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For the parishes of Bunbury & Tilstone Fearnall



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People will not care what you know until they know that you care - Anon



There may have been knights on horseback, storytellers, Burrows' burgers and even a TV celebrity, but the real star was Bunbury's new playground - open just in time for the holidays!

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Community news

We welcome all those baptised
recently:



Joshua Benjamin Jewell, son of Natalie and Jonathan, grandson of Nick

and Joy Parker, baptised by full immersion on Easter Sunday. We understand that the same pool was in use at York Minster on Easter Saturday!

Marcie White, daughter of Tom and Becky, baptised at St Boniface on 10 April,



Oliver Barrett and his father **Richard** (left), baptised

at St Boniface on 17 April, and

Zara Emily Shoane, daughter of Neil and Julie, baptised at St Boniface on Sunday 17 April.

On **Ascension Day, Thursday 5 May**, 6-8pm there will be the opportunity to climb to the top of the church tower. Ascending up to the roof is subject to weather (i.e. dry and not overly windy). Only those aged 16+ can go up to the roof, although walking up to the ringing chamber to view the bells and the view from the window will happen regardless of weather.

On **Thursday 12 May, Bunbury WI** will hold its annual Resolutions and Social Evening. Members have their say on the national WI proposed issues of the year: 'Appropriate Care in Hospitals for People with Dementia' and 'Encouraging Supermarkets to Avoid Waste in order to Address Food Waste'. This is an opportunity to learn about and discuss these important issues and bring about real change locally and nationally.

Peckforton and Beeston WI are holding a musical afternoon in aid of Tarporley Hospital on 10 June in Bunbury Pavilion. All welcome. Tickets £5 from Caroline Docherty 01829 260671.

Bunbury Gardening Club will visit Brook Farm, Bowes Gate Road, Bunbury, on 18 May, by kind permission of Mr & Mrs D Morrey. Meet at the property at 6.30pm. Parking is limited; please share cars if possible. Further details from Margaret Bourne 01829 260944. New members are welcome.

Calveley Chapel enjoyed a special Easter treat on 21 March when Alpraham Singers, led by Chris Barnes, came to perform Maunder's 'Olivet to Calvary'; a first class start to Easter celebrations. Martin Cook played the organ and the singers gave a sterling performance. The evening ended with light refreshments provided by Dorothy Donald, Kath Roden and Yvonne Wood which were very well received by us all.

Former Youth Worker, **Laura, and Luke Warrington** and Penny (2) and Megan (3 months) are living with Laura's parents in Nantwich. Luke has made good progress since having neck surgery, but, on medical advice, the family has decided that, after five years, their work abroad with Wycliffe Bible Translators must end.



Tom Baker, a window cleaner in Bunbury, is to start a journey of **Two Million Steps**, raising money for the charity **Shine Bright Foundation**. This charity was set up in memory of his daughter-in-law, Sarah Bennett, who died from Triple Negative Breast Cancer, an aggressive form of cancer. Shine Bright Foundation raises money for research and to support people in Crewe and Nantwich dealing with breast cancer by offering complementary treatment of reiki and reflexology alongside their medical treatments. Tom is walking over 1000 miles (2 million steps!) around the whole of Wales, hoping to raise £5000.



Tom starts his walk on 1 May and hopes to complete his challenge in 60 days. He will carry all his equipment, camping along the way and will update on a daily basis via his and Shine Bright Facebook pages. To donate or for further information,

please visit their website at: www.shine-bright-foundation.org.uk

Another challenge for Hilary! Having sky dived, run the London Marathon for her 60th; run the Great North run for her 65th two years ago - all for charity - Hilary Watson is tackling the women's 100km Night Bike Ride 28 May for the three women's cancers: colon, ovarian and breast. The ride is from Windsor Racecourse through London and back. Starting 9-10pm, they hope to finish in six hours. If you would like to donate on justgiving.com CAF women's bike ride Hilary Watson. Any amount helps.



Bunbury Village Day will be on **Saturday 25 June**, so please save the date! Turn to page 6 for Linsey Stansfield, Village Day Chairman's, Two Minutes. There will be a Deanery service at Malpas on 3 July to commemorate the **Queen's 90th birthday**. On 17 July there will be a **Service of Confirmation** in St Boniface church.

Congratulations to **Tom Crotty**, who celebrated his 60th birthday on 23 April. The church music group, The Holy Bandits, performed a version of Irish folk song, Wild Rover, with lyrics by John Mason, in his honour after the service



on 17 April, an extract [the most polite] of which is reprinted below:

*"The list of Tom's interests is varied and long
Covering Ireland and rugby and skiing and song
And now that he's 60 this question's our task
Will he stay just as wild? Well there's no need to ask!*

*'Cos it's oh, well, we know,
Oh well we know he will
Once more play the wild rover,
Yes we know he will!"*

TIM HAYWARD
Your Vicar



When I'm on holiday I always dread the question, "What do you do?" It's not that I'm embarrassed or ashamed of being a vicar, but it's just nice every now and then not to be the 'vicar'.

Well, recently when we were away for a few days in Anglesey, a young child of six years old asked the dreaded question to one of the girls - 'What does your daddy do?' After my daughter replied he is a vicar, the child replied with this penetrating and wonderfully subversive comment: 'WOW - he gets to play with God all day!'

Play! What a thought. God is a dancing, playful God. We were made to enjoy play. Our lives are about entering the love of God, and part of that involves learning to play. Play balances off our tendency to be too serious and driven about our work. Everything is not a means to an end. Play does not serve any pragmatic purpose except to keep our lives in proper perspective.

Have you ever noticed there is a playful wastefulness built into God's creation: millions of seeds that never germinate, leaves on trees that turn brilliant colours when no one is looking, incredible

The world is a playground

species of fish that swim deep on the ocean floor that no one will ever see, and flowers that remain beautiful even when no one is looking. They are simply there, playing.

I love the image of the world as the playground of God - in the sense that as children play, create, imagine, react, invite, laugh, run and become abandoned to the moment, - so God is 'working his purpose out'.

Yet play can also be risky. In this playground we too run, trip, bruise our knees, bicker about which direction the game should go, let loose our passions and desires.

There is something powerful and profound in seeing our relationship with God as playing. It catches our imaginations and it is when we start to imagine a new world - a new humanity - that the new way of living begins. God calls us into his world to play - to follow his heartbeat, to see how the world can be, to seek and find his kingdom of love and joy, justice and peace, to catch his dream of what he has for his creation - to go out and play!

BUNBURY METHODIST CHAPEL ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS



SUNDAY 15 MAY
AT 2.30PM
PREACHER:
REV. ANN RIGBY-JONES
ALL VERY WELCOME

Our prayers for May

We pray for the **Warrington family**, as they search out what God wants them to do next.

We pray for all who are ill especially **Ernest Croley** and **Max Dickson**. We also pray for all who are mourning a loved one especially the families of **Peggy Watson, Annie Longman, John Farey, Margaret Bowen, Betty Clauson, Geoff Wilson** and his brother, **Colin Wilson, Tony France, Ken Butchart** and **Kathleen Dutton**.

The copy deadline for the June edition of the Link is: Friday 20 May. The magazine should be in church: Friday 27 May.



Eric Wallington
Reader Emeritus
We own nothing

Is it better to be rich or poor? On one occasion Jesus told a rich man to give all his wealth away to the poor. Does that apply to everyone? Surely not! Rather, Jesus was challenging our attitude to what we own.

If we cling possessively to our belongings, they become an idol, taking away the loyalty that belongs to God. But if we treat them as a trust, lent to us by our heavenly Father, they can be a means of bringing us closer to God.

After Jesus rose from the dead, his followers took his words literally. In the Bible we read, ' All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need' - what is sometimes called Christian communism. But there's a big difference between what the Christians did in the first century and what happened in Russia in the twentieth.

Inevitably, the experiment of Christian communism didn't last long. I suppose you might call it Christian capitalism, though, unlike the secular kind, it focussed on compassion.

It's alright for some people to hold on to their possessions, says Jesus, so long as they have the right attitude towards them - in other words, seeing our belongings as a loan from God, to be used for the benefit of others.

In truth, we really own nothing but our souls. Because Jesus rose again, we believe that our souls will pass over into a better world beyond. But. Of course, none of our possessions will go with us and we have no need to worry about belongings if they have only been lent to us. At the end of the day, everything belongs to God, eventually, and it is to God that we must then answer for how we've enjoyed and used them.

Church diary for May

Sunday 1 May	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Communion & Sunday School 10.30am Family Worship 11.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface St Jude's St Boniface Calveley	Wednesday 18 May	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Wednesday 4 May	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface	Sunday 22 May	9.30am Family Communion 10.30am Family Communion	St Jude's St Boniface
Sunday 8 May	9.30am Holy Communion 10.30am Family Communion	St Jude's St Boniface	Wednesday 25 May	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Wednesday 11 May	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface	Sunday 29 May	9.30am Family Communion 10.30am Family Communion with Methodists	St Jude's St Boniface
Sunday 15 May	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Worship 10.30am Family Worship 11.00am Family Service 6.00pm Evensong	St Boniface St Jude's St Boniface Calveley St Boniface	Wednesday 1 June	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
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Pat Edgley Ellis
Reader
Who do you think you are?

Archbishop Justin Welby recently had the surprise of his life when a DNA test revealed his father was not the man he thought.

Does this truth change who he is?

We all like to trace our ancestry through our family- Grandma's steely spirit, Father's nose ,Mother's red hair, and so we form an awareness of ourselves.

For adopted children, who may never have known their birth family, this is especially difficult. Each new baby is unique, not a clone of its parents, but a separate personality. And no matter what our background, we are each responsible for our own lives.

We cannot make excuses or hide behind our family tree.

God is our true father.

We are his children.

The psalmist says, "You created my inmost being, you knit me

together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made."

Through his Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, God is our role model, we inherit his characteristics and by his everlasting love and grace, we can have the confidence and freedom to be anything we want.

Lord God, creator of the world

Who created me in love,

Give me grace to trust daily

Your love and inspiration,

Courage and perseverance.

I thank you that I am your special child,

You call me by my name.

You made me in your image,

You are my role model.

Give me the confidence

To find and follow your path for me.

Cycling tour of historic Chester churches launched



A 40-mile cycling trail of historic churches around Chester has been organised to encourage people to get out and explore the countryside and local heritage.

The Tower & Spires tour starts at Chester Cathedral and then takes in St John's church, Chester, which is the oldest standing building in the city still in use for its original purpose.

The next stop on the route is St James' church, Christleton, which had Anglo-Saxon beginnings but was extensively rebuilt in the Georgian and Victorian periods.

The cycle tour project has been organised by the Diocese of Chester with funding from Cheshire West and Chester Council and Active Cheshire (an organisation which seeks to enable people to get active on a regular basis).

A leaflet including a map of the route, and lots of fascinating facts and pictures, has been produced. It's available free from Chester Cathedral welcome desk and from the various churches along the Tower & Spires route from Saturday 30 April onwards.

The trail also takes in the Anglican churches in Waverton, Hargrave, Bunbury, Tattenhall, Fardon, Aldford and Bruera. As well as the full 40-mile route, there is a 28-mile option, and a rural-only ride- details are given on the map.

Emily Allen, Church Buildings Development Officer for the Diocese of Chester, said: "It's been great working with the nine churches on the trail, and the cathedral, on developing this project. We hope people will enjoy visiting these fascinating places of worship."

It will be the fifth in a series of cycle trails designed by the sustainable transport charity Sustrans in partnership with the Church of England.

The Tower & Spires trail was officially launched at the Dean's Field by Chester Cathedral on Saturday 30 April.



Fellas - fancy a weekend away from it all? Great worship, great friendship, entertainment, sports, classic cars, beer tent and more? Join us at the Christian Vision for Men's Gathering - a great weekend and suitable for all chaps at any stage of their spiritual journey... or not even started! Three guys are already signed up and we would welcome more. To find out more, contact **Neil Dewson-Smyth** at ends@me.com.

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Give us Two Minutes... Linsey Stansfield



Linsey Stansfield wife of Vaughn and mother of two wonderful girls, aged ten and six, who attend Bunbury School. Linsey began her life in Threapwood, near Malpas and attended Bishop Heber School before graduating from Manchester University with a BSc in Quantity Surveying and Commercial Management. She worked and lived in Chester,

Hartford and Cambridge before returning to Cheshire in 2013. Now living in Spurstow where time is spent with family, friends, dog, chickens and the wonderful wildlife on the doorstep. Passionate about her career, she is presently working as a Senior Construction Project manager at Jodrell Bank observatory which she loves.

If you had a motto, what would it be?

Treat others as you wish to be treated yourself.

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

Kirsty Allsop - she is charismatic, fun and sunny disposition. We could have a few drinks and a giggle hopefully.

What would you call your autobiography?

Keep walking forward (momentum is everything)

What is the best book you have read to date?

The Concise Oxford English Dictionary which I bought myself on my 18th birthday.

What was your first job?

Like many of my peers I took a waitressing job. At the Market House in Malpas I learned the foundation skills of communication, respect and professionalism.

What would you change about Bunbury, if you could?

As a mother of two young girls I would like to see a few more footpaths in the heart of the village. This would benefit young and old alike.

What is your biggest regret?

Not a regret as such, but aged 19 I carried out a six-month work placement in Poland. In at the deep end, there were highs and lows but the experience has added to who I am today.

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

To watch my children grow and become all the want to be.

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

I am passionate about growing dahlias. Blowsy, vibrant and always put a smile on your face.

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

Completing the Chester Half Marathon in May.

What is your favourite place and why?

Walking on a beautiful beach with the wind in my hair.

How would you spend your ideal weekend?

Friday down the pub with family and friends; Saturday in the garden with time to chill; Sunday, a walk up the hills and a proper roast dinner cooked by my husband.

B PART OF IT!

CALVELEY AND ST OSWALD'S SCHOOLS ARE!

Calveley Primary School and St Oswald's CofE Primary School are part of a cluster of four schools selected to work on a pollination project over the next three years. The cluster, named 'The 4 B's Cluster: Being Brilliant with Butterflies and Bugs', consists of Calveley, St Oswald's, Acton CofE Primary School, and Over Hall Community Primary School in Winsford. The joint application was submitted back in October 2015 - only 260 primary and secondary schools nationwide were selected to participate so this is a great achievement. In Cheshire there is a cluster in Northwich and in Ellesmere Port, but none in Staffordshire.

The existence of pollinators is necessary to maintain our food supply and it is crucial that the decline in pollinating insects is addressed. The project will help scientists to develop an accurate understanding of the current state of the habitats for Britain's pollinating insects and the potential to develop these further. The school will be looking at the current status of pollinators within their areas, what can be done to improve their habitats and then assessing whether changes made have benefited them. They wish to involve the community so that increase awareness of the importance of pollinators and their needs is raised.

Reaseheath Agricultural College has offered support and will be providing assistance. There are many ways to get involved, from digging, baking a cake or knitting! For more information, contact Fiona Sloyan through Calveley Primary school. Tel: 01270685540 or email: admin@calveleyprimary.cheshire.sch.uk

Thought-provoking Agape



The Agape meal, which echoes the last supper, was a lovely meal prepared by Sarah Thompson

and team. This year we were lucky to have Trevor Dennis, former Vice Dean of Chester Cathedral and theologian, as speaker, at intervals during the meal. We finished with an informal Communion, passed from one person to the next. The following morning, a crowd joined the outdoor service on Good Friday, where there were readings and hymns outside Tilly's.



Puzzled by the stop-start Easter holidays?

The following real life answers to various exams explain why teachers (and children) need holidays...

What is a nitrate?

Cheaper than a day rate.

What was Sir Walter Raleigh famous for?

He is a noted figure in history because he invented cigarettes and started a craze for bicycles.

What did Mahatma Gandhi and Genghis Khan have in common?

Unusual names.

Name one of the early Romans' greatest achievements.

Learning to speak Latin.

Name six animals which live specifically in the Arctic.

Two polar bears. Four seals.

Assess Fashion House plc's choice to locate its factory near Birmingham. Is Birmingham the right location for this type of business?

No. People from Birmingham aren't very fashionable.

How does Romeo's character develop throughout the play?

It doesn't, it's just self, self, self, all the way through.

Name the wife of Orpheus, whom he attempted to save from the underworld.

Mrs Orpheus.

Where was the American Declaration of Independence signed?

At the bottom.

What happens during puberty to a boy?

He says goodbye to his childhood and enters adultery.

State three drawbacks of hedgerow removal.

All the cows will escape. The cars drive into the fields. There is nowhere to hide.

What is the meaning of the word varicose?

Close by.

What is a fibula?

A little lie.

Why would living close to a mobile phone mast cause ill health?

You might walk into it.

What is a vibration?

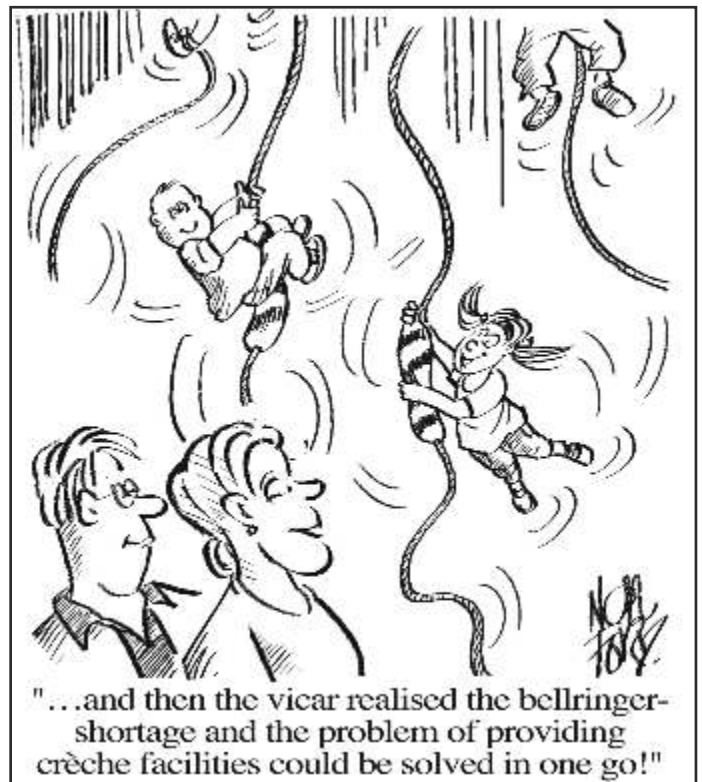
There are good vibrations and bad vibrations. Good vibrations were discovered in the 1960s.

Where was Hadrian's Wall built?

Around Hadrian's garden.

The race of people known as Malays come from which country?

Malaria.



Young Christians get Go Karting



On 21 March, a group of 22 Young Christians and some of their parents went on the annual Go Karting trip to Deeside. Some of the YCs had their first driving experience, overcoming the nerves to enjoy racing lines, hairpin bends and chicanes. If you would like to know more about our young Christians group please contact our youth worker Abby on bunburyyouthworker@gmail.com

A dream of knights, castles and a fairy-tale kitchen in the woods

The children of Bunbury have been absolutely thrilled with the new playground, which exceeds everyone's wildest dreams. **Beth Hayward and the playground team** can be rightly proud of bringing it to fruition.

The playground was opened by CBeebies presenter Katie Thistleton, and the ribbon cut with the sword of a galloping knight on horseback. The theme of the playground is of knights and castles. The school, playgroup and Scouts buried time capsules next to a miniature sandstone Beeston Castle. The playground is set within the new running track, beside the football fields and tennis courts. There is something for every age group, from teens to babies; it is inclusive of all abilities.

There is everything from a zip wire to a carved woodland play kitchen; from a moving boat for climbing to a willow tunnel to amble dreamily through.

As one mum commented, "Wow, what an amazing park in Bunbury. I took my two children (7 and 9) there over the Spring Break holidays and they've been asking to go back ever since. It's brilliant - well thought out, with lots of different things for children of all ages. I was able to run around the track whilst the children were still in full view. We will definitely be back soon!"





Delicious lemon and raspberry pudding



Ingredients

1 lemon (zest - finely grated - and juice, used separately)
150 ml olive oil (plus a little, to grease the tin)
125g castor sugar
75g polenta (block, not instant)
150g ground almonds
Half tsp bicarbonate of soda
1tsp baking powder
3 eggs
75g frozen raspberries (still frozen)
75g frozen raspberries (thawed)
Jug of cream for serving, if wished

Serves 8

Preheat oven to 180°C/gas mark 4 and lightly oil a 23cm (9") round or 20cm (8") square tin.

Beat together lemon zest (but not the juice) with the olive oil. Add the castor sugar.

In a separate bowl, lightly mix together the polenta, ground almonds, bicarbonate of soda and baking powder.

Alternately add the polenta/almond mixture and individual eggs to the lemon mixture.

Fold in the still frozen raspberries.

Spoon into the tin and bake for 40 mins.

It is a fairly damp cake, but a tester should come out with only a few crumbs.

Immediately, pour the lemon juice carefully over the entire cake.

Serve warm or cold, decorated with the remaining, defrosted, raspberries, also have a jug of pouring cream, if wished.

Choir brings taste of Italy to Bunbury



Tarporley based choir, Decibellas, brought the Amalfi sunshine to Cheshire on 1 April as they launched their Italian Tour Programme to a packed St Boniface church decorated with lemon yellow flowers and adorned in green, white and red bunting. The choir was joined by Italian tenor Tommaso Castello, who hails from Praiano. Mandolinist Tom Bonikowski and guitarist Tim Leedham added to the Neopolitan flavour of the evening, accompanying Castello and the choir on Italian favourites such as *Torna a Surriento*, and *O Sole Mio*. Castello brought the house down with a moving performance of the aria, *Catari*.

The programme was designed by Katie Ryan, to evoke impressions of the sea and a longing for home. In addition to the Italian favourites, she included some sacred pieces, songs from the British Isles and a Beatles set. The evening concluded with a drinks reception and a retiring collection in aid of CRY Cardiac Risk in the Young, which raised £270.

Decibellas would like to thank their sponsors for the evening, **Illingworth Seddon** of Tattenhall, **Gymophobics** of Nantwich, **RLH Printers** and **Forever Living Products** as well as **The Rotary Club of Tarporley** and the **41 Club**, without whose generosity and support the choir would not have been able to host such a professional and enjoyable community concert.

Beryl Reid - much loved, sadly missed

11 March 1937 - 3 March 2016, beloved mother of Catherine, Emma and Amelia and much loved Grandma and Great Grandma

This poem was written by Beryl's daughter, Cath, after her Mum died.

It comes like a thief in the night,
Death.

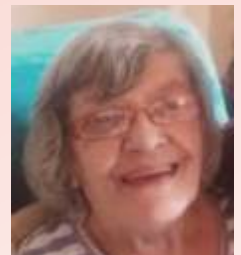
The shock of freezing water
or the stab of a silent
knife in an unseen hand.

Death is a foreign land
where we travel alone.

But the long goodbye on the platform
surrounded by the hum and buzz of life
is the bitter-sweetest
moment of all.

Waving goodbye makes
the heart ache, breaks every
last pretence, the last breath
of reality, the naked self,
the agony of letting go
the ecstasy of loving
the whispering regret
the lingering sorrow.

And your last gasp
carried away
some of who I am and,
in that moment, I am changed
and softer, gentler,
walk into another day.



Margaret Helen Bowen - determined lady, with a good sense of humour



Margaret was born at Gorsfield Farm, Aston by Budworth, on 28 February 1927, the youngest daughter to farmers Tom and Eva and sister to Dorothy and Marjorie. After attending secondary school at Great Budworth Margaret went to secretarial college in Northwich and learnt to type, a skill she was able to use all her life. Her first

job was with ICI in Northwich.

Margaret met Ted at a Knutsford Young Farmers dance and they married in 1948, initially living in Wrenbury where Ted was a farm manager. They bought their first home, Robberhill Farm, in Nomansheath. Margaret and Ted had two sons, Colin and "Little Ted". Later they moved to Holmleigh, Bunbury where they spent many happy years.

Ill health meant Ted had to give up farming and for a while Margaret became his full time nurse. Following his recovery new careers beckoned for both of them. Ted became secretary to the Cheshire Ploughing Society and Margaret 'secretary to the secretary'. Margaret was often found in a caravan, the secretary's office on match days, and it was said, "Ted did all the talking and Margaret did all the work".

Margaret and Ted were a devoted couple and did everything together. When Ted became President of Cheshire YFC Margaret enjoyed accompanying him, once more, to Young Farmers events. She enjoyed renewing old acquaintances from the farming community and was always interested in what others were doing. Her proudest moment was accompanying Ted to Buckingham Palace to collect his MBE.

Family life was a huge part of Margaret's life and she enjoyed her role as 'Granny' to Jo, Em, Amy and David. Many happy hours were spent baking with Jo and Em, whilst looking after them after school.

Margaret was a very determined, independent lady with a good sense of humour. Even in later years she could be seen on her ride-on mower cutting the back lawn whilst wearing, of course, her trademark scarf.

Marguerite (Peggy) Watson - founder member of the Bunbury Good Companions



Peggy pictured with Mike Ridley in Good Companions Minshull 'Murder Mystery'

Peggy was born 84 years ago in Lincolnshire, but part of her early childhood, the war years, were spent with an aunt in Chesterfield. Peggy returned to Lincolnshire to attend Scunthorpe Grammar School where (as Peggy would always tell you) the famous actress, Dame Joan Plowright, was in the year above.

Following school Peggy went to train as a teacher but on discovering she wasn't permitted to teach PE to young children, she left to retrain as a nurse in London. Once qualified Peggy moved to Kingston General in Hull. Whilst in Hull Peggy met

Chris through a mutual friend; romance blossomed and they were married in 1961. They had two children, Ian and Patricia. Married life reignited Peggy's interest in sport as she followed Chris's sporting exploits playing either cricket or hockey. She was a very competent cricket scorer but drew the line at umpiring hockey matches.

Peggy was renowned for her skill at handicrafts. As well as being a very competent needlewoman Peggy was also gifted at calligraphy and decoupage. In later years Peggy's creativity expanded and rarely did the family eat in the dining room - the space was needed for more creative things!

Peggy and Colin's move to Bunbury in 1975 gave her the opportunity to indulge in her other love, amateur dramatics. Initially she joined the Nantwich Players and then became a founding member of Bunbury Good Companions. Peggy appeared in numerous productions and latterly was the most essential member of the cast, "the prompt", and many a Good Companion was relieved to hear her voice.

Her life was busy. In addition to her crafts and amateur dramatics, Peggy helped at school and with Young Christians and was an active member of the WI. She also found time to travel, both in Europe and further afield to visit her brother in South Africa.

In later life Peggy had health problems but her resilience always came through, as shown when cataracts took some of her eyesight. The experience prompted her to join the 'Reading for the Blind' scheme and for many years she recorded tapes so others would be able to enjoy the written word. She will be remembered for her positive attitude to life and for the love and inspiration she gave to family and friends.

John Farey - fine teacher



John was born in Northampton, 'Boot town' as he affectionately called it, in 1932, the third child to Albert and Amelia and sibling to Betty, Joy and later Tine, Bob and Margaret. His

duties as older brother were taken seriously, ensuring his sisters got to school on time and in later years meeting them from the late night train after an evening in London. John's national service was spent in the RAF with 617 Squadron, the Dambusters; these years were a formative and significant period in his life. For many years he was a devoted member of the Bunbury British Legion. John trained to be a teacher in Chester and it was here in 1955 he met Ruth. A rugby injury resulted in John going to the casualty ward of Chester Royal infirmary where Ruth was completing her training. They were married in 1957. John's initial teaching career was in Northampton and, more recently, he taught at Upton, Chester.

Annie Longman - lover of whist

Annie was born on Christmas Eve 1916 at Red Bank Farm, Onneley. She was from a farming family and later lived at Rookery Hall Farm & College Fields Farm. As one of the eldest of eight children Annie was often in charge of walking her younger siblings to school.

Life on the farm was busy and hard work. Annie worked with the dairy herd, milking the cows by hand, not her favourite job, and in cheese making, stirring the rennet into the huge vats. Whilst working on the farm Annie met Eric Kinsey, a visiting corn merchant. Annie and Eric married, just after the start of WWII, on 19 December 1939. During the war Eric was in the RAF and was posted for two years to Canada. Married life was busy for Annie caring for their four children: Ann, Alan, Julie and Gay. The love, patience and sense of fun she gave to her children she gave later in life to her grandchildren, great grandchildren and, remarkably, great, great grandchildren.

Later the family moved to Alpraham and life in a village community was quite a change as Annie had spent much of her life living more remotely. Moving to Alpraham started a new passion in Annie's life, when she began playing cards at whist drives. Annie made new, lifelong friends through whist. Over the years she attended many games and was proud of her prizes no matter how small. She was often teased that, if she had visitors and it clashed with whist, whist came up trumps every time. Sadly Eric died in 1993. Annie later found happiness with Ron Longman, a friend of both Annie and Eric, who also had a love of whist. Annie moved to Burwardsley with Ron but sadly he died in 1995.

Annie lived independently in her own home until the last few weeks of her life, a remarkable achievement at 99 years. Although a very private and independent person Annie had a mischievous nature, always ready for a laugh and a chuckle. She loved listening to news from family and friends and was interested whether it was about business or family, always supportive and caring.

Annie lived a life in which she gave so much love and inspired so much love in others.

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