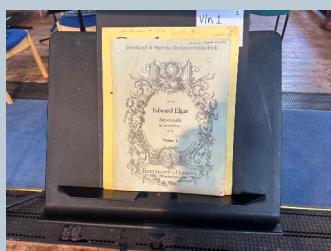




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A night of beauty and music at St Boniface Church - See Page 3



Len Davies, one of the winners at the Bunbury Garden Annual Show see page 6



Northern Chamber Orchestra Concert



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Our prayers

Loving God,

*Thank you for the gift of music,
for the joy it brings, the beauty it creates,
and the way it can draw us together.*

*Thank you for those who share their gifts so generously,
for musicians who inspire us,
and for all those whose generosity makes music possible.*

*May music lift our hearts, open our minds,
and remind us of the beauty and creativity of your world.*

*And as music feeds the soul,
may your love feed us even more deeply,
so that we might share that love with others.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Amen.



A WORD FROM THE EDITOR

I hope everyone has enjoyed the Summer.

Thank you to everyone who made the NCO concert such a success at St Boniface.

Thank you to all those people who made the Cricket Club Ball so successful.

If on autumn grey days you are looking for a trip out, Huxley's Coffee Shop (homemade cakes and coffee) on the walls in Chester is a gem. It's in a beautiful, old building. The cafe is only tiny and has some of the best views in Chester.

The flowers on the Rows have also been beautiful this Summer.

The copy deadline for the November issue is Friday 16 October.
The magazine should be delivered from Saturday 31 October.
Please send notices to: parishlinkeditor@stbonifacebunbury.org

If music be the food of love... play on



"If music be the food of love, play on." So begins Shakespeare's Twelfth Night. And perhaps there is something wonderfully appropriate about those words when we think about music, church and our community.

Recently, St Boniface had the great privilege of welcoming the Northern Chamber Orchestra to Bunbury for a special concert. Our beautiful church was transformed, filled with the sound of an exceptionally talented orchestra. The music was wonderful, but what struck me most was everything that happened around the music.

The musicians were made to feel genuinely welcome. There was food from across the road at the Dysart, conversation and laughter, and a wonderfully appreciative audience. One of the musicians subsequently wrote to tell me how much the orchestra had enjoyed their visit. He mentioned the warm welcome, the generous catering, the beautiful acoustic of the church and, above all, the size and enthusiasm of the audience. He said that everyone had been left with "the most positive feelings about Bunbury".

I was particularly touched by his comment about the audience. We sometimes underestimate what we have here in our village. For a small rural community, we have an extraordinary capacity to come together and support something special.

The concert was made possible in large part through the generosity of Michael Redfern KC, whose support enabled us to welcome the orchestra to St Boniface. We are enormously grateful to Michael for making this opportunity possible. It was a wonderful example of how one person's generosity can create something that brings pleasure and enrichment to a whole community. And perhaps that is one of the things music does so beautifully. It brings people together.

On the day of the concert there were people in our church who might not normally find themselves sitting alongside one another on a Sunday morning. Some came because they love classical music; some because they wanted to support the orchestra; others simply came out of curiosity. Yet for an hour or two, we were all sharing the same space, listening to the same music and

enjoying the same experience.

That feels very close to the heart of what we want St Boniface to be: a parish church at the heart of our community, seeing God's heart in everyone. There is something else about an orchestra which provides a wonderful picture of Christian community. An orchestra is made up of many different instruments, each with its own character and contribution. The violins don't need to become cellos, and the bass doesn't need to sound like a flute! The beauty comes when all the different parts are brought together.

St Paul uses a similar picture when he describes the Church as the body of Christ. We are different, with different gifts and different parts to play, but together we can create something far more beautiful than any of us could achieve alone.

And music is, of course, one of God's gifts. It can lift our spirits, move us to tears, help us express things for which words are inadequate, and sometimes give us a glimpse of something beyond ourselves. Perhaps that is why music has always been such an important part of Christian worship. When we sing together, we are not simply making music; we are joining our voices in praise of the God who created us.

The musicians from the Northern Chamber Orchestra also spoke enthusiastically about the possibility of returning to Bunbury and perhaps working with children in our local primary school, sharing their passion for music and encouraging a new generation to discover their own creativity. What began as a concert could therefore become something more: a relationship between our church, our village, our school and the wider musical community.

That is exciting.

Our churches are places where we come to worship God, but they are also places where friendships are formed, gifts are shared, strangers are welcomed and communities discover something wonderful together. So perhaps Shakespeare got it right. If music be the food of love, play on!

And may St Boniface continue to be a place where the music of God's love is heard. In our worship, in our welcome, in our generosity and in the life of our whole community.

Rev Tim Hayward

Community News

Congratulations



to **Catharine Verity and John Armour**
who were married at St Boniface on
1 August

to **Sarah Overy and Stephen Nicholls** who were married at St Boniface on 5 September



to **Elisa Becchetti and James Aikman** who were married at St Boniface on 15 August

to **Evellyn Clough and David Grant** who were married at St Boniface on 21 August



to **Simon Parker and Reya Patil** who were married at Chester Registry Office and then continued their celebrations at Soughton Hall

Congratulations also to **Georgina and James Cawson** on the baptism of their son **Ellis** at St Boniface



St Boniface 100 Club winners

The club draws take place on the first Sunday of the month at St Boniface church after the 10:30am service. Congratulations to the winners! Numbers for August 15,20,56. And September 8,63,4.

There will be a **Macmillan Coffee Morning** at St Boniface on Thursday **1 October** 10:00am — 12:00pm. Delicious cakes and raffle. All proceeds to Macmillan.

Bunbury WI meets on the second Thursday of the month at the Bunbury Playing Fields Pavilion at 7:30pm. On **8 October** we look forward to a craft evening led by Val Cowap and the November meeting will be AGM and Quiz. New members and guests are warmly welcomed. For further information contact Lynda Davies 01829 863781.

Bunbury Gardening Club meet on the third Tuesday in the month at the village hall 7:30pm.

This month's speaker is **George Pilkington** who will be telling us all about worm composting on Tuesday **20 October**.

New members are always welcome, please email our Club Secretary Margaret Bourne on mjbourne249@tiscali.co.uk
Facebook users see our Bunbury Gardening Club page for further information.

The return of Bunbury Pudding Night

After a few years' gap, the popular Pudding Night fundraiser returns to St Boniface on **Sat Oct 24**. For those who have been before, you know what to expect: a simple supper followed by tasters of at least 10 puddings. You get a bit of each and vote on your favourite. The winner is awarded the giant silver spoon trophy.

Numbers are strictly limited, tables of eight (but you can also buy individual tickets). Tickets £20.

For anyone with a competitive culinary streak, please consider entering a pudding to the lighthearted competition-anonymously of course!

Reservations and more information from Lucy 07580 066153



What's on

SAVE THE DATE!

Bunbury Youth Club presents

£10 ADULTS
£5 CHILDREN

BABES IN THE WOOD

BUNBURY VILLAGE HALL
BAR OPENS 7PM
CURTAIN OPENS 7.30

Thursday 26th & Friday 27th November

Online tickets: stbonifacebunbury.org

Church diary for October

Sunday 4 October	8:00am BCP Communion 9:30am Morning Worship 10:30am Holy Communion and Forest Church 4:30 Harvest Communion	St Boniface St Jude St Boniface Calveley Chapel
Wednesday 7 October	10:00am BCP Communion	St Boniface
Sunday 11 October	9:30am BCP Communion 10:30am Morning Worship	St Jude St Boniface
Wednesday 14 October	10:00am BCP Communion	St Boniface
Sunday 18 October	9:30am Holy Communion 10:30am Third Sunday Brunch 4:30pm Evensong	St Jude St Boniface St Boniface
Wednesday 21 October	10:00am BCP Communion	St Boniface
Sunday 25 October	9:30am Morning Worship 10:30am Holy Communion	St Jude St Boniface
Wednesday 28 October	10:00am BCP Communion	St Boniface

Just Sing will hold their Christmas Concert on Saturday **5 December** at 2:00 pm at Tarporley Baptist Church.

Christingle will take place at St Boniface Church on Sunday **6 December**. Everyone is welcome to help with making the Christingles on **Friday 4 December** at 10.00am at Elaine Crotty's: Sunnybank, Cottage, School Lane, Bunbury.

Decibellas will hold their Christmas Concert on Saturday **12 December** at 7:30pm at St Boniface Church. Tickets are available on their website.

Return of

BUNBURY PUDDING NIGHT



TWO-COURSE SUPPER
INCLUDING PUDDING COMPETITION

In support of St Boniface Church

ticket Tables of 8 Numbers strictly limited

SATURDAY 24 OCTOBER
7:00 PM

Contact Lucy for tickets and more information
on entering a pudding 07580 066153

Saturday November 14 craft fair at St Boniface

The craft fair at St Boniface is being organised by Sally Mulderig; it is an independent event but church members will be serving tea, coffee and cakes, in aid of the church.

Sally is an artist and designer. She draws inspiration from the hedgerows, wildlife, cottage gardens to create hand-painted illustrations which feed into her design work. Sally works predominantly in watercolour and is happy to take commissions.

To find out more about the craft fair, visit www.sallybelinda.co.uk or find her on Instagram at @sallybelinda.



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St Boniface Church, Bunbury
CW6 9PN
Saturday 14th November
10 AM - 3 PM

THE BUNBURY GARDEN ANNUAL SHOW WAS A MAGNIFICENT EVENT.

A quote from 1897 in the Cheshire Observer:

"The Bunbury flower show held on Wednesday was a decided success. Notwithstanding the counteracting influences of the long drought. Over 1,000 exhibits were greatly superior to those of previous years as regarding quality. A record for the long running event."

Déjà vu! Our garden show this year had 386 entries (a 25% increase from last year) from 58 people. Despite a very hot summer impacting the growing season, there was a stunning array of garden produce. Our modern day show now celebrates more than just flowers, plants and vegetables. We include art, crafts, photography, cakes, jams and flower arrangements. Local children participated this year with one young lady winning the chairman's trophy, and a young lad exhibiting the heaviest marrow, which he had lovingly cultivated.

Thanks to everyone involved: the organisers, bakers, kitchen volunteers, those setting up the hall and clearing away, the exhibitors and those who came to admire.

A tremendous day.

A mention must go to Len Davies who won so many classes.

The Trophy list

Churton trophy — floral Len Davies
Karen Gill memorial trophy (pot plants) — Margaret Bourne
Horticulture — Len Davies
Frank Matthew memorial trophy — best basket of garden produce — Len Davies
Flower arrangements — Margaret Bourne
Handicraft — Claire Spendlove
Photography — John Quinn
Rolling pin for baking and produce — Jennie Money
Helen Martin trophy (best cake) — Jennie Money
Meg Fairweather cup (children's) — Hannah Davies
Frank Forest trophy for the exhibit that catches the Chairman's eye — Len Davies for basket of garden produce
Chairman's shield — Hannah Davies
People's choice trophy — Len Davies for his flowers



The Tawny Owl is probably our most familiar owl; children grow up learning that tawny owls say 'tu-wit-tu-woo' although this is not the call of one bird. The familiar call is a duet between the female who starts with the harsh 'kee-vik' which is then followed by the male with the deeper 'woo-hoooo'. At this time of year you may hear a lot of owl calls as the young are noisily driven from their natal territory by their parents. Each existing territory they pass through will elicit much calling, shrieking and hooting. This is a dangerous time for the young owls and many will die, driven from hunting grounds by resident birds before they reach their first year. Once they do find a suitable territory, which is likely to be only a few kilometres from their place of birth, they may remain in it all year round for the rest of their lives, making them one of our most sedentary birds.

Tawny owls are a bird of woodland, choosing to nest within chimney-like holes within large trees. As with many

woodland species, churchyards can be good places for them, containing a range of habitats full of food as well as trees for nesting. We think of tawny owls as eating mice and voles but they have quite a varied diet, depending on what is available. They may eat small birds, rabbits, beetles, frogs and worms too.



Tawny owls do well in owl nest boxes and churchyards can be good places for these. If putting one up, keep well away from paths as owls can attack people walking too near their nests. The best place for one is within a tree with ivy or lots of branches as when the young are preparing to leave the nest they start "branching" — climbing up and down the trunk using ivy and branches as footholds, sitting in neighbouring trees and generally starting to explore. During this time the parent birds are still feeding them, and a young owl found on the ground is probably not in trouble and shouldn't be picked up in case a nearby parent attacks.

So, listen out for the tawny owls and think of the two birds duetting each other. Please let us know if you have owls within your churchyard and if not, how about putting up a nest box in a large tree?

Celia Kinnersley



Celia was born in Stoke-on-Trent on 15 July 1938. She was a bright child; Celia passed her 11+ and took her O levels a year early at 15. She could not leave school early so spent her final year in the words of her Dad "running around with boys!". The downside of this was that he refused to let her take A levels, so she got a job in an architecture practice in town. She

showed a flair for the work and at 20 she was finally able to go to Sheffield University to study Architecture. As one of only three women on her course, Celia thrived and graduated at the top of her class before starting work for the City Architects in Stoke. She worked on some large infrastructure projects including several substantial drainage schemes — she said afterwards that they buried most of her best work.

During this time Celia met John. They lived in Winsford for a while and were married at Over church in 1969 before moving to "The Highlands" in Bunbury. Andrew was born in 1971 and Bridget in 1974, Celia gave up work to look after them. She volunteered as a helper at play group, primary school, cubs and brownies. She also became a very good friend of Teri Williams.

Andrew and Bridget had a very happy childhood. When they went to High School Celia returned to work part-time as bookkeeper and later, she moved to Long Marton to work for Cumbria County Council in Penrith, but returned to Bunbury when she retired.

Celia enjoyed physical activity; at university she turned out for the women's cricket and hockey teams and during the holidays she worked as an outward-bound instructor. After starting a family she joined the Nags Head ladies' darts team and the Tuesday afternoon badminton club at the village hall. Always a keen walker Celia kept her in touch with her friends from Sheffield, particularly Mary, and they spent many occasions criss crossing the peak district and further afield whilst having a good old gossip.

Living in Bunbury Celia had several cars over the years, usually Vauxhall estate cars. The first one Andrew remembers was a temperamental green Vauxhall Viva with no seatbelts, which regularly needed bump starting in cold weather. Celia would push the car onto the Highlands to get some speed down the hill before jumping in to start it, fortunately she always made the leap and avoided ending up in the wall opposite the end of the road. The family would use the estate car to go on holiday, as they were all completely incapable of packing light they often took both cars, to fit all the camping gear in for a two-week holiday to North Wales.

As Bridget and Andrew got older Celia took on several projects, she started researching her own and the Kinnersley family trees. She volunteered on Archaeological digs in North Yorkshire and near Chester and studied for an MA in Architectural History at Keele University. She joined U3A and took computer classes to keep up with modern technology. Celia joined the Bunbury singers and was a keen member of the WI where she attended the meetings at both Bunbury and Peckforton. Celia loved Village Day — it was a highlight of her year, and was a keen contributor to the WI float.

Celia became a very proud Gran when Harriet and Nancy were born and she loved spending time with them. When Harriet was younger Celia and John would come each year to Harriet's dance shows, and after she became too old to drive, she enjoyed watching videos of Nancy performing aerial hoop and silks.

After Celia retired, she continued to work part-time running polling stations. Celia and her husband also travelled all over the UK on holiday from Shetland to Pembroke.

Celia was raised in the methodist tradition, but embraced all aspects of Christian faith from High Anglican and Catholicism on her Walsingham pilgrimages with Teri and the Oberammergau Passion, to the Church of England at Bunbury and Calveley, and the Quakers with Mary.

For her last two years Celia had to move into a nursing home in Nantwich — she missed Bunbury, but her good friend Bobbie kept her up with village news. Teri Williams sent a lovely letter to the family. She finished the letter with "I am so sorry that she is gone, but I am pleased that I met her."

She will be missed.

Bunbury Parish Picture Restored



An integral part of Bunbury village hall is the large artwork featured in the main hall. It was originally planned, created and installed by a group of villagers in 1993 to record some of the key events in the history of the village, but also to celebrate the community groups, natural surroundings, fauna and flora of Bunbury at that time.

Over the years the picture has faded. This year the hall's management team decided to have the picture renovated and restored it to its original glory. A local artist, Alison Jones, was commissioned to undertake the works and at the beginning of September it was returned to its original position.

Margaret Bourne who designed and drew the original work met up with Alison at the Gardening Clubs Annual Village Show to take a look at the finished result. Why not take a closer look at the picture next time you are in Village Hall?

Remembering Morag Taylor

For fifty years, Morag shared life with her beloved husband, Douglas. Together they built not just a marriage, but a partnership. Through all the seasons of life, the joys and the sorrows, they walked side by side. Together they raised five children: Fiona, Alan, Arlene, Colin and Ian. Their little cottage on the farm was much more than bricks and mortar. It was a home filled with love, laughter, hard work and family life.

Like every family, theirs experienced both great joy and profound heartbreak. The tragic death of their daughter Arlene while she was still a young girl was devastating. It is a loss no parent should ever have to face, and it remained a sadness that never completely left them. Yet through that grief, the family held one another close. They found strength in one another, and the love that Morag and Douglas had nurtured carried them through the darkest of times.

Morag was asked how she would like to be remembered, her answer was beautifully simple. She said she wanted people to remember her as someone who was fun and always up for a laugh.

Morag had a wicked sense of humour, loved to tease people, and embraced life with enthusiasm. She wasn't interested in sitting quietly on the sidelines — she wanted to join in.

That was true throughout her working life too. As a District Auxiliary Nurse, she spent her days caring for people in their own homes. It was work that required patience, kindness and compassion, and those qualities came naturally to Morag.

She and Douglas loved travelling together, making wonderful memories on their holidays. One of the highlights was spending four weeks exploring Canada together — a holiday they both treasured.

Closer to home, Morag enjoyed spending time with her friends. Green bowls provided plenty of laughter and friendly competition, usually followed by a trip to the pub where stories were shared and the world was put to rights. Friendship mattered to Morag.

Neighbours Bob and Mari became much more than neighbours over the years. Their friendship with Douglas and Morag lasted for many years, and especially in later life they became an incredible support, keeping a watchful eye on Morag and helping the family in so many practical ways. The family would like to express their sincere thanks for all the love, kindness and friendship they showed.

If there was one role that brought out the very best in Morag, it was being a Granny. Together, Morag and Douglas were blessed with ten grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Her grandchildren don't remember a Granny who worried about having a perfectly tidy house. Quite the opposite. As far as Morag was concerned, housework could always wait. Playing with the grandchildren couldn't. And what fun they had together.

She happily played Cards Against Humanity and even Beer Pong with the family, proving that growing older certainly didn't mean growing boring.

Christmases were always something special. The whole family would gather together in the conservatory, where laughter was guaranteed.

Granny will always be remembered for someone who would wear the silly hats, play games and make memories that will now be treasured forever.

Morag continued to embrace life at the care home just as she always had. She joined in activities, made friends, and became part of the community there. The family are deeply grateful to all the staff for the love, kindness and dignity with which they cared for Mum. Their compassion made a real difference, and it brought great comfort to know she was so well looked after.

Even in later years, Morag never lost her sparkle. She may have regularly misplaced her hearing aids, but she never lost her ability to make people smile.

When we remember Morag today, we don't simply remember the dates of her life.

We remember the laughter, the adventures, the games. We remember the stories that will be told around family tables for generations to come.

Most of all, we remember a woman who loved deeply. A devoted wife. A loving mum. A fun-loving Granny. A proud great-Granny. A loyal friend. A caring nurse, someone who lived life to the full and encouraged everyone around her to do the same.

Perhaps the greatest tribute we can pay her is to do exactly what she hoped we would.



To remember her with a smile.

To tell her stories often.

To laugh at the memories.

To wear the silly hat.

To join in the game.

To make time for the people we love.

Because that is how Morag lived.

And that is the legacy she leaves behind.

May she rest in peace and may those who loved her find comfort in the countless memories she has left them, memories filled not only with love, but with laughter too.

Bunbury Aldersey School



On Wednesday 2 September Bunbury Aldersey Primary School opened its doors for 200 pupils to return after their summer break. It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces running into school that morning - even on day one!

A warm welcome was extended to the new reception children who joined us at Bunbury for their very first day at school, children were also welcomed who had moved into the area and joined new classes across the school.

The school has also been joined by a number of new staff. Mr Wyatt has joined our team to teach Year 5 and Mrs Bason, Miss Adamson and Mrs Mitchell have joined us to support in classes across the school.

At the start of a new school year I am always filled with optimism about the wonderful things that can be achieved, within the school and the village community. The dedication of the Bunbury staff team

is outstanding and ensures that learning is inspiring, motivating, engaging and above all fun!

If you would like to join our Bunbury School, we currently have Open Days planned for our Reception 2027 starters.

Open Days for Reception 2027

Throughout the autumn term we will be holding open days for those children who are due to start school in September 2027. Individual appointments can be booked throughout the day, Mrs Badger and our Head pupils provide a school tour, answering any queries you may have.

Dates available are:

Wednesday 14 September 11.00am — 2.45pm
Wednesday 30 September 9.30am — 2.30pm
Friday 20 November 9.30am — 2.30pm

A new school year – a new adventure?

As a new school year begins, many families will be thinking about activities that help children build confidence, make friends and learn new skills outside the classroom. Bunbury Scouts offers exactly that, with places available across Beavers, Cubs and Scouts for young people who are ready for their next adventure.

From outdoor activities and games to camping, creative challenges, teamwork and practical skills, every meeting offers something different. Along the way, young people develop confidence, resilience, independence and leadership, often without even realising they're learning. Just as importantly, they have great fun, make lasting friendships and become part of a welcoming local community.

Whether your child is taking their very first steps with Beavers, ready for bigger challenges with Cubs or looking for adventure and responsibility in Scouts, there's something for everyone. Scouting helps young people discover what they're capable of while encouraging them to support others, try new experiences and enjoy the outdoors.

Like many community organisations, Bunbury Scouts also relies on volunteers. If you're an adult who could spare some time, whether that's helping occasionally, supporting a particular activity or becoming a regular volunteer, you'd be made very welcome. You don't need previous Scouting experience, just enthusiasm and a willingness to help young people thrive.

If you'd like to find out more about joining Beavers, Cubs or Scouts, or about volunteering, we'd love to hear from you.

25th South-West Cheshire Scout Group
Group Scout Leader — Andrew Fairclough
Call or message: 07976 363 056
Email: bunburyscouting@gmail.com



NEW SCHOOL YEAR....
NEW FRIENDS
NEW SKILLS
NEW ADVENTURES



A NEW ADVENTURE AWAITS

- ★ Build Confidence
- 🌿 Enjoy the Outdoors
- 🛠️ Learn Skills for Life
- 👥 Make Friends

Beavers (age 6-8) • Cubs (age 8-10) • Scouts (age 10.5-14)



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Sky notes:

Saturn closest to Earth

I hope everyone had a good view of the eclipse in August. We were blessed with clear skies at Jodrell Bank Observatory and the 1400 visitors had great views.

You might have heard the announcement in the summer about the withdrawal of funding for Jodrell Bank from 2028 by the UK's Science & Technology Facilities Council. For me, this was particularly disappointing. As a volunteer at Jodrell Bank, I have seen at first hand how the Observatory combines world-class research with public engagement.

The good news is that the Prime Minister has recognised Jodrell Bank as both a national heritage asset and a research asset, adding: "There must be a way to save Jodrell Bank, and I give a commitment today, at this despatch box, we will find it."

The ringed planet

Saturn, the ringed planet, is closest to Earth this month, lying 1262 million kilometres away. It takes centre stage in our night sky. It's the second largest planet, after Jupiter. Through a small telescope you can see its beautiful rings and its largest moon, Titan.

Saturn is visible all night long and is due south around midnight. You'll find it to the left of the Moon on **23 October**. The following night, **24 October**, it lies just below the Moon.

The Moon plays hide-and-seek

The Moon is involved with another adventure on the night of **27/28 October** when it passes across the tiny star cluster called the Pleiades, or Seven Sisters, between 11:30pm and 3:00am. This is best seen with binoculars.

Shooting stars in the sky

The Earth passes through the debris left behind by Halley's Comet on the night of **21/22 October**. Look out for shooting stars which will be best seen in the early morning hours after the Moon has set.

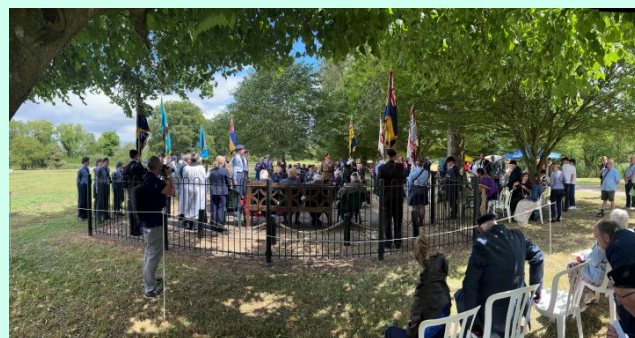
Exactly 80 years ago, in October 1946, Bernard Lovell made some of his first radar observations of this meteor shower from a muddy field in Cheshire. This work used army surplus radar equipment and led to the formation of Jodrell Bank Observatory.

The clocks "fall" back

"Spring forward – and fall back" is how I remember which way to change my clock. British Summer Time ends at 2:00am on Sunday **25 October**. An hour longer in bed!

Clear Skies!

Bunbury Stargazer



Bunbury Medical Practice

News – October 2026

Training Days for 2026

The practice will be closed from 1:00pm on Thursday, 8 October; it will reopen the following day at 8:00am. All training days for 2026 can be seen on our website.

Flu Vaccinations

Once again, 'tis the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness and also of flu vaccinations. As in previous years, appointments for a flu vaccination will be available from early October. However, this year we are introducing a pre-vaccination consent questionnaire which has already been emailed to all eligible patients who have an active email address stored on their medical record. The questionnaire is also available to complete at reception.

Please ensure that the questionnaire has been completed prior to booking your appointment. All responses will be reviewed by a registered health professional, and you will be contacted to book an appointment.

Thank you

At the end of last year, we invited patients to knit or crochet poppies with a view to creating a Remembrance Day display. You may have seen the red collection bucket in our reception area. The response has been wonderful; thank you to all who have contributed. The cascade of poppies will be on display in our reception area during the first two weeks of November.

We will continue to add to the display for future years, so please feel free to keep on knitting/crocheting in remembrance and gratitude.

SCREENING SAVES LIVES

Gentleman over 64 — you are eligible for AAA screening (Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm). This screening is a way of checking whether there is a bulge or swelling in the aorta, the main blood vessel that runs from your heart down through your tummy; it can be serious if it is not spotted early on, as it could increase in size and eventually rupture.

Once you are over 65, you will receive a screening invitation, and you can then arrange an appointment that suits you. If you are over 65 and have not been screened before or you have not received an invitation, you can ask for a test by contacting our local service to book an appointment. Screening involves a quick and painless ultrasound scan of your tummy.

The booking service can be contacted on 0151 706 4767.

Bunbury and District RBL at Cholmondeley Castle

Members of the Bunbury and District Royal British Legion were at Cholmondeley Castle in July of this year to take part in and lay a wreath at the annual commemorative event held at the Czechoslovak Army Memorial in the Castle grounds to mark the anniversary of the arrival of Czechoslovak Armed Forces in the UK in July 1940.

Following the invasion of Czechoslovakia by Nazi Germany in March 1939, Czechoslovak forces fought alongside the Western Allies in the Battle of France in 1940. As the Allies retreated, the Czechoslovaks withdrew from the Marne to various ports in the south of France from where they were evacuated by the Royal Navy using commandeered merchant ships. On arrival in the UK, they numbered some 3500 soldiers and airmen, the majority based in a camp in the grounds of Cholmondeley Castle. Determined to continue the fight, they reorganised quickly and formed a brigade and three Czechoslovak RAF Squadrons making a valuable contribution to the Allied war effort.

This year's event was attended by the Czech and Slovak ambassadors and their respective military attaches as well as the Deputy Lord Lieutenant, representatives of the Memorial Association of Free Czechoslovak Veterans, the Army, the Royal Air Force, the Mayors of Cheshire East and of Stoke-on-Trent, County and local representatives of the Royal British Legion and members of the Air Training Corps. In addition, Lady Grenfell-Baines who, as a child, came to England on the Czechoslovak Kindertransport was also present.



Members of the ALIVE club embarked on their annual summer outing to Llandudno. Unfortunately on the only wet day this summer! However this did not dampen spirits. Following a wonderful lunch of fish and chips at the Llandudno Bay hotel the rain stopped for long enough for some to enjoy a short stroll along the promenade. Then a welcome cup of tea before the journey home.

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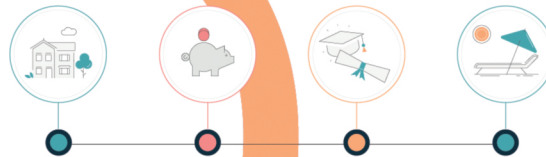
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