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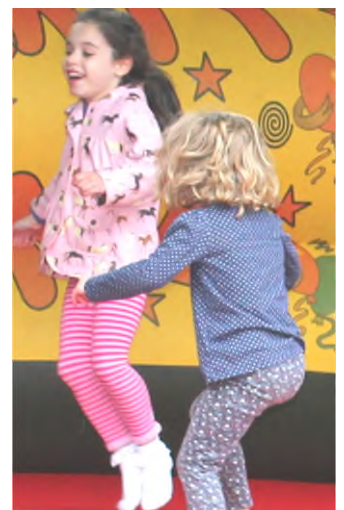
*God is not 'out there' but inside each of us*

*Richard Rohr*

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## Community news

Congratulations to **Eileen Wood** on her  
90<sup>th</sup> birthday on 2 May.



All were delighted to welcome **Murphy the Donkey** during Palm Sunday celebrations at St Boniface.

**Win Bond** would like to thank everyone who attended the **charity line dance weekend** in Llandudno. All had lots of fun, and with the "Slappers & Gangsters" theme enjoyed the dressing up as well as dancing. The total raised for Leighton Hospital Prostate Cancer Support Group was a fantastic £1,815.

**The Parish Council** recently discussed serious speeding problems and traffic cameras are to be used in the village.

**Bunbury WI** will have a talk on "**A Woman in Black – police officer to undertaker**" on 14 April.

**The Christian Aid Coffee morning and Bring and Buy** will be held on Monday 18 April at 1 Manor Cottages School Lane Bunbury, 10.30am-12.30pm. Please come along with your items for the Bring and Buy table.

**Bunbury Gardening Club** will have a Talk on "Clemley House – Gardening for wildlife" by Sue Makin on Tuesday 19 April at 8pm in the back room of The Village Hall, Bunbury. New members are welcome.

**Margaret and Mike Bourne** will open their garden at Long Acre, Wyche Lane, Bunbury CW6 9PS under the **National Gardens Scheme** on Sunday 24 April 2-5pm. Tea and cakes and plant stall. Admission £4 for adults, children free. Charities supported include **Marie Curie, Macmillan Cancer Support, Hospice UK** and **Carers Trust**.

**The Bunbury Annual Parochial Church Meeting and Vestry Meeting** will be held on **Sunday 24 April** after the 10.30am service.

**St Jude's Flower Festival, 'Celebration', 23-24 April** - see ad on p10 for details.

**A Tea Party** in celebration of the **Queen's 90th Birthday** will be held from 4-6pm in the **Village Hall** on **Saturday 23 April**. This is **free of charge** and has been organised by the Parish Council. All costs are sponsored by shops, pubs and local people. Everyone is welcome – admission by ticket only. Tickets are available from Burrows Butchers. A special invitation has been sent out to parishioners over 90 years of age. Revd Tim Hayward will toast Her Majesty's health.

**Bunbury Church Fête** will be on **Monday 2 May** on the theme of **A Right Royal Garden Party**. Last year's fête was a hugely enjoyable success and this year's promises to be equally good. If you have any **books for the book stall at the fête**, please leave them in church, labelled 'Fête' or with Jane Overy at Lower Hall or contact Jane on 01829 260294 and she will collect them. Many thanks.

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

**Bunbury Village Day** will be on **Saturday 25 June**.

There will be a Deanery service at Malpas on 3 July to commemorate the **Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday**.

On 17 July there will be a **Service of Confirmation in St Boniface church**.

**Children's Society boxes** will be collected in April.

**The copy deadline for the May edition of the Link is: Friday 15 April. The magazine should be in church: Friday 29 April.**

## Our prayers for April

We pray for all who are ill, especially **Ernest Croley** and for the continued recovery of **Walter Davies** and **John Elsworth**.

We also pray for all who are mourning a loved one, especially the families of **Peter Wynne, Geoff and Colin Wilson, David Townshend, David Mulligan, Peggy Watson, John Farey, Lyn Williams** and **Beryl Reid**.



## Bunbury Neighbourhood Plan



Neighbourhood plan group members Jo Mundell, Tony Greco, Ron Pulford, Lucy Munro and Andrew Thomson

The Referendum held on 10 March with a massive majority in favour of the Plan, writes **Ron Pulford**, Chairman of Bunbury Parish Council.

446 voted YES and 17 voted NO, on a turnout of 43.76%. This represents a majority of 96%. The turnout was higher than the national average of 37.9% and the majority is higher than the national average of 88%.

The Parish Council and the Neighbourhood Plan Group want to say a huge thank you to the people of Bunbury, for their support during the construction of the plan and at the Referendum. Several Councillors and members of the group went to the count and the result was greeted with a noisy response.

The Plan will now be formally adopted by the local planning authority (Cheshire East Council) as part of their Development Plan and the plan will be 'made' (brought into legal force). Planning applications will still be determined by the local planning authority in the normal way but must now take into account the policies in our Neighbourhood Plan. The Parish Council will also use the Neighbourhood Plan policies when they are considering planning applications.

The Parish Council will monitor the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan and how its policies are applied to planning applications. This will help to ensure that momentum is not lost, and that the aspirations of the community are met. They will also decide when to formally review the plan in order to keep it up to date and relevant.

TIM HAYWARD

Your Vicar



The power of love.  
Resurrection power.

Jesus was standing in front of the temple in Jerusalem - the massive gleaming brick and stone and gold house of God - and he says, 'Destroy this temple and I'll rebuild it in three days!'

The people listening to him said, 'How are you going to do that? It took 46 years to build this temple!' But Jesus wasn't talking about the temple, he was talking about himself. He essentially said, 'Listen, I'm going to be killed, that's where this is headed, because you don't confront corrupt systems of power without paying for it. And I'm willing to pay with my blood, I'm willing to be put to death, to put things right!'

Now if you had witnessed this divine life extinguished on a cross, how would you not be overwhelmed with despair?

Is this world ultimately a cold, hard, dead place? Is this world truly, honestly, actually dark and so whatever light we do see, whatever good we do stumble upon - are those just blips on the radar? It's easy to be cynical. But does death really have the last word?

Easter is not about denying death, and the resurrection doesn't make Christ's death on the cross unreal. Death is exactly what the artists and scientists say: it is a full stop to human growth and response, it is night falling on everything we value or understand or hope for. The fear of death is only natural, and so is grief at the death of another. As we celebrate Easter we mustn't attempt to trivialize it or avoid it or deny its seriousness. When we look at death, we look at something that can destroy anything in our universe...

## The power of love

But not God, its maker and redeemer!  
Easter is about God overcoming death.

The resurrection is not about how Jesus survived death or how the spirit of Jesus outlived his mortal body; it is about Christ dying, going down into the deepest darkness and the dissolving of all things, but then being called again out of that nothingness. Resurrection announces that God has not given up on the world, because this world matters - this world that we call home - dirt and blood and sweat and skin and light and water.

Fear and despair, greed and violence, they are not right, and they cannot last, because they belong to death and death does not belong.

Resurrection says that what we do with our lives matters! In this body - the one that we inhabit right now - every act of compassion matters; every work of art that celebrates the good and the true matters; every fair and honest act of business and trade; every kind word; every ounce of forgiveness - they all belong and they will all go on in God's good world - nothing will be forgotten, nothing will be wasted, it all has its place.

Jesus invites us to trust in resurrection and the power of love. Every glimmer of good, every hint of hope, every impulse that elevates the soul - is a sign, a taste, a glimpse of how things actually are, and how things will ultimately be. Resurrection affirms this life and the next as a seamless reality - embraced, graced and saved by God.

### TIVERTON METHODIST CHAPEL

#### ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

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SOLOIST: ROY CRAVEN

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## Eric Wallington Reader Emeritus **The Good Shepherd**

I suppose that Psalm 23 is just about everybody's favourite. David, the shepherd boy, who would become king of Israel, clearly wrote it from his own experience. Facing the problem of keeping a nation together, David had come to see that travelling in the right direction wasn't all that different from his own task in shepherding a flock of sheep. And it would seem that his work as a shepherd led him to this realisation that God cares for the king in the same way that the king cares for the nation. So, King David says that God will defend us just as a shepherd cares for the flock. On the treacherous limestone hills of Judea, for a sheep or a shepherd to slip on the loose rocks could well lead to death. To be attacked by marauding bands of sheep-stealers would certainly put a shepherd's life at risk. David, the shepherd boy and David, the king, clearly knew what the

fear of death was like. But just as clearly, he was convinced that God was always with him and cared for him day and night. So when Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd", he was claiming to be the Son of David and the rightful king of Israel. But he was also claiming to be the Son of God. So Jesus seeks to be our shepherd, our guide, our companion, our defender, our provider. He goes in front of us showing us how to live our daily lives and he gently prods us to live as he would have us live.



## Church diary for April

Sunday 3 April	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Communion 10.30am Family Worship 11.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface St Jude's St Boniface Calveley
Wednesday 6 April	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Sunday 10 April	9.30am Holy Communion 10.30am Family Communion	St Jude's St Boniface
Wednesday 13 April	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Sunday 17 April	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 20 April	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Sunday 24 April	10.30am Family Communion 6.00pm Choral Evensong	St Boniface St Jude's
Wednesday 27 April	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
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



## Pat Edgley Ellis Reader **As time goes by**

We have just "lost" an hour with the clocks advancing to keep pace with daylight as the earth spins.

Time rules our very existence.

Ecclesiastes "the Teacher" warns "There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under the sun.

A time to be born and a time to die;  
A time to mourn and a time to dance."

Time is fickle.

After a sound night's sleep, seven hours can pass in a twinkling, but, restless in the early hours, time creeps from hour to hour.

We know the agony of waiting motionless in standing traffic while our appointment time rushes ever nearer and we are late.

In frantic busyness, we never seem to catch up, but how heavy time hangs when we have nothing to do.

God of all time,

God beyond and behind time,  
May we know what is too late  
And what is too soon.

Lord, teach us to value time  
And always remember that it is not ours.

You give us twenty four hours in a day;  
Help us to use our time wisely,  
To know what you want us to do  
And when you want us to stop and rest in you.

You who are with us at our beginning and ending,  
Be with us now.

Let us know that we are in your hands at all times,  
So that we may be guided to walk in your ways  
All the days of our life.



## Bunbury Mill reopens

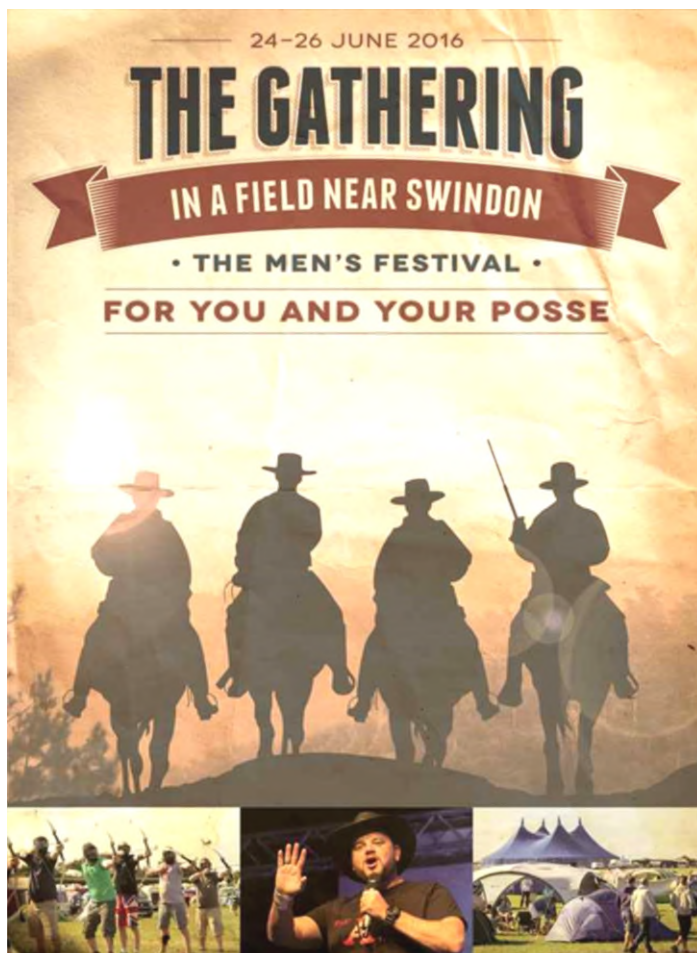


The volunteer team has been busy through the winter preparing the mill for the 2016 season, starting Easter Sunday, 27 March.

Seals on the sluice have been repaired to reduce water wastage, the top timber of the main mill sluice gate has been repaired, worn and broken wooden teeth in the mill's gearing have been replaced, the millstones have been stripped and thoroughly cleaned.

They have not been completely closed to visitors either, hosting groups of primary school children and college bakery students.

Do come and see the Mill, open every Sunday and Bank Holiday 1pm-5pm until the end of October!



**Calling all fellas. Fancy a weekend away from it all? Great worship, great friendship, entertainment, sports, classic cars, beer tent and more?**

We are organising a trip to the Christian Vision for Men's Gathering in June. This is 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 need a few more. If you would like to come, please contact **Neil Dewson-Smyth** at [ends@me.com](mailto:ends@me.com).

## Thanks to Alyson Hanlon from YC's Panto



Young Christians Pantomime without Alyson Hanlon, for me, is a bit like cheese without crackers, writes **Wendy Slack**.

During my time, Alyson (pictured left), choreographer for the pantomime, not only devised all the dance

routines from opening to closing chorus, but also acted as hair stylist, runner, adviser and much, much more. If we couldn't locate something for a costume Alyson would usually find it among her vast wardrobe collection!

On many occasions she was asked to come up with some dance routine for something which was added at the last

minute and after putting her head in her hands and uttering the words "Oh, Wendy" would turn up next time with the problem solved! Alyson showed great patience with the children over the years (around 20 in total), and the Young Christians always looked forward to when dance rehearsals would start, often asking, "When is Mrs Hanlon coming?"

One of my least worries for Pantomime was the dance routines as I could leave everything in Alyson's capable hands and, believe me, there is no greater accolade than that!

I know Alyson will be very much missed - especially for her knowledge and experience - however I'm sure she would want to wish the YCs and their leaders every success for this year.

For myself I feel privileged to have worked with Alyson over the years and regard her not only a great choreographer and all round good sport, but more importantly as a friend.



# Give us Two Minutes... Peter Collinge



I was born in Rochdale, July 1940 and regard myself as a Lancastrian despite the shifts in political boundaries. Dad was the wool buyer for Robert Schofield and Mum a secretary in a firm of local solicitors. Being wartime Dad having a reserved occupation had to join the National Fire Service; the most remarkable thing about his

service was that he was never called out to a fire domestic or otherwise all through the war. Holidays were taken in Cleveleys or the Isle of Man, where there was no rationing during the war. School followed a normal pattern: passing the 11+ got me to Rochdale Grammar and after six years enough O-Levels to join as an Electronics apprentice with the Royal Radar Establishment in Malvern which in turn, after five most enjoyable years, gave me graduate membership of a professional institution. Thus armed I joined Marconi Radar Systems in Great Baddow Chelmsford in September 1962. In 1965 whilst helping to run a house party for the youth of St Mary's Balderstone in Dolgellau, I met a very attractive girl called Kath. Being fairly slow on the uptake it took until 1968 to marry and settle down in West

Bergholt, where our two daughters Emma and Jayne were born. Full membership of the institution followed and gave me chartered status. Government Defence policies encouraged me to find employment elsewhere and I ended up working for the area electricity boards in Capenhurst in 1980 and eventually ending up living here in Bunbury in 1982.

**If you had a motto, what would it be?**

My old school motto. Aude et Prevalebis; Dare and you will prevail

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

Tom Farrell and Ted Sampson - both post war 400m runners (both now clergy and still alive!)

**What would you call your autobiography?**

Who me?

**What was your first job?**

Stand-in delivery boy

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

In my youth I returned even time over 100 and 220 yds. (e.g. 10 and 22 secs respectively)

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

To continue to enjoy my retirement with Kath.

**What is your favourite place and why?**

Anywhere with hills and fast clear water- the environment I enjoy.

**How would you spend your ideal weekend?**

Anywhere with all the family.

## Sharing in Women's World Day of Prayer



On Friday 4 March, World Women's Day of Prayer was celebrated throughout the world, with everyone praying for the people of Cuba and reflecting on the theme "Receive children, receive me". It is wonderful to be part of that global community of God's people.

It was a truly special day here in Bunbury, with the generations coming together from the smallest babe in arms to the most experienced, plus a few gents, from

all variety of churches.

It was snowing outside but people soon found themselves immersed in the warmth of Cuban culture inside St Boniface church. The Welcome Café served drinks and Cuban cakes before the service. Rev Denise Harding (of Bunbury Methodist Church) led the service and gave a moving talk about affirming children, which the young - and not so young - mums present found uplifting. We were very fortunate to have three Y6 girls from Bunbury Aldersey Primary School take part in the service as readers (who read beautifully) and a group of four women who provided wonderful music to accompany the service.

About 50 people attended the service and 36 attended the lunch afterwards, which consisted of seven different soups, bread, cheese and a wide selection of desserts. We all left feeling warmed in body and in spirit.



# Bunbury Royal British Legion dance 2016



On Valentine's Night, Wychcraft came to the Village Hall to give everyone at the Bunbury Royal British Legion's annual dinner dance some great music to help them dance the night away. Roger and Meg Fairweather, with all their helpers, especially Mary Spooner, made the hall look fantastic and the tombola sold out in no time, with a long queue forming for goodies.

Can I please thank many local businesses and members for making our raffle prizes so sought after, including Tilly's, The Salon, Dennis & Joan Burrows, the Dysart Arms, Beeston Animal Health and many more. I must also thank Dave Ellis and his able under-barman, Roger Morris, who volunteered to stand behind the bar and keep the dancers lubricated. Also to acknowledge the help and generosity of Henry at the Nag's Head, Bunbury, in helping to set up the bar and make a fantastic donation of a barrel of beer.

Bunbury's RBL President, Mike Rogers gave us an informative and amusing "state of the union" address, recognising Gill Jones for yet again being the most successful door to door collector for the 2015 Poppy Appeal, me as Poppy Appeal Organiser and our new standard bearer, Andy Lawrence, the Blackford and Fairweather families, plus others too numerous to mention.

As usual, it was great fun and funds raised will be used wisely in the charitable works that Bunbury RBL does in our area, so thanks to all of you who supported us, revellers or not.



*...and when it comes to 'the peace' I want all those who want to stay in Europe to shake hands with all those who want to leave...*

## Amber completes Bereavement Care training



**I have just completed the Bereavement Care Module, the penultimate module of my training, writes Pastoral Worker trainee Amber Middlemiss.**

It has been possibly the most challenging, not least because the nine of us Pastoral Worker trainees were joined by 14 'independent learners' from across the Chester Diocese;

evidently bereavement is an issue which many people want to learn more about. Whilst looking at models of the grieving process, including 'stages of grief', 'tasks of mourning' and 'complicated grief', we were also encouraged to consider our own experiences of significant loss and how they affect us personally. The module was expertly led by Rev Peter Mackriell, who is vicar of Kelsall as well as being a trained counsellor and Director of Studies for Pastoral Workers, and he kept reminding us to care for ourselves

whilst doing this kind of work, because it can be so emotionally demanding. Jacqueline Wilson, the independent funeral director from Clotton, kindly came to speak to us about the practicalities of what to do when someone dies, and of arranging funerals.

We also considered what elements of Christian belief and teaching make a church funeral different from a secular one:- essentially I would say that it is the assurance that although death is final, God is loving and merciful and there will be a resurrection for all; the liturgy and prayers of the service reflect this whilst also emphasising the role of the community in supporting the bereaved. Some people from other churches came and shared their experiences of setting up bereavement care teams to do just this.

I have brought back many ideas and I hope that our fledgeling Pastoral Visiting Team will be able to incorporate some of them and offer good support to those who are bereaved and grieving in our community. To contact the Pastoral Visiting Team, or for information about the 'Friday at Tilly's' weekly social group, please phone me on 261437 or email me at [bunburypastoralteam@gmail.com](mailto:bunburypastoralteam@gmail.com).



# The Lord's Prayer Experience

The Lord's Prayer has been the focus of a multi-sensory worship experience at St Boniface. Building upon the work with Bunbury Primary School, and the success of the Fruits of the Spirit and Easter Experience projects, a similar experience has been created for Holy Week this year.

The Lord's Prayer is all about relationships - it is a 'together' prayer: 'Our father... give us...'. Adults and children, new Christians and old, Christians from all traditions, can all pray this prayer together with faith and hope and love.



## Station 1 - Our Father We are all children of God

Children from school and church were invited to bring family photos to hang on our family tree. We reflected that we are all children of God, we are all precious, and we must look after and care for each other. No matter who we are, even if we look different, or talk differently, or believe different things. We recorded and listened to the Lord's Prayer in several different languages.

## Station 2 - who art in heaven At home with God

Children from school and church were invited to bring photos of loved ones who have sadly died and hang them onto fairy lights in the chancel. They also made a home out of clay and put a tea light inside. We reflected that God does not live on his own, but with all our precious loved ones, and they are safe and sound with him - in a happy, holy place filled with love.



## Station 3 - hallowed be thy name We stand on holy ground

We sat round a camp fire outside church and listened to the story of Moses - one of God's very first friends. We heard about the burning bush and learnt about God's holy name. The story of Moses teaches us two things: the ground he farmed and lived and loved was holy; but also God is holy, and so are we because we are made in God's image - we are special too. So we celebrated this by toasting marshmallows around the camp fire.





## Station 4 - they kingdom come How will you make your mark?

We built a prayer labyrinth and the children and young people were invited to take off their shoes, put their feet in shiny metallic paint, and as they walked the labyrinth, think about how they would leave their mark on this earth. What are the good things in life they want to be and do? At the end of the labyrinth they washed each other's feet and thought about how Jesus washed his disciples feet and modelled a life of love and service.



## Station 5 - give us this day our daily bread What really matters

With a huge suitcase overflowing with goodies and things for a holiday, the children and young people were told they could only take four things, so had to prioritise, to think about what they really needed. A freshly baked bread roll encouraged them to savour the simple things in life.



## Station 6 - forgiveness Love your neighbour as yourself

We built a beautiful hill in front of the altar with a simple cross on top, and reflected about how important it is to forgive and to love each other and ourselves - even the dark sides, the sides that cause hurt and upset. Decorated crosses created a multi-coloured hill, inspired by the love and forgiveness that Jesus has shown us.



## Station 7 - lead us not into temptation Clothe yourself with God's armour, goodness and love

We thought of things we find tempting, and how some are good and that's ok, but that you can have too much of a good thing, or it might not be right for you at that precise time. We thought about how to learn the self-control to say no, and how God might give us the strength and courage we need. We put on God's armour - his belt of truth, his breastplate of righteousness, his helmet of love - all the good things that will help us walk in the right way, and we made a cairn out of stones, remembering God's promises - he will always be with us.

## Station 8 - thine is the kingdom the power and the glory

We thought about how God's power is different to how we might think. His strength is shown in weakness, in the small things. Jesus turned the world upside down and encouraged us to do the same. Each child was given a crown to wear and think what king or queen they might like to be - and how the kingdom of God is not won by overpowering others, but through humility and love.



# St Jude's Flower, Art and Craft Festival

23-24 April

10am - 4pm

## 'Celebration'

**Celebrating the 90th birthday of  
Her Majesty the Queen**

Concert by The Grove Singers Saturday 7.30pm, tickets £6

Choral Evensong Sunday 6pm

Calveley School Painting Competition display

Street Party refreshments in the hall

The organising team is looking for ladies or gentlemen  
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01829 730225 or email [jennifer-brooks@btconnect.com](mailto:jennifer-brooks@btconnect.com)  
for more details.



## David Mulligan - keen sportsman, perfect granddad



David's life started 75 years ago in Salford where time in school didn't seem as attractive as the football pitch. His lifelong passion for both playing and watching football was born.

Leaving school at 14 David realised he needed a skill and a

job, and with diligence and commitment he set about becoming an electrician. In his spare time his footballing talent led to an apprenticeship with Oldham Athletic, but unfortunately the difficulty travelling from Salford to Oldham meant it wasn't feasible to continue. Oldham's loss was Salford's gain. David went on to play amateur football to a very high level with Salford United. He was a Salford man through and through and proud of it.

David married Beryl and with two children, Alan & Julie, family life was very busy. Annual holidays to Torquay

were always great fun and as the children grew up David found time to teach both of them - and many of his apprentices - to learn to drive.

David worked and played to the best standard he could achieve. Always professional and committed David took pride in his work whatever the job; whether it was rewiring a petrol station or working on the house of one of his Manchester United heroes, Sir Bobby Charlton.

Leisure time for David was always busy: helping Julie and Alan with work on their first homes, which always involved a rewire, whether it needed it or not, manicuring his garden, supporting his football teams, walking the dogs and avidly reading the newspaper and books.

About four years before retirement from Cheetham's School of Music David & Beryl moved to Bunbury and settled into village life. David's competitive spirit found a new outlet when he took up bowls; he enjoyed belonging to a team once more and made many new friends.

David and Beryl, the perfect grandparents, would often have all five grandchildren at the same time and true to David's style he would make it look easy. His great sense of humour, courtesy and generosity will be sadly missed.

## Geoff Wilson - horse lover and farmer

Geoff, son of Thomas and Alice, was born at Pool Farm, Ridley in 1930, a younger brother to Joan and Colin. He had an idyllic childhood spent on the farm with his brother and sister and attended Ridley School. To aid his recovery from diphtheria his parents bought him a pony, Beauty, who started his love of horses which was later re-ignited when he met Nora, his future wife.

On leaving school he joined his father to work on the farm. Only three fields away lived Nora, a neighbour's daughter, who was often seen riding her horse across the fields. Geoff and Nora married at St Boniface in 1955.

Geoff always took great pride in his farm and worked hard to make it successful. As well as Nora's support they had great neighbours who always helped each other out. Support was desperately needed when Foot and Mouth struck Cheshire in 1967 destroying not only Geoff's herd but 90,000 cattle throughout Cheshire.

Eventually working life and his passion for farming resumed and with four children: Michael, Lesley, Rachel and Mary life was very hectic. With the children came ponies and Geoff began to share Nora's passion for horses. He enjoyed

both the point to point and hunting seasons, especially if one of his children or grandchildren were out riding.

Although the farm demanded most of their time Geoff and Nora loved to dance and were amongst the first on the dance floor given the opportunity.

Great fans of Joe Loss and his orchestra, whenever they came to Nantwich they would be there to dance the night away.

Following his retirement in the late 1990's life was still busy. In addition to trips away, helping set up the Nantwich show, a full calendar of race and hunt meetings he always found time for his family. All in all Geoff had a wonderful life: a well-respected man, a gentleman who had a good word for everyone and would do anything for anyone.



## David Townshend - well travelled army man



David was born in 1924 in Rawalpindi, where his father was an engineer on the Indian railways. With his brother Peter, he went to boarding school in England and with home leave entitled only every three years they rarely saw their parents. At school Peter became a keen and talented athlete. Playing in a cricket match against Cheltenham Ladies College left a lasting impression when an errant ball from the bowler left David unconscious and with a broken nose, but he quickly resumed his innings, to a cheer from the spectators. A career in the army followed and David was travelling the world again. Overseas postings with his wife and four children, Gemma, Helen, Chris and Richard, took them to Malaya and Germany, giving them a wonderful opportunity to experience travel and thrilling holidays. The love, kindness and support he gave to his family was never ending. He bravely decided to teach all four children to drive, his legendary patience being put to the test when Richard promptly wrote off the family car.

David was always interested in other people, their thoughts, opinions and experiences of life, rather than himself. Loyalty, courage and always putting others, especially family, first were the gift he gave to his family and those he met.

## Peter Wynne - lover of farm and family

82 years ago Peter was born in Liverpool and spent his childhood on the Wirral. Following school Peter did his National Service and for part of that time was stationed in Germany.

City life was not for Peter and after his National Service he followed his passion for the countryside and went to study at Reaseheath College. Whilst there he met Margaret and they were married at St Oswald's Worleston in 1957.

Peter and Margaret first farmed in Whitchurch but after five years moved to Castle View Farm, Ridley, their home for 54 years. Always hard working, Peter dedicated his life to farming and his family. He loved the animals especially his dairy herd. Sadly, in 1967 Peter's farm was one of first to get Foot and Mouth Disease. A difficult time but with his resilience Peter rebuilt the farm and later went into beef cattle. Peter had an excellent reputation for "picking out a good one" and would travel as far as the Borders to buy the best cattle.

Peter's socialising revolved round farming and the countryside, with market days at Beeston & Crewe, Hunt Balls and the Cheshire and Nantwich shows. He and Margaret supported their sons, Michael and Ian, at horse shows and jumping events with their ponies and horses, and later with stock car racing at Bellevue or the trotters at Prestatyn. Always at the end of a long day out there were the animals to tend to. Peter loved to share his wealth of knowledge and give advice on his life's passion: farming and the countryside. He was very generous, quick to give a hand to anyone, a good friend and neighbour to many. His life was happy, fulfilled and content and as he would say: "You've always got to do what you want to do, because you're not here long enough".

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