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For the parishes of Bunbury & Tilstone Fearnall



May 2015

Before your dreams can come true, you have to have those dreams -

Dr Joyce Brothers



Bunbury's beauty on display in Home Fires

"A carnival atmosphere", was how Julie Summers, author of Jambusters, described the feeling in St Boniface at the first semi-public screening of ITV's Home Fires. The first episode and teasers from the other five episodes of the six-part drama were previewed to a delighted audience. It was lovely to see scenes many had watched being shot in their true context and to recognise local extras on screen. All were impressed with the care that had been taken with shots of the countryside and village scenes.

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Community news

Kyle Brandon Stockton was baptised at St Boniface on Palm Sunday 29 March, with proud parents **Rebecca** and **Adam** and family and friends in support.

Congratulations to **Sean Augustin** and **Sam Wood**, married at St Boniface on Monday 13 April.

Many will be aware that a year ago Alphraham resident **Kim Smith** was diagnosed with breast cancer, not something she had imagined dealing with at 34. To mark the end of her first year of treatment,



she is raising money for Cancer Research by running her first ever 5k around Delamere Forest on Sunday 17 May. Her Just Giving page link is: www.justgiving.com/kimsmith3.

Bunbury WI will hold their Resolution and Social Meeting on 14 May.

All are welcome when several local WIs join forces in informal celebration of the **WI Centenary** at Bickerton Village Hall, Long Lane, Bickerton on Friday 8 May 6-9pm. Free entry, historic and varied displays, delicious refreshments.

Tarporley's Decibellas and the **Llangollen Male Voice Choir** will hold a concert in aid of St Luke's Hospice on Saturday 9 May - see ad on p5.

Big Bible Event: Acts - An action-packed day at Chester Cathedral for children with their families or church groups on 16 May.

Calveley Chapel Spring Fair will be on Saturday 16 May 10.30am - 4pm.

Bunbury YCs are having a **sleepover** in church on Saturday 16 May and will be leading our service on Sunday 17 May.

Bunbury Methodist Chapel's

Anniversary will be on Sunday 17 May at 10.45am. The preacher will be Dr

Judy Ford. All are welcome.

On 19 May **Bunbury Gardening Club** will be visiting The White Cottage, Threapwood.

Friday at Tilly's meets every Friday morning, 10.30-12, at Tilly's. If you know anyone who might like to come but isn't mobile, phone Amber on 261437 - lifts can be arranged. If you are able to help with transport, please let Amber know.

The winners of the **Easter Egg treasure hunt** were **Oliver Jones** (short route) in 32 mins, and **Ella Mooney** and **Elizabeth Jones** (long route) in 70 mins. Very well done to all who took part especially Henry and Oliver Beverley, Natasha and Jenna Mason and Ben and Molly Chapman, for completing the long route.



Tiverton OPAL Club (Older People Active Lives) which is part of a small local charity run by Rural Community Services, is looking for volunteers for their club in Tiverton, Tarporley - Drivers, Mid-Day Assistants and General Helpers at the club. Training and support are provided. Contact Carol Hitchen OPAL Club Organiser says on 07851 253587.

Bunbury Football Club (5-11 years) meets on Saturday mornings, in term-time, 9.30-11am on Bunbury Jubilee Playing Fields. www.bunburyfootball.uk,

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Tarporley, Bunbury and District Historical Society meets on the 4th Thursday in the month at 7.30pm in Tiverton Village Hall. Details from Ann Wall 01829 261612.

Beeston Castle Fête will be earlier this year, on May Day Bank Holiday **Monday 4 May** and will have a vintage theme.

There is a **Drop in Digital Workshop** at Tilly's each Wednesday for one hour from 10.00 am, with demonstrations from Microsoft 'Help + Tips'. For more details contact David Donkin 07701 0370950

Tarporley Hospital Vintage Charity Shop, on the High Street, will be delighted to receive clothes, ornaments and small pieces of furniture and they have a car park at the back. Tues-Fri 9am-4.30pm, Sat 10am-2pm.

Bunbury Singers rehearse in Bunbury School from 7.30-9.15pm on Mondays in term time. New members are always welcome.

Save the date! With Bunbury set to star on TV screens this summer, the theme of **Village Day on Saturday 20 June** will be 'Stars of the Screen'.

A lovely bit of springtime news: **Percy the tortoise** (pictured below) has returned to his home in School Lane after going AWOL last summer. (The Link appealed for readers to look out for him.) A big



'thank you' to the Donaldson girls for spotting him, covered in mud but otherwise unscathed, and returning him to the incredulous Munro family.

The **copy deadline** for June Link is Friday 15 May. The magazine will be available for distribution from Friday 29 May.

Our prayers for May

We pray for all who are ill, especially **Hilda Elsworth and George Wilgose**. We also pray for all who are mourning a loved one including the families of **Joan Carnall and Wendy Groves**.

TIM HAYWARD

Your Vicar



Show up

All over the UK and locally, people roll up their sleeves to serve their local

communities. Foodbanks, street pastors, and debt counselling services are just three examples. Politicians of all parties recognise the vital contribution that these and many other projects make to communities and individuals up and down the land. There are countless other acts of service that never make the headlines: young people being mentored; elderly neighbours being cared for; shoe boxes heading to Romania; prayers said for those who are sick. All this is cause for celebration, but in an election year, perhaps a further challenge needs to be made.

Civil rights leader Martin Luther King once explained that as the church we often enjoy playing the Good Samaritan on life's roadside. We are wired for compassion. It comes naturally. It gives us a sense of significance and an immediate buzz from having tangibly helped. But he went on to warn that we rarely take the time to do the harder work of going back to the Jericho road. Going back to work out how to stop more people getting mugged? Could we improve the lighting or increase the policing? Those are political decisions, often made around committee tables, poring over statistics and reports. Many of us are put off by hours of potential meetings and so don't bother to show up.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu put it like this: "As Christians, we need to not just be pulling the drowning bodies out of the river. We need to be going upstream to find out who is pushing them in." Charity is the sticking plaster that is required because injustice remains. We need to seek justice. And once people engage

with the difficult issues in their local communities they began to ask: "Why?" And once you start asking these 'why' questions, you inevitably come up with answers that need political expression.

Perhaps this is another reason why we sometimes shy away from local politics, because we want to avoid conflict with one another. From the same motivational starting point, it is easy to follow different political directions. For example, you may see a situation and feel inspired to campaign for a living wage to be paid, while another may see the same situation and campaign for measures to free up entrepreneurs to start small local businesses. However, these need not be mutually exclusive.

Show Up or Shut Up is a national movement of over 30 Christian organisations and church networks from across the political and theological spectrum who have come together to encourage Christians not just to shout from the sidelines but to get on the pitch of political life. In an election year, it is all too easy to spend our time discussing who to vote for, retreating into the role of commentator and critic, rather than participant.

We are to give thanks for our parish and local councillors and pray for our MPs willing to give their time and talents in service to their local communities. But could 2015 be a springboard so that in 2020 you aren't just asking the questions at hustings but answering them? Who are the people often best placed to assess the needs of our community? Surely, many of you... The question is will you keep those opinions to yourselves, or will you SHOW UP? Jesus did.



Bunbury Neighbourhood Plan

the recently issued policy survey.

Approximately 75 people came along during the afternoon and, as well as enjoying tea and cake, took the opportunity to discuss the draft policies with other members of the community and members of the Neighbourhood Plan Group. Everyone felt that there was a general level of support for the draft plan.

The detailed responses are being collated and we should be able to provide some headline results at our public meeting on 27 April at the Village Hall. At the same time we will be formally consulting with Cheshire East and, following the completion of this stage of the consultation process, will formally submit the plan for Examination. Copies of the Draft Plan will be on the website and at various public buildings in the village. If anyone has any queries please contact us initially via the contact tab on www.bunburyngp.org

The cream tea event on 29 March in the Village Hall, with refreshments supplied by Tilly's, provided an opportunity to get people talking about the Plan and to obtain clarification on any queries about



Eric Wallington

Reader Emeritus

The shepherd and the shepherd boy



By far the most well-known of the Psalms set out in the Bible is Psalm 23, which gives us those strengthening words 'The Lord is my shepherd; I have everything I need.'

David, the shepherd boy, who had become king of Israel, expressed those wonderful words from his own

experience. Facing the problems of keeping a nation together and moving in the right direction, he came to see that it was not so very different from his task when shepherding a flock of sheep. In fact, it would be true to say that all forms of human leadership, from the leadership of a nation to the care of a family, have similarities to the life of a shepherd. There's the question of defending from harm those

who are being led; pointing them to where their needs will be met; and bringing back those who go astray. This clearly led David on to the realisation that the Lord God cares for the king in the same way as the king cares for the nation: like a shepherd: 'The Lord is my shepherd'.

We may have no personal experience of shepherding today but many of us will have watched the sheepdog trials on television, or perhaps on our country roads, and marvelled at the skill with which a couple of shepherds drive their flock from one field to another.

When Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd", he was claiming to be the Son of David, and the rightful king of Israel. But also, he was clearly claiming to be the Son of God, and our shepherd, guide and companion. Yes, Jesus goes in front of us, to show us how to live. He gently prods us until we do what he wants us to do, and to live as he would have us live.

Church diary for May

Sunday 3 May	8.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface	Wednesday 20 May	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
	9.30am Family Communion	St Jude's	Sunday 24 May	9.00am Holy Communion	St Jude's
	10.30am Family Worship	St Boniface		10.30am Family Communion	St Boniface
	11.00am Holy Communion	Calveley			
Wednesday 6 May	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface	Wednesday 27 May	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Sunday 10 May	9.30am Holy Communion	St Jude's	Sunday 31 May	9.30am Holy Communion	St Jude's
	10.30am Family Communion	St Boniface		10.30am Family Communion with Methodist Chapel	St Boniface
Wednesday 13 May	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface	Wednesday 3 June	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Sunday 17 May	8.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface	Sunday 7 June	8.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
	9.30am Family Worship	St Jude's		9.30am Family Communion	St Jude's
	10.30am Family Worship	St Boniface		10.30am Family Worship	St Boniface
	11.00am Family Service	Calveley		11.00am Holy Communion	Calveley
	6.00pm Evensong	St Boniface			



Pat Edgley Ellis

Reader

Saints or Sinners - St Augustine of Hippo

Augustine of Hippo didn't make a very good start towards sainthood.

His first sin as a child was stealing fruit from a neighbour's garden. Brought up a Christian, he renounced Christianity and lived a dissolute student life, taking a mistress and having an illegitimate child, to the despair of his devout mother, Monica

It was he who prayed "Make me chaste, Lord, but not yet!"

He became a teacher, and aged 31 he was prompted by a voice to "take up and read".

His Bible opened at St. Paul's epistle to the Romans, the "transformation of believers"; chapter 13; "Put on the Lord Jesus Christ and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof."

He later wrote an account of his conversion - his very transformation, as Paul described - in his "Confessions", which

has since become a classic of Christian theology.

There he wrote this prayer:

Late have I loved Thee, O Lord;
and behold,
Thou wast within and I without,
and there I sought Thee.
Thou was with me when I was
not with Thee.

Thou didst call, and cry, and burst my deafness.

Thou didst gleam, and glow, and dispel my blindness.

Thou didst touch me, and I burned for Thy peace.

For Thyself Thou hast made us,

And restless our hearts until in Thee they find their ease.

Late have I loved Thee, Thou Beauty ever old and ever new.



"The Conversion of St. Augustine"
Fra Angelico

Give us two minutes... Fiona Todd



Fiona has lived in Cheshire all of her life. She is married with two grown-up children, Rebecca (21) and Callum (18). She has always had lots of animals in her life including dogs, cats, chickens and a horse. She loves animals, reading and horse riding.

For the past 23 years she has taught throughout the primary age range in large and small schools and in classes of all age groups, although she

adores the Early Years especially. After many years as a Senior leader in a large primary school she became a Deputy, then took on an Acting Head post at a school in special measures and she has also been Head at St Oswald's Worleston for two years before coming to Bunbury as Interim Executive Head.

If you had a motto, what would it be?

Never give up trying!

What would you call your autobiography?

'Still Working On It...!'

What was your first job?

A Saturday job in a bakery; I have fond memories of the lovely cakes.

What would you change about Bunbury, if you could?

I don't know Bunbury well enough to know what I would change; it seems like a lovely place to me.

What is the best book you have read to date?

My favourite books are Wuthering Heights and The Woman in White; I haven't found any I prefer and I am an avid reader!

What is your biggest regret?

Working too hard so I missed time with my children as they were growing up.

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

To go back in time.

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

I am a direct descendant of William the Conqueror.

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

Ensure both Bunbury and St Oswald Worleston are successful in giving the children the best possible opportunities to reach their potential.

What is your favourite place and why?

Home; where my family is.

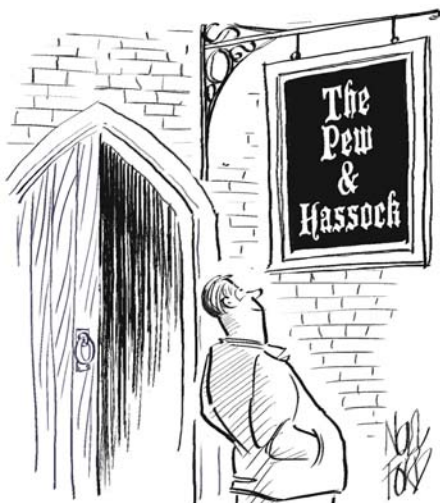
How would you spend your ideal weekend?

Somewhere warm, reading my favourite book surrounded by my family.

News from Calveley Hall Chapel

Calveley enjoyed three lovely treats in recent days. On 29 March Vox Vocavit gave us the delight of Evensong beautifully sung. This was followed a few days later by the Alpraham Singers performing Stainer's Crucifixion in a particularly moving performance. Finally on Easter Sunday the St Boniface choir brought an Easter Sung Eucharist; a positive music-filled end to Lent.

Do not miss Saturday 16 May when we have our Spring Fair. There will be not only goodly refreshments but also flower arrangement displays and organ music interludes.



Changing the name from 'St Mark's Parish Church', resulted in a big increase in the number of men attending services

Decibellas

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announce

A concert celebrating "Friendship through Song"

Saturday 9 May at 7.30pm
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Enjoy an evening of song and fellowship as St Boniface Church hosts a collaborative concert with the **Decibellas of Tarporley** and the **Cor Meibion Llangollen Male Voice Choir**.

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Tickets £8 adults, £4 children - available from Swaffields and Latte' Da in Tarporley, Tilly's in Bunbury and at the door.

Further information at www.decibellas.co.uk

Proceeds will go to St Luke's Hospice, Winsford



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Home Fires debut screening



All were delighted that the Home Fires filming showed Bunbury and the surrounding countryside in all its glory. The extras commented that although they had been part of the shooting, they had had very little idea of the storyline, so they were as fascinated by it as everyone else. Bunbury WI were not only in the audience, but held their own meeting afterwards (which caused considerably less furore than shown on-screen).

The first episode introduced all the main characters and locations, including Dr Campbell (played by Ed Stoppard) and

his wife, living in what locals know as the Dysart Arms and the local industrialist and his feisty wife (Samantha Bond), living in what is in fact Houghton Hall and the farming family at Priestland, Bunbury Common. There were lovely interior shots at Burrows Butcher's. All were impressed with the smooth transition from the outside of Bunbury village hall to the interior of the Barbour Institute, Tattenhall, masquerading seamlessly as Great Paxford village hall, where the WI meets. The audience found the storyline riveting and fast-paced. No spoilers here, but everyone present looks forward impatiently to seeing it on ITV in the next few weeks. The exact date isn't known as we go to press... maybe starting just after the election, on Sunday evenings?

Easter services round-up



A hardy crowd paraded behind Murphy the donkey from the Nag's Head up to St Boniface on Palm Sunday. It was very wet and, although in good voice and with guitar accompaniment from Colin Stanyer, the

troupe carried on singing in the rain - from increasingly soggy hymn sheets. The church felt wonderfully warm and inviting on arrival! The pews were edged with tree branches and the church was decked out for the Easter Experience. During the service the congregation was treated to a tour around most of the stations, including Jerusalem, where the school children had written their hopes and dreams on big paper palm leaves, which were strewn on a green path. Of course, sometimes we don't get our hopes and dreams, but often God has something better in mind. With a reference to seaside donkeys, there was a chance to build sand castles - castles of our dreams. The younger children had an opportunity to do this throughout the service. Communion was passed from one member of the congregation to another - for we were not to enter the chancel until Easter Sunday, because it held the Easter garden, which was hidden from view by the darkened tomb.

The Agape meal, which reflected the Last Supper, was held this year within the Easter Experience, and the tables surrounded the altar and the hill of Golgotha. We noticed that the grass on the hill of Golgotha was growing and overcoming the crosses the children had planted. Veronica led us in a number of reflections, based on the writings of Michel Quoist. At various points in the evening, the choir sang hymns and anthems. At the end of the evening, we left in silence.

On Good Friday, the outdoor service outside Tilly's required a little rain-proofing from gazebos and umbrellas and was informal but very reflective. The cross of hearts, made during Holy Week by the school children

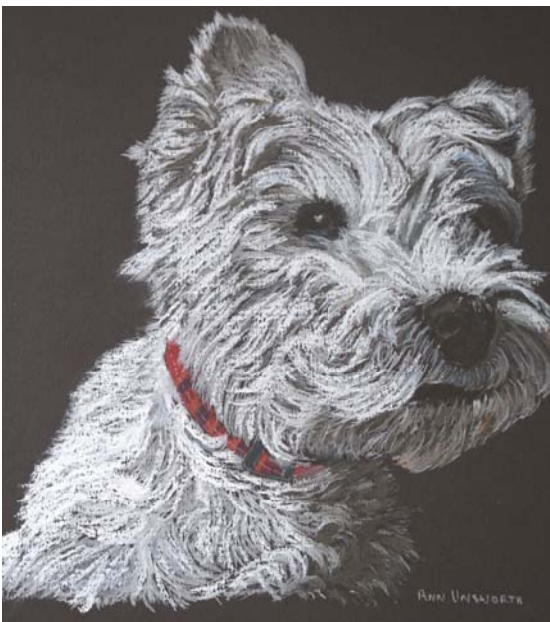
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Profile of a local artist: Ann Unsworth



Ann had been used to painting in watercolour but had a gap, due to illness, and went to refresh herself at a painting class at St Peter's, in Church Minshull. As a result, she was challenged to experiment in pastel, which she found suited her style. Pastel sketching became a most relaxing hobby and she enjoyed making friends -they supported, and criticised each other. The photograph shows Ann working in their caravan during a stopover in Keswick. Ann has enjoyed exhibiting her work in Bickerton and Wybunbury and looks forward to further success.



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Easter services round-up



reminded us that it was not the nails, but Jesus' love for us, which held Jesus to the cross. We went through the events of Good Friday in several reflections, led by members of the various

churches, interspaced with hymns and Revd Denise, from the Methodist Church led us in the final prayers. After the service we shook off the raindrops and enjoyed tea, coffee and hot cross buns in Tilly's.

At the start of Easter Sunday's service, the paper over the carved screen was torn down and the tomb dismantled, to reveal the glory of the Easter garden. It was a riot of colour and full of plants, bunting and pretty lights. When the school children visited

it, during Holy Week, they experienced garden smells - from lavender to cow pats - and (thanks to Snugbury's generosity) tasted chocolate and strawberry ice cream. The service took us from the disciples' grief at Jesus' death, to the exaltation of the resurrection. At the end of the service the children searched for Easter eggs.



In tribute

Wendy Groves - creative florist and people person

Wendy was born in Altringham, but it was the small market town of Nantwich that became Wendy's home as the family moved there in the 1950's due to her Father's role as the Chief Superintendant of Police for the Crewe and Nantwich division. She grew up among the community of the Dabbers living for many years in the Old Police Station in Welsh Row. She attended Nuthurst School, near Churches Mansions and moved on to a Horticultural college at Celyn, North Wales, where she flourished and grew in creative talent and skill at the work that would give her a name that everyone knew and respected. After her Father's retirement in 1971, the family invested in a nursery business and their first shop, which was named after Wendy, in Hospital Street. At 20, Wendy began her career as a florist - a career that reflected her own colourful and vibrant character.

In 1975, Wendy met Steve. He knew straight away that she was the right girl for him, and that they would be married. The whole town turned out for their wedding at St. Mary's Church, Nantwich in 1983.

Wendy had already established a thriving business, winning prizes at Nantwich show. Her warm and friendly personality saw many customers return again and again for the trusted service, quality and creative talent she gave. She not only provided floral tributes for weddings and funerals but created wonderful exhibition pieces for Bentley and Alvaston Hall. Her talent was renowned and her work ethic second to none.

In 1986 Stuart was born and the family moved to Bowes Gate Cottage, Bunbury. Although a busy Mum and wife, such was her dedication to the business, baby Stuart would be in the shop in his pram among the foliage and blooms, absorbing all the fuss of every customer that came through the door.

2007 saw Wendy retire from the business, which had already moved to premises in Pillory St. Wendy, Steve and Stuart moved house, settling in 'Gorran Haven' in Spurstow where along with Archie her dog family life took a new turn and the purchase of a motor home saw them travel through the UK and Europe.

Wendy was gregarious, generous and had a great sense of humour.

Joan Carnall - naval officer and WI president

Joan was born in Glasgow in 1921. Her father was professor of forensic medicine and was posted to Cairo for 4 years, when Joan was seven and her sister, Morag, four. After finishing school in Glasgow, Joan studied at the Glasgow and West of Scotland College of Domestic Science, popularly known as the Dough School. Joan and Morag were both presented at Court, at Holyrood Palace. Joan joined the Wrens, where she met naval officer Alfred Carnall and they married in 1944, in the chapel at Glasgow University. Both were brilliant naval officers. Daughters Fiona and Heather were born in 1945 and 1947 respectively and the family moved to Cheshire in 1949. They had a spell in Durham and then returned to Cheshire in 1978.

Joan became very active in the WI, being local president and voluntary county organiser in both Durham and Cheshire. She had a great passion for showing dogs, mostly corgis and whippets. She also enjoyed amateur dramatics and singing. On Churchill's 80th birthday she sang The White Cliffs of Dover in the village hall. She will also be remembered for her great sense of humour.

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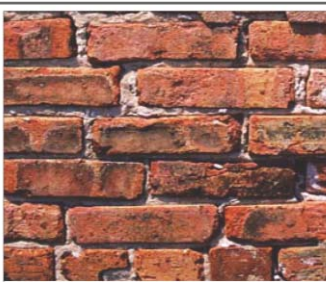
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