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What's in this month's magazine



In an effort to reduce pollution in the area, our Parish Council have just announced that, from April 1st 2025, residents will only be able to drive wind up cars within the Parish boundary. Non-residents will be monitored by CCTV and charged an exorbitant rate for driving through the area. It is hoped that this 'fools' tax' will fund environmental projects within the Parish.

There's a definite foolish flavour to this month's magazine. On pages 30 and 31 Amy Johnson makes a flying appearance. Andy Brettell, head of the village primary school, tries to fly an idea past us! He suggests, on page 26, that the whole school dressed up as rabbits to solve 'Rabbit Maths' problems. Come on Andy that crash lands, we know it's close to April 1st, so we're not falling for that one!

Elaine is suggesting that God knows the Kardashians. Watching too much Star Trek again! Make your mind up by reading her article on the next page.

Both Anne Allen, on page 15, and Steve Harvey, on page 29, have snowy stories and Steve has drawn a wonderful picture of a primrose appearing out of the snow.

Anne Marie Lambert talks about her 'Get Cooking' business. I wrote a song about a tortilla a while back, actually it was more of a rap! Anne-Marie's piece is on pages 20 and 21,

There's a hidden April Fool somewhere as well and a picture competition on the rear cover —happy reading.

MAY MAGAZINE DEADLINE

The next deadline for magazine items is 18th April for the May issue.
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I came across a great quote a while back which said that:

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"God must have a sense of humour when you think about it. Just look at the hippos, the giraffes and the Kardashians!"

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And I was reminded of it when I thought about the date of Easter this year, April 1st, April Fool's Day.

Easter always falls on the first Sunday following the first full moon of the spring equinox, so while the day of the week, Sunday, stays the same, the date can vary by almost six weeks. This year Easter falls on April 1, a combination that hasn't happened since 1956. I tried to do some research into the origin of April Fool's Day but it seems to be unclear. . One theory is that it came into being when the Julian calendar, which placed the new year around the March equinox, was replaced with the Gregorian calendar, which placed the new year January 1. People who didn't know about the change or refused to accept it and continued to celebrate the new year in the spring were called April fools. Sounds as good a reason as any to me.

There were so many emotions on the days that led up to the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. There was the elation of the crowd as Jesus road into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. This was

followed by the anger of Jesus as he turned over the tables of the moneylenders in the Temple. On Maundy Thursday there are many emotions experienced from the shock and maybe embarrassment of the disciples as Jesus washed their feet. In the Garden of Gethsemane there was the anguish of Jesus as he prayed that, "if it is possible, let this cup pass me by. Nevertheless, let it be as you, not I, would have it." And of course there was the agony and sorrow of Good Friday where the women stood and comforted each other and cried together.

I imagine that they cried together a lot over that weekend and were probably crying as they approached the tomb on Sunday morning to anoint the body but that crying soon turned to joy when they learned of Jesus' resurrection. On that first Easter morning God made fools out of not only those who plotted and killed Jesus but also his followers too. When Jesus appeared to Mary Magdalene in the garden, it was not what she expected and in my mind I can imagine her running along the road, laughing and almost dancing with joy as she rushed to tell the disciples the wonderful news of the resurrection.

Laughter is a serious emotion, it helps us connect with other people. Of course, it can also tear people apart. There is nothing worse than having someone laugh at you, you feel belittled and often hurt but laughing together is wonderful. As I write this the death of the great

comedian Ken Dodd has just been reported. I was lucky enough to meet him on a number of occasions and the joy he brought to so many people should not be underestimated. Crying together can also be cathartic. I often find that people who can laugh and cry together, who can share those deep emotions make connections with one another that cannot be reached by just chatting about abstract theories. It is in sharing these emotions that the deep bonds are forged which can help us when trouble strikes.. When we come together in church to share the sorrow of Good Friday and the joy of Easter Sunday we are not only making those deep connections with one another but also with God. God is with us when we cry and when we laugh.

Do come along and join us as we celebrate this great festival together because the reality is that at Easter the greatest joke was played on death itself. Death is often our greatest fear and resurrection our greatest joy. Because of the resurrection we can look forward with joy and laughter to an eternity with God. Now that really is something to celebrate. Have a wonderful Easter, may it be full of joy and laughter, Elaine.
P.S I hope there's lots of chocolate too!

DYING MATTERS

Dying Matters is a coalition of 32,000 members across England and Wales which aims to help people talk more openly about dying, death and bereavement, and to make plans for the end of life.

Every year in May, Dying Matters and our coalition members host an Awareness Week, which gives us an unparalleled opportunity to place the importance of talking about dying, death and bereavement firmly on the national agenda. In 2018, the week will run from 12th to the 20th of May and we will be asking "What Can You Do... in your community?" to help people talk more openly about dying, death and bereavement.

To help do this in Bishop's Tachbrook, St Chad's will be hosting a Dying Matters Café on May 12 from 9:30-11:30am in the St Chad's Centre. Here you be able to meet with representatives from funeral directors and the Crematorium. There will be a solicitor there to discuss wills and probate etc, a stone mason and hopefully someone from Myton Hospice and bereavement counselling. Our Priest in Charge, Elaine, will be there to chat too. There will also be tea, coffee and lots of cake! There is no charge. Please do come along and talk about this important subject.

If you have a service you believe you could offer then please drop me an email at:
Elaine.scrivens@ gmail.com

WHAT'S ON IN ST CHAD'S

Services for Holy Week

26th March – Stations of the Cross 7pm followed by Compline at 8pm

27th March – Compline 8pm

28th March - 12:15pm Holy Communion

8pm Compline

29th March – 10:30 -12pm Chrism Eucharist at Coventry Cathedral, People from across the Diocese of Coventry gather for this celebration of Christian ministry and renewal of commitment. Everyone is welcome.

7pm Agape Meal in the St Chad's Centre. Here we will remember the final meal Jesus had with his disciples by sharing a meal together. We will then move into church where we will "strip" the altar. Church will be open until 9pm for those who wish to sit and wait with Christ. Please sign up for the meal at the back.

30th March - 1-2pm Meditation

2-3pm Good Friday Liturgy.

1st April – 10am Easter Celebration Eucharist followed by an Easter Egg Hunt.

17th April 11:30am Annual Parochial Council Meeting.

The Church of England's *Parochial Church Meetings and Councils* rules stipulate that in "every parish there shall be held not later than the 30th April in each year the annual parochial church meeting." The purpose of this meeting is to elect members to the Parish Church Council; for those members of the PCC to represent the parish on the Deanery Synod; to review the finances and the workings of the parish over the previous calendar year. Are you on our Electoral Roll? Would you like to have a say in the running of St Chad's? Would you like to learn more about how a parish is run, how much money we need to raise each year and how we spend that money? Then do come along to our APCM. Everyone from the parish is welcome but to vote you must be on the Electoral Roll.

CYCLE OF PRAYER

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I feel I've been anticipating spring for a few months now; I hope by the time this magazine has been published we will have finally seen the back of this year's wintery weather – still it has been nice to have an excuse to continue putting off tackling the garden!

Whilst the weather has kept everyone somewhat contained, I'm pleased to report that there has been a lot of Parish Council activity. If you have read the Courier recently you may see that Cllrs. Bullen and Deely were successful in objecting to houses on Strawberry Fields. They both represented the Parish Council at the recent Planning Committee Meeting and the Committee supported them – this was a great result and we are very grateful to them for their efforts on this matter.

Meanwhile Cllr. Carter arranged for the Vehicle Activated Sign on Oakley Wood Road to be replaced; this will help to inform drivers of the 30mph speed limit throughout the village area of the Parish and hopefully make our roads safer. County Cllr. Les Caborn is actively pursuing a date for when work will commence on the Oakley Wood Road scheme - we understand that this delay is a resource issue within the County Council; however, we continue to push for progress on this matter so hope that it will be prioritised and soon delivered. Thanks to Cllr. Leeke and our contractor for removing the recent graffiti promptly; many thanks also to the resident who reported this. All graffiti can cause nuisance, this graffiti was extremely distasteful; if anyone knows who was

responsible could they please either contact the clerk or the Police.

We have applied for a £2000 grant from the County Council towards the footpath on the Meadow. Both County Cllr. Caborn and District Cllr. Day have supported our application so we are hoping that this funding will be granted. It is hoped that this work will be started in early April; Bloor Developments will be carrying out a continuation of the path on their development.

It was disappointing to learn that the County Council will not approve our locations for 7 grit bins in the village and 2 on Warwick Gates - which means they will not maintain them; the criteria used to reach this decision seem quite stringent and have clearly changed from when other grit bins (which are maintained by the County Council) were installed.

The Parish Council is willing to purchase these bins and fund their maintenance but we need volunteers to help maintain them. The maintenance tasks include; regularly checking the bins for damage, purchasing grit (the costs would be reimbursed by the Parish Council), storing the grit until the new Parish storage building is in place, checking on the levels of grit in the bins and topping them up when necessary. If you would be willing to assist please contact the clerk.

Cllr. Leeke has been liaising with residents on Church Lees regarding the paving and has requested to meet with a County Council officer to talk through options. The Parish Council understands

that the footpaths and the paving are the responsibility of the County Council and we are keen to engage with them to ensure that this area is made safe.

Cllr. Deely is arranging for our open spaces to be secured including the Village Green, St. Chad's Green and the Meadow, while District Cllr. Day is asking the District Council to secure the land they own at the Mallory Road/St. Chad's Road junction.

Thanks to Cllr. Leeke and a resident the repairs on the play area have been completed – pending final inspection.

We are also trying to get the bins near the Pod and the play area replaced by the District Council who own them. The clerk has written to District Cllr.

Grainger, the portfolio holder, to try to obtain her assistance in resolving this issue - District Cllr. Day is also trying to get this matter resolved.

The village parking leaflet has been agreed and approved by the Parish Council; copies should be available shortly at the St. Chad's Centre, the surgery, the Church and the schools.

We are also hoping to enclose a copy in the next edition of the magazine and a copy will also be available on the website.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on 19th April at 7.30pm in the St. Chad's Centre and all residents are welcome to attend.

Any questions please contact our Parish Clerk :

Mrs Corinne Hill
Gaydon Fields Farm
Gaydon CV35 0HF
Tel: 01926 641220

CROFT HISTORY

Anne Kirby

Patients of Croft MC have been notified that the Surgery is taking over the running of primary care services of Lisle Court Medical Centre, Brunswick Street, Leamington on 1st April. Small surgeries like Lisle Court are finding it a challenge to provide all the medical services now required in a modern surgery, hence the merger. We are assured that Lisle Court patients will now enjoy an increase in the services available to them at their Brunswick surgery, while the services available to Croft patients will not be affected. Drop-in sessions in March were arranged at each of the surgeries to answer patients' queries.

There's an interesting historical context to the merger arrangement that new arrivals in the area might not realise. *Dr Lisle Croft* lived in Bishop's Tachbrook village and held surgeries in his home, the former vicarage, which was demolished and replaced by modern houses in Parsonage Close. He later opened a surgery in Brunswick Street, but in an emergency situation continued to see patients at his home in the village. He was much loved and supported local activities, including making his large garden available for events such as the Bishop's Tachbrook village fête.

Croft Surgery was built in Sydenham in 1979; the former Working Men's' Club/ Victory Motor Cycle Club on Mallory Road was acquired and converted into the branch surgery in the mid-1980's. A new surgery in Brunswick Street was named *Lisle Court* in memory of Dr Croft hence a full circle of history commemorates this popular GP !

TACHBROOK TINIES PLAYGROUP

Tinies has been at the St Chads Centre for a whole year now and we have settled into our now regular routine of getting out our toys, craft equipment and the wonderful child sized- tables and chairs in the centre. We are very lucky with the community spirit of everyone who attends and then helps us to tidy away the toys and equipment at the end of the session - I'm very grateful as it makes volunteering to run the group SO much easier!

Our Christmas Ceramic session went very well with the children, parents and carers taking full advantage of painting and decorating the range of Christmas Decorations by Katie from Madhatters Craft Studio. We had a fabulous Christmas Party with Christmas party food, music and play. There was a brilliant festive puppet show from Castle Small, run by the very talented local village puppeteer, Amelia. We had an very extra special guest too who spent time chatting to each and every child before giving them a gift to take home.

Since January we have painted, glued, glittered and coloured our way through various crafts including making shell 'bugs', glittery valentine heart cards, printed daffodil pictures in honour of St David's Day and some inventive collages. Sam from Gel Nails By Sam, based in the village, visited us to offer some mini-manicures which was a nice treat. We have just celebrated Mother's Day by having cake with our usual coffee - I did feel it necessary to explain to the supermarket cashier that the cake wasn't ALL for me.....

We are planning visits from Gymboree and Dandy Development over the next couple of months. This is a great opportunity for parents, carers and the children to have a little taster of some of the local baby and toddler classes before signing up to them. They should be great fun!

We do have a Facebook page (Tachbrook Tinies) so feel free to look us up or to pop along on a Thursday with the little ones for a coffee and a chat. We are trying to promote all the brilliant skills of the local parish members so if you have something you think we could share at Tachbrook Tinies, please get in touch!



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1. The Romans called this month Aprilis which may derive from the verb aperire meaning "to open", referring to flowers and fruits opening.
2. In the UK, April is national awareness month for pets, mathematics, stress, irritable bowel syndrome, bowel cancer and jazz.
3. The Anglo-Saxons called April Eostre-Monadh, possibly named after a pagan goddess.
4. The first April fool was called Pete.
5. Of the eight US presidents who died in office, three died in April.
6. April is the first month of the year with exactly 30 days and the only month with an "i" in its name.
7. "April" is an anagram of "pilar" which means "hairy".
8. April was the 216th most popular name given to a baby girl in England and Wales in 2015 and the 191st most popular in Scotland.
9. "The first of April is the day we remember what we are the other 364 days of the year." (Mark Twain).
10. "April is the cruellest month." (opening line of TS Eliot's The Waste Land).



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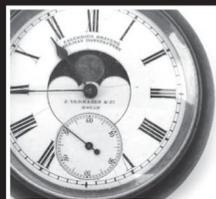
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I lay awake at 6:30am on the first Thursday in March wondering what to do for the best. It was snowing and lots more was threatened. Janette our president, was stranded in Plymouth. Ok we can cope without her but will members come out in snow. After a head count of possible attendees I'm even more worried . There's the speaker to consider too. Then saved by the bell, school had contacted and cancelled us. I think it's the first time a meeting has actually been cancelled, well at least since 1982 when I joined. I remember one night my son turned up halfway through the meeting wanting to know why we were still there. We'd had two or three inches of snow fall. I then spent time slipping and sliding up and down Mallory Road ferrying members home in my old Sierra .

So what's happening with WI? Our team in the county quiz came 7th in their heat— well done . We've the Annual Council Meeting to look forward to where the guest speaker is Rachel de Thane . As I'm writing this husband is reading me the obituary for Zena Skinner. Some years ago, well many years ago, she too was a guest speaker at an Annual Meeting which was held a Kineton school. She was lovely.

We are going to see Oklahoma In April, enjoy lunch aboard the Countess of Evesham in May. Pimms and croquet in June together with the county treasure hunt around Warwick. We are all intrigued and bemused by " the Big Day Out " on July 30th. We've been told

everyone who applies will get to go but where to ?

Our speaker in April is Colin King who is coming to tell us about the History and Legends of Coffee. May is the month we discuss the resolutions selected from a short list by members nationally for voting on at the national annual meeting in June. Unfortunately it's not our turn to attend I love these big meetings, 3000 plus ladies all singing Jerusalem is just brilliant.

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Our next big event is the cake stall on May 5th.

Not only will we be selling cakes but plants and books too. We will also be serving tea and coffee in the St Chads Centre. If you would like to make us a cake or two please do, list the ingredients on a sticky label . It will be an approximate 9:15 start and finish when everything is sold. It's a perfect opportunity to come and meet these mad WI ladies who get up to all sorts.

Thank you to anyone who knitted premature baby hats. These were delivered to the annual meeting. We are also making poppies for an installation at St Mary's Warwick later in the year. We're knitting, crocheting, using felt, tissue etc. Why not have a go. See what you can create. If you would like to know more about WI give me a ring, I'll help if I can. Everyone is welcome to come and join us. Anne Allen 424135

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1st April – Easter Family Bingo

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7th April - Quiz

Quiz nights are great fun and remember a prize for every team.

14th April – Ant Hill Mob

Local rock band Ant Hill Mob are back after popular demand. Guaranteed to get you up singing and dancing along.

21st April – Race Night

Looking for a fun family night out? Come and join us for our night at the races.

28th April – Andy's ATS Disco

Throw on your glad rags and join us to dance the night away to your favourite songs played by Andy's ATS Disco.

May

5th May - Quiz

Gather your smartest friends and head over to test your knowledge against The Judge!

Lots of fun and great prizes to be won.

12th May – Members Birthday

The club is open as usual.

19th May – Insomnia

Classic rock & pop cover band Insomnia are back to sing all your favourites.

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26th May – Games Night

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Bishop's Tachbrook Calendar

What's on in April

Thursday 5th 19.45, **WI, The Legend and History of Coffee**, B T School, 01926 336822

Tuesday 10th 14.30, **History Group, Aethelflaeda**, St Chad's Centre, 01926 885938

Saturday 14th 10.00-12.00, **Churchyard Gardening**, St Chad's Church, 01926 330050

Thursday 19th 19.30, **Parish Council Meeting** at St Chad's Centre, parishclerk@bishopstachbrook.com

Saturday 21st 9.30-13.00, **Parish Council Working Party**, thewhitwood4@btinternet.com

Saturday 21st 19.00 for 19.30, **Scouts Curry Night** at St Chad's Centre lisabalzaretti@yahoo.co.uk

Wednesday 25th 10.00-12.00, **Churchyard Gardening**, St Chad's Church, 01926 330050

What's on in May

Thursday 3rd 19.45, **WI, Resolutions**, B T School, 01926 336822

Saturday 5th 09.00, **WI, Cake, book and plant sale**, Village Green, 01926 426797

Tuesday 8th 19.30, **History Group, Charles 11, The Merry Monarch**, St Chad's Centre, 01926 885938

Saturday 12th 10.00-12.00, **Churchyard Gardening**, St Chad's Church, 01926 330050

Thursday 16th 19.30, **Parish Council Meeting** at St Chad's Centre, parishclerk@bishopstachbrook.com

Saturday 19th 9.30-13.00, **Parish Council Working Party**, thewhitwood4@btinternet.com

Wednesday 23rd 10.00-12.00, **Churchyard Gardening**, St Chad's Church, 01926 330050

Weekly events

Mondays 18.30-20.00 **Youth Club** at B.T School
Email: btyouthclub@gmail.com

Mondays Children 19.15-20.15 Adults 20.30—21.30 **Get Cooking** at St Chad's Centre
07956955951, getcooking@hotmail.co.uk

Tuesdays 09.30-12.15 **Little Tinkers Soft Play** at St Chad's Centre, 079117385747 or Facebook

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

Tuesdays 19.15-20.15 **Pilates for cyclists** at St Chad's Centre, 01926 259293, 07769222524

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

Wednesdays 09.15-10.15 **Pilates** at St Chad's Centre
01926 259293, 07769222524

Wednesdays 10.30-12.00 **Community Cafe** at St Chad's Centre, 01926 651643

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

Wednesdays 18.00-19.45 **Brownies** at the Sports and Social Club, 0779 6033471 e-mail: Carolineloveday@sky.com

Wednesdays 19.00 -20.00, - beginners, 20.00-21.00 intermediate **Tai Chi** at St Chad's Centre, 01926 338866

Thursdays 09.30-11.00 **Tachbrook Tinies playgroup** for 0-5s at St Chad's Centre, *Tachbrook Tinies on Facebook*

Fridays 09.30-16.00 **Little Tinkers Soft Play** at St Chad's Centre 079117385747 or Facebook

Sundays 20.00 **Bingo** at the Sports and Social Club, 01926 421621

Name: Anne Marie Lambert

Business: Get Cooking!

Year business started: 2009

Tell us a bit about what your business does/classes offered:

I provide cooking experiences for all ages through cooking lessons, demonstrations and cooking parties for children and adults.

I currently provide cooking lessons for children (8+) and adult (16+) at Bishop's Tachbrook on a Monday night. I hope to provide a daytime session when time allows. I also provide adult and child workshops in holidays and can provide events to help organisations raise funds.

Give us a bit of background to the business:

How did you get into the business?

I have worked in various areas of catering within the hospitality sector since I was 17 and in my last job I was a customer care manager for a Foodservice company. I always enjoyed working with the demonstration chefs who taught me loads of tricks and cheats in the kitchen over the 8 years I was there.

When I was made redundant I went along to my local children's centre with my son and realised that many parents did not know how to cook and were always asking me what I was having for dinner and did I make it. As a result the children's centre asked me to demonstrate some healthier versions of takeaway's and it started from there.

What sets you apart from other businesses?

I provide a bespoke service and tailor lessons around individuals and groups. I

like to provide recipes that are quick to make, family friendly and adaptable to your budget and your store cupboards. I love what I do and it is great to inspire children and adults to Get Cooking!

What are your business principles or values:

I believe cooking lessons should be accessible to all budgets and I provide a variety of sessions to enable as many people to access them. When funding is available it enables me to work with local organisations to provide free workshops for those on limited budgets. I have an environmental management background too and always show how you can utilise Love Food Hate Waste principles.

What made you choose Bishop's Tachbrook to host your activity/class?

Bishop's Tachbrook is close to where I live and I love the set up of the kitchen which works well for my lessons and parties.

Where do you see your business in 5 years?

Providing more daytime community cooking sessions and workshops once my children no longer require as much childcare and providing more larger group parties.

Who is your target market?:

Anyone that wishes to learn to cook! I have worked with toddlers to adults in their 90's. My current class have a mix of reasons for learning to cook from reducing the number of takeaways they eat to learning basic skills and adding new recipes to their repertoire.

Cooking parties are available for children and adults and a great way to celebrate a Birthday or major event.

(10% discount for BT residents for parties held at St Chad's)

I provide bespoke community based projects for local organisations and deliver them to both children and parents of young children.

What did you do before you ran your business? (if applicable) or as a child what did you want to be when you grew up?:

The last full time job I did before being made redundant while on maternity leave was Customer Care Manager for RHM Foodservice providing support on all products to cost sector caterers to show how you could add value to basic pre mixes.

How long have you lived in the Leamington area?:

I have lived in Warwick Gates since 2011 after relocating from Reading. I am from York originally and it is nicer to be further up the country!



What is the best thing about running your own business/your job?

The best thing about my job is seeing the sense of achievement on the faces of people I teach no matter what their age. Being able to cook gives you a burst in self confidence and helps you believe you can achieve in other parts of your life. I love it when people tell me I have released their inner domestic goddess and inspire them to cook more!

What is the worst thing about running your own business/your job?

Admin and ferrying everything but the kitchen sink to many of my lessons! (which is why I love working from Bishop's Tachbrook because everything is practically there!)

People are always surprised to learn this about me, but... I also make time for my allotment and I try to incorporate my produce in my lessons. Over the last year I have worked with the children at Westgate Primary School to create a vegetable garden, which we use in cooking lessons. Westgate won a Gold in the Warwick in Bloom School Category. Space for a free plug for your class or activity!

My group lessons are currently full. Please email to be added to the waiting list.

I am planning on providing parent and child workshops in 2018 if you are interested in this or other services I provide get in touch hello@get-cooking.co.uk

Bishop's Tachbrook residents receive 10% discount on children's Birthday parties that are booked using St Chad's Centre.



Playgroup for 0-4 years

Thursday 9:30 - 11:00

St Chads Centre, Bishops Tachbrook

Bouncy Castle

Baby Area

Toys and activities



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50p per child
Term Time Only

St Chads Centre
Mallory Road, Bishops Tachbrook



Crafts

Nursery Rhymes

Tea/Coffee &
Children's snack



Rainbows Brownies

Phab Kids! Coffee Morning

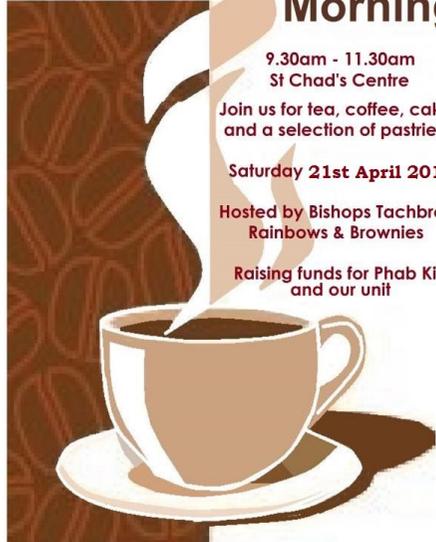
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St Chad's Centre

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and a selection of pastries

Saturday 21st April 2018

Hosted by Bishops Tachbrook
Rainbows & Brownies

Raising funds for Phab Kids
and our unit



Community CAFE

Every Wednesday
10.30am - 12.00

St Chad's Centre
Filter Coffee/Tea & Cake £2
Also available to take away



Bishop's Tachbrook Junior Youth Club

Monday 6.30-8pm in the School Hall
During Term Time Only
£1.50 per session and yearly membership of £2 payable in September.

For more information contact Club leader: Natalie Hunneman
bt youthclub@gmail.com
or come along on a Monday.

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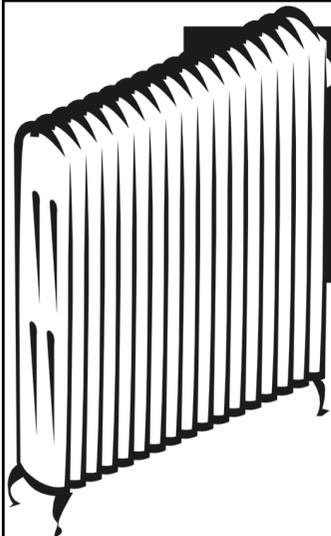
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Sunday 13th May

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Chris

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BOWLS COACHING

Starts Monday 14th May

6 p.m. till dusk

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

FLAT SHOES REQUIRED

To contact Chris
Call: 01926 881229 or e-mail: cvenn@sky.com

World Book Day 2018

The whole school dressed up as rabbits and solved 'Rabbit Maths' problems about carrots, legs, ears, buried carrots (coordinates) as well as taking part in a one hour sponsored read to raise funds for new library books. Thank you to all the parents for your support and to all the teachers for making learning fun!



READ THIS: BT SCHOOL READING RESULTS 2017

- 93% Reception met early Learning Goal for Reading
- 96% Year 1 passed 2017 Phonics screening check
- 97% at or above the expected standard for reading in KS1
 - 40% at Greater depth in KS1
- 90% Y6 at or above expected standard for KS2
 - 42% Y6 at Greater depth in KS2



Sports Report

Our School teams have started the year in style and have played at home and away in tournaments and matches in X-country, netball, football, indoor athletics and rowing. Our pupils have enjoyed dance club, football, netball and X-country clubs but with Summer just around the corner, we are now running after school clubs each week for athletics, football, rounders and multi-sports. Many thanks to our staff and Onside Coaching whose expertise helps every child in school to enjoy sports and develop a healthy lifestyle. Sports Day is on the morning of Thursday 21st June (reserve date 5th July).



Our PTA met recently with the Student Council and the children suggested that the PTA organise a special event this summer. We are delighted to announce that the first ever BT School Family Sports Event will be on Friday 22nd June from 4.30-6.30pm. Hot food, cold drinks and a lot of fun for everyone is guaranteed.

STOP PRESS: PTA QUIZ NIGHT

£5 PER TICKET INCLUDES FISH AND CHIP SUPPER.

Licensed Bar.

FRIDAY 20th APRIL 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. Tickets from school in advance

ALL WELCOME

The month of March didn't come in like a lion or a lamb, much more like an annoyed Polar Bear. For me, and the weather forecasters, Spring begins logically on 1 March. However, Siberia had another idea and the dreaded white stuff spread its blanket across the country.

Life outside got much harder for wildlife, in fact, life inside the cottage became 1963 with ice on the inside of every window. Old Jack Frost was painting away as my Mum used to say.

Along Europa Way Redwings worked in groups throwing snow and leaves up in the air hoping to find insects underneath. A Robin darted in taking its chance in the flurry of activity. On the other side of the road it was sad to see all the trees had been cut down to make room for wider roads and more houses. Not one bird ventured there.

On a happier note, a friend told me of a bird they had seen in the garden. "It was a bit like a thrush, I think its called yellow armpit bird," she said. It was a Redwing.

Everything goes so quiet as snow falls and settles. A buzzard, forced to fly very low, flew passed me and under the Cedar tree, following the lane hoping to find anything edible on the ground. It made no sound as it flapped then glided away. The lambs huddled into their mothers in

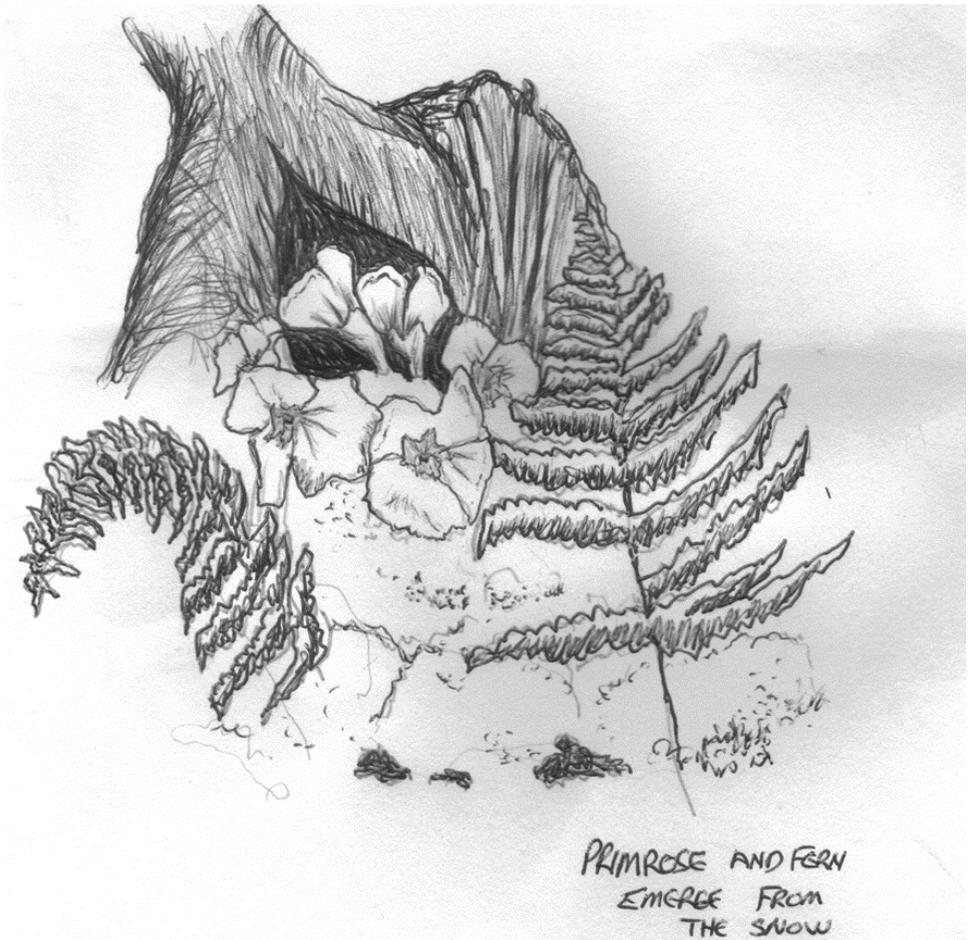
the sheep field behind the cottage. Uncountable numbers of birds frantically fed at our fast food outlet, staying on the feeders until the last light faded.

In the morning the snow revealed possibly its only redeeming feature - TRACKS so many animal tracks. Lots of Fox activity. We've been lucky enough to see the dog Fox regularly. He's very handsome indeed with an amazing thick winter coat. Across the field a Heron had landed and it was clear to see that a Stoat had bounded along the edge of the brook.

Its only Hedgehogs, Bats and Dormice that truly hibernate so everything else has to face the freeze to feed. Every morning the Squirrels 'scamper aided' for peanuts in the snow. The Jackdaws do their crazy, shouty flying circus round and round the cottage and the Raven gracefully flies its territory, often resting in the Pine trees to watch and call.

As the warm air pushed back in, rain washed the snow away. Pale yellow Primroses showed themselves again. The bird song became louder. Honey bees danced with Hellebores. Bumble Bees rumbled though the air. The new nest box was visited by a pair of Blue Tits. A couple of days later the pair were inside doing a lot of chirping and bumping about and I don't think they were moving the furniture!

Yesterday, Tuesday 13th March, I saw a Red Kite flying above The Leopard.
Bunny Tibbitts



Poetry please

The Evening Primrose

by Dorothy Parker

You know the bloom, unearthly white,
That none has seen by morning light-
The tender moon, alone, may bare
Its beauty to the secret air.

Who'd venture past its dark retreat
Must kneel, for holy things and sweet,
That blossom, mystically blown,
No man may gather for his own
Nor touch it, lest it droop and fall....
Oh, I am not like that at all!

Roy Smart, former Naval Officer, Fleet Air Arm Pilot and air director of many national commemorative events, was the speaker at our the History Group's March meeting. His understanding and admiration for *Amy Johnson* shone through his well-researched presentation, illustrated with photographs, newspaper headlines, newsreels and music. Amy, born in 1903, rose from modest beginnings as a fishmonger's daughter from Hull to the pioneering feat of solo flying half way round the world to Australia in a fragile little biplane. It was a life of triumph and tragedy.

Amy studied at Sheffield University, where she met her first love - a relationship which lasted for 6 years - until he wrote to say he had married a new-found love. Amy had moved to London when she was 23 and was living at the YWCA, earning £3 a week as a solicitor's short-hand typist. She was devastated by her lost boyfriend, but a turning point was when she visited an aerodrome in North London, where she watched primitive biplanes taking off and landing. She was enthralled and with financial help from her father she trained as a pilot and an aircraft engineer. However, she discovered that landing the plane was problematic and her instructor announced that she was not a natural flyer.

One of her attributes was her remarkable determination and by 1930 she had become the first woman in the world to

be a qualified aircraft engineer and a pilot. Within a few months, when 100 miles was her longest journey and with only 83 flying hours to her credit, she set off in the open cockpit of a second-hand Gipsy Moth called 'Jason' to travel across uncharted land to Australia. There was no radio link with the ground and the fuel had to be hand-pumped to keep aloft.

Because of re-fuelling at specific pre-arranged points, timing and accurate navigation were imperative. There were some problems en route, including a crash in Rangoon, but Amy reached India in a record 6 days and the world's press were suddenly alerted to "British Girl Lindbergh" and "The Lone Girl Flyer". Amy landed in Australia to a tumultuous welcome and was treated like a superstar. Songs were written about her and she was inundated with fan mail. Amy was exhausted mentally and physically, but by 1931 she set record times flying with her mechanic to Japan and Moscow.

Within a year, and after a short courtship, she married Scottish pilot Jim Mollison and they were dubbed "the Flying Sweethearts". Amy set a record flying solo from London to Cape Town and together they set another world record in 1933 with their east to west flight across the Atlantic - to be greeted ecstatically in New York. The couple were originally said to have a marriage made in heaven, but in reality Jim's fuel was a bottle of scotch and he was dubbed "The Playboy of the Air". Amy's last major flight was in

1936, after which she turned her attention to business ventures, journalism and fashion but she tired of living the celebrity life.

Women pilots came to the forefront with the formation of the Air Transport Association (ATA). These brave women ferried new planes (some of which were newly designed aircraft which they had never flown before) from factories to RAF stations across the country. Amy quickly joined in this hazardous initiative in 1940. A year later she was ordered to deliver a plane from Blackpool to Kidlington, near Oxford. The weather was unfavourable with freezing cloud, a particular hazard for flying. Amy's determination and risk-taking character dictated that she should proceed with the flight; she wanted to be present at an ATA celebration the following day. That afternoon a seaman saw a parachute descending through the snow and then floating perilously close to the ship's propeller. The captain of the HMS Haslemere, Lieutenant Commander Walter Fletcher, dived into the icy water to reach the pilot, but rough seas prevented a rescue and Walter Fletcher died in hospital from exposure and shock. Parts of Amy's plane and some of her possessions, including a travelling bag, cheque book and logbook, were later washed up nearby, but Amy's body was never recovered. Aspects of her death remain a mystery and have given rise to conspiracy theories. Our speaker, Roy Smart, shared his own thoughts and analysis based on Amy's grit and determination. But perhaps her tendency for risk-taking was ill-chosen on this occasion: whatever, Amy's bravery and pluck continue to inspire.



Poetry please

Amy Johnson

H J Spider

A woman of her time
adventurous and true.
Nothing could stop her
with brave wings she flew.
With brave wings she died.

Next Meeting:

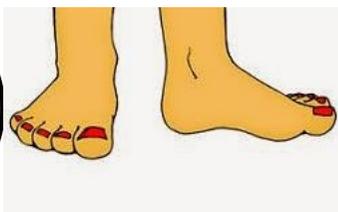
Tuesday, 10th April: 2.30pm in St Chad's Community Centre

**The development of Mercia in the early 10th century will be covered by our speaker, Stephen Baldwin, in his talk "Aethelflaeda brings Wessex to Mercia"
Visitors welcome - £3. New members invited – only £13 for the year.**

The kids' zone

Sudoku

3	9		6	2		4		
1			9		7	3		
			3				9	5
			8		2	6		3
2		3				5		7
6		4	7		5			
9	3				8			
		7	5		6			1
		1		7	3		2	6



Why is it that your nose runs,
but your feet smell?

Teacher: "What is the chemical formula for water?"

Student: "HIJKLMNO."

Teacher: "What are you talking about?"

Student: "Yesterday you said it's H to O!"

Bad joke time

Q: When do monkeys fall from the sky?

A: During Ape-ril showers!

Q: How do all the oceans say hello to each other?

A: They wave!

Q: What did one wall say to the other wall?

A: I'll meet you at the corner!

Q: What do you call a bear with no teeth?

A: A gummy bear!

Q: Why do bees have sticky hair?

A: Because they use honey combs!

Q: What do you call an alligator in a vest?

A: An investigator

Q: What did the duck say when he bought lipstick?

A: "Put it on my bill."

Q: What happens to a frog's car when it breaks down?

A: It gets toad away.

Q: Why couldn't the leopard play hide and seek?

A: Because he was always spotted.

Q: What starts with E, ends with E, and has only 1 letter in it?

A: Envelope.

NOTICE BOARD

GALLERY AND GARDEN OPEN WEEKEND

26TH AND 27TH MAY, 10AM – 4PM IN AID OF THE HEARING DOGS.

This year for the first time ever I am opening my gallery and garden to the public. The acrylic and photographic portraits are of Marilyn Monroe (as never seen before) and fictitious women. The garden has beautiful views of the Warwickshire countryside. Refreshments will be served in the farmhouse. Plenty of parking space. Easy walking distance via back drive entrance, squeeze past gate, first right after Chapel Hill House.

Becky Evans. Squab Hall Farm , Harbury Lane, Bishops Tachbrook, CV339QB.
All enquiries: Marilyn@squab.co.uk or 0796824576.

WI CAKE, PLANT AND BOOK STALL

Saturday May 5th 9:15-11:30

On the Village Green

Coffee and tea available in the St. Chad's Centre

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ST CHAD'S MOTHERS DAY RAFFLE - THANK YOU

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