

# Link

For the parishes of Bunbury & Tilstone Fearnall



August-  
September  
2017

*Co-operation is spelt with two letters - WE*

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## Bunbury's new curate is ordained



Look out for our new Curate, Rev Vicky Barrett, who was ordained in Chester Cathedral on Sunday 2 July. (Story of Vicky's stole p6)

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# Community news



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We welcome **Amelie Rose Timlett**, daughter of **Alistair and Heather**, baptised at St Boniface on Sunday 9 July.

We welcome **Archie George Annesley Carden**, son of **Tim and Natalie**, baptised at St Boniface on Sunday 9 July.



Congratulations to **Sarah Lomax** and **David Gleave** who were married, at St Boniface, on 1 July.

Congratulations to **Timothy Ferriday** and **Melissa Moore** married at St Boniface on Monday 17 July



**Freddie Garnett**, son of **Emily and Jonny** and grandson of **Alex and Nick Sanders** arrived safely on 13 July.

We are delighted to welcome **Rev Vicky Barrett**, who was ordained Deacon at Chester Cathedral on 2 July and has come to our parishes as our Curate. (Story of Vicky's ordination stole p6)

**Calveley Chapel Summer Lunch** will be held on Sunday 13 August at 12.30pm at The Woodlands, CW6 9GL. Bring your own bottle. Tickets £20 - contact Yvonne Wood 01270 528442.

**GraveTalk** is coming to Bunbury on Saturday 23 Sept at Bunbury Village Hall from 10am til noon. GraveTalk is a café where people can have space to talk about dying, death and funerals. It is free, with coffee and cake provided. We will have funeral directors in attendance as well as the Vicar, Rev. Tim Hayward, the Pastoral Visiting Team and a specialist solicitor for the elderly. It is organised through the Church of England. For further information, please contact: 01829 261437.

**The Funky Choir** will be performing in Calveley Chapel on Friday 5 October at 7.30pm. Tickets £5. Refreshments will be served.

A massive thank you to the **Village Day Committee** and to every volunteer who made Village Day so great. It could not be achieved without everyone's support. The AGM will be in early October. If you would like to attend or assist please email: [contact@bunburyvillage.info](mailto:contact@bunburyvillage.info)

**Bunbury WI** will be Pottery Painting with 'Kraftynoon' on 10 August.

The next meeting of **Bunbury Gardening Club** will be a Garden Trail in Bunbury on Tuesday 15 August at 6.30pm. Details will be circulated to Members shortly. Further details from Margaret Bourne 01829-260944. New members and guests are welcome but please make yourself known to a club official.

**Bunbury Gardening Club** will also be holding their Annual Show at the Village Hall in Bunbury on Saturday September 9. Show Schedules giving further details will be available nearer the time from Burrows the butchers and Tilley's Coffee Shop in Bunbury or from Club officials.

**Bunbury Bowling Club** welcomes you 'to give it a try' at club practice Monday 1.30 - 4pm and Thursday evenings. Contact Dave Evans 01829 262514.

**The Vintage Charity Shop** in Tarporley will close for a holiday during August and reopen in September. They thank everyone for their support during the year and for their donations and purchases which help fund Tarporley Hospital.

Very many thanks to Link Distributor **Liz Morton**, often aided by husband Andy, who has made up and labelled the Parish Link into bundles for the area distributors for many years and is now taking a well earned retirement. The Link is looking for someone to take over this role. It entails being available on the last Friday afternoon of the month or the last Saturday morning, although you get December and August off, as there are two joint issues. If interested, please email or phone the editor.

## Our prayers for August and September

We pray for our newly ordained Curate, **Vicky Barrett**, as she begins work. We pray for all who are waiting for exam results, that they may wait patiently and may be well rewarded. We pray for all who are ill, especially **Hazel Wilkinson, Jenny Brooks, Judy Morris and Blanche Wilgose**. We also pray for all who are mourning a loved one, especially the friends and families of **Frederick Archer, Mary Evans and Neil Shoane**.

### NOTICE INVITATION TO APPLY FOR GRANTS

**THE TRUSTEES OF BUNBURY PAROCHIAL CHARITIES INVITE APPLICATIONS FOR A LIMITED NUMBER OF GRANTS, WHICH WILL BE AWARDED ONCE A YEAR IN DECEMBER, FROM RESIDENTS AND ORGANISATIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES: ALPRAHAM, BEESTON, BUNBURY, BURWARDSLEY, CALVELEY, HAUGHTON, PECKFORTON, RIDLEY, SPURSTOW, TILSTONE FEARNALL, TIVERTON & WARDLE.**

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5. A grant may be made to support an organisation providing support within the constituent parishes, for example providing clubs/group activity for the young and the elderly, support groups for the elderly, assistance for the disabled or disadvantaged, and groups providing hospital transport, respite care and home support.

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE IN WRITING ON OUR FORMAL APPLICATION FORM AND SENT TO DAVID ELLIS, IVY COTTAGE, WYCHE LANE, BUNBURY CW6 9PS PREFERABLY BY E-MAIL TO dwellis7.de@gmail.com COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO BE RETURNED BY 12.00 NOON ON TUESDAY 31st OCTOBER 2017 FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE TRUSTEE MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 6th DECEMBER 2017 WHEN THE AWARDS WILL BE MADE AT THE COMPLETE DISCRETION OF THE TRUSTEES.**  
**APPLICATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE CLERK AT THE ABOVE ADDRESS OR E-MAIL OR BY TELEPHONE ON 01829 261898.**

**The copy deadline for the October edition of the Link is Friday 15 September. The magazine should be in church: Friday 29 September.**

## TIM HAYWARD

Your Vicar



A father was on a beach playing with his children. Tired of making sandcastles he decided to set them a challenge, "Let's see how much we can get into the bucket," he said.

Child number one went off and filled the bucket with sand. "I have got most in the bucket," she said. "It's got millions of grains of sand."

Child number two said, "I've got most in the bucket: it's got lots of stones and each one is loads bigger than a grain of sand."

Child number three was still busy. She had found a large rock and put it in the middle of the bucket, then she added some smaller ones that filled in around it. Then she filled it up with sand before decorating the top with shells.

The dad beamed with delight at the children and declared them all winners because each of their buckets were full to the brim. The dad was a good and kind parent.

This parable is about time wisdom and this is what it means.

The bucket is a day and as each child fills the bucket differently, so each person fills their day differently.

The bucket filled to the brim with sand is a day filled with a million tiny tasks. The day is full, the person is busy and exhausted. Looking back over the day they can see that there was never any time for the big

## The Parable of the Bucket

things because the little ones took up every waking hour.

Child number two's bucket contains a number of stones, but nothing else. This is the person who puts a few things in their diary and goes from one to another, doing them dutifully. But they fail to notice that there are lots of little things that might be done in the gaps between them.

Child number three begins with a big stone and then packs around it medium sized, different shaped and finally, tiny things before at the end adding a flourish of decoration. This is the person who takes a strategic approach to life but at the same time knows that the little things matter.

Child number three represents the time-wise person. Time wisdom tells us that if we start out with all the tiny tasks the bucket will soon be full of them and there will be no room for the big stone in the middle. If you put the little stuff in first, the big stuff will never fit, and so it is with your diary and your life.

Notice that child number three took longer to fill the bucket than the other two. That's true too. We need to factor in the time to fill the bucket, to manage the diary so that it reflects our priorities and values.

Happy holidays!

## Mike Rogers writes... New Beginnings

The next 300 or so words that you are about to read represent a 'New Beginning' for you as a reader and me as their author. Taking over Eric Wallington's Thought for the Month spot that he has filled for many years is a daunting prospect and I want to publicly thank him for the insight and wisdom he has imparted month-by-month.

Any 'New Beginning', be it a move, a new job, a new school, a new relationship, or even a new mobile phone, brings with it uncertainty; how will I cope, will I like it, is it what I really want, or, in my case, what shall I say, are all questions that rush into our minds. The answer to each one is, of course, to have a plan (on the basis that a plan is merely a basis for change!) But on what should we base our plan?

The answer here is to fall back on those things which underpin our thinking; the values and principles that have sustained and supported us through our lives for these have been forged and tempered by our experiences.

For me, (and I guess you would be surprised if I said anything else) it is my Christian belief that has been a significant influence on my thinking and my planning for it does provide a solid moral compass on which to formulate a plan - even one for dealing with the intricacies of a new mobile phone, for one of the virtues St Paul praises in his 1st Letter to the Corinthians is patience. And if you doubt what I am saying, just ask yourself which of the Ten Commandments you would dispense with, although to be fair, you might have to substitute your neighbour's car for your neighbour's ass in the 10th.

So welcome to a 'New Beginning'. I look forward to the unfolding plan which is likely to surprise you as much as it will me.

# Church diary for August and September

Wednesday 2 August	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface	Wednesday 30 August	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Sunday 6 August	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 3 September	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
Wednesday 9 August	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface	Wednesday 6 September	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Sunday 13 August	9.30am Holy Communion 10.30am Family Communion	St Jude's St Boniface	Sunday 10 September	9.30am Holy Communion 10.30am Family Communion	St Jude's St Boniface
Wednesday 16 August	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface	Wednesday 13 September	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Sunday 20 August	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Worship 10.30am Family Worship 11.00am Family Worship 6.00pm Evensong	St Boniface St Jude's St Boniface Calveley St Boniface	Sunday 17 September	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Worship 10.30am Family Worship 11.00am Family Worship 6.00pm Evensong	St Boniface St Jude's St Boniface Calveley St Boniface
Wednesday 28 August	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface	Wednesday 20 September	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Sunday 27 August	9.30am Holy Communion 10.30am Family Communion	St Jude's St Boniface	Sunday 24 September	9.30am Holy Communion 10.30am Harvest Family Communion	St Jude's St Boniface
			Wednesday 27 September	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface



**Pat Edgley Ellis**

Reader

## You are never alone

Loneliness now rates with cancer and dementia as one of the great problems of our age. But it is not only the frail elderly living alone who are lonely.

Many of us know the feeling of isolation, of not fitting in, when we move house, start a new school or take a different job.

Mostly it doesn't last, and we soon settle and make friends.

Life can be very challenging for people who are seen as "different", through colour, sexuality, gender, disability, deformity, attitude or religion.

We naturally gravitate to those who are "like us", ignoring or even shunning anyone who doesn't fit our pattern.

When Jesus came, he didn't discriminate, he took to his heart all who were hated, or had no status, women, lepers, the mentally ill, (possessed by demons), or even the dreaded tax collectors.

Some Christians find it hard to believe that Jesus loves "them", just as much as "us".

Perhaps the old graffiti on the wall is true - "The Church is full of hypocrites" under which someone scrawled,

"Why don't you come and join us?"

Jesus said, "Surely I am with you always, even to the very end of the age".

*Lord, when you walked among desperate and lonely people,  
You looked at them with understanding  
And approached them with arms outstretched,  
Showing them they were truly loved.*

*Let us stretch out the hand of friendship.*

*Where individuals are not seen as persons,*

*May we acknowledge their identity,*

*And where there is alienation*

*May we be reconciled.*



## Brave Max raises funds for Alder Hey Hospital



**Wendy Dickson, writes:** Recently Max Dickson, who suffered a severe head injury in 2016, supported by his brother Archie, cousins and a host of friends successfully completed the Cholmondeley Triathlon team's event with a huge amount of determination and lots of pride. Max made it through the murky waters of the lake at Cholmondeley Castle!

As things stand just now - and with money still coming in, the children will have raised (with gift aid) over £8,000. This is a wonderful kick start of funds for a programme of new and exciting therapies we are committed to supporting the Brain Rehabilitation Team at Alder Hey putting in place.

Max has made exceptional progress from a very dire starting point back in March 2016 following his head injury; but the journey to full cognitive recovery is a long one. We are however buoyed along by the latest thinking in 'neuro plasticity' with the potential this enables for further recovery way beyond what was previously thought possible by medics. For our part we will be doing all we can to help the Alder Hey team bring the latest innovations into play for many children like Max.

Next up to help with more fundraising is the 'Great Beeston Bake Off and Grand Afternoon Tea' at our home on Sunday 10 September (we have the use of a large marquee). It would be wonderful to see as many people there as possible.



## Introducing the judges who judged Village Day

This year's judges were Amanda Harris and her husband, Max and David Ellis and his wife Margaret. They all do tireless work in the village and wider community.

David and Margaret moved to Bunbury in 2001 and quickly threw themselves into village life. David has carried out Treasurer roles for Bunbury Village Day and for various Bunbury charities, as well as previously being a member of Bunbury Parish Council. A keen rugby fan, David can often be found at the Nag's Head, cheering on England or his beloved team, Exeter Chiefs Rugby Club.

Described by her friends as 'a truly wonderful, remarkable woman, with endless energy and enthusiasm, Amanda has been Akela for

Bunbury Cubs and she moved to become Group Scout Leader in 2014. Amanda is a tireless fund raiser for community causes both in Bunbury and the wider area. Through teamwork, Amanda and Max continue to make a huge contribution to the community in which we all live.



Brave Max raises funds for Alder Hey Hospital

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## The Chris White Award for Contribution to the Community



At Village Day, a new award was unveiled in memory of Chris White, who sadly passed away this year. Chris lived on School Lane for many years, he worked with Bunbury Mill and Village Day. He was passionate about the village and wanting to do good.

The Village Day team found a worthy winner for this year's award. She is Blanche Wilgose, who lived in the village until very recently and is now at Elm House in Nantwich, where Village Day chairperson, Linsey Stansfield presented her with the award.

Blanche served tirelessly on various committees and organisations - the Parish Council, church, WI and Mothers' Union and she was, together with Jean Healey, founder editor of the Bunbury Journal. One of Blanche's proudest achievements was being made a Haberdasher, due to her remarkable services to Bunbury School. Along with this, she was given the Freedom of the City of London. Among other things, the Freedom of the City of London confers the right to drive sheep over London Bridge, although the Parish Link understands that Blanche has not, as yet, tested this right!

# Sun shines on St Jude's Summer Lunch

There was a light-hearted Mediterranean feel to St Jude's summer lunch, held at Tiresford, by kind permission of Susannah Posnett. Brilliant sunshine bathed the terrace as drinks were sipped amid conversation, while a dozen children played badminton on the lawn. In St Jude's tradition, the buffet was the most wonderful spread and was followed by delicious puddings. As the adults relaxed in sun or shade, the children turned their attention to cooling off in the swimming pool, having been forewarned to bring swim-wear. They enjoyed swimming, playing and impromptu water races.



## Stole with a story - made by our new Curate Vicky Barrett

It is usual to wear a white stole when you are ordained to mark such a celebratory occasion, and often this will be decorated with a design chosen by the person being ordained, made by either a professional artist or a skilful relative or friend. They will often tell you something of the person's "story", sometimes including pieces from a wedding or christening gown, or portray a Bible scene. I am no professional artist, and the skills I have acquired in creating the design have been thanks to the encouragement of more expert friends along the way. I have also found that the story of my stole has been more profound than I expected.

I wanted to have a design on my stole which would not only convey something of the two years I had spent at theological college in the beautiful Oxfordshire countryside at Cuddesdon, but would also be tactile and excite conversations with people of all ages wherever they were. I was determined to include a red kite, as these wonderful birds were a constant feature of the skyline, never ceasing to put a smile on my face.

Having bought a plain silk stole, I then had to set about preparing the design. The two panels are studies from photographs taken in Cuddesdon, broken into simplified geometric shapes, worked in pieces of coloured silk and needle felt, which I made myself, and a mixture of embroidery in gold, silver and bronze thread, coloured beads and sequins for extra shimmer and sparkle.

The hours spent stitching became less concerned with drawing pictures and more of a meditation on many aspects of life and faith. I had to take a step of faith at

first in adding my marks to a lovely white stole, initially feeling like I was defacing it. There are no short cuts: the picture takes time to build, working in different textures and planes, yet it has been endlessly playful, experimenting with new stitches and relishing the many happy accidents along the way. It has made me learn to be more patient with myself; not getting cross when the gold thread bobbles up for the umpteenth time and the needle falls emptily to a dark corner on the floor as I try to re-thread it.

My stole-story is also matched by lots of others. Perhaps we're all stitching our own stoles, figuratively, at least. Maybe one of the reasons why we get frustrated and impatient is that we

expect a beautifully clear, complete picture to emerge immediately and without effort. Our embroidery might be rough and ready, inexpert attempts in places, but it speaks of time and thought, and, sometimes, pain as well as joy. Thank God that he takes infinite time and care with his stole-stitching, and will not rest until he has fully embellished his creation.



# Calveley School doing something different!

Calveley School is always looking to expand the childrens' horizons and the National Polli:Nation Grant enabled us to do just that! To the delight of children we have finally opened an apiary with one colony of honey bees. We have had help from various people on the way, especially Reaseheath College who provided labour and materials to ensure a safe place for the bees and security for the children. The school

gardening club worked hard to increase the number of bee friendly plants around the school. In July the first group of children carried out an inspection of the colony. They saw the queen, some eggs and the larvae and they had a tiny taste of honey straight from the hive. They learnt the importance of careful, calm handling and they discussed what information they would need to write on a record

sheet following an inspection. More children are waiting to have a go and we will be encouraging them all to try before finally putting together a 'Bee Club'. If there are any adults in the community who would be interested in joining and assisting us then please email Fiona Sloyan at: [fiona@sloyan.co.uk](mailto:fiona@sloyan.co.uk)



## Parish Council Pursuits

The Parish Council met on 14 June. Ward Councillor Michael Jones was in attendance. The Old Playground equipment has now been removed and we are considering the future use of the site.

Affordable housing for rent and shared equity purchase, for those who live or have lived in Bunbury was discussed. More will be built when the new housing developments begin and the council are considering ways to ensure that residents are made aware of availability.

The Cheshire East Bus Service Review proposal to discontinue our bus services resulted in many Parish Councillors and residents visiting an open meeting at Nantwich to voice their objections. Many residents have completed a questionnaire response. A written response from the Parish Council to the proposals is being sent to Cheshire East.

Rubbish bins, especially on the Playing Fields and Playground, are to be emptied more frequently during the summer months.

Leila Potter (Press Officer)

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## The Well house group closes its doors and looks for new ones opening



The Well house group, which has run for over 20 years, celebrated 'end of term' with their usual buffet lunch. The Well has now closed its doors, in its present mode, and the

former members hope to be part of the new initiatives of new house groups following the 'Church Away Day'. (Picture caption: The Well members and friends at farewell lunch)



# Pet Service and Church v Village Cricket Match

A dampish start to the morning meant slightly fewer people and pets came to the annual Pet Service than usual and the majority of pets were dogs. Those who came enjoyed music from the Holy Bandits and a service led by Tim and Vicky, who both blessed the pets and their owners at the end of the service. There was a near miss, in the middle of the service, when a pair of toddlers accidentally released a pair of hens, which were quickly re-caged, to smiles all round.

The weather took a dramatic turn for the better in time for the annual Church v Village Cricket Match, held in the afternoon. Batting was brisk and resulted in a win for the Village team who won by six runs. The final score was 111 vs 105 in 20 overs. Debuts were made by three children, and Ben Chapman (aged 9), who played for the church team, was named man of the match.



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Bunbury Mill



Throughout the summer, Bunbury Mill has had a series of visits by vintage car groups, which made a fine sight parked in the attractive mill grounds - Morgans, Triumph TRs, Singers, Cavaliers and Chevettes, and many others. You never know what you might see on a Sunday afternoon!

The mill has had a steady stream of school visits this summer. On 28 October, Minerva Arts and Bunbury Primary School will be soul caking (a revival of the 19th century tradition) at the mill.



In tribute

## Frederick (Fred) Archer - a passion for music and boats

Fred, the youngest of three brothers, was born in the early 1920s in Bury. Fred thrived in Bury and his talent for music was fostered at the Northern College of Music where he studied both the saxophone and clarinet. Like most men of his generation life was disrupted by WW2 and Fred joined the RAF in 1940.

Fred never spoke much of his experiences during the war but he always continued to play. He was a member of the Central Band of the RAF based in Manchester, playing in many places and often travelling to concerts, rather uncomfortably, in a Dakota aircraft. He would also do a bit of moonlighting often playing locally in pubs and clubs around Altrincham.

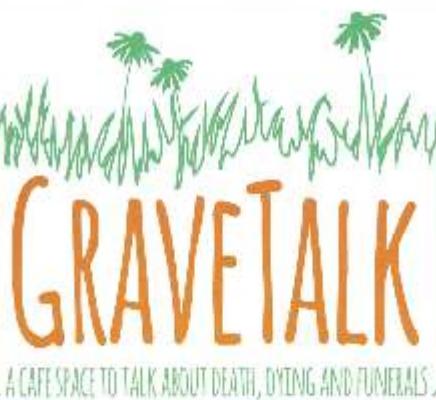
Fred was living in the YMCA at Ringway, now Manchester Airport, with a certain Frank Muir who introduced Fred to a young lady named Doris. The introduction developed into something a little more and Fred and Doris were married in 1945.

After the war, Fred continued his career as a professional musician playing with the great names of his time. The arrival of his family, sons Mike and Martin, didn't hinder his busy schedule; they were taken on trips here and there. In the early 1960's Fred opened a music shop which developed an excellent reputation and Fred

managed to combine this with his love of making music. He worked with many household names of the day such as: Canon and Ball, Ken Dodd, Bob Monkhouse and even P J Proby.

Family and music aside Fred's other great love was boats. Initially he built a dinghy for the family but with size and space an issue he soon progressed to refurbishing an old lifeboat. Named "Ripple", many happy holidays were spent on her, with Fred and Doris occupying the bunks whilst the boys and friends camped on the canal side. Fred's pride and joy of boats was 'Juliana' a 42 foot, 6 berth cruiser made by Taylor's of Chester. Sharing their love of the water Fred and Doris travelled waterways all over the country in her and when they moved to Wardle 'Juliana' had a new home on the Middlewich branch of the canal. As an avid user of the canals Fred raised many thousands of pounds over the years, for the Shropshire Union Canal Society.

Doris sadly died in 2003 and although life was difficult the love of his family and his great passions in life, music and boats, supported him through this time. In Fred's life, that spanned 95 years, the passion and enthusiasm he shared with both family and friends has been an inspiration.



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OF ENGLAND

## Mary Evans - “a tower of strength”

Mary was born in Belfast on 31 October 1937, the only child of Brigadier Eric Moore and his American wife Gertrude Vanderhoef, of New York.

Her early years were spent at a succession of army camps around the UK before settling at Catterick. In 1947 her mother took her across the Atlantic on the Queen Mary for her grandmother's funeral. When it became clear that there were no plans for them to return to the UK Eric travelled to New York and escaped with Mary to Canada before returning to the UK. Mary never saw her mother again although she corresponded with her until her death in 1972. Mary was brought up a "daughter of the regiment" and continued her education here, eventually studying medicine at St Mary's Paddington.

Despite enjoying her time in London she decided that life as a doctor wasn't for her and moved up to Cheshire to join ICI. In 1964 Mary was introduced to David Evans, a charismatic Welshman, recently returned from working in East Africa. A whirlwind romance followed and within the year they married and lived near Comberbatch. They enjoyed a full social life with friends from ICI and life became even busier with the births of Peter and Juliet.

David's work meant that early family life was spent out in Kenya. Not a huge fan of warm weather life with two young children in a remote village where temperatures reached

100F was truly a labour of love for Mary. Early in the 1970s they returned to the UK and found, in Bunbury, a home and pace of life to suit the family. Here they stayed for 43 years.

In her spare time Mary was passionate about gardening; a regular at Bunbury Gardening Club and a volunteer steward at Tatton Park. The presence of a number of rare plants found only in Tatton and a single garden in Bunbury puzzled experts in seed dispersal. When rain conspired to keep her from the garden Mary read transcripts for the RNIB in Tarporley, something she enjoyed doing for over 30 years. Sadly, David died in 2004 and although life was very hard for Mary she rose to the challenges of the 21st century. Peter was living in Thailand so she got to grips with the internet, emails and long haul travel. Becoming a grandmother in 2007 gave her great joy and within 22 months she gained five grandchildren whom she adored and they adored her. Mary truly valued her family and friends, always keen to hear their latest news, interested in their lives. She has been "a tower of strength, giving love, support, advice and a never ending source of chocolate biscuits".



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