

Good news for Sadlers Wells Wood

It was announced in mid-June that the Heritage Lottery Fund has offered the Sadlers Wells Wood trustees a grant to acquire the last remaining area of semi-natural woodland in Bunbury and to extend and restore it to its original boundary.

The grant will enable the woodland to be improved and protected and ensure its use as an accessible amenity for local inhabitants and as an educational resource for heritage and wildlife conservation.

Sadlers Wells Wood covers approximately 3.25 acres between the top of Sadlers Wells and the A49. It was already an established wood at the time of the Domesday survey and it is shown on the earliest maps of Cheshire. It has become a much appreciated, if unofficial, local amenity. With no commercial use, the wood fell into a poor condition that the owners considered could only be economically rectified by clear felling. Once felled, it would have been impossible to recreate the ancient woodland.

The only way to secure the future of the wood was to take it into environmental management. The Trust was formed to do this. The present scheme provides not only for the purchase of the present wood, but also for the purchase and planting of an additional 2 acres. This will increase the area for public enjoyment; restore one of the wood's historic boundaries and

will make the wood more viable. Planting will be of native trees, including oak, ash, small leaved lime, wild cherry, field maple and crab apple.

The grant offer from the Heritage Lottery Fund is for £17,400. This represents the largest proportion of the amount raised so far and allows our plans to go forward. The balance of funding will come from private and public donations. Donations from corporate bodies include:- Cheshire County Council; Crewe and Nantwich Borough Council; Cheshire Community Council; The Bunbury Society; The Sandstone Ridge EConet Partnership.

Our first job will be to carry out remedial and construction work to make the wood suitable for public access. There will then be a detailed survey of the wood carried out by qualified botanists and arboriculturists. Their report will be the basis for our ambitious education and training programme. This will be aimed at all age groups and will raise the profile of the wood as well as increasing understanding and enjoyment of it. Cheshire County Councillor Steve Wilkinson writes "The commitment of the local community in Bunbury has ensured a lasting legacy that will benefit people and wildlife for many years to come."

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The sun shines for pirates and petticoats



The ladies above enjoyed a seat in the shade as they waited for the Village Day parade to pass. Emma aged 4 (right) made a great pirate and Sue Stratton smiled as she drove the retiring Rose Queen and her party. More pictures inside.



Rick

Rick completed his course of chemotherapy in early June. Unfortunately there are still concerns after a recent scan showed a further shadow. Rick and Lin will not know any more definite news until August. We continue to keep them in our prayers during this difficult and uncertain time.

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New date! Church Holiday Club 15th-19th August

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Making hay while the sun shines



'Making hay while the sun shines' is easier said than done. The farmer needs at least two consecutive days of dry weather. He can either

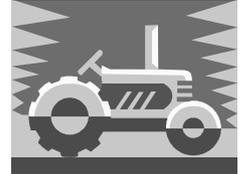
listen to the weather forecast or use his senses by watching his cows to make sure they are not all lying down! It usually turns out to be a race against the elements. To speed up the drying process, the farmer turns the grass to expose the maximum area to the air and sunlight. June is thought to be the ideal month for making hay before the grass turns to seed. It also has greater nutritional value the earlier the better. However, the weather isn't usually favourable and it sometimes has to wait until late July.

When the time is right, the tractor can be heard going rhythmically round the field, its cutters slicing through the silky

swaths that look much thicker lying on the ground than when the grass was standing. There are a lot less herbs in the meadows these days but there is likely still to be chickweed and trefoil. With any luck no poisonous ragwort gets into the hay: it can be avoided by grazing animals when growing but cannot be detected in the hay once dried. The grass is then turned and tossed and left fluffed up in rows to await the arrival of the baler. This giant monster has an insatiable appetite and will gobble up the dried grass and eject it in the form of slab-shaped bales. These can be seen leaving the iron predator and bumping along the tail ramp to topple out regularly one after another. The air is filled with a strong fragrance which makes hay fever sufferer's life a misery. As the shadows lengthen, the field is dotted with

hundreds of oblong packages which are propped up to air, one against another, ready to be collected the next day and stored away in the barn to be used for winter fodder. But in my mind's eye I can visualize the olden days when the whole family worked in the fields with pitchforks and horse and cart.

Liz Jones



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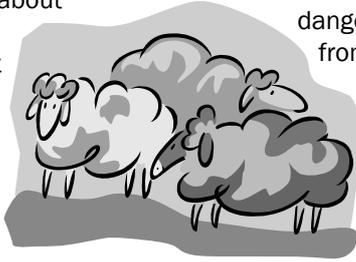
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Is the Lord our shepherd?

I'm sure there can't be many who haven't at some stage sung the famous Psalm 23 in one of its guises but we may not have reflected on what lies behind this image as Christ as our shepherd.

To really understand it, we need to know a bit about sheep and, indeed, shepherding in biblical times. What's your image of a shepherd? Most people recall the experience of watching sheepdog trials on television or at a Country Fair. The shepherd communicating with his well-trained dog through whistles and calls. The dog carefully manoeuvring the sheep into a small pen. With the large flocks of sheep that we have in this country, a shepherd might use 2 or 3 dogs and ride around the hillside on a motorbike.

Well forget that image. Our biblical shepherd has no dog and certainly no motorbike. Instead of pushing the sheep on



ahead of him, he walks out in front and the sheep follow. His life is this small flock. He knows each one of them and they know him. They recognise the sound of his voice, they come when he calls. They know that their shepherd will not only feed and water them; he will protect them from all sorts of dangers. He'll protect them from wolves and foxes or from thieves and robbers who will try to lead them astray and then kill them. His commitment to his flock is so great, that he will put himself in mortal danger to save them.

This is the image that Jesus gave us when he talked about Himself as the shepherd. If we follow Christ and respond to His call, then He will be there for us. His love for us is so immense, that no sacrifice is too great. He gave His life on the cross to save His sheep. Isn't that a shepherd worth following?

Tom Crotty

The Great Commandment

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind....and your neighbour as yourself"(St. Matthew 22, 37 and 39)

In its simplest form, loving God means putting Him first in our lives, not just some of the time, and offering up to Him all that we say and do.

But if we put God first – even all of the time – merely out of a sense of duty to our Creator, we've missed the point! God is not impassive and unfeeling. He is love and He asks not only for obedience but also for our love.

Jesus didn't come to earth because God saw it as His duty, but from sheer love: love in doing His Father's will and love for those He came to care for and to save from the power of sin.

And God works on the premise that if we love Him truly, love for our neighbour will follow. Unconditional love for our Heavenly Father and love for our fellow men and women go hand in hand and, of course, it is as we relate with Christian love to our neighbours that we are enabled to reveal God's love to them.

Eric Wallington

The Link goes global



We distribute over 1200 copies of the Parish Link each month, locally and by mail to friends of our parishes, but did you know that in fact our parish magazine is read across the world? The Link has been available on the St Boniface website since January 1999,

with the full version available since April 2004, when publication was computerised. The statistics generated by our website make interesting reading.

Incredibly, our website is visited on average more than 100 times a day from more than 40 countries a month and we have had hits from all continents except Antarctica. The hits come from an amazing variety of countries – from Papua New Guinea to the Vatican - and we are regularly visited from Syria, Croatia, Lithuania, Trinidad and Tobago, Mauritius, Zimbabwe, Russia, Japan and the US. Perhaps not surprisingly, given the growing interest in genealogy, we get lots of hits from Australia, Canada, Holland and France and America. But we have even been visited by the US Government and, slightly intriguingly, the US Military! Older editions also continue to be accessed: an article on alcohol in the Feb 2002 edition has been accessed a surprising 244 times in the last 3 months.

The Link is increasingly being downloaded as well as read online: the April 2005 edition has been downloaded a staggering 773 times so far, which means total circulation for that month was over 2000, 40% of which was outside our parishes (assuming of course that all our local readers don't also download an electronic copy!).

Most pleasingly of all, we hear of more and more old friends and former neighbours keeping up with all our church and village news via the web – as Sarah Chatwin said in her letter from the Philippines in last month's issue, the internet is a wonderful thing! So why not visit

www.stbonifacebunbury.org

(Many thanks to Peter Crump for researching this information.)

Every address in Bunbury, Calveley, Haughton, Spurstow, Peckforton and Alpraham should receive a copy of the Link every month. If you know of anyone who is currently missed out, please let us know. And if you can pass an extra copy on, we are happy to supply it.

Johnny looks back over his first year with us

Well, it's been over a year now since I started as Parish Youth Worker. I have enjoyed getting to know the teenagers of the village and can now recognise well over 100 by name. They are full of ideas about our community as well as questions on life and faith.

Last winter's Drop-in Programme gave young people a warm place to relax and chat in the evening. They helped build Santa's Grotto at Bunbury School Christmas fair and I have been impressed at how many of these young people are willing to engage with others even if some have mistaken ideas about them.

This year we have really seen the Kingdom Kids team develop and more and more children are engaging with Biblical themes each Sunday.

I certainly enjoyed assisting setting up the new Explorers unit. The team there has done a great job as the growing numbers show.

The pupils at Bunbury School still seem to enjoy my weekly assemblies. We had a wonderful time over Easter as a team from the church joined in drama and banner-making to celebrate Holy Week.

My clubs at Tarporley High School have been attended by a surprising number of young people and have developed a committed core. Some of those in the Forum Theatre Club even shared their own work with the youth at this year's Quinta (the annual diocesan youth camp) in Oswestry.

A number of those confirmed last winter wanted to continue meeting up even though their confirmation classes had ended. Now the new batch of confirmation candidates has joined them to share in the discussion about their faith.

A great big thank-you again to everyone who has helped run these sessions: led sessions, provided food and resources, prayed and listened. It's all been very much appreciated.

Looking forward a new Youth Committee chaired by Sarah Tomlins and Alex Sanders is planning lots of new developments. We want to encourage all those already working well with children and young people in the church, and encourage others to join us in new projects including an older YCs group beginning in September and the launch of our new youth website.

My thrust will be to see more and more young people given the opportunity of an active role in our community. I have been impressed by the concern young people have for this village and their desire to make new things happen. Take a look at the plans for August and see how you can join in.

AugustAction 2005

For the children we have our annual Holiday Club. Join us as we prepare for an expedition through the jungle and across the African plains with songs, drama, games and crafts.

In contrast, we also visit the frozen lands of 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' as the theme of this year's summer theatre school.

For teenagers the Action Station will be offering all sorts of activities including drama, arts, sports, water-fights, films. However, this is also the chance to get involved in helping out and learning some skills whilst you have some laughs. This will all culminate in a presentation at Beeston Castle Fête. Look out for the form called "Join the Task Force" and get it back to me as soon as possible. **More info on page 11.**

Johnny

Bunbury School takes gold

This is a busy half-term, with lots to squeeze in before the end of the school year: from Village Day, to Sports Days and from the School Barbeque to the Leavers' evening (with perhaps a little bit of work in between!).

Some of the younger children at the school have been excited to see a digger at work outside their classroom window: by September, Key Stage One (infants) will have a brand new 'wet room' and specially-designed outdoor play area leading from existing classrooms. The new room will be a boon for messy activities involving water, sand, compost and plants, and the play area will be separated from the rest of the playground for the school's youngest members.

In mid June, head teacher Alison Phillips was delighted to announce that Bunbury School had been awarded a coveted gold-standard 'Artsmark' for the high standard and wide range of arts provision - ranging from art to drama and mime, music and creative writing - in the school. Mrs Phillips and Mrs Chatfield, accompanied by two pupils, will be presented with the Artsmark plaque at a ceremony in Manchester in early July (we hope for a photograph next month!).

Pupils from the school were also featured in the summer edition of the 'Children Challenging Industry' newsletter.

Peter Crump, who organised the School's involvement in the project, said, "It is important that children are shown the relevance of science to our everyday lives."

On June 18th the school took part in Bunbury Village Day, with a float decorated as a giant treasure chest to fit the general theme of 'Pirates and Petticoats'. Thanks as usual to the members of the PTA who decorated the float (some of whom are pictured below), and particularly to chair Debs Gillett for her organisation. Also pictured, right, is Richard Cannon who has turned out come rain or shine for the past eleven years to help build the float even though his children left the school several years ago. Thanks Richard!



Save the family

We have mentioned Save the Family in a couple of Parish Links. Here, Barbara Croley tells us more about this very worthwhile organisation.

Save the Family was founded by Edna Speed in 1976. She was a teacher in Chester, and was concerned by the number of children who were sent to school without having had breakfast and who were then expected to do as well as children who came from better-organised homes. She was appointed head at Hilary Howarth Nursery School and set about building bridges to help these children and their families.

With the help of Michael Baughen, then Bishop of Chester, the Chester Lions and the Hilary Howarth Trust, the charity started by organising holiday outings for deprived children and their mothers, but Edna soon discovered a greater problem within the community—that of homeless families.

In 1985, Save the Family was able to lease Plas Bellin Hall, from British Coal, and it became the centre for all their activities aimed at helping disadvantaged children and their families. A press-release from Save the Family lists the types of help they offer: providing for children excluded from school or awaiting a place at a new school; toddler groups; school holiday activities; basic skills for parents in budgeting, cooking, home-making and gardening to grow their own produce - the list goes on. Many of you will know about the help the charity provides those fleeing domestic violence at any hour of the day or night.

On a personal note, the last time the STF van came to St Boniface to collect donations, the driver Nick had a young man with him. He had clothes that I recognised and he was telling me how much he appreciated people who helped. He had been in care at Plas Bellin for some time and now had his own unit which had been furnished with donated curtains and bedding. He was truly grateful, and it was good to see that our giving was helping in a small way to set someone on the right road.

The charity is extremely lucky in its dedicated staff, and with Edna continuing as Chairperson, and the Duchess of Westminster as much-valued Patron, Save the Family goes from strength to strength. As well as Plas Bellin, Edna also has under her wing Sunrays, a centre for homeless young girls which aims to help them become good mothers.

We all have many 'down' days in our lives, but few of us have had to contend with some of the problems that Save the Family helps to address: no bed, no food, no clothes, no love, no one to care.

I hope this gives you an insight into the work of STF. It costs £600 every day to run their work and they are always grateful for donations of goods - clothes, toys, furniture, and furnishings, toiletries - or cash.

The STF website gives photos and more details of their vital work:

www.savethefamily.uk.com

Barbara Croley

Beeston Fête

Plans for this year's Fête are well in hand and we look forward to another successful year. The Fête has been a valuable source of finance to St. Boniface for over 150 years and in recent times we have helped fund our youth worker, Johnny Gillett, the new Ridgway Window, the electrification of the Church tower clock and the extension to the new graveyard.

The Fête cannot continue without the continued support of the local community. On the day we need over fifty volunteers to assist with the manning of the stalls and attractions. Many who have volunteered in the past

have enjoyed the experience. But we always need new blood so please contact us if you would like to be involved. Give us an hour or a full day, all offers of help are welcome!

This year we especially need help with the car park. For the past three years this has been run by Rick who in his unique way has ensured that the traffic ran smoothly all day whilst also selling draw tickets!

Everyone can help by attending the Fête, please come along for a wonderful August Bank Holiday Monday.

If you can help please contact the churchwardens, Margaret Ellis (261898) or me (733975). We look forward to having you on board.

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Bootleg Abba

Do you recognise any of these bizarre characters getting into the spirit of the Extrabaganza held in May in Bunbury?

Thanks to Liz Snell and her friends for organising the event which we gather raised over £5,000 for young people's activities in the village.

A memorable evening? Well maybe not for Dave Murton who woke up with very stiff legs but for some reason couldn't remember why. Wife Mandy explained that after a few more drinks than usual he was first on the dance floor for the "rowing song" and stayed all the way through. "Normally he would give up early on!"



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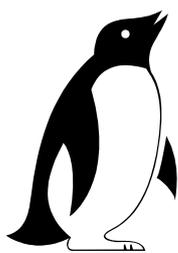
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From Stanley to Bunbury



Before moving to Bunbury last year, Nick and Alex Sanders and their daughters lived for three years in the Falklands Islands.

"We're going where?" the girls said

incredulously. "The Falkland Islands? Is that Scotland?"

They, and I, were appalled to think we were actually going to live in the South Atlantic, within flying distance of Antarctica and off the coast of South America. Photos that Nick pulled out, taken in 1982, failed to reassure us. Rows of little white houses with red and green roofs, huddled under grey skies with the detritus of war around them, had little appeal. The final blow for the teenage girls was to learn that there are no mobile phones in the Falklands, and no clothes shops either. We never guessed that we were about to enjoy the best three years of our lives.

The Falklands Islands, all 700+ of them, sit some 300 miles from the nearest land. They are not naturally beautiful – someone once described the outlook as "magnificent views of bugged all" – but the huge spaces, the fantastic wildlife and the complete lack of crowds and pollution under clear blue skies have a charm of their own. The Islands are populated by about 3,000 people, half a million sheep and a million penguins. Two-thirds of the population live in Stanley, the capital; the remainder are scattered through the rest of the Islands, known as "Camp" (from the Spanish *campo*, or countryside), or with the military at the garrison, which is about an hour's rough driving away from Stanley.

Life in Stanley was in some respects very like life in an English village. We met the same people at school, at church, in the shops, in the hospital and in the pubs. Nick, who was the Senior Magistrate, also met lots of them in Court! Because this village is also a country, it has lots of resources not found in your average village, including a junior and a senior school, a sports centre with swimming pool, a bank, a police force of 20 officers, a hospital including Intensive Care Unit, a bank, a Bomb Disposal unit, a fire

brigade, an airport and air service, a taxi firm, an elected Government, a power station and a Cathedral.

But all these facilities are delivered "Falklands Style". This means that the hospital, which has 32 beds, had a special Land Rover ambulance outside, for rescuing patients from "boggy" areas of Camp with no proper roads to them; the swimming pool is heated directly from the power station, with very indifferent results; the airport only offers domestic flights (flights out of the Islands are provided at the military garrison); the bank does all its transactions manually (no debit cards or ATMs here) and with no security needed as everyone knows everyone else, and the Cathedral is considerably smaller than St Boniface Church.

Life is much simpler than here in the UK. There is only one TV channel, provided by the military, which has no advertising on it. There is only one junior and one senior school, so everyone attends it. (There were 9 children in my younger daughter's class, and she was the only one who was not related to any of the others.) Everyone lives within walking distance of everyone else, and there are never any queues anywhere. Shopping is simple – either the shops have what you require or they don't. Most goods are shipped down from UK, and the supply is sometimes erratic. The Islands ran out of things occasionally – e.g. rubber gloves, eggs, icing sugar, bacon – but everyone manages. We also developed an increasing tolerance of expired "use-by dates", which are rarely observed in the Islands.

We had some wonderful experiences there – our girls both learned to drive Land Rovers out in Camp where there are no age restrictions on driving, and we all became proficient at driving through bogs, streams and off-road across rough prairies. We stayed in remote shepherds' houses, 70 miles away from the nearest people, where we had to prime the generator to pump water into the house, and learned to cook on peat stoves.

Nick flew down to Antarctica in winter, where it took them 10 days to clear the snow off the runway before the plane could be sent. We celebrated the Queen's Golden Jubilee with a flypast of RAF Tornado fighter jets, and free food and drinks provided for all the population by the Government. We saw dolphins leaping around our boat in bright sunshine in Stanley Harbour, and again as we crossed from East to West Falkland. We flew in the little Islander aircraft between islands, on one occasion accompanied by a sick dog on its way to see the vet in Stanley. We drove miles along white sandy beaches, careful to dodge the penguins, and picnicked on rocks watching the sea lions and their pups on the beach below whilst the killer whales cruised offshore waiting for a returning snack.

We could write for hours about our experiences, but in summary feel very privileged to have been part of a very special community on the edge of the world.

Alex Sanders

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The Midnight Walk in aid of St.Luke's Hospice was a spectacular fundraising success as well as a memorable evening for all who took part. It was very well organised, all 550 or so walkers wearing the regulation bright yellow T shirt. To continue the yellow theme, Jane Thompson's sporting husband Kevin dressed up as a chicken at the start and let off a hundred or more yellow balloons. Unsuspecting late drinkers from the pubs of Crewe and Nantwich were seen gazing in disbelief at the endless line of yellow T-shirted ladies. Jane writes, "The Midnight Walk was amazing. We raised well in excess of £70,000 if all the sponsor money is collected. The Bunbury/Haughton/Spurstow/Beeston ladies numbered 21 and raised in excess of £4,000 I was there to welcome as many as possible in and some of them did it in exceptionally quick times with about 10 of them coming in well under 4 hours".

It was a truly surreal experience to be walking through Crewe in the small hours on such a hot evening and surprising how many drinkers and clubbers were in no hurry to go home. The walk finished on the lawns of Reaseheath College with the sun rising and some game volunteers serving barbequed bacon baps as the bunnies frolicked in the dawn and Lindy Andrew cracked open a bottle of champagne.

Jill Robey

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Michael awarded Crewe Alex honour

Congratulations to Michael Noonan, Year 5 pupil at Bunbury School, who has won Player of the Season 2004-05 at the Crewe Alex Soccer Centre, Under 10's Division 1. He was chosen by the managers of the other participating teams. Michael plays for B&A Barracudas, a team made up of local players, managed by Alistair Martin. The same award was won last year by another Bunbury boy, Frank Farrington: it must be something in the water!



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Village Day



Bunbury Village Day 2005 on June 18th was a great success helped by the sunshine which brought out enthusiastic crowds. There were fewer floats than usual but all the entries showed great imagination on the theme of "Pirates and Petticoats". Thanks as ever to the hard-working organisers who are already looking for helpers to start planning next year's event. They fear that without more willing volunteers this popular village event will fold.

Our photographs show, clockwise from top left: Rose Queens Bethany (2005) and Anna (2004); an Earlybird with his Dad; Jessie and her pirate pony; Mike Thomas in full cry; Rose Queen attendant Imogen; Lucie-Ann's Dad drives the Rose Queen float; bloodthirsty pirates Thomas, Alex and Ben; a thorn between two roses? Our very own Johnny Gillett helps Joan and Ann judge the floats; and cubs Tom, Jacob and Ralph had fun dressing in (their sisters'?) petticoats.



1943: Local boy writes home from a German Prison Camp

Following our recent articles remembering World War II Freda Cheers was kind enough to let us have sight of this letter originally published in the Nantwich and Burland Methodist Magazine. It was written by Flight-Sergeant Fred W. Burrows, who was taken prisoner after being brought down over Italy, to his parents, Mr and Mrs Burrows of Bunbury, who at the time had 5 sons serving in the armed forces - Frank, Fred, Tom, George and Roy.

Stalag Luft III, May 8th 1943

"My dear parents,

I do not need to search the recesses of my memory to conjure a mental picture of life at home. Each time I close my eyes, a vision of the serene order of events in the village, with home and you in the centre, makes me yearn to return. It would be wonderful to take a walk on a summer evening through the fields towards the hills. I can imagine standing on Beeston Crag and looking over the vista of cultured land verdant with the green of the pastures and golden where the

setting sun caresses a field of corn. There is a murmur of wind in the trees; the birds call to each other as they fly lazily homewards and the last rays of a sinking orange ball cloak the valley in mystic purple shadows. Twilight falls, and with it a breeze nips through the meadow grass, whispering a song of perfect peace in a country where men may freely think and freely live. The dream fades, and I look around - the wire enclosure, no green grass, no beauty of nature and my heart cries, "How long, O Lord, how long?"

Forgive me if I have bored you with idle dreams, but there is so little to tell you, with the exception that I am healthy in body and mind, that I am pleased that everyone is well and business worries nil. I am longing to see you all again but until the day comes I must be content, and ask you to keep smiling too.

Your loving son

Fred".

News from Calveley

Friends of Calveley Church invite you to 3 open gardens in Alraham Green on Sunday 31st July from 2-5.30pm: Alraham Hall (Mr and Mrs E. Johnson), Elm Tree Cottage (Mr and Mrs G. Basnett) and Four Crofts (Mr and Mrs D. Maddock). £4.50 including tea, Pimms and cakes. Admission by programme only. Contact Sue Woodward at Calveley Church, Yvonne Wood 01270 528442 or Mrs S. Maddock 01829 262476.

Calveley School will be holding their Summer Fayre on the 9th July. As well as a fun community and school event we will be raising funds for a much needed school car park, which we hope to build over the summer holidays. This year our Fayre will include local craft business stalls, pupils' colour themed

stalls, food, and a range of activities including a balloon race and in addition we will be holding our "Grand Prize Draw" for which the main prizes are a holiday to Centre Parcs, a round of golf for two at Portal, Tarporley, and a Paintballing day for 10, kindly donated by "National Paintball Games".

On the 10th July all are welcome to come and join us on our "Sponsored Bike Ride" at Oulton Park. There will be a BBQ picnic for all participants and we hope those not able to participate will sponsor the local children pedal power. All those taking part over the past few years have thoroughly enjoyed a fun packed family event. For more details contact Debbie at Calveley School on 01270 528624.

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Community news

The baptism of two cousins took place at St.Boniface on June 19th: **Jessica**, daughter of **Jason and Linda Williams** of Winsford, and **John**, son of **Tim and Anna Galley** of Holbeach St Johns, Spalding. Tim and Linda brother and sister and were brought up locally.

On Thursday 23rd June **Cathy Dewson-Smyth** and **Sarah Tomlins**, adult members of our congregation, were also baptised at St.Boniface.

Congratulations to **Diana Caldwell** who hits 40 this month, and to **Dave Cadman** and his old neighbour **Jacque French** who are both celebrating their 50th birthdays, and a belated happy birthday to **Derek Burrows** whose 50th we missed earlier in the year.

Congratulations to **Christopher (Kip) Capes** from Bunbury on his marriage to **Samantha (Sam) Adams** in Eccleston on Saturday 11th June. A candle was lit in memory of Kip's late mother **Kay**, who died in 2000 and whom many of our readers will remember.

Our sympathies to the family and friends of **Marjorie Coates**, of Darkie Meadow, who died on 21st May. Marjorie was a teacher and encouraged many of her pupils with their music and she was also a keen gardener and enthusiastic member of the Gardening Club.

As we went to print on 21st June we heard of the sad death at 92 of **Miss Phyllis Churton**, long time worshipper at St.Boniface Church who lived in Bunbury and then Spurstow, until recently when she moved to

Prospect House in Malpas. We hope to say more about this well-known village personality next month.

General notices

Vanessa Greenbury is looking for extra help at Brownie meetings on Wednesdays, 5.30 - 6.45pm. Teenagers who volunteer can put their service towards their Duke of Edinburgh award. Please contact Vanessa on 260715.

Despite a disappointing turnout on Friday 17th June for **T@3**, a fundraising event for St.Lukes Hospice, **Barbara Croley** raised over £140.

Church notices

The annual **Baptismal lunch** takes place on 3rd July at St.Boniface. Please remember that the morning service is at the later time of 11.00am.

Next month's Link will be published on the weekend of 23rd/24th July and will be a double issue covering August and September. Contributions (especially dates for September and looking ahead for October if you can bear to think that far ahead) should be with us by mid-July please. We already have another of Bob Harris's illustrated walks as well as two quizzes to look forward to

A record total was collected for **Christian Aid** from the door to door collections during Christian Aid Week this year: £1055.22. An additional donation was made by St.Boniface PCC to bring the total to £1500. Organiser **Joyce Buxton** has asked us to pass on her thanks to all those who collected and contributed.

Please continue to pray for **Rick, Peter Overy, Benjamin Thomas**, and particularly for **Camilla Broster** and her family. We gather that **Hanni Latham** and **Betty Clauson** are both making a good recovery.

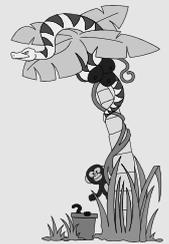
Young people's activities in August

8th-14th

Action Station for 12-18s

15th-19th

St.Boniface Holiday Club, Kingdom of the Sun, with a jungle theme, for 5-11s - Registration Nicola Elsegood 260507 (possibly with a parent and toddlers programme).



22nd-26th

Drama in Narnia. For 8-11s
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29th

Presentation of activities Beeston Castle Fête

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July

2		Bunbury School Barbeque	
3	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Boniface
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Jude
	11.00am*	Family Worship	St Boniface
	11.00am	Matins	Calveley
6	10.00am	Holy Communion	St Boniface
9		Summer Fayre	Calveley School
10	9.30am	Morning Service with church parade	St Jude
	10.00am	Family Communion	St Boniface
	6.30pm	Evensong	St Boniface
		Sponsored Bike Ride	Oulton Park
13	10.00am	Holy Communion	St Boniface
16	4.30pm	Open Music Rehearsal The Bunbury Ball	Cricket Ground
17	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Boniface
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Jude
	10.00am	Family Worship	St Boniface
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Calveley
20	10.00am	Holy Communion	St Boniface
23		August-September Link publication	
24	9.30am	Morning Service	St Jude
	11.00am*	Cricket Service	Cricket Ground*
		Cricket match: Church -vs- Cricket Club	
27	10.00am	Holy Communion	St Boniface
31	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Jude
	10.00am	Family Communion	St Boniface
		Open Gardens	Alraham Green

August

3	10.00am	Holy Communion	St Boniface
7	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Boniface
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Jude
	10.00am	Family Worship	St Boniface
	11.00am	Matins	Calveley

Looking ahead

August

15th - 19th	Summer Holiday Club	St.Boniface
27th	Bunbury Garden Show	Village Hall
29th	Beeston Castle Fete	

Link is edited by Lucy Munro (tel. 260487) and Jill Robey (tel. 260081). We welcome all your comments and contributions. Our deadline for the August and September edition is Friday 15th July. Please send material to lucymunro@hotmail.com, or to Heath Cottage, School Lane, Bunbury.

While your vicar, Rick Gates, is ill please ring Peter or Kath Collinge on 260077 in times of sickness, bereavement or any distress. They are co-ordinating a group of people who will be pleased to respond to your call.

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