

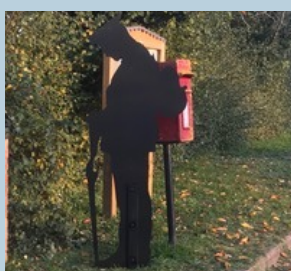


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Be always at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbours, and let each new year find you a better man."
Benjamin Franklin

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 - 11.30PM MIDNIGHT MASS
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CALVELEY

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 16TH DEC - 11AM NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS
 24TH DEC - 7.30PM CHRISTMAS COMMUNION

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One Christmas story...

... and it's not about the to-do list, the 'perfect' gift or cooking the most delicious Christmas dinner!

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Community news

Thank you to **Ruth Court** for starting to deliver the Link in Nursery Lane, Peckforton.

Births

Congratulations to **Frances** and **Danny** of Church Bank Cottage, who had a baby daughter Lucie born on Monday 26 October.

Baptisms

Congratulations to **William Thomas Matthew Aidley**, son of **Rachel** and **Matthew**, baptised at St Jude's on 21 October

Congratulations to Elizabeth

Pulford - When she moved to Bunbury Elizabeth looked in vain for a job in retail so chose to volunteer at The Hope House shop in Nantwich. It was an obvious choice as she had been brought up in Wales. She has just been awarded her three year volunteer badge at Hope House in Oswestry.

Congratulations to **Tom Hardy** (pictured below) on obtaining a **1st Class Honours degree** in Applied Biology. A fantastic achievement in a very difficult year. We are so proud of you. Mum, Steve and James.



The next meeting of **Bunbury Gardening Club** will be a light-

hearted Quiz on Tuesday 15 January at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, accompanied by mince pies and mulled wine. New members are welcome.

The lighting of the **Houghton Christmas tree** will take place on Sunday 3 December at 5pm.

St Boniface is keen to recruit a 'hospitality team' which can be called on to help plan and host social and catering events throughout the year, from Harvest Lunch to Beeston Fete to Oktoberfest. If you feel able to add your name as a volunteer in any capacity, you would be warmly welcomed. You don't need to attend meetings, just a willingness to help if you can. Please contact Lucy Munro, lucykmunro@hotmail.com

The **St Boniface Carol Service** is on Sunday 16 December at 6.30pm - anyone who likes to sing is invited to join the choir. Rehearsal dates are: 1, 8 and 15 December at 10-12 noon.

The **photo** put in the **November Link** by Peter Jones was, of course, the wall at Bunbury Village Hall.

Pilgrim in the Pub - An informal session looking at some of the things Jesus said in a friendly atmosphere. Give it a try! Thursdays 7.30-9pm at Nag's Head, Bunbury.

Donald Marr thanks everyone for their prayers. He is now fully recovered

Father Christmas returns to **Bunbury Mill** on Sunday 9 December.

Judy's Arts and Crafts group continues on the first Tuesday each month, with the possibility of

News from the editor

I knew that I would make a mistake! I didn't manage to put the photo of Carolyn and Guy Johnson's son's wedding in last month's Link. It was made worse by the fact that Carolyn organizes all of the Link magazines for delivery. Sorry Carolyn.



Congratulations to **Emma Frith** and **Henry Johnson** who were married in Barnard Castle on 18 August.

The Remembrance activities in Bunbury and the surrounding villages were very special and we have tried to do them justice on page 4.

The editorial team is having a break now over Christmas and the New Year and there will not be a new Link until February. Many thanks for all your continued support and may we take the opportunity to wish all our readers a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.

extending to the third Tuesday as well. For further information contact judy.gray@bunburymill.com

A **Christmas coffee morning** will be held on Monday 10 December @ 80 Watergate Street Chester 10.30am-1.30pm in aid of Save the Family by kind permission of Katie Jones (was Crotty!) Easiest parking in the Linenhall car park (where the stables used to be) opposite the Market car park. 80 Watergate is directly opposite Stanley Palace. We look forward to seeing you. Save the Family provides residential accommodation and support for families who are homeless (or at risk of becoming homeless) and who have multiple and complex needs. Save the family is based just outside Chester.



TIM HAYWARD
Your Vicar

For many of us, Christmas brings up so many emotions, memories and expectations. We have one nativity story, but it can seem like we all have very different Christmases.

For you it might be a time of joy and togetherness. Or perhaps it's all about planning and to-do lists. Many others can find it a sad and lonely time - nagged by the feeling that your Christmas is not like those 'perfect' ones we see in the media.

But just like the unexpected assortment of people who were invited to meet the baby Jesus, Follow the Star - the Church of England's Christmas campaign - doesn't ask you to be perfect. It says: come just as you are to take the life-changing Christmas journey. There will be thousands of Christmas services and events taking place in churches all over the country. You can find details of our special services for Christmas on the front page.

Wherever you are this Christmas, you are invited to follow the star and to be with Jesus. You are welcome. You are deeply known and truly loved.

Follow the star

Mary and Joseph and all those caught up in the Christmas story were surprised by the astonishing way that God chose to live among us. Each Christmas we are reminded of God's longing to surprise us with his gift of joy, love and new life. It's the greatest present we can receive and share with others.

As our Christmas gift to you, we would like to give you a Follow the Star booklet. It contains 14 daily reflections, one for each day from Christmas Eve throughout the 12 days of Christmas, ending with the Epiphany on 6th January. Each one includes a picture, a short Bible passage, a simple prayer and a challenge to reflect or act differently. Together, they form a journey through Jesus' early life - a journey that will help you take the joy and wonder of Christmas into the year ahead.

For your free booklet contact me or come to a church service over Christmas. You can share the Follow the Star journey with friends and family of all ages. Find out more and join in at www.churchofengland.org/Christmas

This November sees the **70th anniversary** of the young **Walter Done** joining the St Boniface church choir (pictured below), to which he has continued to contribute his tuneful tenor through all those years. Our thanks for his dedication: it is a truly magnificent record. Walter joined the choir at the age of 9 in 1948.



We remembered them...

This Centenary year has inspired the nation to research and to take time to understand and reflect on what those who served at home and on foreign lands did for us in the First World War and subsequent wars.

In **Bunbury** we began this period of reflection by recreating a Drumhead service. Revd Tim and Revd Michael led the service, along with readings from the British Legion and members of Scouting and Guiding. Whistles signaled change and we filed into church for a "Lights on Service." James Walton read out the names of the fallen totaling 50, a silence followed and candles were lit encouraging us to look to the future and pray for peace.

Beeston and **Peckforton's** tribute started with an exhibition in the Peckforton and Beeston village hall detailing some of the facts relating to the conflict, personal memorabilia and artefacts from our local residents. A play was staged on Saturday written and performed by local people entitled, 'Will we remember them?' This was a graphic and real account of some aspects of recruitment leaving young

men confused and frightened. It was really well attended. After the play was a supper and singing to music from the era.

On Remembrance Sunday at **Bunbury**, the Union Standard was raised by representatives of Scouting and Guiding on top of St Boniface church tower led by David Riley. This was a moving and memorable ceremony, a huge honour and one that those present will never forget.

Uniformed organisations including; Scouts, Cubs, Beavers, Guides and Brownies alongside the Royal British Legion, Women's Institute and members of the community then paraded to church behind the Union Flag. After the wreaths were laid we paraded back to the scout hut where some 200 people enjoyed sandwiches and cakes.

At 12.30pm the sound of bells echoed across the nation and bellringers at St Boniface joined in.

On Sunday evening at **Beeston Castle** there was a drumhead service. This was followed by those assembled walking up to the outer keep

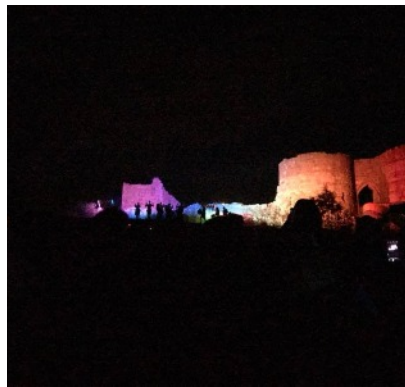
of the castle to hear the last post. A two minutes silence followed as red ribbons emulating poppies fluttered overhead. The castle was specially lit and the Air Cadets from 146 Air Squadron performed a wonderful drum display. This brought this special day of remembrance to a close.

James Walton of the British Legion in Bunbury has worked tirelessly over recent years with Amanda Harris and Revd Tim to engage the uniformed organisations and the community's youth to bring remembrance to a level which is accessible to them. The youth of today are the future of remembrance.

What an honour to be a part of such a special community effort to remember those who gave so much.

Contributions to this article were from Amanda Harris, Group Scout leader, **Bunbury** and Daphne Weedell and Penny Shearer of **Peckforton** and **Beeston**.

Thank you to Amanda, Daphne and Penny for helping to organise these community events.



Relatives of St Jude's Austin Badrock and Brigid Sayce. The service included a 'Hymn of Peace' written for the centenary



Three wreaths laid in Jerusalem in honour of Pte CE Griffiths, whose Centennial Memorial Service was held at St Boniface on 7 April, by his granddaughter Julia Ray



Bunbury's Bill Cornes



Peckforton & Beeston display



Houghton silhouettes

A year of walking for health

2018 has been another good year for Bunbury's walking for health group. Bunbury is blessed with a network of well-defined footpaths that crisscross the village and the surrounding farmland. These footpaths allow the group to tailor walks that suit the various abilities of those who attend. The walks cater for people who want to keep up their fitness; people recovering from illness or hospital treatment and those who want to maintain their mobility. Walking in a group not only promotes physical health, but also provides an opportunity to socialise whilst taking in the local scenery.

Typically, 20 or so walkers and leaders take part each week, the numbers varying slightly with the weather and the time of year. Two trips took place during the summer months. The first was to the Dorothy Clive Garden where the trust invited the group for a free visit. The second was to Walnut Farm in Little Budworth where they were the guests of one of the regular walkers. As the year draws to a close, the group is now looking forward to its Christmas walk, which will end as usual in a local hostelry for a light lunch and refreshments.

The walking for health group meets every Wednesday at Bunbury Methodist Church from 10.00 onwards. The walks start at 10.30am and finish at the church with coffee and biscuits. There is no charge and no need for specialist equipment. The group is grateful for the support that they receive from Bunbury Methodist Church, which provides a regular meeting place. There is no need to book to come on a walk, just turn up at the church on a Wednesday morning. For more information contact:

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Iain McNeil and Peter Jones joined 1500 other walkers venturing to the top of Great Gable for the annual Remembrance service. Great Gable is one of 13 peaks gifted to the National Trust after the war and the summit bears a plaque commemorating the 20 members of the Fell & Rock Climbing Club who gave their lives for their country in the Great War. With winds gusting at over 30mph, torrential rain and freezing temperatures it was an ordeal but very moving and well worth it to celebrate their memory. A short speech and the reading of the names of the fallen was given by one of the current Fell and Rock Climbing Club members followed by the two minutes silence. A video clip is available at: <https://youtu.be/APsCTK3fNug>

A day in the life of...

... DIAL House worker Helen Barrie

My name is Helen Barrie. I work three days a week for DIAL West Cheshire, and two days a week building a business with a colleague; both roles relate to moving people forward in their lives.

My 'Day in the Life of' relates to a day working for DIAL and in particular the project I am engaged in called 'New Leaf'. New Leaf is a project to bring together partners as well as employers to change lives and create opportunities. My current role is as a mentor working with adults by providing one to one support to help them to recognise and to break down their barriers. Each person I meet with has differing needs. My colleague is delivering an introduction to computing. Why computing? Through the media you will have been made aware of the problems that Universal Credits have brought, and one issue is that each person will have to access their benefits online. They therefore need to develop the skills to do so, which is very challenging if you have severe dyslexia or learning difficulties.

The first person I am due to meet comes in. This initial meeting always takes a lot of time; we create a plan of what we can do to support them. As is usual, this includes offering money advice, as so many people receiving benefits are in debt. I make an appointment for them to see an Advisor in DIAL. We also identify that they suffer from severe anxiety and I am able to introduce them to the mental health provider. Their journey begins ... my day continues with its highs and lows. I work with some of the people I have already met. This includes driving someone to the local college to support them to enrol on a course. I stay with someone in Chester CAB to access debt relief support; she has learning difficulties. I introduce someone to my colleague in the CVA regarding volunteer opportunities. I support a colleague as they deal with someone with severe mental health issues. I discuss someone's housing issues with a housing provider; he is under threat of being evicted. Then a high moment, I am contacted by someone I have been mentoring for some time, who has been offered paid employment.

DIAL was set up to improve the lives of disabled people. Its vision, "is a society where disabled people and older people can participate equally as full citizens". DIAL has various services, which include Information and Advice support to claim welfare benefits, Shopmobility, Ability Angels, a Community Café.

Dial West Cheshire's services are primarily delivered by volunteers supported by a small team of paid staff. We are always looking for volunteers.

December prayers

We continue to pray for **Hazel Wilkinson** and **Pam Hardy**. We also pray for all who are mourning a loved one, especially the families and friends of **Ricardo Bellis Ferreira, Doris Pickerill, Ann Formstone** and **Margaret Dean**.



Decibellas
Women's Choir presents

Hark Hear the Bells!



IN AID OF THE **TEENAGE CANCER TRUST**

Join us for a traditional festive concert.
Candles, holly, fun & laughter with a festive tippie!
In aid of The Teenage Cancer Trust.

Saturday December 8th 2018, St Boniface Church Bunbury
Doors open 7 for 7:30pm

Tickets on sale via www.decibellas.co.uk, at Tilly's Bunbury,
or The Old Fire Station Chocolate Shop Tarporley
Adults £10 Children £5

Original artwork by Karen Smeatham

CAROLS AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE

CHRISTMAS EVE 6.30PM

ALL YOUR FAVOURITE CAROLS WITH MUSIC BY AWARD WINNING 'CREWE BRASS'



JOIN US AT THE VILLAGE CHRISTMAS TREE

FATHER CHRISTMAS WILL BE VISITING!




Pat Ellis - Reader Emeritus
Comfort my People, says your God

Many of us have little cravings, things we turn to when we need comforting. Mine are wine and chocolate - in that order! Thankfully they don't cause any problems, but some people are not so lucky and develop full blown addictions which they cannot control.

We tend to reach for these diversions when we are troubled, feeling low, and wanting to blot out the world, at least for a little while, dulling our senses in computer games, gambling or various drugs.

What happens when we can't stop, when our problems are so overwhelming we cannot find a way out?

At this season of joy and anticipation we need to remember that for some, busy Christmas tide and empty January can bring dreadful loneliness, hopelessness and despair.

Our magazine supports "Crisis", which brings hope, practical help and encouragement to those who are homeless, hungry, addicted or despairing.

Christians believe in the hope of the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

We remember the faith that Mary had as she awaited this wondrous birth of Emmanuel, God with us.

God is and always has been with us.

*"Where can I go from your Spirit?
If I go to the heavens, you are there,
if I make my bed in the depths, you are there."
Lord bring your hope,
Strength and courage to
Those of us who are
Addicted
Hopeless,
Despairing.
May we
reach out a
helping hand*

*A word of comfort
To people in greater need.*



Mike Rogers writes...

The Wheelbarrow



It was Christmas Eve, and in common with the practice in most churches, a crib scene and stable was being created in the church for Christmas morning service.

The small figure of baby Jesus was duly placed in the manger, the animals were arranged and Joseph, Mary and the Wise Men were put in their places. Everything was ready.

On Christmas morning, the Vicar, wanting to make sure everything was in order for the service, went to the church early to check that all was well.

On glancing in the manger, he was horrified to find that the baby Jesus had gone!

He went out into the street and looking up and down, saw the churchwarden coming along and he asked him if he'd seen anyone carrying the figure?

"No, I've seen nothing" said the churchwarden, "only that little fellow across the road pushing a red wheelbarrow."

The Vicar glanced over the road; the little lad was one of his Sunday School pupils and he walked over to him. To his astonishment, he could see the missing figure of baby Jesus in the wheelbarrow!

"Young man!" said the Vicar to the little lad, "I'm shocked... what made you go and steal the baby Jesus from the church?" The little lad's answer was quick and sharp.

"I haven't stolen him" he said, "it's just that I asked Jesus to send me a red wheelbarrow for Christmas, and I promised him that if he did, I'd give him the first ride, and that's what I'm doing!"

There is a message here and it is this ... How many of us put Jesus first?

Calveley Chapel news

Friday 19 October saw the return of the popular Funky Choir for a thoroughly enjoyable evening. This South Cheshire faith-based community choir sang an entertaining eclectic mix of melodies, all with a hint of gospel harmony. The audience were literally 'rockin' in the aisles'. There is a provisional booking for another concert early next November, possibly with a Christmas theme. Watch this space!

A huge thank you has been received from the Nantwich Food Bank for the generous donations of nearly 100kg of foodstuffs following our Harvest Festival Service on 7 October.

On the 30 November the chapel will be decorated for our forthcoming Christmas services.

Services

Sunday 2 December Advent Holy Communion 11.00am

Sunday 16 December 'Nine Lessons & Carols' 11.00am

Monday 24 December Christmas Eve Communion 19.30pm

We do hope that you may be able to join us for at least one of these services during the Christmas season.

In 1878 the Truro Gazette reported that there was to be a carol service at Truro Cathedral on Christmas Eve at 10pm. In 1880 this formal service was held in a wooden structure by Bishop Benson, whilst Truro Cathedral was being built and attended by 400 people (rumour has it that he wanted to keep people out of the pubs!)

AC Benson recalled: 'My father arranged from ancient sources a little service for Christmas Eve - nine carols and nine tiny lessons, which were read by various officers of the church, beginning with a chorister and ending, through the different grades, with the Bishop.'

Bishop Benson later became the Archbishop of Canterbury and the service was continued in Truro and Canterbury and adapted for other churches. The most well known version of the service is at Kings College Cambridge. The first service was adapted from the original by Eric Milner White and held on Christmas Eve in 1918. Eric had been an army chaplain. He said that the main theme is the development of the loving purposes of God seen 'through the windows and words of the Bible'. Many of those who took part in the first service must have recalled those killed in the Great War when it came to the famous passage 'all those who rejoice with us but on another shore and in a greater light'. For many it is a Christmas Eve tradition.

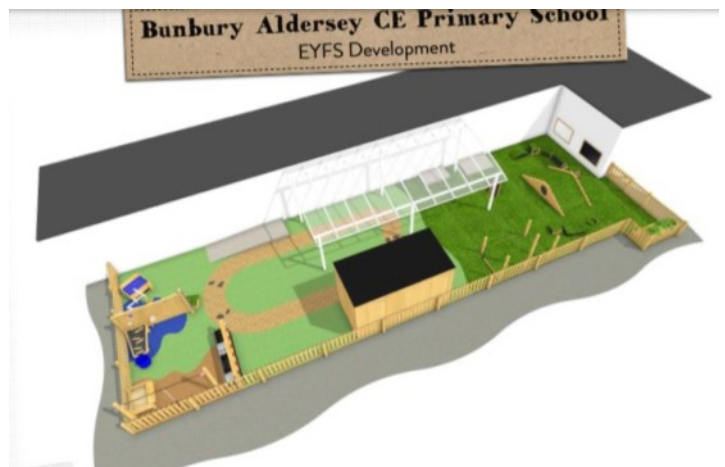
Calveley have a Nine lessons and Carols on 16 December at 11am and the St Boniface Carol Service on 16 December at 6.30pm.

New plans for school outdoor play area

Early years reception outdoor spaces are an essential part to the overall development of a child. Those first years in the reception class are pivotal to setting the children up to be life long learners with a love and passion to find out more.

Currently at Bunbury school we have a very enthusiastic and committed team of Early years staff who are striving to provide the best possible start for our children. Our provision inside can only be described as outstanding with the quality of teaching to match. However our outdoor provision, which should replicate the standard of indoor provision, needs updating and refurbishing.

With the aid of Pentagon play and Early years specialists we have developed a design which we think is befitting to the needs of our children. Areas for the development of the different parts of the curriculum have been built into our design which has been completed by a softpore and astro-turf floor. This is such an exciting development for the school. Please feel free to comment on our proposed plans by leaving any suggestions with our admin team in the school's reception area.



Celebrate
The Magic of Christmas
at Tirlley Garth
Friday 7th December 2018 at 6.30pm
Carol Concert
Tarporely War Memorial Hospital's community
celebration of song, performance
and festive good cheer
Tickets £10 each
See reverse for booking details

The Magic of Christmas at Tirlley Garth is kindly
supported by Phil and Alexis Redmond in aid of

 **TARPORLEY**
WAR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
Registered Charity Number: 700336

Calveley and the Tarporley War Memorial Hospital

This Christmas will be 100 years since the first Christmas following the end of WW1, and next year the Tarporley War Memorial Hospital will be celebrating its centenary, but do you know the connections with Calveley Chapel?

The parish beautiful daughter Chapel at Calveley, which stands in peaceful isolation at the end of a country lane, was once part of a domestic building complex surrounding Calveley Hall, itself located within a 170 acre deer park. Having been converted in 1838 from a threshing barn into a private chapel serving the Hall and the local rural community, the Chapel became daughter Chapel to St Boniface when the great Hall was demolished in 1952.

Calveley Hall was occupied from 1906 by John Julius de Knoop and his family who in 1911, largely at their own expense, remodelled the Chapel much as we see it today.

John and his wife Evelyn had five children, the two youngest daughters being baptised in Calveley Chapel, and at the time of the Census in 1911 it was recorded that Calveley Hall was occupied by 27 members of the family and domestic staff.

Life was to change dramatically when war was declared on 4th August 1914 and the following day Nantwich Square was crowded to see soldiers off to war. The first to leave were members of the Cheshire Yeomanry, including many from the Calveley rural community, under the command of Captain de Knoop, (who had been a volunteer member of the Yeomanry since 1902). Sadly many, including John de Knoop, were never to return home.

After several wartime postings and combat, during which he was wounded, Capt de Knoop earned a promotion to Major and was then attached to the Imperial Camel Corps in Egypt. Tragically he was killed in action by sniper fire on 7th August 1916 at el Hod el Bahein Egypt. He was forty years of age.

His widow Evelyn de Knoop helped convert both the Hall and Chapel for use as a Red Cross hospital throughout the Great War, and though devastated by her loss, worked tirelessly as the hospital superintendent. Once peace finally came Evelyn was at the forefront of establishing Tarporley War Memorial Hospital in 1919. Evelyn and her children left Calveley Hall in 1920 but in 1937 a new Female Ward and Operating Theatre were added to the hospital as a result of a further substantial bequest from the de Knoop family.

A plaque can still be seen in the board room at Tarporley War Memorial Hospital in memory of J.J. de Knoop and in recognition of the valuable contribution made by the family.

In addition there is a memorial plaque to his memory, located beside the altar in Calveley Chapel, that serves as a permanent symbol of the ultimate sacrifices made by so many.

We will remember them."



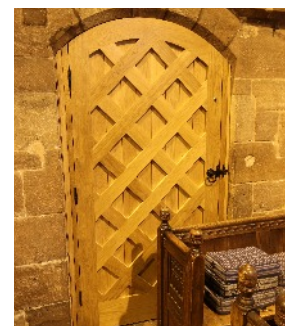
Come and Join
Bunbury Singers
and special guests
for
A Night of
Christmas Carols
&
Festive Music
In Aid of St Luke's Hospice
Saturday 15th December
7.30pm
St Boniface Church, Bunbury

Tickets £8
includes seasonal refreshments

Available from:
St Luke's Hospice
Tilly's Coffee Shop, Bunbury
Burrows Butchers
Old Fire Station Chocolate Shop
Swaffields, Tarporley
Or on the door

Walter closes the door on 20 years with the fabric committee

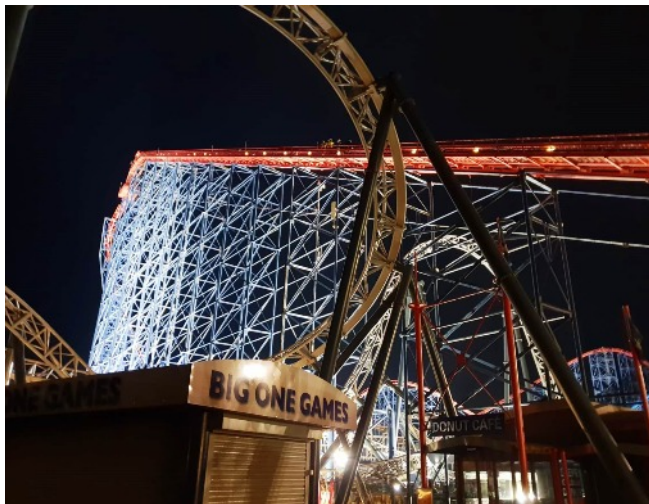
Pictured here is the impressive oak door recently installed in the St Boniface chancel. Made and installed by experts, it provides a second barrier against the elements—the original (16th) century door, now rather the worse for wear, remains in place.



This is only the most recent of the many restoration and improvement projects overseen by Walter Done, who this month chairs his last Fabric Committee meeting after almost 20 years' service in that role. During his long tenure, Walter has worked tirelessly to ensure our beautiful church building is kept in the best possible structural order (including restorations after vandalism)—not an easy task with such a large and ancient listed building. He has masterminded special projects, including the new windows for the Ridley Chapel to commemorate the millennium and the reordering of the west end of the church, which provided much-needed meeting rooms and lavatory facilities. St Boniface owes Walter huge thanks for his vision, expertise, determination, and commitment.

Co-op's Paul Fox raises money for North West Air Ambulance

Paul Fox, team leader from Bunbury Co-Op, chose to raise money for the NWAA and has achieved £1000 through sponsorship, donations, cake sales and raffles in the past eight weeks. He had to climb The Pepsi Max Big One, the world famous rollercoaster that dominates Blackpool's waterfront, which stands 235 feet high at its highest point. He had to climb the 420 steps to the platform at the top where the



rollercoaster car meets its first descent of the white-knuckle ride. He then had to reach ground level by retracing his steps down the 420 steps.

He said, "I wasn't sure if I was scared of heights before taking this challenge upon myself, but there was only one way to find

out. I have only really ever climbed a ladder to clean windows or guttering and obviously been on theme park rides etc. but at no point did I feel scared. The structure moved in the wind. It was amazing to feel the elements and the temperature changes as I climbed up. It was a truly adrenaline-charged and emotional evening, but very rewarding and climbing in the dark the views were spectacular. There was a great bird's eye view of the famous illuminations.



The original climb was postponed due to storm "Callum" hitting most parts of the UK in October and I was "gutted" that I had to wait a further few weeks, but remained committed and it gave me extra time to raise more money for such a worthy cause. After (pardon the pun) coming down from a high and everything evaluated, I can honestly say that I would do it all over again and can't wait for next year's challenge.

On behalf of NWAA and myself thank you to each and every one of you who supported me on this challenge and helped me raise money to keep our helicopters in the skies.

Remember, NWAA is solely funded by the generosity of the general public through donations, fundraising activities and their 10 retail stores across the North West. They are not NHS or government funded."

Sky notes for December and January

One of the most distinctive constellations is on view in December and January, Orion the hunter. If you look towards the southeast, you will be able to see his two brightest stars. Betelgeuse marks his left shoulder and Rigel his right foot. Between them you can spot the three stars that make up his belt. If you follow the line of his belt upwards, you will get to Taurus, the Bull. His "eye" is marked by the bright star, Aldebaran. A little further up there is a small misty patch called the Pleiades or Seven Sisters. Keen eyes may be able to make out 6 or 7 stars there. Using a small pair of binoculars will show many more stars in in this star cluster. If you follow the line of Orion's belt downwards (and you'll need to do this later in the evening when Orion is riding higher in the sky) you get to the bright star Sirius. This is the brightest star in the night sky. Sirius is in the constellation of Canis Major, the "Big Dog", one of Orion's hunting dogs. Go back and have a close look at Betelgeuse and Aldebaran. Can you see they are orange in colour? Compare them with

the very white star, Rigel. They are both red giants, some of the largest stars in the galaxy. One day, in many millions of years, our sun will become a red giant.

As you are looking at these bright constellations, you are seeing them just as the shepherds would have two thousand years ago, when an appearance in the night sky told them about the birth of the baby Jesus in Bethlehem.

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Parish Council pursuits

7 Councillors and 8 Parishioners attended the Parish Council meeting on 14 November. A parishioner wished to object to a planning application that had been considered at the October meeting but it was too late for their objection to be taken into consideration. If you receive a letter, see a notice or become aware of a planning application that you want to comment on at a PC meeting, please check our agenda on the village website or the Village Hall notice board.

The PC received notice from Cheshire East that an 'unrecorded footpath' (one not officially recognised), running off Oak Gardens, was to be closed. This is part of the planning application 16/2010N, to build 15 houses on the land adjacent to Oak Gardens. There is an official footpath, FP14/FP15 that follows almost the same route and this will remain open but will be diverted around the proposed development. Bunbury footpath maps are available at Tillys.

Bonfire and Fireworks night was very successful and attracted large crowds, many from neighbouring areas



who said they came to the Bunbury event because we still have a bonfire and always hold it on the 5 November. Cheshire East is providing 'New Homes Bonus' funding to improve infrastructure and facilities in areas where new homes are built. The PC is requesting funding in collaboration with other villages for disabled toilets, in our case in the Playing Fields Pavilion. Do visit and hear how we work for you, 2nd Wednesday each month (except August) at 7.20pm at the Pavilion. Leila Potter Parish Councillor, Local Press Officer

Bunbury scouts are so busy...

A huge thank you to Ron Pulford, the Parish Council team and all the volunteers for organising another fabulous bonfire event. Thanks must also go to all the people who came the next morning to help clear up. The firework display was stunning as always and organised brilliantly. Scouts really appreciate being given the opportunity to have a fundraising stall and would like to thank everyone that supported them. Bunbury Co-op donated all the ingredients for our delicious bonfire toffee, which we sold on the stall. Fundraising makes such a difference to the activities we can run for all the children attending the various scout groups.

The scout group uses some of its funds to provide the necessary equipment for the Cheshire Hike. This year eight 11 year old scouts plotted a route from Cuddington to

Knutsford and then used their map reading skills to walk 19k on Saturday and 12k on Sunday. They put up their tents, cooked a hot meal and hot breakfast too. All their parents are very proud of them. The children who took part were Alexander, Ben, Eliza, Frank, Lottie, Peter, Rebecca, Tilly and Tom, in teams of two. Thanks must go to Max and Amanda Harris and anyone else involved in the practise hikes. It really did make a difference.



Give us 2 minutes...

Tina was born in Birmingham and brought up in Droitwich, Worcestershire, where she met her childhood sweetheart Sean. She married Sean after 12 years of dating. They had two daughters, Katie and Rose, before moving up to Bunbury in 1992 and having their third daughter Charlotte.

Tina is the Pastoral Manager at Tarporley Sixth Form College, which is a varied and stimulating role. Tina also runs the Duke of Edinburgh's gold award for the Sixth Formers. She loves working with all the Sixth Formers and recognises how privileged she is to help them to thrive and flourish.

Tina has relished Bunbury life, involving herself in many social events and organisations and is now helping to run the café at Bunbury Mill.

If you had a motto what would it be?

There is no top one can't go over!

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

Rick Wakeman, David Attenborough (obviously) Helen Mirren and Diane Abbott, with Lee Mack and David Mitchell supplying the laughs. We would, however, be drinking prosecco.

What would you call your autobiography?

Why On Earth Did I Say 'Yes' To This?

What was your first job?

I worked in an old fashioned sweet shop on Droitwich High Street, it

was called The Tuck Shop and I used to sneak the Rhubarb & Custards.

What would you change about Bunbury if you could?

*Tina
Everton*



Move the unsightly overhead cables and put them underground. Also, change the village speed limit to 20 mph.

What is the best book you have read to date?

Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine by Gail Honeyman. It's such a good book.

What is your biggest regret?

Regrets don't get you anywhere, so I don't think about them. Don't look back, look forward.

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

I know it might sound corny, but I really do wish for health and happiness for my family and all.

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

I was in a number of stage productions at the Norbury Theatre in Droitwich alongside Rik Mayall and his brother.

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

I'd like to continue to support the Mill with the growth of the Watermill Café; spend precious time with family and friends; and see the sixth formers have a successful year.

What is your favourite place and why?

My daughter Rose had a year studying at Malaga University, and Sean worked in Vienna for three years. We were able to spend time in both cities and they hold very special memories.

Best Bunbury memory?

There are lots: Being in a village hall 'Stars In Their Eyes' event, happy family days at the cricket club in its early years, but mainly, Katie and Tom's fabulous village wedding.

How would you spend your ideal weekend?

A weekend relaxing with family including my inspirational 92-year-old mum, Clare and our wonderful friends popping in for a glass of something bubbly. Perfect.

Christmas messages

Merry Christmas and a very happy and healthy 2019 to all our Bunbury friends. Love from **Chris and Andy Moore.**



A very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year to all our friends in Calveley, Bunbury and Tilstone Fearnall. **Pat and John Ellis.**



Meg & Roger Fairweather & Zak the dog (he is 10 years old now but in very good fettle) send Christmas greetings to everyone in Bunbury. "We have happy memories of Christmas in Bunbury and are now happily settled in our home near Brighton."



Anne James would like to send every good wish to everyone for the festive season and 2019.



Ruth Tilston (the Jigsaw club) would like to wish everyone at Tillys on a Friday a very happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.



Elaine and Tom Crotty would like to wish everyone a very happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.



Wishing to all in Bunbury and Calveley a happy Christmas and a very peaceful and healthy New Year, **Barbara Croley.**



Kath and Peter Collinge wish all their friends a peaceful Christmas and a happy New Year.



Joy, Fiona, Julia and Simon Parker wish everyone a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

The Goodfellow family would like to wish their friends and neighbours a very happy Christmas.



A happy and peaceful Christmas to all! Best wishes from **Nick and Alex Sanders.**



Wishing all our friends a joyful Christmas and a healthy, peaceful 2019. Best wishes, **John and Jo Mason and family.**

Thank you to all who donated Christmas wishes to raise funds for Crisis at Christmas, which provides a hot meal, shower, fresh clothes and a health check for the homeless at Christmas, plus housing and job advice and access to year-round services at Crisis.



Elsa Williams took this photo of the Cross and Sir Hugh after the windows had been cleaned in the Ridley Chapel. She said, "The cross was striking as I opened the main door of the church; the autumn sun was coming into the chancel. What will the church look like after all the windows have been cleaned?"

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Third Sunday Brunch

On 18 November, over 70 people attended the 3rd Sunday Brunch at St Boniface. The youth club had made a video clip about temptation and



we saw them perform an energetic dance from the forthcoming pantomime, Babes in the Wood, choreographed by Gill Arnold. Author, Phil Allcock, read a poem and Vicky, our curate, told us about her recent visit to a community in Mozambique. We also watched a video from Tim Arnold, who has set up a church in Ibiza, ministering to holiday makers as well as the local community.

Church diary for December & January

Sunday 2 December	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Christingle 10.30am Family Worship 11.00am Holy Communion 4.00pm Christingle	St Boniface St Jude's St Boniface Calveley St Boniface	Wednesday 2 January	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Wednesday 5 December	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface	Sunday 6 January	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 9 December	10.30am Holy Communion 4.00pm Carol Service	St Boniface St Jude's	Wednesday 9 January	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Wednesday 12 December	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface	Sunday 13 January	9.30am Family Worship 10.30am Family Communion	St Jude's St Boniface
Sunday 16 December	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Worship 10.00am Third Sunday Brunch & Nativity at 10.30am 11.00am Nine Lesson & Carols 6.00pm Carol Service	St Boniface St Jude's St Boniface Calveley St Boniface	Wednesday 16 January	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Wednesday 19 December	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface	Sunday 20 January	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Worship 10.00am Third Sunday Brunch @10am and service at 10.30am 11.00am Morning Worship 6.00pm Evensong	St Boniface St Jude's St Boniface Calveley St Boniface
Sunday 23 December	9.30am Holy Communion 10.30am Holy Communion	St Jude's St Boniface	Wednesday 23 January	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Christmas Eve	4.00pm Crib Service 7.30pm Christmas Communion 11.30pm Midnight Mass	St Boniface Calveley St Boniface	Sunday 27 January	9.30am Holy Communion 10.30am Family Communion	St Jude's St Boniface
Christmas Day	9.30am Christmas Communion 10.30am Family Communion	St Jude's St Boniface	Wednesday 30 January	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Sunday 30 December	10.30am Family Communion with Methodists	St Boniface	Sunday 3 February	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

In Dublin's fair city...

I was scheduled to run the London marathon in April and many of you kindly donated to my charity – Mind. In the event, I missed the event, leaving me feeling I'd wasted all the hard training miles and feeling guilty at taking people's kind donations under false pretences. There was only one thing for it: I'd have to knuckle down and run a different marathon, which is why I found myself in Dublin on Sunday 28 October, shivering in my black bin bag and waiting for the starter to release 20,000 of us onto the streets of the city. Dublin had two major advantages for me over London. Firstly it wasn't going to be hot and secondly, I knew that at the end of 26.2 miles I would be rewarded by the nectar of the gods – a pint of

Guinness. That was the easy bit, the hard bit was the 26.2 miles! Having dutifully followed my training plan, I had run a range of distances up to 18 miles with the received wisdom being that the adrenalin and the occasion carries you through that remaining 8.2 miles. It doesn't! I was fine up to the 18, but after that I started to feel every one of my 62 years. What got me through those last few miles was undoubtedly the banter and the 'craic' of running with the best that Dublin could offer. At the 22 mile mark, we suddenly noticed a very fit and fresh looking runner walking in the opposite direction wearing his finishers medal. This was not wasted on the assembled multitude of panting runners contemplating the long 6



miles ahead. Sure enough a breathless voice rang out, "Ah now - that's just f****in' cruel". The banter, along with the genuine kindness of all those along the route offering us sweets, cakes and biscuits kept us all going to the end. I dragged myself across the line 5 hours and 34 minutes after starting and rewarded myself with that anticipated Guinness and a vow to never do it again!

Tom Crotty

Tributes

Ricardo Bellis Ferreira

Those who knew Rick will know that he was a wonderful, joyous soul who was warm and friendly to everyone he met. He was a very kind man, who cared for others and loved his family fiercely, especially his wife Emma and his young children Henry and Emilia. He had been very poorly in the last year, and he was extremely brave until the very end.

He had a larger than life character with a generosity of spirit that knew no bounds. Music ran through his soul and he lived for good food, cooking it, watching TV shows about it, but mainly eating it. He liked a hearty political debate. He could speak 5 languages and was extremely intelligent.

He was born in Northern Portugal to his mum Benilde and his dad Jose in 1971, in a small village called Sarrazola, just outside Aveiro, (known as the Portuguese Venice because of its beautiful canals). He would always hold Portugal close to his heart throughout his life, and after moving to the UK when he was 4, he would continue to return back to Portugal to see his family up north and in Lisbon.

He moved to London aged 4 to be with his mum and dad. He initially found it hard to adjust, but quickly adopted a cheeky cockney accent and the ability to talk allot and run, fast. Growing up, he lived in some of London's great houses as his mum worked as a housekeeper for the great and good of London society.

He went straight to work from school and later, he went back to university as a mature student at Brunel University in High

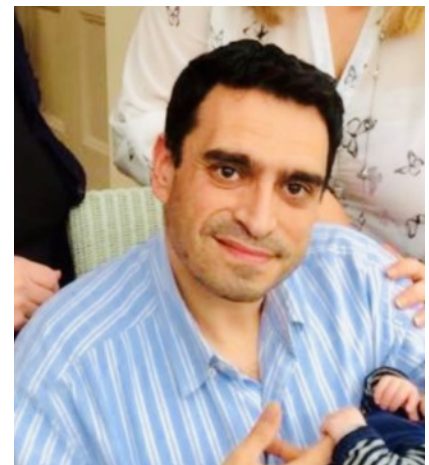
Wycombe, where he came out with a degree in psychology and sociology.

After that he worked in central London, where he met Emma in 1999 where she was working at the time and they

quickly became inseparable. They were very happy together and almost 20 years later they had rarely spent a day apart. After a few years living in London, they moved up here to Cheshire, where Emma was from. They got married in Bunbury and soon after moved to their home in Tarporley. They both had success in business, even working in 2 companies together. Firstly, at Capital Incentives and later at Marketing Cheshire where they were both senior managers.

They were both absolutely delighted when their beautiful children Henry, 3 and Emilia, 1 came along. Emma and the children will make sure that Ricks memory is kept alive forever and think about him every day.

Rick was a popular man, and well known in the village. Emma is collating fond memories, tributes and photos of Rick together to put into a book for the children when they're older. If you knew Rick and would like to contribute, please send your memories to ricardosmemory@gmail.com



Ann Formstone

Ann, a farmer's daughter, was born in Huxley and had four siblings. After attending Huxley Primary School Ann went on to school in Chester. After school she joined the family to work on the farm. Ann met Derek through her brother Charlie. At the time Derek was a commercial van salesman and he would pick everyone up at the end of a good night out. They met and the rest as they say is history. They were married in 1960 at St Albans Church, Tattenhall and lived at Spurstow and it was here that Mandy was born. After moving to Churton a son, David, was born a few years later. Family was hugely important to Ann and in later life her grandchildren gave her much pleasure. The family moved to Bunbury in 1973 when Derek took over the garage. Family life was very busy as Ann worked alongside Derek to build up the business as well as doing the school run. They made a great team. Ann was the quiet rock behind Derek and gave him his confidence, as well as a daily supply of milky coffee and toast with marmalade. Ann and Derek knew how to party and had many great nights with friends. They would be disappointed if party guests left before 6am. Ann had many wonderful sayings, some memorable ones were: "You don't breed tame rabbits out of wild ones" or "What's in the roots comes out of the branches." In later life Ann had several serious health issues and in the last year only spent seven weeks at home. Throughout her 82 years Ann lived a life in which she gave so much love and inspired so much love in others.

William Frank Stockton "Frank"

Frank was born in 1955, a twin to his beloved sister Susan. He lived at Calveley Hall Cottages and had a happy childhood, which he shared with not only his three siblings, but also his cousin Philip who lived next door. There were many escapades during these early days, including the time he and Philip scaled the rock face of Beeston Castle much to the horror of a group of archaeologists. Frank frequently had broken bones, whether it be an arm, finger or thumb. After school Frank worked at Marley Tiles, Delamere before moving to Boweys, RHM at Middlewich and then for the last few years to Ringway Jacobs. Frank was always busy working; he loved to earn extra money for his weekend spends. Frank was a good friend to many and it was through his group of friends that he met his future wife, Sue. They married at St Jude's Church in 1974 and lived at Beeston Brook before moving to Hilbre Bank, Alpraham in 1996. Frank was a wonderful father to Adam, Liam & Maria and in later life thoroughly enjoyed his role as grandad. Frank was a true countryman, loving to spend his free time following country pursuits. Passionate about outdoor sports, many learnt from his father, Frank spent many happy hours trout fishing and shooting. He was a member of British Association for Shooting and Conservation and enjoyed visiting Game Fairs. To round off a day's shooting or fishing Frank loved to go down to the Tollemarche for a pint of John Smith's bitter. Frank was a good, loyal friend and he is greatly missed by all his family and friends.

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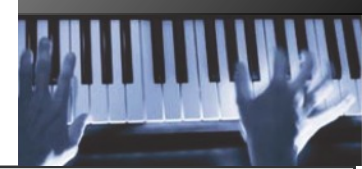
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