

D-Day remembered



St. Boniface were delighted to welcome Bill Corn and Johnny Walker at a service commemorating D-Day. Nick Sanders paid tribute to the bravery of all servicemen

involved in that historic event. The national anthem was sung and "our old soldiers" were applauded. Afterwards they shared some memories with us. (see p5).

Village marks forty years of fun

This year's Village Day no doubt brought back special memories for these five members of the original 1969 Village Day Committee

who were reunited for the 40th anniversary: Ernest Croley, Leila Potter, Ken Cheers, Peter Brown and Joan Simpson. The first Village Day was held in the grounds of the Potters' house, Foxdale, and revived the old tradition of Wakes Week which used to last 4 days. More pictures on page 7.



Bunbury's Alex set for ordination



After several years of study and prayer, **Alex Sanders** will be ordained Deacon by the Bishop of Chester at 10am on **Sunday 5th July** in Chester Cathedral. All are welcome to support her at that service, although you

will need to be seated no later than 9.15am. She will then begin her ministry in the next-door Parish of Tarporley (serving as a non-stipendiary Curate at St. Helen's, St Thomas', Eaton and St John's, Cotebrook). Her first services will be on Sunday 12th July.

Alex and her family moved to Bunbury in 2004 after three years living in Port Stanley, Falkland Islands. She was selected for ordination training by the Chester Diocese in 2006 and has been studying on the Northern Ordination Course in Manchester; at the same time studying for an MA from Leeds University in Theology and Pastoral Studies.

Alex's last service at St Boniface will be on **Sunday 28th June at 10am** (with a small farewell celebration after the service). Sadly for Bunbury, we will not be seeing Alex in St. Boniface much after her ordination, as her duties as Curate will keep her firmly in Tarporley, although we hope we might be able to welcome her back before too long. She and her family will still live in Bunbury.

Alex has asked the Link to pass on her thanks to everyone who has supported her over the past few years, and she also asks to be kept in your prayers as she embarks on this new and exciting phase of her life.

Stop press

.....**St. Boniface Holiday Club** - 3rd-6th August - urgently needs helpers to volunteer or places will be severely limited. Please contact Debbie Shears 260707 if you can offer even a few hours help.....

.....**Bunbury Guides** are holding a fundraising family walk and afternoon tea on **Sunday June 28th** so if you hear about it in time please join them at the Pavilion at 2pm. The walk will be 3-4 miles, there is a small charge. All profits towards the scout hut. See page 6 for scout hut news...

Community news

Keith and Maral Hann are absolutely delighted to announce the safe arrival of **Charles Henry Danesh Hann**, born on Thursday 18 June. Mother and baby are both exceedingly well, while father is completely flabbergasted.



Emily Olivia, daughter of **Helena and Evan Mooney** of New South Wales, grand-daughter of **Carolyn and Guy Johnson** of Bunbury, was baptised on 14th June. Picture below.



Congratulations to **Becca Camber and James Preston** who were married at St. Boniface on 6th June.



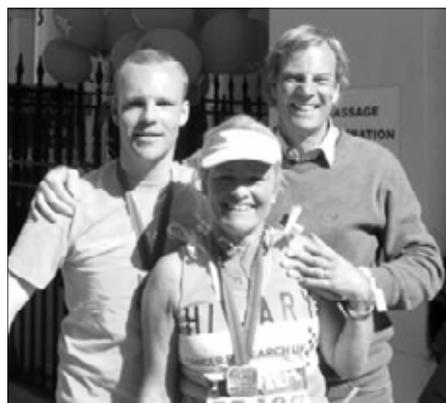
Johnny and Dorothy Walker would like to thank everyone for their kindness after the theft of their car.

Johnny Gillett has been delving into local history and uncovering all sorts of weird and wonderful stories of the people who have lived along Cheshire's

Sandstone Ridge. From 23 July, Johnny will walk the 34 miles of the Sandstone Trail over four days as the Journey Man. Each evening he will stop at one of the hillfort sites along the ridge to tell stories to any audience that has gathered there. If you want to catch one or more of Johnny's **Tales on the Trail** then the schedule is shown below. Admission is free, but booking is essential. Bookings and further information from Ellie Soper 01244 973195 .

23rd July, Maiden Castle, Bickerton; 24th July, Beeston Castle (both 7pm), 25 July, Kelsborrow, Kelsall at 4pm; 26 July, Woodhouse, Frodsham 3pm.

Hilary Watson writes: "This year's **London Marathon** was one of the hottest and people were dropping like flies but I was so pleased to complete it! Our son, **Andrew**, ran it in 3 hrs 38 mins and my time was 5 hrs 32 mins. My claim to fame was beating **Jordan** (Katie Price) by 1hr 45 mins! It has been an incredible journey and the day was amazing - the crowds pulled you along and also having family and friends there. I would like to take the opportunity of thanking so many people from the church and the village for sponsoring us. We have raised over £9,000 (plus about £2,000 Gift Aid) for breast cancer research." See picture below.



Earlybirds' chair **Lisa Goodfellow** has written to tell us about their recent 40th Anniversary lunch: "Staff and committee members ensured our guests were treated to a tempting buffet lunch in a beautifully-decorated Village Hall. Enjoying a glass of champagne, our visitors were captivated by the display of the children's work, and photographs of them at play. We were also grateful to 'ArtBeat' children's entertainment, whose activities and games ensured the children had lots of fun.

A lasting memento of the anniversary has been the collation of a 'Memory Book', an opportune way to enable many to contribute, with newspaper cuttings, stories and anecdotes to mark the occasion. Any enquires regarding entries for our Memory Book (we are happy to receive more) or for information on our Pre-School should be made to **Gill Cadman 261264**.

Church news

Thanks to all those who bought a balloon or raffle ticket from **Target 1250** on Village Day. We have raised over £400 - look out for the name of the balloon race winner next month.

Sue Woodward writes: "On Saturday 30th May **Friends of Calveley Church** held their **Art Exhibition & Spring Fayre** - see picture below - and the sun shone! The Church was almost full to capacity, with 153 paintings by local artists, of which a record 19 were sold. The stalls were all busy and the cake stall, as usual, sold out fairly quickly. I would like to thank all those who worked so hard on the day, and beforehand, and the community who supported our event, which helped to raise much-needed funds for the upkeep of Calveley Church."



This month please pray especially for **Brenda Williams, Timothy Atkins, Alan Bosley, Mary Large and Eileen Overy** and the families of those who have recently died.

The Christian Aid house to house collection raised £953. Thanks to the collectors and to all who gave.

The deadline for material to be included in the **August-September edition** is Friday 10th July.

The word without price

'Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have: for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?"' (Hebrews 13, 5-6)

These are words from Scripture which bring to mind examples of self-sacrificing lives – lives dedicated to God and unmindful of money and its lure. A shining example is surely William Tyndale (c. 1494 – 1536) who forfeited health, wealth, country and even his life to give the English-speaking world the bible in their mother tongue. The priests at that time in England were in many cases desperately ignorant. An examination conducted by William Warham, then Archbishop of Canterbury, uncovered alarming figures: many priests were found unable to recite the Creed and a number not only ignorant of where to find the Lord's prayer or who had written it (!) but also completely unable to recite it.

The venom of the local Gloucestershire clergy, who felt threatened by Tyndale's attack on the errors of the Vulgate (the precious Latin Bible treasured since Jerome had first translated it a thousand years earlier) had Tyndale up

before the Chancellor. Only the standing of his employer, Sir John Walsh, together with his own stout defence, helped Tyndale to win that round.

After further attacks upon him, Tyndale fled to the Continent where he laboured in poverty, cold and hunger, flitting between Worms, Cologne and Antwerp to get his New Testament translated into English from the best Greek texts of the day. Back in England, Cuthbert Tunstall, Bishop of London, and the sinister John Stokesley, his successor, seized as many of Tyndale's Testaments as they could, as they were unloaded at the port, and burned the books in a bonfire at St Paul's.

Eventually Tyndale was tracked down and incarcerated in the fortress of Vilvorde for more than a year. In 1536 he was stripped of his priesthood and burned to death.

Had Tyndale known that less than a year earlier Miles Coverdale's complete English Bible had been dedicated to Henry VIII and was even then circulating in England, he would have rejoiced. As it was, he could rejoice that the work begun by him would be unstoppable. 'The Lord is my helper' had been the strength that sustained him. The Bible today is so readily available to us that we tend to take it for granted and forget

the courage of others like William Tyndale who gave us The Word, without price on our part. Are we using their gift to the full?

Eric Wallington

Scout Hut latest

We have been allocated a further grant of £10,000 by the Garfield Weston Foundation. This means that we have been successful with all three grant applications, totalling £107,000. This added to the proceeds from the sale of the old Scout Hut means that we have very nearly reached our target of £190,000 – quite an achievement in just over 12 months.

Fundraising activities continue and we are very grateful to The Good Companions, who gave £400 from their recent production. Further fundraising activities are planned, including The Guides Midsummer Walk, on Sunday 28th June.

We are now finalising the arrangements for the start of the building work.

David Stockman

Young gardeners get the bug

Gardens from School Lane to Alpraham will be just a bit brighter this summer thanks to the efforts of pupils at Bunbury School. For the past few months, under the watchful eye of expert Sally Sissons, they have been growing bedding plants to sell and raise money for more gardening activities at the school. At the school's first garden open day on June 16th the children gave conducted tours of the new vegetable plots – now bursting with crops – sold their plants and offered tea and cakes to their visitors, raising a grand total of £280. Thanks to all who came along, especially all the grandparents and other visitors not connected with school.

Since the children have been growing their own, they have been keen to try everything coming out of the vegetable patch – not just lettuce and radishes, but rocket and even spinach!



Some of the young gardeners with their lettuces

Slow worms - not worms and not slow

They aren't always slow and they certainly aren't worms but slow worms are the most easily-found reptile in Britain and as such offer us an insight into a very different world which exists on our doorsteps.

The slow worm is actually a lizard, though this lizard has lost its legs through evolution, obviously finding them to be a hindrance to its lifestyle - probably while trying to hide in holes and compact vegetation.

Without legs it isn't quite as quick off the mark as its closest British relative, the common lizard, and in cold weather it is inclined towards lethargy but when in the mood, slow worms can certainly move quite quickly. Their glossy, finely-scaled skin creates little friction, even on rough surfaces and their long, muscular bodies can achieve quite respectable speeds through vigorous wriggling. Since slow worms lack legs, they are more likely to be confused with a snake than a lizard, but their smaller size and markings should be enough to distinguish them. Identifying the gender of a slow worm is also fairly

straightforward. Males vary in colour between silver-grey and copper whereas females are bronze with dark flanks, belly and vertebral stripe. There are several biological differences which make the slow worm a lizard rather than a snake. Unlike snakes, lizards have a moveable eyelid, which can easily be seen in a slow worm; an ear hole, which is very small; a less flexible backbone and a solid jaw, unlike the dislocating jaw of a snake which can eat prey much larger than itself. Like the common lizard, the slow worm has the ability to shed its tail when under threat from a predator. This shedding of the tail is only possible because lizards have special 'fracture planes' within some of the tail vertebrae. When shed, the muscles in the tail will spasm so that the predator will believe it has caught something alive and will be content, allowing the slow worm to get away. The tail will re-grow, though unlikely to the same length or level of perfection as the original. A slow worm may live for up to 50 years, making it the longest-living of all British

reptiles. The slow worms should be regarded as a friend to us since it eats many garden pests. Its favourite foods include insects, small snails, hairless caterpillars and slugs. They tend to binge feed and then head underground to sleep it off. In fact, they spend a great deal of their time underground, but despite this they are quite easy to see if you understand their behaviour. It really isn't any good looking for slow worms out in the open on a hot sunny day as they don't like intense heat. When it becomes very hot they hide away and slow their bodies to a virtual shut down, a process known as aestivation. Looking for slow worms is always far more profitable when the weather is mild and damp - conditions which are more favourable for the slow worm to find food. Unlike snakes, slow worms like warm, damp spots, so the compost heap is an ideal place to find them. However, they also like to hide under logs and other detritus which creates darkness, warmth and humidity.

Liz Jones

Give us two minutes - Gaynor MacGregor

Gaynor is Liverpool born and bred but moved to this area 13 years ago. She first came across Bunbury when she stayed in a caravan next door to what is now the Yew Tree pub. She trained as a nurse and now works with care homes looking after their training and development requirements. She has been a member of the Territorial Army for 30 years and considers her posting to Iraq in 2003 a very positive experience. She is also involved in the charity Hope and Aid Direct and she managed to drive a 7.5 ton truck to Kosovo last year with aid donated by local people, for which she sends a big thank you!

If you had a motto, what would it be? 'Live hard, die young and have a good looking corpse!'

It's a celebrity beer call. Where is it and who would you invite and why? Jonathon Ross because I think he's so sexy, Dalai Lama for his belief in human values and Princess Diana to find the real person behind the sadness. Place not important as it's always the company that counts.

What would the title of your biography be called? 'Just kissing frogs'

What was your first job? I was a bingo caller in Winkups Arcade in Abergele at the age of 16. It was a great holiday job with my best friend staying in their family caravan at weekends. **What is your biggest regret in life?** I don't have any regrets despite the mistakes I have made. Mistakes and achievements make you the person you are but I do wish I had gone to university after school.

What is your biggest achievement? Being a mum to Freya.

I've not always been the best but the pleasure is immense.

If you could change something about Bunbury, what would it be? Having a teenager, it would be great to have a bus service. I would also like someone to take over the empty shop in the centre of the village. I really enjoy living here in Bunbury and can't imagine living anywhere else.

What may people may be surprised to learn? Despite being proud of my roots, I wish I didn't have the accent. My mum used to correct my language and I now know why! I would like to have a more 'neutral' accent.

What would you like to achieve in the next 12 months? Marry my lovely Colin and join our two families together later this year, move to a home that is 'ours' and complete my Certificate of Education.

If you were to be granted one wish what would it be? To say to my mum all the things I wish I'd said to her. She died on Boxing Day just before the Millennium.

Where and how would you spend your ideal weekend? I love girlie weekends and Ascot Ladies' Day is a favourite, but this year I'm leaving the hat in the box and donning my wellies for a teepee at Glastonbury festival!

Nick Sanders



Don't call us heroes

"Please don't call us heroes," Bill said, very firmly, "there were a lot of us".

We were delighted when Bill Corn and Johnny Walker came to St. Boniface on the Sunday of the D-Day 65 celebrations. Here is just a little of their respective stories.



Bill joined the Cheshire Regiment at the outbreak of war and then served in the British XXX Corps. He drove supplies of food, fuel and munitions in convoys to allied troops. Bill arrived on D3 (the third day of the Normandy landings). He had trained to be part of the airborne operation but was disappointed to be injured so did not realise this ambition which some of his friends did - you had to be A1 fit to wear the Paras' famous red beret. After D-Day he moved across Europe with the Allied advance

eventually reaching the German and Polish borders. Finally, with 164 Field Ambulance he was involved in moving the sick out of the Bergen Belsen concentration camp (sadly many did not survive).

Bill loved his time with army and is proud to be a second generation soldier (his father Charles Corn served in Africa in the 1890s). If he had been fit he would have stayed in the army after the war but it wasn't to be. Talking about the war his enthusiasm is undiminished by the passage of time as he brings out photos and documents he has painstakingly kept. He has a collection of books and keepsakes from this time - he still treasures his army issue pocket watch and the purse he returned with - which still contains the coins with which he finished the war - and most of all the picture of his wife Joan which he carried on him for the entire war.

Johnny too enlisted at the start of the war, in his case in the Durham Light Infantry, 50th Division, 8th Army. Prior to D-Day he served in Egypt for 18 months as one of General Montgomery's "Desert Rats". He recalls sailing out on the Queen Mary with 15,000 troops, and how the infantrymen were contained in a small area of the ship below deck for the entire voyage. Johnny returned from Egypt at the end of 1943 and spent 6 months training without (for obvious reasons) being fully aware of the planned landings at Normandy until just before he joined one of the landing craft that were to transport him with many others, landing on the beach at

7.30am on June 6th 1944. Later in the day he was wounded in the arm by a sniper and was transported back to England. Six weeks later he was back in action and was to take part in the landings in Sicily. As an infantryman Johnny was expected to walk everywhere, and it is hard to imagine



how exhausting this must have been (quite apart from the action he saw) for six years of the war. Johnny never wanted to be a career soldier, and when the war ended was pleased to go back to his chosen career as a gardener (he had been a journeyman learning his trade before the war). He was delighted to get a job at Crewe Hall where he was to meet his wife, Dorothy.

Bill and Johnny may not want to be called heroes, but we have them (and countless others) to thank for the many freedoms we enjoy today.

Jill Robey

Jim Taylor - stalwart of community

Jim was born in Aldford in 1926, fifth of six children, the family subsequently moved to Harthill. He left school during the War and as he was too young for national service he started work in agriculture, serving in the Home Guard. Later he worked for Crewe Engine Works, Texaco Oil Company and as a builder and labourer.

Jim met his wife Margaret while working in the gardens at Brindley Hall where Margaret was a house maid. Nights out were usually to Bickerton dances. Margaret and Jim were keen motorcyclists and enjoyed trips with his sister Violet and her husband Fred.

Jim and Margaret were married at St. Boniface in 1951. Four years later

their daughter Valerie was born, who was later married and baptised at St. Boniface. Although otherwise a thrifty person Jim was often seen out dining with his family: it was discovered that his love of eating out was cultivated by luncheon vouchers, a perk of the job with Texaco!

After the death of his wife Margaret in 1988 life was never the same. On retirement, Jim became a keen member of the Faddiley over-60s club and served on the committee. He was overjoyed to be made an honorary member in April 2008. He stayed in the same house he had lived in with Margaret until he died on 21st May.

Canon John

Our former Vicar, Canon John Bowers has written to thank us and many others for helping him to raise £31,000 over two years for the Barnabas Fund project. This was set up to rescue young Kenyan girls from female genital mutilation. Forty-five girls have been helped with housing, food, clothing and emotional support and they are learning to be self-sufficient. To raise even more for this worthy cause Canon John and daughter Ruth are planning a 500 mile cycling pilgrimage to Holy Isle, Lindisfarne. If you would like to sponsor them please send your donation to 2, Shalford Grove, West Kirby, Wirral, CH48 9XY. Thank you.



First Bunbury Brownies enjoying their pack holiday at Ty-Clwyd

Village design statement

When we launched Bunbury's Village Design Statement at the end of February, together with the school art competition, our draft 40-page document with more than 30 coloured images was on public display. The final document has now been printed and copies are for sale at £1 each. Anyone with an interest in the history – and indeed future – of Bunbury will find the Village Design Statement an extremely good read. Please contact Eric Lord if you would like a copy.

It would be remiss of me not to mention the four authors of the VDS by name: Rita Aston, Robert Harris, Alan Rowley and Robert Welch, and to compliment them on their painstaking and talented performance over 15 months – a remarkable team effort! (Eric Lord himself also deserves thanks – ed)

Bunbury residents currently involved in applying for planning permission will have found that Cheshire East conduct their operations from Macclesfield Town Hall. Later this year the old Crewe and Nantwich and Congleton areas will be served from a Sandbach base, which we trust will be more convenient.

Eric Lord 260123

When we are worried

When we are feeling downhearted, it is so easy to imagine the worst and waste a lot of energy on something which may never happen.

St. Francis de Sales reminds us:

“Do not look forward to what might happen tomorrow; the same everlasting Father who cares for you today, will take care of you tomorrow and everyday.

Either he will shield you from suffering or he will give you the strength to bear it.

Be at peace, then, and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginings.”

Lord, help me to trust you, and put my life in your hands.

Amen.

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Exam relief

As we were going to print we were sent a poem written by Sue Watson entitled 'The Invigilator'. Apologies for not having room to include it all but this extract may bring back memories (or nightmares?) for many, or may give a horrible glimpse of the future for younger students!

The students file in, take their place.
Worry and tension etched on their face,
Some desks unsteady, so make a din,
Folded paper duly placed, now quiet as a pin.

.....
They breathe with relief as the end is announced
Go out of the room, on each other they pounce
“What did you think”? “How was it”? “Easy or hard”?
They ask of each other, no longer on guard”

St. Jude's

On May 9th, we had a full church for the concert given by the Bunbury Singers who entertained us beautifully with a rich and varied programme and included a lively band called Half Pannikin. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the evening. Refreshments were served in the church hall – thanks to all who provided the delicious cakes. The total raised by the evening - £750 - was shared between St. Jude's and Tarporley Hospital League of Friends. Many thanks from all at St. Jude's to the Bunbury Singers.

Ann Badrock

Bunbury Guides are looking for someone to step into the shoes of retiring leaders Liz Mulcahy and Tina Everton, who after 8 years are moving to pastures new.

Appeals to parents have not resulted in any volunteers coming forward. If YOU could help, please contact Liz Mulcahy, 260949. (Liz tells us the girls are a delight).

1969-2009: A blast from the past!



Shown here are just a few of the great Village Day scenes we captured on June 20th. The 60s theme seemed to inspire all the participants and there was a great turnout for the parade. Well done to First Bunbury Brownies, shown above, right, who won junior parade entry, and to the Good Companions, who won the veterans' award.

Congratulations to Committee Chairman Steve Mort and his hardworking team for such an enjoyable event.



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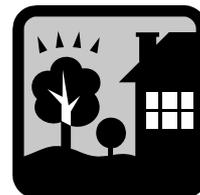
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July Diary

1	10.00am	Holy Communion	St. Boniface
5	8.00am	Holy Communion	St. Boniface
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Jude's
	10.00am	Family Worship (no service at Calveley)	St. Boniface
8	10.00am	Holy Communion	St. Boniface
12	9.30am	Morning Service	St. Jude's
	10.00am	Family Communion	St. Boniface
	6.00pm	Evensong	St. Boniface
15	10.00am	Holy Communion	St. Boniface
19	8.00am	Holy Communion	St. Boniface
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Jude's
	10.00am	All Age Family Worship	St. Boniface
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Calveley
22	10.00am	Holy Communion	St. Boniface
26	9.30am	Morning Service	St. Jude's
	10.00am	Family Communion	St. Boniface
29	10.00am	Holy Communion	St. Boniface
August			
2	8.00am	Holy Communion	St. Boniface
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Jude's
	10.00am	Family Worship	St. Boniface
	11.00am	Family Worship	Calveley
3-6		Holiday Club	St. Boniface
5	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Boniface

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