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*Nelson Mandela*

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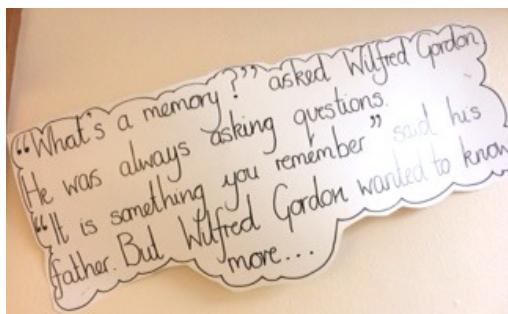
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A magazine for the parishes of  
Bunbury and Tilstone Fearnall

## View the WW1 displays at Bunbury School Friday 30 November 2–5pm

Principal of Bunbury School, Nic Badger, invites the community to see the school's Creative Curriculum



With the children settled into the new school year, everyone seems enthused and excited by the 'We Will Remember' theme on WW1.

The teaching at Bunbury is always inspired by a text and encompasses all curriculum areas so that the children are fully immersed in the current theme. Since starting teaching through the Creative Curriculum approach, teachers have seen a love of learning develop in all the children and a new engagement and excitement in work.

The skills-based and knowledge-supported Creative Curriculum is inspirational for both pupils and for teachers, making learning motivational and successful for all. Planning begins with an

understanding of the key skills to be developed and supporting content is selected. Skills that are developed enable pupils to become good communicators and problem solvers, encouraging them to work well with others and ultimately improving their own learning performance.



The school plans to share this love of learning with the community through an exhibition of the children's work around the theme of 'We Will Remember' on Friday 30 November from 2pm-5pm.

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# Weddings, births and baptisms

## Baptisms

Congratulations to **Austin Luke Rose**, son of **Dan** and

 **Caitlin** (from the Dysart Arms) baptised on 16 September (pictured left) and on the

same day  
**Georgia Mai**

**Sherren**, daughter of **Helen** and **Howard** (above).



Congratulations to **Leon Riley**

**Smith** (right), baptised on 22 September son of **Claire** and **Dave**.



Congratulations to **Edward (Teddy) Oliver Oates** (pictured below left), baptised on Sunday 14 October son of **Robert** and **Lucy**.



## Weddings

Congratulations to **Adam Rogulski** and **Katy Pulsford** (pictured below), married at St Boniface on 8 September.



Congratulations to **Craig Berrisford** and **Victoria Riley**, married at St Boniface on Saturday 22 September.

Congratulations to **Henry Tett** and **Rose Cooke**, married at St Boniface on Saturday 6 October.

Congratulations to **David Bowerman** and **Sabina Ghetau** (below), married at St Boniface on Saturday 13 October.



The copy deadline for the Dec-Jan double issue of the Link is Friday 16 November. The magazine should be in church on Friday 30 November.

## News from the editor

Phew we made it! It is such a relief to see the magazine fully completed.

Just a reminder that there is no charge for advertising community events. If you have an event we are very happy to put it in the Link. We have a wide circulation. The event needs to be sent to us preferably two months in advance. Email the details to [parishlinkeditor@gmail.com](mailto:parishlinkeditor@gmail.com). Any comments or suggestions about the magazine please email the editor. Many thanks, Elaine

**Christmas choir** - If you would like to join the choir for the Carol Service, please let Revd Tim know or email: [revtimhayward@gmail.com](mailto:revtimhayward@gmail.com). We are pleased to announce that **Marcus Williams** will conduct the choir this year.

**Christmas messages in the Link** - one month left to put in your message! Save time, energy, trees and money and support a good cause. Instead of sending Christmas cards to local friends, print your message in the December Link (suggested donation £10). All proceeds to Crisis. Email [parishlinkeditor@gmail.com](mailto:parishlinkeditor@gmail.com) with your message by **Friday 16 November**.

**St Luke's Hospice** is selling premium grade Christmas trees in Bunbury again. At the time of going to press they hope to be once again at Bunbury Playing Fields on 31 November, 1 & 2 December, but look out for posters to confirm this. The dates are early, but a tree benefits from sitting in a bucket of water before it goes inside. Questions - contact Jane Thompson on 07964 394963 or check [www.stlukes-hospice.co.uk](http://www.stlukes-hospice.co.uk).

### Happy Anniversary, Tom!

**Tom Baker** has been cleaning and gleaming windows in Bunbury for 30 years this year. He doesn't look any older!



## Births - Aren't they gorgeous?



Congratulations to **Laura** and **Rob** on the births of **Anna**, **Kate** and **George Finn McNeil** (Anna left, George right). **Sue** and **Ian McNeil** of School Lane are the proud grandparents.



**TIM HAYWARD**  
Your Vicar

I remember once sitting in a pub and a veteran walked in with his medals. The landlord offered to buy him a drink. Beside the bar, a very opinionated woman, who had already had a few drinks, began to moralise about war. The veteran listened patiently to what she had to say, but then in a very gentle manner leant forward and said:

"Have you ever had to kill anyone?"

"Well no!" she answered belligerently.

"Then what right have you got to tell me anything?"

There was then a long, painful silence throughout the pub, as would occur in a home where a guest had just witnessed an embarrassing family argument. And I don't know why I did, but I plucked up the courage to approach the ex-serviceman and asked him:

"When you got pushed just now, you came back with the fact that you had to kill. Was that the worst of it for you?"

"Yes," he said. "That's half of it."

I waited for a very long time, but he didn't go on. He only stared

# Nobody understood

into his beer. Finally I had to ask, "What was the other half?"

"The other half was that when we got home, nobody understood."

And this is the sacrifice we expect of our service men and women. We expect them to enter a level of experience that separates them from community, to enter a world of silence, because nobody that hasn't had to make that sacrifice really understands. That's why servicemen and women often form bonds with one another that are stronger than the bonds they have with their wives or husbands.

So it is not just the fallen we remember at this time: it is those whose lives were never the same again. Our silence is a silence of gratitude and an effort to understand.

Sometimes I think if we asked our heavenly Father what was the worst part of the cross he would pause for a long time and say 'the sacrifice of my only Son... that was half of it.' And if we waited in silence and found the courage to ask, "What was the other half?" he would say, "The other half was that 2,000 years later, nobody understood."



Congratulations to **Harriet** and **Mike** on the birth of **Mabel Audrey Mackenzie Hallett** (pictured right). **Alison** and **Mark Hallett** are the proud grandparents. Mike's grandfather was the blacksmith in Bunbury for many years; he made a weather vane for new births in the family. The normal Land Rover weather vane has been swapped for a stork that he made.



# More village news...

On 8 November the **Bunbury WI** will be having their AGM at 7.30pm in Bunbury Pavilion followed by a talk by **Lyn Hand** about Denman College.

**Bunbury Gardening Club** will hold its Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 20 November **at the new time of 7.30pm** in the Village Hall, followed by a Hot Pot Supper. Bring your own wine. Tickets £6 payable at the door. New members are welcome.

Many thanks to **Pat Morris**, who has volunteered to deliver in Queen Street. We are truly grateful to all those people who put the Link through letterboxes whatever the weather. Elaine met **Mike Thomas** collecting his copies after damaging his Achilles heel. It was his first long walk up to church and then he had to deliver them! Thank you.

**Friday at Tilly's** - coffee and cake, every Friday, 10-11.30 am. Coffee £1. Contact Amber Middlemiss 261437.

Do you have time on your hands? Why not do **jigsaws**? The Jigsaw Club has over 700 jigsaws, which can be borrowed for all ages. Ruth Tilston goes to Tilly's on Fridays. Her contact number is 07837 261523.

**Bunbury Youth Club** - Monday nights 7-8.30pm at St Boniface church. For more details contact Revd Tim revtimhayward@gmail.com

**Peckforton and Beeston Village Hall WW1 commemorations** (see p10 and community diary on p8) include:

4-9 November: Recreation of a WW1 convalescence infirmary with associated memorabilia, Saturday 10 November: a play and hot pot supper and Sunday 11 November: the Beacon of Light ceremony at Beeston Castle.

On 23 November **Chestnut Meats** are holding a **goat curry and pudding evening** (see poster on p8).

A very busy weekend. Please support all events if you can.

On Friday 30 November visit **Bunbury School** from 2-5pm to see the displays linked to WW1.

**Babes in the wood** - The Bunbury Youth Club **pantomime** will take place on 29-30 November. Please come and support the youngsters. It is always such a good night out. Tickets available from Burrows the butchers and Tilly's (poster on p7).

**Christmas market at the Yew Tree**  
1 December 10.30am to 2.30pm various market stalls and a marquee outside, hot food will be available.



On 1 December **Rain or Shine Theatre group** is performing in the Village Hall (see poster on p13).

On Sunday 2 December, **Christingle services** will be at Tilston Fearnall at 9.30am and St Boniface at 4pm.

**Bunbury Mill - Father Christmas** returns to the Mill on Sunday 9 December at 3.30pm.

**Judy's Arts and Crafts group** continues first Tuesday each month, with the possibility of extending to the third Tuesday as well. For further information contact judy.gray@bunburymill.com

**Xmas Coffee Morning** - A coffee morning will be held on Monday 10 December @ 80 Watergate Street Chester 10.30am-1.30pm in aid of **Save the Family** by kind permission of Katie Jones (was Crotty!). Easiest parking in the Linenhall car park (where the stables used to be) opposite the Market car park. 80 Watergate is directly opposite Stanley Palace. We look forward to seeing you. Save the Family provides residential accommodation and support for families who are homeless (or at risk of becoming homeless) and who have multiple and complex needs. Save the family is based just outside Chester.

**Bunbury Singers' concerts** - see poster on p14 for the 11 November. Christmas Concert: Saturday 15 December at 7.30 St Boniface church. Contact Sarah Jane Stockman 01829 260714 or Alison Nolan 07817 926201.

**Decibellas Women's Choir** of Tarporley will hold its annual Christmas concert at St Boniface on Saturday 8 December. Doors will open at 7pm, concert at 7.30pm. The concert will raise funds for **Teenage Cancer Trust**. See ad on p6.

**Pilgrim in the pub** - A new discussion group is to be held at the Nags Head Bunbury from 7.30-9pm starting Thursday 8 November. It will be a six-week course about the Christian faith with discussion over a pint or something else of your preference led by Alex Sanders.

**Monday prayers at 9.30am** in Ridley Chapel at St Boniface - start the week with ten minutes of quiet reflection.

**St Boniface church cleaning** - the team meets on the first Monday of every month at 10am. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

## Macmillan coffee morning at Bunbury Medical Practice



Well done to all at Bunbury Medical Practice who were involved with the Macmillan coffee morning. Those who attended raised over £500. Thanks go to **Barbara Croley** (pictured top left) for organising the raffle (first prize was a fabulous hamper won by Susan Baker). It was a lovely community event.

### Calling all hockey players of a certain age!

Deeside Ramblers, your local hockey club (based at Tiverton), is keen to invite all ladies and men who used to play hockey in your younger days but have let it slip whilst bringing up your own children, to come back and have another go. This year they are getting together an over 35s **ladies** team to play in a local league; the emphasis will be on turning up and having fun. They also run a successful 'Back to Hockey' programme on a Monday 6.45-7.45pm when you can play with other adults (men and women) who are beginners or rusty, with some coaching and much encouragement. So don't put off getting fit or having lots of fun any longer - come and join in! Over 35s ladies contact Vicky Ayton:

vickiayton1@gmail.com

Back to Hockey:

deesideramblershockeyclub1@gmail.com

What do I need to bring?

1. Body (creaking, not done any hockey for years)
2. Shin pads (pinch the kids' old ones)
3. Gum shield (you can get easy moulds from sports shops)
4. Outfit ladies (anything from leopard skin to comfortable sport wear)
5. Outfit men (1955 terry cotton tracksuit, shell suit, or appropriate sports kit )
6. Trainers
7. A smile

If you don't have a stick there are spares at the club. If you get to the advanced class, you get to whittle your own.

### Capt. John Maxwell Gordon

Recently a gentleman called Johnny Gordon made a very special trip to visit St Boniface church. He came to look at the window in memory of his grandfather and to find his grandfather's grave. His grandfather was John Maxwell Gordon. This is an extract from the Bunbury section of the Malpas Deanery Magazine, December 1899:

**South African War:** "Captain and Mrs. Gordon wish to thank those in Bunbury and Spurstow who have so willingly and generously given their time to make clothing for the wounded soldiers in South Africa (Captain John Maxwell Gordon, of Oaklands, Spurstow, survived the war, but died in 1909, aged 46, indirectly from a riding accident. His memorial window, one of only two to survive the bomb blast at St Boniface in 1940 unscathed, is in the south aisle.)

**BUNBURY BONFIRE & FIREWORK DISPLAY**  
**MONDAY 5TH NOVEMBER**

**Bunbury Playing Fields**  
6:00pm Gates Open  
6:45pm Bonfire Lighting  
7:00pm Firework Display

**Adults £4 • Children 5-15 £1 • Under 5 Free**  
Food & Drinks by Tilly's • BBQ by Burrows Butchers  
Novelties and Fun Stalls by Bunbury Scouts  
**Sorry - No Sparklers Allowed**

Bonfire and Fireworks Event by Bunbury Parish Council



**IN AID OF  
TEENAGE  
CANCER  
TRUST**

**Decibellas**  
Women's Choir presents

## Hark! Hear the Bells

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Join us for a traditional festive concert.

Candles, holly, fun & laughter with a festive tipple!

In aid of The Teenage Cancer Trust.

Saturday December 8th 2018

St Boniface Church Bunbury

Doors open 7 for 7:30pm

Tickets on sale soon at Tilly's Bunbury, Old Fire Station  
Chocolate Shop Tarporley or via [www.decibellas.co.uk](http://www.decibellas.co.uk)



**Pat Ellis - Reader Emeritus**  
**Will you still love me  
when I'm old and grey?**

Whether we like it or not, we are all ageing. Baby boomers are now pensioners, and we are living longer. So there are a lot more of us around to be a nuisance and guilty of draining the nations' resources and dreading the day when we can no



longer cope. Nevertheless, later years can be a time of creativity, wisdom and caring support to younger generations. So when we become infirm it is harder to surrender to the inevitable and allow others to care for us. Yet when we do, we bless our carers, letting them use their gifts of love, compassion and friendship, thus enriching their lives too. In Bunbury we have a thriving example of loving, nurture

and companionship in the Friday gathering at Tilly's. There is a real sense of community across the boundaries of age and ability.

*Lord, I am not so young as I used to be,  
And it hurts-  
Aches and pains  
Forgetfulness,  
Worry about the future.  
Yet I know that you love me Lord.*

*Teach me to accept my vulnerability;  
Give me the humility to receive help  
With a smile and a grateful heart.  
Show me that in my weakness  
I may draw out gifts of love,  
Compassion and caring.  
May my fragility  
Bring strength and enrichment  
To those who love and care for me.  
So that I may still be a blessing  
And bear fruit in others.*

**Mike Rogers writes...**

## No ordinary man



At the great west door of Westminster Abbey there is a black marble stone, framed by scarlet poppies; it covers the tomb of an anonymous man.

Although there are many graves in the Abbey and in churches up and down the country, this is the only one that no one ever walks over. It is viewed as being as important as any grave of a monarch or a statesman.

The Tomb of the Unknown Warrior was established in 1920. Six unidentified bodies were exhumed from under their rough crosses marked 'unknown' in the battlefields of Belgium and France. A young Officer was blindfolded and led to the coffins. The first one he touched was chosen. The body was then placed in a plain coffin made from oak grown at Hampton Court and sealed with two straps under which was placed a ceremonial sword given by King George V. The body was then borne home for its funeral on Remembrance Day 1920, which was attended by the King. That day the nave was lined by 100 holders of the Victoria Cross. When the service was over, the grave was filled

with soil brought from every country where allied troops had fought.

Today, the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior stands as a public outpouring of our nations' grief. It is a place where people can grieve for the loss of someone they have loved, as a lasting reminder of the sacrifice that was made on their behalf. It is unique as a national war memorial, being the only one in the world to be located inside a Christian church.

The sight of that grave serves to remind us all of what it means to be human. It reminds us that every casualty of war was someone's father or mother, son or daughter. It reminds us that each death was heart breaking and each memory is precious. It makes the strongest possible statement about the worth of every single human being. It is saying that we have no right to call anyone 'ordinary'; for each one of us is extraordinary, a body made in the likeness of God and we fail in our duty if we do not see the true value and wonder of every person that we meet.

## Do you know where this photo was taken?



Peter Jones kindly sent in this photograph. Please tell the editor where it is!

If anyone would like to send in a photograph from around Bunbury or villages in the parishes for Link readers to identify, that would be great. Answers will be given in the following month's Link.

## The night sky in November

We are very fortunate in Bunbury to live in an area where the skies are still quite dark at night which makes it easier to enjoy the stars above us. November is a good time to take up stargazing: it gets dark early in the evening, but we can still enjoy the bright constellations that we normally associate with summer as they drop towards the west. Why not step outside as soon as night falls and look for the Summer Triangle? This isn't actually a constellation, but a grouping of three bright stars from three different constellations: Altair low in the west and Deneb and Vega above, forming an isosceles triangle. If it's really dark, with no moon and no streetlights nearby, you should be able to see the misty glow of the Milky Way as it passes through the triangle. While you are out, look down low in the south west (you will need a clear horizon, free from trees and houses for this) and you might be able to see Mars. It's brighter than the three stars of the Summer Triangle, but with a distinct orange colour. It is often called "the Red Planet". This will be one of the last opportunities to spot Mars this year.

Happy stargazing!  
Bunbury Stargazer

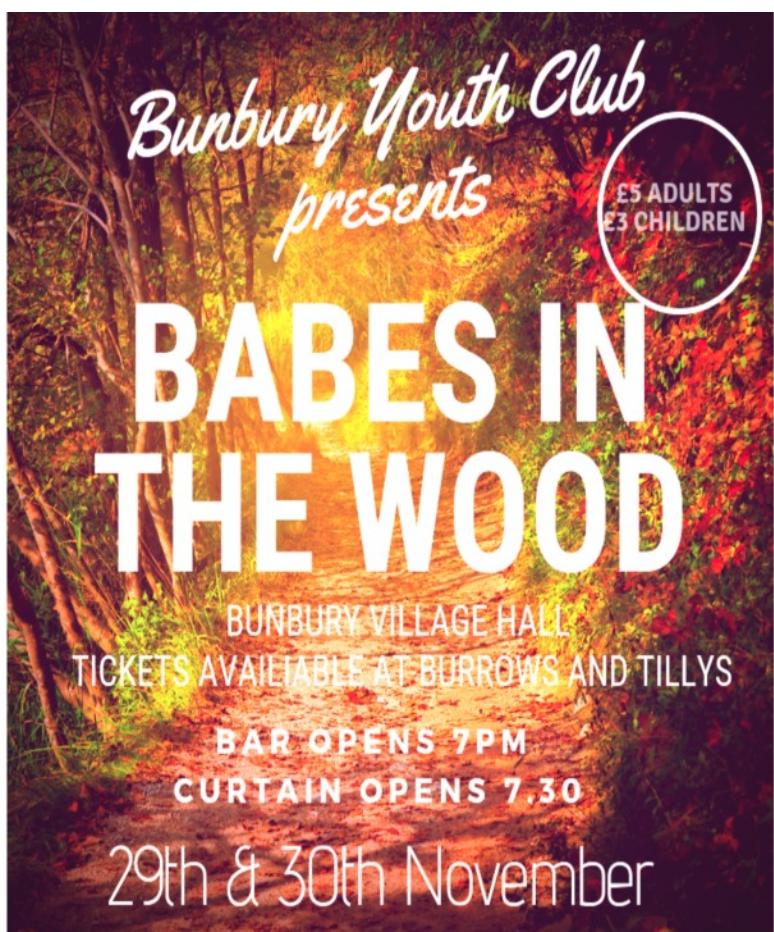
## November prayers

In this Armistice centenary year we think of all those who gave their lives in war. We pray for those families who have recently lost loved ones **Frederick Wood, John Gregory, Frank Stockton and Ricardo Bellis Ferreira**. We also pray for all those who are ill, including **Hazel Wilkinson, Pam Hardy and Donald Marr**. Amen

## Bunbury walking for health

Join us for a healthy walk around our beautiful village and countryside. Walks are for everyone to enjoy at their own pace, including those with walking aids. We meet every Wednesday 10:30am from Bunbury Methodist Chapel. Refreshments after the walk. For more information contact:

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Jim Walker 01829 261227



# Community events at a glance

Date	Time	Event	Location
<b>One-off events</b>			
4-9 November	From 10-12pm & 2-4pm	Recreation of WW1 infirmary	Peckforton & Beeston Hall
8 November	7.30pm	WI meeting	Bunbury Pavilion
8 November	7.30-9pm	Pilgrim in the pub	Nags Head
10 November	6.30pm	Play & hot pot supper	Peckforton & Beeston Hall
11 November	4.30pm	Beacon of Light	Beeston Castle
11 November	6.30pm	Bunbury Singers Remembrance concert	St Andrew's church, Tarvin
20 November	7.30pm	Gardening Club AGM & hot pot supper	Bunbury Village Hall
23 November	7.30pm	Chestnut Meats curry & pudding evening	Chestnut Meats
30 November	2-5pm	School WW1 displays	Bunbury School
29-30 November	7pm	Panto	Bunbury Village Hall
1 December	10.30am-2.30pm	Christmas market	Yew Tree pub
1 December	7.30pm	Rain or Shine play	Bunbury Village Hall
8 December	7.30pm	Decibellas Christmas concert	St Boniface
9 December	15:30:00	Father Christmas visit	Bunbury Mill
10 December	10.30am-1.30pm	Save the Family coffee morning	80 Watergate St, Chester
15 December	7.30pm	Bunbury Singers Christmas concert	St Boniface
<b>Regular events</b>			
Mondays	9.30am	Prayers	St Boniface
Mondays term-time	7pm-8.30pm	Bunbury Youth Club	St Boniface
First Tuesday monthly	Various	Arts & Crafts	Bunbury Mill
Wednesdays	10:30:00	Walking for Health	Bunbury Methodist Chapel
Fridays	10am-11.30am	Friday @ Tilly's & Jigsaws	Tilly's coffee shop Bunbury

Chestnut Meats Cafe invite you to a ..

## CURRIED GOAT SUPPER

PREPARED LOCALLY BY CARRIBEAN CHEF VEGGIE OPTION & GLUTEN FREE

FRIDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER 2018

7.30PM



### Tickets from Chestnut Meats Cafe

CURRY + PUD £13 PP

Bring your own beer and wine

Soft drinks available to buy in the Café

## Calveley harvest festival

A large congregation came together for the Calveley traditional Harvest Festival Service on 7 October, to celebrate God's goodness in creation and to remember our responsibility to care for others.



Thank you to the congregation, organist and choir and everyone who decorated the church so beautifully for making it such an enjoyable service. Nantwich food bank has benefitted from all the generous donations.

# An opportunity to broaden your horizons

The Real Life Learning Academy Trust currently consists of two schools, Calveley Primary Academy and Acton Church of England Primary Academy. An Academy Trust is where control of the funding has moved from the Local Authority to a Charitable Company that is the Trust. This enables us to have a better choice about how the funding is spent to benefit the children. As with all trusts nationally, our Trust is a Charitable Company and has to have a board of Directors who are registered at Company House. When I received my letter from Company House I found it quite amusing as, at my age, it was not something I had planned on adding to my CV! I also found it quite unnerving; a director of a company, that just wasn't me! As it turns out the work was very much like the work I had been doing as a school governor, but with a few added legal requirements and not at all daunting. With just the two schools in the trust we have been able to continue operating with one board as we did as governors, but as we try to grow the trust in line with the demands of the government and add further schools, we have to change our structure. Directors are supposed to be about 'strategy' and taking the overview of all the schools in the trust, not the day to day monitoring of individual schools. For this reason the number of directors will be decreasing, but we will be adding a Local

Academy Committee to each school within the trust. This is the structure that the majority of academies use nationally and which we are required to adopt to allow us to take on further schools. The individuals on these committees will be acting as advisors and consultants about their particular school on behalf of the directors. They will now be the ones having the majority of interaction with the school following the strategies put in place by the directors for the trust as a whole, but the overall responsibility will lie with the directors. Unfortunately, nationally, there is a shortage of people prepared to take on the roles of either Directors or Local School Advisors and yet it is so rewarding for both individuals who just want to do more within their community and those who want to add to their skills and Curriculum Vitae. I first became involved as a member of the community. I had no experience in education other than that of all parents who have seen their children pass through the system. I have learnt so much and I like to think that I have contributed a lot as well. Those in governance have the opportunity to monitor and challenge the school's performance and we are crucial to the system that provides the education for future generations.

## Kids get to grips with Calveley bees

Resident beekeeper Fiona Sloyan invited five Year 5 & 6 children to her home where they had a 'sticky' time extracting honey frames



made by their own Calveley bees. The children carefully removed a thin layer of wax to expose the honey. This was then put in a metal drum and, with the aid of centrifugal force (children spinning a handle fast), was pulled out with frames. The children then took great delight in watching the golden honey pour out of the drum into a sieve & bucket. The honey will rest for a couple of days to remove air bubbles and then be put into jars and labelled. Look out for 'Honey for Sale' at the Christmas Fair.

**The Real Life Learning Trust is now inviting you to join them either on a Local Academy Committee or as a director.**

Are you an experienced Chair of a committee? Do you have experience in safeguarding, finance, or special needs? Do you feel that you have no specific, relevant experience, but would be interested in being involved?

If you are interested in governance have a look at [www.governorsforschools.org.uk](http://www.governorsforschools.org.uk) for further information and leave your contact details at either Acton Academy (01270 685131) or Calveley Academy (01270 685540) for an informal chat with someone from the board.

# Remembrance in our villages - events for all ages

For those we love and those we miss

## Bunbury Tree of Lights 2018



To sponsor a light on the tree at St Boniface this Christmas in aid of our church building please fill in the form or contact Jill Robey on 260081 jill@1manorcottage.co.uk

I would like a light on the tree to celebrate: (please give details)

I would like to donate £..... (£5 min)

If you would like to Gift Aid this donation to Bunbury PCC (Charity No 1133106)\* then tick box

\*By ticking this box you acknowledge that: you are a UK taxpayer and understand that if you pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax in the current tax year than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all your donations it is your responsibility to pay any difference.

Full name.....

Address.....

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Postcode.....

Signature.....

Date: .....

Tick this box for an entry in the Book of Lights

### Bunbury Remembrance Sunday 11 November:

7.20am Flag raising from St Boniface church tower

9.50am Remembrance parade and service followed by tea party (meet at Scout Hut to parade to church)

11.45am Tea Party at the Scout Hut - everyone is invited. War-time dance music and a selection of refreshments made by Roz, Jackie, Amanda and Danny Lees of "The Inn" at Huxley (The Inn at Huxley is due to open soon).

Many of the children will be involved with readings and various roles, information will be provided soon.

4.30pm Beacon lighting at Beeston Castle - soup and hot pot on sale and Commemoration Service 1

6pm Climb to the Beacon

6.30pm Commemoration Service and Ode of Remembrance, Last Post, Silence and Reveille

7.00pm Beacon lit in line with National Commemoration

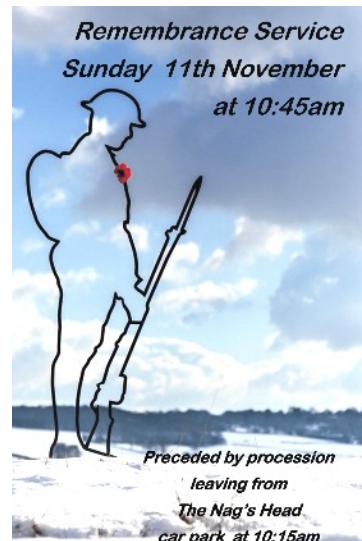
### Peckforton and Beeston Remembers - The Great War Commemoration

From Sunday 4 November to Friday 9 November 10am-12pm and 2-4pm there is an exhibition in Peckforton and Beeston village hall. The hall will host an exhibition depicting a typical convalescence infirmary. On display will be artefacts and memorabilia from The Great War. Local people have loaned many items.

On Saturday 10 November, at 6.30pm for 7pm, a play will be performed entitled, "Will You Remember Them?" written by local playwrights and acted and produced by volunteers. It will end with a hot pot supper and music from the era in aid of "Battle's O'er" charities with live music and dancing. £12.50 per ticket.

On Sunday 11 November, the Beacon of Light ceremony will take place at Beeston Castle as part of a national commemoration. A service will be held befitting this poignant time in our history. The service will be suitable for all ages and admission is from 4.30pm. Hot soup will be on sale and anyone is welcome to bring lanterns and folding chairs. It will be a very special evening.

If you would like to attend any of the above events, be part of the preparations or involved in any way please get in touch. Please book early to avoid disappointment. Contact Penny 261068 or Daphne 261078 for more information.



# Give us 2 minutes...

**Mike is married to Carole with three wonderful children (all born in the same hospital in Carlisle) and six wonderful grandchildren. He has been a preacher, accountant, an NHS worker, musician, actor and settled in Bunbury 30 years ago. He is currently involved with Shropshire and Cheshire NHS, St Luke's Hospice, Crewe YMCA and Keele University.**

**If you had a motto what would it be?**

"Keep trying"

**For a musical evening, who would you invite?**

Edward Elgar, Lesley Garrett, Mario Lanza, Kiri Te Kanawa, Charles Wesley, Lea Salonga. (I'm not sure how well they would get on with each other!).

**What would you call your autobiography?**

"So many Blessings"

**Who would you invite to supper?**

Aneurin Bevan, Ingrid Bergman, Len Hutton, Mother Theresa, Eric Morecambe and Joan of Arc.

**What was your first job?**

I was a shop assistant at Carlisle Co-op. On my first Monday morning I smashed a glass display stand...the shocked silence echoed around the store. I didn't last long!

**What would you change about Bunbury if you could?**

I would move Bunbury to the coast. I love watching the sea and swimming in it as long as I don't have to sail on it.

**What is the best book you have read to date?**

"A Man Called Peter" (the story of Peter Marshall written by his wife Catherine Marshall) one of my early, great inspirations. The book follows him from his humble beginnings in Scotland to become the Chaplain of the United States

think a few people have looked at me in a different light since then, but I got a great buzz dancing with Mairi!

**What is your biggest regret?**

I didn't get to the hospital to visit my pal from junior school and life-long friend before he died.

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

To see my dear grandchildren grown up and settled and then maybe see Carlisle United win the FA Cup?

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

I've lived virtually all my life with only one eye as my other was blown out by an exploding lemonade bottle when I was only two. People will also be surprised that I have difficulty remembering lines in a play or panto.

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

For Carole and I to get to our golden wedding anniversary next October and then on to our "diamond".

**What is your favourite place and why?**

Difficult! Rome (my spiritual home) Carlisle (my first family home), Jersey (the first holiday Carole and I had together) and my garden (where I get an increasing amount of pleasure as I get older).

**How would you spend your ideal weekend?**

Enjoying a relaxing family celebration for the 14 of us (I've included Buddy the dog so that it isn't unlucky 13), being pampered fed and watered. Maybe not just water!

# Mike Ridley



Senate.

**Tell us about a memorable evening?**

Back in the 90s a new dance craze arrived: Riverdance with Michael Flatley. The Good Companions were about to do one of their shows (which I loved, apart from the dancing). Mairi Harris had the idea for the two of us to perform our own version - Bogdance with Flat Michael! I practiced for hours determined to get it right, and I



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# A day in the life of...

## ... Police Sergeant Neil Dewson-Smyth

I did smile at this column's title... As a police officer my working day covers a 24-hour period so this is more a 'night' in the life of.

My current role is Force Incident Sergeant (Sgt). I'm based in the control room at Winsford HQ and oversee incoming incidents and the deployment of resources. Tonight's shift is 10pm to 7am.

I arrive to find there is a vehicle pursuit ongoing, requiring careful management. A number of patrols are following and considering stop tactics. The helicopter is on its way. It's complicated as they have just passed out of Cheshire into a neighbouring force. We stay with it but need permission from that force to carry on. The car is eventually stung (tyre puncturing device) and brought to a stop. The driver is arrested. During this time the control room Inspector and another Sgt have been dealing with a potential firearms incident in the east of the county. The room is noisy with activity.

Meanwhile sleep-disturbed residents in Chester are reporting youths setting off fireworks in a local park. In the coming weeks we will get many similar calls. The residents want us to attend immediately and resolve this situation. However, I have a limited number of resources. I've lost three already to go and collect someone arrested in Inverness. The remainder are dealing with a person in mental health crisis believed to be wielding a knife. An ambulance crew has asked for assistance having been threatened with razor blades and security at a high value industrial premises are reporting seeing people on the grounds with torches. Tomorrow will bring complaints from those reporting the fireworks because no police came.

There are currently six missing people. This is low; it can be well into the teens. One of them is high risk and takes up considerable resources. If you didn't see 'Reported Missing' on BBC1 it is on iPlayer and shows well how we deal with missing people in Cheshire.

It's a Tuesday and normally quieter than alcohol fuelled weekends but people will still be out drinking until 4am in Warrington and Chester. Alcohol impacts on much of our work, anti-social behaviour, fights and assaults, drink drivers, domestic violence and much more.

Somebody is reported to be on a railway bridge. Patrols deploy. On the other side of the county officers are dashing to a house fire.

In the early hours there is a report of a burglary and a car stolen. Patrols are flooding the area to try to cut off any escape routes, but then a vulnerable patient wanders off from the hospital, so some resources are pulled off to search for the patient who is found quickly and taken back... the car is still outstanding.

The shift is wrapping up. The patrols have not stopped. The lesser jobs are now on the back burner for day staff to try and attend to. Patrols will try to write up and record what they have dealt with.

This wasn't a busy night; normally it is much much busier and demand outstrips resources daily. Not everything can be a priority and I have to make some tough decisions around who will and who won't see a police officer. This doesn't sit well with some people.

Tired and ready to head home I'll soon hand over to the day Sgt. My three patrols in Scotland have just arrived in Inverness after 7½ hours on the road. They have a long drive back home to come.

Sleep, eat and repeat in 15 hours. Roll on the weekend.

## News from Tilstone Fearnall

The harvest supper and quiz was a great success.

Thank you to "Harveys" for catering and Revd Tim for the quiz. On the following day the Harvest Festival was held in Tilstone Fearnall Church. The flowers looked beautiful and were arranged by Brigit Sayce, Martina Phillips, Moira Lloyd and Ruth Aidley.

Don't forget our Christingle on 2 December at 9.30am and Carol Service on 9 December at 4pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

## Down the lane - A diary from a local farmer

It's the third week of September and still beautiful summer weather. Suddenly I realize that all of the swallows have gone; what do they know, that hasn't fully dawned on me yet? There were less of them here this Spring and the same can be said of the bats; which I now see flying over the cows after insects when I fetch them in for milking on the dark mornings.

What will this summer be remembered for apart from the sun, heat and drought? The most amazing crops of mushrooms I can ever remember (manna from heaven) and a bumper crop of beautiful blackberries and amazing hay making weather.

It's been an interesting summer to run a business based on growing grass, 200 cows need a lot of food and we have been short all summer. Winter is approaching and we are short of about two months' winter feed for the cows.

A couple of weeks ago while eating supper there was a knock on the door. The guy introduced himself as Adam and explained his bike trailer had broken. He wondered if I had any tubing to help fix it. Adam explained he was a Gentleman Cyclist of the road on his way from Scotland to Bristol, where he was hoping to spend the winter. He had lived out of his bike trailer for the last five years, after his camper van was crushed for no tax, insurance or MOT. After about an hour and a half in the workshop (and a fair bit of ingenuity) the two of us got his trailer back together. It's a good job I enjoy a practical challenge! He was a charming and likable person, living at the opposite end of the spectrum to me and was last seen heading south on the A49 the day before the gale and heavy rain turned up. I did think of him camping or cycling in that wind and rain, which brought a couple of trees down and a fair few branches so another year's fire wood is assured. There is always a bright side to what nature throws at us.

## All welcome at 3rd Sunday brunch



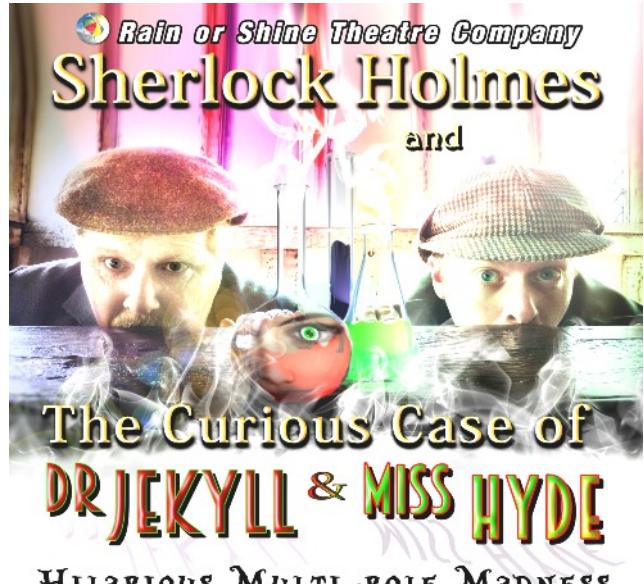
The October 3rd Sunday Brunch was a special occasion as Austin Rose was christened, the son of Dan and Caitlin who live at The Dysart Arms Bunbury. The service had a lovely atmosphere with everyone arriving for brunch first.

The third Sunday service is led by Revd Tim and is very informal with music from the Holy Bandits, drama from the youngsters and a "What's happening in the newspapers" with Tom Crotty. Each service follows a theme; very appropriately for Dan and Caitlin, the theme was hospitality. Brunch is at 10am and the service starts at 10.30am. Thanks must go to Debbie Shears and her team of helpers who organise the food.

## Parish Council pursuits

The Parish Council met on 10 October. Councillor Chris Green and eight parish councillors were present. One parishioner attended! Where are other parishioners? Come to our meeting on the second Wednesday of the month, and speak at the public forum (7.20pm) or just come along to observe. It's better than watching Coronation Street! Work on the extension of the Playing Fields car park was due to start 5 October, hopefully completed by now. Two planning applications returned to Cheshire East with no objections.

The Parish Council has completed the purchase of the land behind Tweddle Close, off Wyche Lane. Work on clearing the current scrub vegetation will begin soon, followed by tree planting.



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Wednesday 7 November	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Sunday 11 November	9.30am Remembrance 10.45am Remembrance	St Jude's St Boniface
Wednesday 14 November	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Sunday 18 November	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Worship 10.00am Third Sunday Brunch @ 10am with service at 10.30am 11.00am Morning Worship 6.00pm Evensong	St Boniface St Jude's St Boniface  Calveley St Boniface
Wednesday 21 November	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Sunday 25 November	9.30am Holy Communion 10.30am Holy Communion	St Jude's St Boniface
Wednesday 28 November	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Sunday 2 December	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Christingle 10.30am Family Worship 11.00am Holy Communion 4.00pm Christingle	St Boniface St Jude's St Boniface Calveley St Boniface

## Raising the song of harvest home



On 23 September Bunbury had a beautiful service, led by Revd Vicky, where we sang lustily and, among other things, used letters of the word HARVEST to explore what harvest means to us. This was followed by a

magnificent harvest lunch of several soups, bread, varied cheeses and salad followed by apple and blackberry crumble and cake, organised by Lucy Munro and her brilliant team. Even the napkins were in harvest colours, complimenting the flower ladies many baskets of chrysanthemums, attached to all the pillars and the plough and produce so beautifully displayed. Thank you to all those people who decorated the church and produced the harvest lunch. It was a lovely occasion.

### Tributes

Dad was born on 3 March 1933, the second child to Tom and Hannah Lloyd in the Square, Bunbury. Whilst still a small child they moved to the Coppice, School Lane. A happy childhood was spent there and Dad attended Bunbury school. Sundays were spent singing in St Boniface church choir. Dad especially enjoyed Evensong, and the hymn *The Day Though Gavest Lord Has Ended* became his favourite. On a Friday night after school, Dad rode the Burrows Butcher's delivery bike along the Whitchurch Road. He knew the customers' usual orders and where they left their money for him to collect.

Dad left school and started his apprenticeship at Brookes as a bricklayer. At 18 he did his National Service first in Carlisle (6 weeks basic training) where he passed his driving test in a small tank. He was then posted to Egypt—rather a change from Bunbury!

On returning, Dad met Mum at her home, the Crown Inn at Four Lane Ends. They married on 31 August 1959 at St Jude's Tilstone Fearnall with Frank Large (Dad's childhood friend) as best man. Their first project together (and the first in the area) was to build their own home, all whilst living in a caravan on site, with both holding down full-time jobs. This is still where we call home.

After three years along came Glyn followed by Myra. Dad loved being at home gardening. Happy summers were spent in the caravan at the sea. Latterly holidays for Mum

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## John Frederick Lloyd: 3 March 1933–30 May 2018

and Dad were Shearings Coach Tours, they went all over Europe and especially the UK. The most special was their silver wedding trip to Rome, Sorrento and the Isle of Capri. Dad spent a lot of time at Tilstone Church on the PCC, as churchwarden and helping mum who was Church Secretary for 40 years. Dad and Glyn always had a project on the go, particularly keeping the church hall in order! The photograph below depicts a very sad day: Dad and Glyn were told their blue Sherpa pick up, which they had for 18 years, could not be saved; having blown up at Four Lane Ends it was destined for the scrap yard. When they bought their new silver pick up, they said for 12 months nobody waved because no one recognised them.

Extract from an address given by Myra, John's daughter



## **John Gregory: 28 July 1932–22 September 2018**

John Gregory lived a full life expressed in few words but with many pithy observations, which he kept carefully in diaries for nearly fifty years. He always appreciated the land on which he worked, sport and good company, especially that of his wife, June, his son Robert, and grandchildren Sam and Libby.

John was born in Newport in 1932, and proved a bright student at both Ellesmere and Wrekin schools. A fine sportsman, he narrowly missed participating in the 1952 Olympics for GB in Gymnastics. He went on to enjoy playing rugby and cricket, earning the nickname "Jack the Clack" for his fearless tackling.

John and June moved to Cheshire in 1969. Life at Tiverton Hall was very varied. He was a busy dairy farmer, but also loved gardening; supplying June with many vegetables for the kitchen and making many jars of powerfully pickled onions. Retirement enabled John to enjoy following the fortunes of Newport Rugby Club and also to offer support to his son Robert as he developed his own farming career. His interest in both rugby and Robert's farming never waned. A life-altering fall in 2011 rendered John quadriplegic, however his spirits were undaunted. He received outstanding care at Pendine Park for over five years, where his team of carers became a second family to him. He continued to enjoy days out with his family and friends, even watching his grandson Sam play rugby for Cheshire.

## **Frederick Wood: 2 February 1935–5 September 2018**

Frederick Wood was passionate about history and the Cheshire countryside. He loved to tell stories, and found a rapt audience in his grandchildren, Emily and Harriet, Chloe, Oliver and Megan.

His parents Edward and Thelma sent him to boarding school, first in Chester, and then to what later became the Wild Boar. He farmed at Beeston Hall for many years and was a devoted husband to Jean. They met through Young Farmers, she was Cheshire Dairy Maid and they built a loyal, caring partnership together.

His interests were very simple, working on jobs round the farm, chatting to people and reading the local paper. Frederick also loved food especially sweet things, despite being diabetic. He loved being hospitable and especially enjoyed family Christmas meals. His enjoyment even went as far as doing all the washing up after dinner.

He and Jean loved being grandparents. They shared moments of fun as they babysat, shopping for treats, helping persuade their children Elaine, Stephen and Angela to let the grandchildren have pets. Frederick gradually grew frailer, needing the full-time support of Iddenshall Hall Care Home. It is his enthusiasm for storytelling, love of home life and his Cheshire roots that will live on.

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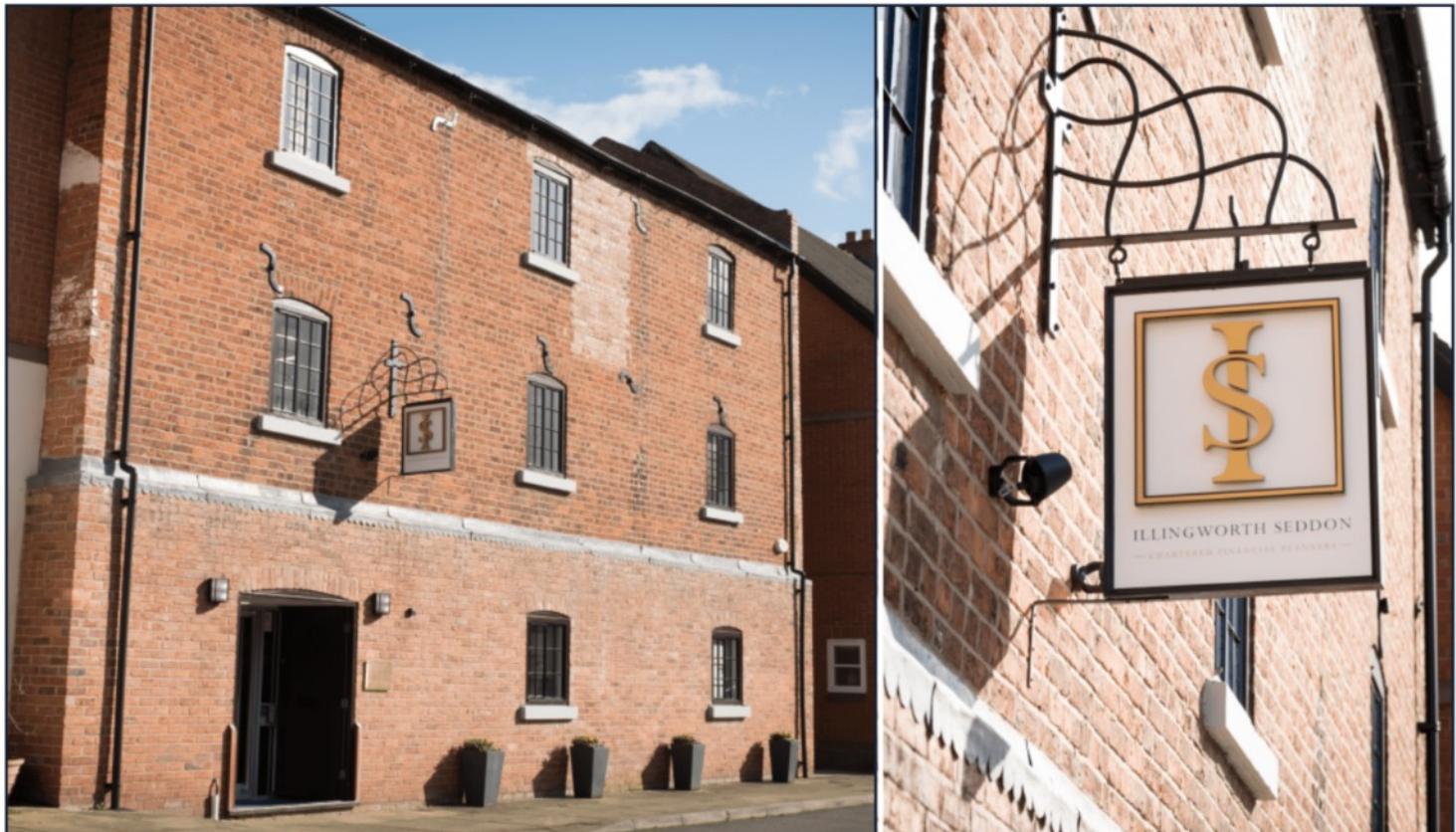
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