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What's in this month's magazine

There's a call to action in this month's magazine as we are, once again, faced with another planning application. This time for an additional 150 houses in the village. In total that would mean an extra 350 houses in the village plus another 2,000 in the parish. Remember our housing survey said we needed just 15. Please read Cllr Carol Gabbitt's piece on pages 12 and 13 and act to end the onslaught on the village at the heart of the parish and surrounding area.

In addition there's lots of interesting content: a traffic calming scheme - page 11; a request for magazine distributors, from the new residents we wholeheartedly welcome in the area - page 13; new bus routes (again!) - pages 24 & 25; poetry is, again, seeded throughout. Pages 32 & 33 feature a wonderful Christmas poem by Pam Ayres. Also have a peek at 'Christmas Shorts' hidden away on page 31.

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. Thanks also for advertisers whose payments help fund us.

Happy Christmas and a fantastic 2017 to everyone in this wonderful parish of ours and surrounding communities.

CYCLE OF PRAYER—Praying for our Community

Praying in December for

Touchstone Road

Trinculo Grove

Vicarage Rise

Wychwood Close

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.

Praying in January for

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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

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 2017.

Elaine

THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY

Baptism

Rowan Henry Jack Brooks

We welcome them into the Christian Family.

WHAT'S ON AT ST CHADS

Sunday 4th December 4pm Christingle Service - All welcome

Friday 9th December - Sunday 11th December Nativity/Crib Festival

Do you have any unusual crib or nativity sets that you could loan us for our festival? Last year we had over 60 on display. The home made ones were very popular. Could you make one to be displayed this year? The church will be open on Thursday 8th to receive loans. Many thanks in anticipation of your help.

Carols on the Green December 11th 6pm - This will be the culmination of our Crib Festival. Do come and join us and enjoy mulled wine and mince pies after the singing!

Sunday December 18th 6pm Carols by Candle Light – A service of readings and carols.

Friday 23rd December 6:30pm Carols in the Leopard - Each year this celebration becomes more popular, Luke supplies the Tea, coffee and mince pies. Do come and join us.

Saturday 24th December 4pm. Crib Service – come along dressed up and take part in the greatest story ever told, the Nativity of our Lord. Adults are welcome to dress up too.

11:30pm Midnight Mass. The first service of Christmas. All welcome

25th December 10am – Christmas Family Communion. Do come and join us, bring your presents along to show us and celebrate our Lord's birth. All welcome

March 5th 2017 10am—Civic Service

Bishop's Tachbrook Sports and Social Club

Winter Entertainment

December

3rd December — Quiz Night

Our regular quiz, with a festive flavour. As usual, prizes for everyone. And Santa may make an appearance

10th December— Bottle Bingo

Come and join us for a bingo with a twist, prizes galore for this popular night

11th December— Xmas sing along

Come and join Dave Berry for a Christmas sing along

17th December - Family Bingo

Adults and Children are welcome for this fun evening. No cash prizes, but plenty of fun to be had

24th December — Christmas Disco

Another great family orientated evening for everyone to enjoy, Andy will be playing Christmas songs to get you all in the festive spirit

January

7th January — Quiz Night

Our regular quiz, giving you the chance to pit your wits against The Judge, cash prize too...

14th January — Rob Alton

Fantastic local artist performing hits from the 60's through to present day

21st January - Disco

Bring your dancing shoes for an evening with music guaranteed to make you move

28th January — Southern Cross

Having played Tachfest and a popular set here before, Southern Cross are back

New Years Eve at BTSSC

We've booked a great band for New Years Eve this year. Insomnia have played for us before and had everyone up dancing. Playing a fantastic selection of modern and classic rock songs from throughout the decades, it's the perfect way to see in 2017

Bishop's Tachbrook Calendar

What's on in December

Thursday 1st, 19.45
WI Christmas Party in B.T.
School
01926 424135

Sunday 4th, 16.00
St Chad's Christingle Service
01926 426922

Thursday 6th, 12.30
History Group Christmas
Dinner at the Leopard
01926 885938

Friday 9th to Sunday 11th
St Chad's Nativity/Crib
Festival in St Chad's
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Saturday 10th, 09.30—
12.00
Working Party Group will
conduct parish tidying at
locations to be announced
E-mail: thewhitwood4
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Sunday 11th, 18.00
St Chad's Carols on the
Green 01926 426922

Thursday 15th 09.30—
11.00
Tachbrook Tinies Dandy
Development in the Sports
and Social Club
Elissa 07854427213

Sunday 18th, 18.00
St Chad's Carols by
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Friday 23rd 18.30
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Leopard 01926 426922

***If you want to add events
please send them to:
marismi913@aol.com***

What's on in January

Thursday 5th 19.30
WI Meal in the Leopard
01926426797

Saturday 7th 10.00—12.00
Coffee morning in aid of the
Air Ambulance at 7
Bishop's Close

Regular events

Mondays 18.00-19.00 Rainbows at the Sports and Social Club,
bishopstachbrookrainbows@hotmail.com 07828411786

Mondays 18.30-20.00 Youth Club at B.T.
School ,Anoushka76@hotmail.com

Tuesdays 09.30-10.30 Pilates at the Sports and Social Club
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Tuesdays 14.00-16.00 Over 50s at the Sports and Social Club,
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Tuesdays 20.00 Bingo at the Sports and Social Club,
01926 421621

Wednesdays 18.00-19.30 Brownies at the Sports and Social
Club, Carolineloveday@sky.com

Thursdays 09.30-11.00 Tachbrook Tinies at the Sports and
Social Club, Elissa 07854427213

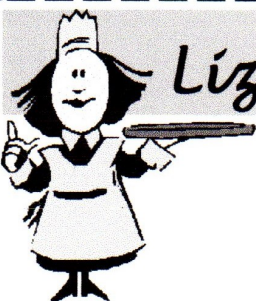
Sundays 20.00 Bingo at the Sports and Social Club,
01926 421621

2nd Tuesday 14.30 winter, 19.30 summer History Group in St
Chad's Church, 01926336749

1st Thursday 19.45 –21.45 W I at B.T. School, 01926 424135

2nd Thursday .00 Country Dancing at the Sports and Social
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St Chad's Centre News

Christmas is a time for giving and in this festive season Trustees would like to ask you to consider making a gift to the St Chad's Centre of furniture or equipment items to enhance the facilities we are able to offer.

consider donating towards the purchase of. We can't guarantee we will be able to put a plaque on the item but we are looking at ways of thanking each and every person who has helped up to build the Centre with grants, donations and their gift of time.



We are hugely thankful already for the very generous donations from anonymous benefactors for the Audio Visual equipment, which will include enabling hirers to use a projector, and the crockery, which will allow users to offer hospitality. We have also had expertise kindly offered, via our pleas in this magazine, from Breathe Production whose owners live in the village and who specialise in AV equipment.

To add to these charitable offerings Trustees have put together a list of possible items which you might wish to

To purchase each item, we have included the suggested donation with gift aid on top as that adds an extra 25% free for no extra effort for tax payers.

Chair x 50 —£75 + gift aid

Table x 6 —£95 + gift aid

Fridge x 2—£120 + gift aid

Freezer x 1—£120 + gift aid

If you would like to gift a different amount for an alternative item such as a kettle, microwave, tea urn etc please do get in touch via one of the Trustees or

The St Chad's Centre Trustees

stchadscentrebt@gmail.com

As the build draws to a close Trustees have been looking at ways that the local community can get involved in the Centre before it opens. One of the most exciting parts of a new building is decorating it to feel like it's yours. With this in mind we are calling on you to volunteer for a Decoration Working Party! On the first two Saturdays of December, 3rd and 10th, Trustees will be leading a Working Party to bring colour and life to the Centre.

All painting materials will be provided, along with refreshments and sustenance. Just bring yourself in clothes you don't mind getting messy and enthusiasm for making your mark on your local community. No previous experience or painting talent required! Jobs will be allocated based on what you're happy to offer. To volunteer please speak to a Trustee or contact us via stchadscentrebt@gmail.com

The magazine takes a break during January so please follow the Bishop's Tachbrook page on Facebook or log onto the www.bishopstachbrook.com website to hear more news about the formal opening event. In the meantime for bookings or enquiries please email: stchadscentrebt@gmail.com

Traffic calming / safer route to school village enhancement scheme—

Cllr Leigh Carter

When a major development is constructed, it is usually the case that a contribution is made by the developer to the Local Authority for upgrading and improving the local infrastructure. To satisfy planning conditions relating to the Grove Farm development, AC Lloyd has made funding available for a traffic calming scheme along Oakley Wood Road in Bishop's Tachbrook.

The objective of the proposed scheme is to reduce vehicle speeds passing through the village to improve road safety and the surrounding environment for residents, pedestrians and all road users. As part of this scheme Warwickshire County Council will also be implementing a safer route to school between the Leopard Public House and Bishops Tachbrook C of E Primary School.

The features & benefits of the scheme will be presented at a public meeting to be held at Bishops Tachbrook School at 19:30-20:30 on the 12th January 2017 to which all residents are welcome.

By the time you read this article, hopefully you will already be aware that yet another planning application has just been received for a large housing development in our rural landscape. This time its for an additional 150 houses on the land opposite the Meadow development on Oakley Wood Road. This site is not in the Local Plan nor our draft Neighbourhood Plan. Our local housing need is for less than 15 homes so is it right that we sustain even more in addition to the 2000 that already have planning permission in the parish? If this goes ahead, in the future up to 50 local children will have to be bused out of the area to other schools. The application number is 16/2076 (land on the south east side of Oakley Wood Road). We urge you to comment on the District Council website or in writing. It is very important that Planning Officers and the Planning Committee understand the strength of local feeling.

Onto more positive news, a great time was had by all at the Bonfire event. Thanks to the Village Events Group who always put so much time and effort into organising this fun community, family event and to the Sports and Social Club for making everyone very welcome on the night of this huge annual event. The fireworks and finale were better than ever this year.

Thanks to the residents and councillors who helped with the bulb planting in November. Again a great community event which will make our parish a more colourful place next spring. And of course thank you to the organisers Graham,

Carol, Lisa and Paul.

As planned councillors spent productive time in November thinking about the major changes that are unfolding which will give rise to new “villages” at Grove Farm, Lower Heathcote and The Asps. As anticipated we discussed how we would both socially and physically connect these communities sites around the proposed country park. We reflected on the importance of schools in providing a hub and sparking new friendships between parents as well as children! There will eventually be four primary schools across the Parish. Our existing school sets such a high standard and we hope the new schools will also built such great reputations. The first of these at Lower Heathcote will open its doors next September and the second at the Oakley Wood Road/ Harbury Lane crossroads 2 years later. We heard also that proposed boundary changes could bring Lower Heathcote into parish when the consultation process has run its course and the changes are approved by the Government.

Requests for section 137 grants for community groups will be considered in the February meeting. A notice will be placed on noticeboards and in the February Parish magazine. Please submit your grant requests as soon as you can. The Clerk can email a form to you or there is one on the website.

A resident very kindly mended the dog waste bin on St. Chad’s earlier this year. Since this is a District Council responsibility we have just been told that they will be refunding the cost of the

materials. We are seeking a similar claim for the work carried out by our Working Party on the Warwick Gates roundabouts. The allotment rents will remain the same for 2017.

The District Council has just agreed locations for a bus shelter on Warwick Gates, new benches and outdoor gym equipment. We hope to be moving forward with these projects early next year.

Unfortunately our parish mower has broken again. After much consideration the Parish Council has decided to invest in a new industrial mower. Cllrs. Whitwood and Leeke will be looking at various models over the next couple of months. We thank the resident who has been allowing us to use their mower whilst a new one is purchased.

The noticeboard on Warwick Gates has been vandalised we believe between lunchtime on 12th November and Tuesday

15th. If you saw anything please contact the Clerk or the Police.

Thanks again to Cllr. Ray Bullen who has been representing us at the public examination into the Local Plan. I'm sure Ray will provide an update once the examination has finished.

It is looking likely that the work by the developer on the Meadow cycleway will start sometime in January. As soon as we know the date we will inform nearby residents, allotment holders and the Sports and Social Club. A note will also be put on the website.

Next meeting on Thursday, 8th December at 7.30pm at Bishop's Tachbrook Primary School. All residents are welcome to attend. Any questions please contact: Mrs. Corinne Hill, Parish Clerk, Gaydon Field's Farm Gaydon CV35 0HF
Tel: 01926 641220

Parish Magazine—welcome to our new readers in Lancaster Way, Duckett Place, Biffin Way and Parker Drive

Would you like to meet your new neighbours?

In November we increased our print run so that we could deliver a magazine to every household in Bishop's Tachbrook Parish and neighbouring areas. We delivered to Mallory Grange for the first time and, this month, will start deliveries on Oakley Meadows.

At present the magazine is being delivered by residents living in Bishop's Tachbrook village and Warwick Gates. If you believe you could deliver between 20 and 30 magazines to residents on the new estate we'd love to hear from you.

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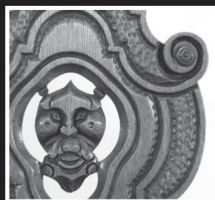
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History Group - Zephaniah Job – the Smugglers' Banker

The scene of our November talk by Anthony Adamms was the charming village of Polperro in Cornwall, now a popular tourist destination, but a remote fishing village from the 11th century.



The sheltered harbour and abundant catches of pilchards provided work for all the family – as sailors/fishermen for the men, and for the women and children ashore, the cleaning, pressing, salting and curing of the day's catch before packing into barrels. The wars with America, France and Spain provided another, more lucrative source of income from the sea.....smuggling and privateering. The high tariffs/taxes imposed on goods imported or exported from the enemy encouraged the smuggling of goods such as spirits, tobacco from America, silks and other luxury items. Large ships would collect and transport goods to Guernsey, where they were offloaded to smaller vessels which could access venues such as the remote harbour of Polperro - an ideal base to secretly unload this contraband. Mr Adamms recommended a visit to the Museum of Smuggling, housed in a

former canning factory.

Privateering, on the other hand, was carried out by an armed ship which was privately owned, manned by between 40-60 sailors and commissioned by the Government to harass, fight or capture enemy ships. We were shown sale notices from this period, which showed that a ship of this type was valued at £135,000 – a large investment in the 18th century. Larger ships were manned by up to 250 men. The cargos of captured vessels were offloaded and sold to recompense the ship-owner, but a loss for the Exchequer. Either of these ventures called for substantial financial investment and control.

Enter **Zephaniah Job**. Nothing is known of this man's background. (Had he been involved in some nefarious act in his early life, as rumoured?) He moved to Polperro as a schoolmaster, but combining his skills as an administrator with vision and financial acumen, he set about providing finances for investors in lucrative privateering and smuggling, thus improving the financial lot of local people, who could supplement their income from fishing. When Zephaniah died in 1822 aged 73, he had repaid all his debts and all his papers were burnt - the 18th century equivalent of data protection: there was no historical evidence regarding his activities. In 1900 a researcher moved to Polperro to explore family histories and geneology and the effects of intermarriage. During his stay the village watermill was renovated and in the attic an enormous trunk was discovered, full of official papers relating

Anne Kirby

to Zephaniah Job. He had organized the financial management of the smuggling trade, set up and issued bank notes drawn on the Bank of Polperro, backed up by letters of credit to the Government to repay in the future. He had looked after the estate of Sir H Trelewney – Rector and JP - who was a useful contact when one of Zephaniah's workers was accused of murder, but acquitted by the jury. He was a hard taskmaster, but supported his workers. He was trusted, respected and was generous to the community, paying £7,766 for the repair of the harbour following storm damage. Our speaker assured us that everything in his talk was based on the official documents, rather than myth and rumour – and we had the benefit of seeing copies of contemporary documents, including a bank note for £500, drawn on the Bank of Bishop's Tachbrook!



Next Meeting: Christmas Dinner at the Leopard Inn on 6th December - No meeting in January - Tuesday 21st February at 2.30pm: AGM and socializing

Poetry Please

I heard the bells on Christmas Day by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Some days, although we heard the bells on Christmas day
Their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet the words repeat
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

I thought how, as the day had come,
The belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along th'unbroken song
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

And in despair I bowed my head:
'There is no peace on earth,' I said
'For hate is strong, and mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good will to men.'

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
'God is not dead, nor doth He sleep;
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail,
With peace on earth, good will to men.'

Till, ringing, singing on its way,
The world revolved from night to day
A voice, a chime, a chant sublime,
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

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Bishop's Tachbrook Pre- School

This term we have been looking at Celebrations and festivals with the grown-ups.

We have looked at bonfire night and we have made some fantastic rockets and sparklers out of paper, glue and glitter. The grown-ups asked us what sounds the fireworks make. We said they go "BANG, WIZZ, POP, SHHHHHH" and many more. One of our friends said we should say "Ooooooh and Aaaaaaah." That made the grown-ups laugh.



We have also talked with the grown-ups about how we can celebrate using light. The grown-ups told us there is a special festival called Divali and we had great fun making pictures out of rice, pasta, lentils and chalk which were called Rangoli pictures.

In our role play we had fun making Divali sweets, playing music, singing songs, celebrating birthdays and other festivals.



We will be soon celebrating Christmas and we are trying to be very good, as we all know Father Christmas' helpers will be keeping an eye on us.



1350 bulbs planted between St Chad's Green and Warwick Gates in appalling weather. A big thank you to those who braved the weather and turned out for the bulb planting in November.



Special thanks to the family from Dogberry Way who donated a Horse Chestnut tree which their children had grown from a Conker six years previously. And to Dave for digging through the clay to plant it.



**Next working party is on Saturday 10th, 09.30—12.00.
Contact Paul on: thewhitwood4@btinternet.com**

Friends of Oakley Woods

Liz Sheehan

On a bright, dry Oct.22nd Karl led two walks in Oakley Woods. After some refreshments he took Warwickshire Wildlife members on an introductory tour along the main paths.

Later he led a second walk for FOW members and friends. Karl talked about the benefits of woodland management, which in the long term makes woodlands resilient to climate change and disease. He explained how healthy woodland supports wildlife, some of which we saw, including Fly Agaric toadstool and the Dor beetle(one of Britain's largest dung beetles).The latter is one of Karl's favourites, which performs an important function for those pets whose owners forget their doggie bags!



Karl emphasised the need for long term planning and defended the recent tree felling and ride widening projects ,with the resulting muddy paths and increased bramble growth, as an inconvenience to be borne for the sake of future generations of people and wild life.

We enjoyed the leaf colours. About 35 of us walked including little ones in push chairs to older friends who might be receiving pensions.



Bonfire & Firework Night

BT Village Events Group

It seems to take a lot of organising, but then is over in an instant! And as usual it wouldn't happen if we didn't work together as a community to make it a memorable evening.

There are always a few special thanks. I apologise that I can't name everyone, but you know who you are!!

Firstly the organisations. A massive thanks to TCL who loan us the turf cutter each year, Murley Agricultural & Dennis Eagle who were brilliant in bringing lorry loads of pallets for the fire, Cybertones for the compering and disco, Linleigh Electrical for the Lighting and Sounds, The Sports & Social Club for putting up with us, and the Parish Council for their on-going support. The Brownies could go in this category too, so a massive thanks to Caroline, Caroline, Sally and team for the fantastic Guy. It was nice to see that he took his time to burn, so we all managed to see him through the dark. Almost forgot Spitfire Pyrotechnics; we wouldn't have a display without them!!

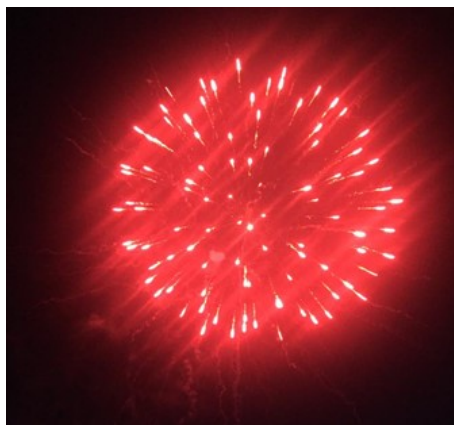


The hardest job is always the fire building as it is a daunting task, but we had a fantastic group of volunteers and we built it in record time. We even had time for a

team photo. Thanks to everyone for giving up your time, and Alan Gandy for the use of his tractor which always makes things a lot easier.



In the evening we had lots of help from the stewards, bucket collectors, BBQ team, raffle ticket seller, hot drink sellers and everyone who attended and bought food, drink or threw pennies (and even notes!!) into the buckets so that the event was funded. I'm glad to say we almost have enough for next year's evening, so the fireworks are booked!! See you in the summer – we're planning Tachfest for the 15th July. Cathy, Tony, Martin, Ali, Julie & Mick



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More changes to our bus services

Although a new timetable was introduced only in June, there are more changes afoot – not all bad, we’re happy to say.

Stagecoach have decided that the 75 is not economically viable, so it will be withdrawn on 17 December.

They will replace it with a new route 76 designed to serve residents moving into the new estates on Harbury Lane. The 76 will run hourly from Heathcote Park, turn left onto Tachbrook Road, then Othello Avenue and so to Leamington – a 25 minute journey.

Meanwhile the route of the 77 Johnsons service is being adjusted :

- It will take a circular route through the village, travelling anti-clockwise along Argyll Way, St Chads Road , then turning left down Mallory road.
- On its southerly leg to/from Kineton new stops on Oakley Wood Road will serve Oakley Meadows residents.
- In the other direction the route will go straight over the Harbury Lane crossroads, turn left along Heathcote Lane, thence via the Retail Park as now to the station, parish church and terminating at the top of the Parade.

The net effect of these changes are:-

- The service between the village to/ from Leamington will be hourly, not twice an hour as now;
- The new 77 route enables you to reach the Heathcote Hospital direct - and also with a short walk the post

office at Acre Close;• You can reach Warwick by changing onto a 68 at Heathcote Hospital;

- Warwick Gates and Mallory Grange residents will be able to catch the 77 or 76 to Leamington;
- People living on Harbury Lane can take the 76 direct to Leamington.

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The timing of some of the on-going services will be changing slightly –so keep an eye out for the new timetables.

We are aiming to generate a composite timetable covering all bus services ready to make a centre page spread in February’s magazine.

**We hope these notes are helpful and
will encourage more people
to consider “taking the bus”.**

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I thought this month I would do things differently and start by wishing you all a Merry Christmas from everyone at Bishops Tachbrook WI .

There is still a few cookbooks available for Christmas presents

At our recent meeting we were planning future events, most of which are taking place next year. After our Christmas party, Carol concert, and visits to Chester Christmas market and the Loft theatre, we'll start the new year with a meal at the Leopard instead of our meeting in January . This is followed by a coffee morning hosted by Wendy and Piers in aid of the Air Ambulance on the 7th Jan , 10-12am at 7 Bishops Close.

In March we have both a literary lunch and afternoon tea to look forward to. The guest speaker at the lunch is Anoushka Knight and at the tea it's Lesley Smith. She is a well known speaker to WI and comes in character. This time we are meeting Mrs. Thatcher with a talk entitled Handbags at the Ready. There is also a serious science lecture, federation meeting, craft dabble day and a tour of the Houses of Parliament to look forward to. All that and more, come along to one of our meetings and see for yourself what goes on.

Our speaker last month was Liz Dyde a psychotherapist speaking about stress . She was a very knowledgeable speaker making us all think of the causes of the stress and pain we were suffering and how everything ties up together. eg foot pain could be the result of once standing at work therefore a connection between brain and pain. She said writing things

down often releases pain , a timeline of emotion, we all were left thinking about what she had said.

Our speakers for next year are now all booked. In February we will be entertained by Stephen Duckham with his talk about Musical Theatre and in March we will learn about The Legend and History of Coffee. Come along, you'll be most welcome. We do charge a visitors fee but it's well-worth it . Plus you get a cup of tea and meet all of us.

Did you see about the Upton House bunting? We took part in that!! Lots of us were knitting the pennants to become part of the successful world record attempt. Well done to everyone who took part.

I'm still collecting used postage stamps and recycled bras. So when Santa a pops a nice new one in your Christmas stocking, you know what to do with the old one. These go off to bravissimo and are sent abroad for recycling or reuse and for every kilo the company donate £1 . You don't have to be a WI member to do this, all contributions accepted.

If any of you were a member before 1980 and can remember taking part in a churchyard survey, we would love to hear about it. It's just something another WI has mentioned and we wondered if we had taken part.

As I said earlier, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Make 2017 the year you come along and 'Say Hi to the WI'

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Mid November, Gaydon, and another Jackdaw day. I love it when they have one. It seems possibly to be triggered by a fine sunny day. The colony rise up into the air, chattering to each other, "Jack!.....Jack!..Daw." they rise and fall as one, if you watch for a minute they are mostly in pairs, changing direction in tandem. If one dives the other follows. I guess not only the pairs are renewing their bonds, the whole colony is bonding. Many a dog walking human walks beneath them, seemingly unaware - not that that bothers the Jackdaws.

Towards the end of summer people often say, "where have my Blackbirds gone?" Well, with breeding over they nip off to the hedgerows for berries and fruits, stuffing themselves before the Winter. As Natures bounty runs a bit thin and migrant Blackbirds and Thrushes fly in our lot head for the tried and tested gardens. It wont be long before we are knee deep in Blackbirds again.

It's been a treat having more Tawny Owls recently. The "Keeik Keeik" sometimes answered by the "Keoo." they seldom move far away from where they were born so we may be hearing Tawnies from a long line of Owls that have lived round here for generations.



Oh, and Skylarks singing on high in November. They do sing for large parts of the year, so does the Robin - good value birds.

Moorhen and Chick Update. The remaining youngster is thriving. It's now a grey colour and about 3/4 the size of its mother. Its confident and when I get to the canal side and call it's first to run, paddle or fly towards me. It not only feeds itself but will grab food from the water faster than its parents can. It must be about nine or ten weeks since I first met it and it can now almost look after itself, though it stays close to it's parents. It was born fairly late in the year so it has been nice to help it feed up a bit before winter arrives.

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And let it sleep with me

I made it some pyjamas
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Then last night it ran away
But first it wet the bed

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Poetry Please

Goodwill to men—give us your money by Pam Ayres

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The shops was full of cheer,
With tinsel in the windows,
And presents twice as dear.
A thousand Father Christmases,
Sat in their little huts,
And folk was buying crackers
And folk was buying nuts.

All up and down the country,
Before the light was snuffed,
Turkeys they get murdered,
And cockerels they got stuffed,
Christmas cakes got
marzipanned,
And puddin's they got steamed
Mothers they got desperate
And tired kiddies screamed.

Hundredweight's of Christmas
cards,
Went flying through the post,
With first class postage stamps
on those,
You had to flatter most.
Within a million kitchens,
Mince pies was being made,
On everyone's radio,
"White Christmas", it was
played.

Out in the frozen countryside
Men crept round on their own,
Hacking off the holly,
What other folks had grown,
Mistletoe on willow trees,
Was by a man wrenched clear,
So he could kiss his neighbour's
wife,
He'd fancied all the year.

And out upon the hillside,
Where the Christmas trees had
stood,
All was completely barren,
But for little stumps of wood,
The little trees that flourished
All the year were there no
more,
But in a million houses,
Dropped their needles on the
floor.

And out of every cranny,
cupboard,
Hiding place and nook,
Little bikes and kiddies' trikes,
Were secretively took,
Yards of wrapping paper,
Was rustled round about,
And bikes were wheeled to
bedrooms,
With the pedals sticking out.

Rolled up in Christmas paper
The Action Men were tensed,
All ready for the morning,
When their fighting life
commenced,
With tommy guns and
daggers,
All clustered round about,
"Peace on Earth - Goodwill to
Men"
The figures seemed to shout.

The church was standing
empty,
The pub was standing packed,
There came a yell, "Noel, Noel!"
And glasses they got cracked.
From up above the fireplace,
Christmas cards began to fall,
And trodden on the floor, said:
"Merry Christmas, to you all."



Poetry Please

Mistletoe by Walter de la Mare

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.

Christmas Haiku

Gathered home with songs

Gathered family rejoice

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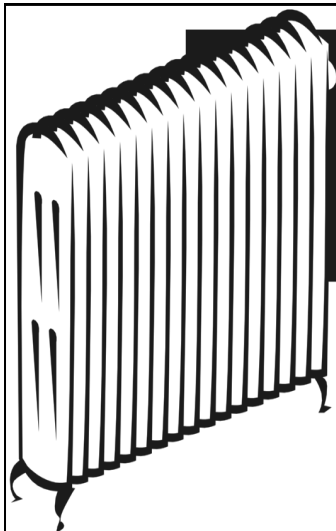
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Ding dong, ding dong, ding.....by Paul Hulett from Heathcote Park

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All seem to say "throw cares away".
Yuletide is here, bringing good cheer
To one and all, meek and the bold.
Ding dong, ding dong, that is their song
With joyful ring, all caroling.
One seems to hear words of good cheer
From everywhere, filling the air.
Oh, how they pound, raising their sound
O'er hill and dale, telling their tale.
Gaily they ring, while people sing
Songs of good cheer, Yuletide is here.
Merry, merry, merry, merry Yuletide.
Ding dong, ding dong, ding.....



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