



### Jane ordained priest at Chester



Our Curate, Jane Stephenson, was ordained priest on Saturday 15th July at Chester Cathedral, having been ordained Deacon a year ago.

Jane writes:

"What can I say about the 15<sup>th</sup> July? St Swithin's...it certainly didn't rain. Wearing a cassock in the sunshine of Abbey Square and in a cathedral of 1500 people: a cheaper way to lose weight than going to 'Total Fitness.' 'It was just a priesting,: you're already ordained aren't you? Why all the fuss?'"

Well, it was a remarkable occasion of consensus and affirmation; a visually spectacular coming-together of the

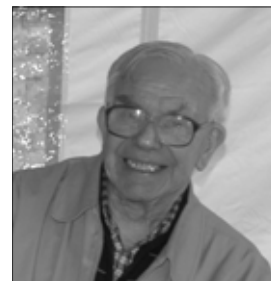
Body of Christ in an act of dedication, support and love. The enormity of the calling is set against my own inadequacy, but the privilege of being called carries with it the knowledge that this is not my doing, but God's. It does not change who I am, nor my affection and respect for the churches at Bunbury, Calveley and Tilstone Fearnall, which was already in place, but it confirms that I have been called to serve with you in order to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit and the love of God.

Not really a fuss: but I was so moved, so thrilled, and so excited at one of the best days of my life.

Doesn't mean I won't take a turn on the coffee rota though!"

(See page 10 for another report.)

### Walter is 80!



A belated happy birthday to Walter Williamson, 80 on 13th July. Walter is a former pupil of Bunbury School, and was for many years a lay reader at St.Boniface. He and wife Mary remain good friends to our church community. Very many happy returns, Walter!

### What is this mystery object?

Where could you find it? What is its connection to Bunbury School?

### Would you dare sail with these people?



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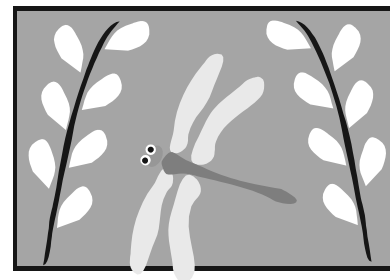
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# Dragonflies

When I was young, one of the most intriguing and also terrifying summertime creatures was the dragonfly. This might partly have been its name which sounded very menacing for the huge insect with its enormous gig-lamp eyes, its shimmering colours of emerald-green or metallic blue and its gauzy delicately-netted wings. We were convinced that it could sting and used to run away in fear, but of course we were wrong: the dragonfly is harmless. However, when they flew around our heads with that angry, buzzing sound they scared us half to death. They are daytime hunters and retire for the night at about the same time as the mosquitoes, gnats and other biting insects come to life, which is rather unfortunate as they are voracious hunters and their chief object in life is to satisfy their insatiable appetite. Among their favourite prey are horseflies - grey flies or clegs, those real stingers that can stampede cattle or make some people swell up painfully. The dragonfly catches its prey by means of its forward-acting, hairy legs which form an efficient net or grab. Some of the larger dragonflies will kill wasps and butterflies of tortoiseshell size. But pirate of the air that the adult is, almost more formidable in its own small

world, is its larva. The female dragonfly lays her eggs, sometimes simply by dropping them in water, sometimes by inserting them individually in the stems of aquatic plants - after which the attendant male helps to drag her out of the water. The infant dragonfly is, bizarrely, called a nymph, but nothing could be less like the conventional nymph. It is the terror of the waters it frequents and the larger ones even catch tadpoles and fish-fry. Damselflies can be seen along most watersides but trout do not care to rise and take them but a damselfly nymph is a different story - they are readily-acceptable food for the fish, whereas the adult fly is not in the last bit interesting.

Liz Jones



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'Then Jesus took a little child and put it among them, and, taking it in his arms, he said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.' (St Mark 9, 36-37)

There are still countries where it is illegal to give children religious instruction. The media regularly carry news of paedophilia and pornography as it affects the young. Children go missing and the outcome all too often is tragic. How god must weep at such un-Christ-like treatment of his little ones!

What is a child's view of the world today? A seven-year-old quickly responded with his view of heaven: 'I think heaven is like a railway station where the train comes in on time and God is waiting there to meet it.' Bless him, but how many miles has his train to travel on earth, before that heavenly station is reached? How many signals will be set at red?

Ask a group of primary children about how they see Jesus and we will undoubtedly find that God has already been at

work giving them precious revelations that excite our awe and wonder. There is a whole new world of God's love in the mind of a child and we neglect it at our peril.

When Professor Karth was asked by an equally august scholar to state what he regarded as the most profound truth of Christianity, his answer was simply –

'Jesus loves me, this I know,  
For the Bible tells me so.'

When we're too old to see things as a child, we're too old!

**Eric Wallington**



## Introducing Nick, new churchwarden



Nick Sanders was elected as the second Churchwarden at St Boniface earlier this year, following the retirement of Walter Done.

Nick was born in Exeter and spent the first 23 years of his life there. On leaving school he read law at university and then joined the Royal Navy as a Supply Officer, just in time for the Falklands conflict. Marrying Alex in 1981 (Silver wedding anniversary this year!), most of their early married life was disrupted by lengthy absences at sea, generally floating around the North and South Atlantic. Nick then studied for his Bar Finals and was called to the Bar at the Middle Temple in London in 1988. Soon after, the family (now including two daughters) moved back to Devon and Nick practiced as a solicitor, first in Exmouth and then in Exeter, running his own firm there until 2001. In 2001 the

family moved to the Falkland Islands (as readers of the Link will be well aware....!) where he was appointed as the Senior Magistrate and Coroner for the Islands and for the British Antarctic Territory, becoming the most southerly full-time judge in the world! In October 2004, Nick and his family moved to Bunbury and Nick now works in Birkenhead, which is about as different from Stanley as it is possible to get! When not working, Nick's hobbies include sailing, cooking and acquiring cars. He is also trying to find an interest in gardening so that he and Alex can start work on the garden of their house in the village.

Prior to the Falklands, Nick was the Churchwarden of St Swithun's, Woodbury, a parish of similar size to Bunbury about 6 miles south of Exeter. After three years of church fabric, quinquennial inspections and parish shares, he vowed never to do it again! However, he assures everyone that he is delighted to be back in harness again and is always available to try and help.

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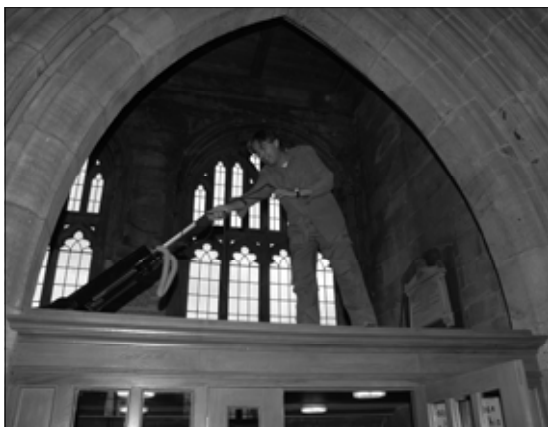
## Future of St.Judes

An open meeting will be held to  
discuss the future of  
St.Judes Church,  
Tilstone Fearnall,  
on 27th September at 7.00pm  
in the Church Hall.

Everyone with an interest in the  
future of St.Judes is urged to  
make a note of this date and to  
attend the meeting.

Bob Gardner  
Linda Downey  
Churchwardens

# Many hands make light work?



On Saturday 26th June, Barbara issued a three-line whip and a gang of volunteers descended on St Boniface for a rather late spring clean. Every dim corner was investigated: spiders lost their webs, Busty Jane lost a thick coat of dust, piles of rubbish was sorted and taken out - even the front door got the feather-duster treatment. Windows were cleaned, floors

were hoovered, every bit of wood was dusted and polished, and finally all the weary workers enjoyed a barbecue courtesy of Barbara, with Nick Sanders doing the honours over the coals. The puzzle is, how come other people's housework is always so much more interesting than one's own?

## YCs say big thanks to Teri

The YCs met on the hottest evening of the year, July 17<sup>th</sup>, for the final event of their calendar – the famous YCs family barbecue and rounders match, this year held at St Jude's. Diana Kinsey came on her own, unwilling to miss the event, despite having no handy YC to accompany! Most of the adults present were too exhausted by the heat to do more than lift a glass of Pimms, but most of the YCs themselves, plus siblings, gamely took their places on the field of play and battle commenced. As usual the Mulcahys were ridiculously competitive: Harriet took some great catches and Steve managed to hit the ball into the graveyard. Nevertheless, with some excellent fielding, he was run out. James Bowman and James Melia both showed some great cricketing moves –

Mike Ridley missed some sitting catches (the evening sun was his excuse) and your correspondent showed much more enthusiasm than skill. We missed the Evertons this year, sadly unable to make the event. The two teams achieved an honourable draw, so that was our rounders practice for another year!

A delicious barbecue followed, sitting under the trees, and the evening was rounded off by a presentation to Teri Williams, whose time as a YC's leader is now drawing to a close. Teri and Rob are moving south to be nearer to children and grandchildren. Teri has been a linchpin of YCs for so long that we can't really imagine it without her.



# How Bunbury Village Hall was born

In the July issue of the Link the Editor asked if the "Public Hall" referred to in the Parish Links of the nineteen fifties is the same as the Village Hall. As the guilty party responsible for the change, I must confess all!

It helps to understand what happened if you think what Bunbury was like in the seventies. Imagine the village without Aldersey Way, Darkie Meadow, Hill Close, Hurst Close, Orchard Close, Swan Lane, The Acreage, The Hawthorns, Wakes Meadow, and Willow Drive. Take away the playing fields, the cricket field and add back a couple of banks, a Post Office, three more shops, a bakery, at least two builders (one medium-sized). A commuter was someone who travelled to Crewe to work at the Rail Workshops or Rolls Royce.

The Public Hall was originally built and run as a village amenity by the Turton family and their initial can still be seen on the gable end. Eventually they got old and management was passed to Trustees who were chosen from the great and good of the County. Over time the Trust declined and the few remaining Trustees were overwhelmed by the task of maintaining and managing the Hall. Things deteriorated and the Hall fell into disrepair, dry rot the lot. Things got so bad that the Nantwich Rural District Council stepped in and put a closing order on the Hall because it was perceived to be a public health hazard. There was a gloom about the place and a belief that nothing would or could be done to save it.

In the nineteen seventies Incomers were a strange new species and so there was a mixture of curiosity and disbelief when a recent incomer set about collecting a group of people to resurrect the Hall. It all started very slowly, but we gradually built up a team of volunteers. We had no real money so we had to roll up our sleeves and do as much as possible ourselves. The first job we tackled was to demolish the Gents toilet. This consisted of a section of the boundary wall that had been painted with tar. Fortunately the slope of the ground took care of the drainage. It soon surrendered to our hammers.



Sometimes it seemed a little daunting. I well remember the Saturday morning when we had to make a distress call for a second lorry load of ready mixed concrete because the first load only half filled the void on which we were working. What made it desperate was that the second lorry arrived late. We had given it up and were well into slaking our thirst at the Nags Head when it arrived.

What do you do with twenty tons of wet concrete? Mind, even that did not hurt as much as my feet at the end of the twenty miles sponsored walk.

We persisted and eventually got local authority clearance to reopen the Hall. So it was that in September 1972 that there was a party to celebrate the reopening. The only reason I can remember the date is because the Committee members clubbed together to present me with a ship's bell. On it are inscribed the words "The Croley Bell 15<sup>th</sup> September 1972". Round the rim it reads "To be rung only by a villager of Bunbury in time of need". A ship's bell? At the time I had a boat moored on the estuary at Conwy. I nearly forgot the business about the name. After all that had happened the Hall really had to have a new name to mark a new start and Village Hall is written into the "new" Trust Deed.

**Ernest Croley**

## Just a thought.....

In this summer weather, sitting in a creaking deck chair, I remember my youth when the sun always shone in the holidays, when my young skin turned a nut brown under the summer sun.

Now my creaking body can't take it and my flabby skin turns to a sort of coconut matting.

Nostalgia isn't what it used to be.

**Rick**

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# Anything Goes (thanks to Mike Johnson for many of these lovely photographs)





### **Bunbury Guides really enjoyed their night at the theatre**

Congratulations once again to the Good Companions and their team of helpers for the magnificent production of *Anything Goes* staged at the Village Hall from 12<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> July. For the first time, there were four performances – and each was a sell-out, with audiences ranging in age from 7 to 77 (and possibly a bit more!) The production began rehearsals in February, George Robey directing the music, and in recent weeks neighbours have been serenaded with the strains of Cole Porter issuing from the Robeys' windows, as the 6-piece band completed last-minute preparations.

But all the months of rehearsal and commitment paid off: the sets, costumes, wigs and makeup enhanced the drama; the staging and choreography were fantastic (especially given the limitations of the Village Hall). Richard Hill's toupee and sock-suspenders, and Chris Green's wonderful 'Bluebird' song were among this reviewer's personal highpoints, but the whole cast looked as though they were thoroughly enjoying themselves, and the audience was swept along by their enthusiasm and by the 'de-lovely' Cole Porter. It was great to

see veteran GCs joined by some new faces, and I have heard on the grapevine that at least two members of the audience now want to join the merry throng.

The Good Companions are already thinking about the next production....

### **Instant reviews of *Anything Goes* on Saturday night**

Great chorus numbers - Lesley

Who would have thought so many Americans live in Bunbury? What do they all do when they're not on stage? - Sally

I'm seeing a different side to Bunbury – Jonathan, who had never seen a GC production before. (What a sheltered life he has led – ed)

The diversity of ages involved is wonderful – Sarah Jane

Excellent food well served – but what was Mike Ridley doing abusing the customers? - Lesley

A really enjoyable night's entertainment – thankyou!.





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## Diary

### August

31-3 August		St.Boniface Holiday Club	St.Boniface
2	10.00am	Holy Communion	St.Boniface
6	8.00am	Holy Communion	St.Boniface
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St.Jude's
	10.00am	Family Worship	St.Boniface
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Calveley
9	10.00am	Holy Communion	St.Boniface
13	9.30am	Morning Service	St.Jude's
	10.00am	Family Communion	St.Boniface
	6.30pm	Evensong	St.Boniface
16	10.00am	Holy Communion	St.Boniface
20	8.00am	Holy Communion	St.Boniface
	9.30am	Holy Communion (trad)	St.Jude's
	10.00am	Family Worship	St.Boniface
	11.00am	Matins	Calveley
23	10.00am	Holy Communion	St.Boniface
27	9.30am	Morning Service	St.Jude's
	10.00am	Family Communion	St.Boniface
28		Beeston Castle Fete	
30	10.00am	Holy Communion	St.Boniface

## On your marks!

Get your team ready for the

## Great Bunbury Treasure Hunt

Sunday September 17th

starting by car from Surgery Green, Bunbury.

Entry £7.00 per car.

Clues to be found in local villages.

Prizes for all ages

including younger drivers.

Afternoon will finish with a barbeque and cash bar.

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# Diary

## September

3	8.00am	Holy Communion	St.Boniface
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St.Jude's
	10.00am	Family Worship	St.Boniface
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Calveley
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	10.00am	Family Worship	St.Boniface
	11.00am	Matins	Calveley
	2.00pm	<b>The Great Bunbury Treasure Hunt</b>	
20	10.00am	Holy Communion	St.Boniface
22		Bunbury School Association Barn Dance - all welcome	
23		Amici Concert	
		Music from the Movies	St.Boniface
24	9.30am	Morning Service	St.Jude's
	10.00am	Harvest Communion	St.Boniface
27	10.00am	Holy Communion	St.Boniface
	7.00pm	St.Judes Open Meeting (see page 3) St.Judes Church Hall	
30		St.Judes Harvest Supper	

## October

1	8.00am	Holy Communion	St.Boniface
	9.30am	Harvest Festival	St.Jude's
	10.00am	Family Worship	Bunbury
	6.30pm	Harvest Communion	Calveley

Due to an unfortunate clash of dates, the concert to be given by the Flint Male Voice Choir will not now take place in September. We hope to have a new date before too long!

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## If Noah lived in 2006.....

In the year 2006, the Lord came unto Noah, who was now living in England, and said, "Once again, the earth has become wicked and over-populated, and I see the end of all flesh before me."

"Build another Ark and save 2 of every living thing along with a few good humans."

He gave Noah the CAD drawings, saying, "You have 6 months to build the Ark before I will start the unending rain for 40 days and 40 nights."

Six months later, the Lord looked down and saw Noah weeping in his yard- but no Ark.

"Noah!" He roared, "I'm about to start the rain! Where is the Ark?"

"Forgive me, Lord," begged Noah, "but things have changed. I needed Building Regulations Approval. I've been arguing with the Fire Brigade about the need for a sprinkler system. My neighbours claim that I should have obtained planning permission for building the Ark in my garden because it is development of the site even though in my view it is a temporary structure. We had to go to appeal to the Secretary of State for a decision."

"Then the Department of Transport demanded a bond be posted for the future costs of moving power lines and other overhead obstructions, to clear the passage for the Ark's move to the sea. I told them that the sea would be coming to us, but they would hear nothing of it."

"Getting the wood was another problem. All the decent trees have Tree Preservation Orders on them and we live in a Site of Special Scientific Interest set up in order to protect the spotted owl. I tried to convince the environmentalists that I

needed the wood to save the owls - but no go!

When I started gathering the animals, the RSPCA sued me.

"They insisted that I was confining wild animals against their will. They argued the accommodation was too restrictive, and it was cruel and inhumane to put so many animals in a confined space."

"Then the County Council, the Environment Agency and the Rivers Authority ruled that I couldn't build the Ark until they'd conducted an environmental impact study on your proposed flood."

"I'm still trying to resolve a complaint with the Equal Opportunities Commission on how many BMEs I'm supposed to hire for my building team."

"The trades unions say I can't use my sons. They insist I have to hire only CSCS accredited workers with Ark-building experience."

"To make matters worse, Customs and Excise seized all my assets, claiming I'm trying to leave the country illegally with endangered species."

"So, forgive me, Lord, but it would take at least 10 years for me to finish this Ark."

Suddenly the skies cleared, the sun began to shine, and a rainbow stretched across the sky. Noah looked up in wonder and asked, "You mean you're not going to destroy the world?"

"No," said the Lord. "The government beat me to it."

Thank you to Neil Dewson Smith for this.

## How to knit your stair carpet

Following our article last month on past Links we received the following:

"I have recently had the pleasure of reading a Bunbury Church magazine dated June 1956. The magazine belongs to Evelyn France, whose daughter Lindsay is mentioned when she was received into the Church."

Besides several pages of church news, there are many adverts, some from as far away as London. The newsagents and Village Stores which my husband and I ran from 1972 - 85 traded as M.E. Brackenbury. I am told that during the war Mrs Brackenbury put on lantern slide shows for local children.

The only local business advertising then and still trading today is the butchers, then known as F.W. Burrows.

I loved the page for women and thought Miss E. Stretton's contribution quite amazing: 'A good method to improve worn stair carpet'. She advises, 'With double knitting wool, knit strips two inches deep and the width of the carpet, and sew on each side with carpet thread.' How ingenious!

The magazine contained fifty pages - good value for three old pence!"

**Irene Hickie**

## Bunbury friends celebrate with Jane

When I said we would be leaving Bunbury about 3-30 on Saturday afternoon I was considered to be over reacting. But sure enough on arriving at the Cathedral at 4pm, there were not a lot of seats left, but the hour we waited was well worth the early arrival.

When the Canons, Vicars and other leaders came in, the air was electric, and we saw Jane, she looked

contented. We heard all 13 ordinands make their vows to serve God. preach his word and serve everyone in their care. As the Bishop laid his hands on Jane we prayed for her in all her new duties. After all 13 had been priested, Bishop Peter, along with Bishop David celebrated Holy Communion. Although we were in the Cathedral for nearly 3 hours, time just flew past. It was a

wonderful afternoon. After the service Jane's friends and colleagues were made welcome at the home of Canon Judy Hunt, where we were all able to greet and give Jane a congratulatory hug. Next morning Jane celebrated Holy Communion as the fully-fledged Reverend Jane Stephenson, I have to say she was still on a high,

**Barbara Croley**

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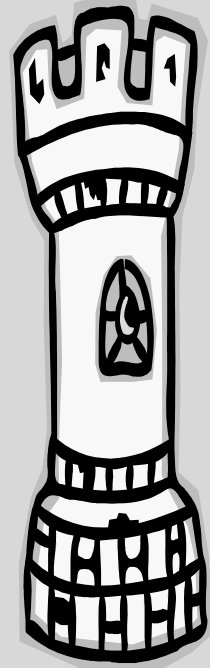
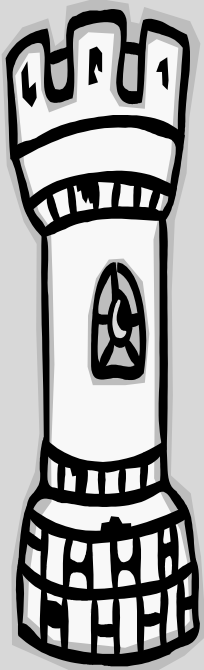
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## Church triumphs in annual cricket match

After last year's unseasonal weather, it was nice to return to having a superb day of sunshine for the annual Church versus Bunbury Club cricket match which was held on 15th July. As usual the match followed on from the outdoor service, but it was limited to 25 rather than 40 overs a side (to give more time for the Pimms, the barbecue and tea). Having had only one victory over the years (or maybe two - there seems to be some dispute over the matter), and with several first team players on the Club side, the Church were starting as clear underdogs. However, with the Club batting first, signs of a potential upset occurred early on when two wickets fell rapidly to the wily spin of Bob Capes. The thought that this could be a day of surprises was heightened by the unusual sight of a ball not only going to John Mason's hand but actually sticking there for a slip catch. After their shaky start, however, the Club middle order steadied as Neil Boaz played an anchor role, and there were a number of strong performances: Simon Lamb and John 'Liz' Hurley by the agreed rules each retired once they had reached 25 and the Bodfish brothers, Neil and Gary, made important contributions. The Church side were generous in sharing round the bowling to almost everyone in the team, with two members of each of the Verity and Crotty family on show. And it was canny captaincy by Mike Verity (who was ably advised by Drue Farrington, fighting his potential conflict of interests as the Club captain) that meant another family pairing, the strong bowling duo of Robert and Sean Lomax, was kept until the end to contain the potential flow of last minute runs (despite a tremendous six late on from Lee Greenbury). The Club total of 114 runs looked well within the reach of a decent side. But how would the Church side fare?

The Church started steadily at 3 or 4 an over but were losing wickets. Nigel Mullis had got an edge early on and Chris

Jones complained that he had not been fully briefed about the need to hit the ball (for the one delivery that was spent at the crease). There were good contributions from the middle order, but with only a few overs to go, the target was beginning to look unattainable; the wickets continued to fall with alarming regularity and there was tight fielding including some great stops by Robert Noonan. The Verity family put up a rearguard defence but with eight wickets down, another 30 odd runs were still needed. At this point Bob Capes strode on to the field of play. The oldest man in the game (something he was so pleased to be reminded of), began to show what experience and a wise head can deliver as he carefully began to pick out the bad ball. But the ninth wicket went down with about 20 runs still needed. Drue Farrington joined Bob at the crease and gave him the wise advice - "no need to hurry, we've plenty of time, just push the ball around and we'll get it in singles and twos". Wise advice maybe, but totally ignored as Bob proceeded to hit a succession of boundaries including two glorious sixes, and in no time at all the match was over and the Church had won for only the second (or possibly third?) time ever.

As always, it had been a great game and it really did not matter who won as it was played in the best of spirits. Both sides had allowed everyone to have a chance to join in rather than choosing only the strongest players so as to maximise the chance of victory (thankfully Dave Roberts chose not to bowl at full pace for the Club!), and it was a real family match with pairs of brothers playing on both sides. Unfortunately few people had stayed on to watch compared with previous years, which was a shame given the beautiful weather and the missed opportunity to see history in the making.

**John Mason**

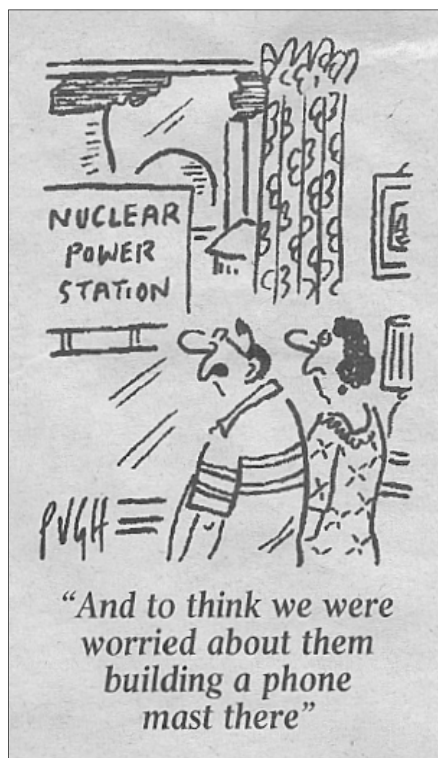
## O2 Mast opposition

(Lucy Munro writes here with a different hat on.)

Bunbury has recently been faced with yet another planning application from the O2 telecommunications company, and as we go to print the outcome rests on a planner's desk at Crewe and Nantwich Borough Council.

The plan, received with almost universal dismay by those who have heard about it, is for a so-called 'replica telegraph pole' and associated electrical equipment to be sited on the roadside at the junction of School Lane and the A49. The pole would actually be a mobile telephone mast containing several antennae, though the public notice affixed to a tree at the junction made no reference to this.

Because of the height of the mast, at 12.5 metres, the planning decision will not be debated by committee, and will instead be decided by officers with so-called 'delegated powers'. As a result, objectors were only able to register their views by letter or e-mail Borough Council. A public meeting was called by Bunbury parish council on Thursday 6th July, only 5 days before objections had to be in: over a frantic weekend we managed to gather over 350 separate letters of objection - an impressive result reflecting the real strength of feeling, both about the inappropriate siting of the mast and about local unwillingness to have decisions imposed without proper consultation. Whatever the outcome, it was heartening to see our community pulling together, and to see that so many people care deeply about our beautiful rural environment.



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## Richard dodges rescue bus

Richard Munro wants to thank everyone who so generously responded to his appeal for sponsorship on the Etape du Tour bike ride, as we reported last month. Richard completed the ride in 11 hours. 'After 110 miles, at the foot of Alpe D'Huez and at 35C, it was tempting to abandon the ride and get on one of the rescue buses laid on by the organisers, but I couldn't let my sponsors down.' Well over £1,200 was raised for St Lukes and Christies Hospital. (He also said 'Never again', but watch this space - ed!)



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# Summer term at Bunbury School

Each summer term at Bunbury School seems busier than the last – and this year is no exception. During this term almost the entire Year 6 – two classes this year – spent a week at the Conway Centre next to Plas Newydd on Anglesey, meeting the new classmates and teachers they'll be with next year at Tarpoley School. Their absence may have left the rest of the school quiet, but the week was hard work for Y6 and their teachers, and for Mrs Phillips who twice travelled to Anglesey and back. Key Stage 1 enjoyed a week of wonderful artwork while Y6 were away. Y2 had an interesting day out at the Salt Museum, Northwich, looking at, making and playing with old-fashioned toys, and they particularly enjoyed a dance which involved wiggling their bottoms! The PTA organised the annual fundraising family barbeque with some fantastic bouncy castles keeping all ages entertained. Also this term the PTA led by Jasper Carson, ran the very worthwhile 'Let's Bike' training Scheme for Y5 and Y6. Y4 enjoyed their now-traditional Carribean Carnival, with some wonderful music and costumes, and the children also enjoyed a day entertaining their own special visitors at the very popular Grandparents' Day on July 20th. Parents and friends also turned out in force to watch and participate in the two sports days – both blessed by good weather. The school went on to win the Packman Shield at Deanery Sports for the second year running: special mention must must go to Holly Nicholls,

Michael Noonan, Ali Miller and Florrie Kirby, but congratulations to the whole team. On 19th July the School thanked their parent helpers with the traditional coffee morning. Guests were entertained by the school band and by impressive speech and drama presentations in English and French.

The crowning glory of the term was the production of 'Joseph', involving Y6, some Y5 and the School Choir. This has been a tremendous effort by the staff and children, but all the hours of rehearsals paid dividends with some wonderful individual performances and an inspiring standard of chorus singing enjoyed by Y6 parents at the Leavers' Evening. In a presentation afterwards, Y6 children thanked Mrs Phillips and all the staff for their time at Bunbury School, and their gift to the school was unveiled: it is a new resident for the pond area, a lovely heron sculpture. The end of term service at St Boniface on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> brought the busy term to a close, and with it, as usual, we said a fond farewell not only to Y6 but also to several families who have been involved with the school for many years. During the holiday Miss Bedford becomes Mrs Gill - all the very best for her wedding celebrations. And welcome back to school on September 6th!

The photos show a selection of our activities this term.





## Calveley football triumph

Pictured below is the Calveley School football team who recently won the Bill Mills football trophy at an annual tournament held at Duddon Primary School. Local teams are invited to play and this year Duddon, Calveley, Utkinton, Eaton, Saighton and

Delamere took part in a very enjoyable afternoon of football with Calveley narrowly beating Duddon 1:0 in the final.

**John Roberts** who organises the team.



## Belles of the Ball?



**Pictured here are glamorous local teenagers Harriet, Charlotte and Carmela ready for their Prom Ball (they scrub up well don't they?)**

## Brownies support Sport Relief

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Bunbury Brownies put their best feet forward last week to raise money for Sport Relief. A circular mile run was mapped out from the Pavilion taking in the church and a spot of bell ringing en route. Just for fun the Brownies decided to run in their pyjamas! Polly Booker met us at the church and showed us the bell tower. We hope to have raised over £100 in sponsorship so thank you to all who have supported us. Well done brownies - a great effort

**Vanessa Greenbury**

Vanessa Greenbury and Katie Mason have now handed the Brownie reins over to Sandra Green and helpers.



A post-Reformation decorator submits his bill:  
"To: renovating heaven and adjusting the stars, washing servant of the High Priest and putting carmine on his cheeks, and brightening up the flames of hell, putting a new tail on the Devil and doing odd jobs for the damned, and correcting the Ten Commandments.."  
If only it were so easy!

## New arrivals

Welcome to Holly, Fudge, Smudge and Bergen, all recently arrived in the Bunbury area - and all have four legs! Holly and Fudge are the puppies belonging to the Middlemiss and Green families. Fudge is shown right, Smudge and Bergen (pictured) are two farm kittens adopted by the Lawrence and Donaldson families. Fudge Green loves walking to school with Zoe because all the children make a fuss of her! Send us a photo of your new pet!



## Community news

Congratulations to **Robert and Sarah Tomlins** on the birth of **Samuel George** (pictured below), new little brother for **Harry and Jack** and introduced to the St.Boniface congregation at only 5 days old.



The following baptisms have taken place at St.Boniface: on 9th July **Joseph Samuel Williams**, on 16th July **Emily Rose MacDonald** age 7 and **Elizabeth MacDonald** age 2.

**Charles Whyte** was 18 in July - Congratulations!

**Amanda Christie** passed a big birthday milestone recently. Happy Birthday, Amanda!

We are sad to report belatedly the death of **Betty Pierce**, former secretary at Bunbury School. Betty, who lived in Chester, died in March aged 58.

Our sympathies to **Trish Threadgold**, who took over as secretary at Bunbury School after Betty, and now working at Tarporley High School, whose husband **Pete** died tragically on 25th June aged 53. A service of thanksgiving for his life was held at St.Boniface Church on 5th July.

The funeral of **Mrs Elizabeth Crook** took place on Monday 10th July. Many

villagers may remember her owning the Village Chippy, after Fred and Koula.

We are also sad to report the death of **Bert Thornhill**, on Friday 14th July, aged 90. Bert lived in School Lane, before moving to Richmond Village in Nantwich. He was Churchwarden at St.Boniface for many years. The restoration of the church was a high priority in Bert's life, and he had a special interest in the Medieval Panels at St.Boniface. He was sad that the missing panels were never found to complete them.

Our sympathies to **Kay Carson** whose father died shortly after she arrived in US to be with him - she was thankful to have been able to say goodbye and join her family over there for the funeral. Also good luck to Kay as she starts a new job in Cirencester as an agricultural economist.

We were pleased to see former Bunbury School teacher **Margaret Davies** enjoying her retirement. Many of you may have spotted her on tv at the Wimbledon Mens' Final.

Goodbye and good luck to the **Pierce family** who have moved to Dorset.

Well done to the following students on completing their degrees:

**Jo Hopley (Psychology), Robert Lomax (First in History), Sian McParland (Nursing) and Joy Parker (Theology).**

Special congratulations to Sian and Joy: completing a degree as a mature student with family commitments is a particular challenge!

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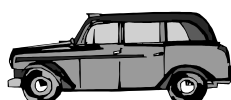
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# Wish you were here?



St Jude's Beavers had a brilliant time at the Forest Camp County Fun Day with Beavers from all over Cheshire celebrating 20 years of Beaver Scouting. Bell boating was the most popular activity, with everyone learning how to paddle the boat. It didn't matter how much they splashed, because all had a change of clothes. Pond dipping was a mixed success, the largest catch being a six inch nail. The aerial runway was electrifying high speed fun and we also enjoyed the big drums and bouncy castles and many other activities. The day drew to a close with campfire songs. Everyone is longing to go again next year. We were delighted to learn that

the County Commissioner has awarded the Cheshire Scout Council 'Award for Growth 2006' to St Jude's Beaver Colony.

**Beaver scouting is great fun for leaders as well as Beavers. We need another leader for this thriving group of girls and boys aged 6 and 7. Could it be you? Want to know more? phone Joy Parker on 01829 260032 or e-mail Joy Parker7@hotmail.com.**

**Joy Parker**

## Is it a pineapple?

No, the mystery object on the front page isn't a pineapple, as many of you may have thought. In fact it is an alder seed, and two of them appear as the giant finials on an imposing pair of stone gates at Lower Hall Farm, Spurstow. Why alder seeds and why such magnificent gates to a farm yard? Eileen Overy has been kind enough to explain:

'The original house, Spurstow Lower Hall, was the home of Thomas Aldersey, Haberdasher and founder of Bunbury School. It was built in the Fifteenth Century, a large, timbered building. The fine gateposts were then at the entrance to the old hall, and were moved to the front entrance of the present house around 1890. The Alderseys owned land in Spurstow

from 1470 until after the Great War, when Lower Hall was sold to H.R.D. Dutton who was the 2<sup>nd</sup> generation of the family to hold the tenancy. The Aldersey Family had moved to Aldersey Hall and lost two sons in the war. The old house sadly had to be demolished as it was in a very dilapidated state, with rats running behind the wainscoting – a cousin of mine told me this!'

You can see the gates for yourself as there is a designated footpath running through the farm. Many thanks to Jane and Nigel Overy for allowing the Link to take pictures and see some fascinating old photographs. And there are still members of the Aldersey family living in the area.



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