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For the parishes of Bunbury & Tilstone Fearnall



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It would not be much of a universe if it wasn't home to people you love
Stephen Hawking



All ages flock to Third Sunday Brunch launch

Music, drama, interviews, videos and news reviews - all accompanied with bacon rolls hot off Tilly's grill, croissants, tea and coffee - delighted all who came to the first of the new Third Sunday Brunch services. More photos on p.8

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Community news

James Hickie sent us this lovely photo of his mother, **Irene Hickie** (seated) enjoying tea and 100th birthday cake with Wednesday Club friends Marion Hallett, Nancy Davies and Mavis Probyn (l-r). Irene wished to thank her many friends in Bunbury for her birthday cards. Sadly she passed away on 11 March after 45 happy years living in Bunbury.



We welcome **Esme Mary Lovett Pearson**, daughter of **Thomas** and **Sarah**, baptised at St Boniface on 18 February. Her baptism was the penultimate entry in our parish baptismal register which goes back to 1953 when the then vicar Cecil Ridgway christened his daughter.

We were delighted that so many came to enjoy the new Third Sunday brunch service (see p.8). The second **Third Sunday Brunch** will start at 10am on Sunday 15 April. Come and enjoy bacon baps or croissants in church, café style with a variety of discussion, music and drama – a service for all ages with a difference.

The **St Patrick's Day Irish Night**, held in St Boniface, provisionally raised £1545 for church funds. Many thanks to the Fete Committee for all their work organising it. A great evening was had by all.

Jo Lester was presented with a **Girl Guiding 20 years long service award** for services to

Bunbury Guiding (Brownies and Guides) and Cheshire Forest, at a recent Guide Presentation Evening.



On Saturday 7 April, at 10.45am there will be a **Centennial Memorial Service** in memory of **Private CE Griffiths 10th**

Shropshire and Cheshire Yeomanry Bn., King's Shropshire Light Infantry, killed in action on Sunday 10 March 1918, remembered with honour, mirroring the service held in our church a hundred years ago. All welcome.

GraveTalk will now be on Saturday 12 May from 10am to 12 noon, at the Village Hall, and has been rescheduled because of flood damage to the Village Hall.

There will be a **Confirmation Service** on Sunday 29 April at 6:30pm with Bishop Libby Lane. Those interested in being confirmed please speak to Tim. Email: revtimhayward@gmail.com Phone: 01829 261511

Bunbury Church Fête will be on **Monday 7 May** at Beeston Castle. If you have books for the book stall, please leave them in church or deliver to Jane Overy at Lower Hall, 01829 260294. Thanks.

Calveley Church Fayre, an amazing event not to be missed, will be on **Saturday 16 June** 10.30am to 1pm.

On 12 April, **Bunbury WI** will have a talk by Jane Radbourne on 'Trekking in Nepal and my travels to the Gambia'.

The next meeting of **Bunbury Gardening Club** will be a Talk on 'Herbs for Health and Wellbeing' by Barbara Wilkinson on Tuesday April 18 at 8pm in the Village Hall. New members are welcome.

Margaret and Mike Bourne will again be opening their garden at Long Acre, Wyche Lane, Bunbury CW6 9PS for Charity under the **National Gardens Scheme** on Sunday 22 April from 2pm to 5pm. Tea and cakes, plant stall. Admission £5 for adults, children free. Charities supported include Marie Curie, Macmillan Cancer Support, Hospice UK and the Carers Trust.

Bowling Club – Bowling season starts Monday 9 April. The green will be open every Monday afternoon for regular practice sessions during the season from 1.30-4.30pm. New members are always welcome and we have tuition for new starters. Come along, have a chat and a cup of tea and give it a try - you may enjoy it! Any enquiries to Dave Evans 01829 262514 or Brian Blake 01829 260700.

The Jigsaw Club, which has funding from Bunbury Parochial Charities, for prevention of rural isolation, has over 340 jigsaws of subjects to suit all interests available to anyone who is housebound. Call Ruth Tilston on 07837 261523.

Bunbury Village Day will be on Saturday 23 June Bunbury Playing Fields - for more info: www.bunburyvillage.info
For any queries or to book a pitch for a stall email: contact@bunburyvillage.info

Tom Crotty's is running the London Marathon for Mind and the RNLI. To support these two important charities, go to: <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/TomCrotty>

Nicola Elsegood would like to thank everyone whose support for 'Dig Deep' was absolutely overwhelming and raised a total of £712 for our local Citizens Advice, a superb achievement especially given the chilly weather conditions. Tuesday's coffee morning raised £207 while the supper on Thursday resulted in a further £505. Both events were very sociable. Donations of gardening items, cakes, puddings and cash were all very gratefully received.

Bunbury Youth Club (meets Mondays 7–8.30pm, St Boniface church, open to all from Y6 upwards). There is no religious content, but it is, nevertheless, under the care and love of the church community. Events are listed in the ad below right. To find out more, contact: Tim - Tel: 261511 or Vicky - Tel: 260385

The Parish Link would like to thank Ian Mullock, Jill Oldman and Vicky Barrett, who have very kindly volunteered to deliver the Link along the A49, Bunbury Lane and A51, respectively.

During Mike Rogers' Lenten reflections, there has been an opportunity to experience **Contemplative Prayer**, a way of praying which involves silence rather than the spoken word, thereby giving God the chance to speak to us rather than the other way round. If you have been to a Lent reflection and found it helpful, or you would like to try it, let either Tim or Mike know; after Easter they plan to meet monthly for no longer than an hour. Participation requires no more than a willingness to be open to what may be a new way of praying. Contact Rev Mike Rogers, Tel 01829 261682, Email: mandmrogers@btinternet.com

Our prayers for April

Lord, we thank you for the great message of Easter – your awesome triumph over the forces of darkness and the power of evil. We thank you that however difficult our situation may be, nothing can separate us from your love. We pray for all who are ill, particularly thinking of **Hazel Wilkinson, Pam Hardy, Margaret Marr and Phil Allcock**. We also pray for all who are mourning a loved one especially the families and friends of **Doreen Bebbington, Barbara Crossley, John Kinnersley, Leena Broadhead, Rachel Windsor, John Walker and Irene Hickie**.

The copy deadline for the May edition of the Link is Friday 13 April. The magazine should be in church: Friday 27 April.

TIM HAYWARD

Your Vicar



It seems that Easter is now the second-biggest retail event in the

UK after Christmas, worth some £550

million to our hard-pressed retailers. You

can now buy – wait for it – Easter crackers for the family, as well as bunny banners, egg hunting merchandise and even carrot-shaped fairy lights. Easter is much more than a Chocofest for children. It has become spring's answer to Christmas, and yellow is the colour.

You could argue we are returning to our pagan roots in this celebration of Eostre, the Anglo-Saxon goddess who – Wikipedia tells us – is herself derived from the Proto-Indo-European goddess of the dawn. And the bonus for Easter, in contrast to Christmas, is that it is always a long weekend, Friday to Monday. Days are getting longer and the weather is getting warmer. We will soon be playing cricket.

However, there is just one problem. Good Friday.

You may remember last year Tesco had to apologise for its advert which proclaimed: "Great offers on beer and cider. Good Friday just got better."

Crass and insensitive, of course, but I can understand what the Tesco copywriter was trying to do. Here we have a whole day which kicks off the holiday season – and how do we mark it? Such a strange name too, Good Friday? It simply invites elaboration.

I guess the nearest equivalent day in our culture is Bonfire Night, 5 November. There throughout the land families gather to watch fireworks while holding hot chocolate and munching marshmallows. We gaze at huge fires as we ritually burn Guy Fawkes to death. Naturally we all gloss over the terrible details of his torture and dismemberment. Actually you don't want to know.

Jesus' death was just as terrible. And that's Good Friday, the cross of Jesus. And there's nothing you can do with the cross. It just stands there as an affront.

The miracle of Good Friday," observes Mark Hart, "is that there was no miracle. Legions of angels stood with swords sheathed watching as the Son took our place."

The danger, of course, is that we skip Good Friday and head straight for the golden uplands of Eostre, to enjoy our chocolate and (for me, now that Lent is over) indulge in a refreshing pint of beer. But that is to miss the whole point of Easter. As Bishop Fulton Sheen points out: "Unless there is a Good Friday in your life, there can be no Easter Sunday."

For it is the cross of Jesus which changes everything and as such it brooks no rival. It is at the cross of Jesus we see God's astonishing love and his passion for justice intersect. As we see Jesus of Nazareth in his death throes, we are seeing God's power in its most potent. Such is his love, such is his commitment to us. Happy Easter.

Is Easter the new Christmas?

BUNBURY YOUTH GROUP

April

- Games Night - April 16
- Movie Night - April 23
- Games Night - April 30

May

- Bank Holiday - May 7
- Orienteering - May 14
- Games night - May 21
- Half Term - May 28

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Monday nights 7.30pm
Year 6 and upward

Church diary for April

Sunday 1 April Easter Sunday	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Holy Communion & Sunday School 10.30am Family Communion 6.30pm Holy Communion	St Boniface St Jude's St Boniface Calveley	Sunday 22 April	9.30am Holy Communion 10.30am Family Communion	St Jude's St Boniface
Wednesday 4 April	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface	Wednesday 25 April	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Sunday 8 April	9.30am Holy Communion 10.30am Family Communion	St Jude's St Boniface	Sunday 29 April	9.30am Holy Communion 10.30am Family Communion + Methodists 6.30pm Confirmation service with Bishop Libby Lane	St Jude's St Boniface
Wednesday 11 April	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface	Wednesday 2 May	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Sunday 15 April	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Worship 10.00am 3 rd Sunday Brunch 11.00am Morning Worship 6.00pm Evensong	St Boniface St Jude's St Boniface Calveley St Boniface	Sunday 6 May	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Communion & Sunday School 10.30am Family Worship 11.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface St Jude's St Boniface Calveley
Wednesday 18 April	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface			



Pat Ellis - Reader Emeritus One for the crow

Planting time is here for the harvest to come.

Christians joyfully celebrate the resurrection of Jesus at Easter, that certain promise that death has been banished, replaced for ever by eternal life.

But our earthly bodies will die, as the flower must wither for the new seed to drop and grow.

Ancient farming lore goes:

Always plant four seeds:
One to wither,
One to grow,
One for the Lord
And one for the crow.



And this sums up our earthly life.

Not everything will turn out as planned; some dreams will wither, but when we offer ourselves to God and generously give love our neighbours, we will surely grow in spirit and in truth.

God our Father,
You have made us creatures

of this earth,
Hungry and thirsty and needy.
Let us plant and harvest in hope;

Cherish and share this world.
Give us greater care of your gifts
That the resources of your earth

May be used for the needs of all your family
That all may have enough.

Plant your seeds of wisdom in our minds
That we may understand better your creation
Our connections to each other.

We thank you for giving us life
And for all who enrich our experience.

God, our Creator, bring us new life.

Jesus, our Redeemer, renew us.

Holy Spirit strengthen and guide us,
And change us to reflect the glory of our Creator,
Through all eternity.



Mike Rogers writes... Flying the Flag

We are fortunate in Bunbury to have a flag pole on our church from which various flags may be flown.

The Church of England's preference is for that flag to be the one of St George, even though as a flag, it has rather been taken over on the one hand by supporters of English football (of which there are apparently still a few!) and on the other, by a somewhat dubious political organisation.

But strictly speaking, churches should not fly the simple flag of St George. Instead, they should use a version of it which is adorned, in its first quarter, with the arms of the See of Chester, that curious shield with 3 Bishop's mitres all crowned by a further Bishop's mitre, that is the symbol of this Diocese.

It was in 1938 that the Earl Marshall of England decreed that the correct flag for churches to fly was The Cross of St George emblazoned in the first quarter, with the escutcheon of the Arms of the See in which the church is ecclesiastically situated.

I raise this (no pun intended!) only because St George's day falls

this month on April 23rd. St George was not always our Patron Saint. Up until 1348 the Patron Saint of England was Edward the Confessor. And it was not until the 16th century that St George's flag was universally approved and surprisingly it survived a ban on flags at the Reformation.

But the flag of St George is not just about a Saint of whom not a great deal is known. It also has a place in Christian iconography.

You may have seen pictures of a man carrying a banner of white with a red cross together with a lamb beside him. The symbolism is this; the red of the cross reminds us of the sacrificial love of Jesus on the Cross, the white background is the colour of Resurrection and the Lamb invites us to recall the new life of Easter which, this year, also falls in April.

So, next time you look to the tower of St Boniface and see the flag of St George (be it with or without...the escutcheon of the Arms of the See) spare a thought for its significance as an icon as well as its place as the flag of the Patron Saint of England.

Happy St George's Day!

Bunbury Mill is ready for the 2018 season!

During the winter the Bunbury Mill's volunteer team has been busy with a variety of repair jobs: replacing perished timbers on the two large sluices, re-timbering the 10-ton water wheel, rebuilding the rotted pentrough, and replacing damaged wooden cogs in the gear wheels. They estimate (conservatively) that over 500 hours of volunteer effort have gone into these jobs.

Contractors have completed landscaping work on the grounds, and planting is in hand, while other contractors have replaced rotten windows in the mill building (funded largely by a grant from WREN).

The visitor centre has been repainted by volunteers, and the old flooring has been replaced throughout with Flotex (also largely funded by WREN).

Last year an estimated 2000 visitors came to the site to tour the working mill and/or have a cup of tea and a scrumptious cake or two. This year promises to be equally busy. The Mill opens to the public on 25 March, but it's already had its first group of senior visitors and a visit by 31 primary school children, with more school visits to come on 26 and 27 March.

Other scheduled visits include WI and Mothers' Union groups, vintage car and motor cycle clubs, and other social groups. Perhaps you might enjoy coming to help us? This is a social group which is always on the lookout for new volunteers to help with these challenging and essential tasks.



Bunbury Village Hall

As reported in the early part of last year, we were very sad to lose the Early Birds preschool to Bunbury School after some 40 years of operating from the village Hall, and it was a very sad day for both Early Birds and the Hall when they departed. The financial support we had received over the many years from Early Birds was going to be sorely missed and we predicted that the future was not going to be very bright without this income as we would be struggling to cover our fixed costs and that any further improvements on the hall would have to be put on hold.

The Trustees are pleased to report that, although we are still not covering our every day running costs, with the arrival of new Hi Fitt keep fit and pilates classes, Bunbury toddler group and the continued support of our long established and loyal hirers Hanlon Dance Classes, BUDO, Badminton and the Bunbury Gardening Club, we have reduced the loss of income but we still need to attract more regular hirers to ensure the future of the hall.

In addition to the new hirers, the hall is being regularly used by individuals and groups from Bunbury and surrounding villages for parties and social events, but we need to increase this usage to help further plug this gap in our income.

A very important income stream has come from a dedicated group of people in the

village who have rallied around to raise funds for the hall and in particular we would like to thank Vicki Riley and her team for running a very successful quiz night, Judy and Tim Gray for running yet another great theatre evening and Henry and Steve Cunningham from the Nags Head for their donations of beer at our various functions and for running a big raffle on our behalf. We must also mention the anonymous person who gave us just over £1,000 to go into our funds. In total this wonderful group of people provided us with extra income in excess of £3,500 which is a great result by any standards.

Our fear of not being able to complete our programme of improvements has not materialised because of grants from Bunbury Parochial Charities and Bunbury Village Day committee, which together provided us with funding to complete the new ceilings, insulation and low cost lighting throughout the building, with the final stage being completed during the recent half term. We thank these organisations most sincerely for supporting the completion of this work, which saved us having to use the reserve we are holding, which will be used to keep the hall running for the next few years until we can plug the income gap.

Anyone interested in hiring the hall should contact Gill Johnson in the first instance on 01829 260422 or by email on migijonson127@btinternet.com

David Ellis
Treasurer/Trustee



David unfortunately adds, "Since writing the above the hall has suffered a major incident where a burst tank in the roof has brought down the new ceilings and lights - see photos above. As a result the hall is closed to all users until further notice. Watch the Link for announcements regarding the re-opening of the hall following the repairs."



Spotlight on Marga Elsden



Marga was born in Schleswig Holstein (pictured below) and her family were farming stock. Her father farmed and was an accomplished saddler; her mother had been a nurse. They lived



close to the parish church and she earned pocket money singing in the choir for weddings and funerals. School was interrupted during WW2, as the school building was requisitioned for treating wounded soldiers. Some lessons

were then held in the church room and in a hotel annex. The children had to take their own wood to provide heating. The vicar gave Marga lessons in Latin and French, which her family paid for in milk. The Latin came in handy later, when she was studying for her SRN. She had already learned English for seven years at school.

When she was 13 and in the Red Cross, Marga helped with first aid after the bombing of Dresden. At 14, Marga lost her mother in childbirth; her father had been brain damaged in a motorbike accident shortly after her birth (no helmets in 1931), so Marga's aunties decided her future. They said she should stay at school until she was 18, then must do Domestic Science, like all good German girls. This wasn't really to Marga's taste, but she went to Angeln in 1948 to do the 3 year course. She did it in two!

She then went to assist a farmer with a disabled daughter and this gave her the idea of nursing. However, her father was against it, as he thought nurses only emptied bedpans. Marga was then asked to look after a doctor's four young children. This was very hard work, but she did it for a year.

The WI president of Suffolk, England, came out to visit and Marga was asked to be her translator. She was impressed by Marga's English and asked if she would like a holiday in England. This led to a job as a lady's companion, in the depths of the English countryside. Marga saved up and bought a bicycle, to get about. She saw the coronation on television and found it 'magical'. She went to the WI, where she enjoyed the competitions and met Rita from Bavaria, whose children were later her bridesmaids. She became nanny to four children, but got a hernia lifting them at the beach and had to go into hospital. They asked her if she would like to be a nurse. She convalesced in Cromer in 1953. The babies woke her up in the night and she was asked if she would help feed them. Matron took her on a visit to the Leonard Cheshire home, where she met disabled ex-soldiers and also to a supposed afternoon tea at Norfolk and Norwich Hospital. She was tested in maths, English, reading and writing, then asked if she would like to see the hospital - would she like to be a nurse? She was measured for her uniform the same day. Marga expressed a desire to nurse children, but was told to go into General Nursing, but she would be allowed to do 3 months night duty in the children's ward. She started in 1954 with 3 months training, then went on duty, starting with ENT and then the eye ward. Tidying up, she came across the registrar practising corneal grafts on sheep's eyes. He was soon going to Canada and offered her a job there, if she would get her Ophthalmic Nursing Diploma



at Moorfields Eye Hospital. She didn't go to Canada, but became a Staff Nurse at Moorfields. In 1957, Flight Lieutenant Donald Elsden from the nearby RAF Aerial Electronics Training School sent out a coach for 6 staff

nurses as partners for an evening. He paired them all off and kept Marga for himself.

Don became a commercial pilot and Marga was invited back to Norfolk and Norwich Hospital as Theatre Sister. They got engaged at Easter and Don lost his job. Mother-in-law tried to stop the wedding - but Don got a new job the next morning. They honeymooned in Germany at her father's farm and then briefly farmed in Dorset. Don went back to flying shortly after Andrew was born. They lived with Don's parents in Orpington, then bought a house in Edenbridge, Surrey. In 1961, Marga became a British citizen and gave up her German nationality.

Cambrian Airways wanted a pilot in Wales, and that was where Marietta was born. Then Don was promoted to Captain, in Liverpool, so they moved to Birkenhead, then Willington. There were no part-time nursing jobs, so Marga couldn't return to nursing until the 1980s.

Don retired from British Airways in 1979 and they found a farmery - 'The Limes', at Tilstone Fearnall (pictured below). It had seven acres of land, including Tiverton Moss. Marga did bank nursing at Chester City Hospital. After 22 years out, she found the throwaway era of paper sheets a shock. Marga was asked to work at Tarporley hospital, but could not work full-time as she was also helping Don with his fruit growing enterprise. She had two retirement parties - at 60 and 65. In 1996 she returned to Holstein for the 50th anniversary of her confirmation. She has now been at St



Jude's, Tilstone Fearnall, for nearly 50 years. Marga and Don are looking forward to their diamond wedding anniversary in 2020. Andrew and Marietta attended the King's and Queen's Schools. Andrew, a trained lay Reader, is a financial wizard, living in Lancashire with his fiancée, Joan. He has four children from a previous marriage. Marietta, who has MAs in Public Health and Modern European History is now retired, but still keen on Italy. One of her sons studied law; the other is a rock musician. Marga says, "My grandchildren have completed my life". Don and Marga are now living in retirement in Tarporley.

James Walton builds a memorial handbook of WW1



James Walton started work some months ago collating the names, rank, service number, unit, address, parents names and decorations of WW1 casualties who came from the Bunbury area. He imagines the handbook will eventually have both casualties and those that went to war but returned home.

The photo (above) is of Capt Pultney Malcom, who was OC Kings Company the Grenadier Guards. It is interesting that he was OC of the senior company in the senior infantry battalion in the army. So far, James has been unable to find out why he is on our memorial. Do any Link readers know anything about how his name came to be there? He had been wounded and was at a casualty clearing station (CCS) some 9 miles behind the lines, when he heard about a forthcoming assault, he discharged himself from the CCS and rode his horse at the gallop to lead his men over the top and his death. Determination and bravery don't describe his actions.

This is the entry on Bunbury RBL Facebook Page:

"I am building a memorial handbook that will stay in the church of those who are entered as a WW 1 casualty. I need photographs of any of those men who Died, were Killed In Action or Died Of Wounds who came from Bunbury or surrounding villages. I would also like photographs of any Bunbury men who went to WW 1 and survived for the second part of the handbook."

Parish council pursuits

The Parish Council met on 14 March with eight councillors and two parishioners attending. In the Open Forum, 20mph limits, footpaths/ pavements and better priority for pedestrians was discussed. The council supports Bunbury School's efforts to deter poor parking near to the school, by publishing the registration numbers of 'offenders' in their newsletter and passing details to our PCSO.

We are pleased to be able to assist the Village Hall during their closure for repairs to damage caused by a burst pipe. Several groups who normally use the Village Hall are using the Pavilion until the repairs are complete.

Housing Developers have again been contacted, requesting assistance with funding for the Playing Fields Car Park extension.

The council will be responding to the consultation on future development of the A51 road.

Summer is not quite here so keep your umbrellas up!

Leila Potter, Press Officer



Bunbury Singers
Present
**Music for a
May Evening**
In aid of **Marie Curie Cancer Care**
on
Saturday 12th May
7.30pm
at
**Tarporley Baptist
& Methodist Chapel**

Tickets £8 (including refreshments)

Available from:
**The Old Fire Station Chocolate Shop
Swaffields, Tarporley
Tilly's Coffee Shop, Bunbury**

Foxdale - a villa in Bunbury, with gardens landscaped by Kemp (courtesy of Leila Potter)

In the late 1850s William Aspinall, Birkenhead sailmaker and ship builder, moved to Bunbury - a convenient location, only two miles from Beeston Station, where the train would carry him to Chester and on to Birkenhead.

In 1860, Aspinall made considerable additions to the house, including a drawing room with sweeping bay window, overlooking the garden and a bedroom and dressing room above.

Edward Kemp, the renowned landscape gardener, designed a country house garden perfectly scaled for a villa. (Kemp also designed Grosvenor Park, Chester and was married to Sophia, daughter of Henry Bailey, park steward to the Spencer family at Althrop). At Foxdale, symmetry of approach was provided by a double entrance, kitchen gardens were separated from flower gardens and surrounding trees and shrubbery provided modest pleasure grounds. Flower gardens were laid out on an axis from the bay window, with the flower garden nearest the house sunk below the level of the ground, giving the villa a sense of elevation, as well as enabling better appreciation of the pattern of planting.

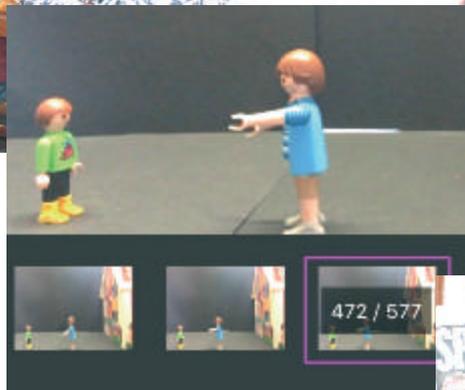
"The masses of shrubs between the house and flower-garden are only beds of Cotoneaster Microphylla, and are put there temporarily, so that if a small conservatory should hereafter be attached to that side of the house, the walk might then be moved nearer to the sunk flower-garden, without otherwise disturbing the arrangements of the plan." An unusual, pagoda shaped, conservatory was shortly added. The paved terrace beside the present conservatory is a recent addition.

Although much of the original planting and small flower beds have gone, the grass banks of the sunken garden still present a mowing challenge to the gardener and Kemp's layout survives in a rare example of a little altered rural Cheshire villa garden.

Third Sunday brunch: “something for everyone”



Although the first Third Sunday Brunch morning dawned icy and snowy, it didn't seem to deter anyone! People piled into St Boniface to enjoy the lovely spread, followed by a variety of interviews with Bunbury's Mike Williams, Kevin Yates and Claire Russell, a news review, music from the Holy Bandits, a drama skit entitled 'My Dad Could Beat Up Your Dad' featuring some of our young people and an on-screen animation written and produced by some of our talented and creative youth, featuring The Prodigal Son – all under the general theme of this month's service: 'Parenting'.



Bunbury Guides 1942-2018

On 5 August 1952 a group of Bunbury Guides and others from Tattenhall, Bickerton and Shrewsbury, caught the 8.23 train to Crewe from Beeston Castle station on the first leg of their journey to Scotland where they camped for ten days in Fifeshire with Guides from Kirkcaldy. This was quite an adventure; they had to change trains twice, cross Edinburgh by taxi and get a third train to Kirkcaldy where they spent the night in a hostel with a final bus ride to the camp site the next day. They had a wonderful time but as usual at camp, had mixed weather: "We were almost flooded out but nevertheless were able to keep smiling," they recorded. They enjoyed a variety of activities including hikes and a visit to Edinburgh where they were each given two shillings and threepence to buy their own dinner!

A beautiful log of their camp and other activities from 1952-1972 has been unearthed following a clear-out of cupboards at St Boniface church. It is written by the Guides themselves in lovely prose and handwriting.

We are thrilled that this has been found, as it records many of the

activities of the unit during those years. There are numerous photos and newspaper cuttings. It is a real treasure.

1st Bunbury Guide Company was formed in 1942. We would love to hear from anyone who was involved in guiding in Bunbury in the early years and especially from 1952 onwards. It would be lovely to be able to share past and present experiences of Guiding in Bunbury and how life in the village has changed with the 28 girls currently in the unit and create an archive. We hope to organise a get together when the weather improves.

Please contact the current leaders, Jackie Bruce on 01829 261305 email n.g.bruce@btinternet.com or Jo Lester 01829 261038 email jo@the-lesters.me.uk if you or your friends/relatives have been involved in Bunbury Guides and would like to share your stories, memories, photos etc. We look forward to hearing from you.

Jackie Bruce and Jo Lester



1st Bunbury Guide with Shrewsbury
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Warmth of Women's World Day of Prayer beats the chill outside



On 2 March - what should have been the second day of spring - instead of picking daffodils we were clearing snow from the paths around St. Boniface! Inside, though, the church was warm and decorated in tropical

colours as we welcomed around 50 people to our WWDP service.

This year we focused on the South American country of Suriname. Starting with a Welcome Café at 10.45am we held the service led by the Rev. Andrew Emison (Methodist Minister); the theme was "All God's Creation Is Very Good". We considered the lives of the Suriname people, and how they had been affected by factors such as pollution and climate change. Andrew gave a very good talk about God's Creation. Songs and readings from Suriname wandered into our heads as the Beast of the East raged outside. Our readers included four Y6 girls from Bunbury Primary School plus several adults. We were also blessed with a small choir and recorder group accompanying the pianist or organist, all providing wonderful music. After the service 41 people stayed for lunch: a choice of six different soups, bread and cheese and not to forget a plentiful spread of desserts! We all left feeling warmed in body, mind and spirit, ready to brave the sub-zero temperatures outside again.

Many thanks to everyone who helped before, during and after the service and lunch.

There has been much positive feedback about the service and attendees have been thinking about how they can help look after the environment more on a daily basis.



Calveley Primary celebrates academic success!

Staff and pupils at Calveley Primary Academy have been celebrating being in the top 1% in England for reading and writing attainment. The school received a letter from MP Nick Gibb, the minister of State for School Standards, congratulating them on their achievement in last year's KS2 assessments. 100% of the pupils reached or exceeded the expected standard in reading and writing at the end of Key Stage 2. Head of School Mrs Rogers said 'We are very proud to be in the top 1%. I would like to thank all our pupils for their enthusiasm, hard work and love of learning. We have a fantastic team here

at Calveley dedicated to ensuring the best outcomes for all our pupils'. Calveley Primary Academy is part of the Real Life Learning Academy Trust in partnership with Acton CE Primary Academy. The school opened its doors to nursery aged pupils for the first time this year and runs a 'Real Life Learning Curriculum', which focuses not only on academic studies but on real life skills. Mrs Rogers said that they are particularly thrilled to have achieved such high standards in reading, which is a core life skill for everyone,



providing our children with the best start to their journey through education and into their long term futures.

David Spibey

David was born in Audlem in February 1937, second child of five - Ellis, Ruth and Mary being the rest of them - to parents William and Elsie. His boyhood position of choirboy is more of a testament to his love of singing than angelic behaviour; not only did his family have plenty of tales of a mischievous childhood, but he enjoyed telling stories to his grandchildren about how he scrumped apples and strawberries from the headmaster's garden, got caned by the teachers and a clip round the ear from the local policeman.

He began work at 15 at local building firm Mossley's, and then began National Service at 18 with the Artillery Corps, doing his basic training in North Wales before being posted out to Germany. He enjoyed going to village dances whilst on leave, and it was at one particular dance at Alpraham where he met Jean. She must have been impressed with his skills because it wasn't long before they were engaged.

Jean and David married at St Boniface Church after he had left the Army, and the new couple went to live at Jean's family home: 8, Mason's Row, Calveley, which also brought him near to his sister Ruth, to whom he was very close.

David's first job after the Army was as a bus driver. It must have been an interesting ride on his buses: he got the nickname

'Cannon ball' because he would skip stops and was known for speeding along. He then went on to work for BICC, starting there in 1968 and continuing for 32 years, first in quality control and eventually on security.

A growing family of three children plus two dogs and several pigs meant that a move was in order. The house in Alpraham that they chose remains the family home to this very day. Dornside provided a happy home, not least for all of David's creativity. He loved keeping and breeding canaries there, but was also passionate about woodwork, spending many happy hours in the shed, making beautiful furniture for the home and restoring many items. His kindness went out to his neighbours, too.

It is therefore especially cruel that his later years were troubled by both Parkinson's disease and dementia, making him more withdrawn and, in later times, unable to swallow. David received very good care from staff at Leighton Hospital when he was with them in his last three weeks, taken ill with a chest infection.

There is comfort to be taken in the way that his life has moved in a gentle circle. He is laid to rest near to his sister Ruth, and Tony Davies, who used to be neighbours years ago on Mason's Row. Now the birds will sing round them as they are neighbours again.

David Maurice Stern - a man of adventure and activity

David Stern was a man of great passions, adventure and activity, one of which he shared with his father from boyhood. He was the only child of Alan and Joan, born on the Wirral. His father was a keen golfer, and David played golf with him from childhood at Hoylake and Delamere Golf Club, later becoming a member in his own right.

Another great passion was skiing. David met his future wife Penny when they were at Klosters, when she broke her ankle on the slopes and David looked after her. They were married at Weaverham church in 1955.

As a busy cotton broker in Liverpool, David travelled widely, especially to regions like Egypt and Israel, which, shortly after the Second World War, were fraught with incident. Once, David and Penny had to change planes in Amman en route for Egypt, only to discover their luggage hadn't made the journey and they were arrested at Immigration in Egypt as suspicious characters. On another voyage to the Caspian Sea, they were accused of being Russian spies.

David was able to do many good works for those in need, especially in the Liverpool area as Chairman of the Merchants' Guild. He was also a member of the Church Commission looking after the care of old church buildings in Liverpool. He did not flaunt his actions; he received a British Empire Medal, however the reasons behind its award remain unknown.

David loved horses; riding out and racing have been lasting passions. He was a Director at Chester Racecourse and a Steward at Haydock. He also knew the joy and disappointment of being a racehorse owner. He enjoyed the company of dogs, especially working labradors and a beagle, of which he was very fond. His biggest passion, though, was for grouse shooting, which he did until as recently as last November.

Here was a man of great determination and spirit, enjoying very good health until relatively recently. Despite having cancer over the last three years, which latterly spread, he was able to be at home with care from Tarporley District Nurses in his last few days.

There will be a service of thanksgiving for David's life at St Helen's Church, Tarporley on Friday, 13 April.

Doreen Bebbington - pub landlady, good listener and keeper of secrets

The eldest of three children, Doreen was born in 1949 in Alpraham, in a little cottage opposite The Tollemarche Arms. Her school life was spent at local schools at Tilstone Fearnall and then Tarporley.

Initially Doreen worked with her father on the farm, helping to get the cows in from the fields. She worked as a nanny with two local families, after which Doreen moved into retail working at BHS in Chester and at Perry's as manager. Doreen then went into the pub industry with her second husband Keith.

She was a wonderful mum to her daughters, Helen, Gillian and Sarah and was always there for them. Doreen was a firm believer in good manners, time keeping and showing respect to all. All the girls had jobs to do helping Doreen in the pub. Doreen was brilliant at what she did and ran the pub with great efficiency combined with a warm welcome. Always a good listener, the keeper of many secrets, she was proud of her clientele and they respected her.

Her favourite time was Christmas Day. The pub would close at three o'clock and then it was family time, with all the family would join in, catering for up to eighteen. If there were any staff without family locally they were invited too and had the chance to taste Doreen's legendary Yorkshire puddings.

Sadly, after her retirement Doreen's health deteriorated as she had kidney disease and was on dialysis. In the last year cancer was diagnosed and in September Doreen was given two weeks to live but she was determined to see Christmas. Doreen's strength of spirit and determination never left her, enabling her to fulfil her wish to see Christmas. Whilst ill she knitted little toys for St Luke's Hospice, putting lots of glitter on them so when you picked them up it would bring you cheer. Doreen's "cheer" will be greatly missed by family and friends.

Joan Lupton - Tilstone Miller's daughter

Joan was born at Tilstone Bank in 1933. Her father was the last miller at Tilstone Mill. Joan attended Tilstone School but unfortunately, around the age of six, she was very ill and was off school for twelve months. With the combination of growing up during the war and her illness Joan had a difficult childhood.

After school Joan worked at the hairdressers in Tarporley and at Audrey's in Chester. She enjoyed her work very much. Sadly, when she was only seventeen, her Mum died and Joan decided to give up work to look after her brother, Peter. Joan was, in her own way, a very caring person; not outwardly affectionate but always loyal and supportive to family and friends.

Joan met Arthur, a Methodist lay preacher and they had a daughter, Diane. Joan was much loved mum to Diane and mother in law to her husband Mervyn.

Joan enjoyed time spent with friends whether it was Betty and Patty from her school days, or friends at the Bunbury Wednesday Club.

Latterly, Joan suffered with dementia and when recalling her childhood she would smile and ask after her brother, Peter. Joan's strength and loyalty will be greatly missed.

Barbara (Dizzy) Crossley - made life her party

Born at Whitehouse Farm in Raby, on the Wirral, Barbara was the second child of William and Ethelwyn. Growing up on the farm with her four brothers and sisters she enjoyed an outdoor life. Barbara attended Wirral Grammar School where she excelled in sporting activities including tennis, hockey and lacrosse.

After school she studied at Reaseheath College but still found time for socialising. She was a member of the Cheshire Cat Scooter Club, and Willaston Young Farmers Club featured heavily in her social calendar. Barbara met Stuart and they married in August 1961; she was a devoted wife and they were together for 56 years.

Early married life was hectic with two daughters, Nicola and Caroline, and running a dairy herd at Hill View Farm, Saughall. In 1968 they moved to Bank Farm, Tiverton which was to be their home for the next 50 years. They moved all the cattle in one day, milking at Hill View in the morning and Bank Farm at night. The year following their move a third daughter, Lucy, was born.

Barbara was busy with the children, farm and garden. Her escapism was playing

tennis and she was a powerful force to be reckoned with. She was involved in many of the local community groups; Tiverton Gardening Club, Village Hall Committee and the WI. Barbara was not just a member; she was always willing to take on extra responsibilities such as President of the WI and Secretary for the Village Hall.

The farm, countryside and garden played a significant role in her life and when grandchildren arrived Barbara loved to share her passion and knowledge with them. They have many happy memories and practical skills she passed onto them. Her salads were memorable; there could be as much wildlife on the plate as in the garden. "Don't be so fussy - it's just a bit more protein," she would say.

Barbara was a contented lady who took everything in her stride and never worried. She was very frugal with herself but very kind and generous with others. Her zest for life, love and support will be missed by all her family and friends. Her sister summed up Barbara quite simply: "Barbara wasn't a party or cocktail sort of girl, she made life her party and not many people are that skilled."

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