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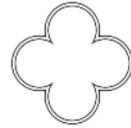
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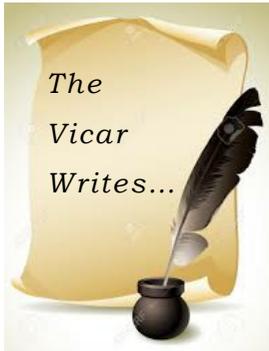
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Lindisfarne



Your Vicar has returned from her three-month sabbatical as promised...renewed, refreshed and rested...with a new best friend called 'Compeed'!

I have decided that after completing the 65 mile St. Cuthbert's way with my husband Steve in August, that not only is that part of the world stunningly beautiful from Melrose in the Scottish Borders to Lindisfarne island off the Northumberland coast, but that 'Compeed' is a wonderful invention. [I do believe there are other makes just as good!]

For those who have not yet rejoiced in its benefits, *Compeed* is a blister plaster that has the wonderful ability to cushion the painful blisters; not to exactly take away the pain, but to mask it. The offending blisters remain, but the gel layer of cushioning relieves the pain and enables you to continue for many more miles to come.

How many other things in life do we use like *Compeed* to mask the pain and to continue through our lives as if all is ok? Yet we know full well that underneath all the bravado or pretence there's something very wrong that needs healing. When do we give ourselves the time or space to be brave and take a good look at what's really rubbing and causing pain in our lives and then allow that healing to take place? Is there a hidden resentment, hurt, bitterness, or perhaps a habit we have we know isn't good for us? Do we keep pretending all is fine and keep on walking through life being limited and held back by those hurts?

As we prepare for Christmas, we walk through the often overlooked season of Advent, a time to

prepare, to slow down and to recognise that Jesus came, not to be a sticking plaster, not to be a comfy blanket.....but to bring healing in those hurting parts of our lives.

Jesus said ' I have come that you may have life, and have it to the full.' John 10.10

Not a life limited and restricted by past hurts and resentments, disappointments and bitterness, Jesus came to bring life, healing, forgiveness and a new way of living.

Now we all know that ripping off the plaster can be painful, and so perhaps we should expect that when we allow Jesus to really look at our lives, there may be some harsh realities we need to face which can hurt. We don't like to admit we have things wrong in our lives; it may be we've become so used to them we don't notice any more and forget the damage they're causing or the limitations they place on our lives.

The prophet Ezekiel told God's people that if they acknowledged their need of God, that there were things in their lives which were wrong and needed to change.

God promised: *'I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.'* Ezekiel 36: 26

Jesus was crucified and rose again so we may have a new beginning, a new life. No more need for plasters.

I am pleased to report the blisters are now all healed. It did hurt ripping off the well worn-in *Compeed* but it was worth it to allow the healing to take place.

Cathy

A HUMANITARIAN EMERGENCY CONTINUES TO UNFOLD ACROSS EUROPE.

Thousands of families are fleeing for their lives, risking treacherous sea and land crossings, in a desperate bid to reach the safety of Europe. Over half a million people have crossed the Mediterranean and Aegean so far this year, fleeing war, persecution and a horrifying list of human miseries in Syria, Afghanistan, Iraq, Eritrea, and other countries.

Nearly 3,000 people have drowned or gone missing. Yet, the number of people arriving in Europe continues to rise. For many, the choice to embark on such dangerous journeys seems the only way to give their children a chance of survival and safety.



A Prayer for All Refugees

Lord of all compassion; we pray for all those caught up in the midst of tragedy or disaster.

For those who have lost life and for those working to save life; for those who are worried for the people they love; for those who will see their loved ones no longer.

Lord have mercy.

For those in need of the peace which passes all understanding; for all who turn to you in the midst of turmoil; for those who cry out to you in fear and love.

Lord have mercy.

For those in confusion and those in despair; for those whose tears are yet to dry; for those in need of your ending love.

Lord have mercy. Amen



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In January 2016 we celebrate our 40 year anniversary since the charity was started by our founder, Edna Speed, and we are planning a **Thanksgiving Service in Chester Cathedral** on Thursday 7 January starting at 7.00pm.

The key speaker at this event will be the Rt. Hon Iain Duncan Smith, who has been a loyal supporter of Save the Family. Graham Kendrick, the well known church musician, is also involved in the music for this event.

St Nicholas' Church, Burton has supported Save the Family for many years and everyone is invited to join us as we lay the foundations for the next 40 years.

This is a ticketed event and there is a list at the back of Church for you to request tickets.

JOHN CHURCH
for Save the Family



Little Stars



Praise and play-time for babies, toddlers and preschool children with their parents or carers.

LITTLE STARS REUNION

'Little Stars' old and new turned out for a special reunion party to thank organiser Sue Church for her time and dedication over the past five years.

The Reunion Party took place on Saturday, September 12 and saw original members as well as current Little Stars meet at St Nicholas' Church for an afternoon of fun involving face-painting, musical games, cakes and crafts.

The toddler group, which meets in church on Mondays between 1.00pm and 3.00pm, was set up six years ago while Amanda Ankers was on maternity leave with her youngest son Sam.

When Amanda went back to work, Sue kindly offered to step in and run the Monday afternoon group and has been leading the activity ever since.

This summer, Sue stepped down as organiser to concentrate on other activities with which she is involved and the Reunion Party was held to celebrate Sue's contribution over the years.

During the event, Sue was presented with a special 'thank you' card designed by the Little Stars and a bouquet of flowers.

Little Stars is now run by Cath Jones and new members are always welcome. Activities include:

- *Sing-Alongs*
- *Special Time*
- *Playtime*
- *Refreshments*

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

In September we welcomed our prayer partners from Castle near Northwich to our September meeting – a lively event. The Speaker, Sally Hughes, entertained us with her own thought provoking and interesting poetry.

A short, light-hearted quiz had also been prepared and we enjoyed a special afternoon tea.

The November meeting will be a planning session for the stall at the Christmas Fair on 5 December. Orders will be taken before the event for table decorations which can be collected at the Fair.

Future events include the Provincial Thanksgiving Eucharist at 2.00pm on 10 November at Chester Cathedral. Tickets are available - call 0151 336 3635

THE Burton Buskers
"...a masterpiece in under-ten-minutes"
Present their annual
Fundraising Concert



ON
Friday 13th November 2015
AT

Burton Sports & Social Club
(located behind the Village Hall)

Pay at the door - £5 per person
(All money raised during the evening will be donated to CIND)
Doors open 7.00 pm

Please come along and support this worthwhile event
Fully Licenced Bar / Raffle prizes



So, who was St Nicholas?

Saint Nicholas (or Old Saint Nick) is often another name for Santa Claus or Father Christmas, but who was the real Saint Nicholas?

St. Nicholas was born sometime circa 280 in Patara, Lycia, an area that is part of present-day Turkey. His parents had prayed and asked God for a child – much as Abraham and Sarah had done. From the time Nicholas was born they considered him as a gift from God. Although they both died when Nicholas was in his teens, diligently they taught their young son devotion to God and to be very generous to the poor. It is reported that he used his inheritance to help the poor and sick. A devout Christian, he later served as bishop of Myra, a city that is now called Demre.

There are many legends about St. Nicholas of Myra. One story tells how he helped three poor sisters. Their father did not have enough money to pay their dowries and thought of selling them into servitude. Three times, St. Nicholas secretly went to their house at night and put a bag of money inside. The man used the money so that one of his daughters could marry. On the third visit, the man saw St. Nicholas and thanked him for his kindness. He also reportedly saved three men who were falsely imprisoned and sentenced to death.

Because of his kindness Nicholas was made a Saint. St. Nicholas is not only the saint of children but also of sailors.

Another story tells of him helping some sailors that were caught in a dreadful storm off the coast of Turkey. The storm was raging around them and all the men were terrified that their ship would sink beneath the giant waves. They prayed to St. Nicholas to help them. Suddenly, he was standing on the deck before them. He ordered the sea to be calm, the storm died away, and they were able to sail their ship safely to port.

St. Nicholas was exiled from Myra and later put in prison during the persecution by the Emperor Diocletian. No one really knows when he died, but it was on 6 December in either 345 or 352 AD.

Over the years, stories of his miracles and work for the poor spread to other parts of the world. He became known as the protector of children and sailors and was associated with gift-giving. In 1087 the remains of St Nicholas' grave were transported from Turkey to Bari, Italy where a Basilica was built in his honour. Soon after his popularity spread throughout Italy and across Europe.

The feast day of St. Nicholas was traditionally held on 6 December. It was a common practice for children to put out their shoes the night before. In the morning, they would discover the gifts that St. Nicholas had left there for them.

St. Nicholas, known to them as Sint Nikolaas or by his nickname Sinter Klaas, and his gift-giving ways, was brought to America in the 1700s by Dutch immigrants.

However, on St. Nicholas feast day the sailors of Bari still carry his statue from the Cathedral out to sea, so that he can bless the waters and so give them safe voyages throughout the year.



Nature Notes

Winter Approaches

The colours this season have been spectacular. The leaves on the Cornus turned crimson and the berries on the Rowan were wonderful – until the birds decided to feast on them. The hydrangeas have been wonderful as has a climbing apricot coloured rose Buff Beauty.

The new rose Inspiration has flowered all summer. The buddleia Davidii have been pruned down by one-third as have any tall roses to save wind rock on the roots. The tubs and planters have been emptied and re-filled with Spring flowering bulbs.

The dahlias, although late flowering, have been wonderful, especially Bishop of Landaff with its crimson flowers and dark coppery foliage. Last year the same variety was destroyed by slugs!

The geraniums have been re-potted, cuttings taken and placed indoors for the winter. Some tulips still have to be purchased and hopefully these will be Queen of the Night and Shirley as these compliment each other when planted together.

Birds are slow to return to the garden. A few Blue and Great Tits have been seen together with one Goldfinch and very few Blackbirds. Even Robbie Robin has been an infrequent visitor.

Maybe they will return once we have a cold snap!

Flori Bunda



A poem and prayer, as Christmas draws near...

We can scarcely believe it, God,
this story of your birth in the world.
We think about what it might mean,
we read the headlines and we doubt,
and still we hope, desperately,
that it just might be true.

If we have lost faith in the promise of change,
unwrap our doubt to make a space for love.
If we only know despair over your church,
unwrap our grief to make a space for joy.
If we've been angry with your people,
unwrap our resentment to make a space for peace.
If we've looked back on the past nostalgically,
unwrap our sentimentality to make a space for life.
If we're looking forward cynically,
unwrap our scepticism to make a space for hope.
God, if we have lost the faith to believe that you
are making your world and your church new,
unwrap our darkness to make a space for light.

Amen

Cheryl Lawrie 'Hold this space'

Farewell to Friends

Dwenna Georges



In early October, St Nicholas' Church and Burton Village bid a very fond farewell to Dwenna Georges as she began her move south towards the upper reaches of the Thames to be closer to her son, daughter-in-law and grandchildren.

Such an active and willing member of the local community for so long, particularly in helping to run the church and providing support to others, the gap she leaves will be very difficult to fill; an almost impossible task.

Seen walking along Mudhouse Lane most mornings to open up the church so that residents and visitors could enjoy access to the church seven days a week and walking back in the evening to lock up certainly helped her to keep fit and active.

Dwenna has been a long-standing member and patron of St Nicholas' Church and will be missed. But it is her efforts in helping to bring people together for which she will be particularly remembered and appreciated, as well as for her participation in so many local activities:

Church Events Committee; Soup & Sandwich Lunches; Bell Ringing in Shotwick and Burton; Church Choir; Handbell Group; Prayer Meetings; Home Group; Hardy Perennials Ladies Lunches; Church Cleaning; Welsh Choral Weekends; and the Hadlow Green Singers in Willaston.

And so it was that St Nicholas' Church and a host of local people came together at the Burton Sports and Social Club to bid farewell to Dwenna and to wonder who might step up to fill the huge void, and how many people it might take?

Neil Johnstone

Burton Village will shortly be saying a sad farewell to one of its most respected residents. Neil Johnstone - a leading figure in so many aspects of the village for the past forty years - will be leaving with his wife Sonja to locate to Yorkshire to be nearer to their three daughters.

Neil's proud record includes being chairman of Bishop Wilson's PTA and chairman of the Burton Residents Association -but his biggest achievement has come in the last few years with the restoration of the Edwardian Glass House in Burton Manor.

It was his dedication and determination which led to a massive boost from the Heritage Lottery Fund for the Friends of Burton Manor which Neil served as chairman for many years. Now the project is supported by over fifty active volunteers who ensure that the walled gardens and glasshouse are maintained for the public free of charge throughout the year.

Neil has helped local crafts people set up businesses including a micro brewery, pottery studio and glass design - with support from the University of Chester.

Neil is also a well known businessman in the area - having set up Carson Print which now has a busy operation in Neston.

But his real focus has been on serving the residents of Burton Village - indeed he was behind some of the awards it has received in Cheshire's best kept villages.

At a presentation from his colleagues from the many gardens volunteers and Friends of Burton Manor, Neil pointed out that he will remain as a Trustee - and be returning occasionally to ensure that they are maintaining his high standards of workmanship!



Brownies



Discovering Faith Badge

Burton Brownies are working towards their 'Discovering Faith' badge this term as well as having lots of fun along the way!

We have had a chocolate tasting day as well as writing letters to Queen Elizabeth II to congratulate her on becoming our longest reigning monarch – we hope to have our replies from the Palace soon!

The Brownies have been learning about those who lost their lives in the parish in World Wars I and II and have a display planned for the front of Church. We are also hopeful of being involved in the Christingle Service and decorating a tree in the Church.

Burton Village Fayre

Saturday 5 December, Gladstone Hall

Craft Stalls

Burton Bakers Produce

Jewellery

Local Beer

Tea and coffee refreshments

Last year the event made over £1,000 towards Village Hall costs and is an important event in maintaining our facilities. For more information and to book a stall:

 336 3679

UPCOMING EVENTS

Puddington Village Carols

Annual '*Carols on the Green*'
Saturday 19 December at 6.00pm

Burton Village Advent Calendar

From 1 December a different window will be lit along the main street. Each window will have an identical snowflake. See if you can spot them in turn during the 24 days of Advent.

The last window will be lit at the Carols Round the Tree service in church at 4.00pm on Christmas Eve.

Christmas Tree Festival

The Christmas Tree Festival will take place in church on Saturday 5 December with the theme of Christmas Carols.

Messy Church

Saturday 28 November, 4.00pm

START THE WEEK IN PRAYER

Monday morning at 9.00 am in church - a quiet time at the beginning of each week when we pray for the needs of our church, our community, our country and the world.

HOUSE GROUPS

Christian Living

7.30pm Wednesdays in term time
Contact Dee Foster 0151 336 2336

Study Group

8.00pm - 4 & 18 Nov and 2 & 16 Dec
Danes Court, Mudhouse Lane
Contact Tony Carter 0151 336 5446

Bible Study

11.00am 2nd & 4th Wednesdays in church

DIARY OF CHURCH SERVICES



November

- 1st All Saints Day
8:45 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Family Worship
6:30 pm Evensong
- 4th 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 8th 3rd Sunday before Advent
Remembrance Sunday
8:45 am Holy Communion
10:15 am Morning Worship
- 11th 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 15th 2nd Sunday before Advent
8:45 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Family Communion
- 18th 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 22nd Sunday Next before Advent
Christ the King
8:45 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Morning Worship
Visiting Preacher - Captain James Wilkinson, Church Army
- 25th 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 29th 1st Sunday before Advent
8:45 am Holy Communion
3.00 pm Christingle Service

December

- 2nd 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 5th Christmas Tree Festival
- 6th 2nd Sunday of Advent
St Nicholas' Day
8:45 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Family Worship
Visiting Preacher - Rt. Rev. Geoffrey Turner (Retired Bishop of Stockport)
6:30 pm Evensong
- 9th 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 13th 3rd Sunday of Advent
8:45 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Morning Worship
- 16th 10:15 am Holy Communion
2:00 pm MU Christmas Gathering
- 20th 4th Sunday of Advent
8:45 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Family Communion
7:00 pm Carol Service
- 23rd 10:15 am Holy Communion
- 24th Christmas Eve
4:00 pm Carols Around the Tree
11:15 pm Holy Communion
- 25th Christmas Day
9:30 am Family Communion
- 27th 1st Sunday of Christmas
8:45 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Morning Worship

HYMN STORIES

We Three Kings of Orient Are...



We three Kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star
O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign
O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a deity nigh;
Prayer and praising, gladly raising, worship him, God most high
O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom;
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone cold tomb
O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

Glorious now behold him arise; King and God and sacrifice;
Heav'n sings hallelujah, hallelujah the world replies
O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

***‘We Three Kings’* is one of the most popular Christmas Carols and is traditionally sung after the reading from St. Matthew’s gospel of the account of the visit of the wise men to the stable.**

It was written by an American Anglican Priest, Revd. John Henry Hopkins Jnr. (1820 – 1891). He was the son of the first Bishop of Vermont and his father later went on to become the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church of America.

John Hopkins Jnr. was a prominent clergyman and delivered the eulogy at the funeral of President Ulysses S. Grant in 1855. It is sometimes suggested that ‘We Three Kings’ was written for a Christmas Pageant performed by the ordinands of the General Seminary in 1857. It is more likely, however, that he wrote the Carol as a Christmas present for his nephews and nieces. It was a great hit with the family and the Carol very quickly gained popularity. It was first printed in 1863.

As well as writing the words, Hopkins composed the rousing tune, Kings of Orient. The Carol celebrates the Epiphany – the arrival of the wise men with their gifts of symbolic meaning (Mathew 2 v 1-12). However the Gospel only tells us of their three gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. It doesn’t record how many wise men there actually were. That is left to Christian tradition and folklore.



In the Orthodox Church the number of Magi is usually thought to be twelve. In the western Church it is three. They are even known as Kings and named Melchior, Caspar and Balthazar.

John Hopkins took the well known traditions surrounding the coming of the wise men and unashamedly celebrated the scripture and the myth in word and song. He even presents us with a theological interpretation of the meaning of the gift. Gold for a newborn King, Frankincense is offered to God’s own son and Myrrh speaks of the passion and death of Jesus.

John Hopkins is often celebrated as Vermont’s very own Father Christmas. He clearly did much to promote Christmas and its traditions in the United States of America, and even looks very similar to the ‘Father Christmas’ character popularised in America in the nineteenth century. Hopkins died on 14 August 1891 and was buried next to his father at Rock Point, Burlington, Vermont.



Bishop Wilson Primary School Art Day

On Monday 12 October the whole school were involved in an art workshop, working alongside Chris Gilbert, a local artist.

During the day the children from all classes produced art work relating to the theme 'British and Christian Values'. The finished masterpiece will be displayed in the school hall.



HARVEST SUPPER CELEBRATION

The organisers of this year's *Harvest Supper* ensured that everyone was catered for with an array of hotpots, stews and vegetarian casseroles, all served with various accompaniments. This was followed by a delicious choice of fruit pies and crumbles with cream. The tables were laid out beautifully with flowers and the hall was decorated with handmade bunting. It was also pleasing to see some of our young people (*Ryan and Ieuan*) involved serving coffees and teas and helping to clear the tables.

The theme of the supper was related to the war and between courses we were entertained by singing, recitations and sketches organised by *Anne Warr*. The songs included '*We'll Meet Again*' and '*A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square*' and the evening included some quite brilliant poems that brought the war era into perspective.

Importantly the event raised over £300 for Christian Aid! Thank you.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Burton Parish War Dead



Names on the War Memorials from within the Parish Church.

“They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old; age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them”

Laurence Binyon

WORLD WAR ONE

GEORGE ASHWORTH: Rank of Sergeant in the Gordon Highlanders. No further details known.

SAMUEL BARTLEY: Private in the B Company 2/9 Battalion of the Manchester Regiment. Service Number 352362. Died 11th June 1917 aged 19. Buried at the Gore British and Indian Cemetery, France. Awarded the War Medal and Victory Medal. Son of William and Elizabeth Bartley of Burton.

DONALD McACKRAN BELL: Private in the 8 (service) Battalion of the Cheshire Regiment. Service Number 11717. Died as a Prisoner of War on 19th September 1917 in Mesopotamia. Buried in Basra Memorial, Iraq. Awarded the War Medal and the Victory Medal. The memorial was moved from its position in 1997 by Saddam Hussein to a location 32km along the road to Nasiriyah.

HUGH BELL: Private in the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. Service Number 25986. Awarded the War Medal and the Victory Medal.

THOMAS BELL: Private in the 2 Battalion, The Cheshire Regiment. Service Number 10383. Died 3rd October 1915. Buried at the Loos Memorial, France. Awarded the War Medal, Victory Medal and 1915 Star.

JOSEPH BUCKLE: Private in 13 (Garrison) Battalion, the East Lancashire Regiment, the Pembroke Yeomanry and the Welsh Regiment. Died 23rd August 1918 aged 19. Buried at Ottersteene Cemetery, France. Awarded the War Medal and Victory Medal.

THOMAS WILLIAM CROFTS: Private in the 9 (Service) Battalion, the Cheshire Regiment. Service Number 11720. Died 5th November 1916 aged 21. Buried at Boulogne Cemetery, France. Awarded the War Medal, Victory Medal and 1915 Star. Son of William and Hannah Crofts of Puddington.

THOMAS FREARSON: Private in the 9 (Service) Battalion, the Cheshire Regiment. Service Number 11718. Died 4th July 1916 aged 28. Buried in France. Awarded the War Medal, Victory Medal and 1915 Star.

The Service Numbers of Thomas Crofts and Thomas Frearson, being only one apart, suggest they enlisted together. Both arrived in France on 19th July 1915.

THOMAS ARTHUR HOLMES: Lance Bombardier in the 216 Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery. Service Number 106730. Died 29th April 1918 aged 40. Buried at Somme, France. Awarded the War Medal and Victory Medal.

JOSEPH HUGHES: Private in 25 (Montgomery and Welsh Horse Yeomanry) Battalion and the Royal Welsh Fusiliers. Died 21st September 1918 aged 37. Buried in France. Awarded the War Medal and Victory Medal. Son of John Hughes of Rake Cottage, Burton.

FRANK MEDLICOTT: Private in 1-4 Battalion, the Cheshire Regiment. Service Number 404187. Died 1st August 1918 aged 26. Buried in France. Awarded the War Medal and Victory Medal. Son of Henry and Martha Meddicott of Puddington.

ALPHONSO MELLOR: Acting Sergeant in 2/5 (Earl of Chester's) Battalion, The Cheshire Regiment. Previously been in 10 (Service) Battalion of Cheshire Regiment. Service Numbers 49382 and 2387. Died 3rd October 1916 aged 22. Buried in Thiepval Memorial to the Missing, France. Awarded the war Medal and Victory Medal. Son of Richard and Lydia Mellor of Burton and husband of Margaret H Mellor.

HARRY HORATIO MELLOR: Acting Corporal in 1st (Cheshire Field Co) TF, Corps of Royal Engineers. Service Number 1253. Died 4th March 1919 aged 39. Buried at St Nicholas Church, Burton. Awarded the Silver War Badge. Husband of Margaret E Mellor.

GEORGE THOMAS PALIN: Private in 18 Battalion, The Manchester Regiment. Service Number 26477. Died 9th July 1916 aged 22. Buried at Thiepval Memorial to the Missing, France. Awarded the War Medal and Victory Medal.

WORLD WAR TWO

WILLIAM BIGGS DFM: Pilot Officer in Royal Air Force. Died 7th September 1943 aged 22. Awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal for Courage and Valour.

GEORGE CAPSTICK: Fourth Engineer Officer in the Merchant Navy. Died 28th November 1942 aged 25.

KENNETH FOWDEN: Private in the Cheshire Regiment. Died 28th May 1940 in the French and Belgium Campaign.

ARTHUR THOMAS REGINALD FERNYHOUGH: Aircraft man, First Class in the Royal Airforce. Died 8th May 1941 aged 28.

WILLIAM HOWARD: Boy First Class in the Royal Navy. Died 10th December 1941 aged 17 on HMS Repulse.

GEOFFREY HUGHES: no records found

EDWARD S JONES: no records found

JAMES E O'CONNELL: Private in Parachute Regiment AAC, 13th Battalion South Lancashire Regiment. Died 3rd January 1945 in the Western Europe Campaign and is buried in Belgium. Aged 27.

WILLIAM H POLLARD: Second Lieutenant in Royal Engineers. Died 21st January 1944 India aged 36.

ARTHUR LL WILLIAMS DFC: Squadron Leader (Pilot) in Royal Air Force, Volunteer Reserve 83 Squadron. Died 28th August 1944 aged 30. Awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for Courage and Valour.

RAYMOND E WILLIAMS: Captain, Kings (Liverpool) Regiment. Died 23rd April 1943 in Burma.

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3rd December: “A Laugh on the Ocean Wave”.

A candid and light-hearted look at cruising presented by Brian Price, who left a promising banking career and ran away to sea, ending up as Cruise Director of Queen Mary 2.

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A club for the retired or partially retired that welcomes new members and meets monthly with an invited speaker. Various interest groups include history, music, painting, literature, travel etc.

All meetings are at 2.30 pm in Gladstone Village Hall

5th November: St George’s Quarter – Part of Liverpool’s World Heritage Site – Margo Storey.
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7th January 2016: Past pleasures of the Peninsular – Heather Chapman

For information contact Rodney Lyon on **336 2128** or www.manorgatehouse.info

THE PUDDINGTON SOCIETY EVENT DATES

Saturday 19th December: Carols on the Green.

Mulled wine and mince pies with carols round the Christmas tree on the Village Green.

For more information call Hazel Huxley on 0151 336 2288 or email puddingtonvillage@hotmail.com

BURTON AND NESTON HISTORY SOCIETY

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