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## What's in this month's magazine

The next two months see an appearance of your occasional Deputy Editor Jim Scrivens. This will explain any errors or oversights, please do not blame Keith! This month, in a bumper issue we cover many aspects of village life. The new bus timetable is given pride of place, we have gardening tips (and there are allotments available!), a little culture, and a quiz to test your historical knowledge. We have notices of upcoming events, the latest Parish Council news and some stories to remind us of the hard work that goes on to keep our village in top shape. We discover that the St Chad's Centre is to be formally opened on 5th March culminating in a Civic Service at St Chad's Church at 4pm, with the Bishop of Warwick in attendance. The Centre, which is already much in demand, adds significantly to the resources available to the Village. We celebrate the achievement of those involved and others who contribute significantly to village life and we also worry (through the eyes of an eight year old child) about the future of the elephants. To top it off we have some excellent photos of the village. What more could you ask for?

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

In February we will be praying for residents of:

Beale Close

Biffin Way

Bishop's Close

Bolingbroke Drive

Bradford Close

We also welcome all who are moving into Underhill Way and pray that they settle in to their new homes and soon feel part of the community.

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## Church isn't a museum for good people, it is a hospital for the broken

Rev Elaine Scrivens

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A couple of weeks ago I posted a picture on the St Chad's Facebook page which said:

"Church isn't a museum for good people, it is a hospital for the broken."

So, why did I feel the need to post this? Well, the week before I had been to the North East because a close friend had died. Jean and I had organised her funeral a couple of years ago and I'm so pleased we did because when I spoke to her family, I think they would have gone straight to the crematorium with a Civil Celebrant, maybe they might have had one hymn but not much more and the reason they gave was – 'Well we don't go to church.' I explained to them that one doesn't have to attend church to have a church funeral and they seemed genuinely surprised. I'm pleased to report that Jean had her church service, her coffin was led into church by a close friend carrying a cross, we sang 3 great hymns, heard a biblical as well as a secular reading and left the church to Acker Bilk's Strangers on the Shore. At the crematorium her granddaughter read a poem and we left to – "Wish me Luck as you Wave me Goodbye." Jean's family felt they had honoured her wishes and given her a great send off and they agreed with me that in future, they wouldn't hesitate to ask for a church funeral

It surprises me how many people today don't ask for a Christian service because they don't think they can. Quite often,

the funeral director might ask, "did your loved one go to church?" and if the answer is no offer a civil service instead. This saddens me as the church is there for everyone. If you live in the parish of Bishop's Tachbrook then St Chad's is your church whether you attend or not. That is how the Church of England parochial system works.

In this village we are lucky to have a beautiful 12<sup>th</sup> century church that is here for everyone. As the parish priest, I too am here for everyone. For me it is one of the great joys and privileges of being a priest. I get to spend time with people at the joyous occasions of their lives and also at some of the saddest times too.

At a baby's christening I am there at the beginning of their journey of faith. The little one, or sometimes they are older, gets baptised by water, anointed with oil and given a candle. In St Chad's they are also given an angel, knitted with love by a member of our Mother's Union. It is always a wonderful occasion. If you are considering a christening for your child then get in touch or check out [www.churchofenglandchristenings.org](http://www.churchofenglandchristenings.org).

Weddings are always a joy and if you live in the village or if your parents live in the village you can get married in our beautiful church. As far as it is legally possible, I want to welcome you for a church wedding at St Chad's. Are you



divorced? Okay, I will need to ask some questions but please don't rule a church wedding out. Again give me a ring or check out [www.yourchurchwedding.org](http://www.yourchurchwedding.org)

I've already mentioned funerals. I can honestly say that I have met some lovely people in Tachbrook through taking the funeral of a loved one. If you don't want a church funeral then I am happy to help you arrange a funeral at the crematorium. Each one of you is unique and I will help you give thanks for the unique person you knew or if you want to plan ahead of time, the unique person you are! I am very flexible and happy to be guided by you. I can assure you I will do my best to bring you comfort and hope. There is also a website to look at [www.churchofenglandfunerals.org](http://www.churchofenglandfunerals.org)

Of course, what St Chad's has to offer doesn't stop after the service, be it christening, wedding or funeral. We are there for you for as long as you need us. If you would like more information then email me at:

[elaine.scrivens@gmail.com](mailto:elaine.scrivens@gmail.com)

I look forward to hearing from you.

With every blessing **Elaine**

### **CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL**

A Revision of the Church Electoral Roll will take place during the period 19th February to 12th March. If you wish your name to be added to the roll, application forms can be obtained from church or from Joan Alderman (Tel: 651643). Those whose names are already on the roll **DO NOT** have to re-apply. Being on the Electoral Roll entitles you to vote at the Parochial Church Council AGM.

## **THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY**

### **Baptism**

Madeleine Grace Anntonia Collins

*We welcome her into the Christian Family.*

### **Marriage**

Ian McClusky & Kelly Brooks

Paul McCarthy & Liane Tobin

*We offer our congratulations and best wishes for the future.*

## **WHAT'S ON AT ST CHAD'S**

**February 5th** 10 am - Candlemas Service - a lovely service for all the family

**March 1st** Ash Wednesday There will be 2 services, one at 11:15am and the other at 7pm. The opportunity to be ashed will be offered at both services.

**March 5th** 4pm St Chad's Patronal Festival, Civic Service and the opening of the St Chad's Centre. Bishop John, the Bishop of Warwick will help lead our celebration.

The St Chad's Lent Course will begin on **March 7th** 7:30 - 9:30pm We will be watching the film The Way and using The Long Road to Heaven: A Lent Course Based on the Film by Tim Heaton We will meet at the same time throughout Lent, that is on Tues 14, 21, 28 March and April 4th. Everyone is welcome

# The Shed February 2017

As some of you will have seen there is work going on around by the Shed and the allotments constructing the new walkway to the Bloor homes. This work will be ongoing for about 8 weeks but during this time the Shed will be open starting from February 12th. Membership for the Shed will again be £1 which you will get back very quickly with the prices of the Shed stock. During the work cars will not be allowed up to the allotments or the Shed but will have to park in the club car park but as always I'm happy to carry any heavy bags to your car in club car park.

The BT Shed stocks various types of compost for seeds, potting on, baskets and general use: from John Innes nos 1, 2, 3 and seed to Clover Multipurpose and extra nutrient M3 - all at very reasonable prices. For feeding the ground ready for the growing season there is fish, blood and bonemeal, bonemeal, chicken pellets and Growmore along with specialist feeds such as phosphates and sulphates: all at excellent prices".

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For the wild birds I am stocking fat balls (6 for 50p), bird seed by weight and suet blocks. I am looking to stock more pet food and items in the New Year rather than to order so if there is anything you would like me to stock then please let me know.  
Paul.

## Supporting Your Magazine

We are hugely grateful to all those readers who have responded with envelope donations since our appeal in the November issue.

It's not too late! you can still drop off your contribution, in any old envelope as long as it's clearly marked "Parish Mag", at any of the following addresses:-

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Thanks for your support - **Parish Magazine Committee**

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Fully qualified playworkers holding a Level 3 Child Care qualification could earn up to £20.75 per session (£8.30/hr). The OOSC is committed to safeguarding and all applicants will need to undergo DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) checking. OOSC is an equal opportunities employer.



<b>Bishop's Tachbrook Calendar - Regular events</b>				
Mondays	Rainbows	Sports and Social Club	18.00-19.00	bishopstachbrookrainbows@hotmail.com 07828411786
Mondays	Youth Club	B.T. School	18.30-20.00	Anoushka76@hotmail.com
Tuesday	Pilates	Sports and Social Club	09.30-10.30	07769222524
Tuesdays	Over 50s	Sports and Social Club	14.00-16.00	01926 313020
2nd Tuesday of each month	History Group	St Chad's Church	14.30 winter 19.30 summer	01926336749
Tuesdays	Bingo	Sports and Social Club	20.00	01926 421621
Wednesday	Brownies	Sports and Social Club	18.00-19.30	Carolineloveday@sky.com
Thursdays	Tachbrook Tinies	Sports and Social Club	09.30-11.00	Elissa 07854427213
1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month	W I	B.T. School	19.45 – 21.45	01926 424135
2nd Thursday of each month	Country Dancing	Sports and Social Club	20.00	01926 314286
3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month	Parish Council meeting	B.T. School	19.30	01926 641220
Sundays	Bingo	Sports and Social Club	20.00	01926 421621

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

## **Winter Entertainment**

### **February**

#### **4th February – Quiz Night**

Pit your wits against The Judge.  
With a cash prize to be won, and prizes for every team, come and enjoy a fun quiz

#### **11th February – Skittle Night**

A great night of family fun with rounds for children and adults. We'll have a buffet too.

#### **18th February – Dave Lane**

Come and join Dave, who will be performing popular hits

#### **25th February - The Jaguar's**

Performing 20 No 1 hits and 16 Top 20 hits from the 60's, The Jaguar's are returning, playing music with a bite...

### **March**

#### **4th March – Quiz Night**

Pit your wits against The Judge.  
With a cash prize to be won, and prizes for every team, come and enjoy a fun quiz

#### **11th March – Disco**

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

#### **18th March – Paul & Rachel**

A popular duo, Paul & Rachel will sing favourites from the decades and get you dancing

#### **25th March - Insomnia**

You'll all agree New Years Eve was a great night, Insomnia are back to rock your night

## **AGM – date for your diary**

Our 50th AGM is to be held at 8pm on 31st March in the function room.

Please do try and come along and bring your questions for the committee or trustees, as well as voting for new committee members

## St Chad's Centre News January 17th 2017

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The time has finally arrived to announce that the St Chad's Centre will be open for business on 6th March 2017!

The official opening event will be on 5th March culminating in the Civic Service at St Chad's Church at 4pm, with the Bishop of Warwick in attendance to open the St Chad's Centre. For more information please visit the St Chad's Centre Facebook page which is now live! If you would like to take a look and 'like' us for up to date news go to: [www.facebook.com/stchadscentre](http://www.facebook.com/stchadscentre)

company offer donations to local projects. Please could you consider putting the St Chad's Centre forward to the scheme and Trustees would be happy to assist with any details your company requires to apply for funds. We have already had a number of donations via this route which Trustees are very grateful for.

Breathe Productions have been assisting Trustees this month with the final spec and fitting out requirements of the AV equipment, kindly funded by a generous parishioner. We have reached our target



The fundraising for the Centre has been going well with some exceptionally generous donations from local people and businesses. One way you could consider supporting the Centre is if your

for fridges and freezers but would welcome further donations in lieu of chairs and tables, especially the children's sized ones for toddler groups and birthday parties. If you can think of



equipment you would like to be provided in the Centre, could you also consider making a donation towards the purchasing of it?

To remind you of the cost of the furniture we're looking for donations towards 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

Children's chair x 25 —£35 + gift aid

Children's table x 6— £70 + gift aid

Pre opening bookings for the Centre have been strong so we recommend you getting in touch as early as possible with your requirements to avoid disappointment. For enquiries please email [stchadscentrebt@gmail.com](mailto:stchadscentrebt@gmail.com) By the time you read this article we hope the booking system will have gone live. If you want to check take a look at the Facebook page or [www.bishopstachbrook.com](http://www.bishopstachbrook.com)

The decorating weekends before Christmas went well and now the power is on you can really see the fantastic work carried out by those kind volunteers who gave up their precious time to help put their stamp on the Centre. We will be holding more decorating weekends in the future so if you would like to volunteer for a few hours please email [stchadscentrebt@gmail.com](mailto:stchadscentrebt@gmail.com) All equipment will be provided; all you need to bring is yourself in clothes you don't mind getting dirty!

These monthly updates will shortly be finishing with the last one reporting the official opening event. Many thanks to everyone for their feedback on the articles and especially to those who have got in touch as a direct result of our pleas in the magazine.

### OAKLEY MEADOWS

We'd like to give a warm welcome to all new residents to our parish – and wish them well as they make their new homes in our community.

Bloors tell us that by March, 30 new houses will have been built and occupied.

As a condition of the Planning Permission, Bloors have to install an accessway to link the new estate to the existing village. This will run from the corner of the estate by the school grounds to the Meadow playing fields, leading to Kingsley Road and so on to the village centre.

This accessway will take the form of a foot-path/cycleway which will be 3m wide with 2m wide grass verges on either side.

To provide the necessary width, we have had to relinquish a section of the allotments equivalent to 2 plots. Once completed the accessway will be lit.

For the duration of the works there will be no vehicle access beyond the Club car park. But the allotments and Horticultural shed can readily be reached on foot.

The accessway will not be opened for use until the autumn, because it will take that long to complete the roads on the estate side.

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Around 20 residents attended our consultation on the new road scheme on Oakley Wood Road. It was really excellent to see so many residents and hear your views. Comments have been passed to County Highways who we understand are equally pleased to hear suggestions prior to the formal public consultation. We will keep you informed via the website as to the consultation dates. Thanks to Cllr. Leigh Carter for leading this project and to all residents who attended.

£2,500 cut to the grants we receive from the District Council means that the precept must be increased. The election fees are rocketing with councils being advised by the District Council to budget between £2,500 and £5,500. We are also incurring costs as we undertake our own maintenance tasks as a result of failures by the District and County Council to maintain this parish to the standard we expect. Warwick Gates roundabouts are an example where we are still battling for reimbursement for the costs incurred by the working party. But the efforts of local residents attending the working parties do help to contain our maintenance costs. The approximate annual parish precept increase for a band D property will be £3.21 per annum in 2017/18.

Holt Avenue residents have brought to

our attention the flooding issues from land near to the new development. We will be talking to the developer of Oakley Meadows, to see if they can help to alleviate this problem.

Councillors, a bus user representative and a resident representative are meeting with County Council officers in early February to discuss the options for the revised bus routes publicised late last year.

Permission has now been given by the District Council for the siting of a bus shelter on their land in Warwick Gates. Cllr. Carol Gabbittas will be in touch with suppliers to try and move this forward. WDC has also given permission for new benches on their land in Warwick Gates. Cllrs. Lisa Balzaretta and Carol Gabbittas will be finalising the details.

Cllrs. Whitwood and Leeke are busy arranging for storage facilities on the Meadow for parish equipment. Work on the new connection between the Meadow and Oakley Meadows has started. Any issues please contact the Clerk. A big thank you to allotment holders and the Sports and Social Club for your co-operation in making this happen. A new mower is to be bought; this is being led by Cllr. Whitwood. Cllr. Leeke is trying to arrange for the old mower to be sold. By having our own equipment our grass cutting costs are significantly reduced.

The Warwick Gates noticeboard will be repaired shortly.

Following the completion of building

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Kevin Marshall



## Parish Council News (continued)

works at the St. Chad's Centre the contractor will reinstate the Village Green by mid-March. Once the contractor has finished their reinstatement works volunteers will be planting bulbs and hedges to ensure that the green once restored to its former glory, ready for spring and summer. If you would like to help please contact the Clerk.

Lastly, if you witness a crime please dial 101 and report it. You should insist on being given a reference number which should be noted. We have recently seen break-ins at the allotments and damage to our noticeboard in Warwick Gates. Please help us stop this by reporting crimes if you see them. For repeat offences please keep reporting the issue. If the offence is more serious or threatening please dial 999. Using this approach recently led to effective police action in dealing with dangerous anti-social behaviour involving motor bikes on the Meadow.

**\* SPRING IS ALMOST HERE!** Yes, it's that time when gardeners turn their thoughts (and spades) to flowers and vegetables. If you're a would-be gardener how about this year adopting an allotment? The parish has 2 half plots and 1 full plot available at the time of going to press - annual rent @ just £7.50 and £15 respectively. **Please contact Tony Wilkins on 314237 - he'll be happy to show you round!**

### Love with a smile

"Just last week I wrote: 'I still love you. See last year's card for full details.'"

-- Michael McIntyre

"Love is a friendship set to music."

-- Joseph Campbell

"In love, one and one are one."

-- Jean Paul Sartre

"The best thing to hold onto in life is each other."

-- Audrey Hepburn

"I think I love you, and eh, I-I just wondered by any chance you wouldn't like to... Eh... Eh... No, no, no of course not... I'm an idiot."

-- Hugh Grant, *Four Weddings and a Funeral*.

"You know you're in love when you don't want to fall asleep because reality is finally better than your dreams."

-- Dr. Seuss

"True love is singing Karaoke 'Under Pressure' and letting the other person sing the Freddy Mercury part."

-- Mindy Kaling

Our December lunch-time meeting was held at the Leopard, where we enjoyed traditional Christmas fare – the festive atmosphere, tasty food, liquid cheer and friendly jolly company. What a pleasant way to end our year of activities and look forward to another season of interesting meetings and outings. We will next meet on Tuesday, 21st February, at 2.30pm in St Chad's Church for the AGM. We will hear more about the 2017 programme, indulge in home-made cake, struggle with a quiz and have animated conversations with friends. See you there! Phone 01926 885938 or 336749 for more information.



***Here are some pictures relating to meetings in 2016. How many do you recognise?***  
***Answers below***



A



B



C



D





E



F

Answers

- A - 1914-18 – Women's War Work
- B - Henry VIII and some of his wives
- C - Oken's House, Warwick
- D - Grand Union Canal
- E - Zephaniah Job's Currency
- F - Walton Hall

Poetry Please

Valentine by Carol Ann Duffy

Not a red rose or a satin heart.

I give you an onion.  
It is a moon wrapped in brown  
paper.  
It promises light  
like the careful undressing of love.

Here.  
It will blind you with tears  
like a lover.  
It will make your reflection  
a wobbling photo of grief.

I am trying to be truthful.  
  
Not a cute card or a kissogram.

I give you an onion.  
Its fierce kiss will stay on your lips,  
possessive and faithful  
as we are,  
for as long as we are.

Take it.  
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wedding ring,  
if you like.  
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cling to your knife.



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## Views of Oakley Wood



## Keith Wellstead



It is easy to forget sometimes how beautiful the village can look in any season. These views remind us how lucky we are to be able to appreciate the subtle changes brought about by the passage of time.

## St Chad's Church in the Snow





## Help with the tree

The erection of the village Christmas tree was made a little easier this year with help from some of our St Chad's Centre workmen. The use of their equipment and the generous donation of their labour made a difficult task much easier. Thanks to all those involved!



## Tractor Men

Our two resident Fergie enthusiasts - Alan and Michael - have been selected to display their fine machines at The Model Tractor, Plant and Construction Show.

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**Alan's tractor;- a Massey Ferguson 135**

What a Christmas party you missed if you didn't join us. As always the food was excellent. A buffet supper with various salads followed by wonderful puddings. Everyone brings their own drinks, so as you can imagine the evening can be a little raucous..... one member ended up in a wheel barrow but I won't dwell on that. The entertainment this year was hilarious. We started with two humorous festive readings which was then followed by our annual panto. The cast mingled with the audience first but that didn't



really help in guessing who was playing who. I do know it was Mother Goose. The Dame resplendent in a little yellow number appeared to have trouble with her chest area every time she threw her shoulders back. Her son, Kevin (of Harry Enfield fame) managed to shrug or grunt in the right places and had two very attractive young ladies fighting over him even if one was wearing wellies. The goose had bright yellow legs but hadn't quite mastered honking more of a croak /quack . The final character was

the narrator who looked a little like Magnum PI but more like the Vicar with a hairy chest ! The evening was rounded off by carols . Thanks to Jim and his guitar. .

The following Monday a group of us went to Chester Christmas market. Not a lot of market but Chester was lovely. The same evening was a group Carol concert . We got back in time to eat, change and enjoy a lovely evening. We also managed to fit in a visit to the Loft, to see Oliver. A hectic start to the Christmas season, but what WI is all about enjoying yourself.

We don't meet in January but 23 of us enjoyed an evening at the Leopard.

We are also supporting a coffee morning in aid of the Air Ambulance.

Our February speaker is Stephen Duckham who is going to tell us about Musical Theatre and in March we will be learning about The Legend and History of Coffee. We are starting to plan this years programme why not come along to the next meeting and give us your suggestions.

I'm at the ready to accept your used postage stamps from all those cards you received or even old discarded bras now Santa has brought nice new ones.

Both items get recycled for charity.

It's a new year, why not give us a try.

We only meet 1 evening a month for a couple of hours and we are really friendly. Either give me a ring or just turn up at the school hall for 7:45 on the first Thursday. You'll be made very welcome.

# Bus timetable

## LEAMINGTON - BISHOPS TACHBROOK SUMMARY TIMETABLE

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## Attendees at 17th December working party:-

Paul Whitwood, Pete Ash, Keith Wellsted, Chris Bills, Graham Leeke,  
Mick Elliott, Bob White, Paul Woodfield

Green space 'Island' adjacent to cycle path completely cut back, new trees planted and young trees re-staked



The team—A big thank you to all those who turned out. Special mention goes to Mick Elliot who has been to every single one of working parties since we started - 12 out of 12, an example to us all ! Well done Mick and thank you



Next working party Saturday 4th February  
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## **Brownies and Rainbows**

2017 is an exciting time for the Guiding Leaders at Bishops Tachbrook Brownies as we have recently expanded to include the Bishops Tachbrook Rainbows on a Wednesday evening. We are all looking forward to the exciting programme ahead and getting to know all of the Rainbows.

BT Rainbows have lots of things to look forward to this term and having new leaders doesn't stop them from having lots to get their teeth into... literally! We are starting the New Year working on our Rainbow Roundabout learning all about how to get healthy. The girls will be learning all about healthy food choices including tasting fruits, experimenting making fruit smoothies and a fun night of dancing and exercise to look forward to. This year is going to be very exciting for BT Rainbows with a fun sleepover and we will be applying for a pre Christmas treat to see The Enchanted Land.

BT Brownies have a very busy and exciting term ahead. We have our annual Badge Bonanza Day coming up and with our group Badge work we will have road safety, cooking, artist and hostess professionals in no time! We will also be helping the community by completing a litter pick of Bishops Tachbrook Meadow and we have a lovely craft ready for Mothers Day. This year is going to be very exciting for BT Brownies as the leaders are already planning our Brownie Pack Holiday in July and our annual Swimming Gala.

With our new change we have lots of exciting activities planned for Rainbows & Brownies together. As a guiding unit we will be heading on our first joint outing to West Midlands Safari Park in June to come face to face with some of the fastest, tallest and cutest animals around. We also have a joint evening planned for Easter and our annual Sports Day competition is approaching.

Both our Rainbow & Brownie Guiding Groups are currently at full capacity. If you have a daughter aged 3 and upwards who would like to become a Rainbow or a Brownie, please contact Caroline Loveday on [carolineloveday@sky.com](mailto:carolineloveday@sky.com) or register your daughters interest on the official Girlguiding Join Us website.

### **WEATHER WARNING**

The AA have warned that anyone travelling in icy conditions should take a shovel, blankets, sleeping bag, extra clothing (including scarf, hat and gloves), 24 hour supply of food and water, de-icer, rock salt, torch, spare battery, petrol can, first-aid kit and jump leads.

**I felt a right fool on the bus today!**

January, early morn in Newbold Pacey, pale blue sky, fields silver with frost. All lay still until the rooks took off, cawing and chatting to each other as they crossed the field. They were soon joined by a party of Jackdaws all gathering to find food on the pasture. Redwings and fieldfares crossed from Scandinavia hoping for an easier winter now flew over our fields. A Greater Spotted Woodpecker drummed its echoey call on a hollow branch of a tree. All was awakening and starting their day very blissfully and calm until a couple of sheep had a coughing fit and broke the spell.

Lots of things are early this year. Great Tits sang in December. Collared Doves and Woodpigeons are at it (not too unusual). Hedge Sparrows are blasting their songs, while down at the bottom of the garden a Blackbird sang (my favourite) six weeks early!

Catkins were hanging in December. I've seen a couple of Primroses and nodding Snowdrops (oh, lovely snowdrops), then a sprinkling of snow held things back, not for long I hope.

I was in Walton on a sunny, cold day. I heard a Rook singing, yes, singing! It sat low in a tree. It started with the usual rough cawing, then elaborated with squeaky high notes - quite a range. It staged the whole concert for another rook some two hundred yards away. When it stopped the second Rook answered. Then the two Rooks sang a duet, full of feeling and meaning - well it was for them anyway.

Pepper the cat managed somehow to catch and unfortunately, kill a Harvest Mouse. I couldn't get there in time. They are so tiny; only about two inches long and about as wide as a finger, golden brown with a white tummy and pink toes. I've only seen two Harvest Mice and both were killed by cats.

Newbold Pacey again and a commotion! Two Jays squawked their parrot-like calls. Blackbirds joined in and so did Great Tits, Blue Tits and a Nuthatch. I imagine they had seen a fox nearby. I walked towards the commotion to find they were all halfway up an Oak tree, circling it. Not a fox but an Owl being mobbed as it tried to sleep for the day. It sat still and just hoped they would all go away. After about ten minutes they did. Maybe time to find another tree.



**Snowdrops**





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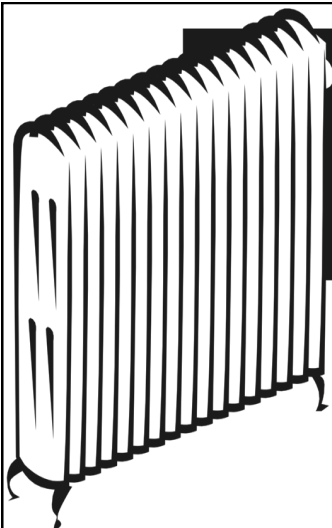
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The last meeting of the Group took place in November, readers might wish to note the following items from that meeting:

### **Housing Developments**

In our area there are a number of housing sites under development. As these become occupied they will have an impact on the locality in a variety of ways. One of these is the impact of an increasing population on the provision of health services. The surgeries in the area, including our own, are in discussion as to the best way to cater for the potential increased demand and make use of the funding provided by the developers to enhance this service. We already know that the Croft Medical Centre at Sydenham, of which the Bishop's Tachbrook Surgery is a branch, will have an extension built this year to provide another two consulting rooms.

### **Health Champions**

The South Warwickshire Clinical Commissioning Group is responsible for commissioning health care services on behalf of the people living in our area. They are looking for patients who would be willing to become Health Champions to help improve our local services. What would be involved? Health Champions would receive regular news and updates about what is happening in local health and social care services; they could take part in surveys and consultations to understand how the Clinical Commissioning Group spends its budget and sets its priorities; and could be involved in events, seminars and other patient and public involvement activities. Health Champions might wish to

take a particular interest in such areas as Public Health, Long Term Conditions, and Children and Maternity Services. If you would like to get involved, you can fill in a form available from the practice or go to the Clinical Commissioning Group's website [ <http://www.southwarwickshireccg.nhs.uk/> ] and click on the 'Get Involved' page.

### **Patients Who Miss Appointments**

The practice has a relatively high number of patients who miss appointments - an average of 30 each week over a six month period. This is both a cause of frustration to staff and those who are urgently trying to get appointments. While this is not a particular issue at the Bishop's Tachbrook Surgery, the last meeting were informed that four patients in the wider practice, who had each failed to keep three appointments without good reason had been removed from the Croft Register.

### **Dementia Pilot Scheme**

We know that nationally there is considerable concern about dementia. The Croft practice is about to embark upon a pilot scheme with seven other practices locally to support the identification and diagnosis of patients with dementia in Primary Care.

### **Social Prescribing Project**

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## **Veggie Voice**

### **February**

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lettuce, onion, parsnip, pea,  
radish

New fruit trees and bushes  
(delay if soil is frozen or  
waterlogged)

Potatoes indoors in a cool  
(frost-free) and light place;  
rose-end up in boxes or trays  
for early growth ('chitting')

**Grow** Dig in 'green manure' (plants  
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1917 Constitution of Mexico: February 5

Waitangi Day in New Zealand: February 6

Slovenian Cultural Holiday: February 8

National Foundation Day in Japan:  
February 11

International Mother Language Day:  
February 21

Independence Day in Saint Lucia:  
February 22

World Thinking Day - World Association  
of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts:  
February 22

Flag Day of Mexico: February 24

People Power Revolution Philippines:  
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Liberation Day Kuwait: February 26

Dominican Republic Independence:  
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National Day of the Sun: Argentina

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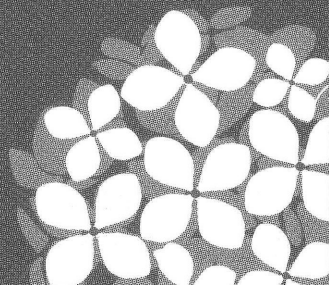
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## 1st Bishops Tachbrook Rainbows and Brownies



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**Rainbows** for girls aged 5-6 years old - 5pm till 6pm

**Brownies** for girls aged 7-10 years old - 6.15pm - 7.45pm

If your daughter is interested or you would like more information please contact Caroline;

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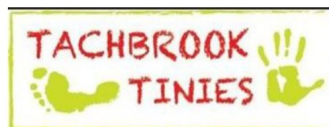
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1<sup>st</sup> February, 2017.

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- Organisations with a long term commitment to a sporting, educational or cultural activity
- Organisations with a commitment to activities which benefit the local community
- Events for such organisations which demand substantial costs

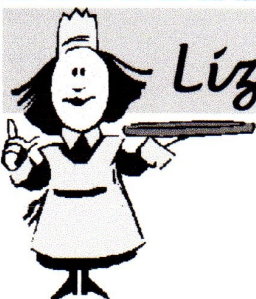
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- An agreement to publicise the activity in the Parish Magazine
- Subsequent details of how the grant has been spent

Written applications (by letter or form) should be submitted to Mrs Corinne Hill, Parish Clerk, Gaydon Fields Farm, Gaydon CV35 0HF or via email to [parishclerk@bishopstachbrook.com](mailto:parishclerk@bishopstachbrook.com).

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4<sup>th</sup> Feb  
4<sup>th</sup> Mar  
1<sup>st</sup> Apr  
6<sup>th</sup> May  
10<sup>th</sup> June  
9:30 to 13:00

**We Need  
Volunteers Please**



There are a number of jobs that need doing around the Parish such as clearing undergrowth from paths, trimming trees and general tidying etc. We're fed up with waiting for someone else to do it so we're now helping ourselves ! Following the previously successful working parties, we are continuing this in 2017, once a month on a Saturday morning to continue tackling the jobs that need doing in the parish. All tools, equipment and protective clothing will be provided. We really need your help so if you are willing then volunteer by contacting me at the email address below. It's fine to come along for just an hour or for the whole session. Your help would be really appreciated.

**Contact Paul Whitwood at [thewhitwood4@btinternet.com](mailto:thewhitwood4@btinternet.com)**

#### **St Chad's Vision Meeting**

The next Vision meeting will be held in church after the 10am service on Sunday 5 February. This is open to all members of the parish to hear what is happening and make suggestions. Please do join us.

#### **Calling all creative people!**

We'd love the new St Chad's Centre to become a hub for a community arts collective, offering kids and adults art classes, craft activities, demonstrations, talks and anything creative! If you'd like to help us get started or could contribute ideas or expertise, please get in touch. We'd like to have an initial meeting before the centre opens so we're ready to get started straight away.

Susan Watt - [suzwatt@gmail.com](mailto:suzwatt@gmail.com)

Holly Slater - [hollyslater50@gmail.com](mailto:hollyslater50@gmail.com)



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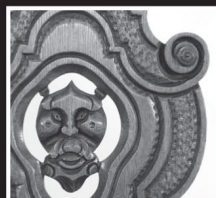
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