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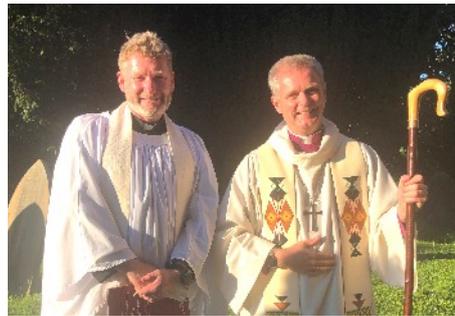
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Community news

A memorial service for **Dr Peter Aston** will be held on Wednesday 11 August at 11am.

We are saddened to announce the death of **Eric Wallington**. His funeral will be held on 16 August.

Rev Tim was commissioned as the **Rural Dean** on 14 July by the Rt Revd Bishop of Chester Mark Tanner at St Boniface. Tim's



daughters also took part: Rose read very eloquently and Poppy played the piano. It was the first time that many of us had met the new bishop. He spoke fluently with few notes and gave Tim and the congregation a message of encouragement and support.

Congratulations to **Jamie Brockhurst** and **William Leach**, married at St Boniface on Friday 25 June.

Giving without expecting thanks

Liz Morton has been such a help to St Boniface over the years in many ways and has never really been thanked. The members of the PCC would like to say a big thank you to her for all that she does.

Jeannie and James France-Hayhurst (pictured below) kindly invited the Tuesday lunch clubs and Tilly's coffee mornings to a garden party in their beautiful gardens at Mayfield House. After the prolonged lockdown this was the first outing for most people who



had been isolating alone. The weather held and the sun came out making tea on the terrace by the swimming pool possible. Everyone enjoyed meeting up with friends again after so long; there was lots of chat and laughter as everyone enjoyed tea and cakes. The



chocolate brownies and Victoria sponge, all made by Jeannie, were especially delicious. It was a wonderful occasion, appreciated by all and made even more special by the warm welcome from our hosts.

A word from the editor

It's always sad to say goodbye to people, but Mark Ireland Jones, supported by Sally, has worked really hard for the community of Bunbury. I always remember at the start of the first lockdown I manned the emergency phone and Mark was in overall charge of the community scheme. He was always calm, thought ahead and organised a very efficient system. I hope they enjoy their new home – they will be missed.

The editorial team are now going on a break for the summer. The Link will be back in September. Many thanks to all those who have contributed in any way and especially to Jo Mason who puts up with me!

A big thank you to Jeannie and James for enabling our groups to meet again in safety and such beautiful surroundings.

After a year of Zoom practices, the **St Boniface choir** met in Jill Robey's garden on 16 June for a wonderful takeaway for 18 from the **Nags Head**. Thanks to Henry for pulling out all the stops to do what was apparently a larger than a normal order!

Well done to the **Village Day team** who organised such a splendid event.

The next meeting of **Bunbury Gardening Club** will be a visit to Sunnyside Farm, Little Budworth CW6 0HA on Tuesday 17 August. This is a large garden and wildflower meadow with some unusual plants. Mike is a keen beekeeper and produces honey. Meet at the property at 6.30pm. Admission £5. Details from Margaret Bourne 01829 260944. The **Annual Show** will be held on Saturday 4 September in the Village Hall. Show schedules will be available from Burrows Butchers and Tilly's.

Sadly we say goodbye to **Barbara Morrey** who has moved to be nearer her family.

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TIM HAYWARD
Your Vicar

Well done, Southgate!

***"If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster
And treat those two impostors just the same..."***

... are lines from the famous Rudyard Kipling poem **If**.

It's a line I suspect Gareth Southgate is familiar with after impressing us all with his composure during England's run to the Euro Final. This time promised to be so different and yet ended in similar glorious defeat after nerve jangling penalties against the Italians.

Southgate's qualities as England manager were rightly lauded in the media, values which transcend football, two in particular. Courage and humility. Certainly it takes courage to handle the huge expectations of England's fans, to hold your nerve and to choose your team – despite everything thrown at you. And it comes in bucketfuls. "Brave Southgate has the courage of his beliefs," headlines the Times.

However, courage is often linked to football given the physicality of the game. Much less so, humility. And yet Southgate's humility is what many commentators have focussed on as the key to his success.

Again to quote the Times. "Many pundits expressed concern that Southgate's modesty might prove a hindrance in what has become known as the impossible job. Did he have enough charisma? Could he get a group of multimillionaires to do his bidding? In fact, his humility has been central to the connection he has formed with his team of millennials."

Certainly Southgate's humility has rubbed off onto his players to make them into a team which actually plays together. As one commentator noted: "Southgate has pulled together a team that psychologically seems to have a shared collective of humility. This way of leading creates a team that has less ego-driven behaviours, less need for anyone to be an individual star, which in turn gives each player more space to be courageous."

As Southgate himself observed: "These players have a level of humility that is really important. We pride ourselves on it."

This oxymoron could have been the apostle Paul speaking – we pride ourselves on our humility as he writes to the hyper-critical Corinthians: "But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us." (2 Corinthians 4:7).

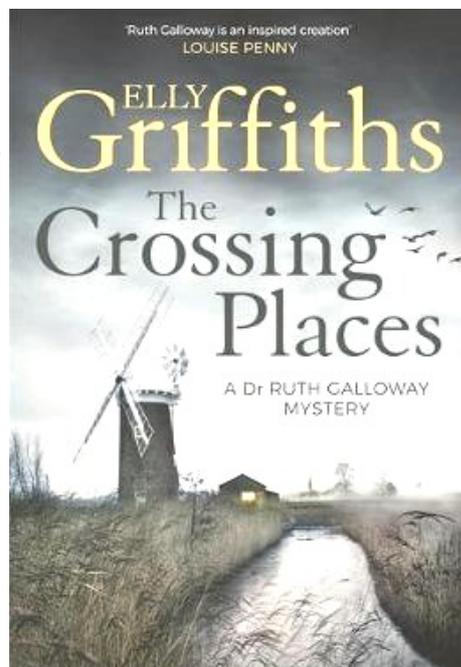
Paul knew that humility is the key to teamwork, and teamwork is the key to the Kingdom of God. It is not that Jesus calls a set of superstars but a fellowship of ordinary saints working together. As Christians our instinct must always be to pass the ball, so that others can take the credit.

So the apostle encourages us: "Mark that you do this with humility and discipline—not in fits and starts, but steadily, pouring yourselves out for each other in acts of love, alert at noticing differences and quick at mending fences." (Ephesians 4:3)

Humility is something to be worked on, an ongoing decision to value others above ourselves. True humility is not thinking less of yourself; it is thinking of yourself less. What we need to hold on to is what truly counts at the end of the day, to hear from the person who counts: "Well done, good and faithful servant" (Matthew 25:31)

From my bookshelf...

The Crossing Places, by Elly Griffiths



The Crossing Places is the first novel in a 13-book series: The Ruth Galloway Mysteries. They are all set in north Norfolk, following the adventures of Dr Ruth Galloway a forensic archaeologist at the fictional University of North Norfolk. The books centre around the dysfunctional relationship between our heroine and Detective Chief Inspector Harry Nelson, who brings Ruth in to help with the discovery of a child's bones on a remote Norfolk beach with Nelson hoping that they may be those of a young girl, Lucy Downey, who had disappeared 10 years earlier. Since she disappeared, he had been receiving

strange letters about her with references to ritual sacrifice and ancient rites.

The bones turn out to be bronze age but Ruth is drawn into the case and into the mind of the letter writer who clearly has archaeological knowledge. The story telling is compelling and draws the reader in to the windswept salt marshes of the Norfolk coast with the themes of rites and sacrifice crossing the centuries of those ancient landscapes. Alongside the developing mystery is the developing relationship between Ruth and Harry Nelson.

If you like murder mystery and are looking for a light and enjoyable

summer read with a further twelve books to keep you entertained then this could be perfect and you could even combine it, in these COVID times with a trip to Norfolk!

Paige Turner

Bunbury school news

We finish the school year with all 'bubbles' intact!

It would be easy to focus on the school closures which dominated the past academic year but I want to reflect on all the fantastic things we achieved. Looking back at the past 12 months, we celebrate our fantastic children, who have shown strength and resilience, our remote learning procedure, which received positive feedback from all, our work in the community, the attitudes and ethos of our children and our fantastic Schools Fest project (see p10). It is impossible to write about every exciting learning opportunity and experience that kept us busy over the year, but our Twitter feed @BunburyACE and Facebook page enable us to look back at all of those magic moments that show our 'Love for Learning' and opportunities to 'Let their Light Shine' to the full.

Not a year has gone by that we have not celebrated our year 6 class; this year was no different. On Friday 9 July, we marked the end of their primary education with our traditional water fight. Joined by Rev Tim, Mrs Gray, Miss Hickson and I were fighting a losing battle from the start and we all ended up extremely wet! On our final Friday we also held a special church service during which we watched the children perform The Tempest and presented bibles, trophies and certificates. The performance of the Tempest left us in no doubt that their talents are endless. I know these children will be all sadly missed but they will always be part of the Bunbury school family and we look forward to hearing about how they progress in their new schools.



I am incredibly proud to be Principal here and I thank all of the staff, pupils, parents, governors, directors and members of the local community for making this school a special place to work in. The dedication of the staff is outstanding and I am always amazed at the lengths that they all go to, ensuring that learning is as it should be: inspiring, motivating, engaging and above all fun! Looking back at the wealth and depth of experience and opportunity on offer gives me enormous pride. This could not happen without such a dedicated team all making outcomes for children the best that they can be.

Together, they all certainly make it the best job in the world.

Mrs Badger, Headteacher

Sky notes for August & September

Summer meteors

Every August the earth runs through a stream of debris spread through space by the Comet Swift–Tuttle. The specks of cosmic dust, mostly smaller than a grape pip, enter our atmosphere at about 210,000 kilometres per hour and burn up in the flash of glory we call meteors.

This meteor show is known as the Perseids as they all appear to come from the direction of the constellation, Perseus. Because of the effect of perspective, these shooting stars all appear to diverge from the same point in the sky, called the radiant. It's the same perspective effect that makes the lanes of a motorway appear to converge in the distance when you stand on a motorway bridge.



A Perseid meteor over the Elan Valley by Martin Griffiths

The best time to see the Perseids is after midnight on August 12th. The night before and after will also be quite good. Place a sun lounger or deck chair in the back garden and look to the north east. The precise location is not that important as the meteors will streak across the sky. This is a favourable year for the Perseids as the moon sets before 10.30pm, so the sky will be nice and dark. The Perseids are very fast and some leave a train which persists for a few seconds. If you are lucky you might even see a very bright one, called a fireball.

If you are lucky, you might be able to capture a photo of a Perseid meteor if you leave your camera's shutter open for a few seconds and take consecutive exposures. Martin

Griffiths did just that: his accompanying picture also shows the Milky Way star clouds over the Elan Valley in mid Wales

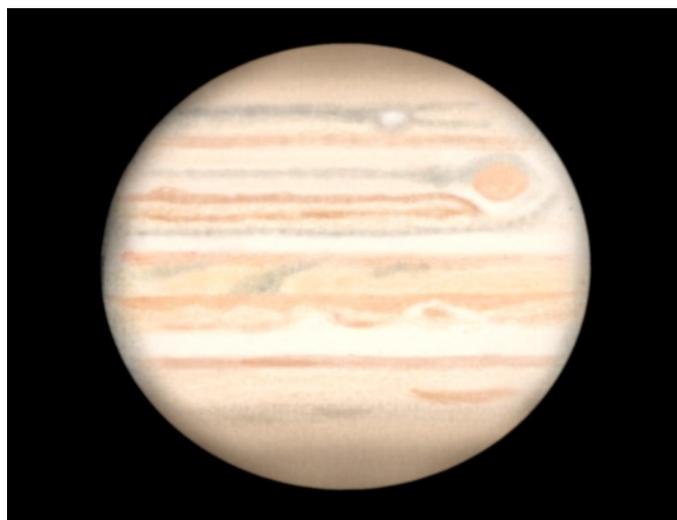
A giant planet on view

The Solar System's largest planet, Jupiter, is on view during August and September all night long. Whilst a small telescope might not show the same detail as in the accompanying drawing by Paul Abel, you might be able to make out some darker bands and possibly the Great Red Spot. The GRS, as it is often called, is a huge circulating storm in Jupiter's atmosphere. You should also be able to see that the planet is slightly oval in shape - Jupiter is spinning so quickly that its atmosphere bulges outwards at the equator. Either side of the planet you might also see the four brightest moons of Jupiter. Actually, these can be seen in binoculars if you can hold them steady enough.

Jupiter is nearest to us on August 20th when it will be 600 million kilometres away. On that night it will be due south at one o'clock in the morning.

Brilliant Venus

Venus skulks low in the west after Sunset during August, but its brilliance will make it stand out when the sky begins to darken. It will be a glorious sight during September, setting around 8.30pm. When the sky is dark, Venus will appear like a distant beacon, pure white, easily the brightest thing in the sky.



Jupiter on 23 June 2021 showing the Great Red Spot, drawn by Paul Abel

Clear skies!

Bunbury Stargazer

Farewell, Bunbury



Our six happy years in Bunbury are coming to an end as we head off for a new adventure renovating a barn in the Peak District, writes **Mark Ireland-Jones**. We also want to be nearer our son and daughter-in-law in Sheffield who are about to have our first grandchild.

I don't think either Sally or I imagined we would have been so active in the fabric of life in Bunbury and we will look back with fond memories of our time here. Of course, COVID has played a part in all our recent lives. I am very proud of the Community

Scheme I helped set up with Rev Tim Hayward; I believe we were able to help people through what was a scary time for us all.

I took on the role of Chair of the Parish Council in difficult circumstances with the death of Ron Pulford, I was fortunate in that he left a legacy of a well-run and respected organisation. Although the Parish Council have only met virtually, we have been able to operate effectively, and have welcomed three new councillors. I have been pleased to see the start of a project to redevelop the Pavilion which will be a huge asset to the village. Probably the biggest challenge facing the Parish Council will be managing the need for new housing. We await the new planning white paper, but with a solid neighbourhood plan supported by Cheshire East's housing plan I am hopeful that this can be managed for the benefit of all.

I have been active on the Beeston Station reopening project; if successful, it could be the start of better public transport links for the residents of Bunbury and the wider rural community.

The photo above is from the VE Day celebrations in May 2020. Village events including the fireworks, Village Day and Christmas carols are all part of the excellent community spirit in the village. I am sure Sally and I will come back for future events in the village and keep in touch with the friends we have made here.

Trials and tribulations of a chilli grower!

As all of you 'Chilli Heads' will know, chillies (and tomatoes) like it hot. However, up until now the weather has been variable and the consequence is that fruit set and ripening is a long way behind previous years. All is not lost because the chillies outside and the chillies in the greenhouse (see photos) are all looking quite healthy and have many green fruit (not easy to spot in photos against the foliage) but it does



take time for them to ripen. I've had a couple of red ones and cooked with them (and very nice they were) but that doesn't constitute a crop!!

As I reported in a previous despatch from the trenches, I was experimental with the varieties this year and that's very noticeable in the size of the plants, with some very tall (Norteno, a Capsicum Baccatum from Peru) and some very small (Cheiro Recife rare from Brazil, Capsicum Chinense). One that has caught my eye and looks to be producing a bumper crop is Malawi Birdseye (Chilli Frutescens) a compact bushy variety which is covered with tiny chillies, some already ripe (and if ever a saying applied to chillies, "size isn't everything!").

Chillies are much more forgiving than tomatoes about watering and don't sulk if they are a bit on the dry side – a function



of their countries of origin. They also tolerate quite poor soil but don't mind a bit of pampering.

Being confined to the UK has had its advantages this year when it comes to plant growing as you can go out and fret about them daily – it's more difficult to be concerned on a beach in the Greek islands!

So, things progress and there's plenty to keep me occupied. Happy husbandry!

Give us 2 minutes

Tim and I arrived in Bunbury by chance! We were avid hockey players and needed to live closer to Deeside Ramblers Hockey Club! We loved it so much we never moved again finding great friends, neighbours and village life.

I had grown up in Colwyn Bay where memories of childhood are always of long hot summers and cold snowy winters. However, Cheshire weather is slightly different!

I always thought I would train to become a nurse after my mum and grandmother. My PE teacher had different ideas, asking me which teachers training college I was going to apply for, as I had been enthusiastic and participated in all available outdoor sports. So off I trotted to PE college and taught secondary PE for five years until I met Tim at a hockey festival. I worked with him in his family's retail business until four years ago.

Now hockey has given way to yoga, walking and voluntary work at Bunbury Mill, which is fascinating fun and you get to meet many interesting people.

If you had a motto what would it be?

"Once begun, half done." It's one of my father's sayings, especially when I was putting off homework or a task that had to be tackled... it's so true!

It's a celebrity beer call who would you invite?

Not so much beer, possibly more sherry!

No celebrities! I'd ask both sets of grandparents. I never knew either grandfather and would ask lots of questions e.g. whether my grandmothers were suffragettes.

What would you call your autobiography?

"I'll be there in a minute"

At work, Tim would ask me if I was going to do A, B or C?

I would generally say, 'I'm just.....' Or, 'I'll be there in a minute'.

Apparently, nothing has changed!

What was your first job?

Walking along Colwyn Bay promenade collecting car parking fees.



Judy Gray

I actually would have preferred to be a petrol pump attendant like my older sister, who got tips.

How has COVID affected you?

The pandemic curtailed my volunteering roles but weirdly inspired my use of technology!

What would you change about Bunbury if you could?

For it to return to its calm, quiet rural character with more control over traffic and parking.

What is the best book you have read to date?

I'm not very good at sitting and reading but when I do it needs to be inspirational or have a happy ending. *One Step Beyond* by Chris Moon is a true story about overcoming incredible odds.

What is your biggest regret?

No regrets. Sometimes thoughts of 'I wonder' – when at the fork in life's road, what

would have happened or where would I be if I'd taken the other fork?'

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

For us to respect, appreciate and be kind to others.

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

A fitter and faster me played hockey for Wales.

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

To get fitter and faster again!

What is your favourite place and why?

Quietly snorkelling over the Great Barrier Reef with Tim when a turtle swam underneath, quite a magical moment, especially when unexpectedly it turned and looked up at both of us!

How would you spend your ideal weekend?

Anywhere outdoors enjoying family and friends getting together... warm sun, blue skies, soft breeze... alternatively fun in crisp white snow, skiing!

PS: If reading this you think you may enjoy a little socially distanced gardening by the mill pond or keeping the Bunbury Mill maintained we meet for two hours each Wednesday morning at 10.00am and always welcome newcomers.



Claire Wilson Why do vicars wear scarves?

Or to give them their proper name, stoles! The word comes from Latin, stola, which means a 'garment' and was originally a shawl often worn by women, across the shoulders and down the body. In the seventh century, the Church of Rome adopted the use of them. It was said that they were symbolic of the towel that Jesus wrapped round himself when he washed the disciple's feet. Over time these shawls became narrower, more decorative and worn specifically by clergy, as a sign of order and office. Priests would wear their stole vertically over each shoulder and deacons wear them over their left shoulder and then is secured at the right side. They were not favoured following the Reformation but returned to use by Anglican priests in the 1800s.

The colour of the stole also reflects the liturgical seasons (specific times in the church calendar).

- White or gold is the celebration colour for times like Christmas, Easter, and Saint's days.
- Purple is the colour for times of serious reflection, such as Advent and Lent when

the church is preparing for Christmas and Easter.

- Red is the rare colour worn at Pentecost and special Saint's days. It is symbolic of the Holy Spirit.
- Green is the colour that it worn at all other times.

The black one is known as a preaching scarf and is often worn at funerals. A blue scarf is worn by Readers.

Many stoles now have symbols on them that tell us something about the Christian faith, much like modern-day stained-glass windows.

At the end of my theological training, I had such fun choosing and designing my stoles for each of the liturgical seasons, thinking about the stories and images behind the symbols on each. Next time you see me wearing one, ask me and I can explain...or wait till the next Link.



Mike Rogers writes... Confused?

Have you noticed how the church appears to like to make things complicated?

Let me explain. We'll start with the Orders of priesthood; there are three, Deacons, Priests and Bishops.

Deacons are addressed as Reverend and normally serve as curates and usually, they are only a Deacon for a year.

Priests too are addressed as Reverend but, sometimes their service to the church is rewarded by appointing them a Canon or Prebendary.

Priests may be Curates, Vicars, Rectors, Chaplains, or, just occasionally, Parsons. Some priests may wish to be addressed as Father. And within a group of parishes known as a Deanery, one of their number is chosen as the Rural Dean, but this confers no additional title nor a particular form of address.

Priests may also be an Archdeacon or the Dean of a Cathedral. In this case they are addressed as The Venerable or The Very Reverend respectively.

Bishops are addressed as Right Reverend, be they Diocesan, Suffragan, Assistant or Retired Bishops.

Bishops may also be Archbishops in which case they are addressed as Most Reverend.

Now let's turn to the clothes they wear. Firstly, they are not clothes but vestments and the range is both extensive and bewildering! There are stoles, scarves, tippets, hoods, maniples, amices, cassocks, albs, cassock-albs, surplices, cottas, scapulars, chasubles, dalmatics, tunics, copes and rochets, the latter being worn

by bishops and archbishops under a chimere. Bishops and archbishops also wear a mitre (but not with a rochet and chimere) and carry a crozier.

Next come the services. Just what is Liturgy? Is a Eucharist the same as a Communion? What about a Mass? How does a Baptism differ from a Christening? Do you know your Morning Prayer from your Mattins or your Evening Prayer from your Evensong? And what about Compline? Where does that fit in?

And lastly, let's consider the altar, or is it a table? At a Communion Service (or a Eucharist!), it will have on it a chalice and patten, the latter holding a host, covered with a burse and veil. The burse contains the corporal and there will also be a purificator somewhere, whilst on the credence table there may well be a lavabo bowl with a lavabo towel alongside the cruets. And don't forget to look out for the epiclesis during or soon after the Prayer of Consecration and the fraction. And, in some churches, incense is dispensed by an acolyte or a thurifer carrying a thurible and the reserved sacrament is kept in an aumbry. And do you kneel on a kneeler or a hassock? Got it? Or are you confused? Don't worry if you are. There is only one thing to remember and that is that we are loved by a God who knows and cares for us individually, however we might feel, wherever we might be and whatever we might be doing. And for that, Thanks be to God. Now where did I put my cincture?

Move your feet!

By Megan Stansfield, Year 11 at Tarporley High School



Rolling hills embroidered with a patchwork of greens, and browns and even the odd field of oilseed rape, yellow with the exuberance of spring. Too vast to absorb in one sweep of the eyes. Our first holiday post lockdown: The Golden valley, Herefordshire. A landscape which lives up to its name. a new place to explore, different scenery, different habitats, diverse and rich with wildlife that I don't normally see.

Nature is a passion I don't share with my friends; they think I'm crazy when I exclaim that I had heard the first chiff chaff of the year or when I point out a buzzard through the tinted glass of the school bus window on the way home. But come rain, or more so shine, wildlife on my doorstep makes me smile. After a busy day, climbing over our garden gate to see if my newly sown vegetables or wildflowers have grown the tiniest bit, forces me to anticipate patiently (a skill I'm still honing) and imagine what the next season has to offer. Even running to the bus stop, rain spitting down on me and my just-dried hair wakes me up to the persistent birdsong. For me, nothing beats being outside, detaching yourself from everything else to be in the moment. Through each lockdown, nature in my garden has provided excitement and peace, but the opportunity to travel to other places in the UK and see new wildlife is even better...

Whilst on holiday, my dad said we were going to see Arthur's Stone – I was filled with teenage scepticism; it's a bit of rock? That said, it provided a breathtaking view extremely different to the relatively flat pastures of home. With the sun shining and a cool breeze, I felt insignificant. Imaging Neolithic people through blood sweat and tears hauling huge rocks miles up hills., I can understand completely why. What place could be better for the departed to rest forever? They were providing a burial chamber with one of the best views for those before

them. Whether or not the legends are true, it is the place I'd want to slay a giant!

After some unworthy photographs, we hopped in the car, dry stone walls following us down. The horizon-touching expanse of green, undulating around us. The sky clear, brilliantly blue, except for distant clouds, like that of idealistic renaissance landscape art – and a red kite. The car stopped, my dad pointing out the window shouting with great enthusiasm. I got out, binoculars at the ready. Frantically fumbling for focus. My adrenaline rising, it could disappear any second. I craned my neck upwards, the unmistakable outline flying overtly effortless on the wind. This was the first time I had seen a red kite in ages. Rich brown feathers punctuated with a white band, moving this way and that, almost teasing me as I tried to keep up. "My neck won't bend that way," I said as it flew overhead, which earned a simple response: "Move your feet," something I had forgotten to do. I always admire how something can look so strong, mean, formidable and completely calm all at the same time. It was flanked by its scavenger cousin a buzzard, more familiar equally as thrilling, a perfect comparison. We all watched silently. With only a few seconds of decent focus and position they were round some trees and gone. I stood still, the car silent. Something simply going about its life, had made me stop and take a step back from mine.

Keep your eyes peeled! These stunning raptors are on the rise in our patch of Cheshire.

This excitement was topped with a surprisingly tiring walk through the stunning countryside. I saw my first butterfly of the year, an elegant Grey Wagtail and some Meadow Pipits, a brilliant array of wildlife in one day. No matter where, I am always amazed by the majesty nature shows me with complete ease.



**10TH - 12TH
SEPTEMBER**

Tarporley Rotary, Team TarpFest, Tarporley PC,
Tarporley 41 Club and other community organisations invite you to join
them for a weekend of activities



LIVE BANDS ON
THE BIG STAGE



DOUBLE BILL FILM
NIGHT



ART TRAIL AND
EXHIBITION



SPORTING SUNDAY FAMILY
SPORTS & FOOTBALL



FOOD AND DRINK
STALLS



BUSKERS ON THE
HIGH STREET



JAZZ AFTERNOON
TEA



BIG WEEKEND FOR
LITTLE PEOPLE



STORY TIME AND
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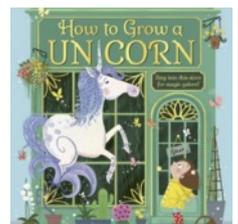
Pupils' perfect week!

On 28 June–2 July, Bunbury Primary School hosted an event called **School Fest**. All 171 pupils took part in a week of activities held on the school field and the cricket club. Headteacher Mrs Badger felt that the children, who have missed out on numerous school trips and residential, deserved an event they would not forget.

School Fest provided a plethora of activities for the children: a climbing wall, a cave bus, a silent disco, archery, and many others. Some activities were led by members of staff, others by selfless volunteers and instructors. From 9am to 3.30pm, the children enjoyed a variety of fun activities. Most children went home at 3.30pm, however classes in KS2 (aged 7-11) stayed overnight, continuing activities including: campfire cooking, a talent show and a movie.

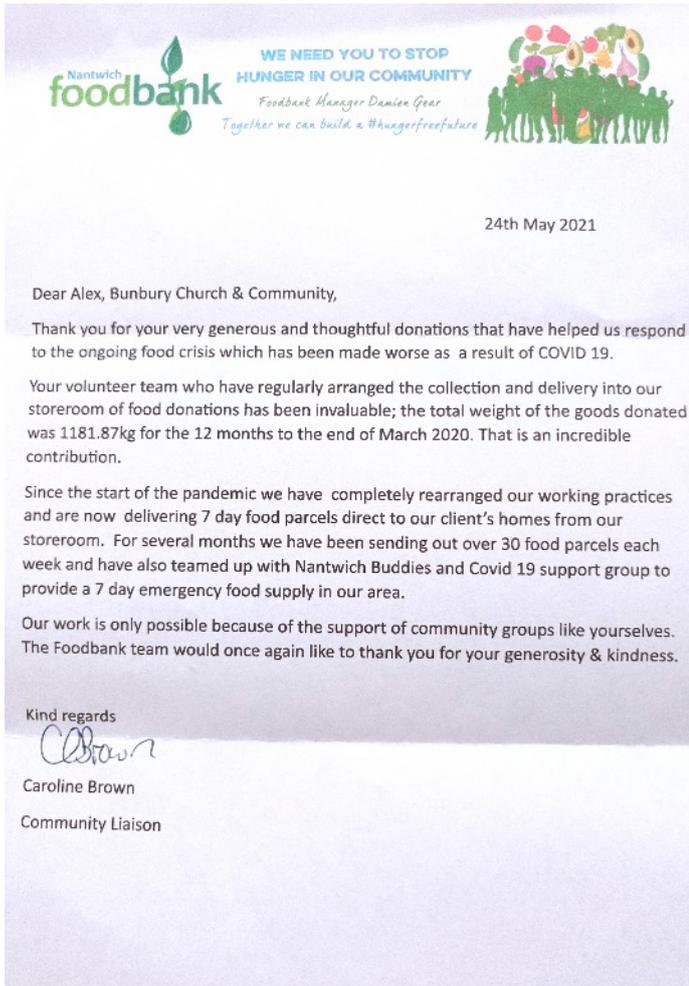
The School Fest week was enjoyed by all (including staff and volunteers); one Y2 child said it was better than her birthday! Year 6 teacher Miss Hickson stated: "I strongly believe that School Fest was a week to remember for all the children. It enabled them to have fun after a year of hardship!"

The school would like to thank all the local businesses below who supported this event, without which it would not have been possible.



Foodbank thank you

Many thanks to all who support the foodbank. The team has received this grateful acknowledgement (pictured right) from the Community Liaison representative at the Nantwich foodbank.



Rev Tim recorded one of the online services in front of Wendy Dook's beautiful cottage garden next to the church this month.



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Sunday mornings at a glance starting from September

1ST SUNDAY
8am - Holy Communion
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10.30am - Sunday brunch
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6pm - Evensong

4TH SUNDAY
10.30am - Family Communion

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Our prayers for August

We give thanks for all those starting to see extended family again and all who are celebrating a christening or a wedding again.

We remember those who have lost loved ones recently, especially the family and friends of **Sheila Bodkin, Margaret Large, Sandra Kettell** and **Bobby McAlpine**.

*Lord God,
As this country opens up for some people,
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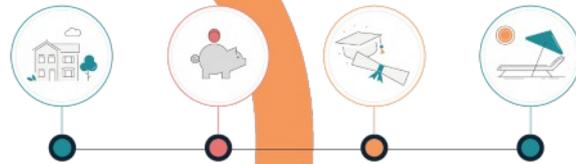
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