

# Link

For the parishes of Bunbury & Tilstone Fearnall



July 2015

*Enthusiasm is contagious. Be a carrier*

*Susan Rabin*



## Curate Veronica is ordained at Chester Cathedral

In a moving service at Chester Cathedral on Saturday 20 June, Veronica Green, Curate of Bunbury and Tilstone Fearnall, was ordained priest. Veronica's feet hardly touched the ground as she presided over her first Eucharist at St Boniface the next day, surrounded by a congregation of family and friends from Bunbury, Tilstone Fearnall and Calveley. The local Methodist congregation also joined in the service, and at noon the bellringers rang a quarter peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major to celebrate her ordination and that of other newly ordained priests in the Chester Diocese.

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## Community news



Welcome to **Autumn Lily Baker** (left), daughter of **Kevin and Phillipa** of

Tilly's, baptised on 7 June, and to **Harley Edward Kinson** (right), son to **Kim and Mark**, baptised at St Boniface on Sunday 14 June.



Congratulations to **Heather Crane**



and **Alastair Timlett** (left) married at St Boniface on Saturday 30 May,

and to **Victoria Murray and Paul Brown** (right), married at St Boniface on 5 June.



Congratulations to **Nicola Badger**, Bunbury School's Deputy Head,

husband **Kelvin** and big sisters **Lucy and Emily**, on the birth of **Joseph Jacob Mark** on 30 May.



Congratulations to **Lesley Davies**, who was awarded the **OBE** in the Queen's Birthday Honours, for services to education.

At the Bunbury Parish Council meeting on 10 June, Chairman Ron Pulford presented the **Chairman's**



**Cup to Beth Hayward** (above), who accepted the award on behalf of the 'Anyone Can Play,' playground committee. Beth and the team raised a magnificent **£320,000** in 18 months to fund the playground, with work starting in July and completion planned for October. As well as exciting equipment, the playground will include a perimeter track, facilities for all ages and organised keep fit activities.

Congratulations to **Dilys Dykes** (below), who celebrated her 85<sup>th</sup> birthday on 22 May at Tilly's coffee morning with a surprise coffee and walnut cake (her favourite) with all her friends.



**St Jude's Summer Lunch** will be held on **5 July** at The Old Vicarage, Alraham Green.

On 9 July **Bunbury WI** will have a social evening, 'A Musical Journey Through Time'.

On 19 July St Boniface will host a **Deanery Celebration** at 10.30am, followed by a bring and share lunch.

**Bunbury Gardening Club** will visit Parm Place, Great Budworth, on 21 July.

Former Vicar of Bunbury, **Canon John Bowers**, and his son and teenage granddaughter will be cycling a sponsored pilgrimage, in Ireland, of 150 miles in June. They will climb 2,500 (on foot) up Croagh Patrick. This is in aid of Syrian Christians, living where the early church took roots, now under threat from ISIS and other extremists. Donations to Canon John Bowers, 2 Shalford Grove, West Kirby, CH48 9XY, who will pass them on to Barnabas Fund.

On the weekend of July 11-12 **Bethany Shears** is taking part in the **Three Peaks Challenge** in order to raise money for the Anthony Nolan charity and would be grateful for sponsorship for this worthy cause. To donate please go to: [www.justgiving.com/Bethany-Shears](http://www.justgiving.com/Bethany-Shears). Thanks.

**Bunbury School** had a visit from the **Haberdashers** on 10 June. They visit the school every year, but every ten years the whole parish is visited. To enable them also to visit Tilstone Fearnall, they asked for a service in church. It was a lovely occasion. Following tradition, Year 6 were each given a Bible by the Haberdashers and the Master gave an address.

**Friday at Tilly's** meets Fridays 10.00-11.30am. Phone Amber on 261437 to arrange lifts if needed. If you can help with transport, please let Amber know. (Turn to p7 to see where the Friday at Tilly's group went on tour.)

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

**Bunbury Farmers' Market** is held at the Yew Tree every third Sunday from 10am-2pm.

We have received some lovely comments about the cover photo in the June Link, which was taken by **Sean Everton**.

The **copy deadline** for August-September double issue of the Link is **Friday 17 July**. The magazine will be available for distribution from **Friday 31 July**.

## Our prayers for July

We pray for all who are ill, especially **Hilda Elsworth**. We also pray for all who are mourning a loved one including the families of **Joyce Bayliss, Keith Bennion** and **George Wilgose**.

## The best job in the world

### God bless Veronica!



TIM HAYWARD  
Your Vicar



Archbishop Donald Coggan used to say that there was no finer job on earth than that of a parish priest. To get paid and housed to do what you would walk a thousand miles to do anyway is incredible. No two days are ever the same; there is immense freedom, but with freedom comes responsibility. The

responsibility never to betray those who turn to us, trust in us. The responsibility never to lose the sense of awe and wonder at who we are, and the possibilities that each day may bring. For given into our hands is the wonderful 'cure of souls' - the care and well-being of human beings in the most significant area of their lives, their relationship with God. To be a priest requires a sense of adventure grounded in the everyday.

Although immersed in the life of the church, the priest operates like an agent in the field; it's a job without boundaries. There is no way of telling where, or in whom, you will next meet Jesus in disguise. This work is not for the faint hearted, the lazy, or for those constantly checking their allowance of time off. The priest is someone willing to work at the process of 'being fully human' and to do so without anxiety or self-absorption. It is for those who are learning to be at peace with God and at peace with themselves. It is for those who remain absolutely fascinated by, and therefore tirelessly interested in, other people, knowing that this fragile and funny stuff called human nature is the raw material of God's ceaseless re-creating. To be a priest really is the best job in the world.

**God bless our Curate Veronica as she embarks upon her greatest adventure.**



ITV Studios is delighted to announce that the cast and crew of **HOME FIRES** will be returning to Cheshire to film a second series of the drama.

Filming for the six-part series will take place in the area from 7 September until 11 December. The production team will be back in the area from early July to prepare for the filming and will be working closely with the village – both residents and businesses - to ensure any disruption is kept to a minimum. ITV thanks you in advance for your patience and the team looks forward to being back in Cheshire.



**Eric Wallington**  
Reader Emeritus  
**The Touch**

'Touch-me-not' is the popular name for some species of plants. There's also a species of balsam known as 'touch-me-not', because it ejects its ripe seeds as a result of the slightest touch.

When the risen Jesus Christ spoke to Mary Magdalene in the garden, the words he used were, "Do not touch me". When she found herself face-to face with the man she loved

so much and who she thought she had lost forever, her first instinct was to respond by reaching out and touching him.

In Bunbury church, the delightful practice has developed of spending time in shaking hands and speaking with the other members of the Christian family, as a positive part of the family's get-together. Long may the practice of 'touch' continue and grow within and beyond the church family.

## Church diary for July

Wednesday 1 July	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface			
Sunday 5 July	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Communion 10.30am Family Worship 11.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface St Jude's St Boniface Calveley	Sunday 19 July	8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am <b>Deanery Communion service</b> with Calveley and St Jude's 6.00pm Evensong	St Boniface St Boniface St Boniface
Wednesday 8 July	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface	Wednesday 22 July	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Sunday 12 July	9.30am Holy Communion 10.30am Family Communion	St Jude's St Boniface	Sunday 26 July	9.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Family Communion	St Jude's St Boniface
Wednesday 15 July	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface	Wednesday 29 July	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
			Sunday 2 August	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Communion 10.30am Family Worship 11.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface St Jude's St Boniface Calveley



**Pat Edgley Ellis**  
Reader  
**Treasures from the Past**

An expert said recently that within a generation folk museums would become redundant as the generation which remembered such a lifestyle dies out.

I vividly remember my Granny's kitchen with its Dolly tub for the washing and the jugs of milk under their beaded muslin covers, kept cool in crocks of water on the stone larder floor.

Already a younger generation is amazed by the huge, clunky computers of not that long ago as we marvel at the power of their tiny phones and tablets.

We will always need links with the past to anchor us in our modern world.

Knowing where we come from is important.

Christians trace their heritage, faith and identity from the knowledge of Christ crucified, risen and ascended

over two thousand years ago, through the Bible, that ancient of books.

Lord, life changes and so must we.

Through those special things that link us to our past

Help us to remember that we are precious to you.

May we learn that it is our history that makes us what we are today.

May we cheerfully welcome new ideas and new experiences

without our inbuilt prejudices.

Life changes, we change.

But you O Lord, are eternally the same,

And so is your love and care for us.

Come what may, in all our future days,

May your will be done.

# About Julie Summers...



I'd like to share some highlights of a recent interview I conducted with Julie Summers, author of "Jambusters" and inspiration for the very successful ITV Drama "Home Fires", writes **Sandra Green**, pictured above (left) with Julie Summers.

Julie is a very warm and engaging person - welcoming me into her home in Oxford where she lives with her husband, 3 sons and 2 dogs. She has written a total of 11 books so far. She was born in Clatterbridge on the Wirral and moved to Cuddington as a child where she spent much of her youth. At 17 she went to live in Germany where she became fluent in German. She then returned to the UK to study Art History and German at Bristol, followed soon after with a Masters in Medieval Architecture.

One fascinating insight Julie shared with me was that her Great Uncle was Andrew 'Sandy' Irvine, as in the Everest

explorers Mallory and Irvine. Julie was inspired to find out more and to write a biography of his life. Helped indeed by the discovery of an old trunk in a family attic when most people thought all materials about his life had been destroyed.

Prior to writing Jambusters, Julie had already written a couple of books about the war. One entitled 'When the Children Came Home' - documented life for evacuee children. The second - 'Stranger in the House' - when fathers returned home after the war.

She was then asked by her editor to explore if the WI did anything interesting in the war. And to her surprise there was nothing documented about their role - largely because they were a Pacifist organisation. Motivated by the presence of Edith Jones diary - a Shropshire farmer's wife who documented every day of the war - Julie found her key inspiration to write a powerful book.

As we now know, the book has been turned into "Home Fires" - a very vivid portrayal of life during the war through the eyes of the women left behind. Julie is the Historical Consultant on the production - a role she has relished.

Julie shared many interesting facts during our time together and was extremely passionate about the incredibly important role the WI performed. I am sure Julie shares our delight in Bunbury hosting the next series of "Home Fires".

And why the interview with Julie?

I was interviewing Julie as part of my monthly newsletter for women business leaders which you can find at [www.handbagsintheboardroom.com](http://www.handbagsintheboardroom.com)

## New Befriending service launches



St Luke's and Wishing Well are launching a new partnership community Befriending Service across Crewe and Nantwich. The service will support elderly, frail people, those

with complex health issues and life limiting illness. The aim is to reduce social isolation and loneliness by enabling individuals to feel more connected to their community through regular contact with a Befriender.

Before the service can begin they need to recruit and induct a team of Volunteer Befrienders, who will be matched up with an elderly isolated frail person within their community. Where

possible, matching will be based on shared interests and hobbies.

If you feel you may be interested in becoming a Befriender or would like more information they would love to hear from you.

Please contact Catherine Holligan, Befriending Service Coordinator on 07496073430/01270376686 or [Catherine\\_Holligan@stlukes-hospice.co.uk](mailto:Catherine_Holligan@stlukes-hospice.co.uk)

**Befriending complements other services, such as social and domestic support but it does not replace it. Befrienders do not provide personal care; they provide a link to the wider community and offer regular companionship. The Befriending relationship is based on mutually respect, it offers a purposeful, emotion-focused affirming relationship.**



# Are you ready to start walking?

**Bunbury Walking for Health has been set up following a request from Bunbury Medical Practice PPG.**

Participants will be encouraged to walk as a form of exercise and to experience all the benefits that walking can bring you such as:

- Help your heart and lungs to work better
- Lower your blood pressure
- Keep your weight down
- Lighten your mood
- Keep your joints and muscles strong
- Increase 'good' cholesterol

Walking together as part of a small group is a good way of making friends and discovering new walks in and around Bunbury.

Walks are short, at a pace to suit everyone and are led by trained leaders.

They will be held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month leaving from the Methodist Church in Bunbury.

Starting on Wednesday 8 July, meet at 10.15am, Bunbury Methodist Church.

You would be made most welcome if you come along to try us out.

For full details contact Lesley Arrowsmith (01829 260385), Cate Gregory (01270 528202) or Jim Walker (01829 261227), or just turn up for one of our walks.

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forward



**Want to get more active? Then we're here to help!**

Walking is a great way to get fit, explore what's on your doorstep and make new friends.

Join one of our free and friendly short walks today.

**Bunbury Walking for Health**

**FIRST WALK WEDNESDAY JULY 8<sup>th</sup> 2015**

Meeting every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday in each month at 10.15am, Bunbury Methodist Church, Bunbury Lane, CW6 9QS.

For more information call: Cate Gregory 01270 528202, or Jim Walker 01829 261227 or Lesley Arrowsmith 01829 260385. Email: [les.arrowsmith57@gmail.com](mailto:les.arrowsmith57@gmail.com)

Visit our website to find out more about your local health walks:  
**walkingforhealth.org.uk**



Supporting you to get active and stay active

# Friday at Tilly's group on tour



Doughnuts, tramway rides to the summit, shopping forays along the pier and 29 lunches at the Queen's Hotel contributed to the excitement and banter of the group's first proper expedition to Llandudno, Amber Middlemiss reports. Expertly driven by Burland Coaches and delivered to the door, we were undaunted by a bout of rain and had a satisfying day of exploring, chatting and eating! Photos show the group and the breakaway group, spearheaded by Tim, which pushed for the summit of the Great Orme despite unfavourable conditions... The trip was financed, in part, by the generous grant recently received from Cheshire East's Giveback scheme, we hope there will be

more outings to follow. The next is a visit to a local private garden in July, so we're hoping for kinder weather.

## NOTICE

### INVITATION TO APPLY FOR GRANTS

THE TRUSTEES OF BUNBURY PAROCHIAL CHARITIES 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:

ALPRAHAM, BEESTON, BUNBURY, BURWARDSLEY, CALVELEY, HAUGHTON, 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 OR BY EMAIL TO [dellis7@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:dellis7@tiscali.co.uk)

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO BE RETURNED BY 12.00 NOON ON MONDAY 26 OCTOBER 2015 FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE TRUSTEE MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 2 DECEMBER 2015 WHEN THE AWARDS WILL BE MADE AT THE COMPLETE DISCRETION OF THE TRUSTEES. APPLICATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE CLERK AT THE ABOVE ADDRESS/EMAIL OR BY TELEPHONE ON 01829 261898.



The Neighbourhood Plan has recently come to the end of a six week period of consultation, during which the Utility Companies, Housing Developers and many other organisations with an interest in planning were able to provide us with a written response, setting out their views on the plan. Some of the responses were supportive and suggested improvements that could be incorporated into the plan whilst others were extremely disparaging. It is not unusual for Neighbourhood Plans to attract this sort of response, particularly from housing developers, whose plans are often at odds with the plan policies. The Bunbury Neighbourhood Plan allows for small developments of up to 15 houses and we can expect it to be challenged by developers who wish to build larger numbers of houses. In a recent planning appeal where Bloor Homes Ltd were appealing against the decision by Cheshire East to refuse planning permission to build 34 houses on land off School Lane, Bunbury, the emerging Neighbourhood Plan was used in evidence to support the Council's case. The appeal is currently being considered by a planning inspector.

All of the responses to the six week consultation process, together with feedback received from Bunbury residents, is being considered by the plan team, and this will shortly lead to some minor amendments to the plan. The amendments will not affect the plan's strategy or change its policies but will provide some supportive improvements and additional evidence to strengthen it. We will let residents know what these amendments are and publish an updated version of the plan on our website ([www.bunburynpg.org](http://www.bunburynpg.org)), prior to submitting it to the Parish Council for approval and finally in a formal submission to Cheshire East Council.

**Correction:** Last month's article should have said the public meeting was on 27 April, not 27 November. Apologies for this mistake.

# 'Home Fires' inspires Village Day

This year's theme was 'Stars of the Screen', inspired by Home Fires. The parade had an exceptionally strong presence from the Scout Group. Scout Group Leader, Amanda Harris also won the Adult Fancy Dress. The winning walking float was from Early Birds. The day was opened by Julie Summers, who also awarded the prizes, dodging raindrops as she went. However, the day did clear up and the sun did

shine. There were many exciting stalls, from toys to paintings to bric à brac and a Home Fires inspired Horse and Groom bar and a retro home display, complete with family, ARP warden and service personnel, who enjoyed a parade to the vintage cars. Beth Hayward and a group of children cut the first sod for our new playground.







# New & exciting events at baby & toddlers



July looks set to be a busy month for us here at Bunbury Baby & Toddler group as we introduce a variety of new and exciting events.

We have been delighted to welcome a few younger babies recently and now hold a regular 'Baby Coffee Morning' at Tilly's Coffee Shop, so that Mum's can share some of the highs (and lows) that come with having really little ones. Next one is Monday 6 July at 10.30 am.

On the 10 July, from 8pm onwards, we are planning a sightseeing tour of Panama Hatties cocktail bar (Mum's only), so dust off the high-heels and come and enjoy a much-deserved Margarita or two!

July sees the end of term for us as we head into the Summer holidays, however we plan to go out with a bang

by having a huge Summer Party for the children.

Outdoor play, entertainment and lots of fun will be had by all. The Summer Party will take place on Wed 22 July at the Pavilion and starts at the later time of 11.00 am.

Events in August include a Teddy Bear's Picnic at Cholmondley Castle and a Quiz Night & BBQ fundraiser held in joint partnership with Tilly Coffee Shop - details of these can be found on our Facebook page.

Finally, thank you to HodgePodge Ceramics who came to visit the group in time for Father's Day. The children had a wonderful time painting gifts for Daddy and we will be sure to invite HodgePodge back in the run-up to Christmas for some bauble painting.

Visit our Facebook page for information on all of the above and for all the latest news and events:

[www.facebook.com/BunburyMothersAndToddlers](http://www.facebook.com/BunburyMothersAndToddlers)



# Declining church numbers - is she (God, that is) worried?

In the past two weeks there have been a couple of articles which have caught my eye, which I would like to share, writes **Debbie Shears**.

The first comes from the new Bishop of Crediton, former nurse Dame Sarah Mullally, writing in the Daily Telegraph.

Declining numbers at services should not necessarily be a cause of despair for churches because people will still "encounter God" without ever taking their place in a pew, says Sarah Mullally. Young people are more likely to hear the Christian message through social media, or in a café, than in a formal church service. Declining numbers is part of a wider social shift in which organisations are seeing declines in formal membership. However there are people who engage with God, but who don't go to church. One example of how the church engages with people outside of formal church is parish nurses who deal with the health needs of an individual but who will also pray with them if asked. The bishop described how she found faith as a teenager but today young people use different routes, such as, church or youth groups, or a café run as a community project and this is what is needed.

The second is from Stephen Tomkins, considering the sex of God, published in the BBC News magazine.

A group in the Church of England is calling for services to address God as "She" as well as "He". The gender (or lack of) of God has been much discussed in the Christian church since the 3rd Century AD. The Catechism of the Catholic church says: "God is neither man nor woman: he is God". Some groups have referred to the Holy Spirit as "She". Gnostic groups believed in both the female and male spirits of God. Tomkins discusses the history of the use of the female gender, which were only occasional until the past 50 years. Since the 1980s new translations of the Bible have used inclusive language. The Methodist church introduced a new service book in 1999 which uses both male and female language for God "Our Father and our Mother". There is also a movement in some parts of Judaism. In 1975 in the US Naomi Janowitz and Margaret Wenig produced a version of the prayer book Siddur Nashim which used female pronouns and images for God. As yet there has been no comparable movement in Islam.

# Calveley Spring Fair success



Calveley Spring Fair was a tremendous success this year. Jenny Brooks orchestrated a stunning flower display for which many people produced some truly gorgeous arrangements; a highlight of the day. The weather was kind and not too hot so a goodly crowd of supporters came. There were organ recitals by Jill Robey, Charles Harden, John



Mason and Martin Cook, who gave us a tour de force of background music during the day. Thanks to the seven ladies who made it happen - Margaret Dixon from Tarvin Flower Club, Kath Roden, Jane Stockton, Janet Berisford, Bernice Morgan, Janice Farrell and Jenny Brooks. Thanks to Dorothy Donald for refreshments for the flower ladies. Celia, Jenny, Kath and several others did a roaring trade on the stalls. Pat Ellis staffed the cake



stall, 'Made in Cheshire', and was sold out by lunch. Cynthia and Eileen sold lots of draw tickets while Walter and Kathleen handled the tombola to good effect. Our tea and cakes under the steady care of Yvonne and Dorothy was busy throughout - as was Kenneth busy washing up! A truly great time of get-together which everyone appeared to enjoy. Many thanks to all who came and participated in the success. The fair raised an amazing £1048.

## St Jude's Jennie takes up a challenge



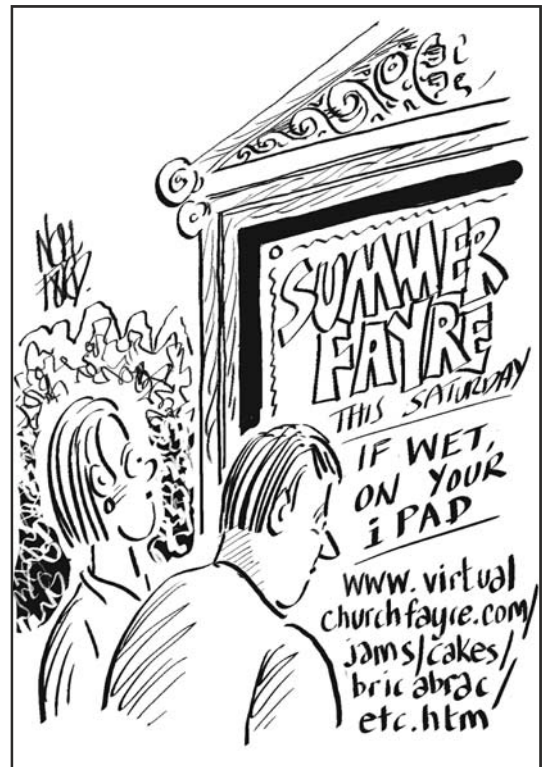
On 19 September I am taking part in a 30 mile challenge called 'open to offers' over the hills of North Wales, which is to be completed in 12 hours, **writes Jennie Lloyd.**

This walk (jog/hobble) will hopefully raise lots of money for a charity called More Than Words. I have two happy healthy children for whom I am truly thankful, even on the days where they test every boundary possible.

Some families don't have that luxury. Their children are not helped by the NHS or big global charities as many of their illnesses don't have names. These families love their children unconditionally as we all do but their children need that little bit more help. These parents will have almost exhausted every avenue possible, and are often on the verge of breaking point.

More Than Words helps teach families how to communicate with their children through a special sign language, Makaton, and for those that can't use their hands, they provide specialist equipment to help. The charity that was founded by Paul Hughes in January 2015, inspired by his daughter Gracie who is three and a half years old and has an undiagnosed genetic disorder. Her various medical conditions give her daily challenges and she is unable to speak. Gracie attends a special needs school and staff communicate with her using Makaton sign language. However the NHS do not provide this to families. This is why Paul founded the charity More Than Words, to make a difference as 'Every child deserves a voice'.

They don't get any funding from other sources, they rely on people like me doing daft things and hoping people like you can spare a few pounds. We can really make a difference to families. Please help me to help these families hear or see their children say 'I love you mummy and daddy'. You can make your donations at <http://www.make-a-donation.org/fundraisers/jennie-Lloyd>. Thank you, we can really make a difference.



## Joyce Bayliss - local Cheshire girl

Joyce Evelyn was born on 15 November 1919 to parents Tom and Alice Davenport, a younger sister to two brothers Jack and Jo and later - older sister to Phyllis. The family lived in one of the black and white thatched cottages down Peckforton Hall Lane near the Elephant and Castle.

In her early years when war broke out and Peckforton Castle became a home to many refugee children from the cities, Joyce worked at the laundry house just behind their home - washing and cleaning doing what she could for the family and the community. At the tender age of around 14 Joyce worked in the Newsagents at Beeston holding a position of trust taking orders, handling money and practically running the shop most days in the absence of the owners. It was a busy place too, so near to Beeston railway station. Little wonder then that this gave her a strong and steady mind and a set of very useful skills that would set her up for life utilizing her natural gifts in organisation and accounts.

Joyce met husband to be, Wilf, before the war and married him following the outbreak of hostilities in 1941. They lived in a small holding down Tattenhall Lane and had numerous animals in their care which they both looked after. Soon afterwards her son Frank was born and he also assisted with animal management. Again

Joyce used her skills in running the house and looking after the accounts for the 40 odd years they were there.

Following Wilf's passing in 1991 Joyce moved to Castlefields, Tattenhall, where she lived with Frank for a short time eventually moving into her own home at No. 2.

Joyce was a Cheshire girl through and through, never leaving the county, moving around the small communities of Peckforton, Bunbury and Tattenhall throughout. Having being taught some dress making skills as a youngster, by her employer during her time at the Newsagents, she was often to be found making dresses and other clothes and curtains for friends, family and neighbours. She enjoyed cooking and gardening especially in her later years at Castlefields and loved reading and crossword puzzles and enjoyed TV quiz programs like, 'Who wants to be Millionaire' not that she wanted fortune and fame but was just content to answer the questions.

She was wife to Wilf, Mum to Frank, Grand mum to Tracey and Andrew and Great Grand mum to Jennifer, Bethany and Callum. Joyce was a real matriarch, as sharp as one of her dressmaking pins, and as wise as her years.

## Keith Bennion - keen collector and football supporter

Keith was born in Middlewich and spent much of his working life in Crewe as a carpenter at Crewe Works. Crewe was the centre of the railway industry, but things changed and at Christmas in 1990 redundancy struck. Along with many others, Keith searched for a job and found one in Winsford as a security guard at Quiksave, but the ill-health which dogged his later life manifested itself and in 1995, a heart attack ended his working career.

Keith and Carole met each through Keith's sister Sandra and married in July 1980 and together they built their family of Katie and Amie.

Ill-health forced Keith into something of a sedentary way of life but this did not dull his love of sport. He was an avid supporter of and season ticket holder with Crewe Alexandra. He would watch them play both at home and away games and he will be OK when he gets to heaven for he has his match coat and hat with him, as well as his season ticket.

Keith's sporting interests were not limited to soccer; he would follow most sports with the exception of tennis. He even understood the rules of American football.

Carole and Keith moved to Bunbury and Hurst Close in 2008. He immediately made his mark on the village through the birds he kept. Most would only see the budgerigars, but amongst them were both Bengalese and Zebra finches. They became such an attraction that walkers would often stop to admire them. Keith was also very attached to Pebbles, the Yorkshire terrier.

Keith was particularly attracted to the music of the 1970s and, like most of us of a similar age, knew all the words to the most popular numbers. He also liked collecting things, particularly pocket watches, key rings from football matches, radios and torches.

Keith's life drew to an early closure through the onset of the leukaemia which was diagnosed at the start of this year. But even at the last, Keith maintained his pride in his appearance; whilst waiting for the ambulance which was to take him on what turned out to be his final journey he demanded that Carole give him a shave such that he looked his best.

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