broadcast live on 1 October 2015, streaming into schools across the UK. The lesson was presented by Sam Mann and made in collaboration with oats producer Mornflake. It can be viewed at <http://www.eathappyproject.com/online-field-trips/oaty-porridge>. Other hosts were Peter Robinson, volunteer Bunbury miller, and Richard Jones, an expert on oats. Children from

four primary schools took part in the programme. As well as discussing the history of oats and oat milling, and the nutritional benefits (and pleasures) of eating oaty products, the programme featured an explanation of workings of the historic Victorian water mill. Says Peter, "It was an exciting experience taking part in this commendable series, and a real pleasure to have the production team at our lovely mill. Even the ducks cooperated!"



CARDS FOR GOOD CAUSEScaring at Christmas with Charity Cards

Cards for Good Causes which sells Christmas cards for more than 30 national charities opens on 27 October in the Tarporley Baptist and Methodist Church.

Not only are Christmas Cards an important source of funding for charities, they also help to raise awareness of their work. At our Tarporley shop you can choose from a fantastic array of charity cards and stock up on Christmas essentials, such as wrapping paper and gift tags.

The Tarporley shop is part of the Cards for Good Causes' national network of over 300 shops. In the past five years, charities have received over £20 million from Cards for Good Causes - representing at least 70p in every pound - out of which charities had to pay for the production and distribution of their Christmas cards and any VAT. Staffed by local volunteers the Tarporley Shop is open Monday to Saturday, 10am to 4pm from Tuesday 27 October to Saturday 28 November.

Alpraham Village day

The eighth village day, held on Saturday 12 September, started bleakly with overcast skies and showers, however as with previous years the weather held and the sun broke through. Calveley Primary School opened proceedings with a magnificent maypole dancing spectacular, with further



entertainment supplied throughout the afternoon by the Tarporley brass band. The stalls provided opportunity to browse and catch up with other residents, especially around the traditional Mornflake delivery van, the children's inflatable obstacle course, the WI tea stall and the bar. The coconut shy always entertains however this year the star of the show was Reverend Tim, always a willing volunteer, who braved the pillory and was rewarded by a soaking from his charges!

The auction was a highlight, with prizes donated by Baileys Cheese, Rowlinsons, Mornflakes, Nick Brookes, Newsomes, Countrywide and Morrisons, creating much competition and empty wallets. The day was completed with the Tug of War competition, four sides bravely fought it out however, the overall winners were lost in the good humoured confusion!

Thanks to all who supported by attending, the brave souls who erected the marquee the rainy night before and the local residents who provide the electrical connection.



Soak the vicar appears to have been a popular stall

Calveley Chapel hosts Grove Singers

Calveley enjoyed another great evening of song when the Grove Singers visited on Friday 25 September. We had a very respectable turn out of some forty visitors who not only enjoyed the voices singing but also the delightful refreshments at the interval. The Grove Singers are an unaccompanied group of some 30 strong and covered from William Boyce's *Alleluia* to Goff's arrangement of *Catch*

a Falling Star. It was a tour de force par excellence. There was a lovely and well performed violin duet by Sally Thompson and the Musical Director Jon Henderson.

Thoroughly liked by all who came, do put the next production in your diary when it is advertised in the Link.

Arley Hall 25th

Christmas Shopping Spectacular

Celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Arley Hall Christmas Shopping Spectacular!

Over 70 handpicked stalls selling a wonderful and unique selection of gifts and treats for all of the family, held in aid of the Seashell Trust, a local charity for profoundly disabled children from all over Cheshire and the North West.

Introducing the 'Men's Den' sponsored by Querkity Presents for Men - for the man in your life who has everything!

Monday 9 November 6.00pm - 10.00pm (£12 in advance, £15 on the door) and Tuesday 10 November 9.30am - 5.00pm (£7.50 on the door only or free with an evening ticket).

For tickets or more information please call Wendy Bray on 0161 610 0170 (credit card facility), visit www.arleyhallshoppingspectacular.co.uk or email tickets@arleyhallshoppingspectacular.co.uk

News from St Jude's

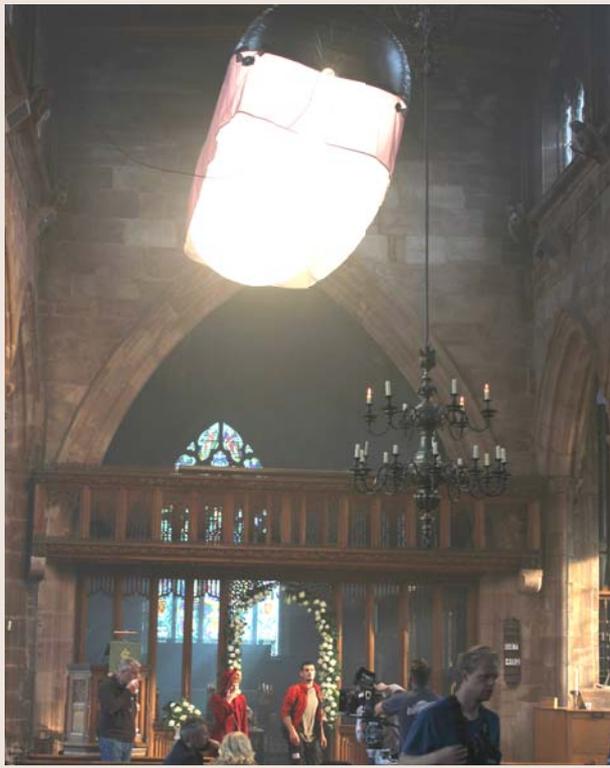


St Jude's Harvest Supper was well attended, even though England rugby team were playing Wales the same night! Following a beautiful prayer read by Tim, the traditional fare was served and the auction attracted much interest with the strong bidding for the chocolate and champagne hamper. After dinner Tim's quiz created heated debate mainly due to the obscurity of some of the answers, however it was all taken in good humour. Many thanks to the caterers (the Harveys) and to all who set up and donated prizes.

St Jude's Sunday school is run by Beth Hayward on the first Sunday of the month; this month was well supported with ten children. All are welcome and it would be wonderful to see the numbers continue to increase.

Bombs over Great Paxford

A helium balloon provided lighting for filming a solemn funeral in church and the young ladies of the parish took up with airmen and soldiers camped in the vicinity...a preview of Home Fires series two.



Veronica reflects on being our Curate



A curacy is a training post - time spent in a place where 'the curate' is given space to learn and discover the many ways of being a Priest. This includes the practical actions of ministry - presiding over the occasional offices such as weddings, baptisms and funerals, arranging services and worship, school assemblies, parochial church meetings and much more besides.

Time here in these parishes of Bunbury and Tilstone Fearnall has helped equip me in these areas and I have steadily grown in confidence with the help and encouragement of so many different people. It has been a great time of putting into practise the many things my training taught and prepared me for.



Finally, my thanks go to the loving families at St Boniface, St Jude's and Calveley Chapel - your welcome and hospitality has been unforgettable.

We've laughed, cried, talked, prayed, sang, hugged, kissed, shared and grown together - like any other family but under the watchful and tender care of Tim, my training incumbent and good friend. It's been such a pleasure working alongside you, Tim; thank you for allowing me the time, space, and courage to mature a little and for the best advice you've given me 'to always remember that God called me for who I am and the gifts I can bring to ministry' as is the case of all of you.

It is not 'goodbye' for although I'm leaving for pastures new you will remain my family always - and you will be made as welcome in my new parishes as I would be back in yours at any time. Stay Blessed and thank you all.

Rev. Veronica xx



However - there is much - all the training in the world cannot prepare you for and this is what I'd like to share with you.

My thanks goes to all those who shared something of their personal life with me - letting go of something that lies heavy on one's heart and in one's mind - these are some of the most beautiful and unique moments when God is present, sharing those same personal worries or joys, the moments that as a Priest, you find affirmation and realise just why you feel God called you to the role.

My thanks go to the young, for their 'pearls of wisdom'. They tell it as it is. They're honest in their speech, they're inquisitive, enthusiastic, energetic, and have helped me to value them for all they bring to a community, to each other, and to the church.

My thanks go to the 'young at heart' and you all know who you are! The years may be catching up with you but inside you are like children, just as honest and full of life, but you have shown me how important experience alongside wisdom can be. Your stories have given me greater knowledge and understanding of this world and that as a Priest is of great benefit.

My thanks go to the whole community for making me feel so very welcome everywhere. From the businesses, to the school, to the Parish Council, the sense of community and care has proven the African proverb: "It takes a whole village to raise a child." Thank you for your nurture.

All Souls' Memorial Service
1st November 4:00pm

During the service, the names of the departed will be read out, those who have died last year, as well as those whom people would like remembered - and there will be an opportunity to light candles in memory of them.

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

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

Two Saints Way guidebook launched

Three and a half years ago David Pott led the launch pilgrimage for The Two Saints Way. They called in at St Boniface for lunch on a fine March day and went on their way, singing!

In the first week of November he will tread those familiar paths again, this time with an accompanying vehicle full of Two Saints Way guidebooks. It's a different way of having a book launch but enabled David to inspect the signage along the route.

The guidebook (ISBN 9781910786215), cost £12.99, is available at the following launches:

Sunday 1 November @ 2:30pm St John's Church Vicar's Lane, Chester CH1 1SN

Monday 2 November @ 6:30pm Nantwich Bookshop, 46 High St, Nantwich CW5 5AS

Tuesday 3 November @ 4:00pm, Englesea Brook Chapel & Museum, Brook Lane, Englesea Brook, Crewe CW5 5QW

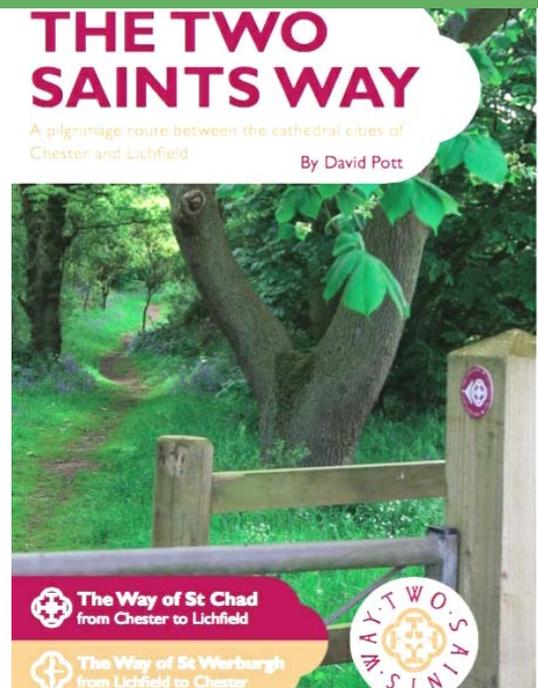
Wednesday 4 November @ 3:30pm Potteries Museum, Bethesda Street, Stoke-on-Trent ST1 3DW

Thursday 5 November @ 7:30pm Christ Church Hall, Christ Church Way, Stone ST15 8ZB

Friday 6 November @ 3:00pm Mayor's Parlour, Civic Centre, Riverside, Stafford ST16 3AQ

Saturday 7 November @ 2:30pm Lichfield Cathedral, Lichfield WS13 7LD, followed by refreshments at St Chad's Church, St Chad's Rd WS13 7ND

There is a charge of £5 for the launch at Nantwich bookshop. All other launches are free but please email twosaintsway@gmail.com by 22 October to confirm attendance so hosts can have an idea of numbers expected. You may also like to pre-order a guide at the same time. Please bring either cash or a cheque made out to 'Two Saints Way Project'. If you are unable to come to one of the launches, you can obtain the guidebook either through the Northumbria Community or usual retail channels. The Northumbria Community has been a partner since the project started. A copy can be ordered over the phone (01670 787645) or from their online shop at <http://www.northumbriacommunity.org/product/the-two-saints-way-guide/> Two Saints Way Project is a not for profit company limited by guarantee, company no 7483349



In tribute

Barry Hitchen - country life at the Lodge

Born in Chester in December 1939 at the start of WW2, Barry William Hitchen lived at the family farms at Upton and Mullington with his parents and eighteen years older sister who helped bring him up. His older brother was killed in action with Bomber Command.

Barry initially attended school at Tarporley but as he often 'ran away' he was sent to Millmeade in Shrewsbury where fortunately he settled and enjoyed school life, moving on to Malvern College where he excelled at rugby and athletics.

After schooling Barry worked on the family farm specialising on breeding pigs, however, fast cars and partying were his passion. To enhance his income he followed his father into house building and established a high reputation for the developments.

In 1972 Barry married Margi and they lived at the Lodge in Peckforton establishing a wide group of friends who shared their interest in country pursuits, sport, gardening and politics. Barry enjoyed creating his own furniture, furnishings and collections including self designed clothing. Margi unexpectedly died in 2006 bringing to an end the successful partnership. Barry had the good fortune to meet Tricia Austin and a second wonderful relationship opened up leading to a second marriage. Social occasions and garden parties resumed at the Lodge. The lodge housed several dogs, horses and hens. The dogs accompanied Barry on his frequent days out shooting.

Barry is remembered for his cheerful outlook even during his illness, humour and generous hospitality.

Mary Hulme - lover of the countryside

Rachel "Mary" Slater Hulme was born on 30th April 1924 in Stockton Heath where she went to school. She lived, with husband Gordon and many animals, at Yew Tree House on Whitchurch Road. Mary met Gordon when they were both working in banking. Gordon died in 1996 and Mary managed to continue living there with her animals until she reached 90 and passed away earlier this year.

Mary's kitchen and snug were full of rosettes, every beam covered - her real love, of course, were her horses. Mary bred show horses and it was through show jumping, she met Geoff and asked him to ride her horses and they became close friends and adopted family. Mary was a lover of the countryside and her animals. She loved her dogs - poodles and dash hounds - her last one was Basil, who she called 'Brushie', was just as amazing as Mary - and they loved growing old together. Mary kept hens, up until November of last year, and her prize sheep. Gordon once sold some of their sheep at a pedigree sale, and when Mary found out who had bought them, she ordered Gordon to buy them back at once. When it was time for sheep dipping Gordon and Mary used to lead the sheep to dip on a halter, and it's wonderful to think that Archie the Ram's halter was used this summer at the Nantwich Show by the Overy

girls - Rachel and Sarah - when their Rylands sheep - won several rosettes.

She was a good friend to Jane they loved their long rides along the lanes, looking over all the hedges and seeing what was happening. Mary enjoyed riding into her 70's and 'Girlie' was her beloved horse. She still had her bridle and bit.

Mary was always very straight talking - she wouldn't beat around the bush - there is the story of her going out for lunch. Nine times out of ten, she would have fish, but on this particular occasion Mary ordered duck. Unfortunately, she had to send it back twice and then insisted on telling the chef how he should have cooked it.

More recently Mary could be seen sitting at the window looking out on to the birds. She loved all creatures great and small (apart from the squirrels).

Those who knew Mary spoke of her incredible memory and treasured photographs - and how she spoke fondly of her father and mother and her sister Bar.

As Mary would say, "I've had a wonderful life," and how remarkably fit she was - she had never been to hospital until she was 90, and she was still driving. Mary will be much missed by her adopted families.

Hilda Elsworth - a shining light to husband John



Hilda Margaret Elsworth (nee Price) was born in Liverpool in 1931 and had early memories of happy times in her Mother's family sweet shop. The start of WW2 in 1939 changed this and she was evacuated to North Wales, a phase of her life she did not enjoy. Fortunately she soon returned home but in 1941 she was evacuated to Scotland, but this was a happier episode.

Hilda continued her education through to Secretarial College. Her career started at

Cranes Music Store before she moved on to Dunlop Sports factory which made golf and tennis balls. She moved with her parents to a Bunbury like village of Woolton. Hilda became a Sunday school teacher, a chorister and bell ringer. At the age of twenty one her love of bell ringing facilitated a meeting from a visiting ringer John and following courtship they were married in grand style at Liverpool Cathedral in a ceremony accompanied by the full choir and bells to honour a former chorister. John saw her as his shining light throughout their life together. By coincidence they married in 1954 on 5 June, the festival day of St Boniface.

They moved into their first home in Great Sutton on the Wirral were the family increased with the birth of David and then Stephen before they relocated to Wokingham in Berkshire for four

happy years. Next was back to Cheshire and Bunbury in 1974 where they soon established a range of connections.

Hilda was President of Peckforton and Beeston WI for a few years and worked as an assistant at a Crewe School before becoming Bursar of Brook Farm School at Tarporley. Hilda followed her family habits of organising parties being Queen Bee of any party when she loved to get things going. Her love of bell ringing remained and became a family affair with John ringing for sixty years and David following in his father's steps.

Hilda enjoyed visiting family over in the States, she had 2 cousins, one in Pennsylvania and the other in St Catherine's near Niagara Falls. There were also trips to Canada, Singapore, Thailand and Hilda's last real foreign trip was to Sri Lanka.

In 2002 Hilda had to have heart bypass surgery which stabilised her condition but gradually she became immobile with more rapid deterioration in the last couple of months. Right until the very end, Hilda lived a life in which she gave so much love and inspired so much love in others.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Price family - Janet and Dennis, Tom, Bill and Connie and family, Victoria and Graham and family - over in St Catherine's Ontario, where Hilda loved looking over Horseshoe Falls - and Mark and family in the USA.



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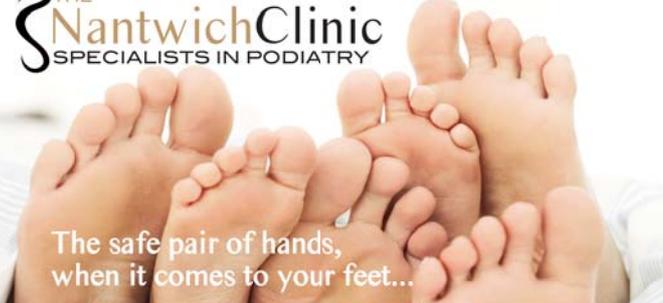
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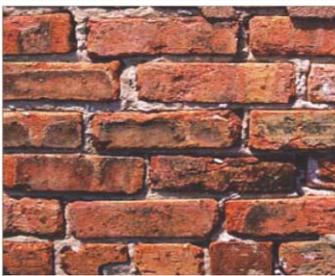
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