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# Togetherness

#### Rev Elaine Scrivens

This morning, before setting off for the fete, I was watching England play rugby against the All Blacks. Jim and I were talking of the importance of teamwork, that some players, although in a team, do not always consider others but are determined to make a name for themselves. I was reminded of something I'd read in the Independent a number of years ago and I have used it on a number of occasions since. It was written by the English rugby player Lawrence Dallaglio. As a Welsh person it hurts me to say this but Dallaglio was a talented individual player, this is what he wrote — 'There's a huge sense of achievement in doing something on your own, but if I was going to climb Everest I would rather do it with somebody else and be able to hold hands at the top. Life is about living and working together, not about being on your own, and to look around the changing room after winning a tough game... you can't beat that togetherness.'

This made a big impression on me, life is about living and working together. This is especially true when you take on a challenge and having spent today at the fete it is so apparent to me that without people pulling together, using their various talents, our fete would not be the success that it is. The planning begins in September with a meeting to discuss what was good and what could we improve in the future; what new ideas might people have and then in the background people come together to enable a successful event to take place. Could I take this opportunity to thank everyone involved this year in whatever way. Your hard work and support enable us to maintain St Chad's as a vibrant worshipping community, where together we can build up the body of Christ.

Of course now the world's eyes are focused on Brazil and the World Cup, again teamwork is very much involved; this year's World Cup theme song is entitled "We Are

One," and it was interesting to read that Pope Francis had delivered a video message in Portuguese to the organisers, players and fans of the World Cup. He expressed hope that the tournament could be a festival of solidarity between people of different parts of the world, stating that, "to win one must overcome individualism, egoism, all forms of racism, intolerance and exploitation of human beings."

So we come to England and the World Cup. You may be surprised to know that the Church of England has published five prayers for the World Cup. They have been written by the Bishop of Leeds the Rt. Revd. Nick Baines. Bishop Nick says, "My hope is that the World Cup would be a reminder of the joy of a nation coming together in a common cause something that in itself is worth celebrating." Again, a coming together.

In August our village will come together again for Tach Fest, in October we will celebrate Harvest together and in November remember those who have fought for our country. At St Chad's we would like to put on a small exhibition of World War 1 memorabilia — would you be interested in helping us do this? Together we can make Bishop's Tachbrook and Warwick Gates close knit communities, where we care for one another regardless of background, gender, or age. Oh, and one of the prayers for the English team is based on one I wrote about a couple of months ago by Richard of Chichester:

"God, who played the cosmos into being, please help England rediscover their legs, their eyes and their hunger: that they might run more clearly, pass more nearly and enjoy the game more dearly. Amen."

You can find out more on the C of E Facebook page - <a href="www.facebook.com/">www.facebook.com/</a> thechurchofengland

Have a wonderful Summer, God bless, Elaine

\*The Independent 4.9.07

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Charities attending are League of Friends at Leamington Spa Hospital, Cystic Fibrosis Society, Cats Protection League and Encephalitis Society.

Activities for all the family including archery, climbing wall, pony rides, face painting, nail painting and penalty shootout.

Arena and Stage Events including Classic Cars, Country Dancers, Dog Show and bands ranging from acoustic to rock and pop.

The fun will continue into the evening with bands at the Sports and Social Club so make sure you stay around!

We are particularly still looking for any local groups who want to fundraise for their group and bands/acts for the stage or arena. Please contact Cathy Herbert on 07926 584202 or cathy.herbert@btinternet.com

We look forward to seeing you there!

#### **Special Open Evening on Local History**

On Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2014, Harbury Society will be hosting a special Open evening together with the Bishop's Tachbrook History Society to which non-members of either Society are most welcome.

The subject of the talk will be a review of the excavations of a substantial 2<sup>nd</sup> century Romano-British settlement at the foot of the Burton Dassett Hills which was completely unknown until its chance discovery in 2000.

The guest speaker will be Peter Spackman, a BA (Hons) in Archaeology from the University of Leicester, who was involved with this project from the outset, taking the lead role in 2009 as the Director of Archaeology of the local Feldon Archaeological Society. He will give an illustrated talk, and also describe the wide range of remarkable finds – many of which will be on view during the evening.

The meeting will be in the Tom Hauley room, adjacent to Harbury Church, at 7.30pm for 8 pm: free wine will be available for first comers....

Philip Bushill-Matthews 01926 612476 <u>bushillm@aol.com</u>

#### **Uncle Bob by Elaine Scrivens**

I'd like to tell you about one of my heroes. His name, Robert James Bye but to me he was Uncle Bob. He was my grandfather's big brother, who before the Great War lived in the small Welsh mining village of Penrhiwceiber and worked as a miner.

In 1915 he joined the Welsh Guards and in 1917 found himself in Ypres, which must have seemed like hell on earth. An extract from his battalion's war diary recorded: "The sight was one never to be forgotten. During the night for six hours incessantly the enemy batteries and lines were dealt with by gas shells... and when the actual Zero hour came, boiling oil was poured on the enemy and the place became a perfect inferno."

Uncle Bob, who by 1917 was a Sergeant, and his platoon moved forward behind a rolling barrage – but incredibly, not everything in its path was destroyed. A concrete blockhouse manned by German machine gunners survived and was threatening the Guards' advance. It had to be taken and, as platoon leader, Bye had to do it. He crawled across open ground, bullets spewing at him from the pillbox. He got close enough to lob Mills bombs into the building, they exploded and the machine guns fell silent. However when his platoon reached Wood 16 another machine gun nest had opened up and

under a hail of fire my uncle destroyed that one too.

His citation, as published in the London Gazette read:

No. 939 Sjt. Robert Bye, Welsh Guards (Penrhiwceiber, Glamorgan).

For most conspicuous bravery. Sjt. Bye displayed the utmost courage and devotion to duty during an attack on the enemy's position. Seeing that the leading waves were being troubled by two enemy blockhouses, he, on his own initiative, rushed at one of them and put the garrison out of action. He then rejoined his company and went forward to the assault of the second objective. When the troops had gone forward to the

attack on the third objective, a party was detailed to clear up a line of blockhouses which had been passed. Sjt. Bye volunteered to take charge of this party, accomplished his object, and took many prisoners. He subsequently

advanced to the third objective, capturing a number of prisoners, thus rendering invaluable assistance to the assaulting companies. He displayed throughout the most remarkable initiative.

He was invested with his VC by King George V on September 27, 1917 and his medal can be seen in the Guards Regimental Headquarters in London. After the war he moved to Warsop in Nottinghamshire and joined the Sherwood Foresters, with whom he fought in WW II.

He was a lovely man and I am very proud of him.



#### Remembering Bishop's Tachbrook's Heroes

The Bishop's Tachbrook War Memorial was unveiled and dedicated by the Bishop of Coventry, the Right Rev Huyshe Wolcott Yeatman-Biggs, on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November 1919. The memorial takes the form of a cross of Cornish granite and is inscribed: 'To the glory of God and in grateful memory of the men from this parish who suffered and gave their lives for their country in the Great War 1914-1918.'

Frederick Boneham, son of Alice and James, an agricultural labourer, died of his wounds in Mametz Wood in 1916 when he was 20.

Ernest Cox, son of Mary Ann and George, a labourer and hedge cutter, was a domestic gardener. He was 5'8" tall and had brown eyes and sandy brown hair. He emigrated to Canada, where he enlisted in 1916. He died in 1918 aged 34.

**Albert Doughty,** son of Elizabeth and William, an agricultural labourer, died in Egypt in 1915 aged 26.

**Percy James Driver**, son of Martha and George, a local stockman, was killed in France in 1917 aged 24.

Harry Ernest Fox, son of Mr & Mrs Fox of Highdown Cottages and husband to Beatrice, was killed in action in France in 1918 aged 30.



**Paul Jackson**, husband to Mabel of Chapel Hill, worked in the excise office in Leamington Spa. He was killed in action in 1917 aged 27.

**John Arthur Victor Percox,** son of John, a waggoner, and Harriett, was killed in Mesopotamia in 1918 aged 21.

**Cyril Knight Underhill**, son of Caroline and Thomas, a local labourer, enlisted in Scotland in 1914 and saw some of the severest fighting in France. He spent his last four birthdays at the front and died in 1918 aged 25.

Arthur Underhill was killed in 1918 in a railway accident in Belgium aged 23.

**Louis Bernard Yardley,** son of Hannah and Benjamin, a gas stoker, served in France for 4 years and was killed in 1918 aged 27, by a stray shell.

#### Always remembered.

The above information is taken from 'Bishops Tachbrook Past and Present'. With thanks to Bishop's Tachbrook History Group.

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# BT Primary School

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#### **Food Fayre**

Teachers painted faces, helped pupils sell their own snacks and worked tirelessly to liquidize fresh fruit for the hugely popular cocktails enjoyed by all. Thanks to the seamless organisation behind the scenes from Sarah Brewster and the PTA team this event was once again a really terrific start to Summer. Many thanks to everyone

involved, especially the pupils for their hard work in making this all happen again.













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# St Chad's Crypt

Dylan Marksman

I grew up in Tachbrook in the early 1970's and spent some time in the choir just like many children who attend the village school – it was strongly encouraged by the Headmaster of the time, Mr Wilson.

This evening I have been taking a nostalgic trip "down memory lane" and came across the village web page and some details about St Chads. It was very interesting to read that the marks in the church wall were from archers sharpening their arrows – as children we believed they were made by "Saxons sharpening their battle axes".

I also picked up on the text which said "Inside the church, as might be expected, there are many memorials to members of local, important families of yesteryear, and it is possible that a crypt exists under the floor of the nave". This sentence made me smile a little because there is most definitely a crypt because I have seen inside.

The Verger in the early 70's was a gentleman known as Berty Bull. I assume his name was actually Albert Bull, but to any child of the era he was a formidable man, quite scary, and not to be messed with. And, if you ever decided to go into the churchyard at night to mess around we all knew that he would have magically turned into a charging bull with horns and would swiftly dispatch any children in his path. The closest that many of us ever came to such delinquency was to walk back from cubs through the churchyard after dark – scary enough for any young scout with or without the threat of Berty.

As it happens, Berty was not so terrible once you got to know him, and if any children attended choir regularly and sang at weddings and special events, he would over time and if you were lucky reward you with a couple of very special treats. One was to climb to the top of the bell tower and look out over the village towards Warwick Castle which was by itself special, but if you were still in the choir at the age of 10 years and attended regularly he would occasionally for a rare treat show the crypt – and I was lucky enough to see it.

I still remember shaking a little with my best friend Steven Tibbs (AKA Tibsey) as Bert lowered in a lamp which picked out a lead coffin across to one side which was still partially covered in studded leather. A little naughty I know, but a moment of my childhood that was unforgettable and one that I have always truly appreciated.

You most likely know already that there is a crypt, and I understand that its existence may have been described as "Possible" to deter any over curious visitors to the church. But just in case you weren't sure, I can say hand on heart that there is still someone important under the floor of the nave listening to you each Sunday.





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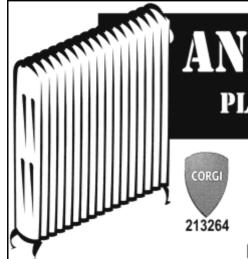


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#### From Grain in the Far to Minor Heat

#### Keith Wellsted

As I write this, in a steamy Beijing, the Chinese Lunar calendar tells us it is the "Grain in Ear" term running from around June 6<sup>th</sup>. By the time that you read this article it will be "Minor Heat" term. The Lunar calendar is split into 24 solar terms created by ancient working people of China to reflect the changes of weather, climate and natural phenomena. The terms are closely related to agricultural production and every aspect of daily life, including clothing, food, housing and transportation.

The philosophical classic from the Western Han Dynasty - Huainanzi (or "The Philosophers of Huainan") has a complete record of the 24 solar terms. I love the names of some of these and they seem to bear a close relation to our own seasons. So here they are:

"Start of Spring": around February 4th of the solar calendar: the beginning of spring.

"Rain Water": around February 18th of the solar calendar: indicating the gradual increase of rainfalls.

"Awakening of Insects": around March 5th of the solar calendar, indicating a relatively fast temperature rise and possible spring thunders.

"Vernal Equinox": around March 20th of the solar calendar: the equal length of day and night.

"Clear and Bright": around April 5th of the solar calendar, indicating clear skies, fresh air, warm weather and lush plants.

"Grain Rain": around April 20th of the solar calendar, indicating the increase of rainfalls, which is good for grain crops.

"Start of Summer": around May 5th of the solar calendar: the beginning of summer. "Grain Full": around May 21st of the solar calendar, indicating that the seeds of summer crops are getting plump but not ripe yet. "Grain in Ear": around June 6th of the solar calendar: the ripening of wheat crops and the beginning of a busy farming season.

"Summer Solstice": around June 21st of the solar calendar: the extreme of summer in astronomical terms.

"Minor Heat": around July 7th of the solar calendar: the hottest days are yet to come.

"Major Heat": around July 23rd of the solar calendar: the hottest time of the year.

"Start of Autumn": around August 7th of the solar calendar: the beginning of autumn.

"Limit of Heat": around August 23rd of the solar calendar: summer is coming to an end.
"White Dew": around September 7th of the

"White Dew": around September 7th of the solar calendar, indicating that the temperature begins to fall, the weather is getting cold and there are dewdrops in the morning.

"Autumnal Equinox": around September 23rd of the solar calendar, indicating the equal length of day and night.

"Cold Dew": around October 8th of the solar calendar, indicating lower temperature, dew in the air and cold feeling.

**"Frost Descent":** around October 23rd of the solar calendar: the appearance of frost.

"Start of Winter": around November 7th of the solar calendar: the beginning of winter.

"Minor Snow": around November 22nd of the solar calendar: the beginning of light snowfalls.

"Major Snow": around December 7th of the solar calendar: the beginning of heavy snow-falls.

"Winter Solstice": around December 22nd of the solar calendar, indicating the extreme of winter in astronomical terms.

"Minor Cold": around January 5th of the solar calendar: the weather is getting colder, but the coldest days are yet to come.

"Major Cold": around January 20th of the solar calendar: the coldest time of the year.

For advice on exploiting the 24 lunar terms to get great fresh fruit and vegetables contact Susan Watt or I on:

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# Oakley Wood Events 2014



**Bat Walk** 

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#### Sunday 5th October - 10am

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#### **CROFT MEDICAL CENTRE – Patient Participation Group**

Karen Malecki is the new enthusiastic Manager of the Croft Medical Centre and her Action Plan indicates a busy time ahead to enhance the services offered. Have you noticed the improvement in visual displays at the village surgery?

The following summarises some of the points from her Action Plan and from discussions at the last meeting of the PPG, which included Dr Dhesi, the Manager, a nurse, Reception Manager and about 8 interested patients.

- \* The surgery is in contact with the Warwick District Council regarding proposed local housing developments and expansion of surgery facilities.
- \* IT Update Dealing with some problems including the IT announcement service at Croft; provide an extra workstation at BT to pre-empt expansion of facilities and redecoration of the staff reception area.
- \* Patient feedback/suggestions from the recent patient survey are being reviewed by the practice and PPG.
- \* A Practice Leaflet and booklet with updated surgery information will be available shortly
- \* Monthly national campaigns on specific health issues will be highlighted on surgery notice boards.
- \* A Focus Group is looking at Reception practices and Staff are studying how Customer Care/difficult situations/complaints can be dealt with effectively.
- \* The Appointment System will be amended on July 1st. At Croft the need to phone between 8am-9am to arrange an appointment that day will no longer apply. Requests for urgent appointments will be considered daily by a doctor and more use will be made of the Triage Nurse and the Practice Nurse (who can prescribe).
- \* The Appointment capacity is under review.
- \* Communication with patients is under review; a Quarterly Newsletter will be produced for both surgeries
- \* A focus group will review multi-media methods of promoting available services through both surgeries.
- \* The Manager will advise the PPG of any issues affecting the practice which may require action by the PPG.
- \* Local doctors are discussing how patients who have complex health needs leading to unplanned hospital visits can receive better clinical help within the community thus relieving pressure on hospital emergency facilities.
- \* Plans to operate a memory assessment clinic, utilizing the skills of outside bodies, are under discussion;
- \* The practice is participating in an information meeting for Polish and Portuguese residents in the area.
- \* Patients over 75 are now legally required to have a named doctor to co-ordinate their care. Patients are currently being advised by mail of their specific doctor; this can be re-allocated if the patient so wishes.

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- \* A Care Quality Commission initial assessment of the practice was recently carried out. The inspectors were favourably impressed by the atmosphere of the surgery, motivation of the staff, the availability of both a practice nurse and Triage nurse and the existence of an active PPG; they also suggested amending procedures in some areas of operation. A full assessment will be carried out in 18 months time and publicised.
- \* It was shocking to learn that in the two previous <u>days</u> patients had not turned up for two 30 minute appointments and one 20 minute appointment involving both a doctor and nurse.

#### Next Meeting: Tuesday, 22nd July at noon – 2pm Venue: Sydenham Surgery Meeting Room

Notes by Anne Kirby (01926 336749 for information)

#### IS YOUR LOCAL VOLUNTARY VILLAGE GROUP SHORT OF FUNDS?

Each year the Parish Council sets aside funds to support and enable community development within the Parish of Bishop's Tachbrook. The 2014/15 first funding round will start in July with all applications having to be filed with the Clerk by 31st July. Incomplete documentation and late submissions will not be considered. Full details are available on the website or please contact the Clerk. Applications are invited from:

- $\cdot$  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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- · A written application outlining the aims/purpose of the organisation
- · A detailed proposal of the project/programme for which funding is required and the benefits it will bring to the parish
- · A copy of the organisation's accounts for the previous year
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## Summer Entertainment

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#### 12th July - Race Night

Come and join us for a family night of fun, sponsor a race or just back a winner, all welcome.

#### 19th July - 80's & 90's Disco Night

After the success of our last one, another 80's & 90's disconight. Dust off your leg warmers and come and have a dance

#### 26th July - The Harry Rag Band

A regular club favourite, playing all the hits from the 50's, 60's and 70's

Don't forget we've got all of England's World Cup matches on the big screen, with discounted drinks during the games

#### August

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> August - WW1 Remembrance Evening

Bishops Tachbrook comes together to remember the war effort from the village

#### 9th August - Tach Fest

From archery to inflatables, singers, bands and classic cars. An event to bring our community together from midday on the playing fields, 'M.i.M Collective' on stage in the meadow from 6.30pm and 'Rena and the Renegades' on in the evening.

#### 16th "August - Torzi Finnie

Female artist back by popular demand to sing for us

#### 23rd August - Phil King & The Royals

A great local band playing rock and roll songs from the 50's, 60's and 70's

We've got a great September lined up for you too

#### World War 1 Remembrance

On Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> August The Sports and Social Club will be remembering the start of World War 1.

With live music and sing alongs, fancy dress and food too, Sausage & Mash and Trench Stew with crusty bread all available, put this date in your diary and remember to come and join us as we turn back the clock.

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## Parish Council News

Corinne Hill

Over the last 2 months much of our time and energy have been taken up with planning matters:-

**Draft Local Plan** - your Parish Council has commented on the soundness of the Submission Draft because it is clear from the latest population projections published on 29 May by the Office of National Statistics that far too many houses are being planned for the District - the Courier has been covering this story week by week. You can find more detail on our web-site. We have requested an immediate review of the draft Local Plan, stressing the opportunity to avoid allocating more green fields for housing development.

Warwick District Council will be reviewing the responses from the **Gypsy and Traveller consultation** in mid August. We will keep you up-dated.

Councillors are liaising with **Bloor Homes** (their Planning Application envisages 150 homes between the allotments and Oakley Wood Road and is included in the DLP) to try to ensure a lit cycle path round the edge of the Meadow linking the new housing with the village.

We have registered objections to Planning Applications for housing at Seven Acre Close (25 houses), land south of Gallows Hill/west of Europa Way (up to 450); and land on Lower Heathcote Farm (785). These responses require a lot of detail to be marshalled and we are hugely grateful to Cllr Ray Bullen for preparing our arguments. These can be viewed on the WDC website.

#### Other matters

**Traffic calming** - we have won a £3,000 grant for a visual display sign (VAS) opposite The Leopard to reinforce the 30mph speed limit. We are now trying to raise the balance of £3,500 from local businesses. Our Community Speed Watch team has most recently carried out surveys on Mallory Road. The team could do with more participants - please contact Leigh Carter.

**Parking for visitors to Oakley Wood** - WCC Highways will be closing the Moreton Morrell road for a week on 18 August for road repairs. These will include provision for a layby to park 2/3 cars at the NE corner of the wood.

In the last month the Pay-Back team have carried out **strimming and clearance work** on the BMX track, the access road to the Club, and along the cycleway. The PC pays the Probation Service a fee for this work.

An enforcement notice has been placed on the land off Oakley Wood Road which has been subject to **fly-tipping** requiring it be cleared within 2 months.

**Slurry sealing** has been completed on the pavements of Wychwood Close and large sections of Mallory Road.

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#### **Parish Council News continued**

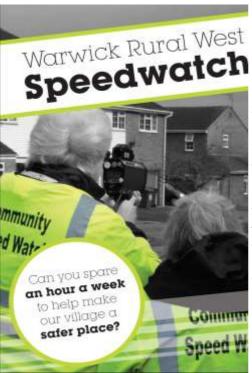
The accounts for the year ended 31 March 2014 have now been finalised and the annual report has been sent to the external auditor. If you wish to look at the accounts please contact me.

Our next meeting is on **Thursday**, **17**<sup>th</sup> **July at 7.30pm** at Bishop's Tachbrook Primary School.

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# Community Speedwatch update by Leigh Carter

During May the CSW team carried out x12 patrols on Oakley Wood Road and Mallory Road. The results recorded are summarised below.

A total of 144 letters were sent out reminding these speeding drivers of the 30 mph speed limit on both roads through the village.

The new position on Mallory Road was very well received by local residents with many of them coming over to express their support. We would welcome some more recruits to the team from this part of the village.

Location	No of speeders recorded	Average speed recorded	Maximum speed recorded
Oakley Wood Road	113	41.4 mph	53 mph
Mallory Road	31	37.9 mph	47 mph

# Warwick Rural West Community Speedwatch is looking to recruit new volunteers.

#### Who are we?

A team of people who care about keeping our village streets safe for everyone, especially children and vulnerable adults.

#### What do we do?

We work in teams of two/three, monitoring traffic speeds at 'hot spots' in your area around your village and reporting vehicles travelling at excess speeds to the Police for follow-up action.

#### What would it involve?

We ask volunteers to do no more than two, 2-hour sessions a month, on days and times to suit their other commitments. Training is provided by Warwickshire Police before volunteers become operational.

#### Interested? Please get in touch!

Contact your Speedwatch volunteer on 01926 684397 or your local Residents Association/ Safer Neighbourhoods Association

Email: wrw.snt@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk

#### Or write to:

Community Partnership Team, Riverside House, Milverton Hill, Royal Leamington Spa, CV32 5HZ

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Contact Kev Harris Tel 01926 774795 Mobile 07769 551318

# MU Happenings

#### Jenny Lister

Seven of us gathered in my kitchen for the June meeting for a 'Paint and Sew' session. Elaine had asked us if we could

prepare some wooden spoons to give to brides and grooms after their marriage ceremonies at church. I did a try-out which was given to a couple last month, so now we were ready to go into production! There were 8 wooden spoons to be painted with their 1<sup>st</sup> coat of acrylic and 3 readypainted spoons to be decorated. So all hands on deck with the

brushes and then we devised ways to hang them to dry, threaded onto a knitting needle suspended between two wine bottles! Of course, some of us tested the wine bottle contents along

with crisps and nibbles too. Jo set to, in true teacher style and, with names and dates supplied by Elaine, painted the details onto the 3 finished spoons and decorated them – see picture.

As more angels were needed for church baptisms, Kath busied herself with stuffing and sewing up another heavenly host! (see picture). All accompanied by lots of chat and refreshments. Felicity, our MU Provincial President, came to

take photos of the proceedings as she was due to give a five minute illustrated talk at the MU Annual Meeting in Belfast and wanted to include some

of the many projects in which MU members are involved. Since then we have enjoyed a very successful deanery supper, raising funds for local AFIA holidays for families in need of a break, for our diocesan office and for the Wheels Appeal to help pro-

Our next Branch meeting is on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July at 7.30pm

ject leaders in Africa with

transport costs.

in St Chad's church.
Our Speaker will be the
Revd. Louise Huish, a
chaplain at the Myton
Hospices, who will talk
about her work and
the work of hospices.
This is an open
meeting for anyone to
attend who may be
interested to hear
more about hospice

care, so do come and join us if you are interested.

In August there is no branch meeting but to celebrate the MU Founder, Mary Sumner, we have another deanery fundraiser with an **Afternoon Tea** at St Margaret's Chapter House on **Thursday 7**<sup>th</sup> **August at 2.30 pm** at £5 per head to which anyone and everyone is welcome! Jenny Lister *Branch Leader Tel. 427922* 







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WI Anne Allen

Our June meeting was held in sunshine not showers, the speaker Shelia Woolf didn't talk, as expected, about Philip Larkin's Women but about his connections with Coventry, something of which most of us were unaware. He was born in Coventry to a dominating father and as a consequence suffered with a stammer as a child. He attended King Henry VIII Grammer School, where Shelia was later to become a teacher. It was not long after starting here that his first piece of work 'Getting up in the morning' was published in the school magazine 'The Coventria', of which he and a group of friends later became editors. Another piece to be published was 'Winter Nocturn' when he was 16. He attended St John's College Oxford, and only a month after leaving Coventry it was bombed. He never returned to the city after leaving and made his home in Hull. Shelia feels very strongly that Coventry does not commemerate him as Hull does, and has fought to get a room named in his honour at the school library as part of the 400 years celebration of there being a library at the school.

After a quick break for refreshments I tried to encourage members to partake of some of the activities that are on offer. These include a visit to the M & S archive in Leeds, A Murder Mystery Evening when the president of a WI is murdered (I did ask that no-one get any ideas), an evening with Don Maclean, and a Christmas visit to the Cotswolds. Craft events were also available including a visit to Harrogate Knitting and

Stitching show, a crochet workshop and Christmas sugarcraft.

Weather permitting we are hoping to hold our annual Pimms and Croquet evening when there will be a competition for the WI Croquet Cup, together with plenty of Pimms and a ploughmans supper. We are also hoping to visit Trentham Gardens next month and Beckford Silk in September. So a full calendar taking us right up to Christmas.

Thank you all again for your donations of used postage stamps for Marie Curie, I really must gather all the bags together and send them off, also for your unwanted bras. These go to Bravissimo where they donate £1 per kilo to their chosen charity, which this year is Mind.

It was lovely to see new faces this month, We do have a lot of fun, So if you would like to give us a try Come and meet us at Tachbrook WI!

Anne Allen 424135



## Notice Board

#### **Spinnaker Tower Abseil**

Just wanted to thank everyone who sponsored me to do the Spinnaker Tower abseil. It is really appreciated. I managed to raise £632 for the Royal Leamington Spa Rehabilitation Hospital that looked after Mum so well.

Carla Elliott-Smith





#### **Croft Surgery**

All Tachbrook patients are invited to attend the next PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP

Noon-2pm Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July, At the Main Surgery at Sydenham

#### **Country Dancing Club**

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2nd Thursday of
every month
at Sports and Social Club
Contact Julie Jaggard 314286
All welcome!

#### **Bishop's Tachbrook Brownies**

As I am sure a lot of readers are aware, BT Brownies is very popular and currently full to the brim with lovely girls who are thoroughly enjoying the Brownie experience.

Going forward, we will have to give priority to the girls of BT village and the section of Warwick Gates that comes under the Parish of BT and to any girl who attends BT School. This has become necessary as we are oversubscribed and can only realistically take a certain number due to the hall size and Brownie leaders.

We also need to know how many girls to expect and ask that if your daughter is in Reception or Year 1 and would like to be a Brownie when she is 7, please email carolineloveday@sky.com to register your interest in Brownies. Even if your daughter is a Rainbow, you still need to put her name on the Brownie waiting list.

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#### **Thank You**

Wendy Lorimer and family would like to say a big thank you for all the cards and support from all the lovely people of Bishop's Tachbrook following Fred's passing.

#### The Children's Society.

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The Children's Society box collection for 2013 to 2014 totalled £263.28. Thank you to all donors. If anyone would like to save their loose change into a savings box for the Society please email me.

<u>liz.sheehan1@gmail.com</u> Thank you. Elizabeth Sheehan

#### Good News from Bishop's Tachbrook Primary School

We are delighted to tell everyone that some work we submitted to a national competition from our last year's leavers has recently been put on view at The National Gallery in London as part of the Take One Picture Schools Exhibition. It is certainly worth dropping in if you are in the capital over the summer; the exhibition runs until 21st September 2014.

BISHOP'S TACHBROOK PAST & PRESENT The Story of a Warwickshire Village LAST FEW BOOKS AVAILABLE @ £7 The next (6<sup>th</sup>) reprint will cost £9 available from 01926 336749 or breakfast42@tiscali.co.uk

#### Thank You Bishop's Tachbrook!

The end of May was very busy, but despite that, the stalwarts who collect for Christian Aid went out and knocked on doors - sometimes more than once - to get our red envelopes back. For a variety of reasons, our band which numbered 17 last year was down to just 12. Naturally we expected to have collected considerably less money this time. However, Bishop's Tachbrook came up trumps! We are down... but not by very much. Last year for the first time we banked just over £1000 and this year we sent in £928.55. That means that those who gave did so even more generously than before, so thank you all very much.

I especially thank all those who helped with the collections. Without you Christian Aid wouldn't be able to do all the good around the world that it does. Hopefully next year more people will join in with the collection, £1000 will be passed easily and more people can receive the help they need. THANK YOU. Ros Pratt

Next deadline for magazine items is 15th August for the September issue. Please send to catherine.keen@btinternet.com



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St Chad's PCC would like to thank everyone who gave their time to make our Fête a success and our special gratitude goes to the following for their support:

The Koalas, Lizzie Pickles Catering, Bishop's Tachbrook Sports & Social Club, Bishop's Tachbrook History Club, Mick & Julie Jaggard, Bishop's Tachbrook Parish Council, Mrs Rhodes & Year 2 Bishop's Tachbrook School, Warwick Lions, Onside Coaching, Village Events Team, Brownies, Rainbows.

Raffle Prize	Donator	Winner	
£100 Cash	St Chad's	Lewis	
£50 Sainsbury's voucher	St Chad's	Mrs 5 Grove	
£10 voucher	ASDA Stores	R Adams	
Voucher	Mr Karting	D Heaton	
Family ticket	Heritage Motor Centre	Birmingham	
2 x VIP tickets to Ladies' Day	Dallas Burston Polo Club, Southam	K Simpson	
Afternoon tea for two	Mallory Court Hotel	C Pollard J Evans	
Spa day for two	Hellidon Lakes Golf & Spa Hotel, Daventry,		
Family ticket	Compton Verney	M Brown	
Dinner for two	The Leopard	R Pantling	
18 holes of Championship Golf	Welcombe Hotel, Spa & Golf Club	J Cobham	
12lb Christmas Turkey	Tollgate Farm	York	
£10 voucher	Morrisons	A McKeever	
Salon voucher	Revival Hair & Beauty	Alison	
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Designer cushions	Nick Holinshead Interiors	P Lister	
Lucky Programme Prize	Squab	076	
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#### **July Rotas**

#### Cleaning

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19th Desnee & Mervyn Fletcher

26th Jenny & Peter Lister

#### **Assistant Stewards**

6th Huw Davies

13th Fiona & Ewan Meades

20th John & Ros Pratt

27th Graham Leeke

#### Sidespersons

6th Sheila Hayward & Kath Reason

13th Mervyn & Desnee Fletcher

20th Ray & Anne Allen

27th Vera Vale & Joan Alderman

#### Coffee

6th Jean Coope & Mac McGarrick

13th Maralyn & Roy Brown 20th Gill Yarwood & Rod Smith 27th Ros Pratt & Jane Everett

#### The Christian Family

#### **Baptisms**

Leo Edward Stuart Sanderson
Max George Bennett
Zak Michael Bennett
We welcome them into the
Christian Family.

#### **Funerals**

Keith Ogilvie
Frederick Lorimer
We pray for their souls
and offer our sympathy to their
families and friends.



#### **August Rotas**

#### Cleaning

2nd Jo Shaw

9th Liz Sheehan

16th Fiona Meades & Jo Jordan23rd Esther Boyle & Gill Yarwood

30th Sue Hitchin

#### **Assistant Stewards**

3rd Andrew Day

10th Huw Davies

17th Fiona & Ewan Meades

24th John & Ros Pratt

31st Graham Leeke

#### Sidespersons

3rd Rod Smith & Mac McGarrick

10th Sheila Hayward & Kath Reason

17th Simon & Melissa Odling

24th Mervyn & Desnee Fletcher

31st Ray & Anne Allen

#### Coffee

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#### Worship at St Chad's

#### Sunday

10am Holy Communion (Sunday Club is held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of month)

#### First Sunday of the month

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Family Service

#### Wednesday

11:15am Holy Communion (BCP)

Are these times convenient for you? Would you like a mid-week communion service in the evening or an early morning service? Please let me know, the church is here to serve you and I am happy to provide what you need. Elaine

#### Anne Kirby

# History Society

#### THE MARY ROSE AND ITS RESTORATION

Bill Davies's naval career was accompanied by his love of sea diving. We therefore benefitted from his experience, knowledge and enthusiasm for his subject "The Mary Rose" at our June meeting. Bill reminded us of the background to Henry VIII's flagship built in 1510, and the disaster 34 years later, when it capsized in the Solent, near the mouth of Portsmouth Harbour. A fleet of Tudor warships led by the 'Mary Rose', was lined up to protect the English coast from the attacking French fleet when, with no warning, the "The Mary Rose" capsized and sank, its crew of more than 450 men drowned, leaving only a handful of survivors. Meanwhile the French fleet, after several days afloat because of bad weather, had run out of wine and water and returned to France. We had lost the King's flagship, but Southern ports remained an English possession.

The wreck lay undisturbed for 424 years, but Alexander McKay, a deep sea diver, was obsessed with the desire to locate it. For six years he worked in temperamental seas, at a depth of 35 ft among the silt, which was home to a graveyard of wrecks, where visibility could be compared with a London fog in the 1950s. Eventually, in 1971, his dangerous search located a wreck which matched the description of the famous ship and so began the painstaking recovery and research of remains to prove their identity. Henry VIII, with his analytical mind, introduced the procedure of marking all equipment with an identity mark of ownership – a system still used on all government property today. This clearly identified the wreck and its scattered contents as originating from the 'Mary Rose'.

The original vision of the search was to find it; raise it; keep it for all time. At the time the latter two were thought to be impossible dreams, but the early discoveries fuelled a growing sense of national excitement and much-needed financial support. Tudor articles were recovered, ranging from everyday items, personal belongings (such as a nit comb) and specialist equipment, including Tudor musical instruments, the surgeon's equipment, carpenter's tools, a captain's sun dial and a rare box compass, all of which captured the interest of scholars in many fields of historical research.

The 'Mary Rose' was precariously raised from its watery grave in 1982. Some of you may remember seeing this event on television, when a support gave way and it nearly returned to its former ocean bed. For the next 31 years volunteers have worked ceaselessly to clean and restore the remains of the ship and its thousands of recovered contents, thus completing the second of the initial vision statement. The third stage - keeping it for all time - came to fruition with the opening of the Mary Rose Museum in 2012 at Portsmouth. Huge plate-glass windows bordering a central walkway enable the visitor to walk the length of the ship and view its structure, while showcases give splendid displays of its contents.

Bill is particularly interested in the per-

sonnel on board - only 3 names are known – and apart from sailors of various nationalities there were archers, soldiers with their swords, musicians, carpenters; it was like a floating town. Numerous skeletons have been scientifically analysed to identify their body injuries and skeletal development according to their occupations. We saw pictures of the possible features of men, digitally recreated from their skulls, as displayed on 'Wanted' posters today.

The Solent still clings to some of its secrets because new recovery techniques are required to rescue them. The area is protected for future generations who, with enhanced technology, will be able to continue the search. The Mary Rose Museum has been selected as one of six finalists for the Art Fund Prize (£10,000) for Museum of the Year 2014. The winner will be announced on 9<sup>th</sup> July, just after you receive this magazine.

Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> July: Outing to Wightwick Manor and Gardens (National Trust), the Mediaeval style Victorian house furnished with designs by William Morris and his contemporaries. Lovely gardens.

**FUTURE MEETINGS** 

Cost: £8.00 for non-members of the History Group

(not including entry charges and food) Phone Anne Kirby 01926 336749

Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> August: Visit to Lichfield Guided tour of the Cathedral and free time to view this attractive city, followed by a visit on the homeward journey to see the Roman remains at Wall.

Cost: £14 for non-members, including Cathedral tour and lunch Phone Eddie Cousins (019266 336360)

#### Bishops Tachbrook Cycle of Prayer Praying for our Community

July: Kingsley Road, Laertes Grove, Launce Grove, Lisle Gardens August: Mallory Road, Millway Drive, Miranda Drive, Oakley Wood Road

July and August are the holiday season when so many of us are able to go away, perhaps meet old friends, see new places and return, refreshed, to the business and joys of daily living. What are we going to discover about the world and ourselves this year that will enrich our lives and the lives of those around us? My prayer is that we can all find at least one thing in God's wonderful world that makes us feel better for the break. Do let me know if there is something you would like to share. j.a.pratt@btinternet.com

Dates in July & August:

Most of the Sundays are just 'after Trinity'

Thursday 3rd July - S Thomas the Apostle

Tuesday 22nd July -

S Mary Magdelene

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# Nature Page

#### Linda Stevens

Just a month ago I was rejoicing in the new spring growth as at last the Ash trees answered the wake up call. I was heard to mutter, "Oak before ash in for a splash!" then the old adage let me down, the heavens opened, the weeds grew in my garden and the weather wouldn't let me get at them. I do enjoy those plants that, because they grow where we don't want them to, we call weeds. I let a few grow at the bottom of the garden after heartlessly pulling up their companions. We drove to Ashorne and through the dark tunnel of trees. It seemed like July as everything was so far advanced.

It is not just trees and plants. For the second year running a pair of Blackbirds have nested in the church porch. They ignore all the coming and going and we hope to see the babies fly soon. Mrs Blackbird got a little too friendly and managed to get locked in overnight so poor Mr B was left to care on his own for a while. All bird parents are busy. We've watched the baby sparrows being fed and the starlings. The local House Martins are swooping round until dark.

You have to keep your eyes open! I miss some things but manage to see others. We were walking down a muddy lane we discovered near where our daughter lives when someone said, "Look, a fox!" In the split second it took for me to look up from the mud at my feet it had gone! Later, as we walked back beside a busy road our Grandson shouted, "Fox" and it disappeared under a hedge. I'd been admiring the many wild flowers flower-

ing along the side of the path and so missed it again. I didn't see it as it doubled back and dashed over the busy road! My family were very amused that everyone but me had seen it!

I was pleased to see the Hedgehog in the garden one evening. I knew it was about from the droppings on the lawn. It stayed for quite a while so I didn't miss that! I also had a closer view of the little yellownecked mouse that rushes past the pots in our garden. It went onto the lawn and kindly sat back showing its pale undersides almost announcing what it was.

I had several reports of a dead otter found by the roadside on the way to Leamington. When I first heard about it I wondered whether it was a mink. It is easy to confuse the two but the mink has a more pointed thinner snout. I have been assured that it was indeed a mink and wasn't that far from the brook where it would have found fish. I did not get to see that either but I am told it has been buried and when only the skeleton remains it will join a collection.

The church porch Blackbirds took their first flight on 15 June. Let's hope they do well.

There have been lots of reports of nesting birds of several species, most successful but one sadly predated by magpies who would also be feeding young. It's lovely to hear the stories even if there is no room for them in this edition. Maybe I can save them up for a winter edition.

Find Steve Harvey's report on page 35



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#### **Steve Harvey's Nature Report**

Soft green pasture stretching away from me, cows eating in the morning sunlight. 20<sup>th</sup> May Norton Lindsey. Yellow hammers singing amongst the blackbirds. Then for the first time in four years I heard a sound that was once so familiar it took me back through so many summers to my childhood. Cuckoo! Cuckoo!

I remember being on a rare family walk, I must have been about 8. We all heard the cuckoo and I was determined to spot it. I remember my dad saying 'You'll never see it'. He was right, as I walked along looking upwards into the trees I fell over and cut my knee. I still have my head in the clouds

but fall over a lot less!

I've seen cuckoos several times since then, they look very hawk like. Once I was incredibly lucky to see a fledgling cuckoo sitting in a hedge making a loud croaky call. It was fed by a hedgesparrow, which perched on its back, stretching round to put food into the young cuckoo's gaping beak.

Over the past few years chaffinches and greenfinches have suffered from a disease. We don't get many of them in the garden compared to goldfinches. Recently I've seen three greenfinches appearing to be ill. They still feed, but are very lethar-



gic, they leave the other birds. Their feathers fluff up and you can almost get close enough to touch them. Within a couple of days they are gone. Let's hope the remaining birds have an immunity. On a brighter note bullfinches don't often visit gardens unless you have fruit trees. It's a species that seems to be on the up. I've never seen them on bird feeders, that is until last week, when a pair turned up and feasted on the sunflower hearts. The male is stunning in red with a jet black cap, the female in more subtle browns. That's what I like about nature; you can always be surprised.

After the bullfinches a family of great tits arrived with much calling and wing fluttering around the feeders. They were joined by a family of blue tits. For a couple of minutes it was like a flying circus. Great tits pushing blue tits out of the way. Babies everywhere, hanging off bushes, garden fences and chairs.

As I approached the pond to feed the tadpoles, the grass around seemed to erupt with a swarming mass of little froglets. They were all leaping back into the safety of the water. Fantastic, literally hundreds of them. When you think about it many a pond will begin to shrink or dry up if the summer is hot. So they do have to evolve fast and be self sufficient. Each tiny frog would have sat on a finger nail and would only reach halfway up a one pence coin.



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# Fun and Facts

#### Jenny Bevan

#### Did you know ...?

#### WORLD CUP FACTS

This is the second time Brazil has hosted a World Cup.

## Brazil is the fifth country to host a World Cup for the second time.

For the first time two consecutive World Cups have not been hosted in Europe.

#### No Scandinavian country participated in this World Cup as none got through the qualifying rounds.

The 2014 World Cup Champion will win US\$35million.

# Honduras and Bosnia & Herzegovina are the only countries never to have won a World Cup match. This is the first year Bosnia & Herzegovina has qualified.

For the first time vanishing spray was used to mark the position of the ball for a free-kick. The spray marked the tenyard line for the defending team and appeared as a white spot or line that automatically disappeared in a minute.

# Referees have been allowed to stop matches 2-3 times for hydration breaks to help with the extreme heat weather conditions.

This has been the first World Cup ever with goal line technology.

Thanks to www.worldcupbrazil.net/world-cup-2014/facts



#### Test yourself... True of False?

## Think you know about the 2014 World Cup?

- 1. Roy Hodson was the highest paid manager.
- 2. FIFA banned players from wearing t-shirts with slogans.
- 3. Lionel Messi was the most expensive player at the World Cup.
- 4. Argentina was the most expensive team at the World Cup.
- 5. The official World Cup Song was called 'We Are One'.
- 6. A Simpsons episode was dedicated to the World Cup.
- 7. France demanded two types of soap in each hotel room.



. True, apparently	_
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6. True, it aired on 30th March

Claudia Leite

5. True, performed by Pitbull, J.Lo &

Pluri Consultoria

3rd behind Spain,, according to

4. False, it was Brazil, Argentina was

3. True, according to Pluri Consultoria

2. True, from 1st June.

of Russia was 1st.

False, he was the 2nd, Fabio Capello

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#### **Bishops Tachbrook Junior Youth Club**

Monday 6.30-8pm in the School Hall during Term Time Only £1.50 per session and yearly membership of £2 payable in September.

For more information contact Anoushka on 311538 or anoushka76@hotmail.com or come along on a Monday. We desperately need more adult volunteers, if you can spare a couple of hours on an odd Monday then please let me know.

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