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What's in this month's magazine

Spring is coming and to quote Henry Van Dyke, in The Fisherman's Luck, "The first day of spring is one thing, and the first spring day is another". So let's hope by the time you're reading this the weather as well as the season is warm.

It's a right old mix in this month's magazine it's full of interesting tidbits. There's important news about the Neighbourhood Plan on page 9. If you're in Warwick Gates there's a crucial request for a distribution coordinator, see page 37. To get a spring in your step there's some lovely quotations on page 29. Poetry, food, vegetable growing, the wonders of nature and news of Ken's trike, that's what I call diversity.

Enjoy your read and let us know what you think. We'd really like you to contribute ideas, articles and pictures so please get in touch.

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10th April 11:30am Annual Parochial Church Meeting

5th May 7:30am –Ascension Day Service – The church will be open for prayer each

day until Pentecost.

6th May 9:30am – Bishop Christopher begins his pilgrimage from Southam to

Stockton

7th May 10am Bishop John begins his pilgrimage **from Alcester to** Coughton

15th May 10am Pentecost Sunday – come and celebrate the birthday of the Church!

5pm Pentecost Beacon Event in Coventry Cathedral

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As I write this I'm shivering because Jim and I have just returned from Atlanta, Georgia and it was 27C when we left and -2C when we arrived in Heathrow! I love travelling but there are downsides. As we move through the church year, I often see it as a journey. This year we seem to have arrived at Easter very quickly. A couple of days ago we had Keystage 2 from Bishop's Tachbrook School in church to share their interpretation of the Easter Story (thank you Year 4 and Mrs Power, it was wonderful) but before they could start I had to move the "manger" we use for the Nativity service out of the way! It is not often that Easter has been and gone before April begins.

During Lent, the congregation at St Chad's have been reading the Gospel of St Luke. We will finish on Easter Sunday with one of my favourite bible readings, The Road to Emmaus. In this passage two of Jesus' disciples are walking to Emmaus from Jerusalem. Suddenly, they are joined by Jesus, but, thinking he is dead, they do not recognise him. They talk about the events of the past few days in Jerusalem: of Jesus' death on the cross and of his alleged rising to life again. The stranger listens and walks with them, helping them to understand the prophesies concerning Jesus' death. As evening falls they share a meal, and as the stranger blesses and breaks the bread, so the disciples recognise him to be the risen Christ, and immediately – filled with the joy of the resurrection – they go into the world to proclaim this Good News. For me this story sums up the whole of Luke's Gospel,

that God came to earth as a man so that all humanity might have life in all it's abundance.

As Christians we should share that joy with others, not by forcing our beliefs on them but by sharing what we believe and why we believe. As we at St Chad's journey to Pentecost we will read the Act's of the Apostles. This book, also written by St Luke, tells of the birth and spread of the early church, from 11 frightened men in Jerusalem to a faith known throughout the Roman Empire. If you would like to join us drop me an email and I will send you the outline we are using.

If you would like to begin or continue your Christian journey with us at St Chad's then you will always be made welcome.

With love and prayers, Elaine

CYCLE OF PRAYER Praying for our Community

In April we will be praying for all who live in

Commander Close

Court Close

Croft Close

Dogberry Way

We will be remembering those who live in these roads in our prayers during the service each Sunday in March and many of the congregation will also be praying for them during their daily prayers. If there is something or someone you would like us to pray for please let Elaine our Vicar or a member of the congregation know.

JOURNEY WITH THE DIOCESE OF COVENTRY

From Ascension Day to Pentecost our Bishops, Christopher and John are calling Christians throughout Warwickshire and Coventry to come together for fellowship, witness and celebration. Five different strands are being woven into the period from 5th to 15th May:

Pilgrimage of Prayer. Our Bishops are calling everyone in the diocese to pray for the gift of the Holy Spirit and to meditate on scripture. They will be providing a booklet of prayers, reflections and other resources.

Pilgrimage Walk—Everyone is also encouraged to spend time walking with one of our Bishops on a physical pilgrimage. There is a choice of five routes in the north, south, east, west and centre of the diocese.

Thy Kingdom Come. The Archbishops of Canterbury and York are inviting the whole Church of England to join them "in a week of prayer for the evangelisation of our nation".

Pentecost Beacon Event. All the above will culminate in a special event at Coventry Cathedral at around 5:00 pm on Pentecost (15th May). This will include a live video link with the Archbishop of Canterbury and sung worship led by Noel Richards.

Launch of the Diocesan Centenary which will happen in 2 years time.

Information can be found on the Diocesan website http://www.dioceseofcoventry.org/index.php?
page ref=1061&item=175

Or contact Elaine for more information.

NEW STYLE BABY CARRIER Christian Aid Week

Lacking the opportunity to visit a baby goods shop and having no available money any way, a young and desperate mother found a new use for her cooking pot. Her smallest daughter was just the right size to place in her pot, freeing up space on a tree for her other three children when their home was washed away. This was a particularly bad case of flooding, but Morsheda lives with this threat every day.

Her home is on a low lying island in the middle of the Bramaputra river in Bangladesh. Mordesha needs our help. A platform built on eight foot stilts would lift her home safely above any flooding. She could then sleep peacefully at night and not dread hearing the splash as one the children falls off a bed and into the water. She could also start to keep some livestock to improve their diet and help with their income.

May 15th-21st is Christian Aid Week. Please keep an eye out for the red envelope that will come through your door. Fill it as generously as you are able, and leave it in an obvious place ready to hand it over to the collector. If you don't receive one, there will be spare ones available in church. Any that miss the collector can be dropped in to the Vicarage or 19, Argyle Way.

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Bishops Tachbrook Sports and Social Club The Meadow ,Kingsley Road, Leamington Spa CV33 9RR The good news this month is that The St Chad's Centre has been awarded a £10,000 grant from the Awards for All scheme. Trustees would like to thank the Big Lottery Fund for seeing the value to the community of the St Chad's Centre and assisting us with helping make a difference.

We are still strongly supported by Warwick District Council, WREN and Bishop's Tachbrook Parish Council and thank them for their

continued backing. In fact we recently had a site visit from a senior financial officer at Warwick District Council to see where the money was being spent. The contractors, Kevin and Sam, were on hand to explain the works and he left reassured the public's money is in capable hands.

There's been some underground works taking place over the last month to connect the water and install conduits so that electricity can be connected by Western Power once that stage is reached. The air source heat pump is in and we are very proud of the cutting edge technology we are bringing to this build. Apparently our chair, Andrew, has heard one running and was enthralling us at our

last Board meeting with just how quiet the pump is when fully operational. The conversations we have just so you get the best equipment. Don't ask Jenny for her opinion on hand dryers!

Trustees are getting ready to award the contract for the underfloor heating so

there won't be any hot radiators for little fingers to get burnt on. We're also preparing to hire the bricklayers who will be onsite for a number of

weeks to build the actual walls of the building. Once this stage begins you will really be able to see what the St Chad's Centre will look like. The steel is also due on site imminently. This will give the outline of the main window at the front which gives the building one of its key features.

Sam has been laying the stone chips around the base of the Centre, known as 'stoning' the site. You might be able to make out the details in the photo. It will certainly make the site look less muddy!

We remain keen to listen to your ideas for the Centre or to make provisional bookings for when it opens. Just email stchadscentrebt@gmail.com



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Bishop's Tachbrook Parish Council is pleased to announce that **Bishop's Tachbrook's Neighbourhood Plan** is in the final round of consultation before going for examination and then finally to local referendum.

Regulation 14 pre-submission consultation took place between April 20th and 1st June 2015. The revised Neighbourhood Plan takes into account:

- all representations received and
- further developments of the District Council's draft Local Plan as it may affect the Neighbourhood Plan.

The final consultation will run from 26th February to 8th April 2016. The Neighbourhood Plan and supporting documentation are available to view on:

- Bishop's Tachbrook website: http://www.bishopstachbrook.com/neighbourhood-plan-2 where all the documents can be seen; or
- Warwick District Council's website: www.warwickdc.gov.uk/
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Hard copies are available for inspection at: Warwick District Council offices at Riverside House, Milverton Hill, Leamington Spa. CV32 5HZ or by contacting any Parish Councillor.

If you wish to make representations to support, object to or comment on all or part(s) of the draft Neighbourhood plan these should be made to Warwick District Council who will forward them to the examiner. Responses should be made using either the online response system available on the Council's website http://warwickdc.jdi-consult.net/localplan/ or on a paper response form which is also available from the Council Offices.

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As you will probably be aware developer ACLloyd have submitted a further Planning Application for up to 50 homes on the site at Seven Acre Close. This site is allocated in the latest draft of the Local Plan which means there is a strong possibility that it will be approved by the planning committee. In February the PC wrote to the Chief Executive of Warwick District Council to request that the site be removed from the New Local Plan. Our request was refused. The PC worked with a concerned local resident to greater publicise the planning application via the website and localised leafleting. This resulted in 49 letters of objection being submitted. The PC has also submitted a strong and lengthy objection. We have also spoken to the developer face to face and made them aware of local opposition to the scheme, but we have also said that if it is approved we must work with the developer to get the best outcome for both new and existing residents.

Cllr. Leigh Carter has been busy liaising with County Highways regarding a bus shelter for Warwick Gates. We have a quote of £16,000 and a County Councillor who has promised to help us with funding

this project. With this now moving forward Cllrs. Carol Gabbitas and Lisa Balzaretti are looking at benches and a 'trim trail' for Warwick Gates.

More flooding issues have been reported. Severn Trent, Warwick District Council and the County Council have been notified and we are hoping that a solution will be found soon.

Our District Cllr. Andrew Day has requested that the speed limit on Harbury Lane from Europa Way to Tachbrook Road is reduced to 30mph. County Cllr. Les Caborn is taking this forward.

Local Plan Modification Consultation has started. Details are available on the District Council website. Responses will be accepted until 22nd April.

Cllr. Graham Leeke has arranged for some trees to be removed on the southern boundary of the allotments in accordance with our agreement with Bloor Homes. Cllr. Paul Whitwood's working party will be removing the timber and brashings which will save the parish £200.

Please see the next page for an update from Oliver Bennett Secretary Sports and Social Club on the Parish Sport Leisure and Well-being initiative.

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Kevin Marshall

Parish Council News (continued)

Calling all parish groups, clubs and societies—put the 11th April in your diary!

Thank you to those of you who completed the questionnaires on Sport, Leisure and Well being before Christmas, we had a good response and there were some great ideas, although we're not sure we'll be seeing a Velodrome any time soon!

A working group made up of representatives from the Parish Council and Sports and Social Club have been meeting regularly to form a plan of what facilities can be provided in the Parish in the future.

We have met with Cultural Services Programme Manager, Paddy Herlihy from Warwick District Council and he has been advising us with the appropriate ways to secure funds for the ideas we have.

We have an Open Evening on 11th April for Local Groups from the Parish at the Sports and Social Club between 7 and 9pm. We will welcome your ideas for the future of Sport, Leisure and Wellbeing in the Parlsh. Please do come along and help shape our future.

Our next meeting is on Thursday, 21st April at 7.30pm at Bishop's Tachbrook Primary School

Any questions please contact: Mrs. Corinne Hill, Parish Clerk, Gaydon Field's Farm Gaydon CV35 0HF

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email:

parishclerk@bishopstachbrook.com/ parishclerk85@btinternet.com

Poetry please

SPRING

By Philip Larkin

Green-shadowed people sit, or walk in rings,

Their children finger the awakened arass,

Calmly a cloud stands, calmly a bird sings,

And, flashing like a dangled-looking glass,

Sun lights the balls that bounce, the doas that bark,

The branch-arrested mist of leaf, and me,

Threading my pursed-up way across the park,

An indigestible sterility.

Spring, of all seasons most gratuitous,

Is fold of untaught flower, is race of water

Is earth's most multiple, excited daughter;

And those she has least use for see her best.

Their paths grown craven and circuitous,

Their visions mountain-clear, their needs immodest.

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- 2 Carrots, Diced
- 2 Sticks of Celery Chopped
- 1 teaspoon of Ground Coriander
- 1 teaspoon of Smoked Paprika
- 2 tablespoons of Tomato Puree

700ml Chicken Stock

400g Can of Chickpeas, drained and rinsed

Juice of 1 Lemon

Salt and black pepper to taste

Cook the Chorizo for 2 minutes in a large lidded saucepan, until it starts to release its juices.

Add onion, carrot and celery to the pan and cook, covered for 5 minutes.

Mix in the spices and the tomato puree and cook for 1 minute before adding the stock, chickpeas and the lemon juice.

bring to the boil and cook, covered for 15 minutes.

Season to taste, before serving

In May the WI hope to launch a centennial book of 100 recipes provided by members. Over the next 3 months we hope to have recipes in the magazine that will feature in the book. Hopefully this will whet your appetite and you'll want the book.

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Late February it starts, sprinkles of green. Into March more leaf buds unfold painting the hedgerows with splodges of soft bright green. Hawthorn and Elder spread and merge, the waiting is over. Spring taps gently on the door, then barges through.

Lesser Celandine, shiny yellow, join daisies in the grass as they look to the sun. Early Honey Bees. Hoverflies and Bumble Bees seek them out. I was so pleased to have the first big Bumble Bee buzz past me - a big furry flying machine. The lady in the house had a different view as she shouted. "Blimey! What was that! Don't let it in the window!"

Cold, Sunny

mornings at the end of Feb - a fox walked across the field, the sun bringing out the red in its coat, and its white tail tip. It stopped and squatted to have a wee, so she was a vixen, probably coming home from a night of hopeful hunting. Same time the next day she made the same trip across the field, this time a pair of Carrion Crows decided to hassle her. One of them swooped, diving at her. She did her best to ignore it for a while, and then gave a halfhearted lunge at the Crow, which was

enough to put it off. Interesting how the Crows don't really worry about a dog in the field even if the owner is some distance away. A Fox is a Fox and they know it.

Back in the garden at the bird feeders, we



shows aggression to the smaller birds and gets bullied by the Carrion Crows - has a bit of country gentleman. It's his fourth Spring visiting our garden. He will wait at the top of the conifer in the morning, watching the sky for Carrion Crows and the window for me and food. If I make a ticking noise as I go towards the bird table he wont fly away. Yes, I know it's mad but it pleases us both. He waits at the top of



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Nature page (continued)

the conifer then flips to the table before I've gone inside. For the first time this year he's brought his partner with him. She is a little smaller and more slender. He fills his crop and moves to the garage roof, often holding food in his feet and delicately breaking it into smaller pieces with his unfeasibly large beak. He waits for his partner to fill her crop then away they go. So their chicks have hatched! Out of the whole colony of Rooks he is the only one to find our bird table and now he brings his mate. Crows are well known for being bright but this one is special.

Reports

8 March -Female Blackbird collecting moss from the lawn and then disappearing into the hedge.

- Buzzard in the field behind Holt Ave.

What have you seen? Please let us know.

The Veggie Voice

Tips for this month in the vegetable garden

Sow Annual Spinach, Beetroot,

Broccoli, Brussels Sprout,

Cabbage, Carrot,

Cauliflower, French Bean, Kohl Rabi, Leaf-Beet, Leek, Lettuce, Pea, Radish, Turnip.

Plant Asparagus, Potato (early/

maincrop), Strawberry

Grow Start thinning rows of

seedlings when large enough to handle.

Move seedlings into larger pots as they grow, e.g

tomato.

Protect fruit blossom from late frosts with horticultural

fleece



Bishop's Tachbrook Sports and Social Club

Spring Entertainment

April

2nd April — Quiz Night

Pit your wits against The Judge. With prizes for every team, it's always busy

9th April — Distorted Decade

Popular Club favourites, Distorted Decade are back playing covers from the 50's through to today

16th April — Side by Side

More reggae this month from Side by Side, this popular duo have played before to great success

23rd April — The 6120's

Playing a combination of pop and rock music from all the era's, The 6120's come highly recommended

30th April — Cave

Cave are a 5 piece rock band based in and around Coventry who cover the best rock and pop music ever written

May

7th May — Race Night

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14th May — The Jaguars

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21st May — Quiz Night

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28th May — The Firm

Back again to play us hits from throughout the decades, The Firm are guaranteed to have you on your feet.

Her Majesty's 90th Birthday - 12th June

Soon after our new garden area opens we'll be having a street party style event to celebrate The Queen's 90th Birthday.

An event designed to bring the community together with involvement from many areas of the village, there'll be plenty for all to do, refreshments, games and food too.

Put it in your diary and start hoping for good weather

Bishop's Tachbrook Calendar

April					
7 ^a Thursday	W.I.	Estee Lauder	B.T. School	7.45pm	01926 424135
12 [±] Tuesday	History Group	A Guided Tour of Warwick	Details to follow		01926 336749
14° Thursday	14- Thursday Croft Patients' Open meeting		Sydenham Surgery	6,30pm	01926 336749
17° Thursday	Tachbrook Tinies	Gymboree Demo	Sports and Social Club	10.00 to 11am	Elissa 07854427213
23 rd Saturday	Mother's Union	Coffee morning	St Chad's Church	10.00 to 12.00am	01926 427922
23 ^{-d} Saturday	Parish Council	Working Party		9.30am to 13.00pm	Thewhitwood4 @ btinternet.com
May	Мау				
5 ^a Thursday	W.I.	Resolutions	B.T. School	7.45pm	01926 424135
7º Saturday	W.I.	Cake Stall	Village Green	9.15am	01926 424135
10° Tuesday	History Group	Past and Present Lives on the Grand Union Canal	St Chad's Church	7.30pm	01926 885938
13° Friday School PTA Food Festival		B.T. School	3.15pm onwards	07789221195	
21st Saturday	Parish Council	Working Party		9.30am to 13.00pm	Thewhitwood4 @ btinternet.com

Weekly events				
Mondays	Rainbows	Sports and Social Club	6.00-7.00pm	purdieanddoyle@yahoo.com 07828411786
Mondays	Youth Club	B.T. School	6.30-8.00pm	Anoushka76@hotmail.com
Tuesday	Pilates	Sports and Social Club	9.30-10.30am	07769222524
Tuesdays	Over 50s	Sports and Social Club	2-4pm	01926 313020
2nd Tuesday of each month	History Group	St Chad's Church	2.30pm winter 7.30pm summer	01926336749
Tuesdays	Bingo	Sports and Social Club	8.00pm	01926 421621
Wednesday	Brownies	Sports and Social Club	6.00-7.30pm	carolineloveday @ sky.com
Thursdays	Tachbrook Tinies playgroup for 0 to 5s	Sports and Social Club	9.30-11.00am	Elissa 07854427213
I st Thursday of each month	W I	B.T. School	7.45 —9.45	01926 424135
2nd Thursday of each month	Country Dancing	Sports and Social Club	8.000pm	01926 314286
3 rd Thursday of each month	Parish Council meeting	B.T. School	7.30pm	01926 641220
Sundays	Bingo	Sports and Social Club	8.00pm	01926 421621

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Dixie Atkins' presentation at our March meeting laid bare some lesser known aspects of Henry's troubled marital history.

Catherine of Aragon, well educated and cultured, was betrothed to Henry VII's heir, Arthur, at the age of 5. The difficulties of her eventual journey to England some 12 years later portended disasters ahead. 5 times she set sail, only to return because of bad weather.....she finally disembarked at Plymouth, while the welcome party were waiting in Calais! Tubercular Arthur died shortly after their marriage.

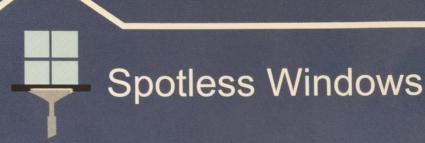
Henry VII was dishonest and a miser: he spent Catherine's dowry and contrary to the practice of the time, refused to allow her to return to her family (which would have involved repaying her dowry). For the next 7 years, until her father-in-law's death, she lived in poverty and without any royal support in the outback of Wales, served by faithful unpaid servants and fed by the local, honest country folk. She was known and loved as "Good Queen Catherine"....- Then along came Henry, "The Golden Boy", tall, athletic, well-proportioned and 18. They loved, were culturally well-matched and were happily married for 15 years. Of many pregnancies only Mary (later Queen) survived. Traditionally the king had many conquests, to which the Queen turned a blind eye. The events thereafter are wellknown.

Mary and **Anne Boleyn** were educated in France and had the charm of that culture. They were ladies-in-waiting to

the Queen - and to the King in the case of Mary. Anne became the fashion guru of the court but refused to countenance the king's advances unless he married her, driving him mad with desire. Catherine was cast aside and spent her last years living in poverty in various locations, unable to see her daughter Mary and deprived of companionship and basic comforts; it was a repeat of her illtreatment by H VII. Anne provided Henry with another daughter - Elizabeth -but trumped up charges resulted in her beheading and the cruel execution of her brother and 6 friends. Henry had developed into an ugly and ferocious wolf.

Jane Seymour was his next true love for 18 months and provided the longed-for son, Edward, but the traditional five-days of celebration following birth of the prince exhausted and killed his beloved.

Ann of Cleeves was not educated, spoke no English and was a big-boned brawny wome: not the build that enticed the king. But she didn't oppose the king in his immediate desire for a divorce and in consequence she was provided with 13 houses, jewels, a dress for every day of the year, all expenses paid. She wasn't allowed to marry and have children, so she adopted 13 children, gave each of them a house and servants, and she would travel round the country to visit each of them. Of all Henry's queens, she was the most successful.



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History Group

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Catherine Howard, a cousin of Anne Boleyn, had a sad background orphaned and uneducated, with few learning skills; she seemed unable to foresee that her decisions and folly would lead to her untimely execution as an adulteress.

Catherine Parr had been married to two old men, whom she had cared for during their infirmities. She loved Thomas Seymour, brother of Jane. (wife No. 3). but Henry, by now gross, unsavoury and tortured with pain from an infected leg, decided that Catherine Parr would make an excellent nurse to care for him. She was, and she also provided for the first time a "family home" that brought Henry's three children together. Shortly after Henry's death she married her beloved Thomas Seymour, lived at Sulgrave Manor* and bore him a child, but died after the birth, aware that her husband, with an eye to the future, was already romping with the 12 year-old Princess Elizabeth. Her sad last words to Seymour were "My Lord, you have not used me well". Thus ended an unhappy saga of abuse, arrogance, cruelty and lies.

 * The Group will visit Sulgrave Manor near Winchcombe, on 19th July.
 Next Meeting - Tuesday, 12th April:
 10.30am Guided tour of historical Warwick.

Meet at the Visitors' Information Centre in Pageant House, Warwick, (corner of Jury and Castle Streets)

Poetry please

A COLD SPRING by Elizabeth Bishop

A cold spring:

the violet was flawed on the lawn. For two weeks or more the trees hesitated;

the little leaves waited, carefully indicating their characteristics.

Finally a grave green dust settled over your big and aimless hills.

One day, in a chill white blast of sunshine.

on the side of one a calf was born. The mother stopped lowing and took a long time eating the after-birth, a wretched flag, but the calf got up promptly and seemed inclined to feel gay.

The next day was much warmer.
Greenish-white dogwood
infiltrated the wood,
each petal burned, apparently, by
a cigarette-butt;
and the blurred redbud stood

beside it, motionless, but almost more like movement than any placeable colour.

Four deer practiced leaping over your fences.

The infant oak-leaves swung through the sober oak.

Song-sparrows were wound up for the summer,

and in the maple the complementary cardinal cracked a whip, and the sleeper awoke.

stretching miles of green limbs from the south.

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Quotations of Spring

"Spring is nature's way of saying, let's party!"

- Robin Williams

"The first day of spring is one thing, and the first spring day is another.

- Henry Van Dyke, Fisherman's Luck

"I wandered lonely as a cloud That floats on high o'er vales and hills, When all at once I saw a crowd, A host, of golden daffodils."

- William Wordsworth

"The force of Spring - mysterious, fecund, powerful beyond measure."

- Michael Garofalo, Cuttings

"I love spring anywhere, but if I could choose I would always greet it in a garden."

- Ruth Stout

"Walk lightly in the spring; Mother Earth is pregnant."

- Native American Indian Proverb

"Spring makes its own statement, so loud and clear that the gardener seems to be only one of the instruments, not the composer."

- Geoffrey B. Charlesworth

"Spring is sooner recognized by plants than by men."

- Chinese Proverb

"Nothing says spring so eloquently as bird muck all over your car"

- Anon

Poetry please

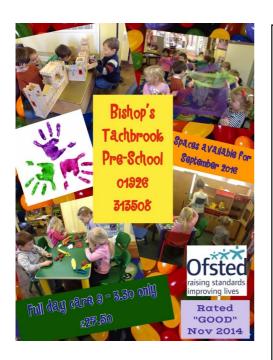
Oak by Keith Wellsted

I am Oak
I stand
Sentinel
To this wood
Behind me
The pit prop straight firs
Rise meaningless to the sky
Their reason removed by
Thatcher's closures
But still I guard

In the past
When
We reigned supreme
My forbearers
Bestrode this wood
This Oakley
But men care not for majesty
Care only for money
And hew us down
Like static rabbits
Caught in the cold light of
change

So now
We remain watchful
Distrusting of man
Magnificent
But wary
Wary of your kith and kin
We know we have Oakley Friends
But can they
Exposed to global power
And carbon spewing avarice
Let us live?
Or will we
The sentinels

Be slain?



Bishop's Tachbrook Junior Youth Club

Monday 6.30-8pm in the School Hall
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in September.

For more information contact Kate Underhill on 335144 kateunderhill68@gmail.com or come along on a Monday. We desperately need more adult volunteers to come and help at our club, if you can spare a couple of hours on an odd Monday then please let me know.



1st Bishop's Tachbrook Rainbows

If your daughter is aged 5 or 6, free on Mondays at 6pm, likes having fun, playing games, making things and being part of a group?

Then Rainbows could be for you!

Rainbows are part of the national Girl Guiding group.

If your daughter is interested or you would like more information please email Poppy on bishopstachbrookrainbows@hotmail.com or call 01926 888296



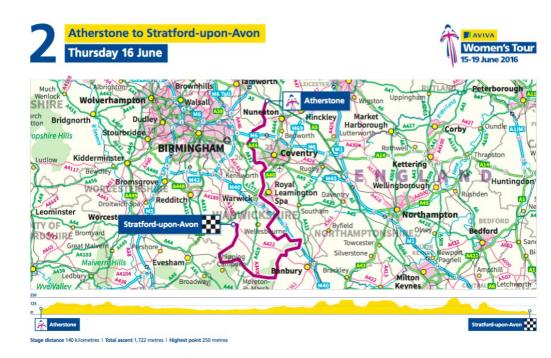


Warwickshire will welcome the world's top women cyclists this June as the county hosts the Aviva Women's Tour for the first time ever on Thursday 16 June 2016.

The world's top racers, including the likes of World Champion Lizzie Armitstead and reigning Aviva Women's Tour Champion Lisa Brennauer, will race the full length of the County from Atherstone to Stratford-upon-Avon in the second stage of the world leading race.

96 of the world's top cyclists will make up the field, which will tackle the 140-kilometre stage through the heart of the county, passing through the likes of Atherstone, Kenilworth, Warwick, Shipston-on-Stour and Stratford-upon-Avon. It will pass very close to us!

For further details go to: https://www.britishcycling.org.uk/road/article/20160202-road -2016-Aviva-Womens-Tour-route-announced-0







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Feeling like a celebration? We are at Mothers' Union! 2016 marks the 140th Anniversary of the beginning of our organisation when Mary Sumner took pity on her daughter struggling with her new baby and set up a little support group for her and other young mums at her church. Word got round, churches thought, 'That's a good idea!' and started up similar groups till it has blossomed into a worldwide organisation with over 4 million members – and all from one woman wanting to help her daughter!

So what at are we doing about it? Well, on **Sat. 23rd April** we are holding a **Coffee Morning** and Homemade produce sale in St Chad's church from 10 am to 12 noon. It's a great day for a celebration as it's also St George's day and the anniversary of Shakespeare's birth and death. So come and join us with friends for a cuppa and stock up on **homemade jams, marmalades and preserves, luxury puddings and fabulous cakes!** We'd love to see you. The proceeds will go to one of the many MU projects supporting family life in this country and abroad.

Jenny Lister Branch Leader Tel. 427922

THE TRIKE RIDES AGAIN

I was very kindly given Ken's trike after he sadly passed away in January. Together, with my Uncle Derek who normally restores classic cars, but made an exception for " the trike " , we have managed to make it like new. Brakes, lights, frame and back box have all been replaced, repaired or restored.

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Bishops Tachbrook Leamington spa Our meeting last month was an open meeting where everyone was welcome. We had about a dozen guests. Our speaker was Dian from Fir Tree Falconry. We were introduced to each of the five feathered friends she brought along. Karnak was a Harris Hawk a member of the buzzard family who are extremely intelligent They can have a training time of just two weeks, not the usual four. Dian explained that birds of prey are extremely lazy and are only out for food, breeding or moving territory which is why we can often see them just sitting on a branch. Next was a Kestrel, the blue plumage on head and tail showed it to be a male. It has the ability to see mouse urine in ultra violet so hovers over a hole waiting for the mouse to appear. I think everyone's favourite was the 7 month old Barn Owl, Misty. She has a buff coloured bib and freckles under her chin whereas a male's is pure white. Barn owls can't see close up and a lot get injured by cars. Alfie is a 14 year old Hawk Owl. When he was 5, staff were concerned about his health, these birds tend to hide illness until it's too late, it was discovered Alfie was a female after he laid the first of numerous eggs! The final bird was Mr Grumpy a White Faced Owl who, in the wild, camouflages himself either by puffing himself out to look huge or by appearing long and thin to hide. Dian went on to explain how as Qwls have fixed eves, they have extra bones in their necks to allow rotation and the tufts on their heads are not ears but part of

their camouflage. Most importantly we were asked if we find a baby owl at the foot of a tree to just leave it and keep an eye on it and will be able to climb back up the tree. We were then allowed to hold Alfie which proved popular. This was a very interesting and informative talk by someone who loves what she does We have a lot of interesting County events coming up; trips to the Hay Festival, the Olympic Park and Chavenage House, a taster day for golf, singing for fun, a walk and the annual treasure hunt. We are looking forward to a visit to Hill Close Gardens, a guided walk in Leamington entitled Princesses, Parlour Maids and Pig Bowls! Plus a Pimms and croquet evening. Our cake Stall is on May 7th where cakes, a selection of plants and our centenary cook book will be available. We have even resurrected the wine club.

I am still collecting used stamps and the Bravissimo charity this year is "Refuge" that supports women and children experiencing domestic violence. I recently took 10 lbs of bras in for them to recycle. They donate £1 per 1lb so please keep them coming.

Our speaker in April is Jayne Capstick who is a beautician for Estée Lauder, learn how to make yourself even more beautiful. You are very welcome to come along and join us for the evening. If you want to know more please give me a ring.

Anne Allen 424135

Parish Council Working Parties

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There are a number of jobs that need doing around the Parish such as clearing undergrowth from paths, trimming trees and general tidying etc. We're fed up with waiting for someone else to do it so we're now helping ourselves! Following the previously successful working parties, we are continuing this in 2016, once a month on a Saturday morning to continue tackling the jobs that need doing in the parish. All tools, equipment and protective clothing will be provided. We really need your help so if you are willing then volunteer by contacting me at the email address below. It's fine to come along for just an hour or for the whole session. Your help would be really appreciated.

Contact Paul Whitwood at thewhitwood4@btinternet.com



Calling new mums

Are you a new mum living in Bishop's Tachbrook? If you'd like to meet other local first-time mums please contact Amanda amanda.wood29@outlook.com



Warwickshire Young Voices

We rehearse Thursday Evenings during term time at Harbury Village Hall from 6.30 -7.30pm. We take all children age 7-16 and offer a free trial session (normal subs £30 per term), We already have children from Bishop's Tachbrook who attend regularly and we would welcome more. Please go to www.warwickshireyoungvoices.org for more information.



The next deadline for magazine items is 14th April for the May issue. Please send to BTparishmagazine@hotmail.com



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Composting Workshops

To book a place on a free home composting workshop please go to: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/composting.

Warwick

Warwick Methodist Church, Barrack Street, Warwick, CV34 4TH

Monday 4th April - 6.00pm - 6.45pm

Monday 23rd May - 6.00pm - 6.45pm



St Chad's Church Fete

The Fete will be on 11th June from 1pm to 4pm on the Meadow.

If you have any books, CDs, DVDs or childrens toys which you don't need any more we would be glad to have them. You can contact Vera Leeke on 882675 and I can either collect or give you an address to leave the items. Items for the plant stall (can be brought on the day) and the tombola would also be much appreciated as would cakes again on the day.



Magazine distribution—Warwick Gates

Julie Thomas who has organised the distribution of magazines in the area Warwick Gates within our Parish is standing down.

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