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Community news

We welcome **Edward Matthew Fowles**,
son of Mark and Alison, baptised on
Sunday 1 May at St Boniface.

Congratulations to **Chris Brayne** and **Zoe
Heames**, married at St Boniface on
Saturday 30 April.

Congratulations to
Bethany Shears,
who celebrates
her 21st birthday
on 8 June.

There was an
impressive 10%
return rate on the
balloons entered into the playground
fundraising **Balloon Race** on Easter
Monday. Poor weather seemed to down
many in Nottingham, Mansfield and
Ashbourne, but after some research on
Google, we have the balloon which
travelled furthest. The winner of the £50
prize was Liz Mulcahy.

Bunbury Cricket Club wishes to expand
junior membership with new players.
Whether you have played before or not,
everyone is welcome to their weekly
juniors training at 6.30pm on Thursdays.
The club is located on School Lane. If you
are aged 7-16, come and have a go -
mums and dads are welcome in the
clubhouse while you have some fun and
coaching! No equipment needed and no
membership fees for your first three
sessions - just turn up and join in. For
more information please contact Pete
Leftwick, Membership Secretary at
leftwick@liv.ac.uk or see
<http://bunbury.play-cricket.com/>

Calveley Hall Chapel Spring Fair is on
Saturday 4 June, 10.30am to 4pm, with
stalls to tempt, as well as tea and cakes .

The next meeting of **Bunbury WI** is to be
held on Thursday 9 June in Bunbury
Playing Fields Pavilion at 7.30pm. The
speaker this month is Tracy Longdon who
will be talking about 'Feng Shui'. As
always, visitors are most welcome.

Peckforton and Beeston WI are holding a
musical afternoon in aid of Tarporley
Hospital on 10 June at 2pm in Bunbury
Pavilion, with kind help from Bunbury WI.
All welcome. Tickets £5 from Caroline
Docherty 01829 260671.

The 10.30am St Boniface service on
Sunday 12 June will be a **blissing of pets
and animals**. It will be held on the cricket
field, followed by the Church v Bunbury
Cricket Club match.

There will be a **Deanery service** at
Malpas on 3 July at 11am to
commemorate the Queen's 90th
birthday.

On 17 July there will be a **Service of
Confirmation** in St Boniface Church at
10.30am.

Help needed delivering the Link - From
September, a volunteer is needed to
deliver 40 copies around the church and
Bowes Gate Road. If you can help, please
contact bunburyparishoffice@gmail.com

**Have you ever visited Tarporley's
Vintage Charity shop?** Customers say it
isn't like many others. The goods - all
donations - are high quality, sparkling
clean and beautifully displayed. But they
need your help! They desperately need
more donations of good quality
household goods: small pieces of
furniture, crockery, silver, ornaments,
pictures, glass, jewellery, tea sets,
paperbacks... anything (not clothing) that
could raise valuable funds for Tarporley
Cottage Hospital. Since its opening last
year, the shop has raised well over
£30,000: the premises are donated and
all staff are volunteers. Every penny
raised goes to the Hospital which serves
our community. They also need
customers! Please call in for a browse.
The shop is at the Bunbury end of
Tarporley High St on the right hand side,
open Tues-Fri 9am-4.30, Sat 10am-2pm.
Collection of larger items can be
arranged. Please call in at the shop or call
Lucy Munro, 01829 260487.

The **Bunbury Journal Committee** have
greatly appreciated all the kind messages
received following the final issue in
December. The Journal has always been
non-profit making but operated with a
'working surplus' and would like these
funds now to go to one or more village
organisations or projects that would
benefit significantly from a sum in the
region of £1000. If any group wishes to
request these funds then please email
the secretary, Dave Clapperton at
dave.clapperton@gmail.com outlining for
what purpose the money would be used.

After news broke that ITV has cancelled
plans for a third series of **Home Fires**, a
petition has been set up to urge them to
reconsider. If you wish to add your name,
visit: <https://www.change.org/p/itv-itv-must-recommission-homefires>





TIM HAYWARD
Your Vicar



Up, up and away!

We held an Open Tower to celebrate Ascension Day. It was wonderful seeing those who had lived here for 10, 30, even 50 years and yet never been to the top of the Church Tower. They had smiles from ear to ear, once they'd climbed back down the 80 or so steps.

A local craftsman, Phil, said he had done some stonework on the church steps about 15 years ago and told Dennis Burrows, "I don't want any money, but I'd love to go up the church tower." He said he was going to ring Dennis and say, "I've finally been paid!"

One couple were married in this church 62 years ago. Even Foxy, the chef from the Dysart, came over to climb up before his shift started. At the end of the evening a few of us retired across the road for a drink and thought how we might make it a permanent fixture - even joking about a charity abseil.

The ascension recalls Jesus going upwards into heaven. This comes from a time when people thought that heaven lay directly above earth and that reaching it meant going up.

Today it is not so easy to speak of the notion of the ascension. We now live in a world where people go 'up' every day, above the clouds - and even into space. We now know that heaven is not to be found spatially above earth. How do we talk about the ascension if, as a concept, it is almost unworkable in our day...

However, I would like to argue - the point of the ascension is not so much that Jesus has gone upwards, but that he has gone. He is absent. We acknowledge the great divine absence, which is a vital ingredient to our mission. I don't mean that God has abandoned us but that, if Jesus was still here on earth, we would probably leave him to get on with it. We might stand on the edge and make admiring noises but it would be hard for us to join in... I remember a church where they begged Beth and me to help at the Sunday school. They were desperate, so we did it. I wasn't very good at it, but that didn't matter. What mattered was that I did it. Then someone else offered. We discovered that together we made quite a good team. None of this would have happened, however, without the desperation of absence...

Jesus' absence is the vital link in God's foolhardy plan to show his love for the world. There is no one except us to do it. God waits for us to realise the need and to fill it.





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Our prayers for June

We pray for all who are ill especially **Ernest Croley, Max Dickson** and **Hazel Wilkinson**. We also pray for all who are mourning a loved one especially the families of **Betty Clauson, Tony France, Ken Butchart, Bert Davies, Kathleen Dutton, Gordon Fishwick, Betty Wright** and **John Milner** (who regularly took services at St Jude's as a Reader in the 1970s to 90s).

The copy deadline for the July edition of the Link is Friday 10 June. The magazine should be in church on Friday 24 June.



Eric Wallington

Reader Emeritus

Birds

Are you a bird-lover? Or do you essentially enjoy seeing the birds flutter around or even listening to birdsong. These days, by listening to the various nature programmes on TV we can learn a great deal about our feathered friends and recognise how fascinating they are. The Darwinists can tell us how different coloured plumage and varying patterns of behaviour occur through mutations of the genes, but that doesn't really tell us why we find them so beautiful to look at. So, I'm sure God is a bird-lover also and has filled the airy section of his creation with colour and life.

When the robin redbreast sings to me in the garden, I'm not sure whether he's thanking me for providing him with food or simply warning me off his territory! - but I think I prefer to think he somehow knows God has made him and that in his own way he's singing praises to his creator, along with the rest of the dawn chorus.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus tells us to, "Look to the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; and yet your Heavenly Father feeds them". He goes on to ask rhetorically, "Are you not more value than they?" We can certainly learn from the birds: they simply gather what they need for food and for their nesting and are satisfied, without needing to worry themselves about building up the enormous capital resources which seem to be required of us in our materialistic society.

Elsewhere, Jesus says, "Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet, not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father....So, do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows!" He suggests that God cares for each individual bird; so we should never doubt that God cares for each one of us too.

Church diary for June

Wednesday 1 June	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface	Sunday 19 June	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
Sunday 5 June	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Communion & Sunday School 10.30am Family Worship 11.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface St Jude's St Boniface Calveley	Wednesday 22 June	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Wednesday 8 June	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface	Sunday 26 June	9.30am Family Communion 10.30am Family Communion	St Jude's St Boniface
Sunday 12 June	9.30am Holy Communion 10.30am Pet Service	St Jude's Cricket Field	Wednesday 29 June	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Wednesday 15 June	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface	Sunday 3 July	8.00am Holy Communion 11.00am Deanery Service	St Boniface Malpas



Pat Edgley Ellis

Reader

A Tree of Faith

The exuberant froth of the Spring blossom has flown away on the rough wind, draping the earth with a snowy carpet, quickly dissolving to a sad brown sludge.

Now that the first beauty has faded, the real work begins.

Tiny fruits appear, leaves unfurl, roots grow deep to hidden waters below.

So it is with the Christian life.

Faith is easy in the excitement of the Easter Resurrection; the Ascension; Pentecost, the joyful outpourings of God's love in the Holy Spirit - then what?

Has God deserted us like so much spent blossom? Has he left us to get on alone?

God is ever present, in quiet times, in boring times, in desperately sad times, the bedrock of our existence.

This is the time in which his work in us is done.

Just like a tree, we have so much maturing and changing to do.

No matter what season of life we find ourselves in, his living water is waiting for us to reach out, to drink and be restored.

Dear God,

May I grow in faith like a tree in your Kingdom,

Always aware of your presence

Even in my driest times.

May I put down roots ever deeper

To reach the living waters,

So that, anchored firmly in your love

My faith may grow,

And the fruits of your Spirit may mature in me.

Bunbury-on-Sea 25.06.16: "Are We Nearly There Yet...?!"



*Join the fun at the
Great British seaside!*

SATURDAY 25TH JUNE 2016
PARADE 12PM AT THE CHURCH
GATES 12.30PM AT THE PLAYING FIELDS

ATTRACTIONS • STALLS • RAFFLE • BBQ • BAR
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Yes, we are!

The final Village Day preparations are well under way to create 'Bunbury-on-Sea' on Saturday 25 June!

With so much fun to look forward to at the seaside we'll be starting a little earlier than usual, with our parade leaving from St Boniface Church at 12pm. We'll then start on the Playing Fields at 12.30pm with the customary crowning of the Rose Queen.

On the field there'll be traditional seaside attractions such as a fairground, Punch and Judy, donkeys, crazy golf and the City of Chester brass band. Alongside these will be Extreme Sports activities, silly sports and arena displays such as a motorcycle parade by the Royal British Legion. And, with a nod to the end of Home Fires, there'll even be a cockpit with us once again....

Around 20 stallholders will be joining us, offering high quality crafts, food and drinks for sale alongside a bar, barbeque and - of course - plenty of ice cream.

So, don't worry, there's not long to wait now... we've nearly reached Bunbury-on-Sea!

The Village Day Team

The Croley Bell returns home



Ernest and Barbara Croley have very kindly presented their cherished possession 'The Croley Bell' to Bunbury Village Hall as they feel that this is where it now belongs and forms part of the history of the hall.

The bell was presented to Ernest by the then Trustees of the hall after he had put together a team of local residents to save it after it had previously been closed by Crewe and Nantwich Rural District Council on public health grounds. After much hard work on the old building by the whole team, the hall was eventually reopened in 1972 and, in appreciation of Ernest's efforts in getting the team of villagers together to save the hall for the residents of Bunbury, the Trustees presented him with this bell in recognition of the work he had done. It was aptly inscribed "The Croley Bell to be rung by a villager of Bunbury in a time of need 15 September 1972".

Ernest and Barbara recently presented the bell to the current Chairman of the Trustees Mark Burrows for which the current Trustees are very grateful, and it will now be installed in Bunbury Village Hall for all future users to see.

Give us Two Minutes... Ion (John) Chiriac



Ion is the Romanian equivalent of John (pronounced Yuon). He was born in a small village in Romania, into a hard-working family, with the common sense of the countryside. After he finished his schooling, he started training as a furrier and worker of sheepskin, which he did for four years. Ion then moved on to work for the finance department at the headquarters of a

co-operative network of village shops, later moving to work in taxation, up to his retirement. He married Joana and they had three children - two sons and a daughter. He came to Bunbury to join his daughter, Elena, 2½ years ago.

If you had a motto, what would it be?

Do at least one good thing a day.

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

Prince Charles, as I would love to chat with him about the beautiful house he has bought in Romania.

What would you call your autobiography?

Never lose hope.

What was your first job?

Working with furs and sheepskin.



What would you change about Bunbury, if you could?

It is difficult to answer, as I like everything about Bunbury and I find it inspiring.

What is the best book you have read to date?

I'm not a keen reader, however, since I came to England I have been spending 2-3 hours a day studying English.

What is your biggest regret?

I don't really have any big regrets - I thank God that my life has been protected. Collectively, as a Romanian citizen, I regret that we have not been able to keep our country safe for our children from the communist regime. It is a beautiful country with great potential.

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

To speak English fluently overnight!

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

I walked all the way to the railway track in Peckforton, with a bit of help from Elena.

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

To maintain good health and contentment.

What is your favourite place and why?

I haven't travelled very much, but my favourite place is Voroneţ monastery in Romania. It is known for its intricate designs in a special shade of blue paint.

How would you spend your ideal weekend?

As a retired person, I can go anywhere, but, for me, the highlight is going to church - not just for the praying, but equally to see the people who have been so supportive and welcoming. I love the atmosphere and the social bit.



Bunbury School considers becoming an Academy

Fiona Todd, Executive Head Teacher, updates on school plans

The academies programme is a central feature of government policy; they believe that every school should be given the opportunity to be an independent autonomous body by 2020.

Bunbury Aldersey C of E Primary School is proud of our achievements to date. We are fortunate to have the support of our community, parents, children and a dedicated staff team. We all work together with the same ultimate goal, to provide the best education for the children who attend school, to keep the school firmly rooted at the heart of the community and to work together

as a team so that going forward into the future Bunbury Aldersey School continues to provide a great educational start for all of our pupils.

The school has always valued the close relationship with Bunbury church and the community; the links between the church and school are close and strong. Our foundation governors provide an important link in this regard. We are always very happy to welcome our vicar into school for assemblies and talks, and equally as a school we enjoy the visits we make to church. Becoming an Academy would not change our relationship with the community,

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St Jude's Flower, Art and Crafts Festival



St Jude's celebrated the 90th birthday of HM the Queen over an entire weekend. In the church there were floral displays, mainly by the ladies of the parish, depicting the Queen's life, starting with her baptism, with white flowers around the font. Displays ranged from her childhood, the ATS, her wedding to Prince Philip, depicted at the altar, to her Coronation, the Commonwealth, horse racing, Chelsea Flower Show and a display for each of her children. In the church hall there was a display of paintings by Weaverham Art Society, a craft stall and 'design a crown' and 'silhouette of the Queen' competition entries from Calveley School. Refreshments were served in the hall. On Saturday evening there was a concert by the Grove Singers and there was a special Evensong on Sunday. Every member of St Jude's contributed something towards the weekend. It was a great success and raised £1,800 for church funds.



Queen's 90th tea party

Bunbury Parish Council held a free tea party, in the village hall, attended by those over 90, as well as many others. Children from Bunbury School made cards and local MP, Antoinette Sandbach, promised to send them to the Queen. The Revd Tim Hayward cut the birthday cake and everyone raised a glass to the Queen.



Beeston Castle Fête success

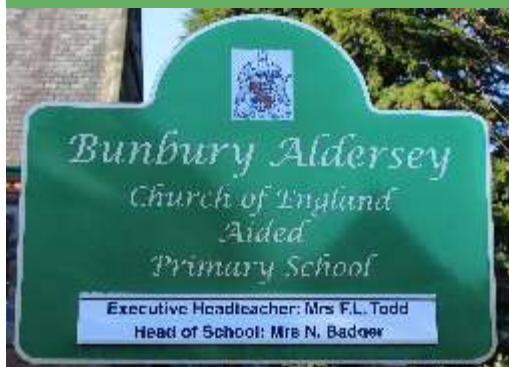
The Queen's birthday was celebrated in style at the Beeston Castle Fête. Whilst the weather wasn't as good as last year, the sun did appear and we welcomed lots of families to enjoy the day. We had plenty to amuse visitors: the Goat Racing, thanks to the Dobson family, made a unique start to the events - the Queen would have been impressed at the racing colours Lucy Munro had made and surely would have placed a bet or two

with Mike and Sandra Green! The Dog Show never fails to attract the crowds, and Mike Ridley, Andrew Dean and Mairi Harris entertained us in song. James Basle braved his stilts, later allowing everyone to practise his circus skills. Laser clay pigeon shooting invited families to compete against each other. Thank you to all who came and even more to those who helped. Inspired by Tim's enthusiasm, we raised over £5000.





School news (continued from p7)



Church or Diocese at all.

The school senior management team and the governing body have seriously considered the prospects of converting to an

Academy. We are united in wanting to ensure that the ethos of the school and self-governance for the school is maintained. We also want to secure the future for the school. The pace of change in education is very swift at the present time. We have seen rapid changes and we do not want to be left behind.

At Bunbury Aldersey C of E School we have taken the time to consider what is best for our children and our school. We believe that we have to respond positively to these proposed changes and have to ensure that we are not left behind. However, we must not rush into any decision and we need to take on board everyone's views. We want to keep and build on our relationships with our neighbouring schools, with the wider community and with church

and diocese. We have looked into remaining as a Federation and also into becoming an Academy.

The future is uncertain, but we believe that the change to Academy status offers the best long-term future opportunity to the school, given the current DfE agenda, economic pressures and the numbers of schools who have.

It is important to be clear that should the school convert to an academy, then the school would retain its own independence, identity and governing body. We are proud and very happy to be a Voluntary Aided Church School and we are seeking to enshrine that relationship on conversion to Academy status.

At this school, we are also proud of our close links and good working relationships with our neighbouring schools and the links between primary and secondary schools. That will also be retained.

The Academy programme offers us the opportunity to continue our programme of school improvement, to build upon our successes and to use any increased flexibility to adapt our school life to benefit the children, and indeed the wider Bunbury community. Details about what becoming an academy may mean for the school are available on the school's website; there is also information available on the Department for Education website and, additionally, we held a consultation evening on 19th May which was open to all.

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.
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4. A grant may be made to support a resident, particularly a child, in an activity deemed to be a worthy use of the charity - for example to help the recipient undertake an extracurricular educational project, to participate in a charitable project or to learn skills to assist that resident in finding work.
5. A grant may be made to support an organisation providing support within the constituent parishes, for example providing clubs/group activity for the young and the elderly, support groups for the elderly, assistance for the disabled or disadvantaged, and groups providing hospital transport, respite care and home support.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE IN WRITING ON OUR FORMAL APPLICATION FORM AND SENT TO DAVID ELLIS, IVY COTTAGE, WYCHE LANE, BUNBURY CW6 9PS PREFERABLY BY E-MAIL TO dwellis7.de@gmail.com COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO BE RETURNED BY 12.00 NOON ON MONDAY 31 OCTOBER 2016 FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE TRUSTEE MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 7 DECEMBER 2016 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/E-MAIL OR BY TELEPHONE ON 01829 261898.

Bunbury Parish Council Pursuits

At the AGM, the following Parish Councillors were re-elected on 11 May:

Cllr Ron Pulford: Chairman, Chairman Tree Warden

Cllr Nick Parker: Vice Chairman, Chairman Playing Fields

Cllr Mike Thomas: Charities

Cllr Pam Brookfield: Footpaths

Cllr Brian Dykes: Police Contact

Cllr Leila Potter: Press Secretary

Cllr Michael Jones was in attendance, but is retiring from all Cheshire East Council duties. His legal advice will be greatly missed. Due to the retirement of Jo Mundell, there will be a vacancy on the Parish Council.

The Parish Council Meeting followed, with the public speaking on various matters. Speeding and parking were discussed and three speeding monitors have been installed.

The Hill Close Planning Application has been approved, with conditions on trees and hedges, by Cheshire East Council.

The Appeal by Developers against refusal to grant permission 52 houses off Bunbury Lane will be heard on 14 June at 10am, at Alexandra Football Stadium Conference Suite, Gresty Road Crewe CW2 6EB.

Please support refusal, and be there early!

Betty Clauson - adventurous traveller



Betty was born in 1928 in Warrington where her father worked at the steel and wire works. Life was hard but Betty always spoke of the early years with great fondness and she was shaped by these very humble beginnings.

Betty, a short hand typist, worked as a secretary for an American Officer at a

local American airbase, during the war, where she had access to nylons and whisky. She met Dennis during the war, and they married in Warrington in 1946. Although they were very different people, Betty a thinker and Dennis carefree; it was a perfect match and they were happily married for 64 years. Initially they lived with family in Warrington, later moving to their own semi-detached house and it was here that Betty set up her hairdressing business. John, their only son, was born in

1956. Through all their hard work Betty and Dennis made the move from Warrington to Lymm in 1967.

Family holidays were great fun and very adventurous for the 1960s, driving in a Morris Minor van to the South of France. Later caravanning was a great love and once again they were the perfect match; Betty was the route planner and map reader with Dennis as the driver. Betty's love of travelling took on new horizons when John and Tina moved to Australia for 13 years. She and Dennis had the best of both worlds, enjoying the blazing heat and glorious sun of the Australian summer during our winter.

In 2000 they moved to Bunbury to be near John, Tina and the family. Betty and Dennis threw themselves into village life and the church. Always very practical and enjoying being busy Betty joined a host of village activities: the WI, The Royal British Legion, the Bowling Club, the Gardening Club and Bunbury Singers.

When Dennis died in 2010 it was a hard time for Betty, after 64 years together. Shortly after, she moved to Richmond House then, latterly, to St Catherine's where she received excellent care during the last years of her life.

Bert Davies - a home-loving family man

Bert was born in Bunbury 94 years ago to William and Lily. He spent his early childhood living in Peckforton being brought up with his sisters Gwen and Margaret. Bert moved back to Bunbury at the age of seven and spent the rest of his childhood and early adult life living at the then grocer's shop at the end of Wyche Lane. He was a Boy Scout and member of the church choir. During the school holidays he often cycled to his grandmother's home in Wardle.

When he left school Bert learned his trade as baker and confectioner at Wrexham Technical College to enable him to work in the family firm. When war broke out Bert joined LDV and was conscripted into the Army in 1940 where he served as a cook in the officer's mess and was stationed in The Orkneys, India and Singapore. Once demobbed he returned to the bakery trade working in his father's business. He baked bread, all manner of cakes and made and decorated the wedding cakes for most of the village girls.

Bert met Thelma when she went to work in his father's shop. They were married in Bunbury church in June 1956 and went to live in Wyche Lane. Lynda was born a year later and Nigel in 1961. Bert loved gardening, especially vegetable growing. After leaving the bakery Bert continued to work in retirement until his 81st year. He really enjoyed working at the local garage and helping at the butchers doing the Friday meat round. In later life Bert read a lot and watched a lot of sport especially football being an avid England supporter and follower of Everton FC.

Kathleen Dutton - lover of countryside and corgis



Kathleen was born on 8 January at Beeston Gate Farm, daughter to Sam and Martha and younger sister to Blanche. When she was young, the family moved to High Bank Farm, Calveley, which remained Kathleen's home until 2011. She left school at 14 and worked with her parents helping to run the home and farm.

After their parents died, the sisters continued to look after the farm. Although the land was rented out there was always plenty to do. They would be mending fences, cleaning out ditches or cutting hedges.

Kathleen loved her garden, especially, her vegetable plot; having been brought up with a hard work ethic she kept the house and garden immaculate. Following the death of Blanche, her sister, the idea of moving to a smaller house wouldn't be entertained and even in her 80s Kathleen would be out cutting the hedges and weeding the drive.

A huge follower of the royal family, in particular the Queen Mother, she shared a passion with them for corgis, owning several in her lifetime. A lover of the countryside, Kathleen enjoyed going with friends to the Cheshire Hunt meets. Kathleen worshipped at both Calveley Hall Chapel and St Boniface; supporting the church even involved a charity tandem ride with Canon Bowers, photographs of which she treasured.

Kathleen was blessed with good friends and neighbours, who enabled her to stay at the farm until 2011 when, after a fall, she moved to Iddenshall Hall. She settled in well, although some things didn't change: she insisted on Yorkshire tea and Chatwins bread. Celebrating her 90th birthday in January in true tradition she didn't want any fuss - Kathleen didn't do birthdays. Sadly she suffered a stroke and she didn't see the Queen celebrate her 90th birthday, something Kathleen would have enjoyed.

Anthony (Tony) France

Tony was born on 13 May 1934, and had two brothers, Peter & Tom. Tony loved making things, especially with wood. He was very talented, carpentry was in the family and at first he worked with his father in Beeston.

Throughout his working life Tony had many jobs, always looking for a change and a new challenge. He was a policeman and more recently warden of a housing estate.

Tony was married to Margaret for over 40 years and then in December 2000 he married Gena.

Tony had a love of nature and animals. He loved the birds and part of his daily routine every morning was to make a round of toast, with butter and jam, especially for them. His dogs, Tinker, his beloved Westie and Keeno, the Boxer were an important part of his life.

Happy family holidays and trips were taken in Cornwall, on canal boats or, more locally, visiting Mow Cop - Tony's favourite place.

Tony will be remembered as a determined, independent man but one with a heart of gold who would help anyone.

John Farey - teacher and community helper

John was born in Northampton, (Boot Town as he affectionately called it) in 1932, the third child to Albert and Amelia and brother to Betty, Joy and later Tine, Bob and Margaret. His duties as an older brother were taken seriously, ensuring his sisters got to school on time and in later years meeting them from the late night rain after an evening out in London.

John's National Service was spent in the RAF with 617 Squadron, The Dambusters. These years were a formative and significant period in his life. Later, he became a devoted member of the Bunbury British Legion.

John trained to be a teacher in Chester and it was here in 1955 he met Ruth. A rugby injury resulted in him going to the casualty ward of Chester Royal Infirmary where Ruth was completing her training. They were married in 1957.

John began his career as a maths teacher in Northampton, working in some challenging schools. His kindness, empathy and consideration of others earned the respect of pupils and fellow teachers. Throughout his professional life as a teacher and deputy head he was admired and held in great affection by staff and pupils.

Despite a busy family life with four children Jonathan, Christopher, Catherine & Margaret, John threw himself into village life, both in Spurstow and Bunbury, when they moved to Cheshire in 1968. As well as involvement with the British Legion, John was Clerk for the Parish Council and an enthusiastic volunteer on local farms. He coached generations of children through various significant exams and refereed rugby games at Nantwich. John was a magistrate for 23 years, where his intelligence and humanity were undoubtedly needed. Family life was always a big part of his life and John loved dearly his eight grandchildren and followed their progress with a keen interest.

John had a deep regard for the English language and a love of literature, history and music, especially Elgar. As Alzheimer's took its toll he found solace in his love of language, reciting poems he had learnt at school. John was an intelligent, kind, funny and decent man and in his latter years bore his illness with courage and humour.

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