

Church mast - Council says no

As we go to print we hear that Crewe & Nantwich Council have unanimously rejected O2's planning application for a mast on St. Boniface Church. The consultation process has revealed strong opposition to the proposal and we understand O2 is exploring alternative sites.

The issue understandably stirred up some strong feelings in our community. Some people expressed surprise that the Church would investigate income from such a potentially controversial source. Others had the misleading impression that St. Boniface is a rich

church and should not need the extra income. The Church Council, as charitable trustees, are in fact obliged to investigate any potential income.

One of the gratifying aspects of the response to the application is how many people in Bunbury and the surrounding area feel that they have an interest in St. Boniface Church and its future. It is encouraging that as one possible source of income (from O2) is turned down, a group of determined community fundraisers have gathered in an attempt to secure the future of this invaluable community asset.

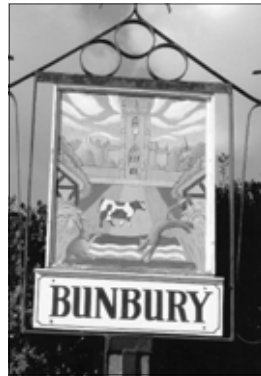
Bunbury wins again!

On Thursday 29th September local councillors Freda Venables and Nick Parker attended an awards ceremony at Ellesmere Part Civic Hall. Little did Freda know that she was to be called up to be presented with the coveted Best Kept Village award by the Managing Director of Shell UK, the scheme's sponsors.

After a ten year gap, Bunbury has once again been declared the best kept village in Cheshire. In the annual competition, now known as 'Community Care within Cheshire', entries are judged on the maintenance both of gardens and public spaces. Bunbury not only walked off with the overall prize, but also the award for 'best in class' for a village of up to 2,500 inhabitants.

So Freda and Nick returned to Bunbury with two winner's plaques, a cheque for £300 and a watercolour of the Almshouses by the well-known artist Gordon Wilkinson. The plaques and painting will soon be on display at the Village Hall. Freda would like to thank all those who helped Bunbury win this impressive award, especially our local shops and our invaluable linesman, and she also wished to point out that

Councillor Dennis Burrows, though unable to attend the ceremony, had played a big part in our success.



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Building for the future

December 3rd sees the exciting launch of a brand new fundraising group for St Boniface, called Target Twelve-Fifty (1250). The aim of the group is to raise money for the restoration and repair of our wonderful ancient church building. Our church is the most important landmark in our local community: most of us have great affection for the building, whether or not we regularly attend services there. But such an historic building is extremely costly to run, at over £1000 per week, let alone restore. Target 1250 hopes to involve the community at large in some really challenging fundraising projects, and we're kicking off our appeal with an invitation to come and hear world-renowned explorer Sir Ranulf Fiennes talking about 'Living Dangerously' at St Boniface on December 3rd. See page 3 for details! Tickets are limited.

Why 'Target 1250'? 'Target' because we want to aim at specific restoration projects which will otherwise not be undertaken, and '1250' because this year sees the 1250th anniversary of St Boniface's death. It is a reference to the past, and a hope for the next 1250 years.

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Roving Birds in Winter

Once winter comes some birds become less territorial as they are no longer competing for a male or nesting site. They find safety in numbers while searching for food in a group. Those of us who have a regular walk will start to notice how the bird population in an area can vary from day to day. Some nomadic flocks of birds roam about the country in search of food. A hedgerow of berries that has been overlooked by local birds can be invaded and plundered at some point by these roving groups who will strip the bushes clean. You may come across fields of winter crops that have been damaged or destroyed completely. Native geese and winter visitors are often responsible for this destruction as they stomp around with their large webbed feet trampling the crops as they nibble

at the young shoots. Wood pigeons pose another problem as they abandon their woodland homes in search of food. They descend on any field where they can spot a good meal of cereals or green leafy vegetables. Don't forget to listen as well as look. Some birds sing all winter long. Starlings will sing when they enter or leave their winter roosts. Their songs compose a chorus of jumbled squeaks and whistles rising to a crescendo which cuts off suddenly as the flock takes to the air once more. This singing is possibly how these birds co-ordinate group manoeuvres. You may also catch the clear warbling notes of a flock of skylarks hovering over an open field. You will regularly hear bursts of song coming from great tits, nuthatches, robins and wrens roosting in the hedgerows. All these birds are

singing to defend their territories which the males, and in the case of robins, both sexes, hold on to throughout the winter.

Liz Jones

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A brilliant new page - turner or “abridged too far”? Rick writes:

This is a Bible designed to be read in just over an hour and a half by people who haven't the time to read the unabridged authorised version.

It may also attract those churchgoers who would like to claim that they have read the whole Bible! It's written in modern language and designed for an age when everything has to be done at high speed. This can be read on a train journey to London or Manchester. It summarises the whole Bible from Genesis - 'In the beginning God created heaven and earth over a period of six days and on the seventh day God rested' - to Revelation - "Let the thirsty come; let whosoever so desires receive the water of life. Yes, I am coming soon" and John responded "Amen! Come, Lord Jesus". The 66 books of the original version have been reduced to 57 pages by the Rev. Dr. Michael Hinton, a former headteacher.

The publication attempts to say, 'Here is a great story, you ought to read it, get the big picture, and then you may just want to read the unexpurgated, adult version!'

The Head of the Family

Jesus said, "And the King will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of those who are my family, you did it to me'" (St Matthew 25, 40)

In Victorian and early Edwardian times, many Christian houses had this text on their walls, in tooled leather or embroidery:

Christ is the Head of this house,
The unseen guest at every meal,
The silent listener to every conversation.

The text gives Jesus his rightful place as head of the house, a place that he emphasised in the verse above, from St Matthew's gospel. The reference to 'members of **my** family' reminds us that in whatever good we do, or fail to do, we're not dealing with strangers. The verse effectively calls us to treat everyone with similar love and respect, as brothers and sisters in the great family of God.

The Christian bookshop in Chester ran out of copies of the **100 Minute Bible** on the first day! However we managed to buy 50 copies for anyone in church to take away and read, and 30 were taken on that first Sunday. I think it is a masterful way of bringing within everyone's reach a taster of why God's love was demonstrated through Jesus Christ."

Rick

Some more reviews:

"At last – an opportunity for me to read the Bible! Having just completed the Alpha course and spent a lot of time discussing how and where you start with that huge book, here was my answer! It's a great little read to whet your appetite for dipping into the real thing." **Katie**

"No, I have never managed to read the Bible before, and yes, this did only take 100 minutes: the 'Old Testament' chapters rushed by like a speeded-up, and rather violent, cartoon. But the chapters describing Jesus's own life really brought the well-known stories alive with immediacy and relevance. Definitely worth a read" **Lucy**

Christ the King is ruler over all his family, irrespective of colour, sex or age, and he simplifies things for us in what is probably the best-known verse of the Bible: 'God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone **who believes** in him may not perish but may have eternal life'. The only difference he acknowledges is belief or non-belief.

Yet that single law of difference does allow for change! We can have faith, and then lose it for one reason or another, and non-belief, even after many years, can also change. Prime examples of the two situations are seen in Judas Iscariot and the penitent thief on the cross. Judas threw away his privilege as a member of the King's family, while the penitent thief came good at the end of his life, on Calvary

Eric Wallington

Living Dangerously

An evening with Sir Ranulf Fiennes

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Proceeds to **Target 1250**, the new St. Boniface building fund

Confirmation Group in marathon (picture)

We had to get up very early on Sunday 9th October as St.Boniface Confirmation Class was going on a church marathon. We set off at 8am with the aim of seeing how many church services we could attend in a day! We managed to see five including the tour of Chester Cathedral. We started off in Christchurch, Birkenhead for a service at 9am. The service was quite dull and there were no songs - our party managed to double the normal congregation! It was the least favourite of most of us and it was the only one which included Communion.

Next we went to the family service at St.Chad's, Wallasey. It was in a modern church and the atmosphere was much more relaxed. This service was quite similar to our own with songs and a mixed congregation of all ages.

Our third service, at St.John the Evangelist, Great Sutton, was rather like the first: there were many readings from the Bible but at least there were some songs to lighten it up a bit too!

The final service was our favourite: it was a special youth service at St.Andrew's, Bebbington. There were lots of songs and a full congregation of teens and people of all ages. This was the best by far. Thankyou to Johnny, Alex and Amber for making this trip possible for us. It was enjoyed by us all and

we are very grateful that we had the chance to visit and experience these different services.

Emily Dyer

Please note that the confirmation date for this group by the Bishop of Birkenhead is Tuesday December 13th at 7.30pm at St.Boniface. All welcome.



Airborne Explorers

Explorers have now been going just over a year: in that time numbers have grown to 26 with another 12 due to join during the next term. Ever adventurous, we have experienced a variety of activities that most 14-16 year olds might only dream of! Possibly our most incredible event was a trip to Manchester Airport where all the Explorers had the opportunity to fly a Boeing 757 in an aircraft simulator followed by a tour of the Airport Control Tower. This was a once in a lifetime opportunity and all of us thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. Not one crash amongst us!

Having sampled airborne antics, we were brought down to earth with a bump when we decided, as practice for the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme, to hike over a 10-12 mile route through the Peak District using just compass and map reading skills. This certainly challenged both young (Explorers) and old (Leaders) alike.

We are now looking forward to some water entertainment, when we go scuba diving next month. To join our waiting list or if you are interested in becoming an Explorer leader, please contact **Sarah-Jane Stockman** on 01829 260714.



Rainbows, Brownies and Guides on the move

Well done to First Bunbury Brownies for raising £120 in a toy box sale in aid of the Red Cross last month.

Many Rainbows, Brownies and Guides will shortly be 'moving up' to the next group, and some Brownies were given an exciting taste of what guides might have in store for them when they joined the older girls for a meeting:

"On October 12th, the older Brownies, including myself, visited Guides. We were lucky enough to be there the night Simon Airey came from Shrewsbury to show his interesting

collection of rather unusual creatures. Included were porcupines, exotic hedgehogs, grasshoppers, snakes, and my favourites, tortoises. Peter Mulcahy (who was there because his mum is a guide leader) started bonding with an unusual lizard he named 'Barry'. But the weirdest sight of all was seeing Ollly Waddington standing on a chair when she dropped a tarantula on the floor!"

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Haberdashers grant special honour

Bunbury School enjoyed their annual visit from the Haberdashers on 19th October. Before touring the school, the Master made former governor Blanche Wilgose a Freeman of the Worshipful Company of Haberdashers. The occasion was particularly notable as it was the first time this ceremony had been conducted outside Haberdashers' Hall (picture below).

After an assembly by the children, the Master presented all Year Six pupils (including Florrie, below centre) with a copy of the King James Bible. The Deputation then toured the school and were particularly impressed with the new wet room and outside play area already being put to good use by Mrs Crotty's Reception class (below right).



Pony-mad children - Amber Middlemiss writes



Local pony-mad children had a muddy afternoon in Haughton on 1st October, raising money for the International League for the Protection of Horses. This is a charity which works to improve the welfare of horses worldwide. Many people across the country took part in sponsored walks but Hebe Middlemiss was determined that a pony-show would be more appropriate and more fun, and persuaded her somewhat reluctant family to help her organise it! The original idea was to invite just a few local friends round to jump a few jumps, but it took on a life of its own and ended up with 30 local children aged 5 to 14 riding ponies in the show ring, trying out their skills at Handy Pony or show-jumping fences up to

2' 9" high. Several friends without ponies also came to help which was much appreciated. Norman Williams from Spurstow judged the Handy Pony and Sheila Metcalfe from Faddiley judged the 'pony the judge would most like to take home' class, while Sarah Thompson and Jeni Coley ran the show-jumping - many thanks to all of them. Winners included Rachel and Cameron Thompson, Elizabeth Pegg, Alice Stones, Sammy Wilkinson and Charlotte Greenbury, and a special award went to Sarah and Rachel Overy who drove their pony, Billy, in a trap. A total of £312 was raised - far more than expected - and we all had a lovely time.

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Sunnyside Down - what we think

Last month we advertised the forthcoming launch of Sunnyside Down, a memoir of Bunbury life in the 50's. Your editors both rushed out for a copy and once we started reading, neither of us could put it down! The author is describing rural life in those post-war years - a time still so close in historical terms, yet so different in so many subtle, and not-so-subtle ways. Unlike so many childhood memoirs, this one is not cloyingly nostalgic about the past - you only need to read his memories of school life to see why. It is a fascinating and often very amusing roll-call of so many familiar families, places and customs. The following extract gives a flavour:

The August Fete

"Summer fun in a 1950s village didn't really have many peaks of enjoyment. My birthday was in July, and it was nice to get a present, such as the amazing clockwork-powered submarine Dad gave me once. But I don't remember any birthday parties as such, except one, when I was eight. Apart from my birthday, there were a few other low-key summer events, like a day-trip to Rhyl, but mostly, like William Brown's Outlaws, we rambled aimlessly around the village, breaking small things.

So it's not surprising, given the rather slow tempo of 1950s summers that the August Bank Holiday Fete at Beeston Castle (held at the beginning of August in those days) stood out as a high point.

This really was a day when the social life of the village was transformed. Thousands of people came for the day

at the castle - buses met every train arriving at Beeston station - and some exciting things happened, including, in August 1959, a motor-cycle hill-climb, and an acrobatic and combat flying display...It's the smells of that summer excitement, as much as the sights and sounds, that stay with you, such as the pungent smells of bracken and wet grass...add to this the steamy aroma of tea in large urns and of egg sandwiches in the big marquee, where Mum and other village ladies toiled over mounds of cut-up bread, spreading butter furiously. And best of all there was the acrid, masculine reek of motorbike exhaust, as one by one, daring riders tried to climb to the top of the western flank of the near-vertical castle hill...Every year, one or two heroes did make it. Against all the odds, and twisting his bike through the narrowest of fissures, the grimacing rider would burst over the top ledge... Applause surrounded the sweating, helmetless rider. But it wasn't the done thing in the 1950s to acknowledge this applause. There was no post-modern whooping, excitement or tears, as there might be today, just another terse grimace and a toss of the Brylcreemed head before plunging the bike down a slightly less precipitous slope to the bottom again."

This really is a charming, funny and thought-provoking read, and it would make a great Christmas present for anyone with even a passing interest in Bunbury.

Lucy and Jill

Cat mystery solved

We noticed Ann Latham's mention of a 'funeral-attending grey cat' at St Boniface in the most recent edition of the Parish Link and are writing to tell you a bit about him. "Eric" is a cat with a multinational background! He is a British Blue from Trawsfynydd in North Wales with the pedigree name of Nömast (the Nordic word for Nomad). He is 3 years old and his interests include turning his nose up at anything but the most expensive cat food, sleeping in dangerous places, avoiding our 15-month-old daughter at all costs and of course, attending funerals. A few people have mentioned to us that they have seen him at funerals they've been to and on sunny days, he can usually be found in the graveyard. We hope that he does bring some cheer to mourners and doesn't disrupt proceedings too much. This photo shows what Eric can usually be found doing when he's at home.



Madeline and Chris Jones Church Row, Bunbury

And speaking of cats, we were pleased that the following story had a happy ending. A local family went to a lot of effort alerting neighbours to check their sheds for their missing feline. Guess where she finally turned up? - in their own!

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Operation Christmas Child - don't miss the deadline!



I imagine eager hands receiving the colourful shoebox, a gleeful smile, eyes dancing with joy, as a youngster removes the lid to peer into the box crammed with presents. Items on top conceal all others so making the anticipation, mystery and fun all the greater. Now each gift, so carefully selected to delight a stranger, is minutely examined, enjoyed, shared and treasured. I guess the sweets disappear fast, there'll be some curiosity over a puzzle and whoops of joy when a particularly appealing toy is discovered. Unlike the packaging on our Christmas Day in Bunbury, the shoebox is not discarded for re-cycling. This box is kept safe. It has a special value for a child with very little, who's been through a lot, probably living in an institution, and who doesn't otherwise have the luxury of their "own space".

It is this scenario I picture each November when putting together the Operation Christmas Child shoebox. It's a great family activity: selecting an age group (they're always short of boxes for teenagers 10-14 years) and deciding what treats to include. Filling the box to the brim, using every cubic portion of volume to best effect, can be quite a feat as we always find the yoyo, ball and toothpaste just refuse to fit sufficiently tightly into the space available. It's such a personal, one to one gift and it's worth trying to squeeze in as much as possible. As we pop in a Christmas card and family photo, finally sticking the label on the box, I'm hoping that our shoebox gifts will thrill somebody we don't know, somewhere far away, this Christmas.

For me, this has to be absolutely the most important Christmas shopping. How could it be otherwise? After all, the Christmas shoeboxes are for children living in dreadful poverty. Some will be refugees, many are orphaned or

abandoned, some are sick with AIDS and other life-threatening diseases. These children would not normally receive any other Christmas gift. Boxes from Bunbury will be shipped to Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia, Croatia, Hungary, Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Ukraine and even to Mozambique this year.

Preparing a Christmas shoebox needn't cost a fortune and it's an activity that can be shared across generations, between neighbours, in community groups and with work colleagues. The Operation Christmas Child leaflet, delivered with The Link this month, tells you how to pack your shoebox gift. Finished shoeboxes can be left at Bunbury School (weekdays 9am - 3.30pm), St Boniface and St Jude's Churches or taken to Gosland House, Bowes Gate Road, Bunbury until the **deadline on Friday 25th November**.

The target for this year's Operation Christmas Child campaign is to collect 1.25 million shoeboxes from the UK for distribution to suffering and underprivileged children in Central and Eastern Europe and further afield. Started in 1990, with fewer than 3000 shoeboxes, Operation Christmas Child has become one of the largest UK Christmas projects and needs further support: more gift-filled boxes than ever, and also more volunteers to check, sort, seal and pack boxes ready for shipping. The nearest OCC Warehouse is at Wrexham. Please telephone Kath there (01978 367722) if you can help out on weekdays (10am -4pm) with later nights on Tuesdays and Thursdays (10am-8pm). Some volunteers work just a couple of hours a week in the run-up to Christmas while others can put in a few more hours - it really is down to what suits you.

Please telephone **Nicola Elsegood (260507)** For more information, additional leaflets or any other assistance.

Catharine sails on

A few weeks ago Mike Verity was unable to take a service because daughter Catharine was involved in a sailing accident. Here she tells us about her sport.

"Sailing is by no means as popular a sport as football but in my eyes it is a lot more fun and exciting. I sail a small one man boat called a Topper which is quite light, plastic, and perfect for beginners of any age. Although it's traditionally a kid's boat; I've caught my dad sailing it on more than one occasion! I race my Topper competitively but many people sail for

fun as there are many fun games you can play with a topper such as capsizing, climbing the mast, nose diving, sinking it and many more. Most weekends find me travelling around the North West to sail at different venues and take part in training and events such as club open meetings and national championships. I've made loads of friends through sailing and we all like to do stuff together after sailing. Although topper sailing isn't really dangerous there is the occasional accident! A recent one ended with me carted off in an ambulance with concussion and whiplash!"



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A taste of the Big Apple



Thursday 6th October at 10am - I'm sitting in the BA Club World lounge at Manchester Airport with a glass of champagne in my hand. To complete what has been a whirlwind month, I am being whisked away to the Big Apple for my fortieth. Pretty exciting stuff – particularly as we have tickets for Mamma Mia on Broadway. Talk about the

perfect present! Talk about the perfect husband!

1pm - Lunch is served en route. More champagne. I'm getting used to this.

1pm US time - We land at JFK. Collect bags, grab a taxi and off we go. Wow, we really are in America – yellow cabs abound, huge trucks rumble past, we spot our first skyscraper in the distance. We hit Manhattan and it's just like it is in the movies but bigger. We peer up out of the cab window and can't see the top of the buildings. Good job neither of us suffer from vertigo. There's a map in the back of the cab and we quickly familiarise ourselves with the grid system and locate our hotel. The Essex House is on Central Park South between Broadway and Fifth Avenue – pretty much perfect (again!).

Having dumped our bags, we walk to Bloomingdales for a cup of tea (you can't take the English out of this girl) and then do the traditional horse and cart ride round Central Park, which is much 'wilder' than expected. The ice rink opens next week (typical) but it's 74°F so would've probably melted anyway. I'm slightly disconcerted when I see vapour rising from the sidewalk. This city really steams. We wander down Broadway to Times Square as darkness falls and marvel at the neon. Yellow cabs and stretched limos dodge each other as we walk back to the hotel. There are 'No Honking' signs but everyone seems to ignore them.

Friday - Despite the latest terror alerts, we brave the subway. A wall of heat engulfs us immediately as we go below ground. It's literally unbearable as we try to fathom out how to get from A to B. We give up and ask a cop – there are, reassuringly, plenty around. Thankfully, the trains are air-conditioned. The Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island are our destination (and that of hundreds of others). We take the ferry and view Liberty from afar and then close up. She really

is very impressive and her view of Lower Manhattan particularly awe-inspiring, despite the very obvious gap in the skyline left by the Twin Towers. According to the guide books, about 80% of New Yorkers can trace their ancestry back to Ellis Island as this used to be the entry point for all immigrants.

Once back in Manhattan, we walk through the Financial District to Ground Zero which is an eerie building site. We take a few moments to consider the enormity of the event that shocked us all. Those towers were twice the size of the enormous buildings still standing.....

Ominously it starts to rain. China Town and Little Italy are next on the agenda. We stupidly ask an Italian maître d' to recommend something for lunch – he brings us the biggest and best seafood (ie: lobster) linguine I have ever tasted. Fantastic - until we see the 'check'! It continues to rain as we take in some shops and some incredible fish markets. One woman buys six live crabs and carries them away in a plastic bag. We end up in the beautiful Grand Central Station, the best place for oysters in NY. We don't feel like eating anything, ever again.

Saturday - It is still raining. By the end of the day some parts of New York will have had 9 inches of rain. We go to the Met Museum and then to the NY equivalent of Oxford Circus (Macy's etc). In this weather, sauntering in the suburbs is out. That evening we're back on Broadway enjoying **Mamma Mia**. For me it is nothing short of perfect, fabulous, poignant and funny: Bjorn and Benny truly are the greatest Swedes of all time! Even Lee enjoys himself! Outside, Broadway now resembles a river. We grab a bagel and travel to the Empire State building. At least it has stopped raining. We take the lift to the 86th floor but sadly there is zero visibility. Waiting to descend, we recognise our Wakes Meadow neighbours, the Stockmans, leaving the lift to look at the clouds. A definite 'movie moment'! We manage to visit a street market and the Chrysler building before a marvellous meal in the Upper West Side with our Bunbury friends.

Heading back to JFK and home, we reflect on our amazing, if rather soggy, New York weekend and the fact that, wherever you may go, Bunbury is never too far away!

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News from St.Jude's

The Harvest Supper at St Jude's was a delightful occasion with close on 100 people attending. The supper was supplied and served by Mrs Harvey and was delicious. The raffle followed which was one of the highlights of the evening with lots of lovely prizes. To tie the event in with recent VE/VJ day celebrations the hall had been decorated with bunting and everyone had flags to wave and were invited to join in with some nostalgic singing. The music was supplied by Ann Badrock on keyboard, accompanied by Richard



Lloyd on guitar and the singing was led by Sandie and Ann. Emma then played two more contemporary pieces entitled 'Tomorrow' and 'On Your Way Home'

which brought the evening to an end. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the evening's fellowship. Almost £700 was raised from the event and thanks must go out to Ann Latham and her trusty team who do all the organising, without them the event would not go ahead.

Linda Downey

St Jude's Alpha course started with a relaxed dinner for six over a bottle of wine.....if you are tempted to join us we can rustle up spare chairs and more wine. We are meeting at Gables Cottage, School Lane, Bunbury (opposite the school) from 7-30 to 9-30 on Tuesdays.

St Jude's Beavers had a visit from dentist, Liz Mulcahy. Did you know that all flavoured crisps, like cheese and onion, contain sugar but plain ones don't? We didn't. For Eoin Stein, the highlight of the evening was that he lost a tooth while Liz was talking to us. Liz had a look and told him it was a 'Lower B incisor' and we wrapped it up for the Tooth Fairy. Liz asked if the Beavers had any questions. One question she couldn't answer....did she know the Tooth Fairy's telephone number?

When the Bishop of Birkenhead visited St Jude's, on Sunday 16th October, he also blessed our new Beaver flag.

Joy Parker



News from Calveley School

Building extension - October saw the start of the new building work taking place at Calveley School. The project, due for completion in March, will provide an extended reception class area, new offices for the head and office staff, disabled toilet, new library area and a corridor linking the old school house with the main building. Mrs Harvey the Head said, 'We are very excited at Calveley about the new development which will significantly improve the facilities and teaching resources offered at the school.'

Car Park - FROCS (Friends and relatives of Calveley School) have been able to buy, through the kind donation of funds from the Lord Leverhulme estate, a piece of land adjoining the school for a new car park. Calveley are looking to develop a circular nature walk open to the public and other schools which will run from the car park across Park Field Farm land. The walk will include access to two woodland areas and 3 exciting natural ponds full of wildlife and unusual species. It will be supported by nature

information points, with picnic facilities in the woodland areas.

Ice Angel Event - On the 10th December, the annual Calveley lantern procession will be leaving Park Field House, Calveley Hall Lane at 4.30pm, courtesy of Sandra and Rowland Edge. We hope to repeat the success of last year's event which was attended by 250 people. The lantern procession arrives at the school where there will be an ice angel and firework event. We are running a competition for all to design an ice angel. The winning design will then be transformed into a series of life size ice angels which will be centrepiece of a fire and light display. Lantern workshops are being held at Calveley School on the 1st and 2nd December and are open to all, for further details contact Debbie on 01270 528624.

Many thanks to Granellis ice cream who are storing the sculptures for us and the Rural Development fund who are funding the event.

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A man of many talents - Jim Walker

During the lead-up to his debut performance in "My Fair Lady" with Acton Operatic, multi-talented Jim Walker also found time to take part in the World Corporate Games. Here he tells us how he got on:

"The Corporate Games are open to everyone to participate in a number of sports in their own country, normally as part of a company team but the companies involved range from small one-man organisations to multinationals. Competition for places is high. Over 7000 athletes took part in the UK Championships in Manchester in June. I represented my company in the 10k running event and was pleased to win. This meant I was

invited to represent the UK at the World Corporate Games in Zagreb, Croatia at the end of September. Over 4000 athletes were there from 23 countries. I was delighted that I managed to win the 10k race.

The weekend was fantastic with the host nation making all visitors welcome. There was a parade of athletes through the city, official reception in the mayor's palace, many live events and concerts featuring Croatian stars, and a final night party for all the athletes. Definitely an occasion which will long remain with me, and all the hours of training around Bunbury, the canal and the Peckforton Hills seemed worthwhile."



By the way Jim also triumphed in his many guises on stage at Crewe Lyceum - well done Jim!

Memories of Lilian Sheen d.21st September

These words were taken from the funeral address given by Joy Parker:

"Lilian's parents came from Oswestry and her father was a water lengthsmen at Beeston. When she left school she went into service with the Greenwoods at the White House in Bunbury: she got one afternoon a week off, but only after she had served afternoon tea! Lil met Jack, who was a groom, while he was out exercising horses. They were married at St. Boniface on June 1st 1932, when she was 22. They had a son, Derek, and two grandchildren, Jaqueline and Christopher. Most of their married life was spent at Pinfold, Spurstow, a home very dear to Lil.

"Lil could often be seen out and about on her bike. Like her father, she was a keen gardener. She was also very houseproud, enjoying sewing and

making clothes, and she was a good cook. Lil also had a great love of reading - from magazines and novels to the Bible, which she would read aloud from. In her later years she was an enthusiastic borrower of books from the library van - usually romances.

"After Jack died, in 1974, Lil moved to Queen Street, where she lived for 31 years. Until she became housebound, Lil was a keen churchgoer and enjoyed the Mothers' Union and the Wednesday Club. She particularly enjoyed the whist drives and going on the trips and holidays they organised.

"Two years ago, Derek came to look after her: he was a tower of strength. Lil was one of the last of her generation. Her 95 years saw a huge change in the world around her and we can celebrate a life well lived."

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Community news

Many congratulations to **Wendy and Steve Slack** whose daughter, Melissa and son-in-law, Chris, have just had their first baby, **Ella Bethany**, in America. Wendy cleverly managed to be visiting when the baby arrived!



Congratulations to **Susi Pierce and Collette Walker** who have both recently turned 40 and to **Sandra Rowley** who celebrated an even bigger birthday in October.

Last month we reported the marriage of **Rick's daughter, Rachel** to **Robin Green**. Here are father and daughter in all their finery.



We are sorry to have to report the sudden death of **Nancy Stockton** of Sadlers Wells, Bunbury whose funeral took place on 21st October at St. Boniface. We hope to report more on the life of this well-known local lady next month.

General notices

Many thanks to the lady from **Tattenhall** who recently sent us a cheque towards postage of her Link. All contributions towards our costs are always very gratefully received.

Found – a girls new M&S zip-up cardigan in pale turquoise with white stripes. Taken in error from Holiday Club. Please contact Lucy Munro 260487.

Your editors' apologies this month go to **Adam Johnson** whom we called Jack. And to **Barbara Schonhut**, last month called Shonutt – Peter and Kath take full responsibility for this one! Also, we exaggerated the cost of the new window, so apologies to **Walter**, the true cost is £15,000!

Last term **Tarporley High School** launched a new scheme asking parents to make a monthly donation and become a **Friend**. We've had an amazing start to the campaign and we have already been able to refurbish two classrooms. However there are many more that need to be done so we still need Friends! Every penny raised by Friends is spent on improving the school environment. If you would like to become a Friend please do contact **Katie Mason** on 01829 260374.

Well done to those ladies who held coffee mornings in aid of **MacMacmillan Cancer Relief** last month. **Meg Fairweather** has contacted us to say she raised £240. Thanks to all those who attended.

On October 31st, **Sally Sissons, Tim Wheatland and Katie Mason** will be running in the Dublin marathon, all in

aid of **Target 1250** (see page 1). If anyone would like to sponsor them please contact them or the Link.

Bridesmaid type dresses are needed for YCs production of Cinderella - please contact **Liz Mulcahy** 260949.

Despite some logistical problems **Andrew Clapperton** continues his journey home by bike from China and has now ridden well over 2000 miles. More news next month. To sponsor Andrew contact dad **Dave** on 260218.

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Church notices

The **occasional choir** will be re-forming to sing at the St Boniface service of carols and readings on December 18th. If you enjoy singing Christmas music call **George Robey** on 260081.

Please continue to pray for Neville Edgley, Benjamin Thomas, Claudia McLaughlin, Camilla Broster, Peter Overy, Elizabeth Barry, Fred Major, and the Williams family during the illness of Teri's mother and husband Rob.

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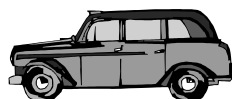
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November

2	10.00am	Holy Communion	St.Boniface
6	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Boniface
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Jude
	10.00am	Family Worship	St Boniface
	11.00am	Matins	Calveley
9	10.00am	Holy Communion	St Boniface
13	8.00am	Holy Communion	St.Boniface
	9.30am	Morning Worship	St Jude
	10.45am	Remembrance	St Boniface
	10.45am	Remembrance	Calveley
	6.30pm	Evensong	St Boniface
16	10.00am	Holy Communion	St Boniface
20	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Boniface
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Jude
	10.00am	Family Worship	St Boniface
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Calveley
23	10.00am	Holy Communion	St Boniface
24-26		YC's Panto "Cinderella"	Bunbury Village Hall
26		St.Judes Christmas Fair Tarporey School Christmas Fair	St.Judes Church Hall
27	10.00am	Family Communion	St Boniface
	4.00pm	Christingle	St.Jude
30	10.00am	Holy Communion	St Boniface

December

2	10.00am	Holy Communion	St.Boniface
3		December/January Link published Bunbury School Christmas Fair	
	7.30pm	Ranulf Fiennes	St.Boniface
4	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Boniface
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St.Jude
	10.00am	Family Worship	St Boniface
	11.00am	All Age Worship	Calveley

Looking ahead

December

13th	7.30pm	Confirmation	St.Boniface
18th		St.Boniface Carol Service	
20th	7.00pm	Bunbury School Christmas Service	

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