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Hello Laura, farewell Jane

In March we were delighted to welcome our new part time Youth Worker, Laura Warrington (shown below). Laura lives in Crewe with her husband, Luke. Initially she will get involved with our Monday evening Young Christians' group, as well as working with the youngsters on the first and third Sundays and our popular Holiday Clubs. The congregation had the opportunity to meet Laura during the first Sunday service in March.



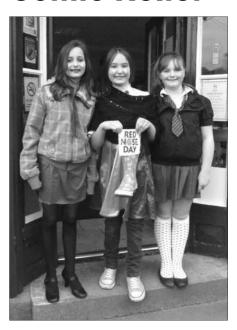
Commenting on her appointment, Laura said "I'm really keen to get involved with the young people here at St. Boniface. I would like to start a discussion group where people can explore Christianity as well as getting the youngsters more involved in Third Sunday family services. But I'm also keen to hear what the young people themselves would like". Laura studied Linguistics at York University and has worked with young people in churches here in the UK, as well as projects overseas, including in Romania and the Ukraine.

Sadly, we are saying a very fond farewell to our Curate, **Jane Stephenson**, who will be leaving us to be Vicar of **Tilston and Shocklach**.

Jane, shown below at her last service on Mothering Sunday will be missed for, amongst other things, her organisational skills, her warm sense of humour and her rapport with young people. Rick presented her with a scarf specially embroidered with the St. Boniface emblem, and the children and youth groups also presented her with farewell gifts. (See page 4).



Girls support Comic Relief



Isabel Wheatland, Eloise MacDonald, and Charlotte Munson, all aged 10, were so swept along by Red Nose Day fever that they rewrote some of the songs from Mamma Mia with a Red Nose Day theme and decided to perform them to raise cash for the charity. Well done to all three for their initiative - they collected an amazing £85 outside Bunbury shops in an hour after school – and many thanks to all those who supported them.



These people look pleased with themselves - what can they have been doing? See page 5

Community news

We hear on the grapevine that **Mike and Carole Ridley** are grandparents again. Their son Steve and his wife Ag now have a second daughter, **Hannah Isabelle**, who was born on March 8th, Mike's birthday. Another grandchild is expected any day now. Details for next month please!

Happy 18th to **Rachel O'Neill**, who spent her birthday as one of the stars of Alyson Hanlon's Whitchurch dance show "Let's Dance".

Congratulations to **Kumar and Ashok Sakardande** who also celebrated their
18th recently.

Happy birthday to the youthful **Jim Simpson** and **Gordon Fairburn**, who score a combined century this month.

A belated happy birthday to **Jean Healey** who celebrated her 80th Birthday in March (see page 5).

Congratulations to **Maral Danesh and Keith Hann** who were married at
St. Boniface on 28th February.



Commiserations to **Jo Macdonald**, struggling with a neck injury. Get well soon, Jo.

We are sad to have to report the death of **Nancy Morgan** whose funeral was held at Huxley Methodist Chapel.

Best of luck to **Hilary Watson** in the London Marathon: it is not too late to sponsor her in aid of

Cancer Research. www.justgiving.com/hilaryandrewwatson

Congratulations to **Liz Kirby's** pupils of speech and drama who all passed their recent Trinity Guildhall exams, many with distinction. **Catherine Sissons** attained her Grade VIII.

Tarporley High School is holding its **Hog Roast and Dance** on 16th May.

Dancing to Chester-based band, **The Front Room**, who played to great acclaim at the last School Ball in 2006 Details to follow.

Bunbury Women's Institute meets every month in Bunbury Pavilion. This month at our meeting, at 7.30pm on 9th April, the speaker will be Timothy Prevett, with a talk entitled 'A Victorian Voyage' and the competition will be 'a memento of a voyage'. Visitors will be made most welcome.

It's 5 years since the **Parish Link** went high-tech – and despite spellchecker, we wonder how many bloopers have still got through?

Cheshire's **Family Information Service** has set up a website giving details of activities, events and venues for children aged 0-12 and their families. Visit

www.stuff2doincheshire.co.uk.

Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers are once again being given away with your shopping. Please collect them and donate to one of our local groups, who will be able to redeem them for children's play equipment. Bunbury Brownies, Earlybirds and Bunbury School are all collecting. Many thanks.

Bookings for **Bunbury Pavilion** are now taken by **Morag Taylor**, 260771. For **Bunbury Village Hall** please contact **Gill Johnson** on 260422

The **Parish Council** meets on the second Tuesday of the month, at 7.30pm at Bunbury Methodist Chapel. Their meetings are public and anyone can go along.

You may also be interested to attend one of the 'Have Your Say' meetings organised by Cheshire Police Authority. The programme of meetings is being run over the next year across eastern Cheshire. The meetings nearest Bunbury will be at the Municipal Buildings, Crewe, on September 3rd, and at the Civic Hall, Nantwich, on January 21st 2010. More information from Martin Eaton at Cheshire Police Authority, 01244 614005, or

martin.eaton@cheshire.pnn.police.uk

Did you know that though we no longer enjoy a regular bus service in Bunbury, there is a **dial-up bus service to Tarporley** and surrounding villages, offering door-to door travel in fully accessible vehicles. To book a journey or for more information, please ring **01606 871990**.

We were very pleased to have a response to our photograph of the **heron** last month though sadly the news wasn't cheerful. One of our readers rang to remind us that though owners of fish ponds find herons a nuisance, these beautiful native birds are a species protected by law.

Sally Sissons, busy growing bedding plants for Bunbury School, is appealing for plastic 6 cell plant trays the sort you might buy pansies or primulas in. Please contact Sally on 261412 if you have any to spare.

Johnny Gillett has written to tell us that his youth theatre, now called the Journeyman Theatre, has grown very quickly since starting in September. There are now 20 students with more starting after Easter. It has 3 points of emphasis: communication, creativity and culture. The group was recently visited by the Northern Dragons, a Chinese cultural troupe from Manchester, who taught them how to do its "Lion Dance". Indigo Moon Theatre will be visiting in May, to demonstrate Indonesian shadow puppetry. For more details contact Johnny on 260860 or email info@thejourneyman.org.uk

Church news

This month please pray especially for Mary Large, Walter and Mary Williamson, Pam Thomas and Eileen Overy and the families of those who have recently died.

Everyone is most welcome to join us at the **Agape** meal at St Boniface church on Thursday 9th April at 7pm. This meal commemorates the Last Supper with a delicious meal with wine after a speaker, this year well-known local artist **Stephen Broadbent**. Please sign up at the back of church if you would like to come. There is no formal charge but donations are welcomed.

Christian Aid week is 10th-19th Maysee back page for details of the coffee morning.

The **May edition** of the magazine will be available in St. Boniface from Sunday April 26th. Our deadline for material to be included is 13th April.

Seeing is believing

'Jesus said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." '

My eldest grand-daughter has the privilege of working for the Prince Charles' Trust, under the banner of the organisation known as 'Seeing is Believing'. She has the task of persuading big business leaders to venture out into the local community and, in the process, to get their companies involved in a very real way in giving assistance to the community's efforts to help and encourage those in need of support. It operates on the basis that in this way business executives will see things for themselves and come to believe that they can and should help - a real case of 'seeing is believing'.

For Thomas also it was a case of 'seeing is believing'. There's a world of difference between believing something is true and believing in Jesus because

we trust him. 'Doubting' Thomas discovered that. When he was alone, hugging his doubts, he found it impossible to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead. After all, it flew in the face of reason. Who on earth could believe that such a thing could possibly happen?



Yet a week later Thomas was persuaded to shelve his doubts for one evening and join the other disciples for a meal. He no doubt expected that once the meal was over, his doubts would return stronger than ever. But it didn't work out like that.

The risen Jesus appeared to have gathered disciples. They recognised him immediately and could see clearly that he was very much alive. Jesus knew that Thomas had said to his fellowdisciples earlier, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side. I will not believe.' So Jesus invited Thomas to touch and believe. Believing that a dead person could come back to life was still beyond reason for Thomas, but as he stood there before his friend Jesus, belief became irresistible. And so he responded by placing his whole trust in his friend and called out, 'My Lord and my God!'. Seeing is believing.

Then Jesus said something very challenging to Thomas and indeed very challenging to us all today, as he said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' And that's where we come in! **Eric Wallington**

Target 1250 hits £10,000

Well done to the Target 1250 team past and present, whose fundraising to help look after the St. Boniface building has now passed the £10,000 mark. Thanks to all those who have supported their efforts over the years, whether by sponsoring a light on the

Tree of Lights or buying a ticket for a speaker. Lots more events are being planned including the Family Treasure Hunt in May (details below). Watch out for details of future events and please, please carry on supporting this extremely worthwhile local cause.

Get to know your village!

Family Fun Treasure Hunt Sunday, May 17th

Join **Target 1250's** treasure hunt around Bunbury village. Great prizes for families: separate matchbox quiz for kids. Start between 2pm and 2.30pm from St Boniface and return afterwards for afternoon tea and homemade cakes.

Also:

Informal family portraits available from a professional photographer. Small fee to the Target 1250 fund to help maintain our lovely church.

See you there! (details from Lucy Munro 260487)

Get creative for Village Day



Before this year's Village Day on June 20th, there are lots of ways you can be planning to join in the fun. Once again

we are holding the popular scarecrow competition – and looking forward to even more entries this year, with the scarecrows dressed in 'Swinging Sixties' fashion – so raid your Dad's wardrobe and have a go! There will also be a competition to recreate a Beatles hit in flowers, and for the children the challenge is to create an animal from naturally grown products.

The very popular craft tent will return, this year joined by a farmers' market, and sixties music from a live band. For refreshment, as well as the traditional bar, there'll also be a Pimms tent. Entertainment will include a gardeners' question time, and Close Encounters – the chance to get up close to some magnificent birds of prey. This is just a taster of what you'll find on the day – so make sure the date is in your diary!

Give us two minutes - Rachael Barrie



Rachael was born in Sussex and moved to Bunbury when she was 4. After school in Bunbury and Tarporley, she spent 5 amazing months last year in Tanzania teaching 120 pupils English in a primary school in the foot hills of Mount Kilimanjaro. She travelled to Rwanda where she visited the Genocide museum, Uganda and finally Kenya. She

is now planning to study Environmental Management at Leeds University and hopes to return to Africa in the future.

If you had a motto, what would it be? Always make new mistakes (a motto I have perfected over the years)

It's a celebrity beer call. Where is it and who do you invite (and why)? I would go to the Dysart because it is a true British pub. I would invite Barack Obama, I think his election is unbelievable - I believe this will change of society as we know it, and I want to learn more about his views and himself. Daniel Carter (New Zealand All Blacks) for self explanatory reasons and Beyonce Knowles just to make the numbers up!

What would the title of your biography be called? The best things in life are free

What was your first job? My first job was a paper round as part of the Co Op; as years have gone by I have progressed from outdoors to indoors! (You may have seen Rachael behind the till).

What is your biggest regret in life? Not putting in enough effort for my A-Levels

And your biggest success? My gap year placement in Tanzania. Personally there is no bigger success than teaching and living in Africa.

If you could change something about Bunbury, what would it be? I think a coffee shop would be hugely successful; there is a lack of places in Bunbury where people can meet in a warm environment. I also think Bunbury should have a community centre with activities aimed at all age ranges.

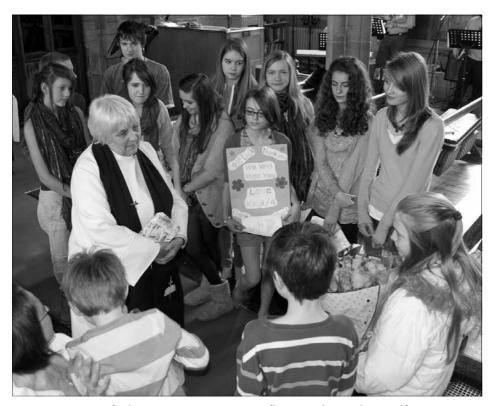
What is one thing about you that people may be surprised to learn? I broke my foot last year, when I decided it would be a fantastic idea to jump down some stairs in a nightclub... in heels! It wasn't the best idea.

What would you like to achieve most in the next 12 months? I would like to do a lot more travelling; first stops are hopefully China and South East Asia. But priority number one is going off to university (finally).

Where is your favourite place, and why? My favourite place would have to be Tanzania: Nshara. The people were incredible and life was so valued, I always saw happy people, and the weather was FANTASTIC!

And finally, where and how would you spend your ideal weekend? My ideal weekend would be spent by the seaside, or in London shopping with some close friends.

Nick Sanders



Members of YCs helped Jane take her final service at St. Boniface on Mothering Sunday. Here she is pictured with some of her young helpers and younger children from Kingdom Kids presenting her with gifts and cards.

He's Alive

The Easter Story has the most glorious of happy endings –

Jesus, our Saviour, who suffered and died, just for us, is alive – and so are we!

In these dark times, it is so easy to forget to be joyful.

So let us put our cares on one side and rejoice in the wonder of life.

Lord Jesus,

You suffered so that I may be forgiven.

You died, that I may live.

You have risen in glory

And you are here with me now.

Show me today how to live

life to the full

And to rejoice in your blessings, My Risen Saviour and my friend.

Amen

Pat Edgley

Bunbury School

Saturday February 28th dawned fine, to Elaine Crotty's relief. Reception teacher Elaine is coordinating Bunbury School's efforts at becoming more 'eco-aware' and lots of willing volunteers would be turning up at school to help install some raised beds so that pupils could start growing their own vegetables. Obviously her appeal for help tapped a gardening nerve in the village, because over thirty willing gardeners turned out to help - by no means all with a connection to the school. What had seemed a big job was soon sorted, with the help of Nigel Overy's

tractor, and the helpers had enough energy left to tidy up the school pond area too. In fact, they all seemed a bit sad that the work was done so quickly – but don't worry, Mrs Crotty has lots more plans: watch out for another digging date in the Link. Thanks to all and especially to parent Richard Goodfellow who made the wooden frames.

Lots of seeds have now been planted, some in the new beds, some in the greenhouse. With luck, the pupils will begin to see and eat the results of their work before too long.



Above, Year 5 pictured at Ironbridge on their popular 3 day residential trip in March.

Right, Year 1 teachers
Rachel Bulkeley and Susi
Waddington pictured
after the class trip to
Tatton Park where the
pupils dressed as little
Cinderellas or Prince
Charmings. Guess which
characters the
teachers were?

Left, the volunteer gardeners admire the new vegetable beds.





Jean honoured by Mayor

Jean Healey was a worthy winner of a Mayor's Oscar at the recent ceremony at the Civic Hall. She was nominated for Volunteer of the Year for her services to the community in Bunbury over many years, and it was especially appropriate that she won this year, the 40th Anniversary of Bunbury Play School, now known as Earlybirds, which she started in her own home. It is also the 40th Anniversary of the Bunbury Journal, which Jean founded and continues to edit to this day.

The Oscar ceremony happened to be held on the same day as Jean's 80th birthday so as well as receiving her trophy she was presented with a bouquet of flowers and the 400-strong audience joined in singing Happy Birthday.



Jean with Sandra and Brian Dykes

The infinite variety of nesting birds

Everywhere you look now urgent wings pass to and fro as birds go about their nest-building. There seems less singing now for a while when the hen birds are sitting on their eggs. Nothing illustrates better the infinite variety of nature than the vastly different methods adopted by different birds. Some species such as magpies nest in the same tall tree-top site more than one year running. They merely add more sticks to the framework of the old nest. The ringdove takes very little trouble, simply making a platform of twigs with no other nesting material which means the white eggs can sometimes be seen from underneath. The nightjar makes no nest at all, it just lays her mottled eggs on the ground. The pheasant at least puts together leaves and grass in a convenient hollow. The partridge will also use grass and leaves under a hedge or bush and will also cover her eggs with the same materials while she

quits the nest for a while. The skylark will sometimes make its nest in the hoof-mark of a cow. One of the most elaborate nests is made by the long-tailed tit. It probably takes a pair of birds two weeks to build this beautiful masterpiece of weaving in which moss, wool, lichen and even spider's silk are used and of course feathers.

A bird well known for its nesting habits is the wren. The male has a strange penchant for nest-building "cock-nests" as they used to be called. Many are never completed, others left unlined. They can also be built in weird places. One was found in a cabbage top whilst another which was displayed in Chester Museum was tucked between the limp wing and dry carcase of a sparrowhawk hanging on a gamekeeper's gibbet.

One bird that signals the arrival of spring is the intriguing parasite the cuckoo. This bird does not trouble itself

to build a nest at all. Instead the hen finds a suitable nest and waits until the foster-parent starts laying then she adds her own egg as soon as the hen leaves the nest. The young cuckoo hatches out after 12 days and pushes the other eggs or fledglings out of the nest with its back. It needs all the room for itself as it grows rapidly from a quarter of an ounce to 50 times that weight in 3 weeks. It stays in Britain until September when it migrates alone to its winter quarters in Africa using inborn navigational skills.

Liz Jones

Save the Family

The next Save the Family collection will be on Thursday 23rd April. Items may be left in the porch of St. Boniface from Monday 20th April (but please not before).

We have been asked for clothes (especially summer) for all ages, crockery, cutlery, pots, pans and cooking equipment, curtains, bedding and towels. Also washing liquid, soap powder, bin bags, tea towels, dusters, toilet rolls, kitchen roll, toothpaste, toothbrushes, face cloths, the list could go on and on, but whatever you give will most gratefully received.

There are over 90 residents at Plas Belin, mostly mums with small children. There are a few dads with small children, who can help to repair outdoor toys, so if you have any that your children have finished with we can make use of them.

The new project for Save the Family is Cotton Farm which will serve as a new start for so many people without hope at the moment, and the more we can help them with the less comes out of their budget for new buildings.

If you would like to go and see Cotton Farm please let me know and I will arrange a visit for you.

Barbara Croley 260344

Village Design Statement

About 90 people took the opportunity to see Bunbury's draft Village Design Statement in an exhibition organized in the Pavilion on February 28th. The purpose of the document is to help to safeguard the distinctive character of our village. The hope is that at a meeting of the Borough Development Control Committee on March 26th the proposals contained in the Design Statement will be adopted and that the document will then be used as 'material consideration' by planners. This means that planners will have to look at any proposed development with the recommendations of the Design Statement in mind, covering a wide range of issues including materials and construction methods,

the preservation of attractive views and the use of appropriate building styles.

The exhibition included an impressive display of pictures by Bunbury School pupils set the task of painting their favourite part of the village. The sweet shop and playground were the subject of several entries, but it was also good to see how many children chose the school!





Fred Dykes - rose to many challenges

Fred was born in Alpraham where his Dad was a local bricklayer. He went to school in Bunbury and passed for the grammar school. Unfortunately his father didn't want him to go and said he was buying him a piano instead! Although he was musical he was very disappointed.

Leaving school, he joined the railway. Walter Williamson was a great childhood friend of Fred's. He was junior booking clerk at Beeston Station to Fred's junior goods clerk. He volunteered to be a pilot navigator on call-up: his lack of grammar school education was initially a barrier but his intelligence shone through and he was sent off to get some qualifications before training as a navigator on Tiger Moths. He spent 4 years in Egypt and then came back to Bunbury and the railway at the end of the war.

He met Dilys at a Village Hall dance (she was a Welsh girl who had come here as a land girl). She remembers his first words as she told him she couldn't dance: 'Just go with the music and you'll pick it up'. He quickly discovered it wasn't that straightforward for Dilys and they were sitting down again within minutes. They recently celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary.

Fred continued to work for the railways as a train planner until his retirement through ill health at the age of 55. But he remained busy and supported Dilys actively in running her grocer's shop. There was usually some project on the go, always researched so thoroughly that nothing was left to chance.

Fred took keen advantage of his employee privileges on the trains and he and Dilys travelled all over the UK and abroad with their bikes. He loved the variety of people they met on these adventures and was full of tales of people and places.

He loved the water. firstly as a keen fisherman in the rivers of Wales.

secondly as a sailor. He bought a small boat which he kept on the Dee and then a larger sailing boat moored first in Holyhead and then Liverpool Marina. This involved getting some training which, typically of Fred, began with the theory. He passed his exams with flying colours, including celestial navigation. He followed this with individual lessons and a trip with the Ocean Youth (he was in his 60s!) Training Ship.

Perhaps Fred's most impressive achievement in later years was his ukulele playing which he took up in his 70s. He brought both his usual meticulous determination to it but also real musical talent.

Fred had his own remedy for getting to sleep: not liking sleeping tablets, for years he went for one 'nightcap' at the Nags Head at Haughton just as most people were going to bed. He was not a drinker but liked the ritual.

Chrissie Latter

Anna Mossay - talented artist

Ann Jane Mossay, always known to family and friends as 'Anna', was born in1938 in Marple, Following junior school in Knutsford she went away to St. Mary and St Anne's School, Abbots Bromley, where her love of art flourished. She moved on to Northwich Technical College, then to Harrow School of Art and eventually to The Royal College of Art to specialize is dress design. Anna was very talented at painting, drawing, needlework and all types of related 'handwork'.

She thoroughly enjoyed life during the 'swinging sixties' in London, and knew many of the personalities of the time, including famous (or should that be infamous?) pop stars and artists.

Mother did not approve!

She returned home to be with our parents but had acquired so much 'stuff' that her brother-in-law John had to make three trips to London to bring everything back to Bunbury in his car. Anna loved 'clutter'!

Following the death of our father, Anna moved to Darkie Meadow with our mother and cared for her devotedly.

Anna became much involved with

Bunbury Gardening Club, Green Watch and the Journal. Another interest was genealogy, and she claimed to have researched part of the family almost back to the Domesday Book. Keen on reading science fiction, she also made a point of competing the Daily Telegraph's crossword every day. She was also a very good cook in her younger years and loved her food. Weight watching was not a priority!

Anna travelled extensively, particularly to the USA and Salt Lake City to view family archives, usually going via Ohio to visit John and me while we were living there. American-style shopping appealed, so she would arrive with one suitcase inside another and return home with both loaded with 'goodies'.

We visited her at home in Darkie Meadow just four weeks ago and found Anna full of life, happily chatting about family and topics of the moment. What a shock to hear of her sudden death.

Anna, who never married, will be very much missed by family and friends, especially as she has passed away at such a comparatively young age.

Susie Batt, Anna's sister

Latest news from St. Judes

St. Jude's will be celebrating Easter with a service of Holy Communion on Easter Sunday at 09:30am. Please join us.

Two more dates for your diary: Saturday 9th May an Evening Concert with the Bunbury Singers (contact David Wright 260467 for details); and our summer lunch which will be held on Sunday 28th June by kind invitation of Ann Posnett.

Finally, Ann Latham writes, "We are delighted to welcome baby Edward John, little son of our churchwarden David Wright and Babsi Vyse, born on 15th February. Congratulations and love to all."



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7-8		Easter Holiday Club	St. Boniface
8	9.30am 7.30pm	Holy Communion Compline	St. Boniface St. Boniface
9	7.00pm	Agape Meal	St. Boniface
10	11.00am	Good Friday Film: The Passion of the Certificate 18	Christ St. Boniface
12	8.00am 9.30am 10.00am 6.30pm	Easter Day Holy Communion Holy Communion Family Communion Holy Communion	St. Boniface St. Jude's St. Boniface St. Boniface
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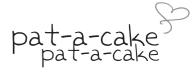
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