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Holidays

Rev Elaine Scrivens

As I write, Jim and I are making the final preparations for our summer holidays.

So yes, out come the suitcases and the hunt begins for plug adapters, sunscreen, swimming goggles ... the list seems endless and in my case I also have to organise services for when I'm not here. Thank you to Jenny, Peter, Christine and John for being so willing to step in so that I can have a break, and to our son for coming and staying at the vicarage to look after the dog and cat!

There always seems to be a build up of stress before a holiday, but it is great when you can just sit back, relax and enjoy a different routine and of course, different experiences.

Doing something different is part of the joy of going on holiday. It's great to have a break from our everyday routines and the pressures we might find ourselves under during our normal lives. I'm so grateful I no longer have a long commute and I feel for those who do. Many of us spend our lives rushing from one appointment to another and we need a break from it all. Whether we lie in the sun, take in the sights of a different country or exert ourselves on a sporting holiday, it is good to take the time to recharge our batteries and maybe to reflect on our work life balance.

A holiday may give us the opportunity to look at our lives and see what adjustments we need to make. Do we need to slow down; spend more time with the family; maybe take up a new hobby? Perhaps we should ask ourselves the following questions:

Is the way I live my life fair to my family and myself?

Does my lifestyle give me the opportunity to contribute to my community?

Do I give enough time to nurture the friendships I hold dear?

What do I need to change - what can I change?

One of my favourite bible stories as a child was Noah's Ark. By listening to God and building his ark we are told that Noah saved the animals. This holiday perhaps you could reflect on your own ARK – Acts of Random Kindness. These don't have to be great projects, but daily, low level, individual decisions that help one another. These often pass unnoticed but do make a difference. ARK will spread as long as there are people of action. Want things to change? Want to change yourself? Try a few Acts of Random Kindness

My Dad often used to say that a holiday is a time to step back in order to move forward. He was a wise man!

For those of you able to go away, have a good holiday and come back refreshed and ready to continue on this wonderful journey we call life. For those who will be staying at home, I hope the weather stays good and you find time to relax and maybe begin building your ARK!

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Joys & Sorrows

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Elaine's 60th birthday 22nd June

Reverend Elaine spent her special day with her husband Jim, their three sons and future daughter -in-law. Jim's gift to Elaine was a hot air balloon ride which will be taken later in



the year. Elaine is pictured here with Andrew Day presenting cards and a gift of a garden chair on behalf of the congregation.

Graham M Leeke Queen's birthday honours list 2013

Congratulations to Graham, who was awarded the British Empire Medal for services to the community in Bishop's Tachbrook. He will receive his medal in a service later in the year.



Holy Communion

There was a special service on 23rd June for Niall, Oliver, Isobelle, Teddy and James who were admitted to Holy Communion before Confirmation. The children showed great commitment to their faith and Elaine immensely enjoyed teaching them during the eight week course of study.



Graduations

Becki Pantling has graduated with a 2.1 in drama from Exeter University and stays in Exeter to work with her film company Aftermath films.

Kati Pantling has achieved her PGCE from Leeds University and is to teach secondary physics in Whitechapel from September.

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There will be no Wednesday communion service during August. Services will resume at 11:15am on Wednesday September 4th.

Elaine will be away from August 12th to Sept 9th but can be contacted, in an emergency, via email. Her son will be vicarage sitting!

For any other queries please contact Andrew Day or Linda Stevens.

The Christian Family

Baptisms

Seren Ellie McNamara Rhian Daisy McNamara We welcome them into the Christian Family.

Marriage

Mark Rigby and Eleanor Wyatt We offer our congratulations and best wishes for the future.

Funeral

Kenneth Sellars We pray for his soul and offer our sympathy to his family and friends.



Harvest Festival

This year St Chad's will celebrate The Harvest in word and song on Sunday October 6th. Do come along and join with us in giving thanks for God's wonderful world and the abundance that we enjoy. The service will begin at 10am. There will be as usual a collection, which will be given to a local farming charity.

Our farmers do a great job in often difficult circumstances. Please join us as we say thank you to not only the God of the Harvest but these amazing men and women who work so hard to bring us the food we enjoy.

Any food, in the form of tins (meat, fish, fruit, puddings), dried food, cereal, sugar, teabags, coffee, etc. will be donated to Leamington and Warwick foodbank.

I look forward to seeing you on 6th October! Elaine



Are you interested in being a Brownie?

Bishop's Tachbrook Brownies meet on a Wednesday at 6pm till 7.30pm. We have fun, make, work on badges, go on outings, sing, play games and meet new friends. If you are interested in being a Brownie when you are 7, please contact Caroline Loveday on 429082 or 07796 034371 or carolineloveday@sky.com.

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Gardening with Joni Mitchell

WARNING – if you don't know who Joni Mitchell is, either give up now, or check her out online. Pay particular attention to the, 'Ladies of the Canyon' album from 1970 and the songs, Big Yellow Taxi, Woodstock and Circle Game – enjoy!

Big Yellow Taxi features the lines:
'Hey farmer farmer /Put away that D.D.T.
now/ Give me spots on my apples/
But leave me the birds and the bees'
This is a sentiment that matches my
approach to gardening. Make room for
wildlife! Thank god we're not still using
DDT! The song's chorus goes on:
Don't it always seem to go/ That you
don't know what you've got/Till it's gone.
They paved paradise/ And put up a parking lot.

More houses to blight the parish anyone? In 'Circle Game' the chorus goes like this; 'And the seasons they go round and round

And the painted ponies go up and down We're captive on the carousel of time We can't return we can only look Behind from where we came And go round and round and round In the circle game.'

It strikes me that this is the essence of gardening. Our seasons do 'go round and round'. As gardeners, we are governed by them. We never know what is going to happen in our garden but we can, 'look back from where we came' and learn from our successes and problems from the carousel of each season. I love the 'circle game' that is growing vegetables, raising animals or even tending fancy flowers. As Joni said in her song, 'Woodstock' 'We are stardust. We are

golden. And we've got to get ourselves back to the garden.'

Website of the month – Foundry Wood If you haven't already found this little gem, it's worth checking out. It is a development of the 'Green Space' at the back of the Ford Foundry site. For those of you with children looking for something to do in the summer holiday, check out the activities running.

www.arccic.co.uk/projects/foundrywood

What to do this month

Sow Cabbage (Chinese/spring), Pak-Choi, Turnip, Winter Salads Sow green manures for soil protection, eg crimson clover, mustard, phacelia. **Grow** Exclude light from celery stems by surrounding with newspaper and pulling up soil ('blanching'). Pot up rooted strawberry plants ('runners') Take cuttings of herbs, eg rosemary, bay. Eat Aubergine, Beans (broad/runner/ French), Beetroot, Carrot, Cauliflower, Courgette, Cucumber, Leaf Beet, Kohl Rabi, Pea, Radish, Sweetcorn, Tomatoes. Onions when leaves turn brown and top ple over; garlic when bottom few leaves turn vellow.

Compost Anything that was once living will compost, but some items are best avoided. Meat, dairy and cooked food can attract vermin and should not be home-composted.

If you would like advice from a Master Gardener then please contact Susan Watt or I on: suzwatt@gmail.com or 07711 498047 / keithwell-sted@btconnect.com or 0771 8196577 Go on, get out there and start growing.



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History Group

Anne Kirby

'A Scandal in Ullenhall' was the topic for the July talk by Audrey Duggan when she visited us 4 years ago. On her return visit in July the talk could have been titled 'Frustration in Tachbrook', because unfortunately Audrey's carefully prepared presentation was thwarted by a stubborn computer which refused to respond. What followed was lacking in excitement in the way of scandal, but a verbal account of the life of Catherine Hutton (1756-1846), Birmingham letterwriter and novelist. Through her writing we get a vivid glimpse of contemporary life for middle-class young women, the main occupation of whom was to find an eligible husband. Catherine Hutton herself was unmarried and revelled in her freedom to observe and record society in action.

Her father, William, was a prosperous paper merchant and historian who lived in High Street Birmingham (a blue plaque on Waterstone's commemorates his achievements). William is reputed to be the first man to walk the entire length of Hadrian's Wall, following which he published a book to record the experience and commented that probably no-one would ever do it again! He decided to buy a country estate and built a large mansion in ... wait for it ... Washwood Heath, now a crowded suburb of Birmingham. I can't help but think that his daughter's writings would be much more exciting, scandalous and colourful if she lived there now!

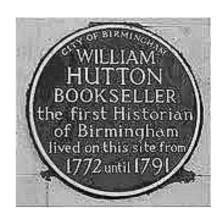
NEXT MEETINGS: Thursday, 8th August Have you been to *St Mary's Collegiate Church in Warwick* recently and seen the famous Beauchamp Chapel? If not, join us for our next day out. Our Speaker Secretary, Sheila Smith, is an official guide at the Church and she will show us some interesting features you may have missed.

We will meet at St Mary's for 10.30 am. (or Sheila will arrange a lift).

After lunch (your choice), we will go to *Southam* for a guided walk round the town and to see the *Cardell Collection* – local historical memorabilia collected by a local resident. Cost to non-members: £7.00

Thursday 12th September Outing to *Coughton Court*

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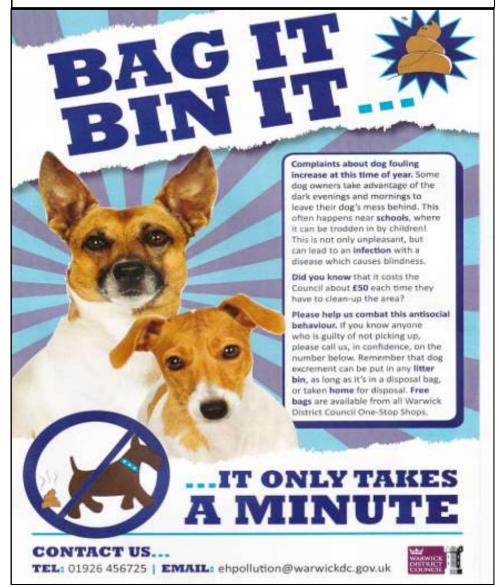
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Parish Council News

Corinne Hill

Getting a fuller understanding of the Local Plan (Revised Development Strategy) in all its aspects, and briefing it out to residents, has dominated your councillors' time this last month.

The **Community Forum** at the Club on 27 June was standing room only (as was the one at Warwick Gates Community Centre on 13 June) to hear WDC officers present the main elements on housing, transport infrastructure, and possible permanent sites for travellers. Too often RDS publicity material and officers words imply that "this is what we're going to get". But it's important to keep in mind that these are only proposals. It's up to us individually to respond to the consultation.

On 10 and 17 July the PC held workshops in the Club to clarify how residents might respond. The notes prepared for these workshops have since been distributed round the 1100 homes in the Parish.

You'll see from the leaflet that we have been collaborating with like minded friends in Warwick and Whitnash.

This is the third leaflet distribution in 6 weeks, and we want to say a big "thank you" on your behalf to everyone who has selflessly contributed their energy and shoe leather!

Technically responses had to be in by July 29, but WDC might extend the deadline by up to a week - so if you haven't written in/emailed, please do so. Lots of tips and guidance are on our web-site. From our experience last time - the SAY NO campaign - we know that when it comes to the Public Inquiry, the Inspector takes note of the weight of responses from each community.

Following concerns expressed by residents, your PC has appointed a consultant group to assess the six sites in this parish identified by the District Council as **possible gypsy/traveller sites**. The intention is that expert advice will enable us to respond effectively to this aspect of the Local Plan.

Other planning matters Ambitious developers and landowners are trying to pre-empt the New Local Plan by submitting Applications for new housing - Bates for 280 houses on Woodside Farm, Gallaghers for 220 houses on Harbury Lane and Lloyds for 220 houses on Grove Farm. Your Council will be submitting objections to all of these PAs. Details of our reasoning can be viewed on our web-site.

Other Matters At its meeting on July 18 the PC considered four applications from community based groups for funding (S 137). It agreed to support the newly formed Stitch in Time group, the Youth Club, the Brownies, and the PCC which is upgrading the appearance of the churchyard.

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Meet the Stitch and Time Crafters

Jenny Bevan

Bishop's Tachbrook really is blessed with some hidden talents. Last year I uncovered a secret gem in the form of Karen Deasy of Darning Green who can repair the virtually unrepairable all from her home in the village. This year a craft collective has sprung up under the name Stitch and Time with Karen and Jennifer Lord the instigators of the group. At the

moment there are six members, Karen, Jeni, Kim Drew, Glenys Tew, Maria Henson and Lily Bonarrigo but they would love to welcome more people who have an interest in sewing, stitching, tapestry, patchwork,

crocheting, knitting, applique, mixed media, macramé and anything else craft related you can think of!

Current projects include Karen knitting a child's cardigan, Jeni doing crocheting and bunting, Kim taking clothes to pieces and putting them back together (or not!), Glenys doing tapestry and mixed media, Maria making toy monkeys and whilst Lily wasn't able to make it the week I visited apparently she makes a mean iced bun!

The idea came about as the Stitch and Time members wanted to do something constructive and worthwhile by creating an actual end product rather than just dabbling. By forming a group they are able to share ideas, learn from others and be more imaginative than they would as individuals. They would even like to hold a craft party, have a craft table at fairs or have monthly trips.

There are already some talented crafters in the village. Stitch and Time aims to draw them out of their hidey holes! This group offers villagers the opportunity to meet people they wouldn't usually meet and encourage those who don't get out much to get out and about. The group are happy to offer a fetch and carry service, picking people up from their homes

and taking them back after the group has finished. If you would like a Stitch and Time member to pop round to your house to explain a bit more about the group they would be very happy to. You don't necessarily have

to have your own equipment either as the group has applied for a grant for a central equipment fund.

The Stitch and Time ethos is 'Tea, natter and craft'. Those who are good at something teach others who aren't as good and they inspire each other. Lily is bravely learning to knit and crochet from scratch taught by Maria who is crochet connoisseur. Karen is the sewing sensation advising Kim on her clothing creations.

Stitch and Time meets on Monday afternoons at 1pm, usually at Karen's house but they do move around. If you are interested in joining please email Karen on kmtdeasy@sky.com or call her on 07800 906886. If there is enough interest there are plans to run evening meetings to encourage those who work to get involved.

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Mothers' Union

Jenny Lister

With a poor weather forecast, we assumed that our first Cream Teas venture would be a flop, but when the church doors opened at 2pm the first customers entered and were followed by a steady stream all afternoon. Sadly, the event had to be indoors but with lots of work by Kath, Fiona, Joan, Jenny and Jo we put on a good show and served delicious home-made scones, clotted cream, jam and butter. There was an alternative for those without a sweet tooth – cheese scones, soft cheese and onion chutney. We made a profit of £150 for our MU projects, bringing heath care and support to those who need it both at home and abroad. Thank you to all who came to support us. You never know, now that we've worked out a 'system' for our Cream Teas, we may spring another one on you before the summer is out. We'll watch the forecasts and see what we can do, although it may be in a garden rather than church next time.

It seems to be all food at MU! On Thurs August 15th we are holding a Deanery Afternoon Tea at 2.30 pm in the Chapter House at St Margaret's Whitnash. At £5 per head you are sure to enjoy a great tea, again with funds going to an MU project.

When September arrives and summer begins to feel as though it's a distant dream, we have Mrs Daphne Cooke coming to speak to us about her experiences of the Mothers' Union overseas. Daphne has travelled widely and visited groups in many countries and we very much look forward to hearing her and seeing her presentation on **Tuesday 3**rd **September at 7.30 pm in church.** Do come along and hear how Mothers' Union is a catalyst for so much development overseas. Jenny Lister Tel. 427922

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Linda Stevens

Nature Page

Tree of the Month: Sycamore

I always think of autumn as a child when I hear the name Sycamore. We used to pick up the winged seed cases and throw them in the air watching them spiral down helicopter fashion. These wing cases are known as 'keys'. The Sycamore's are double with a seed at the end of each wing. This may be fun for children but the tree uses this to enable its seed to be blown away from the parent tree and hopefully to a suitable place for it to germinate. Other trees also have keys most, like sycamores, are members of the Maple family. Ash trees use a similar idea but their 'keys' hang in bunches and are often still seen hanging on the tree long after the leaves have fallen. The Lime uses a 'key' to do the same job although its seeds hang on a stalk with the 'key' behind acting as a sail.

The Sycamore is not a native tree but arrived in Britain maybe as early as the Roman period and certainly by the Middle Ages. In fact they have been here so long that they support a large number of birds and insects and so are vital to the natural environment. The name is interesting. It is a corruption of the Sycomore that is mentioned many times in the Bible. The leaf shape is similar but the Sycomore of the Bible is the fig-mulberry whereas our Sycamore is a member of the Maple family and is sometimes known as the Great Maple. In Scotland it is known as the Plane tree, which it also resembles. This mistake is reflected in its botanical name, Acer pseudoplananus. Acer means it is a member of the Maple

family and the pseudoplnaus means 'false plane'.

Sycamores can be loved or hated. They are hardy, give shade and protection and resist pollution. They self seed and grow in many types of soil but this also means they can cause problems and are regarded as a weed by some. In large parks, woodland and open countryside they are no problem, it is only when they grow too near buildings and in small gardens that they cause problems.

The pale, creamy wood is used in the making of violins, furniture and flooring.

Sycamore Factsheet With thanks to The Woodland Trust

A big tree that provides shade Green buds cluster at end of twigs Tails of yellow-green blossom

Did you know...?

The Sycamore tree belongs to the maple family.

It is a deciduous tree - the leaves turn a rich, golden-yellow in autumn then fall leaving the tree bare over winter.

Children have traditionally used the 'helicopter' seeds in flying competitions and for model making!

Each leaf has five 'lobes'.

Winged seeds are spread by wind

Where is it from?

The Sycamore isn't originally from the UK. It was brought over from Europe and was widely planted in Britain and parks and gardens to provide shade. Now it's commonly planted on streets as it copes well with urban pollution.

Summer has arrived and we are all feeling the heat! The gardens need rain. Are we ever satisfied? The bees appear to be faring better this year. I need to cut back my sage, which is in danger of taking over, but will not while it is in flower as the bees and other insects are feasting,

disappearing into the flowers. I helped two bees who were walking across the lawn, seemingly too exhausted to fly, onto the flowers where they busied themselves restoring energy levels.



A Comma butterfly took a drink from the birdbath. We have had some butterflies in the garden but numbers have been low. I hope that once the Buddleia comes into flower more will appear.

Our Sparrow colony are doing well and now feeding their second brood. The Blackbirds are less in evidence but one individual, whom we have named Tufty, appears daily. He is a young male and has a feathery tuft on his back, presumably the result of an incident with a sparrowhawk or cat.



CALLING ALL CHILDREN

Visit the Nature Detectives site at www.naturedetectives.org.uk to find lots of ideas and free downloads to keep you busy out of doors during the Summer Holidays.

Steve Harvey's Report

This may be the summer of the Bumblebee. I usually see one or two nests; this year I've seen eleven so far! Most of them are up at gutter level on houses. I've had to work close to them and they don't seem to mind at all.

Anytime now the flying Ants will take to the air. As long as they are not coming into your house, Don't Panic! Move away from the ant powder and that boiling kettle! The flight requires perfect weather conditions, no wind or rain. It's often warm and calm. Different colonies of the same species use weather cues to synchronize the day of flight. They take off in such large numbers to try to overwhelm predators. The ants try to climb up blades of grass, walls, anything to make a good take off. Many are killed by spiders. Once in the air, above them are the Swallows, House Martins, Swifts, Starlings and Sparrows all enjoying an ant feast.

As the queens fly they release a pheromone to attract the males. If she is lucky she will mate on the wing. Not so lucky the male, who having mated quickly dies! The Queen will fertilize millions of eggs. Once the queen lands, hoping to avoid more predators, she removes her wings and goes underground. There she will lay eggs to start a new colony.

Over the lifetime of a large ant colony millions of Queens will be sent out. It is thought that only one or two will succeed. The rest will be eaten by predators. So, if you are lucky enough to be there as the flying ants emerge, don't panic, just watch and be amazed, the whole show is usually over in less than half an hour. All they want to do is fly away. Most will never make it!

Notice Board

Horticultural Show

As the Horticultural Society has been struggling with a very small committee and a decline in support for the event, we have reluctantly decided that it is not feasible to run the Show again this year.

The Show has run at a loss for a number of years and with very limited resources, we feel that any future show has to be financially viable.

We are keen to have your positive suggestions on how to modernise the show in order to ensure its long term survival. Please email suzwatt@gmail.com or visit the Shed on a Sunday morning (next open 8th September). Your ideas, suggestions or any possible support or sponsorship would be greatly appreciated.

Correction

In last month's magazine it was incorrectly stated that Eddie Talbot's soapbox 'The Overtakers', which showed best improvement in soapbox times in the Tachbrook Time trials, was from the Co-op Funeral service. The entry was infact from John Taylor Funeral Services. We apologise for the error and thank John Taylor Funeral Services for their support of the event.

Village Plant Sale

A large selection of perennials, herbs, ferns, ornamental grasses and alpines – all at very low prices!

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Country Dancing Club

2nd Thursday of every month 8pm at Sports and Social Club Contact Julie Jaggard 314286 All welcome!

Young Trees

Many thanks to residents who have been faithfully watering trees planted last winter on Mallory and Kingsley Roads. It can be a bit of a chore because they need a good bucket full twice a week to get established - and even more in long, dry spells. Keep up the good work.

There is no magazine in September.

Next deadline for magazine items is

15th September for the October

issue. Please send to

catherine.keen@btinternet.com

Thank You

The magazine committee would like to thank Barbara Baldwin, who is stepping down from her magazine distribution role, for all she has done over the past eight years. Overseeing the distribution of the magazine to more than 1200 homes in Bishop's Tachbrook and the surrounding area every month is a huge task but Barbara's hard work and commitment has ensured the whole process, from the magazine being collected from the printer to dropping on to everyone's doormats, has always worked like clockwork. Month in month out, without fail and regardless of the weather or her personal commitments, Barbara has always made sure the magazines are circulated quickly and efficiently. Our brilliant team of distributors are sure to miss her steadfast care and support. Barbara will be continuing for the time being with her own distribution round to outlying homes and farms, a time-consuming task in itself so thanks to her for that.

Magazine Distribution

We are looking for a willing volunteer to take over from Barbara the co-ordination of the distribution of the magazine. This involves counting out the 1200 magazines into approximately 27 bundles, and then distributing those bundles to the 27 deliverers. The vast majority of the deliverers live in Bishop's Tachbrook, there are two drops to be made in Warwick Gates and Heathcote Park but alternative arrangements could be made for those if transport was a problem. Barbara is happy for anyone who is interested to shadow her final round at the end of September so they can see how it works.

If you are able to help please contact Catherine Keen 886980 catherine.keen@btinternet.com or Barbara Baldwin 336822 or just come along to our next magazine committee meeting at St Chad's Church at 9am on Saturday 7th September.

100th Birthday Party

Thank you to everyone who attended Ivy Gardner's 100th birthday party and for all the beautiful flowers received. We all enjoyed a very special day in beautiful sunshine. Thanks to Karen and the staff at the Sports and Social Club for the catering and all their help on their day and to Mac who played the organ for us. Thanks also to everyone who made donations to Myton Hospice, we raised £274.

Tuesday Club Events

August 6th Keep Fit
Aug 13th Hoy
Aug 20th Bingo
Aug 27th Bank Holiday





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Last month on a rather warm summer evening, members and guests were enticed to our meeting with the promise of a wine tasting by Matt Dicks of Waitrose, Stratford. He explained how he had studied in and around Cambridge to obtain his Wine and Spirit Education Trust Intermediate Certificate which he followed 2 years later by getting his Advanced Certificate and a Professional Certificate in Spirits so he really knew what he was talking about. I thought a love of "DRINK" would be enough!! Our tasting began with a very nice, Waitrose own, chilled champagne, this was followed by Three Choirs Coleridge Hill. Matt explained he had an involvement with this vineyard in Gloucestershire. We then changed colour and tried a light fruity red, Georges Debouef Beaujolais, followed by a Waitrose Rich Italian Red then finally a Brown Brothers Orange Flora Muscat. I'm sure you can imagine the noise volume had by now risen considerably. Various questions were asked and further tastings usually with "Can I try that one again please? " An enjoyable evening was had by all.

After the refreshment break, tea or coffee this time, we discussed forthcoming events and outings. These include lunch with either Felix Francis or Charles Hanson depending on whether you like books or antiques, an evening with TV gardener Joe Swift and a visit to Abbey Cwm-Hir to see it decorated for Christmas. There is also bread-making, Nepalese cookery, different craft days, and a trip to the Spa Centre to see Carousel. We still hold our own wine club and craft

group so if either appeals to you do give us a ring. I think both are just excuses for a really good natter.

Only 19 managed to come to the Croquet evening, but 3 litres of Pimms and 3 of lemonade were consumed. I have instigated the WI Croquet Cup for the person to get around the course in the least number of hits (or whatever they are called). This was won by Alf Chapman with a score of 19, something for us ladies to better next year.

We are already thinking about Christmas and our world famous party. If you have any bright ideas for the entertainment or would like to come along do let us know. Forthcoming speakers include in August David Clarke, a photographer from Wellesbourne, and in September we will be visited by the Air Ambulance - not literally I hope. October is election time and our annual meeting, and in November we will learn about Story Sacks. A very busy second half of the year.

I was in Bravissimo recently with yet another delivery of bras for recycling, 4 kilo this time. Our contribution is now about 13 kilo which equates to £13 towards their chosen charity, which this year is Eve Appeal, a gynaecological cancer research fund. Over 6,000 kilo have been donated since they started their recycling in 2011. I am also still collecting used postage stamps for Marie Curie and a very big thank you to all who leave little parcels on my doorstep.

As I always say if you fancy coming along and meeting us either just turn up one month or give me a ring on 424135.



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Praying for our Community

A group of us at St Chad's wanted to have some structured prayers for our village and so we've developed a prayer calendar, which we hope will give direction to our prayer and so we offer it to those who live in our parish and who pray.

In August we pray for those who live in:

Mallory Road, Millway Drive, Miranda Drive, Oakley Wood Road

In September we pray for those who live in:

Othello Avenue, Overberry Orchard, Parsonage Close, Penfold Close

Organisations:

For those who run our local shop

Our local schools, staff, governors and pupils as a new academic year begins

For those leaving home to begin university and college courses

Notable Dates in August

Tues 6th Transfiguration
Fri 9th Mary Sumner Day
(founder of Mothers' Union)
Mon 12th International Youth Day
Fri 14th Holy Cross
Thurs 15th Blessed Virgin Mary
Sat 24th St Bartholomew

Notable Dates in September

Tues 3rd Merchant Navy Day Sun 8th Racial Justice Sunday Mon 9th Birth of Blessed Virgin Mary

Sat 21st St Matthew & International Day of Peace Sun 29th Michaelmas

August Rotas

Cleaning

3rd Esther Boyle & Jill Yarwood

10th Sue Hitchin

17th Desnee & Mervyn Fletcher

24th Jenny & Peter Lister

31st Jo Shaw

Assistant Stewards

4th Huw Davies

11th Ros & John Pratt

18th Graham Leeke

25th Kevin Pantling

Sidespersons

4th Sheila Hayward & Kath Reason

11th Mervyn & Desness Fletcher

18th Ray & Anne Allen

25th Anne Kelley & Vera Vale

Coffee

4th Roy & Maralyn Brown

11th Jean Coope & Mac McGarrick18th Fiona Meades & Joan Alderman

25th Gill Yarwood & Rod Smith

September Rotas

Cleaning

7th Liz Sheehan

14th Fiona Meades & Jo Jordan

21st Esther Boyle & Gill Yarwood

28th Sue Hitchin

Assistant Stewards

1st Debra Cokayne

8th Huw Davies 15th Ros & John Pratt

22nd Graham Leeke

2011

29th Kevin Pantling

Sidespersons

1st Mervyn & Desnee Fletcher

8th Sheila Hayward & Kath Reason

15th Joan Alderman & Mac McGarrick

22nd Ray & Anne Allen

29th Anne Kelley & Vera Vale

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Warwickshire Young Voices - Community Choir Celebrates Success

The Summer Term came to a close for Warwickshire Young Voices Community Choir with a celebration of the Young Singers' successes over the year. With the last whole choir performance of the year accomplished at the 'Midsummer Madness' Music Festival in Southam, the choir held their annual awards ceremony and Fish and Chip supper evening for its 50 young singers and their families. All the young singers received a Certificate of Achievement celebrating their commitment to the choir during a busy year of performing and recording. 30 members of the choir also received commendation awards. 17 members received their RSCM: Voice For Life syllabus awards. These singers received certificates on the day and will receive ribbons and medals at the RSCM Music Festival at Birmingham Cathedral next term. It has been an honour to work with such a professional and talented group of young singers - what a fantastic year!

We are recruiting now for the new term in September 2013. The WYV team of highly experienced music teachers are ready for a fantastic, fun new year of singing and music activities for children aged 3-16. Younger budding musicians (aged 3-7) can join us on Saturday mornings at The Graham Adams Centre in Southam for Kodaly based Musicianship Classes. 'Make Me Musical' classes will be led by WYV's Musical Director, David Iles (BA Hons Music, PGCE.) They will be a creative, fun way for children to learn how to understand the basic musical elements and learn to read and write their own music by the age of 7! The very popular 'Warwickshire Young Voices Community Choir' is also recruiting singers aged 7-16. This fun choir is open to all without audition. It is a great place to learn all aspects of using the voice as well as enjoying opportunities for performance in a dynamic, friendly environment with a team of committed and highly skilled teachers and musicians. New for September 2013 - WYV Community Choir -Leamington on Monday evenings 6.30-7.30pm at Dale St Methodist Hall, in addition to the established WYV Community Choir -South on Thursday evenings 6.30-7.30pm at Harbury Village Hall.

All Warwickshire Young Voices activities are very popular and places go fast - see www.warwickshireyoungvoices.org for more information or to book your place. Email wyvoice@gmail.com or join us on facebook to be the first to hear of our activities!

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Warwick Gates We now have a date for a WDC officer to meet with a councillor to address the tidying up and on-going maintenance of Bolingbroke Drive/Cicero Approach. Clearing back the encroaching undergrowth on the perimeter path is also on the agenda.

The Community Pay-Back team has been active in the Parish on three projects in the last month - strimming around the BMX track; clearing back the undergrowth and nettles on the access road to the Club; and cutting back the overhanging grass/weeds on the cycleway. Your PC makes a small contribution for this service.

Finally, our **next meeting is on Thursday 15th August at the Warwick Gates Community Centre.** Members of the public are most welcome to come along.



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Friends of Oakley Wood BUG WALK

On Friday 5 July Steven Falk, the renowned Entomologist, guided us around Oakley Wood pointing out various species of invertebrates.

About 15 people were able to make it and amongst them were a number of children who were very excited to see Steven catch bugs in his net and put them in a small pot for us all to study more closely before releasing them back into the wild. The children took some persuading, but found it thrilling to be able to stroke some of the male bees. Steven advised us not to attempt touching the females — they are the ones which bite! We were able to notice the different colourings of the bees and will now look with a fresh pair of eyes at the vast range of bugs in our gardens.

So we thank Steven very much for coming along to 'educate' us and hope that in the future he may do so again.

Unfortunately we don't have any photos to show you but if you visit Steven's website www.buglife.org.uk or wildlife photographer, Ed Phillips' website www.edphillipswildlife.com you will find some wonderful pictures.

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For more information contact Anoushka on 311538 or anoushka76@hotmail.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.



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> Any questions? Contact Lisa on 01926 334708



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