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# What's in this month's magazine

Being that it's the school summer holidays, there's lots of children's poems for parents and children to enjoy. Let's start with the wonderful Spike Milligan poem, Bump.

Things that go 'bump' in the night  
Should not really give one a fright.  
It's the hole in each ear  
That lets in the fear,  
That, and the absence of light!

Elsewhere there's a strong volunteering theme. The front cover highlights the role the BT Working Party is having in trying to keep the Parish tidy. Have a look at page 15 to see their latest exploits and the next date you could join in. There's a heartfelt request for help maintaining the churchyard on page 5. There's also a report on Tachfest 2016, the result of the efforts of the fabulous volunteers in the Parish Events Committee, see page 34. And there's an article by the wonderful people who help Leamington Hibs to success, see page 41.

Happy reading!

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

In August we will be praying for all who live in  
Mallory Road, Millway Drive, Miranda Drive, Oakley Wood Road  
In September we will be praying for all who live in  
Othello Avenue, Overberry Orchard, Parsonage Close, Penfold Close  
We will be remembering those who live in these roads in our prayers during the  
Sunday service each and many of the congregation will also be praying for them during  
their daily prayers.  
If there is something or someone you would like us to pray for please let Elaine our  
Vicar or a member of the congregation know.

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It's holiday time. Quite a few of us have already had a break this year, Jim and I have just returned from a month in the States and yes, thank you, we had a wonderful time. As Jim had his hip operation last year we didn't have a holiday and it wasn't until a week into this year's break that we realised how tired we were and how lucky we were to be able to go away as we did. Not everyone is as lucky.

I hope those who aren't going away are perhaps planning a few days out or special activities. It's great to sometimes just change our routine. The idea of holidays developed during the early 1800s and various resorts developed with the building of pleasure piers. Our home in the North East is on the coast and near the Victorian resort of Saltburn. The tradition of a holiday by the seaside continues to be a peculiarly British thing. We used to avoid Saltburn and nearby Whitby in the summer because of the tourists. Of course, Leamington grew because of the appeal of the "Spa". Many Victorian ladies and gentlemen realised the benefit of "taking the waters". In the sixties and seventies holiday to other countries became popular because of the advent of the "package" holiday.

Sociological studies of the benefits of taking time-out and discussion about work / life balance have been undertaken with increasing regularity and it appears we are more productive when we take a break from work. Well, God knew this and established ideas of Sabbath and

festivals into the law guiding the lives of his chosen people back in the time of Moses over 3000 years ago. The word 'holiday' is derived from 'holy day' and goes back to such provisions. And yet, while holiday providers are coming up with more and more exciting ideas and wonderful destinations, many employers seem to be putting people under pressure to work longer and longer hours. We can often feel that if we work longer we will get more done and prove our loyalty and commitment to our jobs. This is generally not the case and we should be careful of this. Many can burn out through not taking time off each week and proper breaks during the year. As I said earlier, I didn't realise how tired I was until I stopped!

But God's provisions weren't simply about time off and work / life balance. They were about finding space for time with him in busy lives. Festivals often involved pilgrimages to Jerusalem and the Temple. Although our holidays are no longer holy days as such, perhaps we should look for opportunities to connect with God while we are out of the stress and business of the work environment. Enjoy the wonders of the world we live in and thank God for them. Perhaps spend some time thinking about the place God has in your life during holidays and during the rest of the year.

I hope you have (or have had) a wonderful holiday if you have the opportunity to get away this year. If not, I hope you have the chance to have a



break and do something different for a time and enjoy some days out. If this doesn't seem likely, then try to get out for a walk or a drive in or around Tachbrook – we live in a stunningly beautiful area. I hope you appreciate the beauty of the area we live in and the world we live and I hope you thank God for it. I hope you find a place for God in your holiday.

Remember, God wants you to have a break, to be refreshed and renewed, and to come back ready to go again. Enjoy your break, enjoy God's blessing and try to keep a balance in your life.

With love and prayers, Elaine

#### **Do you care about our Churchyard?**

Gary and George do. They mow regularly. So does the new recruit who will, we hope, take over from Paul. It's not all about mowing the grass regularly. Two, yes only two, volunteers regularly weed the path and flower beds, trim around the stones in the Memorial garden, trim trees on a Saturday or Wednesday morning. One or two others clear the cut branches and trimmings regularly. They give willingly of their time but are only too aware of how much is still needed to be done during the Summer when everything is growing.

So if you think a something needs doing in the Churchyard don't grumble about it join the Gardening group or contact the Churchwardens or Vicar with an offer of help. You will be very welcome. The phone numbers are in the Parish Magazine and so are the dates for the Gardening Group.

## **Poetry please**

### **Mr Nobody Anonymous**

I know a funny little man,  
As quiet as a mouse,  
Who does the mischief that is done  
In everybody's house!  
There's no one ever sees his face,  
And yet we all agree  
That every plate we break was cracked  
By Mr. Nobody

`Tis he who always tears our books,  
Who leaves the door ajar,  
He pulls the buttons from our shirts,  
And scatters pins afar;  
That squeaking door will always squeak,  
For, prithee, don't you see,  
We leave the oiling to be done  
By Mr. Nobody

The finger marked upon the door  
By none of us are made;  
We never leave the blind unclosed,  
To let the curtains fade.  
The ink we never spill; the boots  
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There's been so much progress since the last update it's hard to know where to start! With the roof structure in place it feels as though the hardest work has been completed and the finishing touches are going to look stunning.

The roof tiling and lead work will have begun by the time you read this article. The construction of the roof is more complicated than usual because it has been designed to keep the overall height down, which should make the Centre less obtrusive. The feature roof trusses which will be fitted to the entrance area as well as the oak porch, have also been ordered. Many hours have been spent designing and redesigning, spec'ing and respec'ing the roof so we hope you will agree it has been worth it.

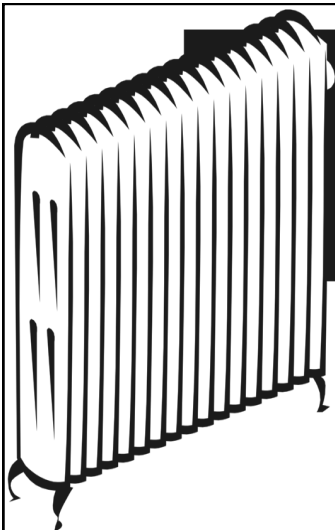
and electrical (M&E) and the security system. Andrew has been working hard to get the details of these contracts right so the Trustees receive value for money and the Centre users get the best experience possible. The M&E contractor will be installing the underfloor heating pipework soon. The heating will be generated by an air-source heat pump which will make the Centre the most environmentally friendly, public building in the parish. It will also mean that there will be no wall radiators fitted, which will improve the utilisation of wall and floor spaces. Andrew takes a great deal of pride in the air-source heat pump and will be taking bookings for personal tours shortly!



Sub-contracts have been let for the exterior windows & doors, mechanical

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stonemason supplier. The large coping stones have been fitted and provide wonderful finishing touches.

The necessary legal agreements have been completed with Western Power Distribution (WPD) to enable the connection of mains power cables which will be laid under the Village Green. WPD will reinstate the Green once the work has finished so please bear with us while the work is underway. It will be restored to its former glory when the work is complete but any concerns during the works please contact Trustees via the email address [stchadscentrebt@gmail.com](mailto:stchadscentrebt@gmail.com)

Trustees are pleased to announce that the St Chad's Centre has received a grant of £10,000 from The Garfield Weston Foundation. This organisation donates to charities all of the profits from their business, which include British Sugar and Fortnum & Mason! This brings the total raised in grants received from Charitable Trusts and Foundations to £87,000 to date. We're awaiting news of an application for a further £20,000 to fund the purchase of furniture and equipment and we will keep you updated on any other grants made to the Centre. As always we are hugely thankful for all of our generous funders: Warwick District Council, WREN, Bishop's Tachbrook Parish Council, Awards for All, the Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation, the Allchurches Trust, the 29th May 1961 Charitable Trust, the Beatrice Laing Trust and The Garfield Weston Foundation.

Next steps for the Trustees will be selecting the kitchen units and equipment. Huw has been working extremely hard researching all the fixtures and fittings and we look forward to seeing the final selections. Contracts for the decorating and floor coverings will also be let in the coming month. We are currently working on an online booking system which will be up and running by the time the Centre opens. If you are interested in being involved in the trial of the system please contact Trustees via the email address [stchadscentrebt@gmail.com](mailto:stchadscentrebt@gmail.com)

### Poetry please

#### The man in the jar by Irwin Mercer

I once knew a man who lived  
in a jar,  
for a stranger sight you'd have  
to go far.  
I asked him once, why he lived  
in a jar,  
he grimaced and said, how  
bizarre you are.

My jar's so cosy, warm and  
bright,  
even in the full moonlight.  
The only drawback is you see,  
is getting out quickly when I  
have to pee.



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I hope you all made it to Tachfest. Thanks to the Village Events Group and all their volunteers for putting on another fantastic community event. It's lovely to see it developing year on year. Before we know it we could have another Glastonbury or Latitude on our hands. The traffic calming plan for Oakley Wood Road is moving forward steadily thanks to Cllr. Leigh Carter. We are hoping to see final drawings by the middle of August. These measures are being funded by the developer A C Lloyd, thanks to a planning condition attached to the Grove Farm planning permission when it was granted by the committee. This has provided real momentum to this specific project, but we have not lost sight of our decision to develop a Parish-wide strategy for traffic calming. We are still working towards delivering a new bus shelter for children in Warwick Gates travelling to school. Finding a suitable location has been proving a challenge with so many factors to take account of. A new workable location has been found and we are in the process of finding out who owns the land so as we can apply for permission for the shelter. Cllrs. Carol Gabbitas, Cathy Herbert and Graham Leeke together with residents are creating a welcome pack for our new residents. Once complete this will be available on paper and on-line. They are contacting local groups for contributions, advertising what is on offer. Carol Gabbitas and I, along with our District Councillor Andrew Day are meeting with the District Council to agree the PC's role in helping to shape the

Tachbrook Country Park. We are requesting a seat on the Committee which will determine the design, facilities, etc. This project is a major component of our Sports Leisure and Well-being strategy so we want to make sure it meets local resident's expectations. Please continue to feed in any suggestions or ideas, via our Parish Clerk, Corinne. As promised and with the help of a keen local resident, we are looking at parking in the village. This initiative will result in a leaflet that parish groups can hand out to their visitors, showing on-street parking, information about parking on the Meadow and out of hours parking at the surgery. We are also exploring other possible parking options including some additional parking on the Meadow. Cllr. Ray Bullen is still working on the Neighbourhood Plan. We have a new examiner and the plan has been sent to him. The examiner is hoping to produce a report by the middle of August. This will set the timetable for the referendum, to approve the Neighbourhood Plan. The vandalised benches on the Meadow have now been repaired. The Play area has been inspected and we will be arranging for some of the issues to be addressed. The Paul's working party is meeting regularly and really making a difference. The Church Lees path has now been cleared and next priorities are being lined up: maintenance on the perimeter path in Warwick Gates, work on the cycle way etc. If you wish to help

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## Parish Council News (continued)

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or wish to suggest any priorities, please contact Cllr. Paul Whitwood.

Cllr. Ray Bullen and a resident have met with a Severn Trent representative to try and address the flooding issues in the village. We will update you as soon as we have some positive news.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm at Warwick Gates Community Centre. All residents are welcome to attend.

Any questions please contact:

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### **Veggie Voice**

#### **August**

**Sow** cabbage (Chinese/spring), pak-choi, turnip, winter salads green manures for soil protection, such as 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, e.g. rosemary, bay, hyssop

#### **September**

**Sow** 'green manures' for over winter soil protection, such as winter-atares, grazing rye

**Grow** Pot-up herbs for the kitchen during winter  
Boost growth of brassicas (e.g. cabbage) with 2.5cm thick compost 'mulch'

### **Poetry please**

#### **Now we are six** by A.A. Milne

When I was one,  
I had just begun.  
When I was two,  
I was nearly new.  
When I was three,  
I was hardly me.  
When I was four,  
I was not much more.  
When I was five,  
I was just alive.  
But now I am six,  
I'm as clever as clever.  
So I think I'll be six  
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### **Poetry please** On the Ning Nang Nong by Spike Milligan

On the Ning Nang Nong  
Where the Cows go Bong!  
And the Monkeys all say Boo!  
There's a Nong Nang Ning  
Where the trees go Ping!  
And the tea pots Jibber Jabber Joo.  
On the Nong Ning Nang  
All the mice go Clang!  
And you just can't catch 'em when they do!  
So it's Ning Nang Nong!  
Cows go Bong!  
Nong Nang Ning!  
Trees go Ping!  
Nong Ning Nang!  
The mice go Clang!  
What a noisy place to belong,  
Is the Ning Nang Ning Nang Nong!

# Working party news in pictures

Paul Whitewood

## Attendees :-

Pete Ash  
Andrew Day  
Mick Elliott  
Graham Leeke  
Keith Wellsted  
Paul Whitewood—I took the picture!



Style area near New House Farm cleared and strimmed back on the footpath leading from Farm Walk



Nettles strimmed back and vegetation cut back along footpath starting at the bottom of Farm Walk

Before

After



Paved area outside houses at Church Lees cleared and strimmed back



Entrance to footpath at bottom of Farm Walk cleared of over-growing vegetation

Before

After



Advert sign put up at the entrance to the Farm Walk path to encourage new volunteers.

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**Next working party on Saturday 17th September**



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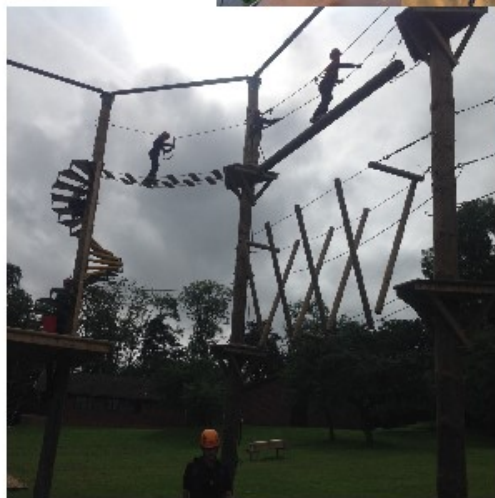


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Tuesday	Pilates	Sports and Social Club	9.30-10.30am	07769222524
Tuesdays	Over 50s	Sports and Social Club	2-4pm	01926 313020
2nd Tuesday of each month	History Group	St Chad's Church	2.30pm winter 7.30pm summer	01926336749
Tuesdays	Bingo	Sports and Social Club	8.00pm	01926 421621
Wednesday	Brownies	Sports and Social Club	6.00-7.30pm	caro-line-loveday@sky.com
Thursdays	Tachbrook Tinies play-group for 0 to 5s	Sports and Social Club	9.30-11.00am	Elissa 07854427213
1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month	W I	B.T. School	7.45 –9.45	01926 424135
2nd Thursday of each month	Country Dancing	Sports and Social Club	8.000pm	01926 314286
3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month	Parish Council meeting	B.T. School	7.30pm	01926 641220
Sundays	Bingo	Sports and Social Club	8.00pm	01926 421621

## Poetry please

**Hamlet** by Spike Milligan

Said Hamlet to Ophelia,  
 'I'll do a sketch of thee,  
 What kind of pencil shall I use,  
 2B or not 2B?'



The next deadline for magazine items is 15th September for the October issue. Please send to items to  
 BTparishmagazine@hotmail.com



# **Bishop's Tachbrook Sports and Social Club**

## **Summer Entertainment**

### **August**

#### **6<sup>th</sup> August— Quiz Night**

Pit your wits against The Judge, with a prize for every team and a cash pot.

#### **13<sup>th</sup> August— Member's BBQ**

Summer members night, with BBQ, full use of the garden area and our usual drinks offers

#### **20<sup>th</sup> August— The Vagon's**

A new band, from members of The Buggs, guaranteed to rock until late

#### **27<sup>th</sup> August — Cave**

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### **September**

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> September— Quiz Night**

Pit your wits against The Judge, with a prize for every team and a cash pot.

#### **10<sup>th</sup> September — 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.

#### **17<sup>th</sup> September— William May**

Singing a number of songs from the 70's to modern day, including Michael Buble.

#### **24<sup>th</sup> September— Back to Back**

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

### **Members BBQ Night — 13<sup>th</sup> August**

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## Bishop's Tachbrook Calendar

<b>August 2016</b>					
4th Thursday	W I	Crown Court Judge	B.T. School	7.45pm	01926 424135
9th Tuesday	History Group	Belgium Put the Kibosh on the Kaiser	St Chad's Church	7.30	01926 885938
13th Saturday	St Chad's Church	Churchyard gardening	St Chad's Church	10.00 to 12.00am	01926 330050
24th Wednesday	St Chad's Church	Churchyard gardening	St Chad's Church	10.00 to 12.00am	01926 330050
<b>September 2016</b>					
1st Thursday	W I	A Pinch of Salt	B.T. School	7.45pm	01926 424135
6th Tuesday	History Group	Broughton Castle		All day	01926 885938
10th Saturday	St Chad's Church	Churchyard gardening	St Chad's Church	10.00 to 12.00am	01926 330050
17 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	Parish Council	Working Party		9.30 to 13.00	Thewhitwood4@btinternet.com
28th Wednesday	St Chad's Church	Churchyard gardening	St Chad's Church	10.00 to 12.00am	01926 330050
<b>October 2016</b>					
7th Thursday	W I	Annual Meeting	B.T. School	7.45pm	01926 424135
8 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	St Chad's Church	Churchyard gardening	St Chad's Church	10.00 to 12.00am	01926 330050
11 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	History Group	Lady Elizabeth Hamilton:	St Chad's Church	2.30pm	01926 885938
26 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	St Chad's Church	Churchyard gardening	St Chad's Church	10.00 to 12.00am	01926 330050

Sudeley is situated on the outskirts of the lovely Cotswold village of Winchcombe. Although its history goes back to Anglo-Saxon times and boasted a Benedictine Monastery in the 10<sup>th</sup> Century, our introductory talk was devoted to its colourful history after the mid-15<sup>th</sup> century, when Thomas Boteler, a successful admiral, built Sudeley into a comfortable country house with his spoils from war and was created the first Baron Sudeley. By 1483 it had passed to Richard III who built the Banqueting Hall, the grandeur of which can be imagined from the height and grace of the windows of the picturesque ruins.

The house is connected with several important historical events. It was in the possession of Henry VIII when he and Ann Boleyn visited in 1535 for a meeting with Thomas Cromwell to discuss the Dissolution of the Monasteries – and that resulted in a momentous event! 12 years later the Castle and Dukedom of Sudeley were granted to Thomas Seymour, (brother of Henry VIII's 3<sup>rd</sup> wife, Jane Seymour, and uncle of Prince Edward) in recognition of his military in the war against France. Catherine Parr had a romantic attachment to Thomas Seymour but followed her duty to Henry VIII by becoming his 6<sup>th</sup> and last wife. When Henry died a year later, Catherine and Thomas married and lived at Sudeley, along with Lady Jane Grey and Catherine's step-daughter, Princess Elizabeth. A year later Catherine died after giving birth to her first child. Thomas Seymour didn't attend her

funeral because he rushed to London in pursuit of power: he was executed the following year for treason – but that's another fascinating story of scandal, jealousy and intrigue in those troubled Tudor times. Elizabeth, then Queen, visited Sudeley in 1592 to celebrate in style the vanquishing of the Spanish Armada and she must have had mixed memories of her time there with Catherine and Thomas. Upon hearing of the execution of Thomas in 1549 she is recorded as saying "this day died a man of much wit and very little judgement". Charles I had his headquarters at Sudeley during the civil war, which resulted in the destruction of most of its fine buildings by Oliver Cromwell and its decline into an overgrown ruin.

The famous glove-makers, the Dent brothers, bought the estate in 1837 and set about restoring/ rebuilding the house. The final restoration was carried out by their nephew and in particular his wife from Kentucky, the remarkable Lady Emma Dent /Brocklehurst who, over a span of 45 years at Sudeley, managed to fill the interior with fine art and objects associated with the long history of the estate.

The current owner of the estate, Elizabeth Lady Ashcombe, lives with her family in part of the Castle, but the library and a cosy sitting room are open to the public, and a succession of 14 rooms exhibiting the history of the building and displaying treasures collected by Lady Emma - such as

paintings by Rubens, Van Dyke and JMW Turner, Civil War memorabilia, Tudor miniatures, and Jacobean embroidery.

The castle is surrounded by very enjoyable landscaped gardens, primarily the result of the 19th century restoration. The Queen's Garden is a model of the original Tudor parterre, designed during the time of Katherine Parr; the rose garden includes over 100 varieties and a modern 'Secret Garden' was worth the search. Wild flower, medicinal herbal and scented gardens complete a sunny afternoon's stroll and lead to a collection of pheasants from around the world, tea and cake and the coach for the journey home.

### in St Chad's Church

Peter Lister will give us an all-singing & dancing account of the brave role of Belgium

and its refugees in the first World War, summed up by the popular song -  
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***Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> September – Outing to Broughton Castle***



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## Poetry please

### The Jabberwocky by Lewis Carroll

Twas brillig, and the slithy toves  
Did gyre and gimble in the wabe:  
All mimsy were the borogoves,  
And the mome raths outgrabe.

"Beware the Jabberwock, my son!  
The jaws that bite, the claws that catch!

Beware the Jubjub bird, and shun  
The frumious Bandersnatch!"

He took his vorpal sword in hand:  
Long time the manxome foe he  
sought --

So rested he by the Tumtum tree,  
And stood awhile in thought.  
And, as in uffish thought he stood,  
The Jabberwock, with eyes of  
flame,

Came whiffing through the tulgey  
wood,

And burbled as it came!

One, two! One, two! And through  
and through

The vorpal blade went snicker-  
snack!

He left it dead, and with its head  
He went galumphing back.

"And, has thou slain the Jabber-  
wock?

Come to my arms, my beamish  
boy!

O frabjous day! Callooh! Callay!  
He chortled in his joy.



`Twas brillig, and the slithy toves  
Did gyre and gimble in the wabe;  
All mimsy were the borogoves,  
And the mome raths outgrabe.

## Poetry please

### Please Mrs Butler by Allan Ahlberg

Please Mrs. Butler  
This boy Derek Drew  
Keeps copying my work, Miss.  
What shall I do?

Go and sit in the hall, dear.  
Go and sit in the sink.  
Take your books on the roof, my lamb.  
Do whatever you think.

Please Mrs. Butler  
This boy Derek Drew  
Keeps taking my rubber, Miss.  
What shall I do?

Keep it in your hand, dear.  
Hide it up your vest.  
Swallow it if you like, my love.  
Do what you think best.

Please Mrs. Butler  
This boy Derek Drew  
Keeps calling me rude names, Miss.  
What shall I do?

Lock yourself in the cupboard, dear.  
Run away to sea.  
Do whatever you can, my flower.  
But don't ask me!





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I'll start on a sad note then try to pick it up as I go.

Ok Hedgehogs, two years ago we had five in and out of the garden, turning up together to 'argue and snuffle chat'. Last year we had three. I put in a deluxe, fab hedgehog house in the garden tucked under a conifer, cozy - perfect. This year none! Apart from several that didn't make it across the road and a late night scamperer around the outskirts of Leamington I haven't seen any, not even a tell tale poo. The numbers have dropped from our 30 million before the war to less than a million now. I had hoped we were a bit of a stronghold here, just hoped they have moved location and will be back. If not that's sad.

Ok, now lifting it a bit. Spotted Fly Catchers are on the up yearly! Small bird like a plain Robin - not flashy - pale grey browns and more streaks than spots. They manoeuvre in a way Robins can only dream of. They find a well-placed perch with an open view then wait for an insect to pass by, and then hurl themselves at it returning to their perch beak filled. Then they become flashy.

I was working in Stratford. As I put up my ladder against a climbing Hydrangea out flew a Fly Catcher. Tucked inside was a small nest with two chicks and an unhatched egg. The youngsters can't have been hatched very long, their eyes were closed and they had hardly any downy fluff. As my shadow blocked the light their beaks instinctively opened wide. They thought their parent had arrived with

food. They didn't open their eyes or make a sound. They barely knew they were born. I moved away as fast as I could and the parent returned. These little birds over-winter in Africa and, like the Swallows make the long journey back to us to breed. They were fairly common in the 1980s then they suffered a crash, so its great to see them coming back. I've seen three nests this year.

Whilst up the ladder I came close to a House Martins nest. I looked up just in time to see a youngster turn round and put its tail out of the nest and very efficiently poo hitting me on the shoulder. Its lovely being so close to Nature. I'm not bitter though.

I was only thinking the other day that I hadn't seen Ravens for a while. Out of a clear blue sky came a distinctive croaky call. Not the usual two but seven Ravens in a neat squadron flew over, possibly a couple of family groups. A pair each side chattering and displaying as they passed.

Down below on the garage roof a female House Sparrow hopped onto the gutter and filled her beak with water. She fluttered back to her three youngsters several times and gave them a drink. Not really noticed that before.

I remember a recent scribble mentioned a deluxe caterpillar, hairy and chocolate and coffee brown. Well the lovely Poole

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## Nature page (continued)

family blew that out of the water trumping me easily. They have a lush willow hedge. Amongst its leaves are the caterpillars of the Puss Moth. The more you look at the leaves the more caterpillars you see. They vary from tiny new-hatched ones to impressive large ones. They are mostly green to blend in with the willow leaves. The face is flat and dark and the tail end is meant to be alarming to a bird. There are two whip-like filagellae, prongs to you and me. They can be withdrawn and erected rapidly as they hope to startle a predator a bit like a snake or scorpion. Certainly stops you wanting to pick one up.



Now I've mentioned the Great Spotted Woodpeckers coming to the feeders gathering food for their youngsters - this year both the male and the female. I was so looking forward to being visited by the youngsters who have red caps. After much feeding of youngsters from our garden on fat and sunflower hearts where did they take their young - three doors down to Paul and Kathryn's peanuts. I'm still not bitter though.

## Poetry please

### Daddy Fell Into The Pond by Alfred Noyes

Everyone grumbled. The sky  
was grey.  
We had nothing to do and  
nothing to say.  
We were nearing the end of a  
dismal day,  
And there seemed to be  
nothing beyond,  
THEN  
Daddy fell into the pond!

And everyone's face grew  
merry and bright,  
And Timothy danced for sheer  
delight.  
'Give me the camera, quick,  
oh quick!  
He's crawling out of the  
duckweed.'  
Click!

Then the gardener suddenly  
slapped his knee,  
And doubled up, shaking  
silently,  
And the ducks all quacked as if  
they were daft  
And is sounded as if the old  
drake laughed.

O, there wasn't a thing that  
didn't respond  
WHEN  
Daddy fell into the pond!

## Why not visit the Lighthorne Pavilion Cafe...? Jenny Bevan

On a wintery dog walk 18 months ago Ben Thornton spotted the building which was to become the Lighthorne Pavilion Café. He certainly had a vision because the building was practically derelict! It had been used as a cricket pavilion (hence the name) by the local Lighthorne cricket team but that disbanded 20 years ago. The Khalsa team has use of the pitch but no one wanted to hire the building because of the state it was in. It needed some TLC and Ben wanted to be the driving force behind restoring it to its former glory.

genuinely be amazed at the quality he has managed to achieve with the original fixtures and fittings from the pavilion. His mum and Louise reupholstered the original sports club chairs but you would never know it! He's reused the old pool table slate as a blackboard and repurposed the old table tennis table. Original tables have been repainted and others have been sourced from recycling centres AKA 'the Tip'. There's a beautiful circular feature table crafted by Ben and his dad, and painted by his mum and Louise.



With a lot of help from the DIY dream team of Mum, Dad, and his fiancée Louise, Ben starting bringing the building into the 21st century. Ben strongly believes in upcycling and you will

The bookshelves are created from old scaffolding wood and the same materials have been used for the large booth table. The old benches didn't all make it through the 'ripping out' phase but the

one that did look fantastic with its hidden storage underneath.

Tachbrook. It's open 7.45am till 4.15pm Tuesday to Friday and 8.00am till 4.30pm



The only new things in the pavilion are the double glazing, front door and log burner. You can tell it's going to be as cosy in winter as it is light and airy in summer. From holes in the walls and lurid paint work, Ben's hard work to turn this ramshackle ruin into a stunning café only took three and a half months. Ben, his mum, dad and fiancée did the vast majority of the work themselves, except fitting the log burner and redoing the electrics. They even managed to keep the renovation costs to within 10% of their budget—Kevin McCloud (Grand Designs) would be impressed!

The café is situated on the Chesterton Road, about 10 minutes from Bishop's

on Saturdays and Sundays.

It serves cooked breakfasts, bacon and sausage baps, daily specials, sandwiches, cakes and hot and cold drinks.

Apparently the milkshakes are 'delicious'. There's also a shop selling local products from local sellers such as preserves, handmade confectionery and blankets. Outside there's a plant stall and gardeners' corner for green fingered visitors.

If setting up a café in Bishop's Tachbrook is something you'd be interested in being the driving force behind, why not contact the Parish Council via [parishclerk@bishopstachbrook.com](mailto:parishclerk@bishopstachbrook.com)



# Poetry please

## The Jumblies by Edward Lear

THEY went to sea in a Sieve, they did,  
In a Sieve they went to sea:  
In spite of all their friends could say,  
On a winter's morn, on a stormy day,  
In a Sieve they went to sea!  
And when the Sieve turned round and round,  
And every one cried, 'You'll all be drowned!'  
They called aloud, 'Our Sieve ain't big,  
But we don't care a button! we don't care a fig!  
In a Sieve we'll go to sea!'  
Far and few, far and few,  
Are the lands where the Jumblies live;  
Their heads are green, and their hands are blue,  
And they went to sea in a Sieve.

They sailed away in a Sieve, they did,  
In a Sieve they sailed so fast,  
With only a beautiful pea-green veil  
Tied with a riband by way of a sail,  
To a small tobacco-pipe mast;  
And every one said, who saw them go,  
'O won't they be soon upset, you know!  
For the sky is dark, and the voyage is long,  
And happen what may, it's extremely wrong  
In a Sieve to sail so fast!'  
Far and few, far and few,  
Are the lands where the Jumblies live;  
Their heads are green, and their hands are blue,  
And they went to sea in a Sieve.

The water it soon came in, it did,  
The water it soon came in;  
So to keep them dry, they wrapped their feet  
In a pinky paper all folded neat,  
And they fastened it down with a pin.  
And they passed the night in a crockery-jar,  
And each of them said, 'How wise we are!  
Though the sky be dark, and the voyage be long,  
Yet we never can think we were rash or wrong,  
While round in our Sieve we spin!'  
Far and few, far and few,  
Are the lands where the Jumblies live;  
Their heads are green, and their hands are blue,  
And they went to sea in a Sieve.

And all night long they sailed away;  
And when the sun went down,  
They whistled and warbled a moony song  
To the echoing sound of a coppery gong,  
In the shade of the mountains brown.  
`O Timballo! How happy we are,  
When we live in a Sieve and a crockery-jar,  
And all night long in the moonlight pale,  
We sail away with a pea-green sail,  
In the shade of the mountains brown!  
Far and few, far and few,  
Are the lands where the Jumblies live;  
Their heads are green, and their hands are blue,  
And they went to sea in a Sieve.

They sailed to the Western Sea, they did,  
To a land all covered with trees,  
And they bought an Owl, and a useful Cart,  
And a pound of Rice, and a Cranberry Tart,  
And a hive of silvery Bees.  
And they bought a Pig, and some green Jack-daws,  
And a lovely Monkey with lollipop paws,  
And forty bottles of Ring-Bo-Ree,  
And no end of Stilton Cheese.  
Far and few, far and few,  
Are the lands where the Jumblies live;  
Their heads are green, and their hands are blue,  
And they went to sea in a Sieve.

And in twenty years they all came back,  
In twenty years or more,  
And every one said, `How tall they've grown!  
For they've been to the Lakes, and the Terrible Zone,  
And the hills of the Chankly Bore!  
And they drank their health, and gave them a feast  
Of dumplings made of beautiful yeast;  
And every one said, `If we only live,  
We too will go to sea in a Sieve,---  
To the hills of the Chankly Bore!  
Far and few, far and few,  
Are the lands where the Jumblies live;  
Their heads are green, and their hands are blue,  
And they went to sea in a Sieve.

Well wasn't that a blast? The sun shone (did I hear some say it was too hot??), the music played, the stalls and attractions were vibrant and lively.....and everyone had a smile on their face!



It was my first Tachfest since moving to the village in September and it delivered everything I was promised it would....not surprising given the, now well practised, efficiency and dedication of Cathy Herbert, Mick & Julie Jaggard, Tony Anderson and Elaine Scrivens in pulling together all the plans and logistics. I shall never take for granted again all the behind the scenes effort that goes into such an event – a huge well done and a genuine thank you to you all....and I'm sure I can also say that on behalf of everyone who attended.



Thanks must also go to all the bands, the

sponsors, the stall holders, the attractions (too many to name individually) and the friends and family who turned out to make the event such a fabulous day....and of course, Karen, Bob and the team at the social club who kept everyone well refreshed on such a hot day.



At the risk of sounding like an Oscars' speech, thanks too must go to the great folk who Tony rounded up to erect the marquee on Friday evening, making light work of the job under the experienced supervision of Sean Deely.

I'm sorry if I've left anyone out and not listed everyone by name, I'm aiming for short and sweet...

Finally, the results of the raffle draw. Someone we will be in touch with those who have yet to claim their prize....and feel free to contact Cathy Herbert if that's you, one less thing for her to chase round now the Big Day is over!



## Tachfest Raffle draw

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Cash £50—ticket number 1263 - Fletcher

Tachbrook Stores-bottle of Jacobs Chardonnay - ticket number 1244 - Mark

Mel Nails-free nail treatment—ticket number 0753 – Matt Lewin (collected)

Heathcote Autos-1/2 price MOT—ticket number 0677 – Carl Cosnett

Highams Butchers- meat voucher—ticket number 1166 – M Beck

White Hart Inn-2 bottles red wine—ticket number 0759 – Williams (collected)

5 mile ride in supercar—ticket number – Leech (collected)

Leopard Inn meal for 2—ticket number 0706 – Andy Shaw

Cafe Nero 6 hot drinks—ticket number 0533 – Bob White

Charlecote Nursery plant—ticket number 0185 – Dave C

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Bottle of champagne—ticket number 1035 – A Chapman

Hamper—ticket number 1171 – Mr & Mrs Fisher

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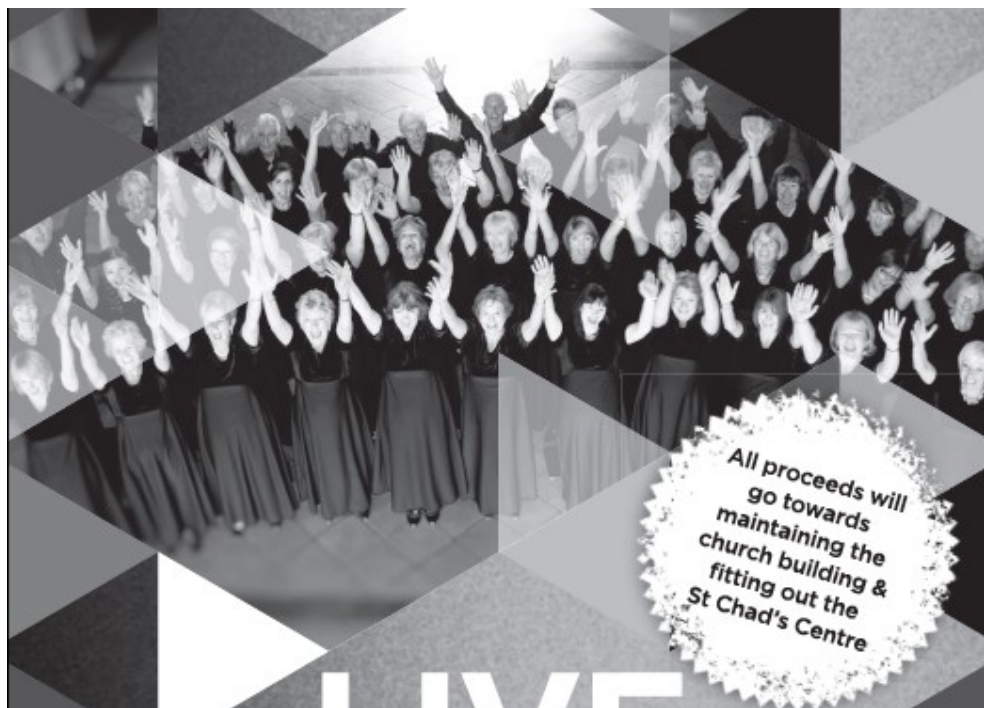
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Our July meeting is now a distant blur. We had a " games evening" where indoor curling, soft darts \_Jenga, and who or what is in the bag were played. The noise volume increased with cheering, encouragement and chatting .. It was a very relaxed social evening Thanks to Janette for coordinating it.

We have enjoyed Pimms and croquet - it was a dry warm evening, and a visit to Hill Close Gardens - it was wet! I went to the Annual Conference in Brighton where the weather was beautiful. The meeting itself was very good and both resolutions, care for dementia sufferers and avoiding food waste, were passed with approximately 80% majorities

Our forth coming events include a village treasure hunt with supper, a coffee morning on September 14th for sports week, a visit to the Rennie Macintosh House in Northampton , the group meeting, plus our famous Christmas party. County has organised visits to Chester Christmas Market, Waterperry Gardens and the Sunken Cities exhibition at the British Museum.. we also can learn about the Ofsted Inspection process and the Great a School Meal debate. We can also create a digital story or create a hanging Basket .

Thank you for your support at Tachfest. Not only all the helpers, bakers and pourers but you all for coming to buy our tea and cakes. If you forgot to buy a copy of the cookbook or need another one just give me a ring.

Thank you also to ladies everywhere who have donated their unwanted bras for recycling by Bravissimo. I recently took another bag weighing approx. 5 kilo. Bravissimo donate 70p per kilo to their chosen charity which this year is REFUGE. Any suitable bras are sent to 3rd world countries and any past their sell by date are dismantled and the fabric sent for use. An excellent way of recycling.



*Our entry for the National WI sustainable gardening competition*

Our speaker in August is Meriel Acton who will tell us about her Life as a Crown Court Judge and in September Bill Davies has a talk entitled " a Pinch of Salt" sounds intriguing , why not come along and find out if it's about a bag of chips , cooking vegetables or nautical yarns?? To help with the pre Christmas rush our November speaker Liz Dyde is going to tell us how to Manage Stress and Improve our Health.

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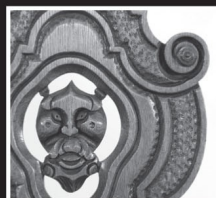
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