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That "Love your neighbour" thing I meant it

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Bunbury Ironman raises £10,500 for Myeloma UK



On Sunday 10 September, Bunbury resident Richard Newman, completed his first gruelling Ironman for a fantastic cause.

He writes: In September 2016 we headed for Pembrokeshire to support good friend Peter McCleave complete Ironman Wales. At the time I knew very little about Ironman races, but what I did know from the thousands of hours Pete had invested in training, it is was going to be a long and tough day. Ironman Wales is a 2.4 mile sea swim, a 112 mile bike ride followed by a 26.2 mile run. We negotiated our way around Tenby and the surrounding areas to support Pete, an impressive 14 hours later he crossed the finish line and it was at that point I knew I wanted to give it a go.

My training began in mid January and given the difficult news that Pete had been diagnosed with a rare blood cancer, I was not short of motivation. I had decided at this time I wanted to do the event to raise money for Myeloma UK, a UK based charity that supports friends like Pete to beat blood cancer. It wasn't until later in the year when the timing felt right that I asked Pete, thankfully he gave it his full backing and a fundraising target was set. I was initially hoping we could raise around £3,000, so in the spirit of 'targets' I decided to double it and add some. In the end I settled at £7,000 which worked out nicely at £50 per mile.

Having not swum since school it was time to jump in at the deep end, literally! Exhausted only 60 metres of front crawl later, I knew this was going to be long road ahead. I felt a lot more comfortable on the bike and running although both needed a lot of work. I'm far from great at any of the three disciplines but the swim was always going to be my Achilles Heel, the discipline that would worry me the most, especially as it was a sea swim for Wales.

14 hours a week of training and some 33 weeks later it was time to give it a go.

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Community news

We welcome: **Albert James Maxwell Borrowdale**, who was baptised at St Boniface on Sunday 23 July,

Kathleen Winter-Rose Kinson, who was baptised at St Boniface on Sunday 13 August and

Aelwen Poppy Tudor Cullinan, who was baptised at St Boniface on Sunday 10 September.

Congratulations to all our summer wedding couples:

Ross Butterworth and **Claire Cole** were married at St Boniface on Saturday 22 July.



David Highton and **Nichola Lacey** were married at St Boniface on Monday 24 July.

Edward Joyce and **Eleanor Morris** were married at St Boniface on Friday 28 July.

Andrew Brown and **Sarah Crewe** were married at St Boniface on Thursday 10 August.

Christopher Barrow and **Charlotte English** were married at St Boniface on Friday 11 August.

Stephen Young and **Katrina Doherty** were married at St Boniface on Friday 1 September.

Will Muse and **Jess Duncan** were married at St Boniface on Saturday 2 September.

Mark Beswick and **Fiona Postles** were married at St Boniface on Thursday 7 September.



Vincent Walford and **Katie Chapman** were married at St Boniface on Friday 8 September.

Congratulations to **Antonia** and **Michael Harrowing** on the arrival of **Wilfrid Bertram** on 5 September, a sister for Mabel and grandson for Nick and Joy Parker.

Congratulations to **Martin Phillips**, who celebrated his 80th birthday on 2 September.

Congratulations to **Barbara Croley**, who celebrated her 80th birthday on 4 September.

There will be a Musical Evening with the **Funky Choir** on Friday 6 October at 7:30pm at Calveley Hall Chapel Ticket: £5 (includes refreshments) Contact Kathleen Roden 01270 528272. Proceeds to Calveley Hall Chapel.

Calveley Hall Chapel held a most enjoyable Summer Lunch, at The Woodlands, on 13 August.

Bunbury Gardening Club held their Annual Show on 9 September. On 17 October the Gardening Club will have a talk by David Winnard on Edible and Poisonous Fungi of the NW, at 8pm in the Village Hall.

On 12 October, **Bunbury WI** will have a talk on recycling from Cheshire East ANSA. Bunbury WI is also holding craft sessions every second Monday in the month, at the Methodist Chapel. Enquiries to Sue Watson 260642.

Bunbury Bowling Club invites you to give bowling a try at club practice on Monday 1.30 - 4pm and Thursday evenings. Contact Dave Evans 262514.

Tarporley Vintage Charity Shop, raising money for Tarporley Hospital, welcomes donations of good quality household goods, records, ornaments, tea sets, small pieces of furniture - anything except clothing - that you no longer need. They can arrange collection of bulkier items. Please call in at the shop or ring Lucy Munro 260487.

Free Colours Painting Group will be holding an art exhibition on 18 & 19 November at 10 Darkie Meadow, 10am-6pm.

We are delighted to announce that Parish Link designer, Lucy Oates, and husband Rob, are expecting an addition to their family in January. We are looking for a volunteer to work with Lucy on the November issue and then cover her maternity leave. If you would be interested, please contact either the Link editor or designer.

Following the retirement of Liz Morton, we are looking for someone willing to label and bundle the Parish Link. This entails being available either the last Friday afternoon of the month or the Saturday morning, although you get December and August off, as there are two joint issues. If you are interested, please email or phone the editor.



Our prayers for October

The seed was sown, the kingdom is growing, God is at work among us. We give him our love, our faith and our lives, to bear fruit in his service. We ask God's blessing on all who are ill, especially **Hazel Wilkinson, Jenny Brooks, Judy Morris and Blanche Wilgose**. We also pray for those who are mourning a loved one, especially the families and friends of **Gerald Fellows, Norman Chesters and Neil Shoane**.



The copy deadline for the November edition of the Link is Friday 13 October. The magazine should be in church: Friday 27 September.

TIM HAYWARD Your Vicar



"Rejoice that your names are written in heaven"

It was a devastating shock to find out that the bronze memorial plaques remembering the fallen were stolen from the War Memorial Gates outside St Boniface Church.

Although considered a "low level crime" this act of vandalism and theft carries a real significance, hence the deep and wide-felt grief many are feeling within our community.

To some metal thieves and scrap metal merchants, the value of the bronze was nominal, but to all those who have stood by our Memorial Gates and heard the Roll of Honour read in church on Remembrance Sunday, their worth and what they stood for is of inestimable value.

As we gather together on Remembrance Sunday across the generations, we remember those from our community whose lives have been given and taken away in conflict. Our collective memory and our desire to keep their memory alive is a sacred thread that unites us all. We will not be deterred by some petty criminals.

This year there will be added poignancy.

Behind every name on our Roll of Honour and soon-to-be refurbished Memorial Gates, there is a story, a family, a wife, a husband, a mother, a father - those who mourn. We will remember them.

Thank you to all those who have showed their support and posted such lovely messages. Ours is a proud, caring and beautiful community and we must continue to care for one another, in the good times and the bad. Now is a time to reflect and pause, to think about what really matters in life, to give thanks for our freedom - may we never take it for granted. We will weep with those who have lost loved ones and whose names shall never be forgotten. We will rejoice that their names are written in heaven and engraved onto the heart of God.

Nothing will ever separate them from the love of God.

Prayer: Where do I begin?

By Vicky Barrett, your curate...What springs to mind when someone talks about "prayer"? It can carry a host of different meanings, and we can have our own different expectations of how we should pray, and where. The poet-priest George Herbert summed up the word prayer as "Something understood." It expresses a two-way relationship between us and God.

Prayer is also a discipline, where we train ourselves to spend time in quiet on a regular basis. But where and how do I start?

The suggestions below are designed to help you explore how you can begin to develop the habit of prayer.

Ten Things about Prayer

1. Find somewhere quiet and comfortable if you can. You don't need to kneel to pray; find a position which is comfortable for you - sitting in your favourite chair, walking along or washing up!
2. Some people find that lighting a candle, looking at a beautiful picture or listening to music can help them to find a quiet space to pray.
3. You are getting in touch with a person, and he wants to get in touch with you. Give it time.
4. Words are not necessary - sometimes they can get in the way.
5. You don't have to use fancy language - God understands a cry for help, a roar of laughter or a shout of anger.
6. You may find it helpful to have a sentence or phrase as a focus for prayer. Simply repeat it slowly, thoughtfully - aloud, in a whisper, or silently: for example, "God be with me", "Thank you Jesus", "Lord have mercy".
7. Remember that trying to pray is still praying - so don't give up trying!
8. God hears every prayer - but not all prayers are answered in the way we might expect.
9. Some people find it helpful to keep a prayer journal, in which they jot down some of their prayers and responses. Reviewing it over time can help you see how your prayer life has developed.
10. It can be helpful to have a trusted friend or group to share your prayers with. Do speak to Revs. Tim or Vicky if you are interested in becoming part of such a group. We currently have Monday Prayers at 9.30 am in term-time, and Morning Prayer is said on Tuesday and Thursdays at 9.10 throughout the year - both in the Ridley Chapel at Bunbury.



Church diary for October

Sunday 1 October	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Harvest Service 10.30am Family Worship 11.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface St Jude's St Boniface Calveley	Wednesday 18 October	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Wednesday 4 October	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface	Sunday 22 October	9.30am Holy Communion 10.30am Family Communion	St Jude's St Boniface
Sunday 8 October	9.30am Holy Communion 10.30am Family Communion	St Jude's St Boniface	Wednesday 25 October	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
Wednesday 11 October	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface	Sunday 29 October	9.30am Holy Communion 10.30am Family Communion, plus Methodists	St Jude's St Boniface
Sunday 15 October	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Worship 10.30am Family Worship 11.00am Family Worship 6.00pm Evensong	St Boniface St Jude's St Boniface Calveley St Boniface	Wednesday 1 November	10.00am Holy Communion	St Boniface
			Sunday 5 November	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Communion with Sunday School 10.30am Family Worship 11.00am Holy Communion 4.00pm Memorial Service	St Boniface St Jude's St Boniface Calveley St Boniface



Pat Edgley Ellis
Reader

Hoeing and Haemorrhoids!

St. Fiacre was a 7th. Century Irish saint whose prowess with herbs and medicines caused unwelcome crowds demanding healing.

He fled to Meaux, in France, where the Bishop, St. Faro, granted him a secluded house and as much land as he could enclose in a day. With the tip of his staff he hoed the ground, and trees fell and briars uprooted at his touch. The Bishop acknowledged a miracle from God, and Fiacre was given the land. He became famous for his cures for haemorrhoids and venereal disease, and is a patron saint of medicine, gardening and taxi drivers, the French horse drawn cabs being called after him. He died in 670 and his relics are at Meaux Cathedral, where for many centuries pilgrims gathered in search of a cure.

He is often depicted with a spade and vegetables.

*Lord, at this season of harvest
As we give thanks for the bounty of the earth,
Let us remember those who toil
To produce our food*

*And the plants and minerals
We use for medicine today.*

*Bless all who care for the sick,
All who do research to find cures for diseases.
May we protect the resources
Of your bountiful creation,*

*The rainforests and the deep seas
Where plants and creatures unknown
Are waiting to be discovered.*

*May we have a greater care
For the abundant gifts
Of our fragile planet,
And give us the wisdom
To cherish and share
That all may have enough.*





Mike Rogers writes... Memory

How's your memory? I find as the years go on, so my ability to remember things seems to decline.

With that in mind, can you remember what I wrote about in the last issue of The Link?

I have to say, even though I wrote it, I had to have a quick check to make sure I was right and, to save you either searching your memory or looking for the last issue, let me tell you it was about 'New Beginnings'.

But memory is a wonderful thing, even if it is beginning to fail a little. I always tell wedding couples to take care to remember their wedding day. Yes, there are always the photos or the video, but these are nothing like the pictures we can carry in our mind's eye; in a moment, we can recall events of years ago and re-live them as if it were yesterday.

And, if you doubt the power of your memory, starting from your home, try writing a list of all the places you can find without referring to a map - you will be amazed at how many you can list.

Memory is something that sits at the centre of our Christian faith. The service of Holy Communion which is celebrated week by week in our churches is also known as the Eucharist, a word drawn from the Greek word 'eukharistia' meaning thanksgiving. In it we are bidden to break bread and accept wine in memory of and thanksgiving for the sacrifice Jesus made for us on the cross, the broken bread signifying his broken body and the wine, the blood that he shed.

In that way, we keep alive in our minds eye the extent of love that God has for each one of us, a love so deep that he was willing to sacrifice his only son.

Now isn't that worth remembering?

A new chapter for Bunbury Singers

Bunbury Singers is a mixed community choir, whose members have a love of singing and enjoy meeting people and having a good time!

We have recently undergone some big changes, including the appointment of both a new Musical Director and Accompanist. We are very excited to welcome both Ken Fayle and his son, David, to our choir.

Ken is an extremely experienced conductor. He has conducted several local choirs and is a member of the Advisory Council of the Association of British Choral Directors. He is Organist and Director of Music at St Andrews in Tarvin. We feel very privileged that he has agreed to conduct us.

David has been playing and performing in choirs and musical ensembles, both locally and further afield, over the last ten years. He currently accompanies, conducts and teaches in primary schools in Cheshire, and we are very pleased that he too has decided to work with us.

We are delighted to have them both join us, and we are looking forward to a varied and exciting future.

We would like to invite people to come along and join us. We meet on Monday nights, during term time, at Bunbury Primary School, 7.15pm-9pm. You don't have to read music and there are no auditions!

If you enjoy singing, meeting people and like to have fun, then come along and give us a try. Please bring along your friends too, so you are not alone!

In fact, we are holding a "Singing and Cake Open Evening" on **Monday 9th October**, and would like to invite anyone who enjoys singing to come along and see what we get up to.

You'll be sure of a warm welcome!

You can contact **Sarah-Jane Stockman** on **01829 260714** or **Alison Nolan** on **07817 926201** for more information.

'Goodbye', Abby

We are very sad indeed to say 'goodbye' to Abby Cooper, our Youth Worker. Abby has been with us for the past four years. Abby's main focus has been on Young Christians (YCs) which happens every Monday

night during term-time. These evenings involve discussion, games and prayer. The highlight of the YC year is, of course, the pantomime. (Oh yes, it is!) In her first year with YCs, Abby found herself fitting and making costumes, but she has more recently taken to the stage.

Abby has also started and ran the Y6 group, Cherish, at Bunbury School. She also went into Tarporley High School every Wednesday lunch time to run a drop-in group called Biscuit Club. A particularly popular activity was Toasties, where young people could get together to chat and enjoy food.

Abby was one of the leaders of last year's young people and families trip to New Wine and she has also led and preached at Bunbury's All-Age Service.

We have been truly blessed by Abby's ministry among our young people. She has brought enthusiasm, joy and support to our young people and provided opportunities for them to explore their faith. We are planning to recruit a new Youth Worker, so that Abby's wonderful work can continue.

Abby and Stephen's daughters, Eliza and Freya have arrived in the time she has been Youth Worker and she has reluctantly decided that it is more realistic to work closer to home. She is taking up a post at Eliza's nursery, in the near future. However, we will still see quite a lot of Abby and family, as they intend to continue to worship at St Boniface.



Bunbury Walking for Health



On a glorious day early in July Bunbury Walking for Health celebrated a second year of successful walking. The walkers enjoyed an al fresco lunch overlooking the Bunbury playing field.

The group has flourished since starting in 2015, we have over 80 registered walkers

and each week we welcome up to 25 walkers keen to improve and maintain general health and fitness.

We offer short and longer walks to suit all abilities from a 30 minute flat walk up to 90 minutes around the Bunbury countryside.

For more information, please contact: **les.arrowsmith57@gmail.com**, **Cate: 07803941599** or **Jim: 01829261227**.



Bunbury Poppy Appeal needs your help



This is an update to you all and, in a way, an appeal for help. A long time has passed - beyond the memory of anybody that I have spoken to

- since we have not had a Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal in Bunbury and the surrounding district.

Our last Poppy Appeal Co-ordinator had filled this role with a great degree of success taking our annual Poppy Appeal from an average of around £4,500 to just below £6,000 last year. Unfortunately, due to an illness and other conflicting interests, she has had to step down after four years involvement with the Poppy Appeal. Within our branch of the Royal British Legion we have not been able to find a replacement Poppy Appeal Co-ordinator. Sadly, this means no involvement in the Poppy Appeal in the village this November unless a volunteer or volunteers step forward to take on this important role. If you feel you can help (or a group of friends or neighbours) and wish to be involved in running the Poppy Appeal please call me, **James** (Branch Chairman) on **01829 260195**.

A general update on activities of the branch is that we continue to work closely with the Scouting and Guiding Associations, as we believe that the act of remembrance in future generations is in the hands of the young. Our Welfare Team is active in many ways in the village, visiting those in need and taking people to hospital and doctors for appointments.

Parish Council Pursuits

The Parish Council met on 13 September. Eight Parish Councillors were present and Ward Councillor Michael Jones attended. One member of the public was present and raised concerns about the diversion of the footpath leading from Oak Gardens, around the proposed new development.

The Highways Review was discussed, along with several planning applications. The council intend to proceed with the option to acquire the Muir land off Wyche lane. Proposed use of the land will be discussed at the October meeting and nearby residents will be consulted.

And so, Bunbarians, lovely golden leaves will soon start to fall.

Leila Potter

Parish Council Press Officer

Bunbury Mill craft group

Bunbury Mill's monthly craft group welcomed professional jeweller Ella McKintosh to their September meeting, to be taught the fascinating craft of casting pewter jewellery from moulds carved into cuttlefish bone. Ella works from a studio in Manchester's Craft and Design Centre and proved a patient and expert teacher, leaving us all with some really original and

very wearable pieces and wanting to do more.

If you would like more information about this group- open to all! - Please contact organiser

Judy Gray at

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Sponsorship of the floodlights

If you would like to sponsor the St Boniface floodlights for a week in memory of a loved one or to commemorate an event or anniversary please sign the list on the notice board and give your donation to Revd Tim, John Mason or one of the Churchwardens. All money raised will be spent on the fabric of our beautiful ancient building.

Bunbury Ironman raises £10,500 for Myeloma UK

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Like every Ironman entrant, you can't help but weather watch! A completely pointless exercise causing additional stress, especially as they were forecasting gale force winds. Thanks to another great friend (coach Tristan Aspinall) we arrived in Tenby on the Thursday evening, giving me sufficient time to get organised for the race on the Sunday.

Race day starts at around 4.30am for breakfast, actually it starts about 9pm the night before when you desperately try to sleep! Like many first timers, I lay in bed thinking about all the things that could go wrong or things that I might have forgotten to pack in my transition bags. The walk down to the swim was surprisingly relaxed and enjoyable despite the ever increasing winds and rain. I was with fellow Bunbury Ironman Duncan MacKenzie, it was lovely to have a friendly and familiar face to ease the pressure and distract me from what was to come.

At 7am it was finally time to put all this training to the test, I quickly spotted my wife Jennie and friends on the beach, Tris was holding out his phone with the screen facing me. There he was, Peter McCleave on a video call as I was about to enter the water. It was exactly what I needed to see and on reflection, I'm not sure I'd have got out of the swim without that extra bit of motivation. Pete and his family were planning to be in Tenby alongside the Aspinall's for a long weekend. Unfortunately Pete was in hospital undergoing intensive chemotherapy treatment and couldn't make it in person, but boy was it good to see he face smiling and cheering me on!

Sadly the calm sea's didn't last very long and I can only describe the swim as brutal. The first lap was actually OK, but then the weather turned. The wind changed direction which meant for a poor swimmer like me, it was a relentless and tough second lap in choppy waters. It took pretty much everything I had to get out of the water and having been in the sea for so long, my legs and core had started to shake pretty violently from the cold water.

As I came out the water I knew I was in trouble, the professional photos taken say it all! I don't really remember any of the 1km run from the sea to transition 1. As I arrived in transition I knew I was close to the 2 hours 20 minute cut off, but I was reassured by one of the lovely lady volunteers that I would be OK as long as I was out of her sight in the next 5 minutes!

So now I'm on the bike, the part that I was most comfortable with. Whilst I was delighted to be in the saddle my body was protesting from the long swim. I was still shaking aggressively and I couldn't get any oxygen in, I was yawning constantly and my heart rate was dropping. I simply focused on long deep breaths, in through my nose and out through my mouth. I spun my legs at a high cadence to get the blood flowing around my legs and some 10 minutes later I felt good again. I don't quite know why, but at that point I was already saying to myself that I was going to be an Ironman and I started to get emotional, very optimistic considering I still had about 100 miles to go on the bike and a full marathon, the weather was brutal with driving rain and 40mph+ winds. I followed the plan and took on the nutrition needed every 30 minutes and took a lot of confidence from passing lots of other cyclists. Overall the bike leg felt good, it was tough because of the rain and wind, I had a mini wobble at around mile 70, the chain came off once during one of the many climbs, but some 7 hours 50 mins later I arrived in Transition 2.

Much to my delight, and by complete coincidence, I bumped into Duncan MacKenzie in transition. People keep asking me how you have the energy to even contemplate running a marathon after almost 8 hours on the bike and 2 hours in the sea. Actually I was so happy to get my wet cycling shoes off and a fresh pair of socks on, I

Duncan MacKenzie & Richard Newman



couldn't wait to get out on the run. The run for Ironman Wales is roughly four 10km laps of Tenby. I ran the first lap like I was doing a 10km run training run and quickly realised that this wasn't sustainable. Like the bike, the run is also fairly hilly. The rest of run was tough but felt good, I never once thought I couldn't make it to the end or that I'd miss the cut off time. The benefit of the four lap was that I got to see my gorgeous wife, beautiful daughter and friends approximately every 1 hour 20 minutes.

Before I knew it the finishing line was in sight. I'd actually seen it three times before, Ironman Wales cruelly designed the course in such a way that you get to the start of the 'red carpet' finishing line just as they make you turn right to complete the balance of your laps! All I could see was the ever vocal and enthusiastic crowd lining both sides of the streets and my family and friends hanging over the railings cheering me on. Jennie gave me a huge kiss on the lips and then it was over. I crossed the finish line and heard those beautiful words, 'Richard Newman you are an Ironman'.

The pizza and two slices of cake in the athletes tent were the most divine sensation my taste buds can recall to date, all washed down with a cup of tea! I sat and chatted to other finishers, most like me wrapped in a foil blanket trying to get warm. It had been a long, wet and very windy day. I later found out that 8 of the 22 professionals didn't finish the race. We chatted to a French professional in a restaurant the following evening, who had been pulled into a local residence house with hypothermia. Thankfully he had recovered and we talked about an Ironman in France he recommended I try!

So, that's it! Ironman Wales 2107 completed! In the end we raised an amazing £10,500 for Pete and Myeloma UK. I'm still humbled by the generosity of friends and family. People who I've not seen or had any contact with, in some cases for over a decade, donated to our charity. It goes to show how much cancer touches all our hearts and I can never thank everyone enough for their generosity and kindness.

My wife asked me if I'd do it again. To be honest I'd already made the decision that I would before I even got off the bike! Will it be in 2018? Probably not. The training is a big commitment and means a lot of time out on the bike, running or swimming, when I could be with my girls. I'll definitely do another. I feel like I have some unfinished business in Tenby. Surely the weather can't be that brutal again! 2018 will likely involve a half Ironman and will represent another opportunity to learn more about me, how amazing and supportive my family and friends are, and an opportunity to raise more money for a great cause.

If you would like to add to Richard's fantastic fundraising achievement and support Myeloma UK, visit:
<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/petermccleave>

Give us Two Minutes - Zoë Green



I first moved to Bunbury in 2004 with my family and dog Fudge. I attended Bunbury School and later Abbey Gate College near Chester. Whilst at high school I took up rowing as a hobby and rowed several times a week at Grosvenor Rowing Club in Chester and also volunteered as a cub and scout leader in Bunbury. Whilst studying for my A Levels I decided I didn't want to take the usual university

route as I had a real passion to start working. Then I came across a job opportunity run by the accountancy firm KPMG in which you worked for the firm and in return they sponsored your university degree. I applied for the job just before Christmas of last year and after a few nerve racking interviews I was offered the job. I am now in my first week of studying Accountancy at the University of Birmingham and will be working at KPMG in Liverpool alongside.

If you had a motto, what would it be?

Dream as if you'll live forever. Live as if you'll die today.

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

I would love to invite Kate Middleton because I think she would have quite a few fun stories to tell and give an insight into what life is like as a royal!

What would you call your autobiography?

Never give up. There have been a few times when I've doubted if I'd be able to complete or achieve something but every time I keep going and always get there in the end.

What was your first job?

When I was in primary school, I set up my own business (with the help of my dad) called 'The Little Joke Shop'. I bought in practical jokes from a wholesaler and sold them on EBay and also at Village Day and various Christmas fairs!

What would you change about Bunbury, if you could?

I would have to say the transport because I used to find it really hard as a teenager to meet up with friends as there is no regular bus service in Bunbury. So I would want to introduce a regular bus

service so that other young people don't have to rely on their parents for lifts.

What is the best book you have read to date?

My favourite book is 'As The Crow Flies' by Jeffery Archer. I first read it when I was about 13 years old and I have re-read it multiple times since then! I find it such an interesting book because it combines by passions of history, politics and business all into one exciting story.

What is your biggest regret?

As I've only just left school its hard to think of a biggest regret. Possibly the only think that I regret is not taking French for GCSE. I took Spanish but dropped French which I regret now because I have such a passion for learning languages.

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

If it were to exist, I'd wish for time travel! I'm a very impatient person when it comes to waiting for things such as travelling and every time that I have to go on a long journey I always wish that time travel were real.

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

I had actually lived in four different houses by the age of 5 years old. I was born in Nottingham and lived in two houses there and then moved to Chester before finally moving to Bunbury.

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

As I've only just entered the world of work, I'd love to just settle down and do well at my job for the first year. I know that there is going to be so much for me to learn alongside my studies so I'm hoping that I can get to grips with everything and do my best.

What is your favourite place and why?

My favourite place is probably on the River Dee. When I rowed in Chester I used to really love summer evenings rowing on the river as the water would be so calm and there was nobody around. I used to find it very peaceful and relaxing to spend my time there.

How would you spend your ideal weekend?

My ideal weekend would definitely involve travelling and exploring new places, be it at home or abroad. I love to discover new places because you can never know what you're going to find and that really excites me. Whilst exploring new places, I'd have to be on the hunt for some different coffee shops - I love coffee and finding new and quirky places to eat and drink.

Calveley School's 'real life' curriculum

In September 2016 Calveley and Acton C of E Primary Schools became a multi-academy trust and we are glad to report that both schools are experiencing the benefits this has given us, greater control of our own finances and the curriculum and the ability to stretch scant resources further between the schools, thus providing an improved learning experience for all the children.

The 'real life' curriculum has included designing and building go-karts, designing and creating their own clothes and putting on fashion shows and various culinary activities.

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Fiona braves the shave

On 1 September, Fiona Parker had her head shaved, at Bunbury Pavilion, by Suzanne Badder of The Salon, Bunbury. This was in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support. The hair that was cut was donated to the Little Princess Trust, a charity which makes real hair wigs for boys and girls who have lost their hair through illness or cancer treatment. Fiona would like to thank all those who have supported her, as together they have smashed her initial target of £500 and raised a massive £1,304.



If you would like to sponsor Fiona, please visit:
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Comments from Facebook from one of Fiona's friends after she braved the shave:

Alright everyone this is gonna be the cheesiest thing I've ever done but she's worth it. I've just gotta talk about how proud I am of my fave human ever. Fiona Parker shaved her head today and managed to raise over £1000 for Macmillan Cancer Research which is phenomenal, it's a brave thing to do AND she looks badass with no hair and I'm in awe. BUT this isn't the only time she's been a huge inspiration to me. Over the last two years I have seen her take life head on and absolutely smash it. She's been in intense pain with her back and faced huge setbacks and yet she has barely complained in the process, because that's just what she's like. Everything she does, she does with grace and maturity and I LOVE HER SO MUCH.

Fi; I am so, so proud of you and it is the biggest blessing to call you my friend. You are the sister of my soul and I could not love you more if I tried. I cannot wait to see you conquer your future and continue smashing it. I will always be your biggest fan.

In tribute

Norman Chesters - grower of fine tomatoes and chrysanthemums

Norman, the youngest of three, was born in Tiverton and attended school at Tilstone Fearnall. Norman met Alma who lived down the road, in Hand Green, and they were married on 4th October 1945. Remarkably, over the years they received two cards from the Queen; in 2005 for their sixtieth wedding anniversary and five years later for their sixty fifth!

Norman worked for Cowaps at Bank Farm, and then worked as a foreman for Chester City Council. He worked on the highways with a 10 tonne steam roller, not a job for the faint hearted. He had also spent time in the Marines and loved to recount the stories of his time with them.

When Norman's mother died they moved back to Tiverton. Here he enjoyed growing tomatoes and chrysanthemums, often having three greenhouse on the go at one time. A man of strong opinions the tomatoes always had to be the "Shirley" variety! Norman loved the Cheshire countryside and their home, along with the children Ann and Ken, was the centre of his life.

Holidays weren't for Norman but he enjoyed going to Bank Holiday markets at Beeston and off to Nantwich on Saturdays for a visit to Piecemeal Café or to Chatwins for a hot sausage roll. Whilst there, he liked to give the Salvation Army something, he would say "you'd always get a cup of tea from The Salvation Army".

Norman liked his independence and own surroundings, never liked a fuss. In his later years Norman's neighbours looked out for him. One day when Ian, his son in law, was re-routing the wiring, because he was banging on the wall, Angie, his neighbour came flying over to check all was well.

Norman will be sadly missed by family and friends.



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In tribute

Gerald Fellows - green fingered award winner

A gentleman who really knew his onions..... and cucumbers, begonias, dahlias and all manner of beautiful plants.

Gerald was born eighty years ago in Beeston, the second youngest child, with his sisters, Helen and Joan and brother, Ken. Love of nature was a feature of Gerald's life and his work on the farm and in the gardens at Cholmondley Castle allowed his knowledge and passion of nature to grow.

Whilst working at Sidings Farm Gerald met Marjorie who lived at The Hollies, Spurstow and they married at St Boniface Church in 1967. They made a good team at their small holding where Gerald would be busy in the greenhouse tending his plants, whilst Marjorie cared for the animals. Family life became busy with the arrival of children, Alan and Julie.

Family holidays were memorable, but not frequent events, more often with one child and parent going whilst the other two stayed to care for both plants and animals at home. Gerald had a great time in America with Julie, and a few years later in Tunisia with Alan.

Gerald grew a dazzling array of vegetables and flowers at home and his talent was rewarded over many years with a host of cups, awards and shields, some won as recently as 2010.

Sadly Marjorie died in 2007 and life became more challenging for Gerald as his health deteriorated, but his love of nature was a solace to him. So perhaps when you hear an owl in the trees, or see a splendid hydrangea you will think of Gerald, and recall someone who really knew his onions.

Neil Shoane - vibrant, committed and fun-loving

Neil was born in 1972 and grew up in Stoke - in working men's clubs, with cheese and onion sandwiches. Neil was really not a fan of school and despite having failed maths he was accepted on a YTS scheme on £17 per week with Barclays and ended up at Vice President Level.

Neil was a wonderful employee and excelled in every role he did because he was passionate about his work and cared for his clients. With his enthusiasm, dry wit and humour he was admired and respected by many.

He was a keen sportsman: swimmer, footballer and crown green bowler! But football was where his passion lay. A staunch Liverpool fan he enjoyed not only watching football but was an enthusiastic player, often heard declaring "I might be in my 40's but I can run faster than those 18 year olds".

Neil met Julie at a leaving party in Manchester and romance blossomed. Neil proposed and they were married at Peckforton Castle in 2013. Neil would have preferred his stag do as a quiet night at the local pub and was truly overwhelmed that fourteen of his friends turned up to see him wearing lederhosen in Berlin.

For Neil marrying Julie was the best day of his life and their happiness was completed with arrival of daughters Alicia and Zara. Despite his hectic work life Neil found time to have fun with his girls. He shared his love of sport with them; tearing round in the parent and child race at nursery sports day and helping them learn to swim. Neil's loyalty and commitment to family and friends, his zest for life and enthusiasm, will be remembered by many and very sadly missed.

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