

Link

For the parishes of Bunbury & Tilstone Fearnall



December
2017 -
January
2018

God couldn't have made himself bigger to impress us, so he made himself smaller to attract us
Anon

*** Stop Press - New Look YCs for 2018! ***

Young Christians is being revamped and relaunched as Bunbury Youth Club.

It will be **free**, we are not inviting subscriptions or formal membership, but it will take place in the church on Monday evenings.

Tim, Beth and Vicky will be the leaders, as well as, we hope, our new Youth Worker when they are appointed.

There is a fun-filled programme of activities - all the details are on page 6.

The programme for 2018 includes special activity evenings such as an introduction to **art/painting**, a **bake-off**, **orienteering** and **outdoor adventures** - when we will have the support of invited experts, to help lead them. Other activities will include **games nights** and **movie nights**, as well as end of term **parties**.

We will only ask for a donation when we go on special outings - such as **go karting**, **ice skating**, **sailing** and **swimming**.

The autumn term will still revolve around the production of the village **pantomime** - a wonderful experience for all the youngsters involved.

We want Bunbury Youth Club to be fully inclusive to all, offering a fun and safe place for young people from Year 6 upwards.

There will be **no religious content** but it will nevertheless be under the care and love of the church community, modelling God's love to all.

Get a taste of the real Christmas Spirit

Special services at your church over Christmas

St Boniface
3rd Dec - 4pm Christingle
17th Dec - 10.30am DIY Nativity
All young visitors are invited to take part in our Nativity play
6.30pm Carol Service by candlelight
24th Dec - 4pm Crib Service
11.30pm Midnight Mass
25th Dec - 10.30am Christmas Day Communion

Calveley
3rd Dec - 11am Advent Holy Communion
17th Dec - 11am Nine Lessons and Carols
24th Dec - 7.30pm Christmas Communion

St Jude
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Community news

We welcome **Michael George Shore**, son of **Nick** and **Beth** who was baptised at St Boniface on 29 October.

In addition to performing two concerts (see p7) **Bunbury Singers** will be carol singing in Tarporley pubs in aid of Guide Dogs for the Blind on Monday 18 December. Starting in the Foresters Arms at 7pm, they will move on to The Crown, followed by The Swan and finishing at The Rising Sun. If you would like to join them, please come along. All are very welcome!

Friday at Tilly's has been chosen as one of the Bunbury charities for the next round of the **Co-op Local Community Fund**. The funding round started on 12 November and runs for 11 months until 27 October 2018. Every time members shop at the Co-op, 1% of what they spend on selected own-brand products and services goes to the Co-op Local Community Fund. Members in Bunbury have been able to choose the local cause they want to support and give their 1% to from 12 November. The Co-op will also give Friday at Tilly's, and the other causes in our community, an equal share of the money raised from sales of carrier bags. The group meets with coffee and cake every Friday, 10.00-11.30am, coffee £1. New people are always welcome. If you need transport, please contact Amber 261437.

St Jude's welcomes everyone to their **Christmas Tree Festival** from 10-25 December.

On 8 December, **Bunbury WI** will have a talk by **Jean Finney** on the **Origin of Nursery Rhymes**.

Bunbury Bowling Club annual Christmas Bingo, Saturday 9 December, Playing Fields Pavilion. Doors open 6.30pm. Great prizes.

Bunbury Gardening Club is not meeting in December, but will have a quiz with mulled wine and mince pies on 16 January.

Win Bond would like to thank all the generous people who sponsored her for doing the Zip Wire Experience on 3 November. She has raised £1,910. Tarporley Hospital and Leighton Hospital PC Group will both benefit.



Two Bunbury Branch Chairmen of the Royal British Legion met at the seaside in Brighton. **James** and **Jill Walton** took the opportunity, whilst in Brighton, to look up **Roger** and **Megs Fairweather**. Roger and



Megs made the move to Saltdean near Brighton to be closer to their daughter. They are very happy in their new home and look as though they have enjoyed a warm summer. Roger has not been pressurised into joining any committees yet, but has judged the local Chrysanthemum show. They send their good wishes to all their friends in Bunbury.

On 20 November **Bunbury Mill** was on Bargain Hunt Daytime Series 48.



Class 3 at **Calveley Primary Academy** had a very exciting time on their "WOW starter" school trip to the Black Country Museum. They visited the Victorian school where they experienced life as a Victorian school child. They also braved the dark mining tunnels and learnt about the life of a miner. Their visit to the Victorian sweet shop was a great finale to the day!



Mike and **Margaret Rogers** and **Colin** and **Gaynor Stanyer** bid for tickets from the Royal British Legion for the Remembrance Service at the Albert Hall. They were lucky enough to win and had seats just under

the royal box. They found the service very emotional.

An enormous thank you to **Jo Mason** for kindly designing this issue of the Link. Thanks also to **Stephen Broadbent** for offering to do so. We wish designer **Lucy Oates**, and husband **Rob**, our best wishes for the birth of their second child in early January.

If you are the owner of a **men's large cashmere jumper** left at church a few months ago, please contact Lucy Munro or the Parish Administrator, Vicki Riley.

Sponsorship of the church floodlights

If you would like to sponsor the floodlights for a week in memory of a loved one or to commemorate an anniversary, please sign the list on the notice-board at the back of church. Please give your donation (min £15) to Tim, a Churchwarden or John Mason.



Carol Service rehearsals are on Saturday 2 & 9 December, 10am-12pm. The Carol Service is Sunday 17 December at 6.30pm, so there will be a final run through at 4.00pm on that day.

Our prayers for December

In all the hustle and bustle of Christmas and the ceremony and tradition with which we surround it, we can put so much energy into having a good time, that we forget what it is we are meant to be celebrating, only, when it is over, to be left with a sense of emptiness, a feeling it hasn't been Christmas at all. Help us to enjoy the fun and festivity, love and laughter, the giving and receiving, and the real message - that a Saviour is born, who is Christ the Lord.

Lord, we pray for those who are sick, especially **Hazel Wilkinson, Jenny Brooks, Judy Morris and Crispin Reeves**. We also pray for those who are mourning a loved one, especially the family and friends of **Malcolm Dodd**.

*When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and the princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among people
To make music in the heart.*
Howard Thurman

The copy deadline for the February edition of the Link is Friday 12 January. The magazine should be in church: Friday 26 January.

TIM HAYWARD

Your Vicar



Christmas is, for many, a busy time of year filled with the joys of carol singing, presents and celebrations with family and friends. For others, Christmas can be a lonely time shaped by sadness and memories.

Christmas can also be a time to pause and reflect. In fact, that's one of the ways we can unwrap the true gifts of Christmas - a moment of peace in the busyness, a breakthrough of hope in our sadness or a rediscovery of love in a relationship that has become stressed.

God with Us: Your Christmas Journey is a booklet that has been developed by the Church of England. It is designed to help us make the most of quiet moments in a time of year when they may be in short supply. It offers thirteen short and simple reflections that explore what the Christmas story might mean for our lives. There is one for each day from Christmas Eve to New Year's Day, as well as one for each of the four weeks of Advent. Each reflection is accompanied by a picture, a challenge and a short Bible

reading to help us on our journey of faith.

The constant refrain of Christmas, in carols and readings, is that God is with us. In whatever situations we find ourselves this Christmas, God is with us - we need only to turn to him and ask to know his presence.

If you would like a God with Us booklet please let me know and I will happily give you one as my Christmas present to you. We will also be sending off our Travelling Nativity Set around the parishes, so if you would like to have the special Nativity set stay for a night at your house, we can arrange that too, just contact me by phone or email.

My prayer for us all this Christmas is that as we unwrap our presents, we too will unwrap God's gifts of peace, hope and love. And as we open our hearts to family, friends and strangers at this special time of year, we may also open our hearts to the heart of Christmas, God's heart of love for us all in the person of Jesus whose birth we celebrate. God with us.



CARDS FOR GOOD CAUSES

....caring at Christmas with Charity Cards

Cards for Good Causes which sells Christmas cards for more than 30 national charities will be back this year in the Tarporley Baptist and Methodist church. Staffed by local volunteers, the Tarporley shop is open Monday to Saturday, 10am to 4pm until Saturday 2 December. Not only are Christmas Cards an important source of funding for charities, but they also help to raise awareness of their work. At our Tarporley shop you can choose from a fantastic array of charity cards and stock up on Christmas essentials, such as wrapping paper and gift tags. The shop is part of the Cards for Good Causes' national network of over 300 shops. In the past 5 years, charities have received over £20 million from Cards for Good Causes - representing at least 70p in every pound - out of which charities have had to pay for the production and distribution of their Christmas cards and any VAT.

Church diary for December-January

Sunday 3 December	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Christingle 10.30am Family Worship 11.00am Advent Holy Communion 4.00pm Christingle	St Boniface St Jude's St Boniface Calveley St Boniface	Wednesday 3 January	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Wednesday 6 December	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface	Sunday 7 January	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Communion 10.30am Family Worship 11.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface St Jude's St Boniface Calveley
Sunday 10 December	10.30am Family Communion 4.00pm Carol Service with Alpraham Singers	St Boniface St Jude's	Wednesday 10 January	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Wednesday 13 December	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface	Sunday 14 January	9.30am Holy Communion 10.30am Family Communion	St Jude's St Boniface
Sunday 17 December	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Worship 10.30am DIY Nativity 11.00am Nine Carols & Lessons 6.30pm Carol Service	St Boniface St Jude's St Boniface Calveley St Boniface	Wednesday 17 January	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
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Sunday 24 December	4.00pm Crib Service 7.30pm Christmas Communion 11.30pm Midnight Mass	St Boniface Calveley St Boniface	Wednesday 24 January	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Monday 25 December	9.30am Christmas Communion 10.30am Christmas Communion	St Jude's St Boniface	Sunday 28 January	9.30am Holy Communion 10.30am Family Communion	St Jude's St Boniface
Wednesday 27 December	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface	Wednesday 31 January	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Sunday 31 December	9.30am Holy Communion 10.30am Family Communion with Methodists	St Jude's St Boniface	Sunday 4 February	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Communion with Sunday School 10.30am Family Worship 11.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface St Jude's St Boniface Calveley



Pat Ellis - Reader Emeritus The Food of Love

How is the Christmas shopping going?
Well organised and finished? Not started yet?
The way we shop says a lot about us.
Some of us browse anxiously to find the exact thing for a special person.
If they like it, we feel clever and good, but when they hate it, we are the failures.
The second type rushes in and grabs whatever comes to hand - "that'll do" - without a thought, so long as it all gets done.
Giving and receiving are acts of love; filling a shoe box for a child far away brings such joy, and graciously accepting something unsuitable gives us the chance to show our love, too.
God gives us so much, in fact, everything we have.
What can we give in return?

All he asks is our love, however feeble. We are never failures to him.
*Dearest Lord Jesus,
We thank you that you came into our world,
A baby born in a stable in Bethlehem
As a gift of love from God the Father
To heal and to save.
The Shepherds came and gave you a lamb.
The wise men brought rich treasures.
We have just the right present for you.
May we give it by caring
For our neighbours, our friends, our families
May we give it by remembering those who are in need.
That gift you hold most precious -
Our love.*



Mike Rogers writes... What's it all about?

Christmas happens every year but as it approaches, we may be certain, even if the month starts quietly, unless we are well-organised, the latter part will be frantic.
Alongside what happens in church, we stock up on Christmas fare and post cards to people we left off our list whilst they kept us on theirs.
Then there are the tree and house to decorate - and we must put up the cards. Thank God for Blu-tack!
But, at last, comes Christmas Eve as the doors of the shops close and there is nothing more we can do to get ready for Christmas.
In between wrapping presents, we sort out the Christmas tree lights which worked perfectly last year, so why not now?
Then it is back to the kitchen. What a horde of Martha's we become. No time for Mary now. Still, it will all be worth it when we stack the dishwasher at the end of Christmas Day.
Then we can relax in front of the television, with Christmas tree lights twinkling and watch the old films we

have missed and the Christmas episodes of the 'soaps' where arguments abound; suddenly we are glad we live so peacefully.
And, at the end of the festive day, we can say we have got through it all.
But perhaps we should just stop a moment and remind ourselves of what it is really all about. In the midst of the Apocrypha - a part of the bible we seldom use - there's a book called Wisdom (written perhaps 100 years before the first Christmas), where an unknown Jewish author writes:
While all things were in quiet silence and the night was in the midst of her course.
Thy Almighty Word, O Lord came down from heaven from thy royal throne
Wisdom 18:14-15
Ah, now that's much better.
Christmas is not about laying in food for a siege, it is about a different kind of siege - a siege when God came on earth in the form of the baby Jesus to seize our hearts and transform our lives. That's what it is all about.

Abbie and Gemma take on the London Marathon

Next April we will be running the London Marathon to raise money for two charities which are close to our hearts...

Abbie's story:

Last April I watched the London Marathon with my son Ben who challenged me to run it next year. It will be a huge challenge for me as I have never run a marathon before but I know this is nothing compared to the challenges faced by Ben and other people living with disabilities every day. SCOPE is a wonderful charity which supports people with disabilities and their families and



I am thrilled to be able to support them by raising money for them.

Gemma's story:

In 2012 I was treated for thyroid cancer at The Christie Hospital in Manchester. Now, five years on and cancer-free, I am thrilled to have been selected by them to run the London Marathon 2018. The Christie is one of Europe's leading cancer centres and the research carried out there helps to save lives and keep families together. I am so grateful to the team at the Christie for the care they gave me during my time there, and I hope that the money I raise will go some way towards saying thank you.

To raise funds we are holding an evening of dancing - Strictly fun, glitz and glamour! We would love it if you could join us. If you are interested in taking part or would like any further information please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you, Abbie and Gemma



Christmas trees that give - support St Luke's Hospice

St Luke's Hospice will once again be selling premium grade Nordman Christmas trees in the village. This year they will be located on the Jubilee Playing Fields at the pavilion, on Friday 1 December 3pm-6pm, Saturday 2 December 10am-4pm and Sunday 3 December 10am-2pm or until sold out.

Whilst it may be a little early to put your tree up, it is a great time to buy it...chop an inch off the bottom and stand it in a bucket of water until you are ready to take it inside. It will be all the better for it! After twelfth night they will be running their popular Christmas tree collection service again. Why struggle to get rid of your tree? For a donation, the hospice friends and volunteers will collect your tree and take it to be chipped. Please register as early as you can at: www.charityxmastreecollection.com All profit goes to patient care.

Bunbury Come Dancing

Saturday 27th January 2018
7.30 pm at Bunbury Village Hall

Come and support Bunbury's finest dancing couples for a charity evening full of Strictly fun, glitz and glamour. Who will be your favourite and win the Glitterball Trophy?

Cast your vote for the winning couple!
Entertainment from the Bunbury Singers
Licensed Bar with cask ale and fizz

Featuring guest judges:

Tim
Revel
Hayward

Elaine
Crotty

Phil
Allcock

Amanda
Harris

Tickets £10 per person available from Tilly's Cafe
or contact Gemma on 07793889467 or Abbie on 07977938965

For those we love and those we miss

Bunbury Tree of Lights 2017



To sponsor a light on the tree at St Boniface this Christmas in aid of our church building please fill in the form or contact Jill Robey on 260081
jill@1manorcottage.co.uk

I would like a light on the tree to celebrate:
(please give details)

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I would like to donate £..... (£5 min)

☐ If you would like to Gift Aid this donation to Bunbury PCC (Charity No 1133106)* then tick box

*By ticking this box you acknowledge that: you are a UK taxpayer and understand that if you pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax in the current tax year than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all your donations it is your responsibility to pay any difference.

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Signature.....

Date:

Tick this box for an entry in the Book of Lights

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The **Goodfellow family** wish their friends and neighbours a very happy Christmas.

Anne James would like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.



A very happy and peaceful Christmas to all our friends in Bunbury, Calveley and Tilstone Fearnall. **Pat & John.**

Megan and Roger Fairweather and **Zak**, the dog, would like to wish all their Bunbury friends a happy Christmas and New Year. We have been moved over a year and are happily settled in our seaside home, near to Brighton.



Best wishes to all in Bunbury for a Happy Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year, from **Barbara Croley.**

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Peaceful New Year. With love from **Graham, Sue, James, Rachel and Jonathan Melia.**



Joy, Fiona, Julia and Simon Parker wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas and a lovely New Year 2018.

Kathy and Peter Collinge wish all their friends a very Happy Christmas and peaceful 2018.



Wishing everyone a fun-filled time at Christmas and a peaceful, healthy and fulfilling 2018, from the **Mason family.**

Wishing our wonderful neighbours and friends a very happy Christmas time and contentment for the coming New Year, from **Tim and Judy.**



Christmas messages

Thank you to all who donated Christmas wishes to raise funds for Crisis at Christmas, which provides a hot meal, shower, fresh clothes and a health check for the homeless at Christmas, plus housing and job advice and access to year-round services at Crisis. The total raised was £205.

YCs Programme 2018

January	Games night - April 16	Games Night - July 2	Panto Session - October 22
Launch and Games night - Jan 15	Archery/Segways - April 23	Swimming at Brine Pool - July 9	Lantern making / Light Party - October 29
Go Karting - Jan 22	Games Night - April 30	Summer BBQ - July 16	Half Term
Movie night - Jan 29	February	Summer Holidays	November
Art Class - Feb 5	May	September	November
Pancake Party - Feb 12	May Bank Holiday - May 7	New Intake and Games Night - September 10	Panto Session - November 12
Half Term - Feb 19	Orienteering - May 14	Panto Launch - September 17	Panto Session - November 19
Games Night - Feb 26	Games Night - May 21	Panto Session - September 24	Skittles at Bickerton Poacher - November 26
March	Half Term - May 28	October	December
Ice skating - March 5	June	Panto Session - October 1	Movie Night - December 3
Games Night - March 12	Games Night - June 4	Sector 7 / Laser Tag - October 8	Carol Singing - December 10
Bunbury Bake Off - March 19	Sailing - June 11	Panto Session - October 15	Christmas Party - December 17
Easter Egg Hunt - March 26	Games Night - June 18		
April	Outdoor Adventure - June 25		
Easter Holidays - April 2 and 9	July		

Double up with Bunbury Singers

Bunbury Singers are very excited to be putting on, not one, but two Christmas concerts this December! They will both be in aid of St Luke's Hospice, and are the first concerts with their new conductor, Ken Fayle, and accompanist, David Fayle.

The first concert will be held at St Boniface on Saturday 9 December at 7.30pm, and will include guest performances from the Crewe Male Voice Choir and Tarporley Silver Band. There will be a variety of music and will include some congregational carols accompanied by the Silver Band.

The second concert will be held at St Andrew's Church in Tarvin on Monday 11 December at 7.30pm. The guests at this concert will be the Cantoris Chamber Choir, Frodsham Chorus and the Tarvin Church Choir.

Tickets for both events are £8 and are available both locally and on the door. A seasonal drink and mince pie will be included!

Please see posters for details.

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM BUNBURY PARISH COUNCIL

CAROLS AROUND THE TREE CHRISTMAS EVE 6:30PM AT THE VILLAGE CHRISTMAS TREE

MUSIC BY
CREWE BRASS

SPECIAL GUEST
APPEARANCES
BY FATHER
CHRISTMAS
AND
REVEREND TIM
HAYWARD



Pat Ellis becomes Reader Emeritus



On Saturday 21 October Reader Pat Ellis was made Emeritus by Bishop Peter. At the same service, eleven new Readers were licensed and admitted. The preacher at the service was Simon Chesters, Director of Vocations for Liverpool Diocese, but who was in charge of Reader Training in Chester Diocese, when Pat did her training. Pat began with Foundations for Ministry, in 2001 - a year long, part time, general introduction to all types of ministry, then did two years, part-time, of Reader Training. She was licensed in October 2004. Although she has led services at Bunbury and St Jude's, most of her ministry has been at Calveley Chapel, where she regularly leads Family Worship. For many years, Pat has written a column for the Parish Link, usually on a seasonal religious theme.

On becoming emeritus, Readers become licensed to the Bishop rather than the Parish, one can then be deployed around the Diocese, or possibly retire. Pat will not be disappearing from our pages or from work in the parishes. We offer her our congratulations.

Parish Council Pursuits

Ward Councillor Michael Jones and nine Parish Councillors attended the Parish Council meeting on 9 November. Michael announced that he would be resigning shortly, probably by the end of the year. The Chairman thanked Michael for all the help and advice he had provided during his term as our Ward Councillor. Two residents also attended the meeting. Two planning applications were discussed, including one for Brantwood, the house in the village triangle.

A report on the Bonfire and Firework Display was well received, with the interim account showing a profit of £500. Councillors are keen to keep the event 'affordable' and at £4 for adults and £1 for children, 5 to 15yrs, it is the best value anywhere in Cheshire.

Several Councillors and residents have received training from Cheshire Constabulary in the use of our speed gun which we will be deploying shortly in the village.

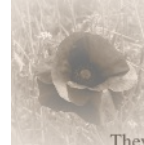
Residents who live adjacent to the strip of land behind Tweddle Close have responded to our consultation about how to use the land. The consensus is that it should be planted as low density woodland, including some fruit trees. More details to follow in the coming months.

Some potentially good news regarding the Bus Consultation affecting both the Bunbury services. The consultation report has recommended that a 'rural service' be retained but we now have to wait for the council's decision. This may turn out to be a good example of the David and Goliath story...

Don't forget 'Carols Round the Tree,' 6.30pm on Christmas Eve in the village centre. This year we will be accompanied by an ensemble from Crewe Brass, a really excellent local brass band. So Bunbarians get practising with those sweet voices!

Leila Potter - Parish Council Press Officer.

Remembrance Sunday



Laurence Binyon

They Shall Not Grow Old



Martin Cook

On Remembrance Sunday, Bunbury refused to be daunted by the theft of the Remembrance plaques, with the names of those who lost their lives in two World Wars. Thank you to all those who donated to replace them and especially to Chris Jones, who set up the Just Giving page. A big thank you to Dennis Burrows who organised the temporary plaques and to Johnson's of Nantwich, who produced them.

Bunbury turned out in force to remember those who gave their lives and the families they sadly left behind, both in the parade and in filling the church to overflowing.

During the service, as well as reading out the names of the dead from families in the parish, our young people read evocative war poems and explained their context.

For the service, Martin Cook composed a much appreciated and fitting anthem for our choir to sing, to words from a poem by Laurence Binyon (*first page pictured right*). In his address, Revd Tim spoke about the theft of our plaques from the memorial gates and our determination to keep remembering the sacrifice of those who gave their lives so that we might live in a free country, in peace.

Andante espressivo

Soprano
Alto
Tenor
Bass
Piano

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Give us Two Minutes - Vicky Barrett



I was born and brought up in Hampton, Southwest London, with my four elder siblings, writes **Vicky Barrett**. They still enjoy teasing me. I studied English at St John's College, Cambridge, and then completed a Post-Graduate Certificate in Education at Leeds University. It was here that I picked up the running bug in a serious way, competing at cross-country. My teaching career took me to Peterborough, Bristol,

Blackpool, Portsmouth and Stockport, before the call to ordination became so loud that I went to Ripon College Cuddesdon theological college in rural Oxfordshire, and then arrived in Bunbury when I was ordained deacon on 2nd July, 2017.

If you had a motto, what would it be?

I'd use the Bishop Wand School (where I went to school) Bible verse: "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might." Ecclesiastes 9:10

It's a celebrity beer call - who would you like to invite?

Some heroes whose conversation would be fascinating, a poet and a favourite musician: Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Baroness Warnock, Dame Shirley Williams, Andrew Motion and Neil Hannon (his rendition of "Dear Lord and Father" is amazing).

What would you call your autobiography?

Adventures with a Cup of Tea.

What was your first job?

Group leader for a summer playscheme for children with learning difficulties in Hounslow.

What would you change about Bunbury, if you could?

A regular bus service.

What is the best book you have read to date?

Other than the Bible, you mean?

Narrowing it down to one book as "the best" is tricky. A childhood favourite is "Fifteen Rabbits", by Felix Salten, the author of "Bambi". It is wonderfully unsentimental, making "Watership Down" look very gentle in comparison. Oliver Postgate's autobiography, "Seeing Things", is a moving account of the wise man behind such classic children's programmes as "The Clangers" and is very special. "The Oxford Book of English Verse" is also an

old friend on my bookshelf, and the range of poetry included makes it a particularly sustaining read.

What is your biggest regret?

Life is too short to have regrets. If I were able to give advice to my teenage self, it would be to persevere with piano practice (I didn't) and learn your German grammar thoroughly (life would be far easier if I had done so).

If you were granted one wish, what would it be?

Is peace on Earth too much to ask?

What is one thing people would be surprised to learn about you?

I play cribbage and am on the lookout for other people who would enjoy going "twice round the board".

What would you like to achieve most over the next 12 months?

To get to know more of the wonderful people in the parish. I have been overwhelmed by the kindness and friendliness of those I've met so far. To get back into a good routine with my running and do some races wearing my new Tattenhall Runners vest.

What is your favourite place and why?

Tyntesfield House, in Clevedon, Bristol. It is the most gloriously eclectic National Trust property - although Erddig comes a close second. I have visited it on many occasions with some of my closest friends and it never ceases to delight. You feel as if the last member of the Gibbs family who owned the property, Richard, has just nipped out for a moment.

Which film can you watch repeatedly?

I love Ealing comedies. "Kind Hearts and Coronets" and "The Ladykillers" only improve with each viewing.

How would you spend your ideal weekend?

I would have lots of friends to stay, with plenty of good food and drink. I hope that all four of my sisters and brothers and their families would come, too, including my brother Paul, who lives with his wife in Hungary. I'd get up early on Saturday morning, and those of us who enjoy running would have a run - there are so many lovely routes round Peckforton and Beeston - before a hearty breakfast at Tillys. A visit to a National Trust property, with obligatory cups of tea and slices of cake would definitely feature. We'd go to the theatre, and find somewhere to watch some fireworks. We would round the weekend off with a "beer and hymns" evening round the piano (other beverages would be available) and thank God for a great time. I'm not sure what my cat, Jazz, would make of all this noise and busy-ness, so there would have to be some quiet time spent with him curled up on my lap.

Bunbury Royal British Legion skittles match 2017

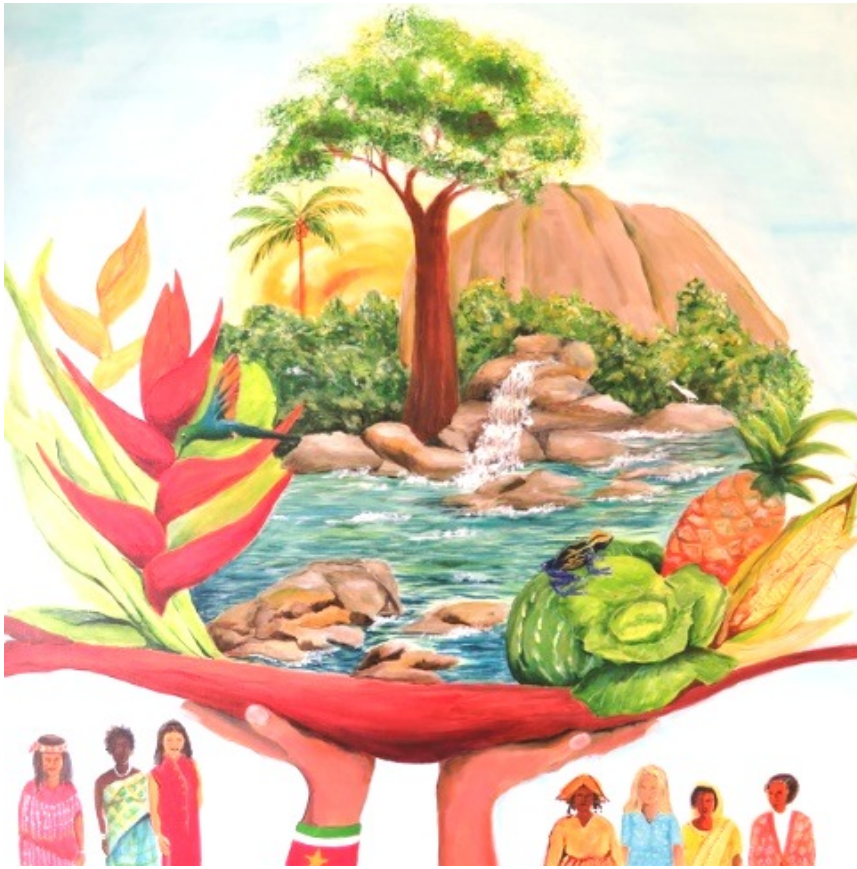


On 6 November members of Bunbury Royal British Legion held their annual skittles match for the beautiful Whineray Cup at the Bickerton Poacher. A separate competition for guests was also held with most of them being from the Bunbury Bowling Club, plus other visitors. Bunbury RBL President, Mike Rogers handed over the Whineray Cup to longstanding member of the BRBL, Michael Dean who won a resounding victory and my, doesn't he look pleased about it! The visitors' competition was deservedly won by Andy Williams who during the competition had to beat his wife Debbie to win the trophy. Now that is cause for a good domestic. Everyone enjoyed a meal, liquid refreshment, good company and a raffle, the raffle was most ably run by Mari Harris who must have twisted some arms to get so many great prizes. The evening was organised by Fred and Pam Hardy and Pat and Carol Brown along with other members of the committee and everyone was most grateful to them for all their hard work. The evening raised funds for the local branch of the RBL, so warm thanks to everyone who came and gave their support.

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Suriname: "All God's Creation is very good"

14 fascinating facts about Suriname



both won by the swimmer Anthony Nesty in 1988 and 1992. Suriname's national and favourite sport is Soccer (football), they never won a major soccer event though. However several of the most famous Dutch footballers, including Ruud Gullit and Nigel de Jong are of Surinamese descent

9.They drive on the left in Suriname. The only other South American country to do so is Guyana.

10.Tropical rainforests make up about 80% of Suriname's total Landscape. The highest point in Suriname is Juliana Top at 1,230m (4035ft). It is a country very rich in flora and fauna. There are several Protected Areas of Suriname. The largest of these is the Central Suriname Nature Reserve, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

11.The Suriname toad (pipa pipa) is about five inches long and almost flat. Its feet are webbed and it has tiny eyes, no teeth and no tongue. Also famous is the giant sea turtle or leatherback turtle.

12.About half the population of Suriname live in its capital city Paramaribo, which has more people than the next nine cities put together.

1. In both area and population, Suriname is the smallest country in mainland South America.
2. Suriname's earliest inhabitants were the Surinen Indians, after whom the country is named. By the 16th century they had been supplanted by other South American Indians. Spaniards came to Suriname in the 16th century, because they've been in search of gold, however they did not stay long since they did not found any but by 1602 the Dutch began to settle the land, followed by the English. The English transferred sovereignty to the Dutch in 1667 (the Treaty of Breda) in exchange for New Amsterdam (New York).
3. Suriname became independent from the Netherlands on November 25, 1975.
4. Dutch is still the official language of Suriname, however no fewer than 20 languages are spoken.
5. The main export of Suriname is bauxite from which aluminium is extracted. However, industries such as ecotourism are also growing, while other major exports include bananas, shrimp and rice.
6. Thanks to large-scale immigration to South America from Asia in the 19th century, Hindustanis form the largest ethnic group in Suriname.
7. There is only one cinema in Suriname.
8. Since 1960, when they first entered the Olympics, Suriname have won two medals, a gold and a bronze,
- 13.One of the most distinctive foods that you can enjoy in Suriname is Pom, which reveals the blend of cultures that have helped to form this country, with Jewish and Creole origins. Pom is a dish that contains quite a bit of meat, which makes it a dish for a special occasion in Surinamese culture, and is usually reserved for a birthday party or similar celebration. The dish is made in a high sided dish with layers of the local tayer plant sandwiching chicken pieces, and then covered in a sauce made with tomatoes, onions, nutmeg and oil before being cooked in the oven.
- 14.Adults under the age of 30 are not allowed to get married in Suriname without a written permission from their parents.



Malcolm Dodd: 7th July 1948 - 25th October 2017

Malcolm Dodd - also known as "Plodder", or "Doddo", lived for over 20 years in Alpraham. He cut quite a figure along Tarporley High Street, wearing bell-bottomed trousers with paisley inserts, and bells. A popular man, he was willing to offer help and advice to many people, especially with cars, even when he became very unwell.

He was born and brought up as an only child in Tarporley, where his father was a Fire Officer. He sang in St Helen's church choir and played for the school cricket team as a boy, and he enjoyed a bit of mischief. He left school at 16 for an apprenticeship as a mechanic, but an allergy to oil in the lift pumps saw him move on to be a driver for Stocknall Transport, later to become part of Wincanton. 25 years of driving dairy tankers saw him achieve a long-service award, but did not cure him of a dislike of milk.

He met his wife Susanne, who was working at the labs at Unigate dairy, as he delivered the milk. They were married at Northwich Registry Office on 13th March, 1976, enjoying 41 years and eight months together. Their three children, Peter, Mark and Holly, recall a dad who took great pride in

their achievements and who brought them up to share his love of concerts.

Music was just one of a huge range of Malcolm's interests. He enjoyed all kinds of music - including Jimi Hendrix and Clannad, which were played at his funeral. He loved vintage machinery, rebuilding a Vauxhall Victor with his son Mark, and Massey Ferguson tractors and, in smaller-scale, model aircraft. He was an avid reader, and was well-travelled. He had several greenhouses and sheds, where his vegetables were his pride and joy. Malcolm was a great conversationalist. He would give everyone a chance, although by no means naïve.

It was a huge blow when Malcolm's health began to deteriorate. He suffered from pancreatic cancer for the last 14 months of his life, receiving treatment from the Liverpool Royal Hospital, the Clatterbridge Cancer Centre and the Countess of Chester Hospital, before spending his last five days at home as he wished. The Clatterbridge Centre and The Pancreatic Unit at the Linda McCartney Centre at the Royal Liverpool will benefit from donations in his memory.

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