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What's in this month's magazine

It's no surprise that, with the theft of the lead off St Chad's Church roof, this month's magazine has a number of references to the event and how we can move forwards as a community. Revd. Elaine's piece on pages 6 and 7 movingly explains the gambit of emotions she has been through since the theft. It's a moving piece.

'There are many ways to respond to the theft of the lead from the church roof'

The community's response to the theft is shown by events people are organising to raise funds. There's an auction on the 21st July, see page 19, a picnic on the green, see page 20. It hopefully won't have escaped your notice that there's an envelope with your magazine which you can use to donate money, see page 8 for

details. There's also two poems on the situation, see pages 13 and 29.

There's a lot of thank yous to those who helped out at the Church Fete and the list of raffle winners, see pages 13 and 14.

Matt Greene's Parish Council news, on pages 10 and 11, has updates on progress and, or not made, on issues the community has raised with the council.

Elsewhere there's the normal mix of club/society news plus our outstanding Nature Page on pages 24 and 25.

Let us entertain you: Tachfest Church roof auction Picnic on The Green

There is no magazine in August, so see you in September—Happy reading

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What's on in Bishop's Tachbrook

All activities at St Chad's Centre unless otherwise stated

Monday	Activity	Contact
9.30 - 12:00	Little Tinkers Soft Play – Drop in	Stacey Bowen - 07917 385747 or via Facebook
14.00-15.30	Embroidery Class. £5.00 per session. Beginners to experienced	Zara Day - 07717 371668 zara@rosemaryrose.co.uk
17.00-17.45	Martial Arts Class. Children/ Beginners up to 11 years.	Andy Shaw – andy@linkcube.co.uk
17:45 - 19:00	Martial Arts Class. Over 12 years	
19:15 - 20:15	Children's cooking class age 8+	Anne Marie Lambert - 07956 955951 getcooking@hotmail.co.uk
20:30 - 21:30	Adults 18+ cooking class	
Tuesday		
18.00 – 18.45	New Vinyasa Flow Yoga Class	Bex Traynier bextraynier@gmail.com
Wednesday		
09:15 - 10:15	Pilates – drop in	Helen Tudge - 07769 222524
10:30 - 12:00	Community Café Drop in café for the whole community	Joan Alderman 01926 651643
19:00 - 20:00	Tai Chi – beginners class	Peter Fletcher 07487 685679
20:00 – 21:00	Tai Chi – intermediate class	
21:00 – 22:00	Tai Chi - advanced class	
17.00 to 18.00	Rainbows (at Sports & Social Club)	carolineloveday@sky.com 07796034371
18.00 to 19.45	Brownies (at Sports & Social Club)	
Thursday		
09:30 - 11:00	Tachbrook Tinies - drop in	Tachbrook Tinies on Facebook
11.30 – 12.30	New Atomic Dance for Toddlers Ages 2+	Ellie Rowe - 07392 348155
16:00 – 17:00	Mind Over Matter Yoga - children's yoga classes.	Nikki Francis - 07837 370148 nikki@takeitfrommummy.com

18:20 – 19:10	Fitness Pilates	Bev Hall on 07774 004225 or w60bev@gmail.com
19.30-21.30	Salsa Cubana in Rueda de Casino Beginners: 7.30pm Intermediate: 8.30pm	Emy Stoiescu on 07796 214877 or www.providanse.co.uk
19:30 – to end of film	Second Thursday of the month. Free film night all welcome	Elaine Scrivens
Friday		
09:30 – 12:00	Little Tinkers Soft Play - Drop in	Stacey Bowen
18:00 - 19:00	High Intensity Circuit Class	Mari-Carmen Sanchez- Morris on hello@maricarmenfitness. com
Saturday		
First Saturday of the month - 09.30 - 11.30	Little Tinkers Soft Play	Stacey Bowen - 07917 385747 or via Facebook
Third Saturday of the month - 13:30 – 15:30	Craft afternoon – free drop in craft session for children.	Elaine Scrivens

July's one-offs

Thursday 4th 19.45, WI, Line Dancing, BT School, 01926 426797

Tuesday 9th 19.30, History Group, Old Pubs and Lost Hostelryes, 01926 885938

Thursday 11th 19.30 Parish Council

Meeting,

parishclerk@bishopstachbrook.com

Saturday 13th 10.00 –12.00, Churchyard gardening, St Chad's Church, 01926 330050

Saturday 13th, Tachfest, The Meadow

Cathy.herbert@btinternet.com

Monday 15th 11.15 to 11.40, Mobile Library Church Lees

August's one-offs

Thursday 1st 19.45, WI, A Musical Trip Thru' 19th Century BT School, 01926 426797

Monday 5th 11.15 to 11.40, Mobile Library Church Lees

Thursday 8th 19.30 Parish Council

Meeting,

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Saturdays 10th & 28th 10.00 –12.00, Churchyard gardening, St Chad's Church, 01926 330050

Tuesday 13th 19.30, History Group, Bonaparte Leamington's Royal Resident, 01926 885938

September's one-offs

Thursday 5th 19.45, WI, Honey Bees and Honey Tasting BT School, 01926 426797

Tuesday 10th 19.30, History Group, Outing, 01926 885938

Thursday 12th 19.30 Parish Council Meeting,

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Saturdays 14th & 25th 10.00 –12.00, Churchyard gardening, St Chad's Church, 01926 330050

Monday 16th 11.15 to 11.40, Mobile Library Church Lees

When the roof falls in

By Revd. Elaine Scrivens

It's never easy to cope when something awful happens. When you receive bad news you run through a gamut of emotions. Anger is there at the forefront and, it seems to me, these days, we need someone or something to direct our anger towards someone must be to blame.

After anger we might experience sorrow, sadness that things are different now, they won't be the same because of what has happened. Perhaps someone you trusted has let you down; will your relationship survive, why did they behave in a particular way.

Sometimes hopelessness sets in, How will you survive this? What is going to happen next? Or maybe relief that it could have been worse, the sun still rose the next day, even if covered by clouds and friends rallied around.

I think I went through all of the above after the lead was stolen off the church roof. I was angry that it had happened and I was livid when the thieves came back the next night to finish off the job! Who were these people, how could they do this to a place of worship. I was struck by the words of a guy in the village, one of our Muslim friends, who said, "Being a man of faith I know how sacred, safe and important a place of

worship is to a community." (Thank you Tim). His words made me realise that these people had violated my sacred space, our sacred space and that made me very angry. Anger is okay, even Jesus got angry when he overturned the tables of the money lenders in the temple, I was in good company!

I was also very sad. By Tuesday, it had really hit me what had happened and I cried. I felt it was somehow my fault, this had happened on my watch, what more could I have done. I am very grateful to my lovely son, Adam and Anne Allen for feeding me, making me cups of tea and giving me big hugs! Those hugs were needed on Wednesday too and quite a number of people at the Community Coffee morning duly obliged! Yes, I am still sad, but I know I'm not alone.

So to the feeling of hopelessness, how are we going to raise the money needed to repair our beautiful church? Because of the wonderful people of this village that feeling of hopeless didn't last for long. You all made me feel that this wasn't just my problem or even the problem of our worshipping community, this was a Tachbrook problem and the people of Tachbrook, young and old, long time villagers or those who've just moved in to the new estates, would tackle it

together. The outpouring of love, concern and offers of help were overwhelming. The PCC Of St Chad's was wonderful and Rod, Ray and Mervyn were at church to meet our new architects and to listen to what they had to say. Con Buttle, climbed up onto the roof and made it as watertight as he could, and hundreds of you turned out on Saturday June 8th to support the Fete even if the weather wasn't brilliant. There was over £370 in the buckets, which has been put into a restricted account to only be used for the roof and hopefully, we have topped £4,000. for the rest of the Fete, which is great news. Other people from the village have offered to organise more fundraising events; Phil at the Leopard has offered to organise a gala dinner, which should be fun and Kirsty Anderson-Shearsby and Lucy Godfrey have organised an Auction Of Promises at The Sports and Social Club on 21st July, 2pm start!



I personally can not express how much this has all meant to me. Thank you all so much for your love and support. We have a big hill to climb but you have all given me hope, helped me realise that this is a great place to live and that it is a privilege to be your vicar. I'm sure with hard work, love and prayer, St Chad's will be restored to its former glory.

I'd like to finish with a prayer for our church and our community.

Lord, thank you for those who first heard your call to build a church in Bishop's Tachbrook, dedicated to St. Chad, many centuries ago so that this community might hear the good news and receive the healing love of God.

We thank you for those who have cared for this church over the years, and for all who have given to the upkeep of this building. Today we especially thank you for all those who have generously given to the fund to repair the roof of St Chad's and to those who will give in the months ahead.

May God bless Bishop's Tachbrook and shield and defend every life here. May the angels of God guard every home and workplace so that together we may live in peace with God and with one another. Amen

Once again, thank you all and God bless, Elaine

What's On at St Chad's

Sorry no Film Club in July as I will be flying back from the US

But we are back to normal in August. On August 8th at 7:30 when we will watch Babette's Feast. It's an old movie but a good one with many 5 star reviews. It's also the Pope's favourite film! I look forward to seeing you then.

Craft at St Chad's will return on Saturday 20th July and again on Saturday 17th of August. 1:30 – 3 pm. All welcome.

See information about a village picnic on Sunday 11th August on page 20.

Cycle of Prayer

Praying for our Community

We are praying in July and August for those living in:

Kingsley Road
Lancaster Way
Laertes Grove
Launce Grove
Lisle Gardens
Mallory Road
Millway Drive
Miranda Drive
Oakley Wood Road

If there is something or someone you would like us to pray for please let Elaine our Vicar or a member of the congregation know.

The Roof Fund

Please can you make a gift to help our roof appeal?

It couldn't be easier, please put your gift in the envelope provided. If you are a taxpayer please sign the Gift Aid declaration. For every £1 you give we can claim a further 25p in Gift Aid. If you're not a taxpayer don't worry please still put your money in the envelope.

Completed envelopes can be put in the red buckets at Tachbrook Stores, The Leopard, The Sports and Social Club, Mallory Court or the St Chad's Centre. Or you can drop your envelope into any one of the following addresses: The Vicarage, 19 Argyle Way, 5 Blakemore Drive, 8 Savages Close, 3 Hassell Close, 5 Birch Court, Heathcote Park, 4 Dogberry Way, Warwick Gates, 23 Oakley Wood Road.



Community CAFÉ

EVERY WEDNESDAY
10.30AM – 12.00

St Chad's Centre

Filter Coffee/Tea & homemade cake £2

Also available green tea, decaffeinated coffee & tea

Transport can be arranged if you would like a lift from the village,
Warwick Gates or Heathcote Park
Please contact Julie or Lisa on 01926 420826
julie_m_thomas@hotmail.com



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Parish Council News

By Matt Greene

Summer holidays are almost here and, here's to hoping we get some sustained good weather! In the last few weeks I've seen rabbits, foxes, a badger, two deer and a baby tawny owl, a reminder of how much wildlife we have on our doorstep. I've also seen a heck of a lot of big spiders (!!)

Hopefully the establishment of the country park will protect and further promote wildlife (and my particular hope is that we can find a way to encourage any sort of wildlife that eats big spiders!)

In June we held the monthly Parish Council meeting at Heathcote Primary School. This is a great venue for holding such a meeting and, while it was disappointing that no residents chose to attend the meeting, we are keen to continue to hold some of the meetings going forward at the school and other

locations so as to ensure residents have access to the PC on a regular basis.

While, at present, we remain 7, we are pleased to report that 5 residents have come forward for our 2 vacancies on the Parish Council. The earliest we can co-opt residents to the Parish Council is at our July meeting and so we look forward to announcing the names of the two co-opted members after that date.

A grant request has been submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner's fund for £25,000 towards a crossing on Oakley Wood Road. This need was identified at our 2 events held at the end of last year and beginning of this year and has been regularly raised by passionate local residents.

Thanks to the Play Area Working Party we have secured a £10,000 grant towards play equipment

from the National Lottery. Installation has been delayed due to the District Council requiring a planning application; this has been submitted; however, we understand there to be quite a backlog in the WDC planning department – we continue to raise this with our District Councillors and hope that the matter will be resolved as soon as possible.

We understand the application for the Primary School, Secondary School and 150 homes within our Parish has now been submitted – residents should have access to the planning documents in the near future (although please note the comments above in respect of the backlog in the WDC planning department).

I'm waiting to hear back from my letter to the South Warwickshire Clinical Commissioning Group re the strain on GP provision within the

village area of the Parish. County Cllr. Les Caborn is going to chase up the response on our behalf.

Additionally, I've written to all parties involved in the long running funds due back from Sharba Homes following their appeal process relating to their planning application – we have made clear that the Parish Council will take legal action to recover the debt should the payment not be received by the middle of July.

Thank you to residents who raised the problem of accessing the new path from the Oakley Meadows development due to the kissing gate. This has now been converted into a “normal gate” – thanks to Cllr. Leigh Carter for organising this work.

Cllr. Carter is also responsible for traffic and road safety and he is working hard with the County Council, Police and new leader of the Speedwatch Team to try and identify a location on Harbury Lane for a

CSW session. This will be scheduled once the Police respond. We have also requested that the County Council look at ways to improve the Banbury Road/Mallory Road junction – in the short term the Chairman is working with County Cllr. Les Caborn to hopefully arrange for the tree (which blocks the view from the right at that junction) to be cut back.

The initial Neighbourhood Plan consultation has finished. The NP committee had a lively meeting in June at which they discussed the responses, including suggestions by developers to build on new sites around the village. Allowing this may fund projects such as improving the junction onto Banbury Road, providing a car park in the village and acquiring land to add to the Country Park. A mixture of views exist on the Parish Council and NP committee in respect of these thoughts and have agreed to reflect on the

matters. Nothing would be undertaken without proper public consultation.

Thanks to the two residents who have volunteered to manage the new allotments on the Oakley Meadows development. Our solicitors are still working on lodging the legal documents at Land Registry.

Seating in our bus shelters has been requested by a resident; the County Council has advised us to seek advice before pursuing this. We have asked a company that specialises in repairs and adaptations to bus shelters to look at the shelter near Holt Avenue.

The Warwick Gates noticeboard will disappear shortly to be refurbished. Work will also take place on the noticeboard near the BMX track.

We hope that everyone manages to find time to have an enjoyable summer break.

July

6th July - Play Back

With an ever evolving set and professional musicianship, Playback are sure to get you dancing, tapping your feet or simply bring a Smile to your face.

13th July - The Fantastic Tachfest

Starting at 12pm there are Bands and Stalls on the meadow, Classic cars and bikes, WI tea and cakes, food outlets, a dog show and car boot then in the evening we have More entertainment at the club.

6pm till 9pm Twisted Minds (On the patio) 9pm till 11.30pm Thursday Night Music Club (In the lounge) BBQ available from 5.30pm. Free Admission none members very welcome.

20th July - Grease Night with ATs Disco

Get set to go back to high school and the 1950's! With Our **Grease Party Night** win prizes for the best fancy dressed character. We are hopelessly devoted to making this a **Night** to remember. Burgers and Hotdogs available to purchase.

27th July - Quiz Night

Pit your wits against the Judge and his mind boggling Quiz designed to outsmart even the best quiz specialists.

Prizes for every team.

August

3rd August - Race Night

Do you want a fun family night out then why not come and join us for our night at the Races.

10th August – Elvis Tribute

Memphis Mike will be performing some of the greatest Elvis songs for us.

A night not to be missed.

17th August - The Fabulous Mustard Band

The Fabulous Mustard Band are a talented group of musician's playing classic hits from the 50's 60's 70's & 80's Reggae and pop music.

24th August – Children's Entertainment

Bank Holiday Saturday at 4pm.

The Magic Zone Entertainment for the Kids. Magic Show, Puppets, Balloon Modelling and a Disco. The Fun starts at 4pm **Don't Be Late** Food will be available to purchase.

25th August – Disco & Karaoke

Bank Holiday Sunday at 8.30pm

Come down and have a boogie to some Disco Hits or have a go with our Karaoke and sing your favourite songs.

31st August - Quiz Night

Our Saturday night Quiz staring the "Judge" with his multitude of challenging questions for the quizzically minded folks of Tachbrook and the surrounding shires.

Bishop's Tachbrook Sports & Social Club Summer Entertainments

September

7th September – Muve - On

"Muve-On" is a dynamic rock covers band playing classic songs from the last five decades.

14th September – Prize Family Bingo

Great prizes to be won at our Family Bingo Eyes down at 8.00pm for a fun family night out.

21st September – The Warning

The Warning are one of Warwickshire's best Rock & Indie covers bands comprising of accomplished professional musicians, The Warning promise a great night of music & entertainment.

28th September – Charity Quiz

Quiz Night in aid of Cancer Research come and support this worthwhile cause.

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Poetry please

The lead on our roof

Anon

You steal the lead from our roof
But our hearts are caught by spirit
A spirit from our neighbours grows
With outpourings of generosity

You steal the lead from our roof
And take with you the graffiti of world war
Sad at our loss we rise
For community is tough on love

You steal the lead from our roof
How did you not feel the shame?
Out of loss you have spawned
determination
Diminished, but not down we win

NEW Exhibition and Summer Holiday Family Activities at the British Motor Museum - 20 July - 2 September

This summer explore the Museum's new exhibition **The Car. The Future. Me.** and enjoy a selection of futuristic themed family activities.

Every day you can **Discover Circuits** – drop into our family activity station and draw a graphite car, then create a circuit to give your car working headlights. Or try your hand at **futuristic colouring in**—get colourful on paper and then see your page come to life with the Quiver App.

Every Wednesday join the 'mad scientists' Professor Pickle and Doctor Pumpkin in their **Science Show** and discover why they are **'In a pickle over petrol!'** Join them for a 25 minute show at 11.45am and 2.15pm and help them discover fuels for the future.

Every Thursday come and explore the capabilities of STEM -Science Technology Engineering Maths with the STEM ambassadors from MOD Kineton. Plus every day there is also the family **'Back to the drawing board trail'** and a **'Back into the future family tour'**, and for when the kids need to let off some steam, there's an outdoor play and picnic area.

For more details about the summer holiday activities and the Museum's new **'The Car. The Future. Me.'** exhibition visit www.britishmotormuseum.co.uk/events/family-activities or call 01926 641188. All activities are included in Museum admission. A family ticket is just £40 for an annual pass.

2019 Fete Raffle prize winners

Prize	Donor	Ticket number
1) £100 Cash	Church	1344
2) High Tea for four at Royal Shakespeare Theatre	Squab Hall	3495
3) 12lb Christmas Turkey	Tollgate Farm	1669
4) 2 course Meal for two	The Leopard	2206
5) Afternoon Tea for two	Mallory Court	2205
6) 30 min session	Mr Karting	2530
7) Hanging basket	Hintons Nursery, Guys Cliffe	2769
8) Two Golden Tickets	Jump In Trampoline Arena	0477
9) Tickets for four	Hatton Adventure World	3067
10) Mid week Toboggan session	The Snow Dome	3242
11) £10 voucher plus Chocolates & sweets	Sainsbury's	0359
12) Fun in the garden Hamper	Morrisons	2330
13) Family ticket for four	Compton Verney	1072
14) Four free games	TenPin Bowling at The Shires	1730
15) £20 meat voucher	Harry the Butcher	2173
16) Voucher for Cut & Blow dry	Revival Hair and Beauty	1212
17) Garden Kneeler Kit	Anon	2193
18) Patchwork Shopping bag	Anon	1217
19) Garden Duck light	Anon	2779
20) Hamper	Tony Hall	2035
21) Tickets	Cotswold Wildlife Park	3908

Many thanks for the generosity of all our donors

Fete Thank You

Thanks to all those who helped make this year's Fete on the Green such a success in spite of the weather! Special thanks must go to Linda Stevens for once again organising the raffle for us. She has worked tirelessly not only sourcing the prizes but organising a band of helpers to sell the tickets. I know she has been thrilled with the responses she got. This raffle is our main fundraiser of the year and Linda works so hard to make it a success.

Thanks go to :

- The guys who arrived early and stayed late to organise the site.
- Kate Wellsted who not only had a stall but also sorted out floats and counted the money!
- Those who provided entertainment on the day; the Just for Fun Community Choir and their conductor Kieron Howe, The Team Tachbrook School Choir and Mrs Wright, Amelia Webster and Caste Small.
- Nicky Grant who played her harp under difficult circumstances
- The fantastic Maypole dancers from Bishop's Tachbrook School and their teachers, Mrs Rhodes, Mrs Dixon and Mrs Blackwell.
- To all the stall holders, where did the Brownies find all those soft toys? The ladies on the refreshments and the gentleman washing dishes (thanks Peter!). Without you all the Fete would be boring!

Finally thanks to everyone who donated prizes, gave to the tombola, baked cakes or donated books, toys and jigsaws. Every little helps. Of course, a big thank you to those who came along and spent money, we really do appreciate it.

If anyone has any ideas for different stalls then we will be having a meeting in January to organise next year's Fete, do get in touch or come along!

God bless, Elaine and St Chad's PCC



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Tachfest
13th July
On the Meadow
1pm - 6pm

Bands from 1.30pm

The Rawky

DABB4

Kyle

Spakuleles

Thursday Night Music Club

The Big Band Theory

Craft & Charity Stalls, Car Boot, Food,
Classic Cars, Morris Dancers, Music,
Pony Rides, Children's Rides &
Bouncy Castles

Fun Dog Show with classes including Best Condi-
tion, Prettiest, Best Trick, Best Rescue & Veteran

Raffle prizes including Cream Tea for two at Hilltop Farm, Meal for Two at Piccolinos, Chicken Meal for four from Highams Butchers, Half Price MOT Heathcote Motors, and £50 cash

CHURCH ROOF FUND

AUCTION

SUNDAY 21ST JULY 2019

AT

BISHOPS TACHBROOK SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB
2PM START



ON AUCTION....

- BANCROFT BOAT CRUISE ON THE RIVER AVON FOR FOUR WITH A PRESECCO AFTERNOON TEA.
- A PROFESSIONAL STUDIO PHOTO SHOOT WITH INCLUDED DIGITAL PRINTS.
- MASSAGE VOUCHER
- PRIVATE EDUCATION TUTOR
- ITALIAN MEAL FOR TWO
- PRIVATE YOGA SESSION
- ONE HOUR OF CLEANING
- EVENING BABYSITTING (OFSTED REGISTERED CHILDMINDER)
- REFLEXOLOGY
- CROCHET TEACHING
- DOG WALKING
- AND MANY MANY MORE...





Picnic on the Green

Sunday 11 August - a date for your Diary!

The Fete, and the response to the theft of the lead off the church roof has demonstrated what we have always known. Bishop's Tachbrook is a lovely friendly community.

So . . . Come and join us in the afternoon of Sunday 11 August and meet new friends and old.

There will not be a magazine for August as its magazine holiday month but look out for further information on Facebook, the Village website and notices around the village.

We look forward to seeing you on the Green



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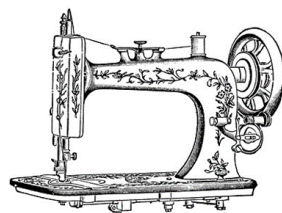
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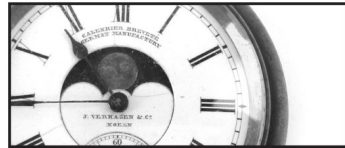
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Nature Page

By Steve Harvey

Rain, rain, then more rain on top. After one downpour the lawn at the front of the cottage came alive with frogs. All this year's model and small enough to sit on your figure nail, nicely camouflaged until they Jump! Then they could easily be eaten by birds or hedgehogs. Talking of Hedgehogs, the eleventh one has now been released. He had been attacked by a Border Terrier but now looked great and was raring to go! Only one Hedgehog has stayed to live in our garden. It's living very close to the cottage bribed by lots of food each night and its own hedge and undergrowth. I saw it a couple of times near the porch when a Fox passed by it. The Hedgehog froze for a moment but the Fox showed no interest in it - phew! It appears about 10 o'clock each evening and finds its food. Now, within 24 hours of release Hedgehog number eleven found her; yes we know she is

a her now because romance began immediately, so fingers crossed, on that one. Hope she stays.

Having mentioned Foxes, there have been changes in the family setup. From almost being able to set your watch by them, now it's hit and miss if we see any. It all began with a glimpse of a tiny cub in the dark (well it was probably mating screams that began it!) We learned there were seven Cubs that would leap and play like puppies. By about fourteen weeks old a cub came through the hedge in daylight with a small rabbit in its mouth. It saw me and quietly turned round and took its prize back through the hedge. The best moment was when Krista whispered, "Come and see though you won't believe it". It was almost dark but enough light to see there stood a vixen, legs slightly splayed. Seven

Cubs ran to her, she suckled them all. We felt so privileged. I bet we never witness a sight like that again.

Not long after that all but one cub left. Maybe the vixen took them further from people or they naturally headed off on their own. One cub remains, it's easily half the size of the vixen and seems to tag along with the dog Fox whether he likes it or not - I think not. The adults are just about tolerating the cub, they must have thought they'd got rid of their kids, but this one doesn't want to go. It developed a limp in the front paw but that healed in a few days. It would dash from parent to parent, it's tail wagging in a circular motions, it tried to lick its parents as if it was begging for food. Old habits die hard. This was met with a snap and the cub would back off or lay down in submission. Sad to see it trying to

work out why it's parents had changed. Growing up is not easy is it? Oh well, the cub is fully capable of looking after itself now so I'll bet it will soon be off. About half the diet of a Fox is made up of mice voles and rats so on balance they are an asset in the right place.

had some chilly nights, so the young ones, who were getting near to fledging all died; so sad.

On a happier note on a sunny Sunday morning the Blue tits prepared to leave the box, parents nearby, caterpillars twitching in their beaks, waiting- a chick halfway

make that instinct driven leap into midair. Then they were out! They and the other fledglings seemed to be everywhere, all calling to keep in touch with each other and their parents.

The trees around here are full of young; Blue Tits, Great Tits and Coal Tits. Within a week they have learned how to use the bird table and feeders and, importantly, to hang upside down among the leaves searching for insects. The cold and wet was the last thing they needed but with a constant food supply it saw them through. Who ever coined the phrase "Run ragged" must have been watching parent birds. Their feathers were matted, the colours darkened with all the rain. They were shadows of their former selves- run ragged literally.

Now I know why they call it "flaming June" because it hardly stopped flaming raining!



There's an old farmhouse I go to. Every year Swallows return to nest in the stables there. This year, with so much rain they've found it hard to find enough flying insects. Then we

out of the hole. At this point the chick had never felt the sun or rain and had never actually flown before. How daunting is that. It took best part of an hour to build up the courage to

History Club

Outing to the Edgehill Battle Site

By Gill Yarwood

The Group met our guide, Steve Barker, in Radway village, just below Edge Hill, where the first major encounter of the English Civil War began. Disagreements between the King and Parliament had led to the declaration of war.

The Royalist army was commanded by King Charles I and the Parliamentarians by the Earl of Essex. There were about 12,000 soldiers on each side, comprising of infantry, cavalry and a number of cannons. The Royalist army marched from Shrewsbury and having out-maneuvred Essex deployed on Edge Hill Ridge on the morning of the October 23, 1642. The Parliamentarians occupied the ground south-east of Kineton. The Royalist descended the ridge during the late morning and positioned themselves in Radway fields. Our first stop was the

old church grave yard (church demolished 1880) that, it is believed, has only one grave relating to the Civil War, that of Elizabeth Heritage, who was perhaps ministering to the injured in the first aid tent and who died some years later.



We then moved on to the new church (1888) where there were a number of displayed artefacts and costume

mannequins and an inter-active kiosk that showed short films photos and other information (well worth a visit). We then moved behind the new church to view the battlefield and Steve pointed out the position of the opposing troops and in the distance we could see the tower of Kineton Church.

Steve then went on to explain that after an initial artillery exchange the Royalist cavalry charged and drove the flanks of the parliament troops back towards Kineton. But then the parliamentary infantry troops drove the king's men back towards Edge Hill. The infantry of both armies now fought a fierce battle. By late afternoon both armies were exhausted and short of ammunition and fighting ended as night fell. In total about 1,500 men may have lost their lives with more wounded on both sides.

The battle had only lasted a few hours. The Earl of Essex retired to Warwick Castle and the royalist army eventually marched south with the intention of taking London. This it failed to do as Essex and his army got there first.

Our third stop was on the roadside looking across the field towards the site of King Leys Barn. It was there that the sons of King Charles I, the boy princes Charles and James, were sent for safety.

During the battle the Banner Royal was captured from Sir Edmund Verney, though, on his refusal to surrender it, his hand was cut off to get it. The banner was later



recaptured by Lieutenant Colonel Welch supported by Captain Smith. Verney died of his injuries and it is said he haunts the grounds of the battle fields looking for his body, which was never identified. The only thing they found was his severed hand in his gauntlet. That is now buried in the Verney family burial vault at Middle Claydon, Buckinghamshire.

The fourth stop was the roadside memorial stone where they remember the dead of the battle. The dead of the ordinary soldiers were all buried in a mass grave in the middle of a field close by.

Having finished our tour of the battle site, the party finished the day by going to nearby Upton House for lunch and the opportunity to visit both the house and its gardens. We were thankful that the weather remained dry during our day out.

Our thanks go to Marion Smith for driving the bus once again and to Steve Barker our guide for an informative visit.



Women's Institute

By Anne Allen

Our June meeting didn't quite start with those magic words "Are you sitting comfortably then I'll begin" but it nearly did. Our speaker was Jenefer Heap, an Indy author. What on earth is one of those you are thinking. Jenefer explained how she is independent of publishing houses and self publishes via Amazon who can produce a book within 24 hours. Everything is done by her or family and friends and she only pays an editor. As she said, "When everything is ready you press a button and next day your books are ready," plus you are able to order as many as you want and not hundreds in storage. She made it sound so easy. Plus she is a founder member of the Warwickshire based Storyvine writers group. Her short stories are often triggered by things or events and read us Fab at 50 which is about a surprise birthday party. A fluffy tiger was the inspiration for Wendy's Tiger which won a Good Housekeeping competition. Jenefer read various snippets throughout her fascinating talk which was lovely to hear them read as she had meant them to be heard.

Everyone was thanked for their help with the cake plant and book stall. What had been a rather dismal day resulted in all the cakes and most of the plants being sold very quickly. Thank you for supporting us. The next big event will be Tachfest where yet

again we will be providing tea and cakes. These events take a lot of planning so it's lovely you support us. Who would remember to take a mixer and bowls for whipping cream....it's on the list as a certain tv show says.

We are visiting the Cotswold Distillery later this year plus if weather allows our Pimms and croquet evening. Our walking netball has really taken off. This is for all ages and abilities. It appears that the hardest part is trying not to run.

County has a long list of outings and classes organised. These include a visit to Winchester and the Christmas market at Gloucester, Nordic walking, a fashion show, Taiko drumming, barge art, willow weaving, a talk on Queen Victoria and an Edwardian Cavalcade to name but a few. WI provides something for everyone.

By the time you read this we'll have also been taught the art of line dancing. In August our speaker will be taking us on a musical trip through the 19th century, and in September we'll be buzzing about with bees and a honey tasting. October is our annual meeting with the re-election of the committee etc., and in November the talk is about Roman women and their food. Our year rounds off with the famous Christmas party.

We also hold wine, book, craft and knitting groups and are always open to new ideas. If you're reading this thinking I wish they did, come and have a word we can always give it a try.

Last month I told you about the resolutions for discussion at the national meeting. The results of the national vote were 96% in favour of improving the bus services and 97% in favour of promoting the 'Don't fear the Smear' campaign. So ladies please attend your appointments and encourage daughters and granddaughters and anyone else to attend theirs.

Anne Allen 424135

Poetry please

Where the rain gets in

Anon with apologies to Lennon/McCartney

We're fixing the roof cause the rain
comes in
And it stops our minds from wondering
Where the lead goes

We're taking the time for a number of
things
That weren't important yesterday
Cause the lead's gone

And it really doesn't matter cause our
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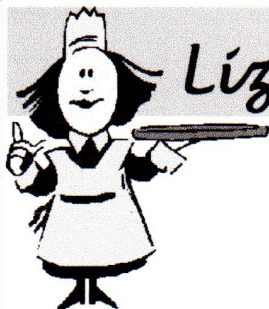
Warwick Gates Women's Institute a fun, friendly and informal group, with members across the age range. We meet on the first Wednesday of the month* at 7.30-9.30pm at Warwick Gates Community Centre, Cressida Close, Heathcote CV34 6DZ.

* No meeting in August.

Each month a different expert speaker presents an interesting talk on a wide range of subjects, often with a 'hands-on' activity. Floristry, belly dancing, cookery, hula hooping, laughter yoga and gardening have all been recently demonstrated at WGWI, as well as talks on fashion, recycling and mental wellbeing.

There's always time to chat over a cup of tea and cake at our meetings. Why not pop along? (there's a £4.50 fee for visitors, refundable on joining). If you would like to know more, please get in touch: email warwickgateswi@gmail.com; telephone Julie on 01926 420826; or find us on Facebook - Warwick Gates WI





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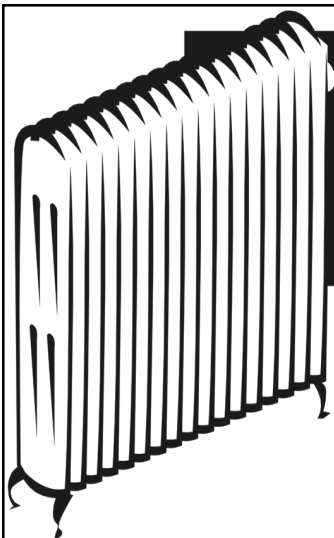
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A big thank you to all those who attended the Big Brekkie.

It was great to see so many people there. Special thanks must go to Carl Meades for cooking the breakfast and to Fiona, Julie and Lisa for serving us.

A special thank you to all those who assisted with the street collection and to all those in our community who gave so generously.

The Big Brekkie raised £364.64 and the Street Collection raised £699.88, making a total of £1064.52.

Spring Coffee Morning—thank you

A big 'thank you' once again to all who supported the MU coffee morning in May.

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