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What's in this month's magazine

Welcome to Issue 1 of 2019's guide to life in Bishop's Tachbrook Parish, a barely sophisticated mix of the scurrilous and saintly.

We start the year with new looks everywhere.:

- The magazine has a refreshed format with new layouts and fonts - feedback to the editor please.
- Revd Elaine asks you to take a fresh look at the church with ten healthy reasons for visiting St Chad's. Turn to page. 6

'New school and 150 houses, read all about it'

 There's six pages of information on the complex, and divisive, issue on plans for new schools, 150 houses and a reshaped country park running from the Harbury Lane junction down towards the village. What are your views? Take a look at pages 14 to 19.

 There's a new feature where items from past magazines are reproduced.
 This month we hark back to February 1960. See page 9.

Of course we have our normal run of interesting write ups from the groups and societies that form part of the social backdrop to the Parish. There's a blood thirsty piece on the Battle of Edgehill on pages 28 and 29. The always brilliant wildlife article and drawing from Steve on pages 30 and 31. And the calendar on pages 4 and 5 that illustrates the richness of Parish life.

If you have any comments and/or material you wish to submit please choose the appropriate e-mail address from the list below. *Happy reading*

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Weekly Events

Mondays	Little Tinkers Soft Play	St Chad's Centre	9.30 to 11.30	07917385747 or Facebook	
Mondays	Martial Arts 5 to 7 years 8 to 11 years 12 to adults	St Chad's Centre	16.30 to 17.15 17.15 to 18.00 18.00 to 19.00	andy@linkcube.co.uk	
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Mondays	Youth Club	B T School	18.30 to 20.00	btyouthclub@gmail.com	
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Tuesdays	Over 50s	Sports and Social Club	14.00 to 16.00	01926 313020	
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Wednesdays	Community Cafe	St Chad's Centre	10.30 to 12.00	01926 651643	
Wednesdays	Rainbows	Sports and Social Club	17.00 to 18.00	carolineloveday@sky.com 07796034371	
Wednesdays	Brownies	Sports and Social Club	18.00 to 19.45	carolineloveday@sky.com 07796034371	
Wednesdays	Tai Chi Beginners Intermediate	St Chad's Centre	19.00 to 20.00 20.00 to 21.00	07487685679	
Thursdays	Tachbrook Tinies playgroup for 0 to 5s	St Chad's Centre	9.30 to 11.00	Tachbrook Tinies on Facebook	
Thursdays	Postnatal fitness	St Chad's Centre	13.30 to 14.15	HELLO@MARICARMEN FITNESS.COM	

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What's on in February

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gardening, St Chad's Church, 01926 330050

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Tuesday 12th 14.30 **History Club**, **AGM**, St Chad's Centre, *01926 885938*

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Thursday 21st 19.30 Parish Council Meeting, St Chad's Centre, parishclerk@bishopstachbrook.com

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Wednesday 27th 10.00 –12.00, Churchyard gardening, St Chad's Church, 01926 330050

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Church anyone?

By Revd. Elaine Scrivens

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas. It was fantastic to see so many of you in St Chad's for our various services.

'Church is good for the thighs!'

So now, I have a challenge for you, you can call it a New Year's Resolution if you like – it's **COME TO CHURCH!**

Why you might ask. Well, here are my reasons!

- 1) Because it is community and there are some amazing people who are already there who would love to meet you.
- 2) Because all the standing and sitting in between hymns is good for the thighs and you'll save money on gym membership!
- 3) Because singing does wonders for the soul and is a real spirit lifter.
- 4) Because the building is ancient, interesting and beautiful and simply sitting in it can reveal new things.
- 5) Because, fancy that, St Chad's is YOUR church. Crikey, what a thing! So it seems daft not to use it.
- 6) Because when Christians get together they end up changing the world in a way they can't do on their own.
- 7) Because if you'd like St Chad's to be

around in the years ahead for a wedding, christening or funeral then someone's got to be there every week to make that viable – and it might as well be you.

- 8) Because it's good to think sometimes 'what can I give?' rather than 'what can I gain?'
- 9) Because in giving you will gain, and that's the funny thing.
- 10) Because you will meet Jesus. In the person sitting next to you. In the words you find spoken to your soul. In ordinariness of bread and richness of wine. You will meet Jesus.

And, of course, you would be very, very welcome.

Wishing you a happy and blessed New Year,

Flaine

Wreaths on Graves

PLEASE do not put wreaths in the green bins if there is any plastic or metal attached.

The volunteer rubbish removers would be grateful if you would take them away and put in your grey bin for Council collection.

Any remaining wreaths will be removed at the end of March in preparation for the mowing season.

MANY THANKS

What's on in St Chad's

Sunday February 3rd 10am – Candlemas – a lovely Service for all the family, bringing to an end the Christmas season and remembering the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple. An event beautifully imagined in the William Morris window in St Chad's.

Thursday February 14th 7:30pm – St Chad's Film Club. Come and celebrate Valentines Day with a glass of Prosecco and the film Silver Linings Playbook.

Saturday February 16th 1:30 - 3:30. Craft at St Chad's

Sunday March 3rd Civic Service 10am when we celebrate not only our Patron Saint, Chad, but give thanks for all the good things that happen in our community.

Wednesday March 6th 12:15 and 7pm Holy Communion for Ash Wednesday with the Imposition of Ashes (having the sign of the cross on your forehead in Ash as a sign of repentance.)

St Chad's Church Film Club

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doesn't always go according to plan. Pat Solatano (Bradley Cooper) has lost everything--his house, his job, and his wife. He now finds himself living back with his mother (Jacki Weaver) and father (Robert De Niro) after spending eight months in a state institution on a plea bargain. Pat is determined to rebuild his life, remain positive and reunite with his wife, despite the challenging circumstances of their separation. All Pat's parents want is for him to get back on his feet-and to share their family's obsession with the Philadelphia Eagles football team. When Pat meets Tiffany (Jennifer Lawrence, who won an Academy Award for the

role), a mysterious girl with problems of her own, things get complicated. Tiffany offers to help Pat reconnect with his wife, but only if he'll do something very important for her in return. As their deal plays out, an unexpected bond begins to form between them, and silver linings appear in both of their lives.

Do you enjoy watching movies? If there is a film you'd like to watch and discuss please let Elaine Scrivens know.

Advanced notice of a new electoral roll at St. Chad's Church

What is the Electoral Roll?

The church's Electoral Roll is the register of its voting members; it is a list of those qualified to attend and to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. Electoral rolls provide an indication of the real membership and strength of the

church.

Who can be on the **Electoral Roll?**

Baptised adults (over 16 years) who live in the **Ecclesiastical** Parish of Bishop's Tachbrook or who have worshipped regularly at St. Chad's for at least six months and are committed to being part of the life of our congregation.

in the life of the church at parish, deanery, diocesan and national levels. The roll is completely renewed every six years, at which point all members have to reapply for membership or else their names will be

deleted

names are entered on the present roll or not, must apply for enrolment during the period 24th February to 17th March 2019.

When complete, the new roll will be displayed in church for 16 days prior

> to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 7th April 2019.

> **Application forms** will be available, during the period of revision, from:

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The Revd. Flaine Scrivens, the Priest in Charge,

Mr Rod Smith, the Churchwarden.

Mrs Joan Alderman (Electoral Roll Officer Tel: 01926 651643).



Why Join?

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Please do consider becoming a member of our Electoral Roll so that you can play an active part in the life of St Chad's.

Looking back

Excerpts from past magazines

The page below is scanned from the February 1960 magazine. In those days there was an insert, 'The Coventry Diocesan Leaflet', the page featured, suggests children's books to read—anybody got any memories of reading any of them? If so let us know.



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9th February – Killer Skittles

Everyone welcome to join us for our Killer Skittles night. Great fun for all the family.

16th February – Twisted Minds

Local Leamington band Twisted Minds will be playing the best of rock from the 60's through to the Modern Day.

23rd February – Family Quiz Night

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MARCH

2nd March - Family Bingo

Eyes down at 8pm. Don't miss out on bringing all the family for our fun Bingo night. Lots of great prizes to be won.

9th March – Race Night

Want a fun family night out? Come and join us for our night at the races.

16th March – CT Riders Band

Newly formed, the CT Riders Band have a brand new set of Classic Rock n Roll covers from the 60's and 70's guaranteed to get you up dancing.

23rd March – Blink Watch

Rock and Pop cover band Blink Watch will be entertaining us with a variety of music from the 60's to present day.

30th March – Charity Quiz

The Judge will be testing your general knowledge for March's Charity Quiz.

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Parish Council News

By Matt Greene

Hopefully, by the time you read this, the evenings will be drawing out and (depending on how warm it is) we may be beginning to see the tips of the bulbs planted by the working party at the end of last year!

'Thank you Cllr. Graham Leeke'

In January the Parish Council were sad to receive the resignation of Cllr. Graham Leeke; Graham has worked tirelessly in our community, protecting and improving our Parish. Graham would willingly meet with contractors ensuring that our Parish was well maintained. Graham has been involved in work on the Meadow, on the Village Green and was of course a driving force on the Parish Council for the development of the St Chad's Centre. Graham will be sorely missed and we wish him well.

Thanks to ClIr. Bullen and ClIr. Leeke, the footpath on the embankment should be completed within the next couple of months. We have asked for the path to be finished in a material similar to the one used on the Oakley Meadows development. A landscape company has been instructed to plant some of the embankment; our working party (led by ClIr. Paul Whitwood) will complete the planting scheme with the addition of some trees. The working party also

intends to install "no-parking" signs at various sections around the Village Green - thank you to everyone who (come rain or shine) takes time out of their Saturday to assist with the working parties. If you are interested in getting involved please contact Cllr. Paul Whitwood.

At the January meeting of the Parish Council next year's Parish precept was set. The total precept has been increased to £73,000 for 2019/20, which equates to approximately 8p per month extra for a Band D property. The additional funds should allow the Parish Council to maintain the Greens and the Meadow to their current standard. secure more of our public open spaces, install play equipment, progress the Meadow Master Plan, mend the noticeboards (and install more on the new developments), help fund lighting on the driveway to the Sports and Social Club, as well as to consider bus shelters and traffic calming measures.

We are pleased to announce that the rent for the allotments on the Meadow will remain at £15 per plot. Many thanks to the manager of the allotment sites for collecting the funds for us for another year.

At the December meeting the Parish Council approved funds aimed at sharing the cost of a new lighting scheme on the driveway to the Sports and Social Club. Our thanks go to the Chairman of the Club for sourcing

quotes and driving this scheme forward. Once the scheme has been completed the Parish Council intend to work with the Club in looking at any other maintenance required for the driveway.

Replacement bins have finally arrived for the Meadow; our working party will be installing them in February or March. With thanks to Cllr. Balzaretti the noticeboards are going to be refurbished (one will be fully replaced); Lisa will also be looking at installing noticeboards on the new developments (assuming permission is granted by the landowners).

'Please read the article on the proposal for 150 homes and secondary school within our parish'

turn over the page

Within this magazine is an extended article on the proposed development of a new secondary school and 150 homes within our Parish. I would encourage residents to take the time to read the article and send their comments to the Clerk. At January's Parish Council meeting a number of residents raised various matters related to this proposed development; hopefully this article will answer residents' questions and articulate the binary nature of the question we will soon be posed – being the acceptance (potentially through acquiescence) of, or objection to, the

proposed development (school and houses as one).

Many thanks to the team who bought, collected and directed the Christmas tree. We were very grateful for their efforts in providing warming light to our community through the darkest part of the year.

The Parish Council has been provided with the 2018 accounts for the St Chad's Centre Trust Company Limited (which were signed following the AGM of the Centre in December). The accounts showed the Centre doing well and generating a surplus for the period. We remain grateful to the hard work of all the Trustees and volunteers involved with the operation of this valued community asset. At the AGM, founder member Andrew Day retired as a Trustee of the company (following a record seven years of service); Andrew received the thanks of all Trustees and Members for his commendable contribution.

May will bring District and Parish Council elections (how time has flown!). If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor please contact the Clerk for details.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Thursday, 21 February at 7.30pm at the St. Chad's Centre; all residents are welcome to attend.

Proposed Secondary School in Bishop's Tachbrook Summary of positions

By Matt Greene

This note seeks to provide residents with key information relating to the proposal to place a secondary school and 150 additional homes within our Parish. The intention is for the information to be presented in an unbiased way so as to ensure residents are made aware of the facts and thus able to form their own opinion of the proposals and feed back to us any comments they may have.

In the coming months Bishop's Tachbrook Parish Council (BTPC) expects a planning application to be submitted for the proposed development. BTPC believe it is important that residents are made aware of the background surrounding this matter and understand (to the extent they are foreseeable) the implications.

Background

The Local Plan for Warwick District was formally adopted in September 2017 by Warwick District Council ("WDC") following substantive work by WDC, and associated stakeholders, formal consultations and statutory inspection. This plan is now the overarching local policy document for our District until 2029.

The Local Plan specifically identifies the need for additional education provision in the District and identifies land adjacent to Myton School for a new secondary school and sixth form facility – it was originally intended that Myton

School would expand into this area, doubling its capacity. This intention is no longer possible due to a number of reasons beyond the scope of this note. Warwickshire County Council (WCC), who are responsible for education provision in the county, have confirmed that Myton School will not be able to expand, as planned, to help meet the secondary school education requirements identified in the Local Plan.

How the site was identified

With the Myton site no longer viable, it was necessary for WCC, in conjunction with WDC, to identify other possibilities for the provision of secondary school education within the District. WDC have advised us that a number of sites were considered with various criteria used to determine the best option. In responding to our questions regarding this matter WDC have stated that, given the imperative to find a solution, the two principle criteria for assessing all sites were:

- 1) is the site available; and
- 2) can it be delivered?

BTPC has received assurances that a thorough review process was undertaken considering all suitable sites along with some details of other sites that have been ruled out; however, it has not been possible to verify the rigorousness of the search. Details of the site option assessments have been

published and a link to these is available on the Parish Website.

A site within our Parish was identified by WDC/WCC and discussions with a developer (AC Lloyd) who have an option in place with the landowner took place. Part of the site identified had already been reserved via \$106 agreements (agreements between planning authorities and developers requiring certain actions to be taken) for a primary school, as set out in the Local Plan, as well as public open space, including allotments, and also as part of the Country Park expected within our Parish.

Proposed WCC / WDC School Plan



Original Country Park Proposal



Agreeing draft terms for a site within Bishop's Tachbrook

The developer advised WDC/WCC that the landowner would be willing to vary the current s106 agreements, from the fixed usage as set out above, on the land identified and include additional land so as to incorporate a secondary school site, as well as a revised primary school location.

In addition, due to the impact this would have on the original proposed site for the Country Park the developer and landowner were prepared to amend the agreements previously in place to include land further south of the original Country Park location into a revised Country Park site.

Along with the alterations to the existing agreement and the provision of the additional land, the developer and landowner wish to construct an additional 150 homes within our Parish and this will form part of the overall scheme.

Through correspondence between various parties in respect of the proposal it has been made clear that the developer / landowner is unwilling to make these variations unless the additional 150 homes are included as part of the scheme (i.e. the school, changes to the Country Park and the housing are mutually inclusive).

If the plan goes ahead we understand that WDC/WCC will receive the land for the secondary school at no additional cost to a Warwick District taxpayer. We have also been informed that the land originally identified for the secondary

school provision at Myton will be used for other educational provision.

Impact on the Local Plan

The additional 150 homes fall outside of the Local Plan and are therefore not required under that document. WDC have advised BTPC that the Local Plan does make provision for additional housing sites outside those that the plan specifically identifies - such sites are defined as "Windfall Sites". The Local Plan defines Windfall Sites as -

"Sites that have not been specifically identified as available in the Local Plan process. They normally comprise previously-developed sites that have unexpectedly become available."

While the proposed site for the additional 150 homes has not been previously developed, it would appear to meet the first sentence of the definition, given the breadth of that wording. However, the discussions BTPC has had with their professional advisors is that it is unusual to see a site of this magnitude falling within this classification.

Irrespective of the additional housing, the proposal to site the secondary school in our Parish and the change in location of the Country Park would be a departure from the blueprint agreed in the Local Plan and, therefore, WDC will need to follow due process in enacting any changes.

BTPC involvement

After being presented with the draft plans for the proposal by WDC and our District Councillor, Andrew Day, BTPC expressed concerns as to the impact of the proposal on our community, infrastructure and environment. By undertaking a number of rounds of correspondence and meetings with various stakeholders BTPC worked through the process that had been followed and sought further information as to how the site had been determined as the preferred option for progression. Our correspondence included seeking confirmation that there was actually a need for additional secondary education provision, this was confirmed by WCC. BTPC also sought further information on the site selection criteria and the evidence that led to the BTPC site being the preferred and most appropriate proposal - it is fair to say that the level of detail in the response was not to the satisfaction of all members of BTPC

BTPC made clear our residents' existing concerns over the wider level of development that has taken, and continues to take place, within our Parish and highlighted how we do not believe enough investment in both amenities and infrastructure has been undertaken to mitigate this impact. In response to being made aware of the proposals, BTPC also plainly stated to WDC / WCC in the first instance that it was:

- not opposed to the provision of a secondary school, provided it was in the most appropriate place within the district;
- opposed to an additional 150 houses outside of the Local Plan provision; and
- opposed to any significant changes to the size, location or minimum depth of the expected Country Park, to the extent it would be detrimental

in comparison with the original proposal.

BTPC made clear that, if such a proposal were to progress, WDC and WCC, along with the developer, have a responsibility to ensure that significant improvements are made within our Parish. This would require their support, assistance and, where possible, funding.

Mitigation items

As 2018 progressed it became clear that the Bishop's Tachbrook site was the only location being seriously progressed. In light of this, to make steps towards obtaining the improvements mentioned above, BTPC compiled a list of items which they believed should be addressed were the development to go ahead.

This list was discussed at a meeting between representatives of WDC, WCC, the developer and from BTPC. The meeting concluded with the Chief Executive of WDC, along with the developer and WC, agreeing to consider the points raised further.

At the November WDC Executive Committee meeting a list of community investment items for our Parish was included in the item updating members on the proposed secondary school. A number of the items that had been highlighted by BTPC were included on the list.

In addition to highlighting the wider District benefits (saving taxpayer funds, a larger Country park etc.), the report specifically includes:

mitigating traffic through the village

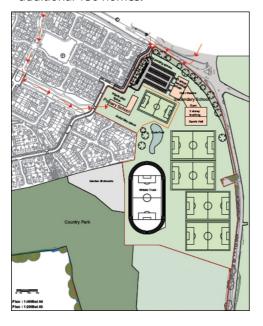
- via new village centre traffic calming scheme:
- ensuring the approach to the village along Oakley Wood remains rural in appearance and feel;
- keeping School buildings and structures to the north of the ridge on the site;
- ensuring community access to the sports and community facilities via a dual use agreement;
- extending the footpath/cycleway from the village to Oakley Wood and from there to the western end of the country park (east of Europa Way);
- connecting the country park either side of Europa Way effectively and safely;
- ownership of the country park (freehold/leasehold BTPC/WDC double lock);
- assisting the Parish with its Neighbourhood Plan and particular elements relating to:
 - further extensions of the country park south of the Tach Brook and north east of Oakley Wood Road i.e. Grove Plantation;
 - possible improvements to the sports and social club's facilities;
 - affordable/local connection home provision; and,
 - other environmental improvements.

Additionally it proposed that "[WDC] officers and local Members work with Bishop's Tachbrook Parish Council to prepare a Community Investment Package. This will be reported to the Executive for approval at a later meeting."

It should be noted that some impacts, such as loss of rural views as well as an overall traffic effect around Harbury Lane and the new adjacent housing developments is likely to be unavoidable.

Potential Alternative Scheme

Separate to the discussions around mitigating the impact of the development, should it go ahead, some members of BTPC were granted leave to work with a planning consultant and look at an alternative proposal which it was hoped would allow a way for the secondary school to be situated within our Parish but avoid the need for an additional 150 homes.



After detailed work had been undertaken this proposal was put to WDC and, through them, to the developer. The response from WDC was that the alternative proposal is not deliverable because it would require the

landowner and developer to consent to the proposal before it could proceed. The developer has made clear, on behalf of themselves and the landowner, that they would not be willing to progress the alternative scheme and without their cooperation WDC have made clear that the proposed scheme cannot be delivered.

Securing the mitigation items

The inclusion of many of the mitigation items identified by BTPC in WDC's Executive Committee meeting notes is encouraging; however, this is a long way from actually securing them. Additionally, not all of the items highlighted by BTPC were included on the WDC Executive Committee meeting notes, for example on traffic and environmental mitigation – "Construction traffic to access the site via the Fosse Way side of Harbury Lane and not through the residential hotspots of the Parish. Signage and restrictions to be put in place to minimise inconvenience and provide safety to residents of the Parish." was not included.

As such, BTPC has appointed a new planning consultant to work with them with the aim of securing as many of these mitigation items as possible into the planning conditions, should the scheme receive planning permission, so that delivery of those items will be legally binding on both WDC and the developer. Talks in this regard are continuing and we will continue to update residents.

What happens next?

Ultimately, unless the plans substantially change, a planning application will be

made for this development and, at that point, residents, as well as BTPC, will have the opportunity to "support", "object" or, in the case of BTPC, "not object" the proposed application.

This matter is one which has divided opinion on BTPC and throughout our community. The willingness to countenance the school will obviously depend on the personal views and the circumstances of every individual. The imposition of 150 homes in exchange for this school and the mitigation factors, to the extent they can be secured, will again divide opinion.

If any objections or support comments are made then they will be considered as part of the planning process – at the moment we understand that the proposal has the broad support of members of WDC.

Should planning permission be granted, the ability to request a "call in" by the Secretary of State also exists and remains a possibility. However, it is not possible to say whether such a procedure would change the outcome.

Every individual will have their own best case scenario for the outcome of this matter. Most people will agree that the worst case scenario is the school and the housing are approved, without the items on our mitigation list being secured.

By engaging with WDC on these matters it has been possible to progress the mitigation list. This list may partially offset the impacts that the proposal will bring. It is not clear whether strongly opposing the school will impact how,

and whether, these items are delivered; however, the potential impact should be kept in mind.

Your views are sought

BTPC will not predetermine its response to this matter. We will consider the planning application that is received on its merits and demerits. In advance of the application being received, it will be useful to hear the informed views of residents on this matter.

There is always the opportunity for a Parish Council to make comments on planning applications; however, its strongest ability is in whether it chooses to object to an application or not. Therefore, in setting out your views to us, it is important to keep in mind, the situation as it will ultimately be presented to BTPC i.e. a choice of:

- not objecting to the school, along with the housing, the country park changes and the mitigation aspects that we are able to secure;
- objecting to the school, the country park changes along with the housing and the mitigation aspects that we are able to secure and then relying on the higher levels of government to change the course of this development.

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Women's Institute

By Anne Allen

Oh what a lot seems to have happened over the last two months. We've had two wine group meetings, three book club meetings, two knitting groups, a centenary Christmas event in St. Mary's and a lunch with entertainment both organised by County, planted a tree to commemorate the Centenary, attended a Group Carol Concert in Warwick, eaten a meal at the Leopard and enjoyed our famous Christmas Party. I guess you are now thinking how on earth did those mad busy ladies manage to actually fit Christmas in to their schedules. The answer is time management or sheer panic.

'Get ready for a mission to mars'

We've lots of exciting events to look forward to this year. The Serious Science Lectures are taking us on a Mission to Mars and introducing us to Chemical Warfare. There are a bobbin lace workshop and a get to know your iPad workshop, a poetry morning and a talk by one of the War Horse Puppeteers. All of this together with the Centenary Gala Concert and the Annual Federation Meeting are giving us a busy start to the year.

Our Christmas party last December was very well attended. The food was excellent and the entertainment hilarious. Some of our newer members either didn't know how to say " no" or have realised that the more you put into WI the more you get out of it. The cast and the monologue readers were all very good. It was a brilliant evening a super start to the festive season.

A big thank you to the Leopard for coping with 24 of us . We had a lovely evening.

Unfortunately due to a slight mishap, Wendy and Piers were unable to host

'Don't just throw your old bras away'

their annual coffee morning in aid of the Air Ambulance. This is to take place later in the year so keep a look out for this event.

Ladies if Santa was kind and brought you some new undies don't just throw your old bras away. I'm still collecting them for Bravissimo. They donate to a given charity and also recycle all components of the bra. Clever or what. Stamps are too being collected. This year the Warwickshire federation are using them to raise money for ACWW a charity that works with women abroad.

I hope I've aroused your interest. WI is great fun. We now have a very wide age range, young mums through to grandmas everyone is very welcome. Why not come along one month and meet us. You might be surprised. Please give me a ring if you would like to know a bit more.

Anne Allen 424135

A big thank you

to all the Angel knitters crocheters and distributors, your help was much appreciated. I couldn't have managed without you. We have already started knitting and crocheting for next year. If you would like to or know someone who would like to knit a few Angels we would be delighted. Last year we only had about 350 . The more we have the further they are distributed. I can supply a pattern if needed and don't say I can't knit, there is a WI knitting group who are more than happy to show you how. If you have any left over part balls of wool the Angel knitters would be very grateful. Looking at the happy faces the morning after distribution, the children who found them on their way to school made it all worthwhile.

Yew Trees

In a recent article in the Telegraph about the planting of yew trees in church yards, it appears that due to them being so poisonous they were used to deter wolves and bears!! This obviously works because in nearly 40 years I've never seen either in our churchyard.

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Nature Page

By Steve Harvey

Early January, just before dawn breaks, Venus hangs brightly in the southern sky. Robins fill their lungs with chilly air and begin to sing. One by one they stake their claim on their chosen tall trees of many shapes and species that stand around me in silhouette as I listen. First light is

beginning to make itself known. I'm standing in a circle of five Robins all singing at each other.

The dark shape of a Heron flies silently across Venus. It's large wings in a relaxed flap as it heads towards the lakes at Ashorne. There's more than a hint of pterodactyl about it in this light.
The Robin that holds the territory nearest the cottage has prime position with sunflower hearts rarely running out. He had a partner before the end of last year, he sings, stays near her and chases off any other



Robin that comes near to her or the food.

Later that day and near Newbold Comyn an air incident was about to happen. Now, I'm not sure if anyone reads this scribble but, do you remember I wrote last year about a Peregrine that bullied a Gull? Well, I'll carry on anyway. In the same location as before a Gull cried out in panic. It



sped away as a Peregrine flew towards me at treetop height. It had no interest in the Gull because it was under attack from two Sparrow hawks. The tables were turned now the Falcon was being bullied by two smaller Hawks. The Sparrow hawks took turns in flying high then swooping down on the Peregrine. The Falcon's only defence was to turn on its back in mid flight and thrust its feet and talons out in the direction of the incoming attack. The Sparrow hawks anticipated this and pulled out at the last moment. This went on for a couple of minutes with the Peregrine screaming all the time. The Sparrow hawks had proved a point and flew off.

A few days later a
Peregrine flew over me in
Norton Lynsey. It came in
a straight line from
Leamington, looking
stunning with all its
markings clear to see. It
may even have been the
same bird.

Back to Ashorne. A bright sunny morning and an interesting encounter with a Fox. It trotted up behind the Village Hall. I couldn't resist trying to get its attention. There's a noise you can make, a sort of squeak an injured Rabbit might make. So I made it. The Fox stopped, turned to face me although it was some way off, and sat down just as a dog would have done. It spent a few moments looking in my direction scrutinising for any movement then trotted off. I love a little moment like that.

Now a few minutes after that and within a few yards there was a rare and exotic African bird wondering about as large as life. It looked very dapper in grey plumage. It had a white face, red jowls and a black neck. The bird stood a little taller than a chicken and seemed to have no fear of passing cars.

Not a single Twitcher stirred in a bush. Of course, if I told you it was an escaped Guinea Fowl that would only ruin the story. If that Fox gets its scent it may well be an extinct exotic bird!

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The kids' zone

My next door neighbour is a witch

By Samiya Vallee

My next door neighbour is a witch,
And she lives way down in a ditch.
Her clothing is a little strange,
Because she never wants to change.
She has a black robe and a black hat,
Green skin and a smelly black cat.
A big fat wart grows on her nose,
And seventeen pimples on her toes.

But...her food is EVEN worse,
Because she eats it course by course.
Her first course is seven dead bats,
Laid on top of seven rats.
Then she has twenty flies
With lots and lots of llama eyes.
Her main course is a horrible soup,
Because it's made with doggie poop.
But worst of all is her dessert.
Tt's little children rolled in dirt.

Last night she had a witch's feast
And turned into a greedy beast.
I think she cooked my best friend Tilly
And ate her with some peas and broccoli

Waiting At The Window

BY A. A. Milne

These are my two drops of rain Waiting on the window-pane.

I am waiting here to see Which the winning one will be.

Both of them have different names. One is John and one is James.

All the best and all the worst Comes from which of them is first.

James has just begun to ooze. He's the one I want to lose.

John is waiting to begin. He's the one I want to win.

James is going slowly on. Something sort of sticks to John.

John is moving off at last. James is going pretty fast.

John is rushing down the pane. James is going slow again.

James has met a sort of smear. John is getting very near.

Is he going fast enough? (James has found a piece of fluff.)

John has quickly hurried by. (James was talking to a fly.)

John is there, and John has won! Look! I told you! Here's the sun!

History Club

The Battle of Edgehill 1642

By Ian E Morley

'Local battles attract large audiences'

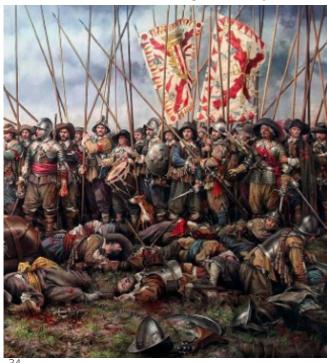
If I were a headline writer I would say "Local battles attract large audiences" Stephen Barker's talk packed in the members of the History Group, and their guests. He introduced himself as an independent heritage consultant and his work with The Battlefields'

Trust formed the basis for much of his talk. Here are what I remember as some of the main messages.

- There were three civil wars involving Charles I and his successors. The Battle of Edge Hill was the first major battle of the first civil war, and each side hoped that it would he decisive.
- 2. The civil wars were the greatest political, religious, military, and

financial upheaval since the Battle of Hastings, and in relative terms, the upheaval was perhaps greater than that in World Warl

- 3. On 22nd August 1642 Charles raised his standard in Nottingham. He recruited troops from Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, and Staffordshire and moved to Shrewsbury to find more. On October 22nd he moved to march on London with approximately 12,500 men. Parliamentary forces were based (mostly) in Worcester and perhaps 14,000 strong (but more dispersed). Charles' main objective was to march south and gain control of London. Parliament's main objective was to block any such move. The armies met just south of Kineton, although Charles arrived first and claimed the high ground at Edgehill.
- 4.It was in Charles' interest to seek battle before additional Parliamentary forces arrived. To this end he surrendered the high



ground and drew up his forces below Edgehill near the village of Radway. Parliamentary forces deployed southeast of the village of Kineton, and kept reserves hidden behind hedged enclosures. Battle was joined on the afternoon of 23rd October, and each side lost something like 1500 men.

'Charles 3 -Parliament 3'

The speaker declared the battle 'perhaps a three-all draw', and given different contingencies either Charles or Parliament could have won. At the end of the battle Parliamentary forces regrouped at Warwick and Coventry, but Charles was still in a position to march on London. He failed to exploit this advantage. Subsequent battles were equally

indecisive, until Cromwell formed his New Model Army in 1645 with fulltime professional soldiers.

The audience displayed much interest in stories of the Edgehill ghosts. Many had heard of the ghost of Sir Edmund Verney, who lost a hand when the King's standard was taken from him. I. for one, had not realised that people who walked across the battlefield. soon after its conclusion. had reported ghosts in the night skies, reenacting the battle in both audio and visual form. Apparently. King Charles had both the time and the inclination to set up a Royal Commission which also verified those sights and sounds.

There is only one headstone to mark the passing of 3,000 men. It was the custom for corpses to be completely

stripped by local people and buried in mass (unmarked) graves. Some say that when the dead were all finally buried the sightings were much diminished, but that is another story.

The speaker concluded his talk with details of recent archaeological surveys, local exhibitions (e.g. in Radway Church) and with guidance to further reading. I found the website of The Battlefield Trust extraordinarily clear and helpful. Following the talk I have visited the exhibition in Radway Church and it is well worth a visit.

There is much that I have left out: such as ways in which the terrain has altered. For example, most of the trees that dominate the Edgehill escarpment were planted after the battle.



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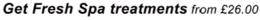
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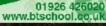
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recently visited Coventry Cathedral to take part in a service of thanksgiving with the Bishop of Coventry. We met Rev Elaine, who was also taking part in the service in her role as Chair of the Diocesan Board of Education. Our Y6 councillors proudly carried our fabulous new banner, emblazoned with Jesus' words: 'Love your neighbour as yourself'. Pictured are pupils at the Cathedral.







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As part of Year 5's Science, Mrs French organised our second annual 'Space Night' in November with four visiting postgraduate astrophysicists from Warwick University. Pupils were able to use the University's telescopes to view the Moon, Mars as well as various constellations. The students also answered our questions about all manner of phenomena

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