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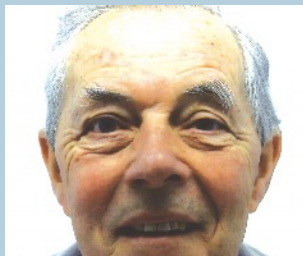
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Community news

Congratulations to **Hannah** and **Tom Kemeny** (pictured below), who were married on 23 July at St Boniface. Hannah is the daughter of Lucy and Richard Munro. After cancellations due to Covid, it was third time lucky!



Congratulations also to **David** and **Hannah McNeil** (below), married at St Boniface on 11 September.



Other recent weddings will be covered in the November issue.

Sadly, **David** and **Margaret Ellis** are moving to the Lake District to be nearer their family. A huge thank you to Dave for delivering the Link and for finding his successor **Anne James** who will now be taking over. **Karin Lyle** will be delivering Birds Lane.

Congratulations to **Chrissy** and **Si Lees-Jones** (below) on the renewal of their wedding vows.



On Saturday 4 September a **coffee morning** was held in **St Jude's** church Hall to raise money for a new kitchen. It was well attended and enjoyed by all, making £427. Grateful thanks to all who attended and helped. On 25 September there will be a Harvest Supper.

Calveley Chapel will celebrate **Harvest** on 4 October. There will be a **Harvest tea starting at 2.30pm** before the **Harvest Festival** at 4pm. Please contact Yvonne Wood on 01270 528442 if you would like to have a ticket so that she has an idea of numbers.

The bellringers are organising a **Quiz Night** to raise funds for the church clock on Friday 22 October at St Boniface church at 7.30pm £10 with food. Max teams of 8. Bar and raffle – please remember cash. Contact Lucy 07580 066153. More info on p11.

After a first successful and well supported **Pick Your Own Pumpkin**, Heath Farm were overwhelmed by

A word from the editor

It's been so lovely playing games again at The Nags Head on a Tuesday afternoon – scrabble and dominoes have featured. If anyone would like to come along for lunch (a special rate for the Tuesday Lunch Club) or come after lunch for games you would be very welcome. Not everyone stays to play games; it's just a social time. Contact Pat Blackwood on 07443 653355

The death of Eric Wallington was very sad, but what a good life he had. His obituary says it all.

The quote on the front page was said by a commentator about Emma Raducanu. She is such a great role model and so of course is Stuart Wood, whom I taught in reception and is a Paralympics champion. Both of them have had fantastic support from their families. I always remember Stuart at sports days and hanging upside down on the large climbing frame at Bunbury School. I always knew he would do well at whatever he did.

kind comments and good reviews. Plans are underway for their 2nd Pumpkin Festival this year. The Pumpkin Patch is looking awesome, with all different sizes, shapes and colours (see ad on p8 for details).

The next meeting of **Bunbury Gardening Club** will be a talk by **Anne Harrison** on the subject of 'Good plants for difficult places' on Tuesday 19 October at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. New members are welcome.

Congratulations to local canoeist **Stuart Wood**, who represented Great Britain at the Summer Paralympics in the men's VL3 event and won a bronze medal. His family decorated the roadside to cheer him on from home.



The copy deadline for the November issue is Friday 15 October. The magazine should be delivered starting Saturday 30 October. Notices to bunburyparishoffice@gmail.com



TIM HAYWARD

Your Vicar

Fruits of the spirit

During this Harvest season we're exploring in church and online the nine qualities that make up our Christian life together, described as the fruits of God's Spirit: **love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.**

God brings these gifts into our lives, much the same way that fruit appears in an orchard - and each Sunday we're going to be reflecting on a different fruit.

Things like affection for others, exuberance for life, serenity. A willingness to stick with things, a sense of compassion in the heart, and a conviction that a basic holiness permeates things and people. We don't need to force our way in life, but we direct our energies wisely.

When we allow the Holy Spirit to take root in our hearts we will harvest these fruits in God's time. We become better people, the best version of ourselves.

Another way of looking at this is God helping us to paint our own portrait. The blank canvas is our life and the colours God puts on His palette are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. It's remarkable really that we are God's masterpiece made in His image. And if we want inspiration we need only look to Jesus in whom every quality is seen to perfection and wonderfully balanced. Even now, as you read these lines, God's brush is at work, gently and lovingly caressing into your nature all that makes you truly beautiful. All He asks is that you hold still - that you stop trying and start trusting.

This is God's great goal for your life - to help you shine. To make you more like Christ. To make you beautiful. By mixing in our personalities the ingredients of Christ's nature, the fruits of His Spirit.

So next time you look in the mirror, try to see yourself through God's eyes and feel your Maker's love. Just as you would dote upon your child or grandchild and see reflected in them family traits and likenesses, realise that you too, no matter how young or old, (warts and all!) are called to be a child of God and see reflected in you His likeness, his fruit. What a privilege! What a responsibility!

And during this Harvest season, we'll thank God for His faithfulness and goodness towards us, for giving us all the gifts that we need to make ourselves better people and the world around us a better place. And perhaps take the time to see Christ in others, to compliment and encourage, to be kind and compassionate, to bring out the best in ourselves and each other. In the words of the famous hymn:

Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home.

PARISH OF BUNBURY & TILSTONE FEARNALL

Harvest Services



Join us as we celebrate the blessings of this Harvest season.

ST JUDE'S - 26TH SEPTEMBER - 9.30AM
ST BONIFACE - 26TH SEPTEMBER - 10.30AM
CALVELEY CHAPEL - 3RD OCTOBER - 4PM

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Phil Cunningham's workouts for charity



Phil Cunningham works for the #1 animal health company, Zoetis, The team are planning to log 3,000 hours of exercise (which is the time

it would take a dog to run twice around the world!) between 29 March and 31 October. The exercise needs to be based on forward motion and equates to each team member undertaking around three hours per week over the course of the challenge.

Phil completed his personal contribution to the fundraising effort travelling on a stand-up paddle board from Bangor-on-Dee to Chester. The 42km paddle was completed in just under 8.5 hours,

The chosen charity is Medical Detection Dogs, who train dogs to save lives using their amazing sense of smell. Dogs are the best bio-sensors. They can detect odours as tiny as a teaspoon of sugar in two Olympic sized swimming pools! With your help we can train more of these amazing dogs.

If anyone is interested in giving here are the fundraising details <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/zoetis-uk-ruminants>

The Memorial Cross

The theft of the Memorial Plaques from the gates of St Boniface in September 2017 prompted an outcry in the village and an outpouring of financial support for their replacement.

In the event, the church's insurance covered the cost of the loss and the gates once again bear the names of those who gave their lives in the service of their country.

However, the loss of the plaques led to a wish to have a new memorial to be kept in St Boniface church and to be less vulnerable to theft, and that such a memorial could be funded by using some of money raised by the generous donations from the village.

Inspired by the cross made of 105mm shell cases which once stood in Camp Bastion Afghanistan and is now at the National Arboretum, it was decided that a similar cross would be fitting. There is a great deal of significance in utilising something used in conflict to fashion a symbol of peace, reconciliation, remembrance and sacrifice; doing so is a poignant reflection of the words of the Prophet Isaiah, who, yearning for peace thousands of years ago, wrote about... "beating swords into ploughshares and spears into pruning hooks".

It was also suggested that this new memorial would be not just to those who gave their lives in the two World Wars, but would embrace all those who have suffered in the service of their country, both in the World Wars and in the countless conflicts since.

And here, one brings to mind the families of those who have served and who have waited patiently and anxiously at home for news of their loved ones; for widows and widowers left without husband or wife; for children, left without father or mother and for those who have returned home grievously wounded in body mind or spirit. For

the truth is, nobody comes through the experience of war, be it historical or current, unscathed. Cast your minds back to those scenes of union flag draped coffins being borne from the hold of an aircraft at RAF Brize Norton and then carried through the streets of Royal Wootton Bassett. These are indelible pictures of our times.

Once the idea had taken hold, suitable shell cases were acquired and the cross you see pictured was made by colleagues of 42 Commando Royal Marines.

Because of the wish for this new memorial not to be specific to any particular generation nor to any particular conflict, it has been proposed that its inscription would be similarly universal, thereby allowing it to stand in memory of those who have died as well as those who lived, but who have been scarred in some way by their shared experiences of conflict. The cross will therefore bear not names, but the simple inscription:

**In memory of all those who have made sacrifices
in the service of their country**



Sky notes for October

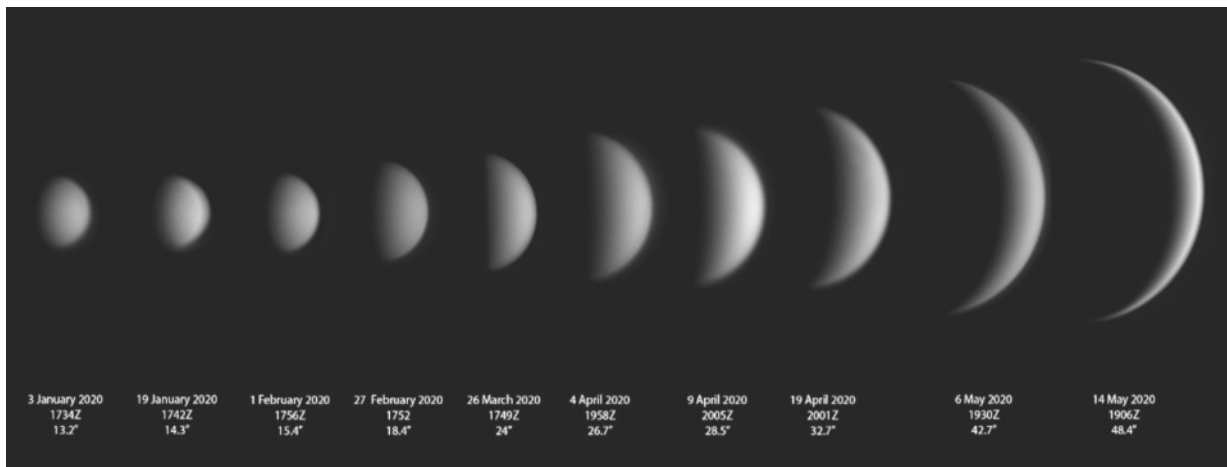
Venus is putting on a good show all month, low in the south western sky, setting about 7.30pm. The Evening Star, as it sometimes called, brightens during the month as the planet draws closer to the earth.

Through a small telescope you can see that Venus shows phases like the moon as shown in the accompanying images. It changes phase, or shape, slowly during the month. The planet is at half phase on October 28th. This is termed dichotomy (literally "cut in half") and the planet will look like a tiny half moon, but without the seas and craters, of course. In fact, it takes a large telescope to spot any features at all on Venus. The planet is covered by a thick atmosphere, largely made up of carbon dioxide, and we are looking down on the cloud tops. Occasionally, dusky markings are visible with large telescopes, as shown in the accompanying drawing, which are due to Venusian weather clouds. After the 28th, the phase begins to shrink to a crescent over the following weeks. As it does so, the planet appears to grow in size as it gets closer to the Earth. On October 9th, look out for Venus next to a very narrow crescent moon after sunset.

Venus is by far the brightest object in the night sky in October, although the much larger, but much further away planets,

Jupiter and Saturn, are also visible in the evening sky this month. On October 13th, these two "gas giants" lie to the left of the moon. The following night (14th) the moon is below and between Jupiter and Saturn. And on October 15th, the brilliant "star" just above and to the right of the moon is Jupiter. On October 31st at 2am British Summer Time ends for this year and the clocks go back by an hour. I always look forward to this as it means it gets dark an hour earlier, so there is more time for observing the night sky in the evening!

Happy observing! Bunbury Stargazer



Images of Venus showing its phases during the first five months of 2020 (Mark Radice)

Bunbury bellringers to help restart the clock

You may have noticed that the St Boniface church clock is not working at the moment. Dating from 1873, the clock has suffered a major defect in the mechanism which controls the clock hands. The repair is costly and complicated, involving engineers using ropes to get to the clock face from the outside to remove the hands so that

the faulty parts can be taken away to the workshop in Cumbria for repair. The total repair cost – around £3,000 – needs funding. The bellringers are organising a Quiz Night on Friday 22 October at St Boniface church at 7.30pm £10 with food. Max teams of 8. Bar and raffle – please remember cash. Contact Lucy 07580 066153.

For anyone unable to attend the quiz who wishes to make a contribution, a JustGiving page titled St Boniface Clock Repair can be found at:

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfundings/bonifaceclockrepair?utm_term=G3KXVaZDM

Any surplus raised after paying for the repair will be used towards the future refurbishment of the clock face.

Record 285 entries for Bunbury garden club show

What a fabulous show! Without so many villagers taking part we would not have had such an amazing day. Huge thanks to everyone who worked so hard.

We had a new trophy this year in memory of our member **Helen Martyn** who has sadly passed away and had always brought wonderful cakes to our show.

Bronwyn Kelly won the cup for her coffee



and walnut cake, speaking eloquently about her friend and colleague Helen.

Kath Roden had a clean sweep with winning entries in floral art, flowers, plants and cookery. **Alison Dentith** won the craft cup, **Len Davies** the fruit and vegetables and photography went to **Peter Jones**.

The members only trophy for a tray of produce was won by **Mark Sharkey**.

The chairman's shield, in a departure from the norm, was presented to **Barry Smith** with thanks from the club



chairman for the support he has given to the club over many years.

The children's trophies were won by **Emily Thrussell**, **Lucy Stansfield** and **Elliott** and **Teddy Oates**, the youngest entrants, for their marrow, which they had watered every single day.



Lamentations of a chilli (mostly a tomato) grower: Nature always has the last word!

The recent few days of sunshine have been very pleasant but that hasn't been the uniform scenario this summer. Only a few weeks ago the extremely wet weather had unexpected consequences for me.

None of us is old enough to remember the Great Famine in Ireland which was caused by a fungus, *Phytophthora Infestans*, potato (and tomato) blight in which 1 million people died and another million set sail across the Atlantic to America.

In fact if you have two days with temperatures above 10°C and humidity above 90%, known as the Hutton Criteria, then Blightwatch will issue a warning to farmers that potato blight is likely. As potatoes and tomatoes are both from the family *Solanaceae* this is also a red light for tomato growers. As well as my beloved chillies, of which more in a minute, I grow lots and lots of tomatoes, many in my greenhouse but also on the back wall of our house in Swan Lane where they have usually prospered and often produced tomatoes nearly to Christmas (last year). You will sympathise when I report that on 22 August, I found the stems of those

tomatoes rotting and the fruit softening and discoloured more or less overnight from *Phytophthora Infestans* and so I cut them all down and binned them! I still have a fair number in the greenhouse which hasn't suffered as badly but it was a salutary lesson.

However, and with great relief, chillies – also members of the *Solanaceae* – are capsicum species and not (generally) susceptible to blight. This hasn't been a great ripening year though and this has affected different varieties differently. The photo below shows a clump of chillies growing outside where some are fruiting and ripening well (Challuaruro lovely



purple and yellow, ripening to red) while others (all planted and managed similarly), have green chillies and some only flowering!

Some conspicuous successes can be seen in the next picture: the Habanero shaped orange chilli is called ARMAGEDDON with good reasons. I had one chopped in fried tomatoes on toast for breakfast today and while I was eating it in the kitchen Roslyn was sneezing in the sitting room – one for the brave-hearted or stupid. They will dry well and become the fearsome dried chilli powder which daughter Grace exports to her banking colleagues in London who fancy themselves as heroes!



Give us 2 minutes...

I was born in Truro in Cornwall and stayed there until I was 20, when work took me away. I played probably too much rugby and surfing so that my academic life suffered to the extent that I never made it to university! However I managed to get a job with Lloyds Bank after leaving school and then spent the rest of my working life all over England. I met my wife Margaret, a local Devon girl, whilst working in Tavistock in Devon; both our daughters Jane and Sarah were born there. I was invited to join TSB Bank on their flotation on the stock market and then started moving around the country, first to Somerset, then Dorset, and back to Somerset each time on a promotion. From Somerset I moved to Birmingham as an Area Manager and finally from there to Manchester as a Director looking after 120 branches in the north-west, which brought me to live in Tarporley in 1990.

In 2001 we moved to a smaller house in Bunbury. Just as we moved, I was made redundant from the bank and joined the NHS for 10 years managing various GP practices in Chester and Tarporley. We then both retired and have had a wonderful retirement travelling all over the world. I have also acted as treasurer of Bunbury Village Hall, Bunbury Parochial Charities and Bunbury British Legion. We are about to move to the Lake District to be near one of our daughters.

If you had a motto what would it be?

Never underestimate what you can achieve.

It's a celebrity beer call who would you invite?

I would want a fun meeting so would invite Jethro, a hilarious Cornish comedian and Peter Kay, one of the funniest men around.

What would you call your autobiography?

The travels of a Cornishman around England and the world.

What was your first job?

I had two jobs whilst I was at school, one in the winter and one in the summer. The winter one was as a slaughterman in a chicken/turkey factory and in the summer I was a lifeguard on a beach on the North Cornish Coast.

How has COVID affected you or your profession?

Luckily we were both retired and did not have the trauma of working from home or being on furlough. The worst effect was not being able to meet anyone socially or seeing our lovely



David Ellis

grandchildren for nearly two years. However the tremendous community spirit in Bunbury helped us through this terrible period in our lives. Let us hope it is never repeated!

What would you change about Bunbury if you could?

Bunbury has a wonderful bunch of young people who might not be able to stay in the village because of the terrible housing situation so we should build less executive type houses and more truly affordable homes for this great group of people.

What is the best book you have read to date?

The Salt Path by Raynor Winn.

A wonderful true story of how to overcome adversity by walking

the 630 miles of the South West Coast Path which is something I did just before she wrote the book.

What is your biggest regret?

I suppose not going to university as everyone seems to have a great time whilst there!

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

Good health to see my grandchildren start their journey through life.

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

There are in fact two things that stick out one is that I walked the whole 630 miles of the South West Coast Path on a bet of a pint of beer!! Prior to that I travelled overland to Banja Luka in the old Yugoslavia with some Round Table friends to help with a major 6.1 earthquake relief where I experienced some of the worst sights I have ever seen and never want to again.

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

To settle into our new home (when we find one!!) in the Lake District and get to know the area and the local community.

What is your favourite place and why?

Porlock Weir on the edge of Exmoor in Somerset because it is a quiet and peaceful hamlet right on the edge of the sea and blows all of your cares away.

How would you spend your ideal weekend?

With my whole family on the coast somewhere followed by a meal and a few drinks in The Nags Head in the village.

Notice: Invitation to apply for grants

The trustees of Bunbury Parochial Charities (charity number 216368) invite applications for a limited number of grants, which will be awarded once a year in December, from residents and organisations of the following parishes:

Alraham, Beeston, Bunbury, Burwardsley, Calveley, Houghton, Peckforton, Ridley, Spurstow, Tilstone Fearnall, Tiverton & Wardle.

An application may be made by the proposed beneficiary, or by a trustee or other person on their behalf. In considering applications the trustees will take into account the following guidelines:

1. The proposed recipient should normally be resident in one of the constituent parishes or be an organisation active in providing benefit for the residents of one or more of the constituent parishes.

2. A grant may be made to a recipient who is in financial difficulties, particularly where the difficulties are adversely affecting a child or elderly person.

3. A grant may be made to assist the education of a child who is being hindered by financial difficulties.

4. A grant may be made to support a resident, particularly a child, in an activity deemed to be a worthy use of the charity – for example to help the recipient undertake an extracurricular educational project, to participate in a charitable project or to learn skills to assist that resident in finding work.

5. A grant may be made to support an organisation providing support within the constituent parishes, for example providing clubs/group activity for the young and the elderly, support groups for the elderly,

assistance for the disabled or disadvantaged, and groups providing hospital transport, respite care and home support.

Applications must be in writing on our formal application form and sent to David Ellis, Ivy Cottage, Wyche Lane, Bunbury CW6 9PS preferably by email to dwellis7.de@gmail.com. Completed applications to be returned by 12.00 noon on Wednesday 10 November for

consideration at the trustee meeting on Wednesday 1 December when the awards will be made at the complete discretion of the trustees whose decision will be final.

Application forms can be obtained from the clerk at the above address/email or by telephone on 07976 277551.

Church diary for October

Sunday 3 October	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Worship 10.30am Forest Church & Holy Communion 4.00pm Harvest Service	St Boniface St Jude's St Boniface Calveley
Wednesday 6 October	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Sunday 10 October	9.30am Holy Communion 10.30am Family Worship	St Jude's St Boniface
Wednesday 13 October	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Sunday 17 October	9.30am Family Communion 10.30am Sunday brunch 6.00pm Evensong	St Jude's St Boniface St Boniface
Tuesday 19 October	7.30pm Contemplative Prayer	St Boniface
Wednesday 20 October	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Sunday 24 October	9.30am Family Worship 10.30am Family Communion	St Jude's St Boniface
Wednesday 27 October	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Sunday 31 October	9.30am Family Communion 10.30am Family Worship	St Jude's St Boniface

Our prayers for October

We give thanks for all those who have shown God's love and shared God's fruit with us, who have made the world a better place.

We pray for all those who are finding life difficult, especially those suffering in body, mind and spirit and those who are bereaved, remembering the family and friends of **Eric Wallington, Kathleen Edge** and **Peter Frodsham**.

*God of sun and rain,
God of fruitfulness and of plenty;
We thank you for your generous blessings
and your unfailing love. Amen*



Claire Wilson

Stories on the stoles cont'd...

In the last edition of the Link, I posed the question, "why vicars wear scarves?", or to give them their proper name, stoles. I likened the images embroidered on them to stained glass, each one telling its one story. Here are the stories behind mine:

My red stole depicts golden crosses on which are hanging golden crowns of thorns. The cross is the central tenet of the Christian faith, the place where Jesus Christ died to enable us to be in right relationship with God. The soldiers who put him on the cross mocked him, making a crown of thorns. However, Christians believe Jesus is the King of Kings, a servant king.

My purple stole again presents silver crosses but then also bears a series of butterflies rising upwards. I chose the butterflies as they symbolise transformation. The butterfly starts its' life as a caterpillar, then into pupae, before becoming a beautiful butterfly. But to become a strong butterfly, ready to fly, it must first struggle within the pupae, building up its' muscles and gaining strength. It reminds me that the times of difficulty and suffering in life are often the times when we grow the most; in strength, resilience and maturity.

My two white stoles show very different images. The left hand side one has a rainbow and a dove with an olive branch in its' mouth on the front and on the reverse side are pictures of arks containing

animals on it. These symbolise the Bible story, Noah and his ark. When the world was flooded, God saved Noah, his family and animals on the boat Noah had built. When the rain stopped, Noah sent birds out to see if the water had receded. Eventually a dove returns to him with an olive branch, a sign of peace. God sent a rainbow to show His promise never to flood the whole earth again.

The second white stole, I wore at my ordination as deacon. It portrays angels. In Psalm 91, God says "He will give His angels charge over us". It reminds me that God cares for us and wants to protect us.

My green stole has a Celtic influence, as I am part of a new monastic community called 'The Northumbria Community', who live by a Rule of Life, to be available to God and others and to embrace vulnerability. On the left side it shows an old-fashioned kettle and symbolises hospitality, which in Greek is 'philoxenia' and means 'the love of others.' On the right side it depicts a saint in a 'coracle', which is a special type of rounded/oval boat that monks set out in,

'wandering for the love of Christ', not knowing their destination but trusting God to take them where and to whom they should go. As Christians, we are called to trust God's leading in our lives and share the gospel wherever and with whomever we find ourselves encountering.



Mike Rogers

To be a follower

In the middle of last August, I was one of many gathered in St Boniface church to say a final farewell to **Eric Wallington** (pictured below) who has sadly died.

I took over this column from Eric in July 2017 and looking back at what I wrote in my first offering, I can see that I expressed some concerns about

following not just his example but also his inspiring and thought-provoking articles. And at this point, I would want to pay my own tribute to Eric - he will be sorely missed by his family and those who knew him. He was a fine man.



It was whilst I was sitting in St Boniface church listening to his family tell Eric's life story that I started to reflect on exactly what it means to follow someone.

In my Royal Air Force career, the three-yearly posting pattern meant that you always followed someone; the job remained, it was just the incumbent that changed. But the strange thing was, there was never any compulsion to follow the example of one's predecessor - indeed it was often better not to!

But the same was not true of my following of Eric. At his funeral he was described as a 'gentleman' and an inspiration to those who knew him. As such, he was one we would all do well to emulate.

But there is someone else we all try and follow and that of course is Jesus. He sets us an example that is beyond measure and most of us, me included, fail in our attempts to match it.

But the important thing is not our failure. No, the important thing is that we try, and when we do fail (as surely we will), we do so in the knowledge that provided we've tried, and tried our best, then our failures will be forgiven.

So, thank you Eric, firstly for your example and your contribution to the life of this village and secondly, for reminding me of what it means to be a follower of Jesus.

Bunbury Medical Practice

news

A new regular column from the medical practice

A recent welcome suggestion from our Patient Participation Group was that we could provide a monthly update in The Link; we hope that this becomes a useful point of reference.

The People

The past 18 months have brought a lot of changes in the way the surgery has operated. Included in these changes, at our heart is our staff and we thought it would be useful to take a team a month and re-introduce ourselves, this month.

The Clinicians:

Dr John Berry, Dr Nick Dixon and Dr Caroline Hickley are the partners. At least two of them are at the surgery each day.

Dr Kath Darnborough is our regular locum.

Bunbury Medical Practice is a training surgery Dr Ruth Pollard is one of our GP registrars and will be with us now until May 2023.

Dr Jordan Russell is our new registrar and she will be with us until May 2022.

We have been advertising for another female GP for the past year but without success.

Next month: The Nursing Team

Vaccinations

Winter Flu jabs. Although our receptionists have been busy setting up flu clinics, due to circumstances beyond our control, we are very sorry to inform patients that these clinics will have to be rescheduled; this is due to problems nationally with freight and deliveries of vaccine being cancelled.

However, the clinic arranged for Saturday 30th October will go ahead as planned.

Covid booster. As yet, we have no information as regards for which patients, what vaccine, when or where a Covid booster will take place. However, this will not be at Cheshire View or with our GPs or nurses. As soon as we are informed by NHS England (not the media) we will let you know.

Blood tests

As you will have heard in the press, there is a nationwide shortage of blood tubes and we now need to take steps to make sure we optimise our remaining stock for our clinically urgent tests. Therefore we must limit the number of patients attending

for blood tests until replacement blood tube stock is available.

And finally for this month...

We are still seeing 2-3 cases of Covid per day but we have only had two cases in our staff over the past 18 months. This has been due in part to our patients observing social distancing, using the hand gel, wearing masks and collecting their medication at the window.

How to contact a GP and get the most out of us!

As we all know, face to face contact had to be limited across all NHS services to protect patients and staff alike. It is now much easier to alert a GP to a medical issue but we would still ask that just one problem is discussed per consultation.

We also know that it has been frustrating for patients who would prefer a face to face appointment the old-fashioned way, but we have had no choice but to change in order to continue helping as many patients as possible. So just to clarify, here is how you can be in touch with the surgery:

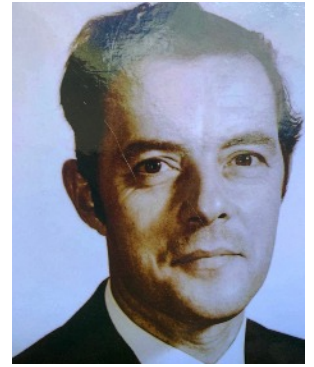
E.consult – please see our website which guides you through the process.

Telephone appointments – these are the gateway to face to face appointments.

Daily triage – telephone reception up to 10.30am each weekday for urgent problems.

Telephones – through our provider, we are trying to increase the number of lines but we are limited by bandwidth.

Eric Wallington



Eric's son, Neil, reflects on his father's life

It's generally difficult to find one word to sum up a person. But in my Dad's case I think it's easier than most: the word gentleman could have been created to describe him. If you look up the various definitions of the word you will find:

- *a man who is polite and behaves well towards other people, especially women*
- *a chivalrous, courteous, or honourable man, and (my personal favourite).*
- *a man who cultivates humanity.*

He was a truly gentle man. So with great gentleness and calmness he steered me through the years of growing up.

Though my dad was gentle, he was no fool, and his burgeoning career in Liverpool City Council led him to be Chief Administrator at Liverpool Airport in the 1960s. He was a great supporter of Liverpool Football Club, and the ritual attending Anfield on a Saturday added to the strong bond between us.

He gave me quiet but unwavering support in everything that we did. His calmness and gentleness never escaped him and he never complained.

My dad was never pious, but led a Christian life through his actions – he truly 'cultivated humanity'. But in the end though he was simply my dad, and he was (and still is) my hero.

Eric's Christian faith shines through in this tribute from his daughter, Elaine

My dad saw the best in everyone and brought out the best in everyone, putting the needs of others before his own. This humility, I believe, stems from his deep Christian faith. Galatians 5 lists the fruits of the spirit, the manifestations of living in step with the Holy Spirit – here are give examples of how he did just that:

Love – We all know his love for his fellow human beings and I know his special love as a father, but he also loved life, taking an interest in whatever came his way.

Joy – He was great fun to be with and full of smiles. He played with my daughters when they were young, allowing them to dress him up in crazy costumes and act out their made-up shows with them.

Peace – He exuded serenity and always managed to calm me. He had a daily quiet time in bible study and prayer and the peace of God flowed through him.

Patience – Gosh, he was patient. The only time I ever saw him lose his temper was helping me with my maths homework! He rarely complained and remained optimistic to the end.

Kindness – He was the kindest father anyone could have and a wonderful husband to my mum. This kindness extended to all who came his way.

Goodness – He lived a good life, a man of principles who tried to do good however and wherever he could, serving whichever community he found himself, whether collecting for Christian Aid, running the fete bookstall or becoming my classroom assistant in Malaysia or Zimbabwe. As such he earned great respect.

Faithfulness – He was faithful to God and his calling. I was so proud when he preached. He trusted God completely, seeing no point in worrying.

Gentleness – He was gentle yet strong. The only time I heard him raise his voice was when burglars were trying to enter my grandmother's house; he managed to scare them off.

Self-control – Even when faced with huge frustrations such as working for the Liverpool housing department dealing with Derek Hatton! Or having to manage the arrival of the Beatles when he worked at Speke Airport, after their 1964 American tour; stopping the fights between the secretaries as to who would give them flowers (he gave them himself) and then having to entertain the Fab Four all through the night when their onward flight was delayed.

He was very precious to me and he never stopped caring for me right through his life.

Gladys Ravenscroft, Barbara Fitzsimons and Louise Davenport

In August, at St Jude's church, we said sad farewells to three incredible women: Gladys Florence Ravenscroft born on 4 March 1929, Barbara Fitzsimons born on 27 August 1930, and Louise Ethel Susan Davenport born on 14 September 1928. All three of these women lived through and were impacted by the World War II, but it gave them a strength and determination to make the very best out of life. They were

the hubs of vibrant family lives and active in their local communities. Each of them had to face tragedy or difficulty and bore it with resilience and fortitude, overcoming their suffering with good humour, faith, and open hearts. They took great pride and interest in their expanding families and had a zest for life that kept them embracing new technology, going on adventures, and smiling to the end. Rest well.

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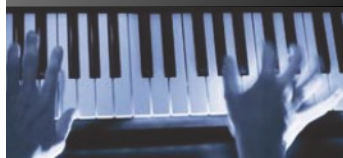


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