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What's in this month's magazine

This month's magazine features the normal mix of the secular and sacred. Appropriate, I guess, in the run up to Christmas. Our Vicar's article gives a challenging view of what Christmas is really about. Elsewhere we wade delicately through Parish Council news, a Christmas Pudding recipe, Christmas poetry and our fantastic reports from the world of neighbourhood spirit. My favourite article this month is tucked away on page 33.

A BIG THANKS to all our contributors, advisors and distributors for the great work they put into getting this magazine in front of the eyes that are now reading it. Their work, mostly unseen and time consuming, is vital.

The editor situation is getting desperate! We need to make sure our advertisers are given the certainty that the magazine appears throughout 2016. No certainty, no adverts, no magazine. So there must be someone with the time, energy, community spirit and computer skills to share the editing burden with me or take it on completely. Save

your magazine! Please e-mail me, Keith Wellsted, on

btparishmagazine@hotmail.com if you think you might be persuaded!

Happy Christmas and a fantastic 2016 to everyone in this wonderful parish of ours.

St Chad's diary

6th December @ 4pm – Christingle Service – All welcome

12th December and 13th
December - Nativity Festival

18th December @ 6:30pm Carols at the Leopard.

20th December @ 6pm Carols by Candlelight - in Church

24th December @ 4pm _ Crib Service with traditional Nativity

24th December @ 11:30pm Midnight Mass

25th **December @ 10am** – Christmas Day Service

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Who are you worshipping this Christmas!

Over the past week my senses seem to have been bombarded with this years slew of Christmas television adverts with each store pulling at our heartstrings, whether it is a little girl sending a telescope to an old man on the moon, to finding the perfect gift for your loved one to having a red handbag standing in for Jesus with the line – Who are you worshipping this Christmas!

Once again, consumerism seems to be rife, with the shops already full of every possible thing one can think of to purchase at Christmas time, much of it gaudy and inappropriate, much of it inordinately expensive. I was reminded of a saying of a very wise priest, John Pratt, who on visiting the Festive Gift Fair at the NEC last year, commented to Ros his wife, that he hadn't realised there were so many things he didn't need or indeed want!

"But, what do you want for Christmas?" we ask one another; a question I do not like for it seems to miss the mark about present giving. I remember the first time, unprompted by my Dad, I bought a gift for my mum. It was so important to get it just right, to invest this gift with love, I didn't just want it to be something Mum would just like, I wanted it to be something she would treasure, something that had something of me, the giver about it so that in years to come she would say, "I remember Elaine giving me this!" So I rather think that all the window displays, jingles and sumptuous on-location filming simply cannot be of

Rev Elaine Scrivens

any use because they know nothing about me and focus always on the recipient and barely at all on the giver.

"God so loved the world that he sent his only son." This gift of his son came to us, not in a blaze of triumphal glory after all, but quietly, simply born to a poor Jewish girl in a stable at the back of an inn; a newborn baby enveloped in swaddling clothes. What a perfectly wrapped gift this is, a new baby is exciting, guaranteed to appeal, there is a compelling desire to go and see a baby once born, to find out who they look like, to congratulate the mother and father, to hold and engage with the little one. It was well chosen, this gift of more than two thousand years ago, remembered all over the world in music, art, drama, church services and finally in our homes, with an exchange of presents and a celebratory feast.

But what of the giver? God chose from all the amazing unimaginable possibilities at his command to come as a baby because Jesus, the babe in the manger, has something of God about him; beauty, innocence, gentleness, miraculous perfection and above all, love.

As the fever of our Christmas preparations begin, let us remember the true meaning of the season and, in buying our gifts, try to invest them with a sense of ourselves, of the things we value and want to say to those we love, just as Jesus came to us with an everlasting message for all humankind. I hope you will come to St Chad's and celebrate with

us the coming of this perfect gift, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Have a wonderful Christmas and a peaceful and happy 2016. Elaine

Cycle of Prayer Praying for our Community

In December we will be praying for all who live in:

Touchstone Road Trinculo Grove Vicarage Rise Wychwood Close

In January we will be praying for all who live in:

Achilles Close Argyle Way Banbury Rd Banquo Approach

We will be remembering those who live in these roads in our prayers during the service each Sunday in December and January 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.

THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY

Baptisms

Georgia Jane Dennehy Rufus Koja Achampong Florence Elizabeth Adjoa Achampong

We welcome them into the Christian Family.

Come Celebrate Christmas at St Chad's

We begin on **Sunday 29th November** at 10am when we light the first candle on our Advent Wreath.

Sunday 6th December at 4pm we will hold our Christingle service. This is a wonderful service of light and a great way to continue our build up to Christmas.

Friday 11th – please bring your nativities to church ready for our Nativity Festival. Elaine will be there to receive them from 2pm to 6pm. If this isn't convenient do drop them off at the vicarage or if you need your Nativity picked up then please ring Elaine on 426922. The church will be open on Saturday 12th December 10am – 2:30pm and Sunday 13th 11:30am – to 6pm to view the Nativities on display. Refreshments will be available.

December 13th 6pm we will "switch on" our Christmas lights and sing carols around the tree on the Green followed by mince pies and mulled wine.

December 18th 6:30pm Carols in the Leopard. Do come along and have a festive tipple and sing some carols. All welcome.
Luke kindly provides mince pies and coffee.

December 20th 6pm Carols by Candlelight at St Chad's followed by minced pies and mulled wine.

December 24th 4pm Crib service with Nativity play – all welcome

11:30pm Midnight Mass – the first celebration of Christmas. Come and help us celebrate Christ's birth.

December 25th **10am** – Family communion service. Don't forget to bring your presents and again celebrate the Birth of Jesus.

The St Chad's Centre Trustees

St Chad's Centre News

Friday 30th October 2015 marked the first brick being laid for the St Chad's Centre. Representatives from our grant funders attended, Michael Doody of Warwick District Council, Joe Newby of WREN and Sean Deely of Bishop's Tachbrook Parish Council, along with our



Anne Kirby, Michael Kirby and Niall Meades,, lay the first brick

MP Chris White. We also welcomed villagers Anne Kirby, Michael Kirby and Niall Meades, who together symbolically laid the first brick. They represented the breadth of age the Centre will cater for; both young and young at heart.

Now the Centre is taking shape, Trustees are envisioning what kinds of events might be held at the venue. We have already had expressions of interest from exercise classes, community event hosts, baby groups and birthday parties. What else could be hosted? What might you want to hire the Centre for? Who should we approach to invite to hire it?

We are looking forward to offering site visits once the Centre's roof is on and the fixtures and fittings are in place so that potential hirers can see how they might use the space.



To register your interest in hiring the St Chad's Centre please email stchadscentrebt@gmail.com. Please also use this email address if you have any questions or concerns regarding the construction work or building site. Trustees are aware that disruption can take place and if you spot something which you think needs addressing please do contact us through this email address so we can look into it and remedy it as necessary.

Your help please: Those living near to the site or passing by, perhaps dog walkers or those visiting the church or shop, please can you be our eyes and ears for any potential trespassers on the site? The contractor has installed safety fences to keep the site secure but an incident in November resulted in two people gaining access to the site overnight and causing damage. They were caught onsite and action was taken to prevent them repeating the behaviour. Our local PCSO will also be stepping up patrols in the area and CCTV has been installed to monitor activity. Anyone thinking of similar ventures should be aware that images are now being recorded and monitored. This system will also be in use at the Centre once it opens in June.

For more photos from the event please go to www.bishopstachbrook.com

Following further feedback to the stchadscentrebt@gmail.com email address, the Q&As on the website have been updated again. If you have any more questions please do get in touch and we will update you through the magazine and website.

St Chad's Churchyard Thank you to our volunteers

Over the summer months one of our small band of volunteers has cleared all the branches from the bottom corner of our churchyard along with a large amount of dumped, non-compostable, rubbish and trimmed the dead branches off the conifers. (He did have help taking it all for recycling.) He has also cleared the ground nearby. This was a very big task and because of his hard work the area looks so much better already. The only problem remaining was the big dip in the ground level that the removal of so much rubbish had created. The contractors of the St Chad Centre were asked if we could use some of the topsoil removed from the foundations to remedy the situation. This topsoil is now at the bottom of the churchyard and the job of levelling it will be completed over the coming months, effectively enlarging the churchyard's capacity.

Thanks to a grant from the Parish Council and the generosity of parishioners, the hedge at the bottom of the churchyard will be renovated and replanted where necessary.

We apologise for the delay in mowing this area of the churchyard during this extensive but necessary work.

St Chad's Parochial Church Council.





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



Ist Bishop's Tachbrook Rainbows

Is your daughter aged 5,
does she like having fun, playing games,
making things and
being part of a group?
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Rainbows are part of the
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If your daughter is interested email Jade at jadechoc@aol.com



Are you interested in being a Brownie?

Bishop's Tachbrook Brownies meet on a

Wednesday at 6 - 7.30pm. We have fun, make, work on badges, go on outings, sing, play games and meet new friends. If your daughter is in Reception or Year 1 and would like to be a Brownie when she is 7, please contact Caroline Loveday on 429082 or 07796 034371 or carolineloveday@sky.com to find out more and register your interest in Brownies. Even if your daughter is a Rainbow, you still need to put her name on the Brownie waiting list.



Parish Council News

Sean Deely

Thanks to everyone who helped with the annual fireworks. It was yet another great event by the Village Events Group. I volunteered to help build the bonfire along with a good few others and was staggered at the size of it. You have no idea until you get close up! Search Bishops Tachbrook Fireworks 2015 on YouTube, for amazing aerial footage if you want to relive this epic annual event.

Amazing work by Cllr Paul Whitwood and a team of resident volunteers, who gave up a few hours one recent Saturday morning, achieving great results on a range of jobs that urgently needed doing. With cutbacks in the District and County Councils and more expected we really need to work together for the benefit of the parish. There will be another similar resident work party session on the morning of Saturday 12th December. Please contact Paul if you can give up even an hour or two.

thewhitwood4@btinternet.com

Cllr. Leigh Carter has been meeting with developers and County Highways
Officers to arrange for the Oakley Wood layby to be removed. This would serve 2 purposes; one less place for fly tipping and would also save the District Council money as they wouldn't need to keep clearing it. Leigh is also liaising with developers regarding the construction lorries that are coming through the village. The developers are listening and helping us to stop this practice.
You should by now have received your Sport Leisure and Well-being questionnaire. Please complete this and

drop off in the advertised locations.

Alternatively participate on- line at www.surveymonkey.com/r/BTWellbeing.

Planning remains a very busy area. A judge has ruled that our judicial review claim against the district council in relation to Grove Farm 2, is "arguable". A date for the court hearing can now be set. AC Lloyd has told the Parish Council that they are planning to consult on their site adjacent to Seven Acre Close in December. We realise that the prospect of this Neighbourhood Plan nonpreferred-site being developed as well as the Bloors site will alarm many residents. We will publicise the event widely to ensure that all have the opportunity to give their views to the developer. A decision from the Secretary of State on the Asps and Gallows Hill, around 1350 additional new homes in total, is now due mid-January.

Also...

County Cllr. Les Caborn is trying to arrange for the funding allocated to the Mallory Road crossing project to be reallocated to look at the issues of traffic speed across the whole parish. Cllr. Graham Leeke arranged for the Community Payback Team to clear the Warwick Gates perimeter path and they have done a wonderful job taking the vegetation back as far as possible. We now need to try and get the inner path resurfaced. Anyone with ideas for a 'trim trail' should contact Cllr. Carol Gabbitas, gabbitascarol@gmail.com. The Payback team also cleared up after the fireworks and cleared our junior play area. This article is continued on page 11 column 2

Bonfire & Firework Night

On days like the 6th November you are made aware of what a fantastic place Bishops Tachbrook Parish is to live in.



For the last 10 years it has been getting more and more difficult to stage the Bonfire and Firework Night, particularly building the fire, as there are only a few of us. With the event getting ever more popular we needed a group of volunteers to help us safely manage the night.

This year it's great to be able to say that there are too many people to thank individually without taking over most of the magazine.

Thanks to all of the volunteers who turned up the weekend before to cut the turf for the fire. On the day, the bonfire was built in record time, with the bonfire builders braving the rain, and mud, to build the fire. After completing the fire Karen and the club staff fed us all with a stack of bacon butties and hot drinks. Thanks to all who helped with the fire, the fantastic Guy , and Alan Gandy for helping out with his tractor.

On the evening we always need to raise as much money as possible to ensure that we have enough to pay for it all. Thanks therefore go to the Burger, Hot Dog and hot drink sellers, who worked really hard trying to feed everyone, and missed out on seeing the fireworks as they were still serving!

A big thanks to the stewards and bucket shakers too, who were instrumental in boosting the funds and also ensuring that everyone stayed safe on the night.

I also want to thank the dog walkers who on Saturday morning helped us to clear up the Meadow in the rain!

Thanks goes to the Social Club for helping us out all through the day, and



encouraging people to come along and volunteer to help out. It is mainly down to them that we had more volunteers than ever before. Thanks also to the Parish Council, who funded us to retake our Food Hygiene and First Aid training and generally have a 'can do' approach to the event.

Finally the biggest thanks goes to everyone who turned up and supported the evening once again. Your generosity is overwhelming, with us taking a record amount on the raffle and in the donation buckets. We are over half way to having enough money to fund next years' night. The BBQs that we do during the year will boost this amount further.

Please visit our Facebook page, Bishops Tachbrook Village Events Group, and to those of you that spotted the red light of the drone hovering over the Meadow, the view of the firework display from the drone can be viewed at http://youtu.be/



Parish Council News continued

Cllr. Cathy Herbert represented the Parish Council at the opening of the North Chapel at Oakley Wood Crematorium. The car park has been hugely improved and there is now a circular path around Southern section of Oakley Wood.

You will have seen that National Grid is working on a gas pipe from The Leopard to the crossroads on Oakley Wood Road. Phase I is expected to last until Christmas. We will ensure that all damage caused is reinstated properly Please report any repairs needed to footways, footpaths, street lights and roads to County Highways. 01926 412515. Or you can go via the website. http://warwickshire.fixmystreet.com/.

All calls are logged and you will be given a reference number. This is the quickest way to get repairs carried out and is the system that residents and Parish Council must now use.

The winter gritting routes will remain the same as last year. Details can be found on the County Council website.

Oakley Meadows is the chosen name for the new Bloor development on Oakley Wood Road. Thanks to our primary school and the History Group for helping with this naming project.

The next Parish Council meeting is on Thursday, 10th December at 7pm at Bishop's Tachbrook Primary School. We would like to thank all residents for their support and wish them a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP

Peter Lister

The Group received feedback from the Health Watch visits that had been made to the Bishop's Tachbrook Surgery as well as the Croft Medical Centre. There were two particular issues that had been commented on to the visitors. One practical one had to do with those visiting the Croft Centre at Sydenham as to whether a more direct access could be made from the car park to the entrance. The other was the difficulties many people find in trying to make appointments to see either doctors or nursing staff. Inevitably, this is also an issue that is regularly flagged up in the Friends and Family responses from patients. The practice will shortly be exploring another system and hope to trial it in a few months time.

A useful link has been established with **Dementia Friends** and this has led to an action plan with regard to such things as signs in the practice for people with Alzheimer's, and the Dementia portal on all desktops on the lower floor to help assist patients with Alzheimer's.

The practice has been involved in a series of meetings to discuss the needs of **Young People** and has been looking at new ways to engage with young people in the community. Various ideas have been put forward: ways to engage by use of facetime, and a web page for younger people with modern designs/ colours on the website. The Practice will be looking to creating a web page with ideas suggested in the young people's group,

and feedback from youths through the web page to connect to the Patient Participation Group meeting.

The practice is involved in a **Social Prescribing Bid** within the community. A pilot scheme is aimed at lessening social isolation in the community. GPs can prescribe, for example, to exercise groups like "Fitter Futures", Volunteer centre or "Dementia friends" depending on the patient needs.

Poetry please

This is a poem by the English poet, Walter de la Mare

Mistletoe

Sitting under the mistletoe (Pale-green, fairy mistletoe),
One last candle burning low,
All the sleepy dancers gone,
Just one candle burning on,
Shadows lurking everywhere:
Some one came, and kissed me there.

Tired I was; my head would go Nodding under the mistletoe (Pale-green, fairy mistletoe), No footsteps came, no voice, but only,

Just as I sat there, sleepy, lonely, Stooped in the still and shadowy air

Lips unseen—and kissed me there.



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The Christmas Fayre is one of our biggest events, usually raising a large proportion of the money we raise in a year. Each penny is incredibly valuable in providing resources that the children use in their every day school life. And we are very proud of the effort that goes into these events by the whole school community.

This year's Fayre is on 5th December from 3pm-5pm. I have it on good authority that Father Christmas himself, and one of his helpful elves, will be there. As if that wasn't enough there will be many stalls including:

- Bric-a-brac
- Bottle tombola
- Children's tombola
- Mulled wine and hot dogs
- Teas and cakes
- Face painting
- Adopt a (toy) pet
- Raffle tickets
- Crafts and games
- And much much more....

Please come along and join in the Christmas cheer, everyone is welcome. And we welcome donations of raffle prizes, cakes or bric-a-brac should you be able to contribute anything.

If you have children at the school you will be updated by regular monthly

newsletters. You don't have to have children at the school to join in our social activities, have fun and raise much need funds. If you would like to know what the PTA is planning to organise, Email sarahbrewsterhr@gmail.com and register your request for the newsletter or

Look on the school website www.btschool.co.uk for details of all PTA events.



The School collect the Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers and any of the other supermarket vouchers which support schools. We welcome your donations if you wish to collect on our behalf. This year's Active Kids vouchers have bought lots of equipment the children can use. They range from skipping ropes and balls to gardening equipment. A huge thank you to those who collect them. And a huge thank you to everyone who supports the school fundraising efforts.



Worship at St Chad's

Sunday

10am Holy Communion

First Sunday of the month

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Family Service

Wednesday

11:15am Holy Communion (BCP)

Are these times convenient for you? Would you like a mid-week communion service in the evening or an early morning service? Please let me know, the church is here to serve you and if you find that you cannot come to church on a Sunday but that a Tuesday evening would be great, then I am happy to provide what you need. Elaine

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Steve's Nature Page

Back to Hallowe'en, pale blue sky as light fades, tall lime trees stand in sillhouette as they have done for so many years along side the church. Right on cue a bat flitters and zigzags past. A screech rings out as a Kestrel flies from a branch high in the tree, spooked by a Tawny Owl that flies to perch on the side of the church tower. Night shift takes over as the day shift tries to settle.

Meanwhile, up in the attic hundreds of Cluster flies have found the perfect place to switch off for the Winter. That is until the lights are switched on. If Hitchcock had made a movie called "Swarm" he could have filmed it in our attic. When the boiler man climbed into the attic he must have thought we had a body hidden.

Ok pigeons, everybody seems to moan about fat pigeons eating all the food. Well they have as much trouble surviving the Winter as other birds, and they do stand up to a

Magpie, give them their due. They have their own troubles. A few weeks ago a Woodpigeon landed on the garage roof. It began to walk backwards until it's tail hit the ground behind it and almost tripped it up. The pigeon immediately began to walk backwards again. It did this several times before flying to the bird table. It then began to lean backwards, having to flap its wings to re-balance. I phoned a pigeon breeder friend, he said it may have been concussion, but more likely a nasty disease pigeons are prone to that often proves fatal. So let them feast in your garden they have enough to cope with.

As the fields around us were ploughed flocks of gulls flew in to grab as many of the chopped up worms and insects they

· SPOOKES KESTREL

could find. Large Lesser Black Backed and small Black Headed Gulls roamed the plough. Each species staying in their own groups, maybe a couple of hundred birds, many of them never have seen the sea.

Chuckling flocks of Fieldfare have joined the Redwings as they search for berries along the hedgerows. The mild Autumn weather has brought a surprise as a clump of Snowdrops open wide, and Robins sing and sing, spacing themselves out into Winter territories.



Friends of Oakley Wood

Stay active learn new skills meet new people protect wildlife enjoy fresh air do your bit for your local community

Woodland work parties





6th December

10th January 2016 7th February 2016

6th March

Coppicing and woodland ride management Hedgerow planting Hedgerow planting and ride management

to be confirmed

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All welcome, no experience necessary park in 1st Crematorium car park 10am - 2pm

Come along and enjoy the beauty of Oakley Wood and learn about woodland ecology

Refuse and recycling collection changes over Christmas

There are no collections on Christmas Day, Boxing Day or New Year's Day. All properties will be affected – please refer to your collection calendar at home or the table below:

Your normal collection date for grey bins/rubbish sacks, green bins or red boxes/bags:	Your amended collection date for Christmas week:
Mon 21 st Dec 2015	Sat 19 th Dec 2015
Tues 22 nd Dec 2015	Mon 21 st Dec 2015
Weds 23 rd Dec 2015	Tues 22 nd Dec 2015
Thurs 24 th Dec 2015	Weds 23 rd Dec 2015
Fri 25 th Dec 2015	Thurs 24 th Dec 2015
Fri 1 st Jan 2016	Sat 2 nd Jan 2016

Please ensure your bins, boxes and bags are presented at the edge of your property by 7am on your amended collection day. Normal collections will resume from Monday 4^{th} January 2016.

Please visit www.warwickdc.gov.uk/christmasrecycling for more information.

New! Refuse and recycling calendars go online

From 1st January 2016 all refuse and recycling collection calendars will be online. You will no longer receive a paper version.

Don't worry, you can still download and print your calendar at home or simply check your collection dates online when you need to.

Just visit www.warwickdc.gov.uk/wastecollection and enter your postcode.

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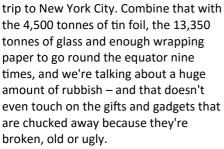
A waste of Christmas

hate waste

Keith Wellsted

Try as I might, I find it increasingly hard to resist the thought that we live in such a crazy, illogical and self-destructive way that our species' days surely must be numbered.

Over Christmas the UK produces 30%more food waste, nearly 300m tonnes each year. It's estimated that every Christmas tree bought in the UK this year put end to end, would be the equivalent of a return



At a Christmas time of excess consumption we can easily forget concerns about the world's ability to produce enough food for its growing population in the coming decades. Faced with such looming problems, you'd hope we might think a little more carefully about how we use what we already have. It seems not. I've written about food waste before. I've wrestled with the problems of the supermarket BOGOF. best before dates and what to do with 'leftovers'. But my mind has been concentrated on the problem anew by chef and food campaigner Hugh Fearnley -Whittingstall, whose new BBC series, Hugh's War on Waste, tackles the subject.

In the first episode we saw Hugh taking food from people's supermarket trolleys and throwing it into a wheelie bin to highlight the fact that the average

> food a year. At Christmas profligate! He also went undercover as a bin man, the things they throw out and offering them tips to

Worse was to come when he headed to a parsnip farm in Norfolk and found that due to supermarkets' strict cosmetic standards, huge amounts of veg between 30 and 40% of the crop - were being wasted.

All this is bad enough but when you consider we're living in a country where poverty has left a million people dependent on food banks it takes it to another level. The situation is made even more absurd by the fact that most supermarkets have collection points for people to donate items to those food banks - while at the same time those supermarkets and their customers are throwing away huge amounts of produce themselves.

Surely the species that put a man on the moon should be able to organise the production, distribution and consumption of its food in a less wasteful manner. It's not, to coin a phrase, rocket science. For tips on reducing food waste go to: http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/? page id=1024604

household bins £700 of we seem to be particularly challenging residents about help save food and money.

Bishops Tachbrook Sports and Social Club Winter Entertainment

December

January

5th December - Bottle Bingo

If you like bingo then you'll love this opportunity to win a bottle in this bingo with a twist.

12th December - Charity Xmas Quiz

Raising money for Encephalitis again, this popular quiz night will have prizes for every team so get down and grab a table

19th December - Steve Ray

Steve has sung for us before and always entertains. He sings all the popular hits from throughout the decades.

20th December - Family Bingo

A festival season edition of our regular bingo with a round just for children too

Christmas Eve Harry Rag Band

A firm favourite at the club, Harry Rag are back with their Rock and Roll show to really get you in the Christmas party spirit

2nd January – Quiz Night

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9th January - Simply Sarah

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16th Jan - Rockin Dinosaurs

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Bishop's Tachbrook Calendar

December						
3 rd Thursday	WI	Christmas Party	B.T. School	7.45pm	Anne Allan 01926 424135	
5 th Saturday	PTA	Christmas Fair	B.T. School	3-5pm	07789221195	
8 th Tuesday	History Group	Christmas Lunch	Leopard		01926 336749	
10 th Thursday	Croft Patients Group	Patients Group	Sydenham Surgery	6.30pm		
January 2016						
January 2010						
Thursday 7th	WI	Supper	Leopard		Anne Allan 01926 424135	
Thursday 14 th	Tachbrook Tinies	Gymboree Taster Session	Sports and Social Club	10-11am	Elissa 07854427213	
Thursday 14th	Country Dancing	Party	Sports and Social Club	7.30pm	01926 314286	
Tuesday 19th	Croft Patients Group	Patients Group	Sydenham Surgery	12.30pm	01926 336749	

Weekly events				
Mondays	Rainbows	Sports and Social Club	6.00-7.00pm	jadechoc@aol.com
Mondays	Youth Club	B. T. School	6.30-8.00pm	Anoushka76@hotmail.com
Tuesday	Pilates	Sports and Social Club	9.30-10.30am	07769222524
Tuesdays	Brownies	Sports and Social Club	6.00-7.30pm	carolineloveday@sky.com
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
Thursdays	Tachbrook Tinies playgroup for 0 to 5s	Sports and Social Club	9.30-11.00	Elissa 07854427213
2nd Thursday of each month	Country Dancing	Sports and Social Club	8.000pm	01926 314286
3 rd Thursday of each month	Parish Council meeting	B.T. School	7.30pm	01926 641220
Sundays	Bingo	Sports and Social Club	8.00pm	01926 421621

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Linda Stevens

Nature page

Autumn was warm with little wind at first. The rain and wind came later so we enjoyed the orange and gold glow of the leaves for longer then suddenly it seemed they were gone. Perhaps it was that slow change that produced so many fungi of different varieties. One lawn in the village was covered with toadstools. My tame researcher could not find out which of the vast number of different fungi they might be and he did try! If you looked there were also some different species among them. On the stump of a tree grew a more common one that has the common name of Turkeytail as, with its overlapping shelf-like sections, it does look like one. There were at least five different types in the garden.



We went to Chesterton Windmill on a lovely still, sunny day at the end of October and were amazed at how many wild plants were still flowering. I have said before how few Ladybirds I have seen this year but there, crawling up and down a sunlit wall of the windmill, were so many Ladybirds it was difficult to

count, "There's another and another and one here!" Most were red with black spots but one or two were black with red spots. When we got back home I checked and I am almost certain they were 10 spot Ladybirds because these can be so variable in colour and spot number despite their name. Perhaps they should be called Multispot but then that would be confusing as other varieties have lots of spots. I hope they found good places to hibernate and all survive the winter.

I know we have Wrens in the garden because I often hear their lovely trilling song but I rarely catch more than a glimpse as the scurry under the bushes but in the first week of November, when no other birds were about, I was thrilled to have a long view of one as it hopped up and down the Budhleia before flying to the bird bath where it nervously went round looking and listening until finally having a drink. It then flew across the garden and over the hedge out of sight.

One place my young grandson likes to go when he visits us is the Meadow because there he can have a ride on the zip wire. So you can imagine that when a Garden Spider managed to fix a very long thread from near our gatepost to a twig of Hydrangea we called her the Zip wire spider. She spun her web near the Hydrangea twig and fixed three leaves together with spider silk to make a small cave in which to hide. As it was just outside our patio door we had a good

view of her movements. I was a little upset when I noticed she'd caught a Ladybird and was busy wrapping it up while I was having my lunch. These common spiders are often called Cross Spiders after the pale cross mark on their body. Another name is Diadem spider or Garden Orb Spider after the shape of their web. During the rain in the first week of November the zip wire thread and web was washed away and there was no sign of the spider. She had been guarding her egg sac and had not been seen catching insects so she had died as the temperature dropped but next May her spiderlings will hatch out.

It's not quite Winter yet. As I write on 13 November I have seen a fly in the garden today and during the week have twice seen large bees, presumably Queens, who will hibernate soon. Not all insects hibernate during the winter and some plants flower so there will still be things to see. When I write for the next edition I will be looking out for the first snowdrops

What have you seen? Please let us know.



SAVVY ALLOTMENT HOLDERS!

Picture shows behind the cabbages Graham, Eddie, Simon and Bob



One Saturday in October Bob Church, the Rural Crime Prevention Co-ordinator came to demonstrate how to make our equipment more secure. The logic is that if villains know that all the movable property in an area is security marked, they will be deterred from breaking in.

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Andrew Day

Oakley Meadow names to remember

Every Remembrance Day we lay wreaths on the War Memorial in the churchyard yet I wonder how often we really look at the names.

It appears our Primary School children do! After being asked what names should be given to the new streets, parks and green spaces that will created on the Oakley Meadow development they decided to use the names of the fallen in WW1 whose names are inscribed on the memorial. The idea has been backed by the History Society and endorsed by the Parish and District Councils.

The names on the War Memorial and how their names will be used in Oakley Meadow are shown below. You may remember that the name Oakley Meadow was decided by local ballot.

Use	Person	Details
Green space	Frederick Boneham	Son of Alice and James, an agricultural labourer, died of his wounds in Mametz Wood in 1916 aged 20.
Green space	Ernest Cox	Son of Mary Ann and George, a labourer and hedge cutter, was a domestic gardener. He was 5'8" tall and had brown eyes and sandy brown hair. He emigrated to Canada, where he enlisted in 1916. He died in 1918 aged 34.
Doughty Drive	Albert Doughty	Son of Elizabeth and William, an agricultural labourer, died in Egypt in 1915 aged 26.
Driver Close	Percy James Driver	Son of Martha and George, a local stockman, was killed in France in 1917 aged 24.
Fox Close	Harry Ernest Fox	Son of Mr & Mrs Fox of Highdown Cottages and husband to Beatrice, was killed in action in France in 1918 aged 30.
Jackson Avenue	Paul Jackson	Husband to Mabel of Chapel Hill, worked in the excise office in Leamington Spa. He was killed in action in 1917 aged 27.
Green space	John Arthur Victor Percox	Son of John (a Waggoner) and Harriett, was killed in Mesopotamia in 1918 aged 21.
Underhill Way	Cyril Knight Underhill	Son of Caroline and Thomas, a local labourer, enlisted in Scotland in 1914 and saw some of the severest fighting in France. He spent his last four birthdays at the front and died in 1918 aged 25.
Underhill Way	Arthur Underhill	Son of Stephen (a kitchen fitter) and Ada, was adopted by Harry Underhill of Bishop's Tachbrook. He was killed in 1918 in a railway accident in Belgium aged 23.
Yardley Way	Louis Bernard Yardley	Son of Hannah and Benjamin (a gas stoker), served in France for four years and was killed in 1918 aged 27, by a stray shell.

Anne Kirby

History Group

ENGLISH HOUSES: In November Keith Cattell, retired architect, gave us an engaging and humorous talk about the development of English Houses – from a thatched hut on a floating island to 21st century structures.

The conquering Normans built their Castles with a great hall, in which it all happened - the lord, his family and servants (and probably their pets) lived, ate and slept in the one area. The Normans soon introduced comforts like a fireplace, a screen at the end of the hall, and an upper storey for private sleeping arrangements. In more peaceful times smaller houses with a similar layout were built: solars were added one side of these stone buildings and a kitchen at the other end. This plan was followed for the next 300 years - the designs varied according to the district and materials available. Big changes followed the dissolution of the monasteries in the mid 1500s. Chapels were demolished but the adjacent living quarters and surrounding farms were sold to the wealthy. Keith's talk was lavishly illustrated and Stoneleigh Abbey was the perfect example of monastic buildings converted to a stately home. Then there were "new builds" to impress: Elizabethan Hardwick Hall: the Queen's House at Greenwich. designed by Inigo Jones; Blenheim Palace, which occupied the services of three different architects trying to satisfy the demands of the Duchess of Marlborough, Sarah Churchill. Throughout these times the less affluent and humble members of society lived in

timber-framed houses of various sizes, examples of which are attractive focal points in our own village.

Queen Anne and Georgian elegance of the early 18th century onwards led to designs influenced by great Italian architecture. There followed Pattern Books for elegant but more modest houses and bricklayers replaced architects. They became popular because they had a reputation for quoting the price for building a house chosen from a pattern book and kept to it! A medley of styles eventually led to the solid ramblings of the 19th century Victorian era.

Airy hygienic stables were far superior to the miserable hovels provided by some landlords in the early 19th century. However, in 1811 Quaker banker and philanthropist, John Scandrett Harford, provided for retired employees a complex of 9 small cottages around a green. They boasted their own gardens and front doors, but not next to each other to prevent gossip! Blaise Hamlet near Bristol is the first example of a garden suburb and was designed by John Nash of Regency London fame. Keith looked at council-built terrace houses of industrial Britain. European commentators were very impressed because each house had its own front door, toilet and small back garden and were an improvement on the previous "back-to-backs".

We saw pictures of the most desirable of flats in Green Park, London: no concrete here but an irregular structure of linked units constructed of polished granite and bound with bronze. 21st century environmentally-friendly houses built underground and equipped with quadruple



2 Cottages @ Blaise Hamlet

glazing are reputed to need one fifth of the energy normally used. Presumably they don't offer much fresh air, sunshine or a panoramic view. Keith went to see one in Kinver but couldn't find it!

A 1939 "Punch" cartoon was a perfect summary of Keith's talk. The initial picture showed a wild cave man carrying a club entering his cave-home. Drawings of different styles of architecture followed, ending with 1939 man, wearing a gas mask and leaping into his cave.....an Anderson Air-Raid Shelter.

It was gratifying that four of the buildings

illustrating Keith's talk were houses that the History Group has visited: Stoneleigh Abbey, Blenheim Palace, Hardwick Hall and Wightwick Manor. Why don't you join us as a member or visitor and enjoy some interesting visits and talks?

Future Events:

Tuesday, December 8th: Christmas Lunch at The Leopard Inn No Meeting in January Tuesday, February 23rd: 2.30pm at St Chad's Church AGM, entertainment and Refreshments





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CHRISTMAS PUDDING from Vera Leeke

This is my great grandmother's recipe for Christmas pudding (usually called plum pudding in Ireland) that my father always made about this time of year. He made an enormous one but I've cut it down to more manageable size. This is what I make.

Ingredients (oz = ounces, sorry I haven't converted to metric)

8 oz raisins

4 oz sultanas

4 oz currants

1 oz mixed peel

6 oz soft brown sugar

5 oz plain white flour

5 oz Atora suet

5 oz bread crumbs

Half a small apple peeled and grated

Half a small carrot peeled and grated

1/8 teaspoon mixed spice

1/8 teaspoon nutmeg

(You could probably just use 1/4 tsp spice)

Pinch salt

1/4 teaspoon Bicarbonate of soda

Dessert spoon treacle

2 eggs

Tablespoon whisky

½ pint Guinness (village shop happy to let you buy single can)



This bottle has a best before date of 08/06/11—still fine!!

Method

Weigh out ingredients; I usually do fruit and sugar in one bowl, flour, breadcrumbs, suet and spices in another.

Whisk eggs with a fork in a large mixing bowl, add treacle and whisk again. Add whisky and Guinness and then add everything else and stir well.

Turn the pudding out into a pudding bowl of 2 pint capacity, cover with greaseproof paper tied on with string.

Steam the pudding by putting it in a large saucepan of boiling water and simmer for about 3 to 4 hours. Top up the water from time to time as needed. When finished let it cool in the saucepan before you lift it out.

When you want to eat it re-heat it in a saucepan of water as above – takes about an hour. Then loosen round the edges and turn out on to a plate. Good with brandy butter, cream, ice cream or custard. It will keep for several months if need be.

SEASONAL RECIPES

If you have a recipe you want to share please send it into the magazine on:

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Notice Board

Country dancing

December there will no meeting

January there will be the belated Christmas party on 2^{nd} Thursday starting at the earlier time of 7.30

Christmas Appeal Avon Cat And. Dog Trust. (Kenilworth)

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M Anne Allen

At our meeting the speakers were John and Annette Christopher with pottery! John explained it took 5-7 years to learn to use a potters wheel. He went on to explain the history of potting, how settlements were built near water and children, in play, invented baking clay by throwing balls into the fire to bake. When clay was pressed into reed baskets and fired. water was able to be carried. It was suggested we stand outside our house and remove everything related to clay. Not a lot is left. We were given a piece of clay and asked to make a plaque with our initial in it. These were then collected and unbeknown to us, made into a bowl which was taken away to be fired before being returned to us. I found the speakers both amusing and really interesting.

We are getting nearer to planting a tree to commemorate 100 years of the WI. Hopefully this will be done by the new year. We are also going to compile a cook book of 100 recipes for 100 years.

The coffee morning Liz held to raise monies for the British Legion by selling hand made poppies was really well attended. Monies raised at the last count was in excess of £339.94 and rising. Well done all who attended.

Christmas is looming up quickly, not only

is there the party to look forward too but we will be making door hangers again too. If you would like to come to the party please ring me ASAP lovely food, entertainment, carols and me in a tizz.. This together with county organised events will keep us busy. These include two serious science lectures Venus - Paradise Lost and How it all started. Next year we have the chance to go and investigate the Secrets of Scotland Yard, enjoy a night at the the Oscars and attend the annual federation meeting

We don't meet in January but are looking forward to a meal at the Leopard. Next year speakers will include recycling, (really good I am told) falconry, life of a county court judge, bakery and a games evening amongst other exciting events.

I'm still collecting used stamps. We had a hiccup last year and the stamps I had went to a different charity but I will find a new charity and let you all know.

A merry Christmas from all of us at WI why not make it your New Year Resolution to come along and " Give us a go "!!

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