



# Link

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*So when your eulogy is being read, with your life's actions to rehash, would you be proud of the things they say about how you lived your dash?*

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## Folk night fundraiser



### £430 raised towards the cost of exterior defibrillator

Folks walking past Tilly's on Friday 10 May may have been surprised by the volume of lusty singing emanating from inside, where an evening of Scottish and Irish songs (**Folk 'n' Stew**—be careful how you say that!) was being hosted by Kevin and his wonderful staff. John McDonald and Peter Styles provided the music.

This 'singalong' was in aid of funding an externally located defibrillator. Despite a few minor technical hitches (including Peter breaking the cable by standing on it) the evening went down very well and there was little need to persuade the assembled 50+ folks to sing and join in. Judy Grey excelled on the tambourine and is now set for a second career with a major rock band! Beer and wine was consumed (not unusual in Bunbury), jollifications were had and an excellent Irish Stew was scoffed. We would like to thank Kevin and team for helping make this a memorable evening, which might be repeated with a different theme before too long.

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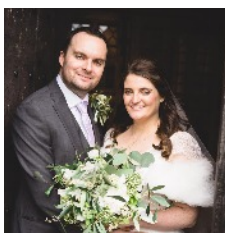
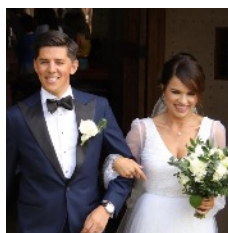
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# Community news

Congratulations to **Arbiona Palushi** and **Ben Cadman** (below left), married on 22 April, and to **Deborah O'Neill** and **Tim Moran** (below right), married on 27 April.



Congratulations also to **Stuart Wheeldon** and **Sarah Milling** (above left), married on 11 May, **Andy Jones** and **Natalie Parker** (above right), married on 11 May and **David Edgar** and **Heather Caputo** married on 16 May.

Congratulations to Bunbury Guides, **Becky Edwards** and **Emily Pape**, winners of **Senior Plus Trophy**, first for the



Cheshire Forest Guide division and then Scout and Guide teams in that section across Cheshire. They walked 58km over two days, carrying

all their kit and food for an overnight camp. Since winning the overall Intermediate section trophy in 2015, they have competed every year. Too old to compete next year, they hope to volunteer at one of the base camps.

Well done to **Morgan Gillett** and **Warrington Wolves**, winners of the Handball National Cup.



Thank you to all those who collected envelopes and who donated so generously for **Christian Aid Week**. In next month's Link we will announce the total raised. If no one knocked on your door, there is no collector in your street; we would be very grateful for more volunteers next year. It's sociable and for a good cause.

Thanks to all enjoying the **£5 lunch at the Nag's Head** followed by **social afternoon** 1.30-3pm with games such as Scrabble, UNO, knockout Whist, Maltese dominoes, Rummikub. If you need a lift or can help with transport, ring Elaine Crotty on 01829 260648 or 07860 128427.

Jane Francis is holding **Textile Classes** at Bunbury Village Hall twice a month on Tuesdays. Learn creative textile techniques with a qualified teacher, e.g. felt making, machine embroidery and printmaking. Email: [myrosiedog2020@gmail.com](mailto:myrosiedog2020@gmail.com)

**New: Monthly Sunday lunch at The Nag's Head**, Bunbury for £6 at 12.30pm starting Sunday 30 June, thereafter every last Sunday of the month. Henry will offer a roast dinner or a veggie option for £6.

The next meeting of **Bunbury Gardening Club** will be a visit to Mayfield House, Bunbury Heath on Tuesday 18 June by kind permission of Mr & Mrs J. France Hayhurst. Meet at the property at 6.30pm. Admission £5.00. Further details from Margaret Bourne 01829 260944. New members and guests are welcome but please make yourselves known to members of the Committee.

Bunbury is blessed with two beautiful gardens opening for charity under the National Garden Scheme in June. **Mr & Mrs J. France Hayhurst** will open **Mayfield House**, Bunbury Heath on Sunday 2 June 1.30-5.30pm and **Margaret & Mike Bourne** will open their garden at Long Acre, Wyche Lane CW6 9PS on Sunday 16 June 2-5pm. The latter is a plantswoman's garden of approx one acre with rare plants and trees including



## A word from the editor

Events in the last two weeks have shown the power of people working together and what can be achieved: Beeston Castle Fete for the church; the amazing fashion show for The Christie; and the folk night. Thank you to Peter Styles and John McDonald for organizing the fundraising night for the defibrillator. Many thanks to Kenneth Donald, Gill Arnold and Colin Stanyer for their help with the delivery of the Link magazines. All these events rely on the goodwill of members of our communities.

### Community news (continued)...

Kentucky Coffee Tree, Scadiopitys and Kalapanax picta. Tea and cakes, plant stall. Admission £5 for adults, children free. In addition to Marie Curie, Macmillan Cancer



Support, Hospice UK and the Carers Trust, donations will be made to MIND and children's charities Treloar's and KIDS. Margaret Bourne adds: "In our 20th year, we would like to thank everyone

who has helped, especially providing teas & cakes, and our neighbours who have tolerated the influx of cars and visitors. Your support is greatly appreciated."

**Bunbury Playgroup** will hold a joint first aid basic awareness course with Bunbury school on 24 June 7.30pm-9.30pm in the school hall, demonstration by Mr. Rice. Open to the community, cost £10 inc. light refreshments.

**"Pilgrim in the Pub"** Thursdays: 23 May, 6, 13, 20, 27 June 7:30-9pm. All are welcome for any or all in the Nag's Head, Bunbury. The sessions are relaxed and informal - any



**TIM HAYWARD**  
Your Vicar

The bond between person and pet is like no other relationship, because the communication between fellow creatures is at its most basic. Eye-to-eye, a man and his dog, or a woman and her cat, are two creatures of love.

For single householders especially, a pet can be a true companion. Many people arrive home from work or school to find a furry friend overjoyed at their return. Many a pensioner has a lap filled with a purring feline creature.

Some people criticize the amount and cost of care given to pets. People

## All creatures great and small

are more important, they say. Care for poor people instead of poodles. And certainly our needy fellow humans should not be neglected.

However, I believe every creature is important. The love we give to a pet, and receive from a pet, can draw us more deeply into the larger circle of life, into the wonder of our common relationship to our creator God.

Come along to our Blessing of Pets and Animals service on Sunday 30 June 10.30am at the cricket club to see what all the fuss is about.

All creatures great and small are most welcome!

questions, challenges or comments are welcome from seasoned churchgoers and from people who don't go to church at all. There is no such thing as a silly question.

**Calveley Chapel foodbank donations:** a further 62kgs of foodstuffs were generously donated by the congregation in April for the Nantwich Food Bank for the Easter appeal, bringing the total to an amazing 215kgs in the past year.

The next **Bunbury WI** meeting is Thursday 13 June—see p8.

**Children's Society boxes** will be opened in June. If possible please leave your box at the Vicarage. Thank you.

**The copy deadline for the July issue of the Link is Friday 7 June. The magazine should be in church on Friday 28 June.**

## Bunbury Tennis Club Open Day



Bunbury Tennis Club welcomed over 80 members and non-members to its Open

Day. The rain stayed at bay, allowing visitors to play tennis, relax and socialise. During the day Club Coach, Allen Ward, showcased the fantastic coaching to

children and adults available through a comprehensive coaching programme. A BBQ, face painting and music added to the festivities.

The club is grateful for the support shown by volunteers and local businesses, particularly for Mrs Darlington's sponsorship of the 2019 Junior coaching programme and to volunteers, DJ Max Dixon, face painters and local hire company Event



Equipment Hire, who provided the garden furniture.

Anyone who was unable to come but is interested in joining, visit [www.bunburytennisclub.org.uk](http://www.bunburytennisclub.org.uk).

# Mark Mitchell appointed High Sheriff

*Editor Elaine Crotty, who has known new High Sheriff Mark Mitchell for many years, popped in to see him at his office in Ellesmere Port. A fascinating person with an interest in everyone (she left his office with a book on grandparenting!), he is an excellent choice for the role and will make a difference wherever he is involved.*

Mark Mitchell, a well known committed Christian and Cheshire businessman, has been appointed High Sheriff of Cheshire, a secular post dating back over 1,100 years; almost the same time since the minster of the Cathedral was founded.

The role is independent and non political. Mark becomes the 606th High Sheriff of Cheshire. He is married to Anita and the couple have two sons James and Elliot.

Mark made his Declaration of Office at Chester Cathedral in April to a packed Cathedral.

Mark says: "In no way do I underestimate the demands and challenges of the year ahead. The role will be immensely varied and eye opening.

"I intend to visit parts of my county which I have yet to see. I will continue to be encouraged by the work of more than 4,000 Cheshire charities - with folk giving of themselves.

"I consider it to be a great honour and I will be particularly pleased to offer help and support to those charities."

Mark is the owner of motor business the Mitchell Group based at Cheshire Oaks. Mark is a committed Christian and is known for the decision he made some years ago to cut ties with Mitsubishi, who had insisted he open his salesroom on Sundays. "I believe in having a work-life balance for the team," he said. "I truly think it's the most important part of what we do. Sundays should be days of rest, a time to meet with friends and family."

Mark was appointed Deputy Lieutenant of Cheshire in 2015 and since this time he has been involved in many aspects of Cheshire life. Mark is a director at Chester Cathedral and has dedicated his energies across a diverse range of the County's charities including food banks, Street pastors and CAP debt counselling



The role of High Sheriff carries a number of responsibilities, which include supporting the voluntary sector; upholding and actively supporting the Royal family; the judiciary; police; emergency services; local authorities and church and faith groups. The High Sheriff's Personal Award Certificate is a means by which recognition can be given to people who have contributed significantly to the life and well being of their local communities

In his address at the Cathedral he said: "Mindful of all the opportunities that this new role presents I shall be looking for support and direction that only God will provide me.

The High Sheriff's roll is about community; it is about all of us. As your High Sheriff on your behalf I trust that I will be able to celebrate the good, nurture new possibilities and affirm those

making a difference in people's daily lives.

This piece is taken from information given to the Link by Mark and information put out by Chester Diocese.

**Mark will be opening Bunbury Village Day.**





# From my bookshelf

## The Sixteen Trees of the Somme by Lars Mytting



I first came across Lars Mytting in 2015 as the author of the very unlikely best seller, 'Norwegian Wood: Chopping, Drying and Stacking Wood the Scandinavian Way'. This was as much a commentary on Norwegian society and the central part that wood plays in the community as it was a

'How To' book for the budding lumberjack. So when I first saw 'The Sixteen Trees of the Somme' I was fascinated to see how Mytting would turn his hand to fiction. What I didn't realise was that this was actually his third novel and I need not have worried that the purchase may be a risk, as this is a brilliant read and, without doubt the best novel I have read this year.

It tells the story of a young Norwegian, Edvard Hirifjell whose parents had died in France in mysterious circumstances when Edvard was a small child. He had been raised by his grandfather, Sverre in a small rural community in western Norway. When Sverre dies, Edvard discovers that the undertakers already have a beautiful wooden coffin made many years before by Sverre's estranged brother Einar. Edvard undertakes a voyage of discovery to uncover his family history, the mystery of his parents' deaths and the whereabouts of the mysterious Einar.

The story may have wood at its heart, but is far from wooden in its style. Edvard's journey takes him to the remotest corner of the Shetland Islands and to an encounter with Gwen Winterfinch, an aristocratic young Scot whose own history seems bound up with his. I cannot recommend this book strongly enough. Mytting's writing and Russell Garrett's lyrical translation are a delight. The plot is full of twists which I will not spoil for you. Enjoy the read.

Paige Turner

# Village set for the summer of '69



On Saturday 22 June Bunbury will celebrate 50 years of Village Day with a Summer of '69 theme. All are welcome to dig out your hippy gear for the day!

All previous Rose Queens and Kings have been invited and the day will start with a parade from the church down to the playing fields arriving around 12.30pm.

It will be a great family day out with everything from a Circus workshop to Beat the Goalie. There will be a BBQ and a licensed bar area with live music from some local rock stars!

There will be a display of photos from the last 50 years and it is not too late to submit yours (electronic or print) to [markirelandjones@gmail.com](mailto:markirelandjones@gmail.com).

We look forward to seeing you there!

# Jo McDonald rides India for

About a year ago I was drinking coffee in the kitchen with my friend Katie Mason looking at photographs of her trip to India, **writes Jo McDonald**. She had just ridden 450km around the Golden Triangle raising money for The Railway Children charity for which she works. The images were of smiling children's faces and women clad in gorgeous textiles. I was inspired. I could do something helpful in raising money for Katie's charity, give cycling a proper go and get to India to see the textiles. There were a couple of issues with my idea: I don't like heights, slopes and slides are problematic, so cycling up or down hills was going to be challenging and I really don't like flying. Ride India 2019 would give me a way to face these demons and do something for other people to boot.

Katie assured me Rajasthan is mostly flat so feeling like I was on a roll I said out loud to my husband, John that this challenge was something we could do. He looked rather shocked at my suggestion, but immediately said yes and so began a whole new adventure.

I was not really looking forward to the cycling element of the Ride India Challenge. I had not ridden a bike willingly since I was a child. Weekend bike rides when the kids were little along quiet lanes for an hour was about it. These often ended with someone crying (sometimes me) and always with me walking forlornly up and/or down any hills, having been left way behind by my more adventurous family. Moreover, I associated bikes with saddle pain, but as I'd got us into the challenge, I was just going to have to deal with it.

We started gently. My training began on holiday in Rhodes. Each gloriously warm day we cycled to Anthony Quinn Bay and back, a journey of about 22km punctuated with Coca Cola, crisps and sunning ourselves. We rode mountain bikes and all was well. I quite enjoyed it. This will be easy, I thought. When we returned John pulled my son Alex's old road bike out and suggested we go for a ride. After all of 2.5 miles, I was in the old familiar agony. We cycled about 12 miles and it was not fun. What had I signed us up for? Surely "just getting used to it" wasn't the whole answer.

As is often the way these days, Google suggested a way forward: the book *"Saddle, sore: Ride Comfortable, Ride Happy"* by Molly Hurford. 24 hours later I had a bike that fit me and had a saddle that suited my sit bones. After some final angling adjustments comfort was achieved and I had no more excuses. It really is amazing what you can do when you set yourself to it. I had volunteered us for this and could not moan or dither about it. For six months we cycled through beautiful Cheshire lanes increasing the mileage from 12 miles to about 43 miles a



session and riding out two or three times a week. I recorded my progress in a blog diary for the Railway Children website and noted thoughts, ideas and feelings inspired by the rides. To my complete surprise, I very quickly started to enjoy my training. Being outside and the exercise plus the glorious and ever-changing countryside was just making me feel happy. I knew I was getting better at it and whilst the idea of riding 50 - 60 miles a day for six consecutive days still seemed a tall order I was actually now looking forward to it.

On 22 February we flew with 20 others from all over the UK to Delhi. We started the ride as 22 strangers aged from 22 to 69 with varying cycling experience. One of our number, Anna, did not even own a bike and had only ever done spin classes.

The group had a couple of days acclimatising to India. We took a memorable, crazy cycle rickshaw convoy through the unbelievably narrow and crowded streets of Old Delhi which certainly primed us for what to expect on the roads and had a wonderful trip to the Taj Mahal.

We also spent a few hours learning about The Railway Children in action at one of its projects and also at one of the immense Railway stations. We met staff and some of the rescued children and were able to hear their stories. While we were on the station platform news came through that a child had been identified as needing help, a daily occurrence.

After the visits and with thoughts of the charity foremost in our minds, we got our bikes and the cycle ride began. It was an unforgettable eight days of amazing camaraderie and adventure. In training we had encountered little traffic and just

# The Railway Children

*A day in the life of...*

Artist and teacher, Sophie Parr

the odd obnoxious driver but generally we had the roads to ourselves. "Personal space isn't really a thing in India," our guides told us. We shared the roads with holy cattle, camels pulling carts, elephants, wild pigs in droves, dogs, pedestrians, cars, lorries and motorbikes mostly

going the right way and all of the above going the wrong way, all of the time; organised chaos on an epic scale and we just cycled through it chatting all the way.

It's amazing how quickly you get to know people when you share a common enterprise. Not only were we challenging ourselves but we were supporting each other too, sharing equipment, snacks or sun cream or anything that might be required at any time. We stayed in some amazing places and ate lots of wonderful food. Whilst we didn't see any tigers in the Ranthanbor Tiger Reserve we did experience life in Rajasthan up close and personal and felt very privileged to have done that. The collective sense of achievement was incredible. We had bonded as a group encouraging each other every one of the 450km we cycled and together we raised the best part of £50,000 for The Railway Children charity.

Many people have said in the past that these sorts of events can be life changing. Insofar as I now consider myself a cyclist, I suppose my life has changed—I even went up and down some hills. I still count my blessings every day perhaps but now with a deeper sense of just how many blessings I have. I am even more aware of how much we have in the west and how little of it we probably need. I believe even more strongly that we are better together and at our best when we support each other as friends. But I still don't like flying.

Thank you to everyone who supported John and me and The Railway Children. Next year The Railway Children will be riding in Vietnam and you can find out more about this event on their website. Give it a go.



**The trickiest part of this article was deciding which day to choose. I am an Art and Photography teacher three days a week and I spend the other two days as an artist.**

Do I talk about my day as an artist painting in the studio? A wonderful way to spend my time, alas not very interesting! Or my successful day at the Beeston fete last weekend, selling my work? Or should I focus on Tuesday's school day, teaching 6 Art and Photography lessons to students of varying age, capabilities and behaviour; supporting a Yr11 student struggling with mental health issues; double-checking and submitting final GCSE marks; a 6th form pastoral team meeting as the year 12 form tutor? All while preparing for a conference talk I am giving the following day!

Wednesday 8 May, however, was a day out of the ordinary for me, the culmination of a collaborative research project with the Open Eye Gallery in Liverpool and Liverpool Hope University, funded by Curious Minds and Ceri (Cultural Education Research Initiative). This is a project well beyond my teaching role and paid hours. The project aimed to improve student engagement, resilience, and creative thinking skills using photography. 16 Year 12 A Level students were set a brief, had lectures, saw exhibitions and were mentored by the gallery director, curator and professional photographers, culminating in an exhibition of their own work in the Open Eye, their works hung with the professional guidance of the gallery curator, and the exhibition open to the public for ten days. It was a huge success and one of my proudest, most rewarding career moments. However valuable this project was in enriching their learning, it was only possible due to extra funding; to be able to continue this work we need to prove the impact and provide the evidence, hence the research.

On this day, we (the team and two of my students) presented our project and its findings to highly experienced and influential delegates at the Ceri Conference at Liverpool Tate Gallery. The students stole the show! Despite their nervousness and personal anxieties, they spoke articulately, intelligently and maturely, engaging with the audience confidently and openly. When asked to describe their

experience in three words, Student 1 said:

"Challenging, inspiring and achievement";

Student 2 said:

"Exciting, scary and proud".

Teaching can be a frustrating, heart-

breaking, undervalued and relentless job. Moments like these remind me why I do the job: helping to shape young lives and prepare them for the adult world is challenging, hard work and rewarding. If I had to sum up Wednesday in three words it would be 'Reward, joy and (enormous) pride'!





# School spotlight on science

## POWERING COMMUNITIES TO INSPIRE THEIR CHILDREN WITH CREATIVITY

It has been a busy start to the new term at Bunbury Aldersey Primary School and the STEAM project is under way across the classes. It is fantastic to see so many children enthused and excited about their learning. Over the past few weeks there have had a number of visitors talking to the children about different engineering and science interests and careers. Children have heard all about

the different types of engineering roles, seen how drones can be used in the world of work and

worked with Roberts Bakery to see how bread is made.

The children have also as part of their homework begun work on their own inventions linked to the Dragons Den Project. Some classes have been given a design problem to solve whilst others are free to invent.

Over the next few weeks the children will think about their idea, draw it, develop it, make a prototype (although it doesn't need to work) and evaluate/adjust their product if needed. All the children will be asked to bring back their design sheets and products on Wednesday 22 May. During the week beginning the 10 June each class will hold their own Dragons Den sessions in which the children will describe and share their designs and prototypes. At the end of these sessions each class will choose two designs which will go through to the final pitch. Those selected from each class for the Dragons Den final will pitch to a small panel on Friday 5 July.

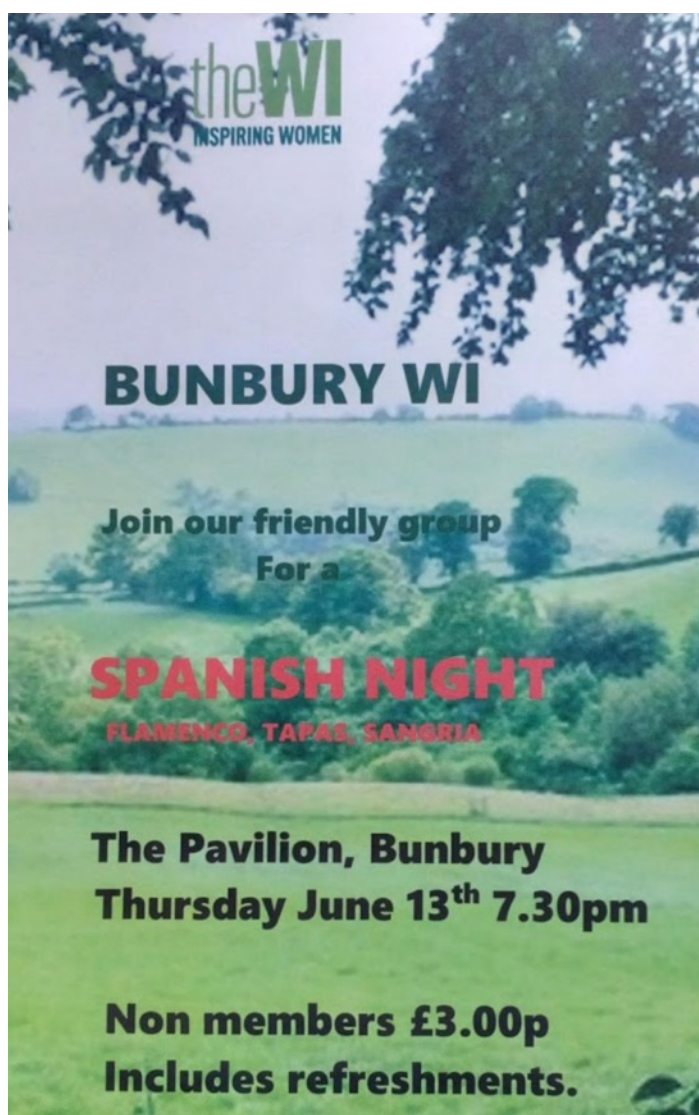
If any members of the community were interested in taking part as one of our final panel of 'Dragons' you would be more than welcome to join us for the day. Please contact the school office to register your interest.

The school is still looking for volunteers with a science or engineering role to come and talk to the children. If there are any members of the community who would like to please contact the principal Nicola Badger on [principalbunbury@rcsat.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:principalbunbury@rcsat.cheshire.sch.uk)

The school would like to welcome the new families who have applied for September 2019 reception places at Bunbury and look forward to meeting everyone over the next few weeks through the transition sessions which begin after May half-term. Hopefully everyone has received and accepted their school offers and will soon receive their welcome packs with all the information needed for starting school at Bunbury.

If parents have not received their preferred school of choice or need to review their choice of primary school for September 2019, please get in touch as there are a couple of places available. Please call to arrange a visit with Principal, Mrs Badger, on 01829 260524.

# STEAM3





## Recreating a Bronze Age Roundhouse

The sounds of the songbirds, woodpeckers and pheasants of Beeston Crag have been competing with new noises, writes Bunbury's **Iain McNeil**. Tucked away in Firtree Quarry, the source of the building stone for Peckforton Castle, the sounds of chopping, chipping, scraping - and more recently, heaving - have emanated from the site.

English Heritage has embarked upon an ambitious project to recreate an authentic replica of the Bronze Age Roundhouse found in the 1970s, drawing on evidence from the site plus contemporary archaeology and using authentic building materials as far as possible.



Construction Phase I has now been completed and has seen the bare site transformed to include the building of the main wooden framework (left). Preparation and shaping of oak and beech tree trunks - some weighing around two tons - has been done, before the

installation of the posts into excavated holes. Volunteers used A-frames, ropes and pulleys to heave the posts into position. The next phase will see the construction of the walls, roof frame and a thatched roof. The building will then be fitted out to provide an educational resource for visitors and schoolchildren.

## A busy month at Calveley Primary Academy



The Year 6 children worked very hard preparing for their Key Stage 2 SATs tests, with all children opting to access the after-school booster groups to maximise progress and completing the revision

guides provided so are sure to do well. Good luck everyone! Class 4 had a visit from the Tarporley Karting team as part of their project for this half term, 'Wacky Races', taken from the 'Real-Life Curriculum'. The team sparked lots of enthusiasm in the children who created some brilliant design ideas too! The Year 1 and 2 children are attending their residential trips, Year 1 staying for one night at Fox Howl, an outdoor education centre in Delamere Forest, whilst Year 2 will be visiting Condover Hall for two days of adventurous activities. Both groups are sure to have a fabulous time.

## Early Birds opens new cosy corner

Early Birds recent Ofsted inspection has reflected the high-quality childcare provision there. "Children are motivated learners who have fun in this learning environment." The full report is on their website <http://www.earlybirdsbunbury.co.uk> On World Book Day, children dressed as their favourite book characters. Favourite books and stories were shared, some decades old, some far more recent. Children used a puppet theatre to retell stories and create their own. A competition was held for the strangest place that the children have read a book, with entries such as the shower, chicken coop, on a trampoline, with the doorman at the Chester Grosvenor Hotel and in a gymnasium!

Emma Bellis Ferreira thanked all whose donations helped to create the wonderful new cosy corner. "This is part of Rick's legacy, a cosy space where our little ones can share their feelings, relax, reflect and talk with their peers and staff using a selection of resources. Rick was a psychology graduate and a great listener and talker! He would have wholeheartedly approved. Thank you to the wonderful team at Early Birds for making it happen."







### Burland Hall Weekend

7th and 9th June 2019

Burland Hall, Nantwich CW5 8NE

**Sunday 9th June, 12pm to 5pm**

Our **Country Fair** returns - and there's something for the whole family to enjoy!

- Beautiful grounds and lake setting
- Food stands or pre-booked afternoon tea
- Fantastic street food plus gin, wine and real ale bar
- Live musicians throughout the day
- A complimentary therapist tranquility garden
- A vintage and classic car show
- Dog Skool Show for Maddy's Cup
- Bubble Art performances and workshops
- Traditional Edwardian country games and stands
- Demonstration marquee including floristry, baking and crafts
- St Luke's Bake Off competition
- A high end shopping mall

**Advance tickets are £5, on the day £6.50**

**BOOK** your entry tickets in advance to save money and get priority parking!

We have limited spaces for our afternoon teas - to guarantee a space, **BOOK** in advance by visiting the link below:

[www.sthospice.co.uk/burlandhall](http://www.sthospice.co.uk/burlandhall) or calling 01606 555688



**Friday 7th June, Gates open 8pm**

Meet us beneath the stars at our **Sunset Cinema**, for a special screening of **Bohemian Rhapsody**. Food will be available along with a fully licensed bar. Film begins at 9:45pm.

**Tickets are just £15 per person.**



# Charity summer fashion show

Bunbury's Lizella Clothing held a Charity Summer Fashion Show at St Boniface on 9 May for The Christie, Salford. Organisers Lynne Simpson and Emma Barnett were overwhelmed by the community support, with over 200 attending. The church made an idyllic location creating a brilliant atmosphere, with the aisle providing a ready-made catwalk for the models displaying the diverse summer range.

"We want to thank the Dysart Arms and Bunbury Co-op for their contribution towards the evening as well as local support for raffle prizes," writes Lynne. "We were apprehensive about organising our first show, but the event was a huge success, with one attendee saying how the fun, relaxed evening 'surpassed all expectations'. Over £3,000 was raised for The Christie with a donation for St Boniface church. Thanks to our invaluable helpers and models and all who contributed towards the evening and we hope that we will hold another event in the future."





# Celia Smyth: Steak sandwich with homemade smoky relish

Warmer weather is finally here (well, it is at the time of writing but I cannot guarantee it lasting!) and when you stroll around the village you can often smell those lovely smoky barbeque aromas.

Wing Commander Smyth and I love cooking in the garden with a glass of chilled Cremen de Limoux from Southern France: this recipe is particularly good with the tangy (and really very easy) relish which you make just before cooking the steak – I prefer it smooth, but it is good either way.



## Ingredients

### For the relish

1 red pepper  
1 red chilli  
1 red onion, thickly sliced  
1 large tomato  
Juice ½ lime  
1 tbsp extra-virgin olive oil  
¼ tsp cumin seeds

### For the steaks

3 garlic cloves, crushed  
Juice 1 lime  
1 tbsp extra-virgin olive oil  
4 thyme sprigs, leaves stripped  
2 sirloin steaks, ~200g/7oz each  
1 French baguette, cut into 4  
Lettuce leaves and a ramekin of mayonnaise mixed with a large tsp of Dijon mustard to serve

1. To make the relish, light the barbecue and, while it is blazing away, char the pepper and chilli. Put in a bowl and cover with cling film. Meanwhile, char the red onion and tomato. When cool enough to handle, peel the tomato, then peel and deseed the pepper and chilli (leave in some of the chilli seeds if you want to add some heat). Tip the charred veg into a food processor with the lime, oil and cumin seeds, then season and pulse a couple of times to keep it chunky, or leave the machine running a little longer to make a smooth relish.
2. For the steaks, mash the garlic with the lime juice, olive oil and thyme, then spread over the meat. When the coals are ashen, cook the steaks for 4 mins on each side for medium-rare, adding or subtracting 1 min either way to cook to your liking. Leave to rest for 5 mins, then carve into thick slices. Put the steaks on a board with the baguette, lettuce, relish and mustard mayonnaise, and let everyone assemble their own sandwich.

## Church diary for June

Sunday 2 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 5 June	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Sunday 9 June	9.30am Holy Communion 10.30am Family Communion	St Jude's St Boniface
Wednesday 12 June	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Sunday 16 June	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Worship 10.00am Third Sunday brunch 6.00pm Songs of praise	St Boniface St Jude's St Boniface Calveley
Wednesday 19 June	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Sunday 23 June	9.30am Holy Communion 10.30am Holy Communion	St Jude's St Boniface
Wednesday 26 June	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Sunday 30 June	10.30am Pet service	Cricket field
Wednesday 3 July	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Sunday 7 July	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

# Sky notes for June

In June, the nights are very short, so there is not much time for stargazing and you have to stay up quite late at night. However, there is a mysterious atmospheric phenomenon that can be seen at this time of year.

In 1884 an astronomer called Thomas Backhouse was looking at cloud formations. Ash from the recent Krakatoa eruption was giving rise to spectacularly colourful sunsets all over the world, including in England. He noticed a new type of cloud which was only visible after sunset. He kept observing these clouds even after the dust of Krakatoa had gone. These clouds became known as Noctilucent clouds (or "NLC"). They form at very high altitudes

- around 82 km above sea level - and are, a quite separate phenomena from normal weather cloud which are typically at 2 to 6 km.

NLCs can be seen in Britain from around late May to early August during the darkest part of a summer's night. Usually, they will occupy the northern horizon. Start looking from about 11pm BST and keep going till 3am BST. You need a clear northern horizon and clear skies for the best chance of viewing them. The "normal" weather clouds will appear dark, and you should also be able to see stars. The colour of the clouds will vary from white to electric blue and will stand out quite markedly. There are several types, but the most common and easiest to recognise is



the "herring bone" or rippling sand type pattern which looks like lots of curved lines drawn in parallel. Sometimes they can appear quite eerie! At the start of the season you may get days without NLC, but as it builds you may see several displays on consecutive nights.

Photographing them is easy, but you will need a tripod to ensure a stable platform. Modern digital cameras will capture NLC with an exposure of anything from 0.5 to 6 seconds, but it is best to vary shutter speed and take as many as possible as display intensity will vary.

NLC used to be associated with northern UK, however they were seen as far south as southern France in 2018, and they seem to be spreading further south with each season.

It is not fully understood how they are formed and they do seem to be becoming more common. Recent studies suggest that increased atmospheric methane emissions produce additional water vapor once the methane molecules reach the upper atmosphere. NLC might be linked to climate change.

By the way, if you are developing an interest in astronomy, you might like to come along to the Chester Astronomical Society. This meets on the last Wednesday of every month (except August) at 7.30pm at Burley Hall, Waverton. The next meeting is on 25 June, at which a talk on Pulsars will be given by Dr Benjamin Shaw from Manchester University.

Bunbury Stargazer





# Another successful Beeston fete

In 1840 the Peckforton estate (which included Beeston Castle) was bought by the landowner John Tollemache (1805-90), later 1st Lord Tollemache of Helmingham. The Tollemache family endowed St Boniface Church one fundraising day a year, when Beeston Castle was managed in 1984 by English heritage. Originally on August Bank Holiday Monday, it was changed to the first bank holiday in May in hopes of better weather.

As the day of this year's fete dawned, the weather did not look promising; if it rains,

numbers are down and the tents all have to be dried. With the barbeques eventually attached to the correct gas bottle, a replacement bottle being found and the safety signed off by English Heritage, we started cooking, adhering to the strict rules and ensuring meat temperatures were taken throughout the day and recorded. Katie Crotty and her good friends took charge this year, leaving Elaine and friends to sell. There is something about onions cooked on a barbeque that always draws customers. Then the sun came out and the queues

for a hot dog or beef burger started, depending on what was on in the ring. The dog show is always a favourite, as is the circus skills entertainer. It is a lovely event and families really enjoyed the sunny afternoon.

A big thank you to Sarah Thompson, David Cox, the committee and volunteers for putting on another splendid fete. Over 950 people came through the gate. The Dog Display Team, circus performer and our local dancers were all star attractions. As the main fundraiser for the church, thank you to all who supported it.





**Forthcoming events  
at St Jude's  
Tilstone Fearnall**

**St Jude's Summer Lunch**  
At Hilbre Grange  
Sunday 14th July 12 noon for 12:30pm  
Tickets £15

**St Jude's Church Hall**  
**The Funky Choir**  
Friday 13th September at 7:30pm  
Tickets £5

**St Jude's Harvest Supper**  
Saturday 28th September 7pm for 7:30pm  
Tickets £15

**St Jude's Church Hall**  
**Flower Demonstration**  
Friday 29th November at 7:30pm  
Tickets £6

For tickets contact Elizabeth Warren Tel: 01270 528556

# Walking for health

Isn't modern medicine amazing? The advances that have been made over the past 30 years are quite astounding. Take hip and knee replacements. This is nowadays a very common procedure but in the 80s things were very different. For a straightforward hip replacement, a stay in hospital for two or even three weeks was common. These days such operations are often carried out without the need for debilitating general anaesthetics and patients are on their feet the very next day. A stay in hospital for more than two days tends to be the exception and an early return home has been proved to be helpful in ensuring a successful outcome. However, full recovery isn't only dependent upon the skills of the surgeon and the hospital team. Aftercare of the patient and especially sensible, planned exercise in a safe environment is just as important.

On 1 May, one of the walk leaders who was the recipient of a new total hip joined the walkers for exercise on the easy walk around the sports field. This is the second walk leader to benefit from this managed exercise, the previous one having received a new knee! Not only is this exercise available in a safe and measured environment, but it also provides an excellent opportunity to meet and chat to other walkers and learn about the history of this lovely part of Cheshire and hear about some of the old customs and sayings. This included a discussion about how we note the first day of the

month. "Pinch Punch starts the month"! This was a new one to most of us but I dare say that many of the readers will recognise this.

While the "strollers" made their way around the sports field two other walks were taking place. One of these used some of the many paths around the village and the walkers covered approximately two and a half miles. The other more strenuous walk took the group out of the village and down along the canal towpath, on to Bunbury Locks and back to the usual meeting place. This walk was just over four miles in total and everyone was back for coffee and biscuits by 12:00 noon.

Walking for Health takes place in Bunbury every Wednesday morning with walks starting promptly at 10:30 am. Those taking part meet at the Methodist Church where there is ample parking and everyone is back by mid-day. There is no need for specialist equipment and the walks are free. These walks are not only helpful as part of a planned programme of exercise for people recovering from health issues, but a great way of losing weight and keeping fit in a very friendly environment.

For further information contact:-

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## The Victory Belles WI

You might have seen these ladies wandering around Bunbury one Saturday afternoon. The group was formed after a few friends who love the 1940s were chatting about Home Fires. Already dressing in 1940s clothes to attend events the idea of starting a WI similar to that depicted in Home Fires, so in January 2015 the Victory Belles WI was formed.

Word soon got around and other like minded ladies came along to knit, sew, bake cakes, make jam, etc. There are now 30 members aged 25 to 92. They travel to 1940s events and chat to people as they try their hand at rag rug making or purchase some of our craft items, cakes, jams and chutneys. At each meeting they sing *Jerusalem* just as in the programme. They decided to visit Bunbury with the hope one day that ITV will finish series 3. The group loved visiting the beautiful church of St Boniface and hope to return soon.





# Give us 2 minutes...

Anne James arrived in Bunbury in 1992 and her two children attended Bunbury Aldersey School and Tarporley High school before heading off into the wider world. She now has two little grandsons who love to come and visit grannie in Bunbury.

Anne worked in education for 30 years before retiring, but is still connected to education as a member of the governing body of the RCSAT academy, (which includes Bunbury Aldersey School, Warmingham and Worleston)—there is no escape!

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

Pull yourself together and get on with it.

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

I think I would have to serve champagne and maybe a few snacks to Dame Judy Dench, Dame Maggie Smith, Graham Norton and James Corden. But then I could sit back and listen to some very interesting and lively conversation.

**What was your first job?**

A Saturday girl in Marks and Spencer on the men's shirt counter. Have you ever tried to get a shirt back in it's packaging?

## Anne James



**What would you change about Bunbury if you could?**

It would be nice if the developers building the new houses in Bunbury were required to do something that added to the infrastructure of the village. I am the mad woman who has written to the parish Council with my suggestions.

**What is the best book you have read to date?**

Birdsong by Sebastian Faulkes, but I couldn't read it just before I went to sleep.

**What is your biggest regret?**

I am too busy to have time to think about regrets.

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

Good health for my family.

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

I was born on a bush station in Mtwara, Tanganika now Tanzania and was one of the first babies to be born by epidural. My father worked as a civil servant on the railways.

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

My home. I have been developing my garden for 24 years with a great deal of trial and error. I love it but its not quite ready to be open to the public! I also love to sew and embroider.

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

In my house with all the family visiting, cooking Sunday tea and my core of close friends coming and squeezing around the table which is not quite big enough.

## NOTICE: INVITATION TO APPLY FOR GRANTS

The trustees of Bunbury Parochial Charities (charity number 216368) 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:

Alraham, Beeston, Bunbury, Burwardsley, Calveley, Haughton, Peckforton, Ridley, Spurstow, Tilstone fearnall, Tiverton & Wardle.

An application may be made by the proposed beneficiary, or by a trustee or other person on their behalf. In considering applications the trustees will take into account the following guidelines:

1. The proposed recipient should normally be resident in one of the constituent parishes or be an organisation active in providing benefit for the residents of one or more of the constituent parishes.
2. A grant may be made to a recipient who is in financial difficulties, particularly where the difficulties are adversely affecting a child or elderly person.
3. A grant may be made to assist the education of a child who is being hindered by financial difficulties.
4. A grant may be made to support a resident, particularly a child, in an

activity deemed to be a worthy use of the charity - for example to help the recipient undertake an extracurricular educational project, to participate in a charitable project or to learn skills to assist that resident in finding work.

5. A grant may be made to support an organisation providing support within the constituent parishes, for example providing clubs/group activity for the young and the elderly, support groups for the elderly, assistance for the disabled or disadvantaged, and groups providing hospital transport, respite care and home support.

Applications must be in writing on our formal application form and sent to David Ellis, Ivy Cottage, Wyche Lane, Bunbury CW6 9PS preferably by e-mail to [dwellis7.de@gmail.com](mailto:dwellis7.de@gmail.com) Completed applications to be returned by 12.00 noon on Wednesday 13 November 2019 for consideration at the trustee meeting on Wednesday 4 December 2019 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.



## Pat Ellis - Reader Emeritus Blind as a bat

At dusk on a June evening, as the birds go to bed, bats come fluttering out to feast on unsuspecting moths and insects.

Love them or loathe them, bats do a great job in ridding us of pests that spoil our crops.

It is said that bats have poor eyesight, but these fascinating creatures navigate by an ingenious radar, so they won't get entangled in your hair!

Sight is a precious gift, all the more so if we are in danger of losing it, our window on the world, and some people have never known what it is to see.

There is another kind of blindness, Spiritual blindness, which cuts us off from the love of God and care for people and the world.

Yet we have radar, too, insight, an invisible connection to a force much bigger than ourselves.

We need to take time to tune in and connect, and find our path to our living God.

*Dear God,*

*Thank you for my eyesight,  
Which connects me to this  
beautiful world.*

*And even when shadows of  
darkness fall,  
Open to me the gift of  
insight,  
And show me your ways, O  
Lord.*

*Guide me and direct me,  
That with new eyes  
I may understand our fragile  
planet;  
With new eyes  
I may see you in others,  
And by your Grace, see your  
salvation.*

*Link editor Elaine Crotty received this message from Helen Barrie at DIAL in Chester a few days after Pat Ellis submitted her article above.*

*"We are working with someone with a degree in English who is totally blind and is looking for paid employment. She needs someone to sit with her and help her to apply for jobs. Can you think of anyone who might be able to help her? She is looking for a weekly commitment to get her going." God works in mysterious ways. Could anyone help? If so, please contact Elaine Crotty (contact details on page 2).*

## June prayers

We continue to pray for **Hazel Wilkinson, Eric Wallington and Steven Myatt**. We also pray for all who are mourning a loved one especially the families and friends of **Brenda Timmis, David Goodwin, Barry Paton and Dave Rogers**.

*Creator God,  
as spring shows us new life  
everywhere,  
we are reminded of the spark you  
light inside us with your holy  
spirit.  
Help us to use this spark, this  
new life force,  
to do what you would have us do,  
in loving service to others and to  
you.  
Amen*

Mike Rogers writes...

## Saying thank you



In one of the schools in my former parishes was a big notice saying Don't forget to say 'Thank you'. It was clearly there to remind the children to do just that, but it always made me wonder just what it is about saying 'thank you' that seems to be so difficult for so many.

Is it the embarrassment of being beholden to people for something that they have done for us? How often do senior relatives, parents, aunts and uncles and friends wait for the 'thank you' that never comes, acknowledging the gifts they have made?

It is evidently not a new trait in human nature because St Luke (St Luke, Chapter 17, Verses 12-19) tells the story of ten lepers who were healed and only one returned to 'give thanks'. We seem so easily surprised

and delighted by our good fortune that we altogether forget to whom we owe this sudden release.

The art of receiving gifts is not an easy one to learn. We often hate to feel that someone has got 'one up' on us by placing us in their debt. Yet Christian humility teaches the exact opposite of this. Christianity teaches us that we should be grateful for any simple kindness done to us because it is a basic courtesy and because by doing so, we give pleasure to whosoever has done us that kindness.

But so often we forget. And if we forget to thank those around us, do we also forget to thank God? There is only one person who can answer that, and it is you.

## Rev Vicky installed at Thornton Hough

Over the last few weeks, congregations at St Boniface and Calveley thanked Vicky Barrett and wished her well as she prepared to leave.

The Thornton Hough church was packed with well-wishers who gave her a warm welcome at her installation.

Bishop Keith led the service and at the end, all were all treated to a lovely reception at the parish hall. Thanks go to Amber Middlemiss for arranging the coach party from Bunbury.





# Loving sons pay tribute to Barry Paton



Dad's passion for flying was evident from an early age. He was encouraged to attend University by the Royal Air Force and was awarded a Cadetship to read Physics... So off to Southampton University he went. Having joined the University Air Squadron, there was much flying to be had;

life long friendships were forged; and most importantly of all he met our Mum... back in the winter of '69...

Now there are plenty of stories pertaining to this period; I know the landlord of the 'Cowherds' pub was only too happy to get his sign back and that certain individuals of the 'Aerocrats' university float, I'm sure you can guess who one of them was, were rightly cleared of affray by the local Magistrates following an altercation during the annual parade ... Thank goodness for their star witnesses It really must have been love.

Barry went into the Royal Air Force, Officer training at Hendon and Flying training up in Yorkshire; every weekend spent driving back down to Southampton to see Mum until in December of 1972 he was awarded his 'Wings' and married the love of his life.... Mum

Dad, via a circular route, became a helicopter pilot, and he never looked back... His first tour was in Hong Kong

Dad's second tour was not quite so glamorous... Northern Ireland... although the Province was, and still is, beautiful from the air, the circumstances in the late '70s were not always so. Dad was of course always keen to raise morale and provided a significant contribution one year during the annual cricket match. Having drawn the short straw and ordered to cover the daily tasking around the Province, he got airborne and headed directly to the cricket pitch where he set about mowing the stumps down with the wheels of his helicopter whilst his crew flour bombed the players; his finale being to blow away the beer tent... As you may imagine some people were less than amused... particularly the Station Commander, who happened to be in the beer tent during the event.

During subsequent tours Dad turned his hand to instructing, he was a natural. For all his mischievousness, when it came to flying he was up there with the best. He spent a year as the Gazelle helicopter Display pilot, being selected for overseas lone service in Brunei; where we spent many happy years as family. Dad's language skills stretched far beyond Malay. He was actually able to order two beers

whilst also advising the bar keep that his friend will pay in 22 different languages. It was a useful skill to have!

Dad finished his time in The Air Force in charge of the helicopter Central Flying School before making the leap to the Airlines. He began with Air 2000, for which the interview process appeared to revolve around whether or not you were a good bloke to have a drink with down route... Dad was certainly that...

In many respects this epitomized him, he got on with everyone; regardless of culture or creed, he never judged.

His capacity for jokes and silly songs, both good and bad, is legendary. Those of you who have played golf with my father, will always remember the mindless chatter and constant commentary of his game; and yours for that matter!

He was an incredible father; he supported and encouraged us to do whatever we wanted to do; and be whoever we wanted to be. Above all he always made time for Tom and I. Whether to provide much needed advice, or simply just to horse around. And of course, it didn't stop with just us.... He has been an amazing Father in-law and fantastic Poppa to his two grandchildren, Henry and George and a most devoted husband to our mum.

Dad was an amazing man who meant so much to so many people and will be sorely missed - Thank-you.

## Special events



All are welcome to **Songs of Praise** at **Calveley Hall Chapel** on 16 June at 6.00pm

and to the **Blessing of the Pets service** on **Bunbury Cricket field** at 10.30am on the 30 June



## Jean Wood: 10/12/38–12/4/19

Jean was brought up on a farm at Appleton, Stockton Heath. One of her achievements was to be crowned Cheshire Dairymaid - as was her youngest daughter, Angela. Jean caught the eye of the young Frederick Wood at Young Farmers' club and they married in September, 1960, a long and warm marriage, in which they had three children: Elaine, Stephen and Angela.

Jean never worked whilst Fred was farming in Beeston, but loved to cook. Christmas was always a truly spectacular affair, usually with five or six courses with multiple choices for each course. Her culinary skills were passed down the family, with daughter Elaine winning a prize at the Tockwith show using Jean's blueberry muffin recipe and granddaughter Emily learning to cook her own chicken Chantilly. Her talents as a cook later led her to take up the post of cook at Churton's wine bar in Tarporley.

She was a member of three WI groups and particularly enjoyed days out with them.

Jean was passionate about her family - including the cats, who were always pampered like humans, and her garden. She supported Angela as she became involved in pony clubs, was a mentor to her grandchildren on occasions and became a much-loved figure to their friends as she ferried them about in her car. Always an encourager, she wanted her children to lead the kind of lives she never had, with wide experiences and foreign travel. Indeed, granddaughter Harriet was in Australia at the time of Jean's funeral. Her love of gardening was a source of solace when caring for husband Frederick. She was especially fond of sweet peas, and this was commemorated at the funeral as the congregation were invited to take a pot of them home to grow and enjoy.

## Brenda Timmis

Brenda was born in Nantwich in 1928, one of five children. Brenda had a hard childhood and was brought up in a home for girls. She had a special bond with her brother Eric who was brought up in the home for boys next door; they would often see each other through the fence between the homes. Brenda fell in love with Roy and they were married in 1964 at the Methodist Chapel in Cholmondeston. Initially they lived at Barretts Cottage, Calveley with Roy's parents. Brenda cared for Roy's Mum when she was ill and after she died they moved to Green Lane and Roy's Dad went with them. In her younger days Brenda loved riding her Triumph motorbike and following on from that was her first car, a baby Austin. Brenda loved animals: she had dogs in the early days, and more recently she loved looking after the neighbours' cats - feeding them best ham! The birds were fed every day and her favourite was the robin. Brenda had lots of friends and enjoyed going out. Whether it was day trips to Bridgemere or Dagfields or meals out on a Thursday & Saturday evenings, she loved to be out mixing with people. When at home she enjoyed watching the horse racing on the TV and liked a flutter. She usually won. Despite being hard of hearing Brenda still enjoyed Bingo. In fact she won £465 at Bingo the Saturday night before she died! Brenda was loveable, a bright shining star who will be sorely missed.

## Thomas "Randall" Jones

Randall was Welsh, born in Swansea on 1 November 1926, and very proud of his heritage. He was born Thomas Randall Jones, Tom Jones - perhaps a sign that he would be blessed with great charm and charisma. Randall had a great sense of humour and always had a twinkle in his eye. He was a great storyteller and loved to meet up with friends. A man of routine, it was a trip to see Henry at the Nags Head on Sunday for lunch, No 6 in Tarporley for coffee on Mondays and the rest of the week a latte at Tillys. He was the only person in Tilly's to have their own mug! Randall was more than just a regular, he became a true friend. He was a true gentleman, always very smartly dressed and proud of his appearance. He loved dogs and would always have treats in his pockets; he was regularly sought out by the dogs who came along to Fridays at Tillys. Randall's other big love was buses as he used to be a bus driver, and for a time drove the school bus in Bunbury. He had a collection of old model buses and 1950's logos of all the old bus companies, and also loved travelling and driving. Randall will be sadly missed by family and friends.

## Chris Cox: 30/4/32–6/4/19 86 and out

Chris was born in Nottingham in 1932, and it was as a pupil at the Masonic School in Bushey where his lifelong love of sport was nurtured. After training at Saltley PE College, he completed his National Service and then returned to the world of education and sport, teaching in London, Lincoln and Rochdale and becoming a PE advisor for Cheshire County Council, a role which he would keep until his retirement in 1988.

He first married in 1955 to Mavis, and they had two sons: Nigel and Richard. He married Maggi in 1987, and their family expanded to embrace twin stepsons, Simon and Andrew, and then Tony and Dominic. His grandchildren speak fondly of his kindness and hospitality, sharing his love of skiing cricket and golf, and teaching them to enjoy a well-mixed G&T.

Chris played many sports to a high standard, playing hockey at county level and representing an England veterans' team as well as coaching England U-21's, Bermuda and Neston. He loved cricket, continuing to play until he was 65. He had a very respectable handicap of 11 in golf.

He loved to tell stories, enjoying making after dinner speeches. His gregarious nature, wide experience of working with many sporting associations across the world and a love of foreign travel meant that he made many friends.

He was a happy man, enjoying many happy years in a full life. His funeral took place at Vale Royal Crematorium on 24 April.



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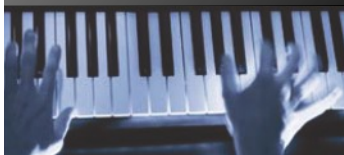
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