



Link

March 2021

Also in this issue...



3

Editor Elaine Crotty: the resilience of Bunbury's elderly



7

Dave Tomlinson gives us two minutes



11

Tribute to church historian John Elsworth

A magazine for the parishes of Bunbury and Tilstone Fearnall

The sun will shine again, the birds will sing and we'll all have a lovely day tomorrow. Captain Sir Tom Moore



Early Birds dreams of a bright future

In its 50 years in the village Early Birds has never experienced anything like COVID-19. Despite challenging circumstances the pre-school still remains a core part of village life and has celebrated some great achievements this year (*continued overleaf*).



Follow Bunbury Church on Facebook

Who we are

TIM HAYWARD - Vicar

St Boniface, St Jude's, Calveley
t: 01829 261511
e: revtimhayward@gmail.com

For pastoral visiting team, please call
Amber Middlemiss
t: 01829 261437
e: bunburypastoralteam@gmail.com

St Boniface

Churchwardens

Si Lees-Jones 07112 27617
Sean Augustin-Wood
bunburychurchwardensaw@gmail.com

Vice-Chair

Vacancy

Treasurer

John Mason 01829 733971

Flowers

Margaret Bourne 01829 260944

St Jude's

Churchwardens

Elizabeth Marren 01270 528556
Vacancy

Secretary

Jenny Brooks 01829 730225

Organist

Ann Badrock 01829 260343

Calveley

Churchwardens

Si Lees-Jones 07112 27617
Sean Augustin-Wood
bunburychurchwardensaw@gmail.com

Secretary

Yvonne Wood 01270 528442

The Link

Please contact us if you would like to advertise your business or to send us your news, views and pictures.

Advertising:

parishlinkads@gmail.com

Editorial:

Elaine Crotty
t: 01829 260648 or 07860 128427
e: parishlinkeditor@gmail.com

Graphic design:

Jo Mason
You can also read The Link online at: www.stbonifacebunbury.org.uk

Early Birds looks forward

Since March 2020, early Birds has adapted its everyday routines to ensure the utmost safety for pupils and staff. It's now second nature for the children to sing a little song whilst they wash their hands – all the changes are now just part of the day.



When the first lockdown was announced in March, they sadly had to say a temporary goodbye to many of their children, but are extremely proud that they were able to stay open throughout lockdown to provide critical childcare provision for key worker children. Despite not having many pupils in the setting, they continued to provide weekly ideas for activities via their Facebook page, and streamed virtual music and dance lessons on YouTube, thanks to Alison Moss and Alyson Hanlon. It was wonderful again to welcome back the older pupils in June when the pre-school was able to open again.

From September 2020 they introduced a new format for their afternoon sessions: these sessions (1pm–3pm) are now dedicated to children who will be starting school the following year, starting the important groundwork to prepare them for reception. The Early

Years practitioners are trained in Read, Write Inc Phonics, the scheme used by Bunbury Primary School, and they introduce Numicon, the maths system many schools use. These sessions have been really popular with parents and it's fantastic to have the schools' reception classroom and facilities close to their own so that children are familiar and confident in the new setting once they start school.

As a charity, fundraising didn't stop despite the pandemic; thanks to local support and being selected as the Co-Op's chosen local cause, they have made some great investments for the children this year, including scooters and road safety equipment. The children have had lots of fun whizzing around the playground and then using the safety cones and traffic lights to know when to stop! Two trees at Sadlers Wells woods have been sponsored by Early Birds, which the children can see grow as they themselves grow. There are exciting plans for the year ahead too – with the support of Co-Op funding they hope to start a community garden for the village. Here's to a bright and healthy 2021 and beyond.



Lucy Oates, Vice Chair.

The copy deadline for the April issue is Friday 12 March. The magazine should be delivered starting Saturday 27 March. Notices to bunburyparishoffice@gmail.com

A word from the editor

I felt moved to write this piece after the death of Captain Sir Tom Moore, an amazing gentleman who, through the power of media, captured the nation's hearts. I think he comes from a generation of notable people.

In Bunbury and the surrounding parish, a remarkable group of Sir Tom's generation and younger has coped amazingly in the pandemic. Some of us are lucky to have got to know them and learn from their indomitable spirit through community support schemes, word of mouth and the Tuesday club – people like **Walter Williamson**, pictured below (centre) on his 90th birthday, who sadly died on 20 February, and who epitomised many of the qualities for which Sir Tom was rightly praised.



Many of our elders live alone, some with no family nearby. When visited, they never moaned, holding conversations about the news (and said what they thought about it). They were interested in your news, philosophical and grateful for support received. Some were missing meet-ups that have not taken place for almost a year and had turned to the telephone to keep in touch, check on each other, find out the news and generally support others. They said when they were fed up, but always knew of someone else worse off. One would never guess that many are as old as they are. The ladies are often fantastic knitters or embroiderers and are able to amuse themselves (without an iPhone!), using catalogues to buy things or do a supermarket shop online. Some had not been out until vaccinated; they talked of feeling safer, praising the efficiency and kindness of the people at Cheshire View and laughing at what it was like to be "let out". Others are still at home, having been vaccinated by local doctors. In the snowy weather, I met two separately who had put on their very sensible shoes and were braving it to the Co-op. Some have said to me: "We've had our day; it's time for the young."

This pandemic has been hard for everyone – especially the young – and everyone has been affected in some way, but we have such a lot to learn from and to be grateful to this generation for. I always feel better for seeing them.

To Sir Tom's generation and younger in Bunbury: I know you have found it hard, been lonely and often despaired. You are truly remarkable. We salute you. Let's hope we are nearly at the end of this pandemic when you can be out and about again, and we can socialise together. I for one look forward to it. I have really missed my games of whist and witty chatter!



TIM HAYWARD

Your Vicar

As spring arrives, I wonder how many of you are longing for a summer holiday later this year?

I write this letter before the PM announces his roadmap, but it was a bit of a blow to hear Health Secretary Matt Hancock say the other day: "I know that people are yearning for certainty over whether they can have a summer holiday, but pandemics are difficult times and there is a lot of uncertainty so I am afraid that people will have to be patient before we can get that certainty."

I had hoped that with the successful rollout of the vaccine programme, life would slowly return to normal. Holidays, of course, are just the icing on the cake. What really counts is a full return to school and colleges, being able to visit loved ones in residential care along with the re-opening of 'non-essential' business so essential for our wellbeing.

I had thought that everything would begin to change on 8 March – that the end was in sight. Most of us can just about hold on if the end is in sight. The problem facing us all is when the lockdown, even in a reduced form, extends into the foreseeable future. We need hope much more than we need holidays. We find uncertainty unsettling.

Having just read "*The Thursday Murder Club*" (which I loved, laughing out loud at times) one phrase makes me think of our slightly more mature, resilient villagers: "In life you have to learn to count the good days. You have to tuck them in your pocket and carry them around with you. So I am putting today in my pocket and I'm off to bed." **Anne James**

Hope springs eternal

"Hold on" is one of the key messages of the Bible, especially to those who are going through it and particularly when the end is not in sight. Much of the Bible is located in such a setting, spoken to those in faraway exile or those facing persecution, even martyrdom at the hands of powerful forces. Don't lose your nerve, hold on!

"Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful", writes an unknown apostle to a church wavering in its hope. As people of faith, we are called to live by the certainty of Jesus' promises in an uncertain world. And it doesn't come easily. These are troubling times, the sense of insecurity is palpable. The pandemic is seeing off old certainties and the danger for us is to seek a short-cut out of this anxiety through false certainties.

Training for ministry, I found myself on a placement with a chaplain at a large teaching hospital, a ministry I found hugely stressful for the simple reason you didn't know what was to happen next. In hospital, in life, challenges don't come in alphabetical order. The chaplain, a lovely man, took me aside and counselled me: "You have to learn to minister in uncertainty."

And for us today, we are living in insecure times, we don't know what the next variant or setback will be. We may not be able to change our situation but we can change our stance, even to flourish in situations of uncertainty.

"We must hold on to God's promise that we have said we believed. And we must never let go. He has promised and he will do it" (*Hebrews 10:23*).

A day in the life of...

... Martyn Bebbington



I started my working life at 16 as an apprentice mechanic working for Cheshire County Council, at Milton Green near Tattenhall. After 10 years' experience I moved to join the AA working as a patrolman. I have now been with the AA for 17 years.

The AA is a traditional British company steeped in history dating back to 1905 and has seen many motoring changes through the years. People still salute me when they see the van arrive. With over 16 million members I'm glad we don't have to salute anymore!

My day starts by making a flask of coffee and sandwiches. You never know where you are going to end up in the course of a day – there are no Costa coffee shops up on the Snowdon mountain ranges.

The first job of the day is to check the patrol van making sure it is ready for the day or night shift ahead. It wouldn't look good if the patrol van broke down.



I sign on for work in Bunbury with a laptop computer and see where the breakdowns take me. My area is a 60-mile radius which can take me as far north as the Lake District, east as far as Nottingham,

south includes all of Birmingham and my favourite area mid and all north Wales.

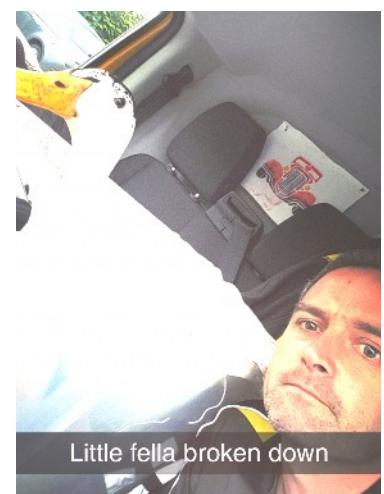
I love the satisfaction of getting members moving again and fixing all types of vehicles from a £500 runabout to a £1 million supercar. I meet many different people from all walks of life. I've mended Sir Ranulph Fiennes' car and Steve McDonald's car (the actor from Coronation Street).

The thing I love most about my job is working in the great outdoors, the weather can be tough sometimes, I was in Wem, Shropshire a few years ago in -20 conditions, but I can also be driving around the beautiful Welsh coast in the summertime. You have to take the rough with the smooth.

I very often end up in some stunning places in the country, I try to share my experiences with my family on days out, my daughter Amber calls these Daddy days out. A couple of years ago Darius the drake broke down on the way home from the vets I had him in the passenger seat with me. We shared a sandwich together.

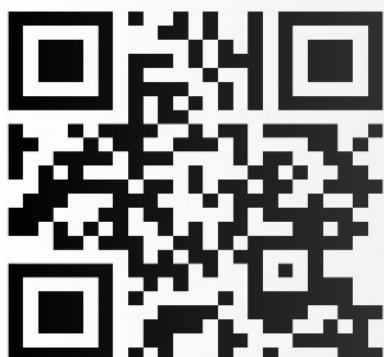
The motor industry is seeing the biggest changes in technology trying to move to emission free driving. The AA is training the whole patrol force to work on HV (high voltage) vehicles at the moment.

It does make me wonder what cars and technology I will be working on in a few years' time.



Little fella broken down

Make donations to the church using this QR code and your mobile phone



A short history of the AA

On 9 June 1905, a group of motoring enthusiasts banded together to warn fellow drivers about speed traps. They called themselves the Motorists' Mutual Association. In response to zealous police enforcement of driving restrictions, the group organised teams of cyclists who, through a combination of signals and salutes, assisted drivers to stay safe on the roads and avoid speed traps. A month later, as the group established an enthusiastic following among the motoring community, they settled upon a new name: The Automobile Association.

As motoring became more popular, so did the AA. 100 members in 1905 grew to 83,000 by 1914. Pictured below is a 1914 AA patrol group.

Taken from the AA website



Sky notes for March

Winter is on the way out at long last and Spring is arriving! March 20 marks the Spring equinox, after which the day becomes longer than the night. The clocks change to British Summer Time on Sunday March 28, which means it gets dark an hour later.

Like Orion, the fabled hunter, whose constellation we looked at last month, Leo is one of the constellations that look something like the real thing - a large Lion laying down. It is fairly high in the south-east after nightfall. Its brightest star is called Regulus and marks the bottom of a large back-to-front question mark, which is sometimes called "The Sickle". The constellation's brightest star is Regulus, which marks the lion's heart. Regulus means "the little king". It looks like a single point of light, but is really 4 stars. The brightest of them is actually spinning very fast on its axis: over a million kilometres an hour at its surface. It rotates once in 16 hours, compared to about a month for our Sun. Because it is spinning so fast, its equator is bulging like a satsuma. If it were to spin a little faster, it would tear itself apart!

To the west of Leo (that is to say, to the right of The Sickle) is the zodiacal constellation of Cancer, the Crab. This is a much smaller and fainter grouping, which looks something like an upside-down letter Y. On a dark night, if you look at the centre of the constellation you might be able to make out a misty patch. This is actually a star cluster known as Praesepe, the "manger", but perhaps better known as the Beehive Cluster. If you point a pair of binoculars at it, you will understand why: it really does look like a swarm of bees as shown in the accompanying photograph taken with a small telescope! Galileo was the first person to recognise Praesepe as a star cluster, in 1610. However, ancient Chinese astronomers clearly knew about it, naming it Zei She Ge, meaning "the Exhalation of Piled-up Corpses"!

Clear skies! Bunbury Stargazer



The Beehive Cluster in Cancer (image: Graeme Coates & Paul Tribe)

Tech for the future

A local group is recycling unused computers to give to young people who currently have no access, writes **Lynn Hedgecoe**. They have a certified IT company offering their reconditioning services to 'clean' and update the hardware and make fit for purpose, a packaging company providing free, environmentally friendly packaging for delivery purposes and a number of volunteers to collect and deliver

They aim to turn around the computers within a week, mainly delivering to local schools who identify those most in need, but they also take requests from the church and others in positions where they can also find the 'right' homes for these items.

Young people are top priority, though hopefully sufficient donations will enable distribution to older people thereafter, helping them keep connected and learn new skills. Learning or support would be included.



They already have received 52 donations with the first batch having been cleaned and delivered.

Whilst the initiative was launched just before the BBC's campaign, the national campaign has brought the issue to peoples' attention and has given projects such as these much-needed recognition.

If you can support and help, contact lynn@hedgeandco.com. A crowd funding page has been set up at:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/techtothefuture>

Money received will be used to purchase chargers as often these are missing. Should sufficient funds be received new technology will be purchased.

The editor writes: Although hopefully children will be back at school soon after this issue comes out, there is still as great a need as ever for laptops at home for children.

Recipe for March: Aunty Dorothy's biscuits



Continuing our theme of recipes from PCC members, this month's recipe comes from **Yvonne Wood**, churchwarden at Calveley Church.

Ingredients

3oz/85g oats
1 tbsp syrup
3oz/85g butter
3oz/85g self raising flour
3oz/85g caster sugar
½ tsp bicarbonate of soda
1 tbsp milk
1 tsp ground ginger - or slightly more if you like them gingery
Pinch of salt

Method

I almost can't believe I am revealing this old family recipe as "Aunty Dorothy's biscuits were a well-kept secret back in my youth. The recipe I have is written in a book which is inscribed "Christmas 1952 from Cousin Nellie to Jessie" (my grandmother), although the writing is my own as it wasn't until Aunty Dorothy became ill that she passed the recipe on.

Set oven to 375F 190C.

Melt butter and syrup in a pan. Mix dry ingredients together - except for the bicarbonate of soda. Stir the dry and wet ingredients together. Add the bicarbonate of soda into the milk. Stir the bicarbonate of soda and milk into the rest of the mixture.

Form into small balls using a teaspoon and place on a baking tray. Cook for 8 to 10 minutes.

The biscuits seem to get better after a day in the tin but they rarely last that long with me!

Confessions of a chilli grower!

I've been fortunate in that my job as a geophysicist – and since retirement, carefully selected holidays – have taken me to many out-of-the-way places where you either ate the food on offer or went hungry! Many of those places used spices, especially chilli peppers of many and diverse kinds, to add excitement to often bland ingredients. So, I developed a taste for hot and spicy food.

In those early days, the availability of chillies for cooking was often limited by where you lived; in cosmopolitan Newcastle-upon-Tyne many corner shops at least stocked some chillies but elsewhere in the country you might be able to get a small jar of dusty powdered chilli at best.

So, I started growing and then drying my own! When I started is lost in the mists of time but most of the time I've been in Bunbury (30 years now) I have made a reasonably serious effort at it and also tomatoes (perhaps more on them in a later post!) and since retirement, have been able to give them the time and care they so richly deserve.

This photo is of the sweetie jar containing my current dried chilli reserves – you may think why on earth do you need more? Until recently I had two jars full like this and so matters need taking in hand. The aroma as you lift the lid and breathe in the scent of chillies is intoxicating!

Part of the reason for the depletion is the law of supply and demand (isn't everything?). My youngest daughter Grace is also partial to an exhilarating sprinkle of freshly ground chilli and shared that lunchtime pleasure with some of her workmates, with the consequence that when she came home regularly (alas not at present) she would take back jars of Bunbury chilli powder which became renowned in parts of the Central London financial sector.



So, I need to replenish my stocks (that's my excuse Ros and I'm sticking to it!) So, I've planted this year's chilli seeds (pictured below). Although it may seem early, chillies like a long-growing season and especially sun, heat and light to do well. I have planted about 20 varieties (so far). What they are and why and how they do will have to wait for a later update!

Professor Emeritus Peter Styles



Give us 2 minutes

Dave grew up in Neston with his mum, dad and sister. After attending Sixth Form at Neston, he went to Manchester University to study Business Economics and French. Following university, he secured a place on the John Lewis Graduate Programme where he spent three years. Following a further four years as an Area Manager with Aldi, he landed at Shell where he has been for the last ten years. He is currently the North Retail Manager for Shell Mobility in the UK. He married Nicola at St Boniface church in 2009 and they have two children, Jack (9) and Elise (7). In his spare time he is Secretary of Bunbury Youth Football Club, a Scouting Leader and has, in the last year, launched his own football camp business.

If you had a motto what would it be?

Life is a one time offer, use it well!

It's a celebrity beer call who would you invite (socially distanced of course)?

Duncan Ferguson for the sporting stories, Barack Obama for the political drama and James Corden for pure laughs & entertainment!

What would you call your autobiography?

Coming out of my 'Shell'.

What was your first job?

Sales Assistant at Next in Chester where I eventually met my wife, Nicola.

How has COVID affected your profession?

Prior to COVID, I had a good mix of home working and travelling to London. It has, however, meant that for the time being I no longer have the face to face interaction with my colleagues and retailers that is vital for certain areas of business growth. Working from home has also added a new dynamic, especially whilst my children have been learning remotely; this certainly makes things interesting when juggling work priorities!



Dave Tomlinson

What would you change about Bunbury if you could?

The pavillion. Whilst a fantastic facility to have so close to the playing fields, the building could offer so much more to so many more people with the right dedication and investment.

What is the best book you have read to date?

When I find the time to read, I am a big lover of biographies. One of the best I have read is 'Winning!' by Sir Clive Woodward. An amazing insight into how he used some of his learnings in business to transform the culture and mind set of the England Rugby Team to lead them to World Cup Glory!

What is your biggest regret?

That I never followed a career path that meant I could really put my French language to good use.

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

Considering the last 12 months, my one wish has to be reunited physically with friends and family, culminating with one of the famous village hall parties and a skiing trip!

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

During my time at university, I spent time living in France, where I worked and broadcast on a French radio station.

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

I would like to continue to grow my soccer camp business.

What is your favourite place and why?

This is a tough one as I could choose a number of places, but I have to say The Daintree Rainforest in Australia. We share some very special family memories visiting here and would love to return. An amazing place to explore nature.

How would you spend your ideal weekend?

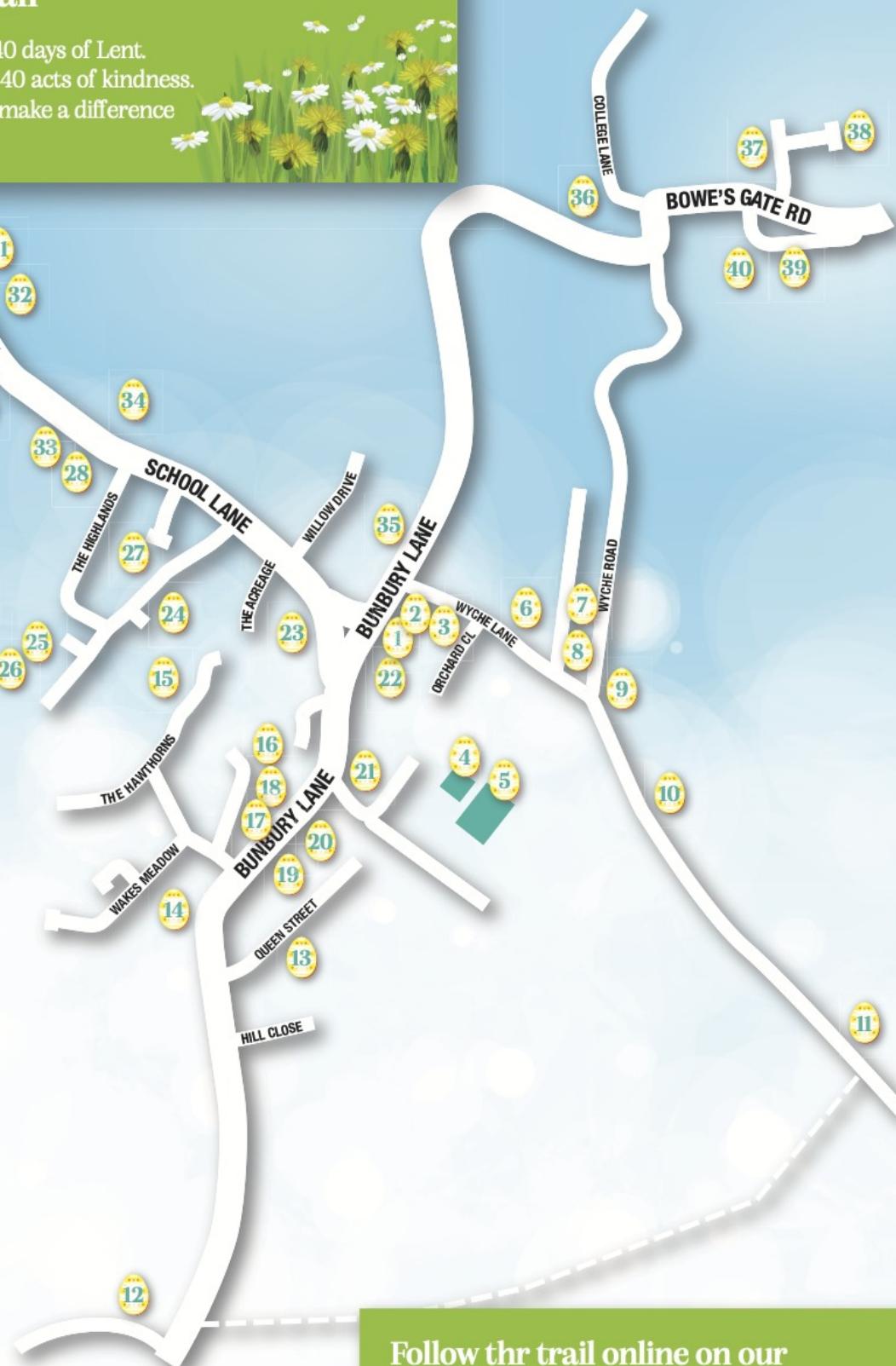
It would have to involve a long walk with the family & our dog Bonnie, a game of football & beers with the boys finished off with a log fire, good film, red wine and lots of cheese!

Lent's 40 acts of kindness

Bunbury Easter Egg Trail

Follow the Easter Egg trail during the 40 days of Lent.
Let's spread the joy of Easter with our 40 acts of kindness.
With each simple act of kindness let's make a difference
in our communities.

1. 17th February - Village Hall Bunbury Lane
2. 18th - Nags Head
3. 19th - 4 Rose Cottages, Wyche Lane
4. 20th - Scout Hut, Jubilee Playing Fields
5. 22nd - Tennis Court, Jubilee Playing Fields
6. 23rd - Dorward Wyche Lane
7. 24th - Rosedale, Wyche Road
8. 25th - Lyndren Wyche Road
9. 26th - The Mount, Wyche Road
10. 27th - Skomer Wyche Lane
11. 1st March - 9 Wyche Lane
12. 2nd - The Yew Tree Inn
13. 3rd - 6 Queen Street
14. 4th - The Croft, Bunbury Lane
15. 5th - 33 Darkie Meadow
16. 6th - 10 Swan Lane
17. 8th - Ambleside, Bunbury Lane
18. 9th - Brookside Bunbury Lane
19. 10th - The Salon
20. 11th - Tilly's Coffee Shop
21. 12th - Methodist Hall
22. 13th - Co op
23. 15th - High Bank, Bunbury Lane
24. 16th - The Willows Sadlers Wells
25. 17th - 2 The Orchards, Sadlers Wells
26. 18th - 1 The Orchards, Sadlers Wells
27. 19th - 4 Aldersey Way
28. 20th - Early Birds
29. 22nd - Berwyn, School Lane
30. 23rd - Corner Cottage School Lane
31. 24th - Hopwood House, School Lane
32. 25th - Heath Cottage, School Lane
33. 26th - Bunbury Aldersey School
34. 27th - Whitehouse Cottage, School Lane
35. 29th - Church View, Vicarage Lane
36. 30th - The Dysart Arms
37. 31st - 5 Church Row
38. 1st April - 19 Church Row
39. 2nd - Old Coach House, Bowes Gate Road
40. 3rd - St Boniface Church



Follow the trail online on our
Bunbury Church Facebook page
and join us every Sunday on our
YouTube channel Bunbury
Church Online.

Bunbury school news

Throughout the spring term the staff at Bunbury Aldersey Primary school have continued to educate the children of Bunbury either in the key worker provision or via remote teaching. The remote teaching package has consisted of two daily live lessons with the class teacher via the Google Classrooms platform. Children have been able to have virtual face to face teaching on a regular basis covering the core areas of the curriculum and more. Work has been completed and we have been able to provide personalised and daily feedback to all through the 'turn in' function. Staff have gained in confidence and there has been no limit to what they won't try via Google Classrooms. We have had a virtual trip to Beeston Castle for the day, class parties, Roman adventures and a Year 6 maths lesson delivered in the style of Who Wants to Be a Millionaire - complete with sound effects! I remain incredibly proud of each and every one of the children and staff as they continue to keep that Love for Learning Alive in whatever way they can.

Of course, school is so much more than a place of learning. The social and mental health impact of being with our friends and peers helps us develop into



well rounded individuals. This social contact cannot be underestimated and I know has been the driving force of a lot of the extra contact we have made with our families during this period of closure. A weekly Zoom worship is held for all the children to attend and we regularly draw over 90 families to that service. We have also offered story telling at the end of the day as well as family quizzes and Bingo nights on a Friday evening. Despite the fact that we are separated physically we have continued to keep our school community together in whatever way we can.

Our key worker provision is attended by a high number of children and on some days we are approaching nearly 60 children on site. Our provision staff are working daily across age groups within their bubble supporting children after the live sessions with the class tasks which have been set. They continue to provide that much needed support for our key worker families and along with the remote teaching staff are extremely committed to providing the best level of care and education we can during these times.

Whilst the pandemic has shaken the very fabric of our society over the past 12 months it has also enabled us to see the very best in people. We talk to the children about living through this period they tell us about their worries, their concerns and their questions but they also talk about the good things which they see. They talk optimistically about the kindness, generosity, care, friendliness and happiness which they have experienced over the last year. As we begin to build back as a school we look to these children as our future, as our hope for better times and I know at Bunbury we will continue to build upon this when we all return together.

Our prayers for March

We continue to pray for all those who are struggling with ill health: physically, emotionally or mentally.

We pray for those anxious about employment or the future, remembering especially young people and the uncertainty around exams.

We give thanks for those whose winter is over and are now at peace with God basking in the warmth of his love, remembering especially **Bernard Byrd** and **Walter Williamson**.

*Father God,
As spring comes upon us
and new growth is all
around,
we are reminded of your
promise
of new life in Jesus
Christ,
and we are thankful.
Amen*

7 SERVICES FOR LENT, HOLY WEEK AND EASTER DAY

WALKING WITH JESUS

Lent 1 - 21st Feb | In the Wilderness
Lent 2 - 28th Feb | To the well
Lent 3 - 7th March | On the mountain
Lent 4 - 14th March | Along the road
Lent 5 - 21st March | To the table
Palm Sunday - 28th March | To the cross
Easter Sunday - 4th April | On the road again

Sundays 10.30am YouTube channel
Bunbury Church Online



Claire Wilson Good or bad vibrations...

How many times have you heard the imagery of throwing a pebble into a pond and watching the ripples stretch outwards, being likened to our actions having consequences that are wide reaching? We notice that the ripples are more pronounced the closer to where the initial action takes place and become less defined the farther away they are.

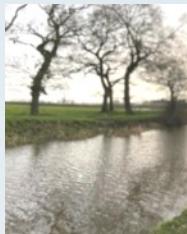
The other day, I was walking along the canal towpath with my son and my puppy, when we noticed that the canal had ripples on its surface on one stretch and that all the rest of the canal at either end of the expanse of rippled water was still. Neither my son or I had thrown a stone in, nor had a boat passed recently to leave a wake, nor was it raining, nor were fishes causing it from below the surface and the ripples looked evenly spaced out. So, what was it?

The only possible cause was a sound in the distance, we could hear a very deep and low rumbling of some farm machinery a few fields over from where we were. So, we concluded that this was causing vibrations in the soil and earth that ran up to and under the canal.

There was cause and effect but in this instance the cause was far removed from the effect. I am not sure that the farmers would ever consider that the job they were doing would have a physical effect on the surface of the water in the canal.

It left me pondering, what do we do in our lives, the decisions we make, the actions we take, that have implications beyond what we can see, feel, or imagine?

Say for example the rubbish that has been thrown in the hedgerows around the



countryside where I walk. For whatever reason people choose to drop it and not take it home to their rubbish bins, I am sure they simply think someone else will come along and clear it up (which thanks to a local clean team some of it does, all 71 green bags full since December



2020!). Some of the plastic, glass and cans cause damage and injury to domestic, farm and wild animals. Some of the discarded items will find their way to the water courses, to the rivers and out to the open sea, where it becomes rubbish islands or washes ashore in far flung places.

It is easy to blame it on the litter lout, the one who has thrown the proverbial stone, but do we ask ourselves who or what is making the low-level rumblings? Is it the manufacturers who choose to use plastic in the packaging? Is it the council who do not have recycling as a priority? Is it the government for not having robust enough policies on global warming and pollution? Or is it us, who like the convenience of individually wrapped items, that allow us to live a life on the go? Even if we do not want to live like that do we have any options?

Life is complicated, cause and effect are not black and white but shades of grey. Next time we see some ripples, perhaps we will look wider and deeper? How might we ensure that the ripples are good and not bad vibrations? How can we protect, care for, and renew life on our planet, as God would have us do?

Mike Rogers writes... The Right Words



another name for marriage.

- Christians have only one spouse. This is called monotony.

These examples of 'getting things slightly wrong' may well have made you smile, but I have no doubt that, despite the mistakes the children made, you were able to recognise both the question and give the 'right' answer - the wrong words did not throw you off the scent.

But how often in our daily lives have we been misunderstood because we had not chosen the right word or caused offence because what we said was not actually what we meant? We know from personal experience that our choice of words in any conversation is crucial and the choice is spectacular - English is one of the richest languages in the world with an amazing array of words with which we are able to capture the finest nuance.

But there is one person we may talk to where our choice of words is largely irrelevant. We may read in Psalm 139 that God '...knows our thoughts from afar' and that means that He understands what it is we are trying to say to Him; it matters not if we use the wrong words in our prayers or if we can't even find the right words to explain how we feel.

And I find that quite comforting. How about you?

John Elsworth



It was with great sadness that we announced the death of John Elsworth in last month's Link.

John had always been involved in the church whether it be singing in Liverpool Cathedral Choir as a child or ringing church bells which is where he met his wife to be, Hilda. He was one of the original ringers at Liverpool Cathedral and was married to Hilda there in 1954. John and Hilda had two sons David and Stephen. He spent his working life with Shell. Whilst living in Bunbury David took up his father's interest and rang the bells for Liverpool Cathedral on a Sunday for many years. John was always interested in history and in 2006 completed an MA in history at Chester University. It was his thirst for local history and particularly that of St Boniface that made him such a notable amateur historian.

John was always generous with his time and talent. John helped many families with enquiries into their family trees. One lady known as Margaret from Canada -who was a local historian too - had wasted \$250 on

ancestry.com and asked Rev Tim for his help as she knew her descendants were buried in the churchyard.

After 13 years of research, and getting stuck at one particular date, John kindly met her in the Ridley Chapel, whilst she was visiting the UK and in 30 minutes unlocked the key to a further three generations back. Margaret still sends Christmas cards in appreciation.

John had the most amazing intellect. He was always so interesting to talk to and his opinions were considered and well informed. Rev Tim recalled planning a Lent series last year to mark 700 years of St Boniface, John's knowledge was second to none. He was so helpful in sharing his research and very proud of all his contributions to the parish magazine the Link, but also further afield in various Cheshire History publications.

John not only gave dedicated service to St Boniface as a churchwarden, but also in many other ways. Whether it be finances or the fabric of the church, John was always keen to help and support. His steadfast faith was matched by Christian acts of service.

John celebrated his 90th birthday on 23 April – St George's Day – during lockdown; although a very quiet celebration the neighbours came out to give him a clap. Amazingly in September 2020 John and David went to Dorset for a holiday. They were fascinated by the Jurassic coast. The highlight of the holiday was their visit to Chesil beach and the Isle of Portland.

John will be sadly missed by David and Stephen and Stephen's wife Christine.

Note from the editor:

Last year John Elsworth wrote a series of articles for the Link about St Boniface to celebrate 700 years. I am so pleased that we asked him to do it. The village will be a poorer place without his intellect and knowledge.

at your SERVICE...

If you would like to advertise your business with us and 'talk' directly to our 3,500 regular readers, please email: parishlinkads@gmail.com

A funny thing happens when you don't advertise: nothing.

DM
AUTO SERVICES
YOUR LOCAL INDEPENDENT GARAGE

Servicing all makes and models.
M.O.T. Testing Station
Bodywork repairs
Free collection and delivery
within 10 mile radius
Courtesy cars available

Fast, friendly and efficient service.

Unit 1, Bank Farm, Calveley Hall
Lane, Calveley CW6 9LB
Tel: 01829 260230/260811
Fax: 01829 261100

Johnson Building Contractors Ltd

General builders,
maintenance and
property repairs.
Free estimates
Tel: 260228

Birch Heath Road
Taporley

**Taporley
Service Centre**

Servicing & repairs
MOT testing
Tyres, exhausts & batteries

The local garage with
the expert touch ...

Trading Standards approved
Fast, efficient & friendly service

01829 732253/733737
www.taporley-service-centre.com



The Dysart Arms



Dysart Arms Click & Collect Menu

Order and pick your collection slot through our website.
Or call 01829 260183 on the day.
Fri-Sat 4-8pm Sunday 12-6pm

Starters/Nibbles

BBQ chicken wings £4.50
Crispy baby squid and sweet chilli sauce £4.25
Deep-fried Brie bites £3.95

Mains and Stone baked pizza

Deep fried cod in beer batter with chips, mushy peas and tartare sauce £11.95
Steak burger with grilled bacon, Cheddar and spiced tomato mayonnaise, coleslaw, fries £11.95
Sweet potato, aubergine and spinach Malaysian curry with coconut rice and pak choi V£11.95
Chicken, ham and leek pie with mash, buttered greens and white wine and tarragon sauce £11.95

Margherita pizza with tomatoes, mozzarella and basil (v) £9.75
Goats cheese pizza with pomodollo mushroom, red onion, balsamic and rocket £10.95
Pepperoni pizza with tomato, roquette peppers, mozzarella and fresh chillies £10.95

Sides

Chunky chips £3.25
Garlic bread £3.25
Garlic bread with cheese £3.50
Fries £3.25

Puddings

Sticky toffee pudding with toffee sauce and vanilla ice cream £4.95
Triple chocolate brownie with chocolate sauce and vanilla ice cream £4.95
Dark chocolate and cherry tart with cherry sorbet £4.95

Childrens Mains

Fish fingers with chips £4.95
Beef burger with cheese and chips £5.50

Daily menus of fresh food, local ales and a decent wine list.

01829 260183 ~ www.dysartarms-bunbury.co.uk

Bowes Gate Road • Bunbury • Tarporley • CW6 9PH

SOVEREIGN
WINDOWS
Est. 1984
TEL: 01829 772577



Providing you with
QUALITY UPVC
windows & doors since

1984

VISIT OUR SHOWROOM

Unit 4, New Russia Hall, Chester Road,
Tattenhall, Nr Chester CH3 9AH

www.sovereignwindows.co.uk

info@sovereignwindows.co.uk

Opening Hours:

Mon-Fri: 8AM-4PM

Sat: 9AM-12PM



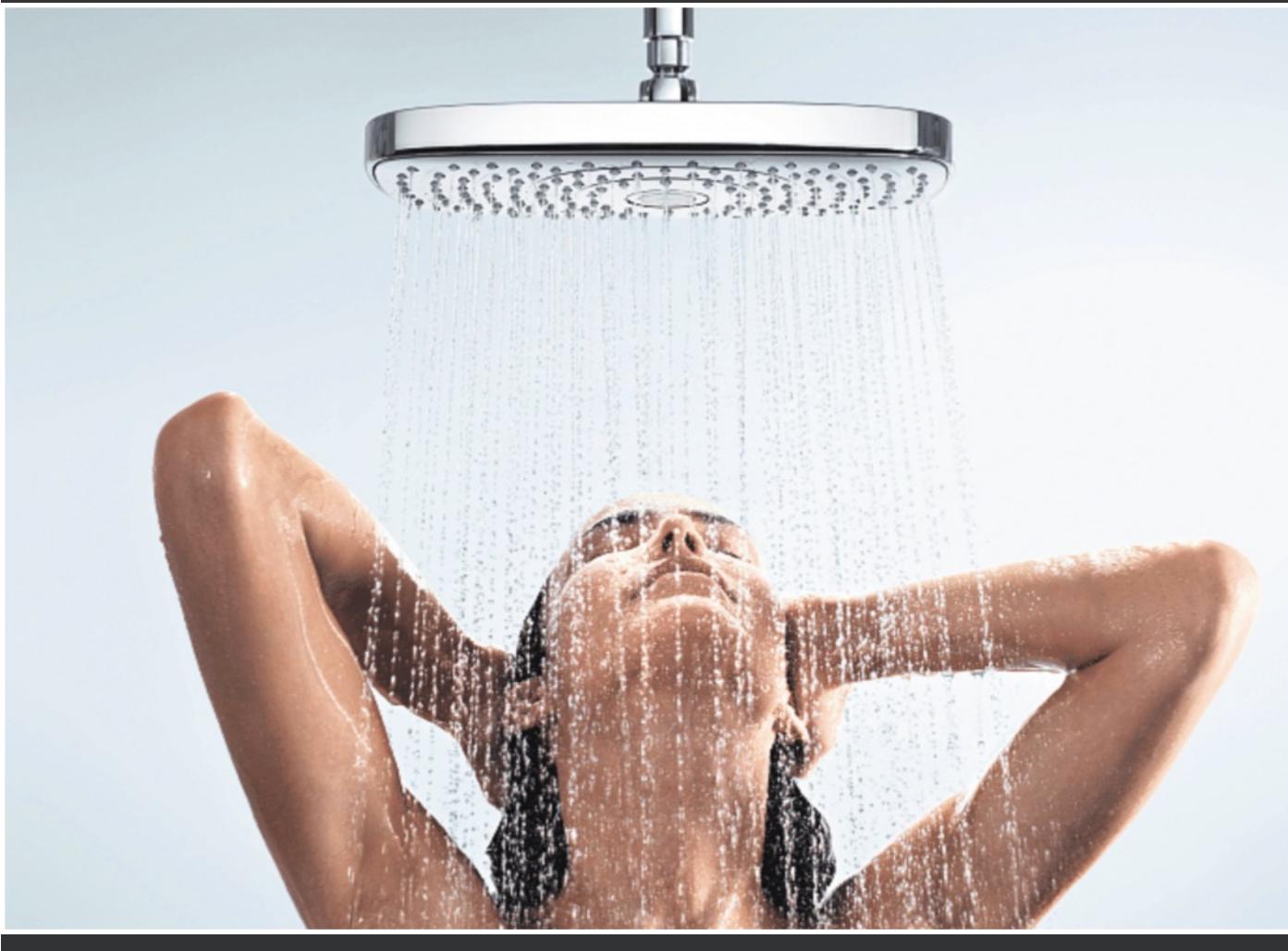
Solidor

FENSA
Registered Company

**CALL US TODAY
TO TAKE ADVANTAGE
OF OUR
UNBEATABLE
PRICES!**

Come & visit our impressive showroom
with over 70 settings on display.

We offer a free measuring, advice &
quotation service.



**Bathrooms
and
Tiles**

**by
Pebbles**

Tel: 01829 261319

**Unit 3, Butterley Court, Nantwich Road,
Calveley, Nantwich CW6 9GT
Opposite Countrywide**

If you would like to advertise your business with us and 'talk' directly to our 3,500 regular readers, please email parishlinkads@gmail.com

BRIGHTMOVE REMOVALS & CLEARANCES

Your friendly, flexible local business, professional, experienced and offering you a comprehensive and competitive service, all fully insured and licensed.

- Removals: home/office
- Relocations: UK and Europe
- Clearances: home, office, garden, shed
- Deliveries Collections:
- Man & Van service: hourly rate work

Contact us for a free no obligation quotation on: 01829 741492 / 07523

183334

Email:

info@brightmoveandclear.co.uk
www.brightmoveandclear.co.uk



Compound 3 Iddeashall Hall Farm, Rode Street, Clotton, Tarporley, CW6 0EG

4 Star

New Farm
B&B
Caravan Park

Five en-suite rooms Touring Caravans Course Fishery (4 lakes)

- Locally sourced food
- Set in the heart of Cheshire
- Ideal for the Tarporley area
- Perfect for family holidays/occasions

www.newfarmcheshire.co.uk
telephone 01270 528 213
long lane wettenhall cw7 4dw

PIANO LESSONS

Beginners/Advanced - and Daytime Spaces for Adults

Piano lessons,
accompaniment for exams
and performance
GCSE and A level support
Large studio, waiting room
and parking in Huxley

ONLINE LESSONS AVAILABLE

Andrew Starmer
07907 936945
andrew@ensemble.plus.com



ELSON ELECTRICAL

NAPIT part P registered

Free quotations

Contact Peter

07572 772352 or

01829 260529

elson.electrical18@gmail.com

Applying for work?

- CV updating to highlight your aptitudes, skills and experience
- Mentoring to guide your job search and applications after a career break
- Coaching to build your interview confidence

Elucidate Coaching
Communicate Confidently and Effectively

Nicola Elsegood BA MBA
07890 464 137 elucidateuk@gmail.com

Bunbury Property Maintenance

Paul Griffiths

01829 260975
07814 403479

paulgriff15@msn.com



Tarporley Dental Centre

High quality dentistry
for all the family ...



t: 01829 732213

13, Nantwich Road . Tarporley
www.tarporleydentist.co.uk

Emergency telephone dental advice
is available during lockdown

WALKEEZ
Local Dog
Walking
Service



Gill Liz on:
07815 916030
Beeston
CW6 0LA



Nigel and Barbara Burrows are proud to continue the long established family business founded in 1845

Complete funeral arrangements

Personal day and night service ~Floral Tributes~Funeral Plans~ Memorial Headstones
Horse Drawn Funerals~Private Chapel of Rest in peaceful rural surroundings

Snowdrop Villa, Swanley, Nantwich, Cheshire, CW5 8QB.

Tel: 01270 524243/07711 468917

Email: barb.burrows2@gmail.com

www.awburrowsnantwich.co.uk

In such unprecedented times we wish to emphasise the thoughts of the nation in thanking our NHS doctors, nurses & staff, paramedics, all carers in our community and care homes and the long list of keyworkers keeping our country functioning. Our best wishes to everyone, stay safe.



Jacqueline Wilson

Independent Funeral Services Ltd



**Over 20 years local experience
NAFD Qualified
24 hours a day Personal Service
Private Chapel of Rest
Pre-paid Funeral Plans
Memorial Masonry**

The only Independent Funeral Directors in Tarporley & Tarvin

**HILL VIEW,
HIGH STREET,
CLOTTON,
TARPORLEY,
CHESHIRE.
CW6 0EG**
TEL: 01829 781572



**www.jwifs.co.uk
EMAIL: jackie@jwifs.co.uk**

**52 HIGH STREET,
TARVIN,
CHESTER,
CHESHIRE.
CH3 8EE**
TEL: 01829 740002

Golden Charter
Funeral Plans



Classic & Custom Vapour Blasting Services

Automotive Component Cleaning

Noel or Norah

Unit 3 Moss Farm
Hall Lane off Long Lane
Haughton, Tarporley
Cheshire, CW6 9RH
01829 260014 or 07544015136
classic-custom@outlook.com
www.classic-custom.com



Piano tuning, repairs & restoration

Andrew Dean
(Dip. NTC, CGLI, AVCM)

01829 261222
07713 321117
andrew@pianodean.co.uk



R.F. Burrows & Sons

Family butchers est.1924

Finest quality, locally-sourced,
additive-free meat and poultry
Gold award-winning sausages
Good selection of cheeses
Bacon and cured meats



01829 260342

rburrowsandsons@btconnect.com

Bunbury
Care Agency Est. 1968

'Everybody Needs Somebody'

Elderly Care in the Home • Companionship • Housekeeping
Live in • Daily • Respite • Permanent • Temporary

**Private and Independent Elderly Care in the Home
with Care Fees Solutions**

t: 01829 260280

e: info@bunburycarers.co.uk

w: bunburyagency.com

WILLIAM & MAURICE

KITCHENS • BATHROOMS • TILING



Complete Design, Supply and Installation Service
Contact us today for your new bathroom, wetroom, kitchen
or to use our professional tiling service

01829 262462 or 07980 748065
www.william-maurice.co.uk
info@william-maurice.co.uk

NO VAT ON INSTALLATION



ILLINGWORTH SEDDON

— CHARTERED FINANCIAL PLANNERS —



■ INVESTMENT PLANNING ■ RETIREMENT PLANNING ■ TAX & ESTATE PLANNING



Phil Illingworth

*“It’s more about
you than your
money”*



Jonathan Seddon

Cheshire Office: The Old Mill, Old Mill Place, Tattenhall, Cheshire CH3 9RJ **Tel:** 01829 771707 **Fax:** 01829 771195

Wirral Office: 28A Market Street, Hoylake, Wirral CH47 2AF **Tel:** 0151 632 2926 **Fax:** 0151 632 6996

Cumbria Office: Unit 8, Phoenix Court, Phoenix Road, Barrow-in-Furness LA14 2UA **Tel:** 01229 821333 **Fax:** 01229 821333

www.illingworthseddon.co.uk