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# What's in this month's magazine

I don't know about you but the proposal to rename the Parish, Tachbrook Gates seems wrong to me! If we have to have a new name to reflect our burgeoning size I'd support Bishop's Fields! (april fool)

Although a new name is NOT on the cards there is no doubt that our lovely parish is undergoing a period of profound change that will affect us for a number of years to come. The full scope of these changes can be viewed on pages 22 and 23. The boundary changes and progress on our Neighbourhood Plan are described on pages 10 and 11.

The facilities available in the parish have been enhanced with the opening of the St Chads Centre, see pages 20 and 21 for a report. Whatever your initial reaction to the building of the Centre it's hard to ignore the hard work that volunteers have had in bringing it to fruition and the good uses to which it is now being put. Whilst we're on the subject of facilities, check out the touching tribute to Luke Moss who is leaving The Leopard. We wish him luck in his new venture, see page 42.

With the growth in the parish comes growth for this magazine. This means that co-ordination is getting more and more critical. To help us can you please use the contacts below:

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## **CYCLE OF PRAYER—Praying for our Community**

We are praying in April for

Commander Close

Court Close

Croft Close

Dogberry Way

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.

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The story of Easter begins with Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem – and what an arrival it was! The city was packed with visitors who had come to celebrate the Passover festival, which was the annual celebration and reminder of their ancestors' escape from slavery in Egypt. There was to be feasting, it was like a modern European city on the day of a big sporting fixture with huge crowds and extra policing to keep order. Into this city Jesus came riding on a donkey; his reputation as a preacher, healer, miracle worker had spread from the countryside around Galilee and now he was acclaimed, palm branches scattered before him in tribute amidst cries of "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."

We at St Chad's will celebrate this very special day with the giving out of Palm Crosses and, weather permitting a procession around the church. We begin Holy week, then on a high, just as Jesus' disciples all those years ago and then we will follow the story through Maundy Thursday when Jesus had supper with his disciples and was then arrested, Good Friday when we reflect with readings and music on Jesus' trial, torture and crucifixion, Saturday when the church, bare and closed, waits for Easter morning when adorned with flowers and flooded with candle light and suffused with music we triumphantly celebrate the news of resurrection, rebirth and the promise of eternal life.

Maundy Thursday is going to be a busy day. I will start at the Cathedral with the

renewal of my ordination vows, a service of love. From 3pm in the St Chad's Centre we will hold our first Messy Church Session. This is for parents and children. There will be some singing, lots of different crafts to try and pizza to share! There will be no charge but parents will need to stay with their children.

In the evening, we are going to change with our recent tradition and instead we will have a shared meal with communion and the washing of feet in the St Chad's Centre beginning at 6pm. The meal will be a faith supper, where people bring food to share. As we eat we will hear the story of the Last Supper that Jesus shared with his friends. We will finish the meal with the sharing of bread and wine, just as Jesus did and ALL will be welcomed to join with us at this important time.

After supper, those who wish can join us in church for Tenebrae. During this short service the altar will be stripped and bible passages read. When the final passage is read, the final candle is extinguished and we leave church in silence.

On Good Friday there will be a time of meditation from 1-2pm and then during the Good Friday Liturgy we listen to the Passion of Jesus from John's gospel and sing hymns appropriate to the occasion.

Easter Sunday is always a service of light, celebrated by young and old alike and we will finish with an Easter egg hunt.

I hope you will be able to join us for some, if not all of these celebrations.

Happy Easter.

Elaine

### **What's on at St Chads**

3 C's Community Café Wednesdays 10:30 – 12pm St Chad's Centre

Palm Sunday April 9<sup>th</sup> 10am @ St Chad's Church

10 – 12 April church will open for prayer 6:30 – 8pm followed by Compline.

13<sup>th</sup> April Maundy Thursday - 3pm Messy Church in the St Chad's Centre

6:30pm Faith Supper with communion in the St Chad's Centre followed by Tenebrae in church

14<sup>th</sup> April – Good Friday – 1-2pm Meditation  
2-3pm Good Friday Liturgy

16<sup>th</sup> April Easter Sunday 10am Family communion followed by Easter Egg hunt.

If you would like to have flowers put in church in memory of a loved one, donations can be dropped off at the vicarage and an acknowledgement will be made in our newsletter.

### **THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY**

#### **Funeral**

Vera Hall

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### **The Churchyard**

The churchyard is now prepared for the mowing season.

Thank you to everyone who removed wreaths and artificial flowers. We had only 10 bags to take to the tip this year. Please remember to only use metal or plastic containers. If your breakable container has been removed it is in the church porch and can be collected at service times.

We also request that decorative ornaments are removed as these are another Health and Safety concern. They will be removed at the end of April if they have not been taken away before.

Many thanks for your consideration and help in keeping our Churchyard maintained and assisting us in following the churchyard regulations of the Coventry Diocese

# Bishop's Tachbrook Sports and Social Club

## Spring Entertainment

### April

#### **8th April – Quiz Night**

We've a guest host for this month's quiz. Catherine will be testing your knowledge.

#### **15th April – Easter Race Night**

A great family night, come down and enjoy the fun of the races, from the comfort of your club

#### **22nd April – The Firm**

The Firm sing rock and roll hits, including The Eagles, Bee Gee's, Rolling Stones, Chuck Berry and more

#### **29th April – Drink & Jive**

Drink and Jive are a locally based Rock and Roll band playing covers from over the years. Come down and have a dance

### May

#### **6<sup>th</sup> May – The Royals**

Formerly Phil King and The Royals, The Royals now have a new lead vocalist but still play the same rock and roll hits.

#### **13<sup>th</sup> May – Quiz Night**

Pit your wits against The Judge, with a prize for every team it's always a fun evening at quiz night

#### **20<sup>th</sup> May – Members wedding**

Two of our members are getting married and the club will be hosting their reception, open as normal!

#### **27<sup>th</sup> May – Beetle Drive**

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# Bishop's Tachbrook Calendar

## What's on in April

Saturday 1st, 09.30—12.00  
Working Party Group

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Saturday 1st, 10.00-12.00  
MU coffee morning at St  
Chads Centre, 01926  
427922

Thursday 6th WI  
Shipwrecked in Antarctica  
19.45 at St Chads Centre,  
01926 426797

Saturday 8th, 10.00-12.00,  
St Chads Churchyard  
gardening, 01926 330050

Tuesday 11th 14.30, History  
Group visit to Snowhill  
Manor, 01926 885938

Thursday 20th 19.30, Parish  
Council Meeting at St Chads  
Centre,

Tuesday 25th 12.30 Croft  
Patients' Group, Sydenham  
Surgery, 01926 336749

Wednesday 26th, 10.00-  
12.00, St Chads Churchyard  
gardening, 01926 330050

## What's on in May

Thursday 4th 19.45  
WI Resolutions, B T School  
01926426797

Saturday 6th 09.30—12.00  
Working Party Group  
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Saturday 6th 09..00  
WI cake stall on village  
green 01926 426797

Tuesday 9th 14.30, History  
Group, Monarchy in the  
20<sup>th</sup> Century-an endangered  
species , 01926 885938

Saturday 13th, 10.00-12.00,  
St Chads Churchyard  
gardening, 01926 330050

Thursday 18th 19.30, Parish  
Council Meeting at St Chads  
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Wednesday 24th, 10.00-  
12.00, St Chads Churchyard  
gardening, 01926 330050

Thursday 25th 18.30 Croft  
Patients' Group, Sydenham  
Surgery, 01926 336749

## Regular events

Mondays 18.30-20.00 Youth Club at B.T School, Gianni  
Antoniazzi Tel: 07972 824540  
Email: gianni.antoniazzi@bridgestone.eu

Tuesdays 18.00-19.00 Pilates at St Chads Centre  
01926 259293

Tuesdays 14.00-16.00 Over 50s at the Sports and Social Club,  
01926 313020

Tuesdays 20.00 Bingo at the Sports and Social Club,  
01926 421621

Wednesdays 17.00-18.00 Rainbows at the Sports and Social  
Club, 0779 6033471 e-mail: Carolineloveday@sky.com

Wednesdays 18.00-19.30 Brownies at the Sports and Social  
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Wednesdays 18.00-19.00 Pilates at St Chads Centre  
01926 259293

Thursdays 09.30-11.00 Tachbrook Tinies playgroup for 0-  
5s at St Chads Centre Tachbrook Tinies on Facebook

Sundays 20.00 Bingo at the Sports and Social Club,  
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2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 14.30 winter, 19.30 summer History Group in St  
Chad's Church , 01926 336749

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday 19.45 –21.45 WI at B.T. School , 01926 424135

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Chris

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#### **BOWLS COACHING**

Starts Monday 15th May  
6 p.m. till dusk

#### **NEW MEMBERS WELCOME**

If you wish to come but can't  
make the dates please contact  
Chris

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We have held our first formal meeting in the St. Chad's Centre. Thanks to the trustees and the many residents who have helped to make this centre possible. Thanks also to the school and the church that have accommodated us for many years.

Councillors have received some lovely comments recently regarding the daffodils. Thanks to everyone who helped plant them. It's nice to see the reward. We will be open to suggestions for other locations in the parish next year. Final community grant funding for the year took place in March. Funding has been granted to the Junior Youth Club, the Rainbows and St. Chad's Centre for purchase of the hawthorn whips and rabbit guards for the hedge. More funding will be available in the summer. County Council election takes place on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> May with our new county boundary.

Work will be starting shortly to install the new allotment fencing. Cllr. Graham Leeke has been very active securing quotes and confirming materials etc. We are very keen for the new road scheme on Oakley Wood Road to be started before the major project on Europa Way. County Cllr. Caborn is trying to assist us in this matter. The County Council is also proposing to reduce the existing 50mph speed limit on Heathcote Lane, Gallows Hill, the Europa Way roundabout and part of Harbury Lane to 40mph. A consultation is underway.

The damaged street name sign on Dogberry Way should now be fixed. It has taken a considerable amount of time and, lots of patience, in getting this sorted but thanks to Cllr. Carol Gabbitas the District Council should have now fixed it. Cllr. Bullen is planning to meet with the drainage experts on the Bloor Development to talk about the flooding issues on Holt Avenue.

The old mower has been sold for £980. Thanks to our contractor. Repairs have been requested for the noticeboards on Warwick Gates and on the entrance to the meadow. There is also a large patch of graffiti on the BMX track.

The farm gateways on Oakley Wood Road seem to be the latest target for fly tipping. Both Police and District Council are willing to prosecute based on evidence. A photo of the registration number of a car etc. would be very useful. Next meeting is on Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm at St. Chad's Centre. All residents are welcome to attend.

Any questions please contact our Parish Clerk  
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# Important Update on the Neighbourhood Plan and on Signi

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## Boundary Changes

A big welcome to our new residents at Heathcote Park, Warwick Gates phase 2 and Poets Meadow - we hope you feel at home right away and part of the Bishop's Tachbrook community.

The map at the centre pages shows the significant changes that have been made to the boundary of the parish. So along with our new residents on Oakley Meadows and Oakley Grove, we are able to welcome residents from Heathcote Park on Harbury Lane and also the new residents moving into homes on developments at Warwick Gates Phase 2 and Poet's Meadow. Over the coming years these developments will slowly expand with Warwick Gateway and The Asps developments also becoming a reality.

So we are expanding massively and rapidly. Within the next 10 years we will expand from around 1100 homes to around 4000! And whilst we have resisted the disproportionate scale of development in our area of the district, once decisions are made we have committed to helping making these new developments a success, working with planners and developers to shape the final details. So we need to plan for this and ensure that we fully integrate and connect new areas with existing.

**To view the Boundary Changes  
see page 22 & 23**

## Neighbourhood Plan Update.

There has unfortunately been a major setback in the publication of our Neighbourhood Plan at quite an advanced stage. The examination did not go at all well and has resulted in the need to redraft the Plan and to re-consult. Initially a very disappointing outcome but given the very different shape of the Parish, which is now emerging this actually provides a very timely and necessary opportunity to update the Plan so that it reflects the community that will evolve in a way not envisaged nor reflected in the original neighbourhood plan.

So what went wrong and was all that effort in vain?

The examiner was pretty harsh and made recommendations resulting in changes so significant that it rendered the Plan worthless. We were taken completely by surprise and after reviewing the examiners report, we sought a second expert opinion and also had several long discussions with the district council to explore whether changes could be made to address the examiners concerns. And whilst there was some agreement on how this could be done, the current Neighbourhood Plan procedures would not allow these changes to be made. The second opinion we sought partly agreed with the examiners view but also found that in places the examiner's findings were surprising. But in the end we had a simple choice: to go ahead with a

worthless plan or to withdraw and redraft it.

Bishop's Tachbrook parish has been the principle battle ground in the Local Plan. Nearly 40% of all housing land designated across the whole of Warwick District from the borders for Stratford, Solihull and Rugby to Coventry, is within this parish or on our border. With residents' expressed wish to stay as rural a parish as possible, we attempted to use the Neighbourhood Plan to resist these very large volumes of additional housing. This created conflict between the Neighbourhood Plan and the Local Plan. Also on reflection there were possibly alternative ways to meet some of our objectives.

We are now moving forward again. We have a good level of support and guidance being provided by WDC and are appointing our own planning specialist to review our withdrawn plan and assist with the redraft. We have applied to amend the neighbourhood boundary to reflect the changes in the parish boundary made recently. We are planning a consultation event, probably in September to seek your input to the objectives of the revised neighbourhood plan, including how we connect our growing parish communities. This time round we plan to rely more heavily on professional advice but would welcome local ideas, new energy and enthusiasm to help get the revised neighbourhood plan drafted out for consultation. So if

you feel you can make a contribution, please contact our Parish Clerk

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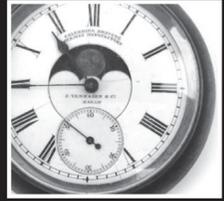
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I love this time of year when a plan comes together. A big plan, millions of years old. The sun warms the ground. Primroses appear, daisies (days eye), violets form purple clumps, just at the right time for Honey Bees and Bumbles and early Hoverflies to refuel on. Hedgerows begin to grow a green mist as Hawthorn pushes through. Elder and Honeysuckle join in, all ready to hide bird's nests from prying eyes. A vast plan unfolds; Willows are the first large tree to cloak themselves in green buds. Keck, or Cow Parsley, and Bluebells are pushing through the soil and moss.

The first Brimstone Butterfly flutters by hunting for sweet nectar. On a stags head Oak, with its dead antler top is the perfect place for a Woodpecker to drum, visiting several times in the day to use the dead hollow wood for special effect drumming. At least three pairs of Carrion Crows are on flying patrols, calling as they go, each pair trying to stake and hold territory.

Rooks nests were patched up and ready to go in Feb. I do like a Rook, the sound, the look and the character. Blackbirds are fighting; Sparrow hawks are everywhere - it's not peace and love out there. Having said that Froggies went courting before the end of February and ponds filled with spawn. Two mink were spotted down at Brookside, Pat told me - effective at keeping down rats but not so good for Moorhen chicks or Ducklings.

Slugs are on the move, very slowly, life in the slow lane, snails take a while longer it seems.



Mid March and just about dark; birds are still singing, Robins, the odd Thrush and, of course best of all, the Blackbird. This is not romantic; it's all very serious. They don't sing of love and joy, more like a threat. Their song is "I'm here, I know you're over there, don't come any closer, this is mine!"

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## Rainbows

We have had a lot of fun at Rainbows recently getting to know each other and finding out about each other's weekends during our Rainbow Chat.

We have recently had a swap shop night. The Rainbows were asked to bring one unwanted item, either a game or a toy, wrapped so the girls couldn't see them. We then read a story and every time the word "right" was said, we passed our wrapped gifts to our right and every time the word "left" was said we passed our wrapped gifts to our left. After the story had finished all the Rainbows had a new surprise gift that they got to take home. We also played pass the parcel where we had some activities to do during each layer; these included standing on one leg for 60 seconds, patting your head whilst rubbing your tummy and the Rainbows personal favourite; pretending to be a chicken with its bottom on fire!!

This term, alongside working on our Rainbow Roundabouts healthy eating section, we have also had fun painting an alphabet craft of our initials. After the girls had finished painting their initial they got to jazz them up with some very sparkly gems.

As the Rainbow organisation is almost 30 years old, we have been invited to celebrate at a Rainbow Birthday Party! We have recently designed some birthday cards for the other Rainbow units attending.

## Brownies

We have recently had our annual Brownie Badge Bonanza Day. This year as a group we completed two Badges; Healthy Heart and Road Safety.

In the morning we worked on our Healthy Heart Badge. The girls learnt all about the benefits of a healthy diet with good and bad foods, being active by testing our heart rates after physical activities and how to look after our bodies learning all about which foods most often cause allergic reactions.

In the afternoon we completed the Road Safety Badge. We learnt all about safe and unsafe crossings, the Green Cross Code, the different meanings behind Road Signs and they also designed their own cycle helmets.

We have recently had a Brownie outing to the Spa Centre to watch The Wags Gang Show. All the girls loved to see other members of Warwickshire Beavers, Guides, Cubs, Scouts and Explorer units showcasing their talent for dance, singing and acting. Well done to all involved and you never know it may have inspired some our Brownies to take part if they continue with Guides or Scouts. This term the girls have already completed some of the following badges; Artist, Science Investigator, Hostess, Home Safety, Traditions and Home Skills.

## Rainbows and Brownies

We would like to welcome Miya who has recently made her Brownie promise and Kaiya, Erin, Ava, Chloe, Bryana & Angel-Hope who have recently made their Rainbow promise.

Both the Rainbows and Brownies were a credit to our unit for this month's Church Parade for the opening of the Church Centre.

Bishops Tachbrook Rainbows and Brownies will be running a Teddy/Soft Toy tombola at this year's Church Fete. If anyone has any good condition cuddly

toys they would like to donate for our stall, all donations will be greatly appreciated.

Both our Rainbow & Brownie Guiding Groups are currently at full capacity. If you have a daughter aged 3 and upwards who would like to become a Rainbow or a Brownie, please contact Caroline Loveday on [carolineloveday@sky.com](mailto:carolineloveday@sky.com) or register your daughters interest on the official Girlguiding Join Us website.

Caroline, Caron, Sally, Steph, Caroline W and Catherine



## St Chad's Centre News

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One thing we have never been able to control with the St Chad's Centre build has been the weather. So when I made my way towards the Centre on Sunday 5th March, ahead of the official opening it began to rain and I rued our continued bad luck. We even had a contingency plan for how we would cut the ribbon in the pouring rain (Anne Kirby and Niall Meades would still have got wet though – sorry!) Fortunately our luck turned and 15 minutes before the official opening time the sun came out and shone on the Centre. A guest even said she saw a rainbow appear!

The previous day, for the Open Door Saturday event, we had fortuitously had dry weather, which brought people to the Centre in great numbers. We had a really strong stream of people from 11am right through to 2.30pm, with lots of compliments on what a great job the decorators had done of the painting.

Whilst many people contributed to this work, a special thanks go to Ian Stevens who was even painting the woodwork right up until 11am.

We were joined by a good number of hirers including Anne Marie Lambert of Get Cooking, Joan Alderman of the Community Café, Elissa Temple and Emma Rees of Tachbrook Tinies, Anne and Michael Kirby and Peter Lister of the History Group, Helen Tudge who teaches Pilates, Andy Shaw who teaches martial arts and Peter Fletcher who teaches Tai Chi. Leaflets were also available for Hannah Clare Reilly who teaches dance and Nicola Brooks who runs the independent pop up shop venture. These groups and classes have already begun and we're really pleased with the positive feedback about what a beautiful venue it is.

The first day ran really smoothly which made us all feel very positive for the



## The St Chad's Centre Trustees

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official opening the next day which also went without a hitch. Close to 150 people toasted the opening of the Centre and our chairman Andrew Day managed to get through his whole speech without crying either tears of joy or relief! He was presented with a clock which will be proudly hung in the Centre with the

conception to opening. For details of what activities are running at the Centre please see our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/stchadscentre](http://www.facebook.com/stchadscentre) or via the website [www.bishopstachbrook.com/st-chads-centre](http://www.bishopstachbrook.com/st-chads-centre) For all enquiries and bookings please email



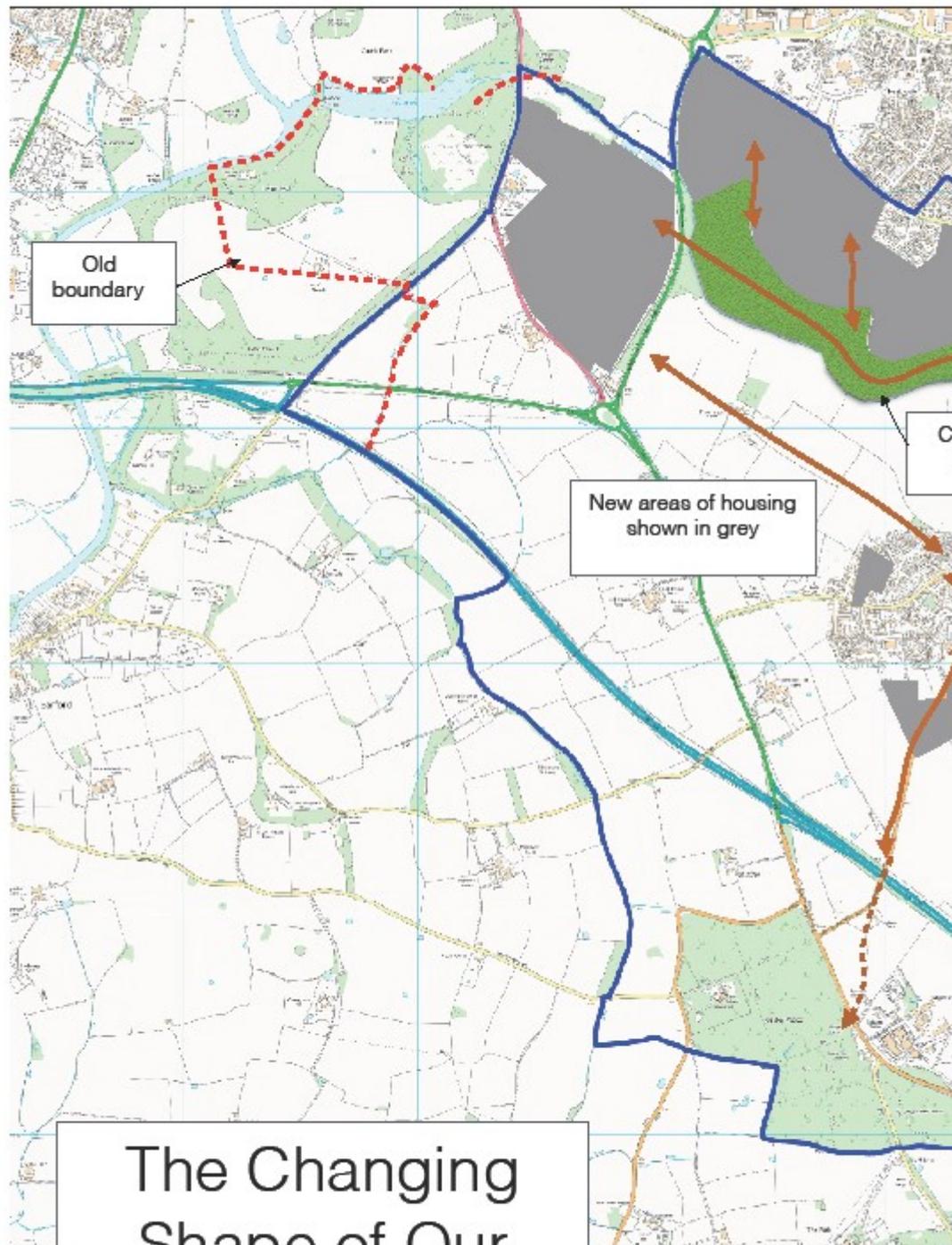
words 'A Day to smile' inscribed in recognition for his 'keep smiling' attitude throughout the project.

In attendance were Cllr Jane Knight, Chair of Warwick District Council, Sean Deeley, Chair of Bishop's Tachbrook Parish Council, Cllr Les Caborn, of Warwickshire County Council, the Bishop of Warwick and many volunteers and long time supporters of the project. The opening event even got regional news coverage in the papers and online!

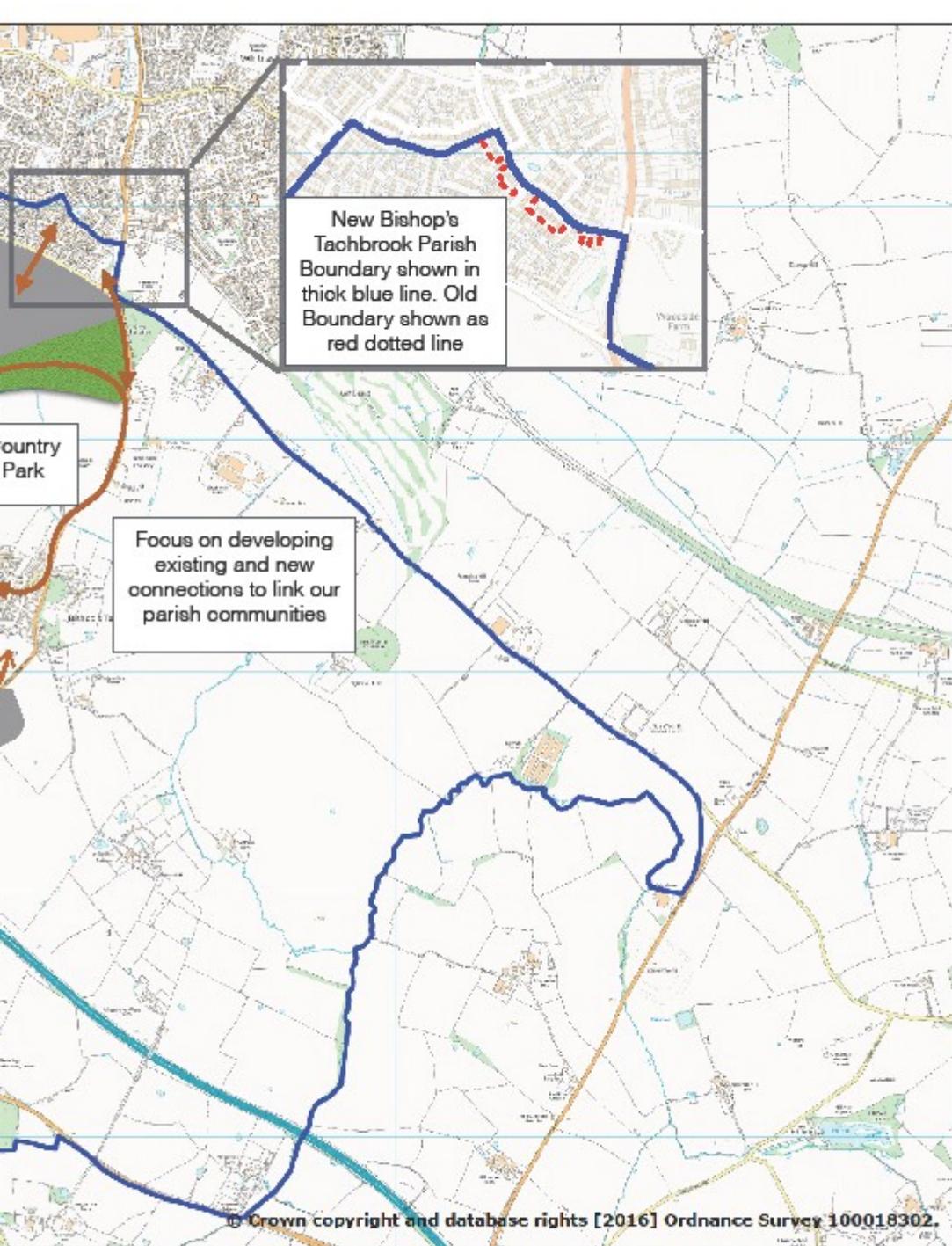
This will be the last St Chad's Centre update from Trustees. We would like to thank everyone who has been involved in the building of the Centre from

[stchadscentrebtc@gmail.com](mailto:stchadscentrebtc@gmail.com) In particular we're interested in hearing from people who would like to run lunchtime or afternoon events/classes/groups. There is also always room for more volunteers at the Centre. Are you a good organiser? Do you enjoy meeting new people? Are you a dab hand with a duster?? All talents welcome.

Final word: Congratulations go to Trustee Matt Greene who became a father for the first time just in time for her to attend the official opening! From all the St Chad's Centre Trustees, Andrew Day, Carol Gabbitas, Linda Stevens, Jenny Bevan, Huw Davies and Lorraine Curzon, our very best wishes.



# The Changing Shape of Our Parish





**Village Green tidied and hedge adjacent to St Chads cut back**



**Trees on Commander Close cut back and pruned.**



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## BT Science Fair

Pupils met Steph Greis, a postgraduate astrophysicist from Warwick university who came to judge the wonderful entries in our Science competition.



## Space Camp

Pupils in Year 5 had already met Steph when she came to their Space Camp recently to look at constellations, teach us about black holes and explain 'spaghettification'. (Year 5 will tell you, that's the process of stretching that happens when a mass enters a black hole because gravity is so strong that it just pulls matter apart.)





## Year One Science

Pupils visited St Chad's in Lent to study the senses as part of their Science work. The children used all their senses in church (and even had a go at playing the organ too). That made interesting listening.



## Last Supper

Pupils eagerly tried on some of the vestments and were

fascinated as they touched a model of The Last Supper; many of the children even pointed out which one they thought was Judas.

Many thanks to Rev Elaine and Miss Gregory for making

Science fun in church.



The title of our talk in March - *'Wicked Women'* – was food for thought. Was it going to review the murderous activities or the playfully malicious motives of the “weaker sex” – or more likely their sexually illicit behaviour? In the event Graham Sutherland started his talk by posing the same question, but included “the morally depraved”, which brought laughter from his 21<sup>st</sup> century audience in St Chad’s Centre.

Graham cited half-a-dozen legal cases from the past 3 centuries, which at the time portrayed the defendant as “Wicked”. He asked the audience to ponder whether, having listened to the background and evidence, we would be happy to have the prisoner as a daughter-in-law.

18<sup>th</sup> Century: *Elizabeth Chudley* secretly married James, the Duke of Hamilton, because as a married woman she could not remain in court as a Lady-in-Waiting. James was not wealthy and soon went off to sea on a tour of duty as a naval officer.



Meanwhile

Elizabeth at Court developed her wit, impetuous and outrageous behaviour, attracted many male admirers and eventually married the much older Duke of Kingston-on-Hull, denying that she had been married before. Upon the death of

the Duke his nephew challenged her right of inheritance because she was a bigamist. Found guilty but spared imprisonment because of her rank, Elizabeth fled to the Continent, her fortune intact but her reputation in tatters.

*Mary Ann Cotton (formerly Robson)* from the Durham area married James Mowbray in 1860, had 6 children who all died from gastric fever, as well as her husband. Then 2 out of 3 further husbands died suddenly with



gastric fever, along with 5 of their children and numerous step-children, plus a lover and their child. Mary benefitted financially from insurance payouts on most of these deaths. Upon the death of her step-son in 1873, a parish official became suspicious, and eventually an autopsy showed the presence of arsenic. Mary was sentenced to be hanged and was publicly dubbed ‘Britain’s First Woman Mass Murderer’.

*Florence Chandler*, an American, met *James Maybrick* a wealthy Liverpool businessman on a cruise and they married in 1881. They led a busy and seemingly happy social life but James was a hypochondriac and frequently took cocktails of patent medicines available from the chemist, some of which

contained arsenic. When James died Florence was arrested on suspicion of poisoning him. An autopsy showed a very small amount of arsenic, but not sufficient to kill him. The judge concluded that Mrs Maybrick administered poison to her husband with intent to murder; but there was reasonable doubt whether the arsenic was in fact the cause of his death. The death sentence was commuted to life imprisonment for a crime with which she was never charged. At that time there was no procedure for a legal appeal. Florence was released in 1904, after spending 14 years in custody in various prisons, including solitary confinement and hard labour. She returned to the US and gave public lectures on the injustice of her punishment. Eventually she became a recluse living in a squalid three-room cabin in Connecticut, where she died in 1941.

*Edith Jessie Thompson*, born in London in 1893, was an attractive and clever young woman who had a successful career with a millinery wholesaler. After a six-year engagement she married Percy Thompson in 1916 and they enjoyed a comfortable life in a fashionable suburb of Iford. In 1920 they met 18-year-old Frederick Bywaters, who had joined the merchant navy. 26-year-old Edith was immediately attracted and excited by this handsome, impulsive 18-year-old. Percy invited Frederick to lodge with them and on his next tour of duty Edith secretly wrote him many letters declaring her love and quoting from romantic novels of love, passion and murder. One evening In

1922 Edith and Percy were returning home when Frederick jumped out of some bushes, stabbed and killed

Percy. He was arrested and when Edith's love letters



were discovered, she was arrested as an accomplice. Despite her protestations of innocence and Frederick's constant insistence that she knew nothing of his intentions, they were both sentenced to death by hanging.

Graham regaled us with several more stories of women caught up and punished for actions considered criminal at the time. By our standards the evidence was often insufficient for a conviction and modern methods of research and analysis were not available. There was also an acceptance that men of high rank could have mistresses, but that behaviour in women was morally degenerate.

Our speaker last meeting was unfortunately taken ill but thanks to the sterling work of our president and secretary they managed to find a replacement. Mr Nick Chambers came to tell us about The Mysteries of Agatha Christie. This proved a fascinating insight into the author and her life. She was born in Torquay in 1890 where to this day an Agatha Christie literary festival is held with everyone dressing up in costume for the final event....sounds like fun. Nick told us about her life ,marriages and of course her books. The first being The Mysterious Affair at Styles and also her disappearance in 1926 shortly after her first husband asked her for a divorce. She was found in a hotel in Harrogate 10 days later. It is still unknown why she did this, a mystery she took to the grave.

In 1930 Agatha married Sir Max Mallowan a happy marriage lasting until her death in 1976. She is buried in the churchyard of St. Mary's Cholsey near Wallingford in Oxfordshire. This was an interesting talk accompanied by excellent slides.

After refreshments we continued with our meeting. Events and classes include a visit to Kings Cross Station and surrounding area, a treasure hunt in Rugby, a trip to Bridgenorth and David Austen Roses, a visit to the WI's own Denman College, and a trip around Jewish London. There is also a crewel embroidery workshop, a theatre costume talk, poetry mornings to name but a few.

The Warwickshire Federation is printing a cookery book to celebrate its own centenary next year. Pinching our own idea me thinks. The Bishops Tachbrook cookery book will again be on sale at our cake stall in May. There aren't too many copies left so don't leave it too late and they make ideal gifts only costing about £1 to post.

Our own village events include a trip to the National Memorial Arboretum in May and to Chavenage House in September. What be club dates are being organised and the Pimms and Croquet evening will be held in June if the ground ever dries out. At the Group Meeting in September the speaker is Ruth Lowe who speaks on Mary Quant. Lots to look forward to.

Our speaker in April is Georgina Hale who is going to tell us about being Shipwrecked in Antarctica. Our competition will again be for a single flower to be judged by members by putting a coin against their favourite, any monies raised will going to ACWW a charity supported by WI.

In May we will be discussing and voting on the resolutions for this year. These are:

- A) This meeting calls on every WI and NFWI to work alongside health and social care providers and their local community, to raise awareness of the causes and impacts of loneliness thus ensuring better identification of lonely people in order to be able to offer

them the appropriate assistance and support.

- B) Microplastic fibres are shed from synthetic clothing with every wash and are one of the main contributors to Microplastic contamination of the oceans. The NFWI calls on the Government and industry to research and develop innovative solutions to this problem in order to stop the accumulation of Microplastic fibres in our oceans.

If you would like to come along and discuss these with us or want to know more, you can always check out the NFWI website. We will probably be having a ploughman's supper that night and you don't get that from a website!!

Look forward to hearing from you or meeting you at our cake stall on May 6th.

Anne Allen 424135

**April Haiku**

April's air stirs in  
Willow-leaves...a butterfly  
Floats and balances

— Bashō Matsuo



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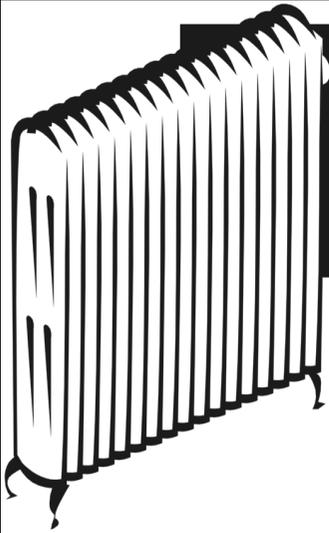
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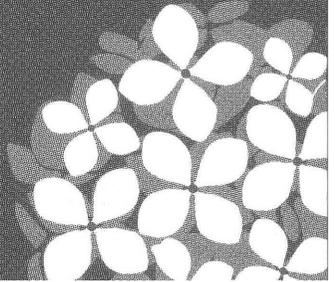
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## **Why is April called April? The answer is a mystery!**

Though April's derivation is not certain, a common theory is that the name is rooted in the Latin *Aprilis* which is derived from the Latin *aperire* meaning "to open" – perhaps a reference to the opening or blossoming of flowers and trees, a common occurrence throughout the month of April. Another theory holds that since months are often named for gods and goddesses and since *Aprilis* is derived from the Greek "Aphrodite," one can surmise that the month was named for the Greek goddess of love, whom the Romans called Venus.

Around the 5th century AD, the Anglo-Saxons referred to the month of April as Ostermonath or Eostre-monath, a reference to the goddess Eostre, whose feast occurred during this month. The Venerable Bede, a monk from the Northumbrian monastery of Saint Peter, believed this gave root to the word Easter – most often observed during the month of April.

Prior to the addition of January and February by King Numa Pompilius around 700 BC, April was the second month of the Roman calendar year – March being the first. Around 450 BC, April slipped into the fourth slot and assigned 29 days. With the introduction of the Gregorian calendar by pope Gregory XIII in 1582, an extra day was added and thus '30 days hath April.'



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The Shed also now sells wild bird seed, sunflower seed, fat balls and suet blocks to bring in the birds to help with the bug removal from your plants along with a little added colour from the blue tits and robins! I can also get most varieties of dog food (wet and dry), cat food (wet and dry) along with other animal food from rabbit, fish, bird, chicken etc. I can also get various accessories like leads, collars, shampoos in fact almost all items that you need to ensure your pet is happy! Please call me on 07973 142625, e-mail me at [btshed@gmail.com](mailto:btshed@gmail.com) or come up to the Shed in its new location of the social club car park (thanks to the club stewards for their help in the relocation) on a Sunday morning from 10 until midday to see if I can help in your garden or pet's needs or just for a chat.

Paul Gardner

## Poetry Please April Fools Day by Ken Nesbitt

Mackenzie put a whoopee cushion  
on the teacher's chair.

Makayla told the teacher  
that a bug was in her hair.

Elijah left a piece of plastic  
dog doo on the floor,  
and Vincent put some plastic vomit  
in the teacher's drawer.

Amanda put a goldfish  
in the teacher's drinking glass.  
These April Fool's Day pranks  
are ones that you could use in class.

Before you go and try them, though,  
there's something I should mention:  
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## Veggie Voice—April

<b>Plant</b>	Sow annual spinach, beetroot, broccoli, Brussels sprout, cabbage, carrot, cauliflower, French bean, kohlrabi, leaf-beet, leek, lettuce, pea, radish, turnip. Asparagus, potato (early/maincrop), strawberry
<b>Grow</b>	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

## Poetry Please

**Always marry an April Girl** by Ogden Nash

Praise the spells and bless the charms,  
I found April in my arms.  
April golden, April cloudy,  
Gracious, cruel, tender, rowdy;  
April soft in flowered languor,  
April cold with sudden anger,  
Ever changing, ever true --  
I love April, I love you.

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## April nuggets:

April is National Pet Month, Bowel Cancer Awareness month and Jazz Awareness month

“April is the cruellest month” Opening line from T S Elliot’s, *The Wasteland*

“It was a bright day in April, and the clocks were striking thirteen”. Opening line from George Orwell’s 1984

Here is an old traditional rhyme about the Cuckoo's summer life cycle:

In April I open my bill  
In May I sing night and day  
In June I change my tune  
In July far far I fly  
In August away I must



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## NOTICE BOARD

**You are invited along to our  
*SPRING COFFEE MORNING*  
on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April in St. Chad's Centre  
10 am – 12 noon  
Homemade cakes, preserves, puddings  
and greetings cards on sale. Raffle  
£1 coffee / tea and biscuit  
Proceeds to Mothers' Union projects**

### **WOULD YOU LIKE AN ALLOTMENT?**

There are freshly rotavated allotments available in the village. If you fancy growing your own food please contact the Custodian, Tony Wilkins on 01926 314237.

### **THE 3 Cs CAFÉ - COMMUNITY, CONVERSATION, COFFEE**

Our Community Café in St. Chad's Centre on Wednesday mornings 10.30am-12 noon has proved to be very popular. We will be open in April on 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> 10.30am – 12 noon.

Do come and join us, meet friends for conversation with tea, coffee and refreshments. We are asking for a small donation of £2 to cover costs.

### **SAVE THE DATE—TACHFEST 2017**

Our music based festival in a day returns on Saturday 15th July from 1-6p.m. on Bishop's Tachbrook Meadow. Make a date!

The next deadline for magazine items is 19th April for the May 2017 issue. Please send to items to [BTparishmagazine@hotmail.com](mailto:BTparishmagazine@hotmail.com)

## The departure of a legend

Eddie Cousins

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2017 we, in the village, said a very sad farewell to a man who had become a legend in his own right. Luke Moss was, until the above date, the General Manager of 'The Leopard' hostelry in our village. Seven or eight or so years ago he came to The Leopard as the chief chef and without a doubt excelled in that role.

Later, in about 2010, he left the 'security' of the kitchen for the madness that is known as General Manager or 'front of house'. What were we getting? It wasn't very long that Luke, after a nervous start, transported The Leopard to new heights. There is no doubt that this new role gave him the opportunity to prove how good he was, especially dealing with customers.

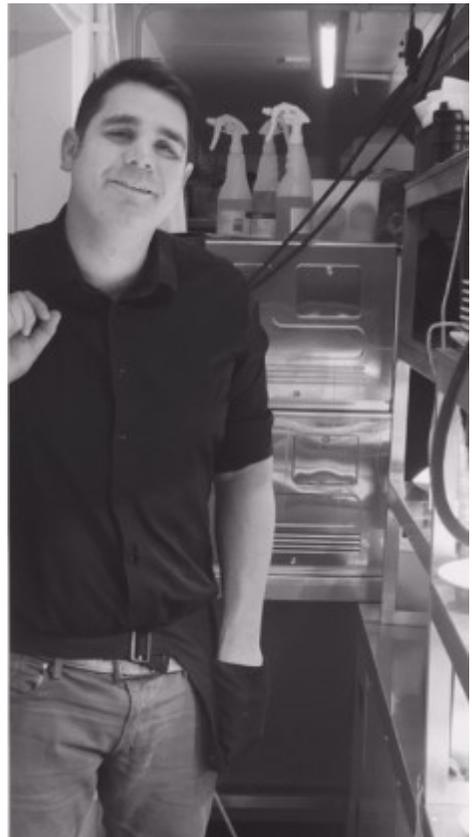
Not only did he do a fantastic job, but he took part in outside activities, such as raising money for charity, for Myton Hospice, by doing the Two Castles Run. We did our first one in 2013 and alright, he beat me! Many races followed; there were 20 runners in the 2015 run. It was a pleasure to organise the last four events due to Luke and his participating staff and friends,

What of this man? He has an infectious sense of humour, which brings to the front his professional ability. More to the point, I and many others consider him a friend and I, in particular, hope that this will continue after his departure. Luke has moved on to be employed by a company that deals with kitchens and

their performances in 19 boarding schools between Birmingham and Manchester. Perhaps it is a similar job to Gordon Ramsey, without the bad language!!

So we say farewell to a dear friend and confidant, with maybe a little tear, but in the hope that he won't forget us and we look forward to seeing him as often as possible. God bless you, friend and the very best of luck in your new adventure.

From a true friend



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