

Good Luck Beth!



Beth Tweddle, our local Olympic hope, secured her team place in mid-July with a win at the British Championships. In recent weeks she has continued her preparations for the Athens games with 6 hours of training every day at her base in Liverpool. Since 21st July she has been training in Barcelona and transfers to the

Olympic Village at the beginning of August. Her mother, Ann tells us "I find it all so exciting but she seems to be taking it in her stride". She will compete from 15th August when no doubt many of us will be glued to our TVs. So all the very best, Beth. When again will we have our very own competitor to cheer on?!

Possible future Olympians battle it out!

Bunbury's traditional summer season continues on its merry way! Here we see competitors at the school sports days on 12th and 13th July. Will any follow in Beth's footsteps? Can you spot the mums? (More school news page 6).



Welcome, Jemima!



Our Vicar, Rick Gates, was delighted to be made a granddad once again when his daughter, Anna, gave birth to a lovely baby girl on 26th June weighing a bonny 9lbs 4oz. There had been fears for the health of the baby for much of Anna's pregnancy and it was a huge relief that Jemima Hope was delivered safe and well, an answer to many prayers. The picture shows the new baby with proud parents Anna and Roly, big sister Ellie and big brother Harvey. Congratulations to you all!

Bored in the holidays?

Looking for something to do in August? See page 5!



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September Parish Link

Lucy is away most of August so if you are planning any contributions for September please contact Lucy (260487) or Jill (260081) asap.

Nature notes

My favourite childhood story was Heidi. I was enchanted by the description of the wildflower meadows and the goats grazing high on the mountainside. You can imagine my delight when I visited those meadows in early June and found them to be just as I had visualized them to be all those years ago.

The snow-capped mountain peaks towered over the high pastures which were ablaze with blue and purple coloured gentians, the purple hairy heads of the pasque flowers and masses of maroon and yellow ladies slipper orchid, to name but a few. Many of these alpine plants were easily recognisable as they grow in garden rockeries at home, having been brought back by early botanists. But nothing can compare with seeing them grow in their natural environment. The alpine plants are mainly perennials to enable them to survive in very harsh conditions. They are faced with a very short growth season, which is why the minute the snow melts they make rapid growth and burst into flower together to herald the start of spring, just as if someone had laid out a colourful patterned carpet.

The alpine snowbell can't wait for the snow to melt and forces its buds up to the surface to burst into flower whilst its leaves remain smothered in snow.

I was so engrossed in identifying the many flowers that I didn't notice a marmot that was close by until I heard it whistle. It was not at all frightened and seemed very curious as to where I had appeared from. It was only when I tried to take its photograph that it got camera-shy and scuttled off into its burrow. Marmots are members of the squirrel family but have short tails. In good weather they eat as many flowers, grass and seeds as they can to build up the enormous quantities of fat they need to help them survive the winter.

I felt very excited to be surrounded by such beauty and found it hard to believe my eyes and now I am home I am left with the wonderful memories and my dreams.

Liz Jones



St.Judes Summer Lunch

The Summer Lunch on the 11th July was a really nice event. It was blessed with fine, if not warm, weather. The food prepared by the ladies was delicious and was enjoyed by all. The raffle was well subscribed to with plenty of lucky winners and the cake stall sold out very quickly. Thanks must go to Mr & Mrs Lowe for the kind loan of their beautiful house and gardens for the afternoon and also to the people who did all the organization. Well done to all involved.

Linda Downey

To obey or not to obey?

Rick's article on Love and Marriage last month certainly got us thinking ...

"This article surely had early pioneers of women's rights spinning in their graves, saying that a promise of obedience on the part of the bride was an important ingredient of a happy marriage. Didn't we drop all that with the Married Women's Property Act of 1882, universal suffrage and better education for women? A promise to obey is surely like a bride giving her husband a casting vote so that in any matter of dispute she would have to go along with his proposal, however unhappy it would make her. If one partner has an idea, surely it should be open to challenge by the other? Hopefully the couple trust one another but isn't decision-making better if there is equal participation?"

Joy Berill (Ms)

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Time for a holiday?

Yes – it's here at last, the wonderful month of August – it's holiday time! All year we've scrimped and saved and dreamt of those long hot days of summer when we could switch off completely for a week or two and forget all the hassles of daily life. Time for a laze on the beach or a walk in the hills. Time to spoil yourself; to read that pile of paperbacks that you bought at last year's church fete. Oh it's going to be such fun!

But is it? There are all sorts of statistics around telling us that, far from being the time of ultimate relaxation, our holidays can often be amongst the most stressful times of the year. Stuck in a traffic jam with hot and wailing children. Feeling as though we have spent half a lifetime in an airport departure lounge while we read about the latest demands of French air traffic controllers. Getting up at 6am to try to get your towel onto a lounge by the hotel pool or trying to find the Spanish word for Immodium outside a chemist shop that's dangerously distant from the nearest toilet.

Despite the potential horrors, we remain optimistic that this year is going to be the holiday of a lifetime. We need to believe it. We need to be able to look forward to something good to sustain us through the wind and rain of winter. We need to believe that there is something better waiting for us in the future. What a shame that our holidays can so often let us down. Looking forward to a better life, albeit only for a fortnight is what sustains the whole of the travel industry. On that simple human need hangs all the profit of Thomas Cook, Easyjet, Disney World and the rest.

Looking forward to a better life is also what sustains a Christian. We have all been made a promise of a better life by God. Not one that lasts a week or a fortnight, but one that lasts for eternity. Our promise doesn't need an ABTA bond because it will not disappoint. This better life is eternal life in heaven. It will exceed our wildest dreams and the knowledge of it will lift our spirits for the rest of our life on earth.

It also won't cost you a penny, unlike our expensive week in the sun. The better life that God promises to all of us is there for the asking. To get it we simply need to turn to Christ and offer up our lives to Him. We need to seek forgiveness for all the things that we know in our hearts we have done wrong and we need to commit ourselves to changing our lives so that we don't make the same mistakes again. In return for that, we need never again feel unfulfilled and frustrated by our lives on earth. We can look on our wet and windswept week in Abersoch with amusement and contentment, safe in the knowledge that it wasn't really that important in the great scheme of things.

Tom Crotty



Feeding the Hungry

'Jesus answered them, "Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves."' (St John, 6, 26)

These people had gone to some trouble to catch up with Jesus, only to be told in no uncertain terms that they must not look to him simply as a ticket for another free meal. In telling the crowds to think on a higher level, to see beyond the physical food they had enjoyed, Jesus was not so much reprimanding as encouraging: think high, aim high, live high.

God still challenges us today to think more seriously about why we are here, what we are doing and how we are responding to the challenges of the Gospel to make him known to others.

We, as Christians, are called on to care about the world. If the plight of millions as yet without knowledge of the love of Christ doesn't have an impact on us, can we honestly claim that we ourselves are fully within the love of Christ?

Eric Wallington

"St. Paul cavorted to Christianity, he preached holy acrimony, which is another name for marriage."

The above is a real answer in a Catholic school test. Thanks to Dave Owen for this and other gems! See page 7.

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Trounced or routed?

The annual church versus club cricket match and barbeque took place between showers on 18th July after the open air service. Despite the usual plying of the opposition with Pimms, the church team suffered an honourable defeat - perhaps only fair after their comfortable win last year!

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What makes you laugh?

What is a sense of humour? Amusing? Funny? Witty? Well, what is it? And why have we got one? Does having a sense of humour make one a better person? A nicer person? A kinder person? One reads in the dating column of newspapers, 'G.S.O.H required'. Maybe a good sense of humour really is required if you have to advertise for one!

There are so many variations of humour: what one person finds extraordinarily funny, another will not. There is, for instance, a sense of the ridiculous, often shared within a family. For example an old lady breaks wind loudly as she bends to pick up her basket – some find that hilarious and would struggle to stifle their giggles. Others find it embarrassing and feel sorry for her – they don't even want to laugh! That doesn't mean they have no sense of humour, in fact they may be well known for their quick wit and repartee.

There can be cruel humour, for instance sarcasm, which is a laugh at someone else's expense. It is a rather nasty way to express wit: the sergeant-major bawling at a raw recruit, the school teacher holding a pupil to ridicule in front of the class. Some may find it funny, some not. Some people realise that a sense of fun and an ability to make others laugh save them from bullying. Then there is vulgar humour, a crude joke at an inappropriate time. A rugby joke amongst the team is okay in the changing-room, totally out of place at a dinner-party.

Back to what is a sense of humour? Does it depend on the company one keeps? Would life be unbearable if no-one laughed? One hears of the sense of humour of an officer in the army for instance, who says something just at the right moment to make his men follow him into battle, because he has made them laugh and eased their fear and tension.

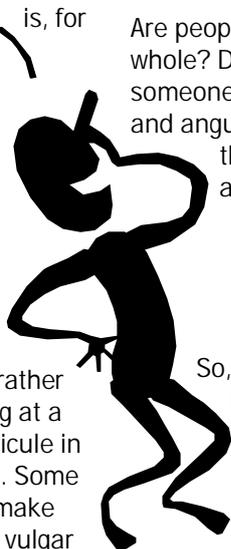
Then there is the reciprocal sense of humour, the humour of the giver to the receiver, those with a similar sense of humour feeling a cheerful camaraderie. Whereas someone not on the same wavelength will reject the giver's intentions – worry and stress can cause a sense of humour to temporarily disappear. Then a lack of humour can make people tend to shy away or avoid people who look and act sombrely or fiercely, saying, 'Oh! So and so is so difficult, no sense of humour whatsoever!' .

Are people with a sense of humour happier people on the whole? Do they look on the bright side more positively than someone without humour? So often in times of real stress and anguish, to be able to 'see the funny side' just relieves the tension, and we all feel better for a quick laugh among tears.

Pets will perform various tricks to make their owners laugh at them and get the attention they are craving. They can't talk, so this is their way of doing it.

So, to sum up a sense of humour – can you define it? Or can you only categorise it into various types? Laughter has been proven to help people keep healthy. It is always intriguing why people laugh and cry. There are so many forms of laughter – to cry with laughter, roar with laughter, uncontrollable giggles, sniggers, polite laughter, false laughter. What makes us humans laugh at funny things, and cry at sad? Has anyone ever been born who does it the other way round? Yet that brings another train of thought: people do cry with happiness, or giggle and laugh with nerves when maybe it is a time for tears. The subject of humour is indeed complex!

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School News

Bunbury School has enjoyed a busy few weeks at the end of term. The annual Barbeque was a great success despite uncertain weather and raised over £1,700 for school funds. Aided by a strong easterly wind, the balloon race saw balloons going right across Europe. The £100 prize goes to Emma Chow whose balloon reached Poznan in Poland.



We are sad to say goodbye to three members of staff: Chris Priddey (pictured above at sports day), who is moving as a deputy head to Winsford after seven years at the school; Margaret Davies, who is retiring after over 11 years at the school and who has inspired all with her art, design and gardening skills; and Jo Wilson, the school's maths co-ordinator, who is moving to work closer to home and her little boy, Frank.

A very happy holiday to staff and pupils!

Elizabeth de Lewandowicz

We were sorry to hear of the death, in early June, of Elizabeth de Lewandowicz. Her son Andrew writes:

"Elizabeth first came to Bunbury 41 years ago. She taught at the school for over 20 years and many of the families of people she taught still live in the village today.

"Elizabeth was born in Northwich, an only child. During the War she fell in love with, and married, a dashing Polish airman, somewhat against her parents' wishes. Two sons, Andrew and Martin, were born and the family made their home in North Wales. Sadly, the marriage failed, and Elizabeth returned alone to Cheshire, where she made a new home for the family here in Bunbury. Elizabeth took an active interest in village life and for many years she was also a regular volunteer at the RNIB recording studios in Tarporley.

"Once her sons were grown, she could enjoy other interests that took her away from Bunbury. Her passion for travel and wide-ranging interest in history and classical culture took her all over the world. She became especially fond of the Middle East, exploring remote archaeological sites in Syria, Egypt, Jordan and Palestine, and to see her 'negotiating' in the souks of Damascus or Cairo was, in itself, an education! Closer to home, her love of archaeology took a practical form - she was a respected team member at many digs all over the UK and her enthusiasm for wielding a trowel, at an age when many of her contemporaries would be happy to sit by the fire, was a real insight into her adventurousness and mental and physical stamina.

"Elizabeth had a constantly inquiring mind and above all, she gave to many. We are deeply sad that Elizabeth has left us, but we recognise that hers was a good and full life - we mourn her passing but rejoice in her life."

Andrew de Lewandowicz

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What a mess!

"On Village Day, George and I parked in the little car park facing the graveyard. Nearly simultaneously we said, 'Oh, what a terrible mess the graveyard is!' We were extremely saddened: all the graves were overgrown with grass and weeds nearly knee high. I said to George, 'I have a brilliant idea. If every Bunburian – adults or supervised children - spent just one hour tidying one grave, the graveyard would look cared-for. It would show that past Bunburians are still remembered, even if there are no relatives able to tend the graves.'

Rick has told us that to employ someone to look after the graveyard would cost £2,000 a year. I am sure that knowing the wonderful

Bunburians we could find enough volunteers instead. One hour a year is not much to ask!

I am prepared to organise a rota for this worthwhile task. If you are prepared to help please contact me on 01829 260357 after 5.30pm. Will my telephone ever stop ringing?"

Leila Potter

Noah's Ark

Canon John Bowers has written with news of his recent cycling adventure, across Turkey end-to-end, and visiting the site of the alleged remains of Noah's Ark. "The 1,100 miles cycling was not easy...the rough worn-out bumpy surfaces of many roads makes

cycling uncomfortable. Amazingly, my bike suffered no faults, not even a puncture. On several days I had hills 10 to 12 miles long to ascend, at 3 or 4 miles an hour, as high as 2,600 metres. On 4 of my 13 days of cycling, I covered over 100 miles.'

For his pains, Canon John has raised about £3,000 for the Barnabas Fund (the fund is still open!) and he thanks the many people who have supported him.

"Noah's wife was called Joan of Ark. Noah built an ark and the animals came on in pairs."

Community news

Congratulations to **Neil, Cathy and Hope Dewson-Smyth** on their latest arrival, **Eve Grace**, at 6.39pm on 10th June weighing 8lbs 4oz, and also to **Ruth, Alasdair and Lucy Topp** of Bunbury Common on the birth of **James Eric** on the 14th June. The following **baptisms** have taken place recently at St.Boniface: **Camilla Broster**, daughter of **Claire and Paul** and little sister of **Molly**, of Haughton, on 11th July, and **Thomas Helsby**, son of **Peter and Sharon**, on 18th July, and **Jacob Dickens**, son of **Simon and Lynne** of Bunbury, on 25th July.

Best wishes to Haughton couple **Alison Healey and Michael Hale** who were married at St.Boniface on 30th June. It was a very wet day but the bells rang and the sun came out just in time for the wedding.

Many of you will have been shocked to hear of the death of **Julie Campbell** on June 30th after a tragic accident at her home. Julie and her husband Archie had lived in Alraham for many years before moving only a few weeks ago to Marbury. St Boniface was full of friends at her funeral on July 9th: family friend Mick Andrews gave a touching address, remembering Julie with much affection and humour. Our sincere sympathy goes to Archie and to their children Sarah (Burrows) and Mark at this very sad time.

Our sympathies to the family of **Hilda**

Hall whose funeral took place on 20th May. She had lived in the village all her life and was well known by the older villagers. One of her daughters is Joan Burrows.

General notices

Tiverton Village Day went ahead as planned on 26th June despite the terrible weather. The event was opened by MP Stephen O'Brien and there were a variety of games and stalls to be enjoyed. There were some lovely face paintings (especially Mrs. Povall) and music was played by Carolina Blue. £100 has been donated to Tarporley Cottage Hospital from the proceeds. The next event in Tiverton will be a Barn Dance on 28th August. Tickets are priced at £7.50 including food and can be obtained from Audrey Povall on 01829 733520.

Hot news! Digging in Bowes Gate Road was for **Broadband** which may be in Bunbury from next February!



Ready to welcome visitors: Bridie, Georgia, Eve, Fiona and Phil Sutherland who moved from Bunbury last year to open new holiday homes in Brittany. (www.lenvosgites.co.uk)

Bunbury Youth Theatre has places available for young people aged 8-18. The new term begins on September 10th. Contact Lucy Munro 260487 or Vanessa Greenbury 260715.

St.Luke's Picnic Ball and Garden Party raised an amazing £26,600. Well done Jane Thompson, who would like to thank all her supporters. For more information on St.Luke's see www.stlukes-hospice.co.uk.

On Sunday 8th August - 11am – 5pm don't miss the last chance to see the free **Peckforton Hills Local Heritage Exhibitions** at Peckforton & Beeston Village Hall. The **Local History Exhibition** looks at the rich history of the Peckforton & Bickerton Hill villages. The **Natural History Exhibition** shows the many wildlife habitats to be found in the hills. Further information from Deborah Grant (260479).

As we go to press, over 75 children will be enjoying a week of fun and games at the St.Boniface **holiday club, Storykeepers**, overseen by Johnny Gillett and a multitude of helpers of all ages. Sorry if you were too late for a place this year – better luck next time!

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August

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	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Jude
	10.00am	Family Worship	St Boniface
	11.00am	Family Worship	Calveley
	6.30pm	Holy Communion	St Boniface
4	10.00am	Holy Communion	St Boniface
8	9.30am	Morning Service	St Jude
	10.00am	Family Communion	St Boniface
	6.30pm	Evensong	St Boniface
	11.00am – 5.00pm	Peckforton Hills Local Heritage Exhibitions Peckforton & Beeston Village Hall	
11	10.00am	Holy Communion	St Boniface
15	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Boniface
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Jude
	10.00am	Family Worship	St Boniface
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Calveley
	6.30pm	Holy Communion	St Boniface
18	10.00am	Holy Communion	St Boniface
22	9.30am	Morning Service	St Jude
	10.00am	Family Communion	St Boniface
	6.30pm	Compline	St Boniface
25	10.00am	Holy Communion	St Boniface
29	9.30am	Morning Service	St Jude
	10.00am	Family Communion	St Boniface
	6.30pm	Compline	St Boniface

Looking ahead

September

2nd	Back to School!
11th	St.Judes Harvest Supper (note new date)
16th	Open House Cheese & Wine

October

2	Grease - Family sing-along evening, Bunbury School
14 - 16th	Good Companions 20th Anniversary Spectacular

November

13th	Songs with Strings
27th	St.Jude's Christmas Fair

December

4th	Bunbury School Christmas Fair
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