



## Family fun at Beeston Castle

Thanks to English Heritage's Mark Hodgson and his team, St. Boniface once again held its annual fete in the grounds of Beeston Castle on August Bank Holiday Monday.

The committee was delighted that so many local families offered to help. Target 1250 led by the Holbrook family, ably took over the Hoopla Stall from the "professionals", Guy, Carolyn and Henry Johnson, Elaine and Katie Crotty with their hard-working team were dab hands at the Barbecue, which had sold out by 2pm. The Overy family, on a very busy weekend (see p3) had another successful year on the bookstall. Walter and Judy Done did a great job on the Bottle Tombola, and new this year the the Golden Elephant Stall organised by



**The Gardner family enjoying the Hoopla**

Sophie Parr was a hit. Outside, Sue and Caroline Briggs-Harris raffled two original watercolours.

We could never have coped in the tea-tent without the continual flow of

enthusiastic help, so our thanks to Pat, Barbara, Debbie, Brenda, Jo, Amber, Helen, Caroline, Hilary, Sarah, Barbara, and Frances and of course Ernest as sole male representative! (cont p.5)



Bunbury Singers have appointed Daniel Keen as Musical Director. Daniel, from Alsager, has recently completed his studies at Leeds College of Music, specialising in conducting. As Managing Director of KW Promotions Ltd, he has experience in raising money for charity, an aim shared by the Bunbury Singers. The choir look forward to a happy and successful partnership with Daniel, who started working with them last month.

Bunbury Singers always extend a warm welcome to anyone who enjoys singing. If you would like to come to a free taster session, please come to any of our Monday evening rehearsals, 7.30pm at Bunbury School.

The choir is now looking for an accompanist and if you can help or would like more information please contact **Henning Caesar 261727**

## Community news

Welcome to the following children recently baptised at St. Boniface: **Megan and Ewan**, children of **James and Melissa Nicholson** of Alpraham on 26th July; **Toby and Lucas**, children of **Simon and Helen Grimley** of Beeston Moss on 9th August, **Charles**, son of **Richard and Sarah Dwerryhouse** of Chester on 9th August, **Otis**, son of **Mark and Tania Connor** of Carlisle on 22nd August, and **Eleanor**, daughter of **Jonathan and Adele Every** of Alpraham on 5th September.

Congratulations to the following couples who were recently married at St. Boniface: 24th July **Paul Thomas and Rachel Powell**; 8th August **Nicola Forsyth and David Tomlinson**; 15th August **Michele Tursi and Catriona Campbell**; 21st August **Katie Topping and Timothy Davidson**; 22nd August, **Mark Connor and Tania Van Rixel**; 28th August **Liam Anderson and Simone Doel**, 12th September **Warwick Goodall and Rebecca Latter** (pictured below).



18th September **Jenny Barnett and Mark Rowland** (pictured below)



A very happy birthday to **Lesley Dyer** on 11th October (can you spot her on the front page?)

Sadly we announce the following recent deaths: **Phillip Young, Maurice Bettison, Nancy Brookfield, June Dalrymple, Mary Mullock, Ernest Cowap and Annie Kirkham**. More about some of them on pages 6 and 7.

**Phyllis Cowap and family** wish to thank everyone for the kindness shown to them during their sad loss, also for the letters, cards and flowers. Grateful thanks to all involved in the church service for the celebration of Ernest's life, it was a truly memorable occasion with so many people sharing it with us. The collection raised £650 for the upkeep of the the churchyard and for the First Response service.

**Audrey, Nigel, Martin and Andy Bettison** would like to thank all family and friends for their kind expressions of sympathy, cards, flowers and donations for the CLIC Sargent Charity, following their recent loss of husband and father John **Maurice Bettison**.

**Richard Munro** thanks everyone for their concern after his bike accident.

**Good Companions** next production is "Dying to meet you", 5th -7th November.

Rehearsals have already started for Bunbury Young Christians' Panto on 26-28th November, **The Perils of Peter Pan** written by Tom Crotty.

As we go to print we hear that Mike and Trish Thomas' daughter **Vicky** is running the **Berlin Marathon** in aid of the **National Society for Epilepsy** - it is not too late to sponsor her at [www.justgiving.com/Victoria-Thomas](http://www.justgiving.com/Victoria-Thomas)

Many thanks once again to anyone who has sent in **knitted squares for blankets** - please stop now as we have exceeded all targets!

**Knit and Natter** will start on 20th October at 2.30pm at Bunbury Methodist church, contact **Barbara Croley 260344**.

Concerns have been raised about the environmental impact of **balloon races**. The company that provided the balloons for Village Day has given assurances that they are biodegradable but the 1250 committee will in any case bear these concerns in mind.

**Well done** to all those achieving good grades in recent exams and **good luck** to all local youngsters setting off for universities or starting new careers.

Thanks to all those who contributed to the appeal for Zambia in our last issue.

**Isobel Munro** is again collecting loose change in aid of the Smile Train - all small copper coins (and any others) will be most gratefully received. There is a box in church or contact Isobel on 260487. Many thanks.

## Deadline for shoebox appeal

The shoeboxes you donated locally last year went to children in countries as far apart as Swaziland and Serbia. Most of the youngsters given a box are refugees, orphaned, abandoned or seriously ill. For most, the Christmas shoebox will be their only gift and it is a real message of hope.

Volunteers from the Wrexham depot travel out with the deliveries and tell how amazed these children are to receive any gift but particularly as it is from a stranger far away. They quickly open their colourful boxes and are delighted to find each one full with wonderful presents from teddy bears, to felt tip pens, warm gloves to sweets. Remarkably, even though they have so little the children are eager to share their gifts.

Information leaflets are available from St Boniface, St Judes and from Bunbury School. Your gifts do not all have to be bought specially - used toys are fine if in good condition. Filling a Christmas shoebox is so special and yet so easy and it's a great project to share with children, grandparents, neighbours and friends.

Collection Monday 16 November from Bunbury School, St Boniface and St Judes or take to Gosland House, Bowes Gate Road, Bunbury.

**Nicola Elsegood 260507**

## Church news

A service to remember those who have died will be held at 4pm on Sunday 1st November - see page 4.

This month please pray especially for **John Mason** who is on a pre-operative course of chemotherapy.

We pray also for the families of all those who have recently died.

# I would have done things better

Mike Ridley

And so we returned to Poland for the third time. The marriage of our son Steve to Agnieszka in 2001 was followed four years later by the christening of Charlotte on the day after the death of the much loved Polish Pope. Now it was the turn of Hannah Isobel. I didn't understand the words that were said at the christening service, but it didn't stop me from marvelling at the universal language of the church.

Three weeks later we had been transported from the Polish Roman Catholic Cathedral to Guildford Methodist Church, and the christening of another precious grand-child, Alex Michael. Here I was privileged to deliver the sermon on "New Beginnings" at the start of a new life, and a new Methodist year.

Although I had my loved ones around me, I felt very close to those who couldn't be with us on those special days, and as I looked at the new babies, with all their lives ahead of them, I did pause to wonder what the future holds, for them...and for each of us.

In Poland we realised that we were once again part of that country's history

as they prepared to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the overthrow of communist rule. In an interview, the "Great Electrician" from the Lenin Shipyard in Gdansk, Lech Walesa expressed satisfaction with the part he had played within the "Solidarity" movement, but commented "I would have done things better in retrospect".

In Guildford, my job was to set off with the push-chair and explore the city while getting baby Alex to sleep. We visited the great "new" cathedral, consecrated in 1961 and then on to Guildford Castle, a favourite of Henry III in the thirteenth century! The old and the new, each with so much to contribute. The new baby and the ageing grand-father....and lots of time to think.

Hannah and Alex, named and admitted as Christians through baptism. Given to parents, shared with relations and friends, and blessed by Jesus to follow his example and make a difference in the time that is given to them. And Lech Walesa? What would we have done better if we had our time over again? Is it important? Would it make any difference to the likes of Hannah and

Alex and all the other new babies waiting to grow up and learn from us how to live?

I believe we have a responsibility to Him who gave us life itself, to our community..... and to the children, to help them grow, live and love. We can't get everything right all the time (come and see me in the Young Christians pantomime to prove that!).....but we can try.



## Choral Society date

**Nantwich Choral Society** will be performing **The Dream of Gerontius** by **Edward Elgar** in Chester Cathedral on Saturday 7th November. They will be joined by the Border Singers from Whitchurch, the Lydian Singers and members of Romsey Choral Society. It promises to be a memorable evening. Tickets are available from the Cathedral Box Office or from any choral society member. For more information visit the website at [www.nantwichchoral.org.uk](http://www.nantwichchoral.org.uk)

## A talk about woods

**Sadlers Wells Community Woodland** invites you to hear Phil Tidy 'talk about woods' at The Mill, Bunbury, on Tuesday 6th October at 7.30 pm. Space at 'The Mill' is limited so please ring **Sue Conway** on **261606** if you are coming.

The deadline for material to be included in the **November Link** is Friday 16th October.

## Tarporley Rotary gifts to school



Bunbury School has Tarporley Rotary Club to thank for a generous gift of child-sized, professional-quality gardening tools for its Gardening and Eco Club. The club is appealing again for parental help at 10am on Saturday 17th October to "put the school garden to bed" for the winter, in particular

mulching with shredded bark. Please contact Elaine Crotty on 260524 if you are able to help for a couple of hours.

The Rotary Club also gave to each Year 6 leaver a copy of the Usborne Illustrated Dictionary to take with them to their new schools.

## Scouts look for project manager

Fundraising for the new scout hut will have reached its target once final negotiations on the sale of the old scout hut are completed and work is due to start at the end of year. Scouts are now looking for a volunteer to oversee this important project for the village to help ensure it proceeds smoothly. We expect the building to take about 4 months to complete. We need someone with knowledge or experience of building and who is usually available during the day.

The person needs to be on hand to project manage and sort out and answer queries for the builders. Several other scouting leaders will be available by phone as necessary.

The position is unpaid. This is an ideal

opportunity for someone keen to help in our community to offer their time without a long term commitment. Please could anyone who is interested let me know on **07770 653950 or 260507** or by email **philip.elsegood@eel.co.uk**

Scouts and Guides are doing a fantastic job in our community - keeping children and teenagers occupied. There is a massive commitment by many parents but we need the wider community to play its part.

We are especially grateful to Parish Council for their long term support and for providing the site for the new hut.

**Phil Elsegood 260507**

## Many thanks to Liz



Our faithful contributor Liz Jones, whose Nature Notes have appeared monthly in the Link for many years, has now decided it's time to stop. Liz is a very keen nature -lover and says she has enjoyed researching and writing her pieces over the years. We know that for many readers Liz's fascinating articles were a highlight of the magazine. Our sincere thanks to Liz, who is enjoying a new life in Tattenhall after a recent move.



**Finally after 7 camps a dry one! 30 Explorers and 9 Leaders enjoyed their annual camp in the Lake District with activities from Kayaking to rifle shooting**

## Give us this day our daily bread

Do you and your family say grace before meals? I, being greedy, am very bad at it and often I am well into my meal before I remember I should be thankful for what I have.

In a gift shop recently I found a wooden cube, with a grace written on each face. I keep it on my table and turn it round each day. Since then I have found some lovely graces, for all occasions, some serious, some funny, but all reminding us that we are very privileged that we can eat well every day.

Here is one:

*Bless and stretch this food, O Lord.  
Heavenly Father,  
Keep us all alive,  
There's ten of us for dinner,  
And food for only five.*

And from Betty Boothroyd, when Speaker of the House of Commons.

**S**end down O Lord,  
**P**lenteous blessings on us and all we  
**E**at and drink this day:  
**A**nd may we always  
**K**eeep in mind  
**E**veryone who tonight will go to  
**R**est hungry and thirsty.  
Bon Appetit!

**Pat Edgley**



**Pat won the Watercolour Raffle at the Beeston Castle Fete**

## Alpraham enjoys Village Day sun

Shown here are two boys enjoying the delights of Alpraham Village Day, held on the playing field on 12th September in glorious sunshine. (How come Bunbury Village Day in mid-June is so often cold and wet?!!)



# Beeston Fete fun and games

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followed this with a wonderful circus act and then allowed the children to try out his circus equipment in a circus workshop in the main arena, under his instruction. Many children were still there an hour and a half later!

Tom on the microphone kept visitors abreast of events and the Jazz Band 'Swingtime' provided us with melodious background music.

Photographers from both Chester Chronicle and Cheshire Life attended.

The greatest thank-you must go to the Fete Committee who give their time so freely (the

irreplaceable Barbara Croley, the versatile Nick Saunders, the helpful Mark Hodgson, custodian of the Castle, and of course Rick, our Vicar, who provides us with much humour!) Sadly our fantastic Chairman, Roger Parr, has had to relinquish the chair after this fete as his job has been relocated to Peterborough. We will miss his light-hearted approach. Our new members, David Cox and Hilary Watson have proved valuable additions to the team.

The fete continues to be the main fundraiser for St. Boniface and the committee work hard all the year round. This year's event, despite mixed weather, raised £4,144.

We are always delighted to welcome new members to the Committee, and new ideas are much appreciated.

**Sarah Thompson 07973 871769.**



Leila Potter, radiant in pink, improved Raffle ticket sales. We would like to mention the generous donation made to the tea-tent by Walter Williamson, and his efforts in distributing posters around Crewe and Nantwich. Noble site managers Graham Melia and Rob Tomlins coped well with the pressure, supported by our youngest assistants the 'Parr boys' who manfully guarded the gate!

This year's attractions included two superb displays of Dog Handling skills by the Whitchurch Dog Agility Team who managed to continue despite a cloudburst during the second demonstration.

James Bazley provided a wonderful programme for the children with his stilt-walking, despite the challenges of uneven ground and rabbit holes! He

## Watch the 1952 hill climb at Beeston Castle on line

The Link was contacted some time ago regarding Blaster Bates at the Beeston hill climb. Some footage of the event has been now put on line and can be seen via the page [www.blasterbates.info/tvindex](http://www.blasterbates.info/tvindex)

## Garden show success

Bunbury Gardening Society Show drew quite a crowd this year - both entrants and admirers (and a few drawn to the excellent tea room!) Among many well-known local experts winning prizes there were plenty of winning entries from enthusiastic amateurs including the mother and daughter team of Overys shown right (Sarah, Jane and Rachel) and Eloise MacDonald (also pictured) who won a class with her extraordinarily long runner beans.





# The Bible is better than gold

'Therefore I love your  
commandments above gold,  
even much fine gold.'

(Psalm 119, verse 127)

Gold is one of the group of metals known as the 'noble' metals. That's because they don't dissolve in acids or oxidise in the atmosphere, so unlike any other kinds of treasure, they never rust or perish.

The value of gold comes from its scarcity, its imperishability and its beauty. So we use gold as a kind of metaphor for something of great worth, like the gold medals at the Olympic Games, a golden jubilee or golden wedding, golden oldies and golden opportunities – even as a child who is as good as gold!

Psalm 119, the longest of the psalms, is a hymn of praise to the value of the Scriptures. So we read in verse 12, 'Therefore I love your commandments above gold, even much fine gold'. Yes, the Holy Bible is worth its weight in

gold! That's because those who try to live by it find it the most precious thing in life.

Moreover, the Bible is worth its weight in gold because it contains the word of God. God inspired the writers and when we read the Bible, God can speak directly to us. The Bible gives us the best possible advice on how to live our lives, how to pray and how to know the promise of eternal life.

There's an old saying that before using any gadget you should always read the maker's instructions. God is the maker of our body and our soul, our life and the wonderful world which he has given us to inhabit. To know how to use all those things effectively, we need regularly to read the Maker's instructions.

Truly, we **should** love God's commandments to us above gold, even much fine gold.

**Eric Wallington**

# Remembering our loved ones at special service

Last year at St Boniface we had a Memorial service. It was a reflective and very helpful to many people who had experienced the loneliness and emptiness of a bereavement in the past few years.

I realised afterwards that we did not advertise early or widely enough as there were many who expressed a need to be there but had not known it was taking place. So to put that right this year you are reading about it now!

The service will be on the evening of Sunday 1st November at 4pm. It will be simple, uncomplicated, and last about 40 minutes with a couple of hymns, a Bible reading, a **very short** talk, and prayers of remembrance. You will have the opportunity to light a candle to symbolize your loss and to remember the people you miss.

After that there will be time to talk about how you are feeling to pray with someone in the Ridley chapel or just to chat with others in a similar place to you. There will be lots of cakes and sandwiches, tea or coffee for you at the back of church.

It's always difficult to choose the right hymns for everyone, and I have my own favourites. If you have a hymn you would really like sung at the service, please let me know by phone, text or e-mail. The first three requests I receive will be sung at the service.

Hope to see you there.

**Rick**

# Jean explains panto picture

As expected, when we published the picture of the young cast of a sixties panto on the front cover last month, we had quite a response. Jean Healey writes: "They are without doubt the younger members of the well-known Bunbury Pantomime group that flourished in the latish '50s and early '60s. It is certainly not a 'Young Christians' production: the Young Christians were founded in 1982. However, many of the teenagers here will have been likely members of the successful and popular Youth Club run by Canon Ridgway, Bunbury's well-remembered Vicar until his translation to Bowden in 1962.

The Bunbury Pantomime was a celebrated institution in which the

whole village, more or less, took part, and people came from a distance to see performances. It was by no means a youth affair, but involved all ages in both acting and all the backstage activities, and I believe there were sometimes two or three pantomimes produced in a year. Tony Burrows is one who took part; Gordon Jones is another. A sweep of the Wednesday Club would probably reveal many memories!

We have been busy this year celebrating fortieth anniversaries of so many things that began in 1969, but Bunbury was a lively village, with much going on, well before that year. It is good to be reminded of this."

## Calveley date

Advance Notice - a date for your diary - Sunday 22nd. November 2009.

Friends of Calveley Church are holding a luncheon at "The Woodlands", Calveley Hall Lane, Calveley, by kind permission of Mrs. Yvonne Wood.

## Nancy Brookfield - her family remembers

A wife, a mother, a grandma too,  
This is the legacy we have from you.  
You taught us love and how to fight,  
You gave us strength and you gave us might.

A stronger person would be hard to find,  
and in your heart you were always kind.  
For all of us you gave your best  
Now the time has come to rest.  
Go in peace you've earned your sleep  
Your love in our hearts we'll eternally keep.

## Ernest Cowap - a real gentleman

From the words of Ernest's widow Phyllis: "Thank you for your love and companionship in a happy marriage of nearly 65 years. Our love will shine on forever".

Rick adds, "I was always gladdened when I met Phyllis and Ernest coming into church. They together were such a delight, two peas in a pod. I shall miss

Ernest a lot, not only because he so faithfully looked after graves in the churchyard, or because he came to every service, or because he made me feel good, but also because he was a living example of being a real, genuine, self-effacing Christian. He was a man without an edge, simply a wonderful gentleman."



## Annie Kirkham - always busy

Our wonderful mum, she was our best friend and helpful adviser, always there with wise advice and friendly banter.

She loved her life and lived it well, a wonderful cook, specializing in making Sunday lunches, cakes and puddings.

She loved her garden where she could always be found getting cuttings and growing things. I remember she grew an apple tree from a pip, and today it is loaded again with fruit.

She worked at Peckforton Castle with the disadvantaged and disabled evacuees from London during the latter part of the war, there she made some very good friends. Later she worked as house keeper with Dr Terry in Bunbury at Foxdale. Then she married and became a wonderful wife to Frank, and mum to us two.

In her later years mum, at the age of 75 was still riding around on her moped or Yamaha 75, going about her business

shopping, visiting, she was always busy popping in and out.

She fell off both bikes a few times but never seemed to damage herself much and it never stopped her from riding. She was a fighter till the very end, despite being confined to a wheel chair, which was such a disappointment to her as she could no longer get into her garden nor get onto her bike.

**Written by her sons Nigel and Frank**

## June Dalrymple - an inspiration

Born in 1917, June's childhood home was in Whalley Range. Educated at Withington Girls' school, and later in Denbigh, June then trained as a teacher. After the War, June moved with her mother to Wilmslow where she taught at a local school for people with disabilities, then at Baguley Hall Infants School in Wythenshawe, where she became headmistress. She remained there until her retirement, and was highly thought of.

Leaving the area, she bought a derelict barn in the Lake District, which she renovated with the help of her brother Jimmy, an architect, and turned it into a beautiful house in a delightful fell-side position. Family and friends have memories of happy holidays in the Lake District, courtesy of June. She took up many new hobbies there including sheep farming. Such was her enthusiasm, she could name the lambs she served for Sunday lunch!

The Lake District weather often made life difficult for her so eventually June decided it was time to move back to Cheshire. Through her friendship with Edgar Parker and his family, she decided to settle in Bunbury. She brought her bees with her, and one

image that her family and friends will never forget, is her description of how she and Edgar, in full beekeeping kit, with veils and all the paraphernalia, drove a car full of beehives down the M6 to Bunbury.

June did many interesting and exotic things in her life; including visiting Czechoslovakia during the height of the cold war; sailing round Iceland and witnessing the emergence of a volcano from the seabed off the Icelandic coast; and sailing on a banana boat to the Caribbean.

June was very happy in Bunbury, and became a valued member of the local community and a rather good bridge player. She was a great communicator, and had the ability to talk to and befriend anybody. She took a keen interest in the lives of her four nephews and their families, and in Joy and Nick Parker and their children, to whom she became an extra grandparent.

We all feel privileged to have known her. As June would have said herself, as she finished leaving a message on family answering machines: "This is Auntie June. Bye Bye".

**(From Joy Parker's eulogy)**



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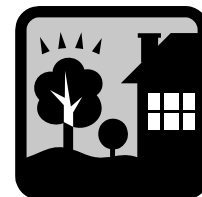
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### October

4	8.00am	Holy Communion	St. Boniface
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Jude's
	10.00am	Family Worship	St. Boniface
	6.30pm	Harvest	Calveley
7	10.00am	Holy Communion	St. Boniface
11	9.30am	Morning Service	St. Jude's
	10.00am	Family Communion	St. Boniface
	4.30pm	Evensong	St. Boniface
14	10.00am	Holy Communion	St. Boniface
18	8.00am	Holy Communion	St. Boniface
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Jude's
	10.00am	Family Worship	St. Boniface
	11.00am	Family Worship	Calveley
21	10.00am	Holy Communion	St. Boniface
25	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Jude's
	10.00am	Family Communion	St. Boniface
28	10.00am	Holy Communion	St. Boniface

### November

1	8.00am	Holy Communion	St. Boniface
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St. Jude's
	10.00am	Family Worship	St. Boniface
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Calveley
	4.00pm	All Souls Service	St. Boniface
4	10.00	Holy Communion	St. Boniface
8	9.30 am	Remembrance	St. Jude's
	10.45am	Remembrance	St. Boniface
	4.30pm	Evensong	St. Boniface

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