

## Another Gold for Beth

Britain's most successful gymnast, local girl Beth Tweddle has done it again. On October 23rd she won gold in the uneven bars at the World Gymnastics Championships in Rotterdam. She first won gold in this event in 2006 and was champion on the floor last year. Beth managed to hold her nerve despite two rival Chinese gymnasts crashing from the apparatus. Beth risked some

particularly complex moves to secure victory and the risk paid off with her routine being judged near flawless.

Victory in the Netherlands moves her a step closer to her ambition of an Olympic medal in 2012. Despite concerns that at 25 she may have already reached her peak in gymnastics, Beth says she is confident she can deliver in the London Games.



**St. Boniface celebrated harvest in traditional style. A small-dedicated team (both old and young) came to help clean up ready for the festival. The Church looked beautiful and smelt of polish, fruit and flowers. A large quantity of groceries was donated by the congregation and by the children of Bunbury School who also made a cash donation all of which went to Save the Family.**

# BONFIRE NIGHT

## Playing Fields Bunbury

Friday 5th November  
 Gates open 6.30pm  
 Bonfire lit 6.45pm  
 Fireworks 7pm  
 £3 entry (children £1, under 5s free).

It's the Young Christians Panto  
**25th-27th November**  
 (Oh no it isn't, Oh yes it is!)  
 Join all the fun of

## Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.

Tickets on sale from Burrows Butchers from Wed 10th Nov.

## Future of Calveley Church in the balance

This statement, authorised by the Calveley Committee of the PCC, has been read in Bunbury and Calveley churches on two occasions during October:

“Calveley is part of Bunbury Parish and is the responsibility of the Bunbury PCC, Vicar and Wardens. For many years it has been self-managing and self-financing. It has provided a valued addition to the range of services available in the parish.

Effectively, it is managed on a day-to-day basis by David and Sue Woodward and Karen Kirk. These three now feel, for health and personal reasons, that they must relinquish their roles. David has already done this and Karen and Sue will do so as from 31 May 2011. Calveley therefore needs a new

team in place by June 2011 to operate the church on a day-to-day basis and to coordinate local fundraising.

The purpose of this statement is to give the above information and to appeal for volunteers for the roles of Secretary, Treasurer and Verger. Anyone interested is invited to discuss the implications with the Vicar or Churchwardens of Bunbury. Anyone deciding to offer his or her services should notify the Vicar or Wardens by the end of November. The Calveley Committee of the PCC will meet early in December to consider the outcome of this appeal.

It is hoped that Calveley will continue as now, but if a new team cannot be identified, the Bunbury PCC will need to consider the options.” **24 September 2010**

## Community

The following have been baptised recently at St. Boniface: **Erin Imogen Boaz** on Sunday 26th September;

**Eleanor Mae Carnell**, (pictured below) daughter of **Jayne and Matthew** and granddaughter of **Brian and Sandra Dykes** on 10th October;



**Elsa May Blythin**, daughter of **Charles and Fiona** on 17th October;

**Harry Maximillian Riley**, son of **Graeme and Stephanie**, on 23rd October.

Congratulations to **Richard Large** (son of Mary and Frank) and **Charlotte Everson-Evans** who were married on 26th September at the Wild Boar with a blessing later from Rick. They celebrated with a reception at Church Farm where Richard was born.



We hear that **Daryl Bibby** qualifies for his bus pass on November 5th. Congratulations Daryl.

We are sad to report the death of **Sam Haycock** - see p8.

Well done to **Meg Fairweather** and **Lisa Goodfellow** who each organised a coffee morning in aid of **MacMillan Cancer Relief** in late summer. Between them they raised well over £800.

**Bunbury Garden Club** meets on 16<sup>th</sup> November for its AGM and Hot Pot Supper in the Village Hall. All welcome, bring your own wine. More details from Adrian Caine 261163.

Readers may be interested that a 3/4 bed **modern detached house**, fully converted for disabled use, is for sale on School Lane, Bunbury. For details contact **Lynda 262642**.

Welcome to **Stan**, the **Mulcahy's** new Springer puppy (pictured here), at 8 weeks old still cute enough to be forgiven everything.



**Calveley Church** is proposing to hold a Flower Festival in May next year. Anyone who would like to join us and show off their talents is very welcome. We will be holding a meeting at the Church in October, on a date to be arranged for everyone's convenience, so if you would like to help, please ring either **Jenny Brooks 01270 522214** or **Sue Woodward 01270 522822**.

The **St. Boniface nativity service** will be on the morning of 19th Dec. More details in next Link.

This month please pray especially for **Paul Rathbone, Becky Bebbington, Patrick Ryan, Jean Healey, Betty and Dennis Clauson and Mary Williamson**. We pray for all those suffering in body, mind or spirit.

The **Link** can be read online during the week before your copies are available. Look on our website **www.stbonifacebunbury.org.uk**

Please note that the deadline for the joint **December/January Link will be Friday 12th November**. The magazines will be available in church on Sunday 5th December.

### Cards for Good Causes

This multi-charity Christmas card shop is now open until November 27<sup>th</sup> at the **Tarporley Baptist and Methodist Church**. The shop, representing more than 30 different charities, is staffed by local volunteers and is open Monday to Saturday, 10 - 4.

The shop is one of a national network which last year raised over £4.5m. Our charities receive at least 75p in every £1.



**Our Vicar is Rick Gates. He is always available in times of sickness, bereavement or any distress. Contact him at The Vicarage, Vicarage Lane, Bunbury, on 01829 260991, 07715 178750 or rick@prayer.fsnet.co.uk**

#### Other church contacts:

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<b>St. Jude's</b>	Churchwardens: Brigid Sayce 260865 David Wright 260467
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# The power of music

Victor Hugo wrote, 'Music expresses that which cannot be said, and on which it is impossible to be silent'. William Congreve added, 'Music has charms to soothe the savage breast'.

The amazing power of music over human behaviour depends on its appeal to our deepest emotions. When music is linked in song to fine and moving words it appeals to both the mind and the heart.

Yet the brain clearly cannot on its own control how somebody behaves. Music is often needed to arouse the emotions which can change a person's actions. No matter how often someone is told how they should behave, nothing may change until some strong motivating force overcomes any selfishness. And I believe that's why music is so often

mentioned in the Bible. The Book of Psalms was the hymn book of the Jerusalem Temple and it calls on us to 'Sing to the Lord a new song' and to use musical instruments as part of praise.

Mary sang the 'Magnificat' ('My soul doth magnify the Lord'), and at the end of the Last Supper we're told that Jesus and his disciples didn't leave the Upper Room until 'after they had sung a hymn'. And of course hymns express gratitude, commitment and praise – virtues which the disciples would not fully appreciate at that time.

Andrew Fletcher, a Scottish politician of the seventeenth century, wrote, 'I knew a very wise man who believed that if a man were permitted to make all the ballads, he need not care who should make all the rules of the nation.' This is

sometimes quoted more concisely as, 'Let me but make the songs of the nation and I care not who makes its laws'. And I suppose this virtually encapsulates the difference between the Old Testament religion of law and the New Testament gospel of grace. Laws can tell us what we ought not to do but they can't give us the strength to do what we ought. God has given us the power of reason so that we can think out the best way to behave but emotion is needed because reason alone can't always readily stir us into loving behaviour. Yes, we all need the grace of God to empower us to do the right thing. Otherwise, as St. Paul said, 'The good that I would, I do not; and the evil that I would not, that I do.'

**Eric Wallington**

## Katie returns

Katie Mason writes on October 20th:

"I did it! I reached the summit of the world's highest freestanding mountain last Thursday. It was an amazing experience but was certainly the hardest thing I have ever done and probably will ever do. But our eight days on the mountain were put into context by a visit to a Railway Children project in Africa on our last day. We met children who had been living on the streets and heard their stories about the terrible things they had experienced. Yes our climb had been hard but we were going back to our families and comfortable homes. Thank you so much to everyone who sponsored me. You'll be pleased to hear it may be some time before I do something like this again!"

[virginmoneygiving.com/railwaychildren](http://virginmoneygiving.com/railwaychildren)



## Twenty ten, 20/10/2010



**Bunbury Guides pictured celebrating the end of their Centenary Year at a campfire held on the Playing Fields exactly one hundred years after the founding of the guide movement on 20th October 1910.**

**Don't miss this historic occasion: Inaugural meeting of the Target 1250**

### **Bunbury Pudding Club**

**December 3rd at St. Boniface.**

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# St. Judes

Our Harvest Supper was the usual success, with good food and good company. There is no doubt that the success of all St. Jude's social events, due to the support of the many friends of our church, clearly shows that the church is greatly loved by all the residents of the parish.

On the following Sunday we had our Harvest Festival service, which this year drew a much-increased congregation. While we cannot jump to conclusions, it seems St. Judes is going from strength to strength, which is very encouraging.

Somebody who has taken his first step to fame, if not fortune, is PCC member Hamilton Smith, who has been asked by Rick to take on the role of PCC Vice Chairman. He agreed with alacrity, and, having been appointed to high office, has made it known that he wishes to be addressed either as 'Your Excellency' or 'Sir'. Honestly, some people! Give them a bit of a job and they want to make a career of it!

The next meeting of the PCC will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 7pm, in St. Jude's church hall.

Our Christmas Fair will take place on 27<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm, again in the church hall. If anyone has any ideas of new ways to extract cash (painlessly of course) from our customers please get in touch.

Haute couture came to the Parish in October when Tilstone Fearnall WI held a very successful fashion show in the hall. Their next meeting is on November 25<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm, when the speaker will be Lyn Hand, speaking on 'Christmas in Chester'. Visitors and new members are always welcomed. The WI meets on the third Thursday of the month at 7.30pm.

Finally, it's the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal again this month. Please fill your boxes and leave them at the back of St Jude's or give to a member of the PCC.

**Bob Gardner**

(More about the Shoebox Appeal p 7).

**Come to the St. Judes  
Carol Service  
Sunday 12th  
December 4pm.**

## November Diary

3	10.00am	Holy Communion	St. Boniface
7	8.00am 9.30am 10.00am	Holy Communion Holy Communion Family Worship	St. Boniface St. Jude's St. Boniface
10	10.00am	Holy Communion	St. Boniface
14	9.30am 10.45am 4.30pm	Remembrance Service Remembrance Service Evensong	St. Jude's St. Boniface St. Boniface
17	10.00am	Holy Communion	St. Boniface
21	8.00am 9.30am 10.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion Holy Communion Family Worship Family Worship	St. Boniface St. Jude's St. Boniface Calveley
24	10.00am	Holy Communion	St. Boniface
28	9.30am 10.00am	Holy Communion Family Communion	St. Jude's St. Boniface
<b>Looking ahead</b>			
<b>December</b>			
1	10.00am	Holy Communion	St. Boniface
2	7.30pm	Christmas Choir Practice	St. Boniface
5	8.00am 9.30am 10.00am 11.00am 4.00pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion Family Worship Holy Communion Christingle Service	St. Boniface St. Jude's St. Boniface Calveley St. Boniface

## A decade of Dangerous Sports

This year saw the 10th anniversary of the Bunbury dangerous sports society (BDSS). It was founded in 2000 by Andy Fairclough, who it has to be said only ever came on two outings, but remains a life time member. Over the years we have covered a large area of the Lake District from our base at the Glaramara centre (picture attached).

The weekend usually follows a similar format: arrive Friday evening, have meal, drink beer, wake up Saturday, have breakfast, go for a walk in the fells, drink beer, have dinner, drink more beer, go home Sunday morning. In recent years though, cycling has crept into the proceedings. An early posse make

their way up on Friday morning and go for a cycle before arriving at Glaramara and on Sunday mornings a quick leg loosener before departure. All in all it's a great weekend, if anyone would like to join us next year please call me on 261330 - there is no joining fee.

**Andy Lawrence**



# Give us two minutes - Hazel Barrett



Hazel was born in 1969, her mother was an artist and teacher, and father a GP. She had an idyllic childhood in Bakewell, with her two younger sisters and was very much involved in the local Methodist Church. She went to a fantastic comprehensive school where music ruled! The support of the Head of Music there helped her get a place at the Royal Northern College of Music where she graduated with an Honours degree in music. She beat 80 other hopefuls to join the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra and toured Europe many times performing in concert halls from Vienna, to Prague and Salzburg. "Now as a teacher I feel I have invaluable experience to offer to budding musicians and hope to inspire them with a love of music too." She still regularly performs with orchestras across the Northwest and at the Proms. She appeared recently on Songs of Praise. "We are lucky enough to have

very understanding neighbours, as my husband is a musician too. As for our children, they are adamant they don't want to be musicians, but want to have "proper jobs" like nuclear physicist, or builder! I just hope that they will enjoy music for fun. Being a professional musician can be an unpredictable lifestyle but I wouldn't change it for the world!"

**If you had a motto, what would it be?**  
"If music be the food of love....play on, play on..." (Shakespeare).

**It's a celebrity beer call. Where is it and who do you invite?** At the Dysart of course -I would invite Handel, Bach and Beethoven and ask them what was behind the inspiration for all their marvellous music!

**What would the title of your biography be called?** "Hazel- Nutty By Name and Nutty by Nature!"

**What was your first job?** Full time member of the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra.

**Where did you meet your partner?** In the RLPO where we were both members of the orchestra- I think all those famous french horn solos won me over!

**What is your biggest regret in life?**  
Absolutely none!

**And what is your biggest success?**  
My two brilliant boys!

**If you could change something about Bunbury, what would it be?** I would put more pavements in so it is safe for people to walk next to the road and pedestrianise outside the Co-op and put speed bumps down School

Lane - it's ridiculous, so unsafe for kids to walk to their local school due to people driving too fast.

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

I achieved a Distinction at A/S Level philosophy at school and would have been an RE teacher had I not got into music college - maybe that would have been a far more sensible career- as my Dad still keeps telling me 20 years after I left home!

**What would you like to achieve most in the next 12 months?** To inspire and enthuse as many young people as possible to have a life-long love of music -if not a professional career in it!

**If you were granted one wish, what would it be?** More funding for the Arts.

**Where is your favourite place, and why?** Bunbury because it is perfect!

**Where and how would you spend your ideal weekend?** I would spend it walking with my family around the lovely Cheshire countryside-and finish up in the beer garden at the Dysart -total perfection!

## Calling cleaners and knitters

After a summer of restoration activities at St.Boniface the church was cleaned for Harvest. Now most of the dust has gone we can resume our monthly cleaning on the first Monday of the month. The more helpers we have the less time it takes, so please lend a hand. The first session will be on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 10.00am, with coffee at 11.00am.

There is no need to bring cleaning materials, we have dusters, brooms mops and buckets galore!

We have resumed our Knit and Natter group, we have been asked to knit Teddy Bears for children in third world hospitals. We also have Knitting for Africa, another well-deserved cause.

Recent turnout has been low but perhaps with the winter weather people will come along to keep warm!

Even if you don't knit we would appreciate your interesting conversation!

**Barbara Croley 260344**

### The St. Boniface Christmas Choir

Will rehearse in church on Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> Dec 7.30pm in preparation for the Carol Service on December 19<sup>th</sup>



Last year's enthusiastic conductor, Nicola Howbrigg has agreed to lead us again this year. Everyone most welcome.

### Get Christmas off to a traditional start. Please join us for the St. Boniface Christingle Service



Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm. The service will be followed by a short ceremony to turn on the Tree of Lights (see p6).

# From Ghoulies and Ghosties

...and long-legged beasts, and things that go bump in the night, Good Lord, deliver us.

This is an ancient Celtic prayer for deliverance from evil.

Halloween is not just a fun time of dressing up, of witches, pumpkins and scary spiders.

It goes way back to Pagan times, the end of the Celtic year, when the sun goes away and darkness comes.

Christians took it over as All Souls, (2<sup>nd</sup> November), when people traditionally went to the cemeteries to honour their dead relatives and say prayers for them.

Some churches today hold All Souls services for people who are newly bereaved, and for those who want to remember with love those who have gone before. (St. Boniface is holding a Service for the Bereaved at 4pm on Sunday 31st October.)

Dear Lord,

We thank you that we are all part of the Community of Saints,  
Let us remember with love those we have lost,  
Who have gone before  
And who are no longer with us,  
And take comfort that they are entrusted to your loving care for all eternity.

**Amen**

**Pat Edgley**

# Light up our tree

The Target 1250 **Tree of Lights** at St. Boniface during December has become a Bunbury tradition. Over the past three years the tree has raised well over £2,500 for the restoration of our beautiful church. This year the yew will once again be covered in 100 white lights to be enjoyed by visitors to the church and by passers-by over the Christmas period. For a minimum £5 sponsorship, you can dedicate a light on the string to commemorate a special event - a birth, a wedding, an anniversary, an achievement, - or to remember someone special.

If you wish, your name and message will be recorded in a special book in the church and there will be a short service of dedication when the lights are first switched on, after the Christingle service on November 29th. If you would like to take part, use the form here or ring Jill Robey 260081 or Lucy Munro 260487.



**I would like a light on the tree to celebrate or commemorate a special person or event: (please give details):**

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Your name: -----

Your address: -----

I would like to donate (£5 minimum) -----

Please tick if you are willing to Gift Aid your donation

Please tick box if you would like an entry in the book of dedication.

Please hand or send this form with your cheque, made payable to Bunbury PCC, to :  
Jill Robey, 1 Manor Cottage, School Lane, Bunbury, Cheshire CW6 9NR.



# Time to fill a shoe box again

Last year almost 1.2 million destitute children received gift filled shoeboxes in Africa, Eastern Europe and Central Asia. For many, a shoebox is the only present they will ever get, and one they will never forget.

This year Operation Christmas Child celebrates

its twentieth year. There is a commitment to send 15,000 shoeboxes from the UK to children affected by the earthquake in Haiti.

Please try to fill a shoebox with small gifts and toiletries for a needy child. Leaflets detailing the sorts of goods to include are available from

Bunbury School, St. Boniface or St. Judes.

Please leave filled boxes in school or church between Monday 1st and Friday 12th November or call Jane Overy for further details on 260294.



# Villagers unite to save Mill



Bunbury residents were dismayed when they heard that their watermill was to close. The mill is long established in the Village, indeed a mill has stood on that site since approximately 1290 A.D. and the latest rebuild was around 1850. Following a series of government reorganisations the Mill fell into the ownership of United Utilities in 1977. They made it part of their education division and concentrated on its' educational role.

It came as a blow when United Utilities announced that, due to a funding shortage, they would be closing their education division and with it Bunbury Mill. The Mill remains, to this day, capable of grinding flour to modern health requirements and its' setting is idyllic. A group of concerned villagers decided that it was far too good to lose and that they should do something about it. In this they were encouraged by widespread support in the Village. United Utilities themselves were reluctant to see the Mill close and they were sympathetic when they were

approached and asked if they would sell the Mill, to a local group at a nominal price.

It was soon realised that buying the Mill was not possible without a proper legal entity to do the buying. The group, therefore, set about forming a charitable trust and we are delighted to announce that we have been successful. The Charity Commission agree that we meet their strict criteria and have given us Registered Charity Status. One step but an important one.

The Trustees are now launching an appeal for support and if you think that you could help, in whatever way, please tell them.

As we go to print we hear that United Utilities have agreed to the sale so fundraising starts now.

Pictured above are trustees Michael Thomas, Tom Gilchrist, David Kendrick (Clerk), Ann Wall, Alison Black, Ernest Croley (Chairman), Peter Styles.

- **An infant school teacher**
- was walking around observing
- her classroom of children
- while they were drawing
- pictures. As she got to one girl
- who was working diligently, she
- asked what the drawing was.
- The girl replied, "I'm drawing
- God."
- The teacher paused and said,
- "But no one knows what God
- looks like."
- Without looking up from her
- drawing, the girl replied,
- "They will in a minute."
- 
- **A Sunday school teacher**
- asked the children just before
- she dismissed them to go to
- church, "And why is it
- necessary to be quiet in
- church?"
- Annie replied, "Because people
- are sleeping"



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# Bonfire night



Between the end of summer and Christmas there is very little to look forward to, what with the miserable weather and shortening days. So events like Halloween and Bonfire Night always get everyone excited and carry a great deal of expectation. Each year we attend Bunbury's Bonfire Night celebrations, looking forward to the huge blazing bonfire, sparklers, spectacular fireworks, cups of hot chocolate and of course the legendary toffee apples. Bonfire Night just wouldn't be the same without it and each November it seems a lot of Bunbury people agree, turning out to support the dedicated team of ladies

and gents who run the event year on year.

Preparation for the event starts well in advance, organised by the committee of Jane Thompson, Jeni Coley, Jeni Mulgrew, Karen Grimwood, Lindi Andrews and Amber Middlemiss.

This special event has been running for

20 years and dedicated 'bonfire men' Brian Dykes, Tony Burrows, Barry Bell and Ken Rodgers manage to create an impressive - and safe - blaze each year.

The reason that so many people give up their time to organise this event is not only to bring together the village community but also to raise essential funds to keep the pavilion, playing fields and play area ship shape. Each year Bonfire Night raises an astonishing £1,000, which goes towards the upkeep and insurance of the pavilion, playground and sports fields - facilities which are used by so many groups, from footballers on Saturdays to the Brownies and Guides and Explorers,

and partygoers enjoying celebrations in the pavilion.

This village event allows friends to get together and your entrance fees helps look after the facility. So actually when we pay our entrance fee and for the necessary hot drinks and snacks, we are giving back to ourselves, and that's why the committee reunites each year to throw another fabulous night; with youngsters running around and parents huddling together catching up on local chatter. Where would we be without a good old Guy Fawkes roasting and a hot cup of cocoa? Remember, remember the 5th of November! The fun starts at 6.30pm, so buy some sparklers, wrap up warm and come along!

**Rachel Thompson**



# Memories of Sam Haycock

We are sad to report the death in September of well-known local character Sam Haycock who, with his wife Brenda was responsible for sweeping so many of our chimneys.

In fact the couple had been sweeping chimneys for over 20 years. It was initially Brenda was the chimney sweep with Sam helping out at the weekends. But after a serious illness Sam decided to leave his building work and join her full time. Together they swept all kinds of chimneys from the Grosvenor, Cholmondeley and Bolesworth estates, to ordinary family houses in our villages.

One part of the job that Sam particularly enjoyed was to be a mascot at local weddings, decked out in his colourful outfit as a traditional chimney sweep - and of course he got to kiss the bride.

Brenda would like to thank all who sent cards and messages of support. Martin their son-in-law will continue the business.



# A few more dates for your diary

Friday 12th November: **Tarporley High School Family Quiz Night** at the school. Tickets £5/£2 including Ploughman's supper. Bar. Start 7pm prompt. Childrens teams very welcome.

Friday 26th November: **Bunbury School Christmas Fair** (evening - food and bar available).

Saturday 27th November: **Tarporley High School Christmas Market 2-4pm**. Stall holders welcome to apply for trading space - phone Lucy Munro 260487.

Friday 3rd December: **Target 1250 Pudding Night** at St. Boniface - see p3.

May 28th 2011: **Tarporley High School's Budget Ball** - 3 course dinner and dancing for only £20 a head.



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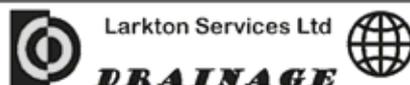
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