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St Chad's



Bishop's Tachbrook June 13

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Do you find Christianity confusing? I've been a priest in the Church of England for almost 13 years and a Christian for a lot longer yet there are times when I find it puzzling!

I can sympathise with those on the outside looking in who find it difficult to make sense of what is going on. So it was with interest that I recently attended a course in Cambridge entitled 'Prayer, Worship and Social Media'.

If the Church is to grow and be relevant to those who are on the outside looking in, we must use all means available in order to get the message across and so I looked forward to hearing what was going to be said. The first thing that struck me was the demographics of the group. We were split fairly evenly, male/female; the age range was from early 20s to late 60s; various denominations were represented and there was a good mix of ordained and lay people.

We began by discussing the rapid change there has been in communication since the Internet started. Our voices can now be heard worldwide, we can all be writers, have our work published, post videos of our work (e.g. songwriters), read our poetry and let the world know what we are having for dinner! The Internet and social media, things like Facebook, Twitter and YouTube have become very powerful tools and like all power this can be misused, but they are just tools. The internet is a neutral tool, it is the use of the media that can cause the problems, not the media itself. It is easy to blame the tool, and many people do criticise social media, but we concluded that the ethical onus is on each one of us and our

use of Facebook, Twitter etc.

I know by now some of you are thinking, what has this got to do with the church? Well, many churches have websites and there are many who use Facebook to communicate with their congregations. We have a Facebook page, www.facebook.com/pages/St-Chads-Bishops-Tachbrook that some people have found, but not many, and I've just set up a Twitter account too - @st_chads. To begin with I will use these accounts to give information about services but I found out yesterday that many use them for other things too. We had to write a prayer that had 140 characters or less and this wasn't easy. I realised how wordy some of our prayers were in the church! Some people get others in their congregation to tweet the important points of their sermons; others use them to receive prayer requests during the service. This idea caused quite a debate, some were appalled that people might be using their tablets (and I don't mean those for high blood pressure!) or smart-phones in church; others felt that this was something the church should embrace. I think it was probably a step too far for me but I'm open to suggestions!

Of course there are going to be pitfalls. The Church of England's Twitter feed has already found this out but their strapline of 'We're here to learn and to engage with the Twitter community and talk about some of the work we do.' (@c_of_e) shows that the church

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wishes to engage with the 21st century. In Cambridge we were told that the Church of England, as the established church, is like the Internet in the real world. We network via parishes throughout the country, now we want to extend that network by using new technology to reach others who do not attend church but have questions and want to explore their own and others spirituality.

The one thing that stuck in my mind from this course was something the main speaker, Vicky Beeching, (@vickybeeching) said - technology helps give expression to our creativity, at one time technology was the wheel or electricity, now it is the Internet and as a church we need to live in the “now” and the “not yet” otherwise we will not be using our God-given gifts to let others know of the love of Jesus in Christ.

Below is a small selection of the prayers we produced, written in 130 – 140 characters or less:

Foolish God who entrusts this world to our selfish ways, give us wisdom to steward the earth until its fully renewed by you. Amen

Lord God, you gave us your Word, use our words in social media to tell others of your love, in Jesus name

Trinitarian God in whom we are connected; dance amongst our thoughts, tweets and lives through your loving present spirit.

Creator god, who made the world in all its wonder, help us be faithful stewards of your creation, we ask this in Jesus name.

Loving God give us all the strength to live in your love both online and in our daily lives in Jesus name. Amen

Opening St Chad’s

Last month I asked if there were any volunteers who would be willing to give some time to help keep St Chad’s open for prayer and fellowship. So far I’ve not received any replies. This is your church in your village. If you would like to help then please come along to a meeting on **Saturday 15th June in church at 10am** where we can put together a rota.

The Christian Family

Baptisms

Ella-May Mia Rogers

William James Colegate

We welcome them into the Christian Family.

Marriage

Gareth Williams &

Katherine Shinkwin

We offer our congratulations and best wishes for the future.

Funerals

Gwendoline Taylor

Margaret Beeby

Duncan Phillips

We pray for their souls and offer our sympathy to their families and friends.

Events at Tuesday Club for June

June 4th	Keep Fit
June 11th	Hoy
June 18th	Bingo
June 25th	Quiz

Joys & Sorrows

Do you have any major life events to share? We'd love to hear of births, engagements, anniversaries and significant birthdays. Call Julie on 01926 420826 or email Julie_m_thomas@hotmail.com

Congratulations to Steve and Diane Thomas (nee Rose) of Mallory Road who recently celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary. They were married in St Chads by Bishop John Daly on 14 April 1973.



Duncan Phillips



This month saw the death of a young man much loved not only by his wife and children but also by many in the wider community. Duncan Phillips died while playing football with his friends and his life was

celebrated in a wonderful service at St Chad's. Beth, Sam and Thomas, Dunc's wife and children were there along with his parents and sister. They were joined by almost 300 others who came to grieve, to remember and give thanks for a life which, although cut short, was lived to the full. There are many questions that we all have about why such a great husband, father and son should die but on that day we remembered and gave thanks to God for all Duncan Phillips was to so many people.

Happy 100th Birthday

On 3rd July 2013 Ivy Gardner will be 100 years old. A party is planned to celebrate this occasion at the Sports and Social Club on Saturday 6th July 2013.

Between 3pm and 5pm it will be tea and cakes and photos. Music will be by Mac on keyboard and will be of a genteel nature unless Mac has a couple of pints and breaks into old ragtime!

Between 7.30 and 8pm we start again. This time the music is guitar/vocals by Chris Richards, he is new to the club so please give him a welcome. There will be a buffet during the evening.

We are hoping to show the village film made by the History Group sometime during the day. The family look forward to welcoming you on this special occasion so friends, neighbours and relatives you are welcome to join us at one or both events.

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Dr Colin Harris, prior to his retirement, led an active career in research and science education and specialised in study skills and learning techniques. These he utilized in introducing his May talk, with a stream of puns and face-pulling exercises. Anyone arriving late would have doubted our sanity as, with thumbs in the corners of our mouths, we wiggled our fingers to imitate the rustle of leaves portrayed in effigies of the green man. This talk was not about the culinary delights for seniors at the Green Man in Kenilworth, or the effects on the complexion of a mariner in a rough sea.

The Green Man is an ancient symbol, found throughout history in many cultures and religions. It has been interpreted according to the historical setting – creation, fertility, life, death and resurrection, earth mother. It occurs on cave walls, in ancient manuscripts, carved in wood or stone, ironwork, modern paintings. The remains of the outlines can even be detected on Stonehenge and Avebury. We were invited to detect the number of Green Men hidden in a modern drawing; while some of us struggled to identify more than 1 or 2, Rev Elaine quickly identified 10!

Dr Harris spends many hours locating these objects, both in this area and abroad. He believes their prevalence in our ancient abbeys and churches (more than 70 in some cathedrals) was a fun activity by the masons or carpenters, who produced effigies reminiscent of the local unpopular bishop, vicar or lord of the manor – thus producing light relief to

their daily toil and wit and humour for the congregations below. You can look at Colin's website – www.greenmanforum.co.uk if you would like a more learned account of this ancient symbol.



Saturday, June 8th at 1 pm
Visit our display at St Chad's Fete on the village Green

Thursday, June 13th
Outing to Basildon Park.

Bishops Tachbrook Junior Youth Club

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For more information contact Anoushka on 311538 or anoushka76@hotmail.com or come along on a Monday.



Spotlight on...

Beauty on Demand

Name: Julie Newman

Business: Beauty on Demand

Year Business started: 2010

Tell us a bit about what your business does:

Beauty on Demand is a private professional beauty salon in Bishop's Tachbrook. Beauty on Demand offers a full range of beauty treatments such as aesthetics, Botox, dermal fillers, semi-permanent makeup, Environ Facials, Collagen Stimulation Therapy, electrolysis, red vein and milia removal, manicures, pedicures, waxing, tinting, tanning and massage. Whether you are seeking correctional skin treatment, beauty maintenance or overall relaxation therapy, Beauty on Demand will deliver on all levels.



Give us a bit of background to the business: I own and operate Beauty on Demand and also a beauty service from The Equilibrium centre in Chippenham, Wiltshire. I have been in the beauty industry for over 20 years working alongside plastic surgeons and dermatologists in New Zealand and have a great deal of expertise in the anti-ageing arena, helping many women and men with their skin concerns and issues. Beauty on Demand started in 2010 as a part-time venture down in The Dell in Leamington and in January 2011 moved to Bishop's Tachbrook.

How did you get into the business? Whilst I was working as a pharmacy technician in New Zealand I applied for a scholarship to train as a beauty therapist. I applied and won the scholarship which then began my career in beauty therapy. I had always been interested in health and well being and beauty seemed to be the next natural progression in my career. My first business opened in New Zealand in 1999 and I then moved to the UK in 2009.

What sets you apart from other businesses? Beauty on Demand is owned and operated by myself, I have no staff and therefore the treatment and level of service is always consistent and personable. Having years and years of experience in the skin care industry certainly helps with offering a high level of knowledge and expertise, which in today's world of savvy consumers is very important. I regularly attend training seminars and beauty expos to ensure I am up to date with the latest trends in treatments and beauty products. We also have free parking in Bishop's Tachbrook which is a huge bonus in business.

What is your business motto? "Just do it" and "Do it well".

How is your business doing at the moment? Beauty on Demand is progressively growing with new clients and with a regular return of existing clients. Pretty well in other words!

How did the recent recession affect your business? Beauty on Demand was still in its infancy during the recession and therefore not affected at all, new clients were calling regularly. Over the years of being in business I have found that when a recession hits, women will always find a way to continue having their beauty treats by cutting back on other areas in their life. If you look good, you feel great and can cope with life's challenges much easier.

Where do you see your business in 5 years? Still here in Bishop's Tachbrook with a wonderful clientele.

Who is your target market? Our target market would be clients 25+ years of age who are concerned with skin ageing and related ageing issues such as facial hair removal, red vein therapy and skin rejuvenation. Plus those who just want some time out to be pampered.

What did you do before you ran your business? I worked as a trained Pharmacy Technician dispensing medicines alongside a Pharmacist in New Zealand. During this time I won a scholarship to train in beauty therapy and later went on to win student of the year. Following this I worked in various beauty salons before managing one for 5 years, which gave me the knowledge to set up business for myself.

How long have you lived in Bishop's Tachbrook? I moved to live here in Bishop's Tachbrook in January 2011 after running my practise in the Dell in Leamington on a part-time basis for 8 months. Prior to this I was living and working in Wiltshire, hence my one day a week practice I still have down there.

What is the best thing about running your own business? You are in charge of your own destiny. You set your own working hours and get to meet lots of lovely people.

What is the worst thing about running your own business? Learning how to switch off at night!! I am forever thinking of new promotions and ways of keeping ahead of the competition.

People are always surprised to learn this about me, but... I have run 11 marathons. Once again, "Just do it!"

Team Leopard

Calling themselves '**Team Leopard**' after our local pub, two regulars and the manager, Luke Moss, have registered for the 10km Two Castles Run from Warwick Castle to Kenilworth Castle. This will take place at 9am on Sunday 9th June 2013.

Eddie Cousins (73) and Luke Moss (31) will be taking part in aid of Myton Hospice and Dean Sanderson (31) will be running in aid of Cancer Research.

All three feel that they wish to help the medically less fortunate and wish to give something back to the community, especially Eddie who is recovering from breast and prostate cancer. **Should anyone wish to sponsor the team they should contact Eddie on 01926 336360, Dean on 07525063193 or Luke at The Leopard on 01926 426466. Many thanks, your sponsorship would be gratefully appreciated.**



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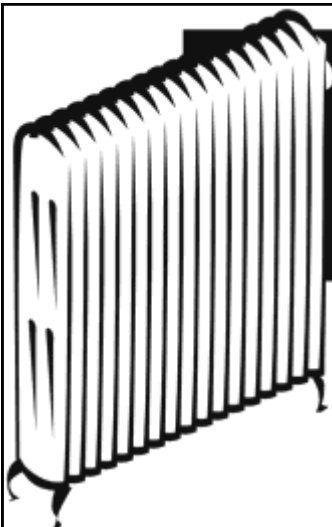


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Which of these facts is correct:

The Good Companions was written in 1929 by J.B. Priestley in Deal, Kent?

The Good Companions was based in the fictional Yorkshire town of Bruddersford?

There have been 2 films, 3 musicals, 1 TV and 1 radio version of the book?

Marigolds (the plant not gloves) are a good companion because they attract slugs?

Answer: all of them. Although I like the book, this is a veg plot not a book plot! So I'm going to concentrate on how mixing up plants can protect your lovely veg.

Smelly plants

The following plants help deter pests:

Marigolds Use Marigolds as a border to any bed where slugs can be a problem.

Basil ward off whitefly when planted amongst tomatoes.

Nasturtium attracts aphids away from beans and cabbages.

Alliums confuse carrot fly and protect against slug damage.

Nettles attract cabbage white butterflies, keeping them away from brassica crops.

Chervil keeps aphids off lettuce.

Coriander helps to repel aphids.

Dill attracts aphid eating beneficial insects likes hoverflies and predatory wasps.

Tansy strongly scented plant deters ants.

Also think about planting carrots and leeks together on the allotment or vegetable patch to protect against a number of pests. Leeks repel carrot fly and carrots repel onion fly and leek moth.

Attracting insects

The following flowers and herbs are ideal for attracting beneficial insects to your crop: Candytuft, Coriander, Sunflower, Lavender and Echinacea.

What to do this month

Sow Beetroot, Carrot, Cucumber (outdoor), French Bean, Kohl Rabi, Pak- Choi, Pea, Radish, Runner Bean, Salads, Squash, Sweetcorn, Swede.

Grow Transplant Tomatoes, Courgettes, Sweetcorn outside after the last frost. Transplant Brassicas (eg Cabbage, Kale) and Leeks to their final growing site.

Support French and Runner Beans with wigwams or similar.

Put straw or plastic around strawberries to stop soil splashing onto fruit and help ripening.

Eat Beetroot, Cauliflower, Cucumber, Pea, Potato (early), Radish, Rhubarb, salads.

Recycling tip of the month

To reduce contamination and improve recycling efficiency, wash and squash!

Wash

Scrape out any food remains/pour away excess liquid.

Rinse the container (use washing-up water). Don't put recyclable material in the dishwasher – no need to waste resources to achieve an unnecessary level of cleanliness!

Squash

Crush metal cans.

Squeeze plastic bottles flat to expel as much air as possible.

These steps help prevent contamination and make collections more energy efficient.

Website of the month – Recycling network

Hints and tips on recycling and why it is so important.

If you don't grow your own already and would like advice from a Master Gardener then please contact Susan Watt or I on: suzwatt@gmail.com or 07711 498047 keithwellsted@btconnect.com or 0771 8196577

Go on, get out there and start growing.

Our first ever Food Festival took place on Friday 10th May 2013. The event allowed our pupils to get a taste for enterprise alongside a selection of local food producers and distributors.

Children prepared for the event by planning a variety of stalls and activities where they set their own pricing structure to try and maximise sales yet still produce a profit. Children sold bread rolls, loaves of bread,

hand made biscuits, vegetable plants, herbs and bedding plants along with delicious chocolates made by our Brownies, Jamaican snacks and a very popular chocolate bar raffle. There were even Golden Tickets to be found in some specially prepared Wonka Bars which gave a few lucky people a special prize. As soon as the doors opened at 3pm the school hall, playground and classrooms were a hive of activity as pupils, parents and visitors tried their hand at a huge variety of activities including bread making, apple pressing, apple peeling, crumble making and even pottery.

The Mallory Court Hotel provided a splendid range of activities and had kindly brought a number of their staff to demonstrate alongside the children. Events like this take a tremendous amount of organisation and we could not have done it all without our fabulous PTA who planned the day's activities and the support of very many parents, traders, staff and of course pupils on the day whose cooperation and teamwork contributed to a truly wonderful first food festival.

The event raised a fantastic £848 which the PTA want to spend on some games and activities to give the children even more to do at playtimes.

I'm sure this event will be repeated sometime in the future and who knows; perhaps one or two children will have been inspired for a future career in catering, hospitality or even bread making! Thank you everyone.





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As Easter approached we hosted 'Bring a Friend to Brownies' where the girls enjoyed showing their friends how much fun they have every Wednesday. We started by introducing ourselves with Good Evening Friend Brownie and Zulu Warrior. The girls then had fun decorating and making Easter baskets. Once they had finished they were able to be filled with crepe paper, a crème egg and mini chocolate eggs. After the girls had finished their baskets and egg scratch card crafts we all sat around the camp fire and sang traditional brownie songs with a cup of hot chocolate and marshmallows on top. The evening was a great success and all the girls were well behaved.

At the end of Visitor's night we were able to award the end of term prizes. The winners were Abbie P, Emma B, Fiona B, Scarlett C, Molly C, Heather D, Millie O, Kirsty D, Sophie W, Emily U and Eva H. Well done girls.

This year Brownie Adventure Day was held at Wolf Mountain in Wolverhampton. Bishop's Tachbrook Brownies went with 1st Whitnash Brownies where we were challenged by exciting activities such as rock climbing, mountain biking, bouldering, archery and various team bonding challenges. The girls had a great time and took part in every activity which encouraged team work, leadership, communication, decision-making and was overall great FUN!



This month the Brownies have been working towards their Crime Prevention badge where they have learnt all about keeping themselves and their possessions safe. We had a visit from two Police Officers and even got to sit in the police car and hear the sirens! They have also made posters to encourage people not to damage other people's property and learnt all about the neighbourhood watch. This month the girls have also made various sweets which were sold at the School Food Fayre and completed two different promise activities to remind us of the Brownie promise we have all made.

Once a year Bishop's Tachbrook Brownies have the opportunity to take part in Whitnash District Sports Day. The whole day was a great success and very well organised by the District. All of the girls gave 110% in their races and enjoyed cheering for their fellow Brownies. Thank you to all the Brownies and Brownie parents who came along to Sports Day to show their support by cheering and waving banners. The winners were to be awarded the trophy by the Leamington Division Commissioner, Nicola Lomas. **We are very proud of all the girls who took part to represent Team Tachbrook who came in 1st place in the competition. Go BT Brownies!**

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Your District Councillor is working hard to get a Planning Officer along to explain their proposal to residents too.

Mallory Road Safety

This is a further appeal for crossing patrol volunteers. We had one volunteer following the last appeal, so need to get more to make this work.

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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 2013/14 first funding round will start in May with all applications having to be filed with the Clerk by 30th June. 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:

- 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

Applications are welcome from local organisations, a local group of a national organisation or a new group whose purpose is to provide activities for the benefit of the group and local community.

If you are interested in applying, you will be required to provide the following details:

- 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
- An agreement to publicise the activity in the Parish Magazine

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Written applications (by letter or form) should be submitted to Mrs Corinne Hill, Parish Clerk, Gaydon Fields Farm, Gaydon CV35 or email parishclerk@bishopstachbrook.com. Application forms are available from the Clerk on 01926 641220 or by email.

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The Clerk as Responsible Financial Officer presented the Draft 12/13 Accounts. They will now be sent to the internal auditor prior to approval at our June meeting. If you would like to see them please contact me on parishclerk85@btinternet.com

Your Parish Council has 2 dominant matters to deal with over the next 3 months - to prepare for the publication of the Warwick District Local Plan, AND to keep pressing on with the drafting of our own Neighbourhood Plan.

.... and we will need you, as residents - young and not so young - to help us respond effectively as a community.

LOCAL PLAN - this will go to WDC Executive on 4th June and so will be in the public domain the week before. If approved by the Exec it will go out to public consultation for 6 weeks from 14 June to 29 July. This Plan (the Revised Development Strategy) combines the public feedback on the Preferred Options stage last year with further evidence that has been gathered since. To help us all understand better what is proposed your PC has arranged an open, drop in session for **Saturday 15th June at the school** - see page 19.

As a prelude we are now seeing major planning applications coming forward for substantial new housing developments south of Warwick/Leamington. The first 3 of these, from Gallaghers, propose 1270 houses be built.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN - this is a parallel exercise to the Local Plan. If we create a coherent NP with a strong evidence base it will help us as a community to see the parish evolve as we would wish. There may be conflictions with the LP but we must try to manage these. *Please read more on pages 22-25 about the Neighbourhood Plan.*

Travellers sites - your PC was not happy to be excluded from a meeting held by WDC officers to discuss possible sites. Invitations had gone out to 50 landowners/farmers across the District but with a focus to the south in the non-green belt parishes like ours. WDC do have a legal obligation to find sites for 25 pitches. What we understand is that the preference is for small sites to take 2/3 caravans; but there is real doubt that landowners will come forward with sufficient sites. The proposal will be revealed and available for comments in the next draft of the Local Plan, out in a week or two.

Marquee - has arrived! ! We are forming a group of volunteers to be on hand to put it up. Four will needed on each occasion. Please, if you're able bodied, contact me or contact a councillor. parishclerk85@btinternet.com or 01926 641220

Other matters discussed included the repair of the Warwick Gates perimeter path; painting of play equipment on the Meadow; safe crossing on Mallory Road.

For actions agreed, please see minutes on notice boards and on our web-site.

Why we need a Neighbourhood Plan right now

You may recall that we completed a Parish Plan couple of years ago. It laid out the way we would like to see the Parish develop in order to improve many aspects and amenities that will make our lives better in the years to come.

So why do we need a Neighbourhood Plan as well?

It's all down to the recent, major changes in planning law. The government has devolved planning strategy enabling local communities decision-making responsibility in a range of areas including planning, housing, amenities, infrastructure and economic growth. Before this change we had to accept many decisions that were imposed from above and not what would suit our specific needs best.

Reflect our needs and wishes

In essence the Plan will set out the vision for the development of the Parish over the next fifteen years. All the proposals in the Plan must have a convincing evidence base to justify their inclusion. And this is where you come in. Your suggestions and opinions are the bedrock on which the Plan will be based. We want to ensure that Bishop's Tachbrook is a fantastic place to live, whatever your age.

Some ideas to get you thinking

What do you like about living in Bishop's Tachbrook and what makes it special? You may have strong views on the amount and type of housing we require and what land should be made available for building. How can we ensure our distinctive rural environment and village way of life are not overtaken by over developed urban sprawl? Do we need better amenities and recreation facilities? What about adult education? Are we doing enough to improve road safety and household security? Shouldn't we plan more for the needs of the elderly? Do we need a focal point for the centre of the village? Can we create more jobs and improve business facilities? What's the best way to protect our historical heritage and develop a more sustainable, green way of life? You may think of other topics for improving the welfare for BT residents.

Naturally many of your answers from the original Parish Plan will be incorporated into the new Neighbourhood Plan. Preparing the new Plan will provide more up to date information on a wider range of issues that concern you.

When the Neighbourhood Plan is ready, Warwick District Council will arrange a referendum of the registered electors. Following a majority approval, the Neighbourhood Plan has to be incorporated into the District Council's Local Plan. Any development will have to comply with this new Plan, which reflects the needs and wishes of our community.

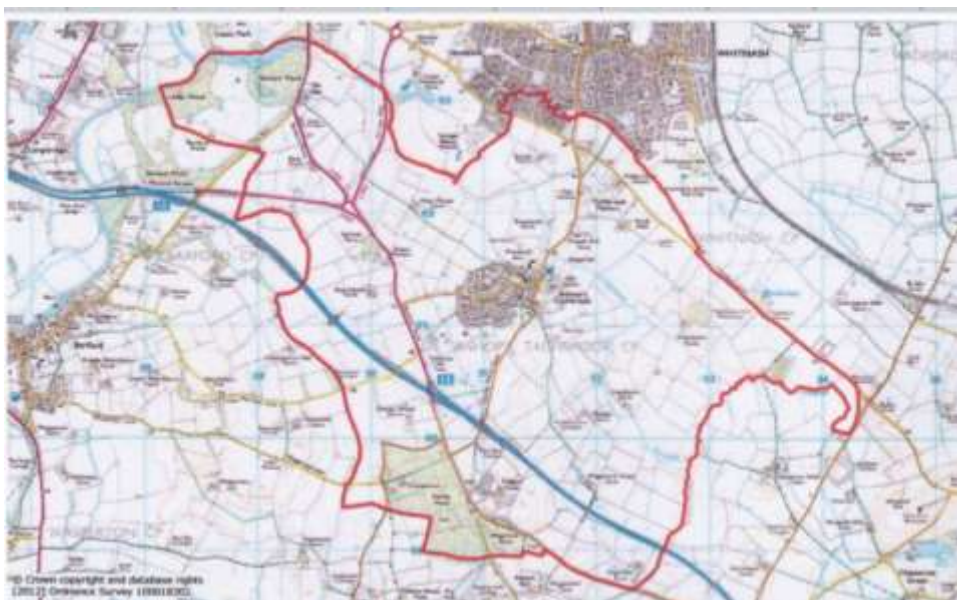
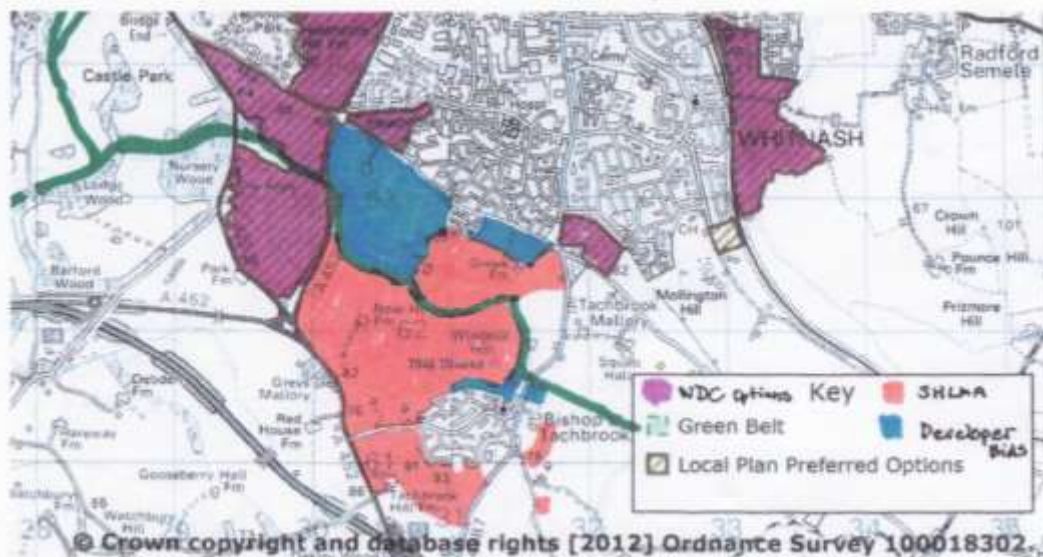
Taking advantage

Because the Local Plan is not yet in place many developers are taking the opportunity to apply for planning permission to build houses on agricultural land in our Parish that would be a threat to our rural identity. This is why we need to submit our Neighbourhood Plan as soon as possible to make sure our opinions and wishes count.

Take a look at the Bishop's Tachbrook Parish boundary map and you will see the areas where developers want to build. The first map shows the areas where developers have or may apply for permission to build housing developments. If successful, this could lead to being surrounded by a huge housing development. Below is a map of the Parish showing Chad the Tachbrook Terrier boundary outline.

Come along to the Church fete and have your say - see page 25.

Neighbourhood Plan Committee



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Let's make BT even better, The Parish with a Plan

Have your say at the Church Fete 8th June

on the Village Green

Visit the Neighbourhood Plan Stand

Bring the children, bring grandparents, make it a family affair, the more the merrier. Grab a Chad The Tachbrook Terrier T-shirt. There are lots of things to do so have some fun while your having your say about what should be included in the Neighbourhood Plan. To help you, display boards illustrate many of the topics up for discussion.

Fill up the post card wall

Jot down on a postcard your suggestion for the Neighbourhood Plan and pin it to the suggestion wall. Read what others have to say and it may spark another idea to make BT even better.

Best of BT Photographic competition

Here's your chance to combine your photographic skill with your eye for what makes BT so special. Or it could be an area you think needs improving. Take a searching look around the Parish from Warwick Gates to Oakley Wood. Whatever takes your fancy, whether it's a street or landscape, a favourite view you want protected, a wildlife shot by the Tach Brook or a majestic tree which resembles some mighty beast. The choice is yours. As well as taking part in the competition, your photographs will provide visual evidence that will support your ideas for the Neighbourhood Plan. Entry forms will be distributed to every house before the fete with details of categories and age groups. Prizes will be awarded for each category and age group and announced in the next Parish Magazine.

Children - Win a prize in Chase Chad the Tachbrook Terrier competition

Chad The Tachbrook Terrier is hidden somewhere on the grounds of the Fete. Children have to follow the Chad trail and pick up the clues dotted around in many unexpected places. The first child to run Chad to ground will win a special Chad Trophy with runners up getting lots of fabulous prizes.

Pick up a questionnaire

Detailed questionnaires covering all areas and issues of the Neighbourhood Plan will be available for you to complete either at the Fete or in your own time afterwards. Questionnaires will also be distributed to every household in the Parish to ensure everyone has chance to have their input into the Neighbourhood Plan.

See you at the Village meeting to go through the Plan

The team preparing the Neighbourhood Plan will consider all the suggestions that have been submitted and draw up a consensus of views that will be incorporated into the Plan. To keep you in the picture there will be a presentation in late July in the School Hall of the progress the team is making to formulate the Neighbourhood Plan.

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Our meeting this month was a little different to usual. Our main focus was to discuss and vote on the resolution which reads "The NFWI notes with concern the continuing decline of our high streets and the damaging effect this has on local communities. We call on every member of the WI to support their local shops and make the high street their destination of choice for goods and services. We call on decision-makers to work collectively, at all levels, to help bring an end to the decline of our high streets and to ensure that high streets flourish and provide a focal point for local communities."

After discussion with points both for and against the resolution, which included things like parking charges in towns where retail parks are free, supermarket dominance, internet shopping to name but a few, we took a vote which passed the resolution. We also voted on four other resolutions which were about the revised constitution which were also all carried. When I go to the National AGM in June (leaving Warwick at 6:30 am!) I will be voting on our behalf as instructed by the members. I will also be representing three other institutes so lots of pieces of coloured card that day.

Members were told about visits to Highclere Castle, Kingstown Palace and Harold Hillier Gardens, a darts competition for which we have a team entered, and a literary lunch when the guest speaker is author Felix Francis, son of Dick Francis. This is being held at Mallory Court so should be a good event. There is also the

chance to visit our National headquarters and everyone was reminded that if they are a paid up member, they are part-owners of a property in London....how big a part I am unsure of, probably a quarter of a brick or less....

After a ploughman's supper, we played games including scrabble, spillikins and jenga and reminisced over the albums containing some of our panto photographs from long ago. It was great fun picking people out who are now a couple of years older... well about 25 really. Bishop's Tachbrook WI once used to stage a successful pantomime each February.

Thank you to all who supported the cake stall at the beginning of May. It was yet another success. Also a big thank you to all of you for your used stamps and old bras, I'm getting quite a bundle of both so will soon be dispatching them off to their various charities. Keep them coming please. As I always say if you want to know more about the WI do give me a ring. Anne Allen 424135

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Tree of the Month:
Whitebeam (*Sorbus aria*)

If you see a Whitebeam from a distance you might think it was covered with white blossom. It does have white blossom, five petalled flowers hanging in bunches in May, but before the blossom appears the tree can look white as the wind blows its leaves. The oval leaves are green on top but the underside are covered with short white hairs which catch the light and give the overall effect of shimmering white. The Whitebeam is a native tree that has been found in Britain long enough ago to be named by the Anglo-Saxons, beam being derived from their word baum, meaning tree. It does not grow very tall but has a neat domed shape. The blossom develops into clusters of green round berries that change from orange to scarlet. They are not good to eat although they were made into a jelly to accompany venison, but birds do seem to like them and so aid seed dispersal. The wood is very hard and used to be made into cogs for machinery, but there is no longer a use for it. The trees were often planted as boundary markers, probably because of their distinctive colouring. Now they are a favourite for parks and similar situations.

They are related to the Service trees I wrote about last month, both having the family name Sorbus. We do have some in Bishop's Tachbrook and I'm sure you will easily identify them! I've really enjoyed finding out more about the various trees of the Month. There is so much about each one and their relations! A good tree

guide and/or the Internet give many fascinating facts.



Ants! Well they can also be interesting or annoying depending on your point of view or the situation! The ants running along a crack in the paving fascinated our 15 month old grandson. His inquisitive eyes spotted them before anyone else and he kept returning to watch them scurrying along. I wasn't so happy when I saw them in the compost bin although they didn't stay long as a few days later the woodlice were busy munching through the peelings and there was not an ant in sight. Then a friend complained about the ants trying to get into his kitchen and we had a discussion about flying ants, were they the queens off to a new nest site? I couldn't quite remember so we looked it up. Both males and female queens join in what is known as the Marriage Flight. They mate high up in the air and the females land and tear off their wings ready to build a new nest. It offers a feast for the birds that gather and snatch as many flying ants as they can from the swarm that rises from the old nest.

Nature Reports

Butterflies - brimstone, peacock small whites orange tip have all made an appearance.

Starlings from Scandinavia have now joined our lone winter Starling although we are only seeing four at the most at one time.

The **Blackbirds** are very tame, demanding food and quick to take advantage of newly turned soil. I suspect they are nesting in our hedge.

Swallows have been seen from mid April, as have **House Martins**. Kevin's House Martins have returned to the nest that has been occupied for several years. He has been watching them mending the old nest under his eaves.

John's Nature Diary

26 March Just in from Heathcote Lakes Fishery. Swans getting broody with female guarding nest site in flooded area alongside Tach.

Saw kingfisher in full colourful glory.

Bankside daffs just flowering but oilseed rape which should be flowering in 2 weeks very stunted and behind.

16 April Spring has sprung as of today. Swallow seen at Heathcote lakes. Toads moving about, Grebes displaying, bees out foraging and swans sitting tight on eggs.

18 April Saw another swallow and a sandpiper.

19 April Brimstone seen today and another sandpiper.

12 May 5 cygnets out for first swim today. Adults staying close.



Steve Harvey's report

Oakley Wood has its magic carpet of Bluebells with a dash of white Stitchwort for extra effect. Bluebells are a sign of an ancient woodland floor. Although most of the trees are more recent it would have been wooded way back through time. There are earth mounds of a fort inside so a community lived there. Interesting to think that many generations have marvelled at the bluebells on the same woodland floor. We are lucky to have it standing so close to the village.

Back in our garden we have been visited by a pair of hedgehogs every night for the past few weeks. The male snuffles in circles around the female who adopts a defensive posture presenting her front to him. Not an easy courtship but normal for hedgehogs.

The oaks are nicely coming into leaf ahead of the ash. The old saying goes, "Oak before Ash and we will have a splash", meaning we are in for a dry summer. Well I don't remember the Ash ever being before the Oak so I'd take that saying with a pinch of salt!

(Linda's comment: I read recently that the Oak relies on light and so leaf buds respond to the longer days whereas the Ash relies on warmth and its leaf buds respond to the rise in temperature. It was certainly true of our hedge ash whose buds opened over the hot and sunny Bank holiday. The Bluebells also seemed to respond to the warm and sunny weather.)



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- Substitutes: to cover an occasional absence for one or two months – holidays, illness, family commitments, etc
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We are looking to build up a list of people that we can call on as the need arises. If you feel that you could help (in either category) please get in touch.

Barbara and Stephen Baldwin, 3 Hassall Close. Tel: 336822

St. Chads Church Fete June 8th 1-4p.m

By the time you read this, planning for our church fete will be in its final stages. House-to house collections are taking place in the village, but if you have not received the orange leaflet telling you the date of the collection and you have anything to donate, then these can be left at 32 Holt Avenue, 11 Farm Walk, the Vicarage or 1 Launce Grove. It just leaves me to say we hope you will enjoy the afternoon and look forward to seeing you all, hopefully, in wonderful sunshine this year. Desnee

Next deadline for magazine items is 15th June for July's issue. Please send to catherine.keen@btinternet.com

Clothing Recycling Bank

We now have a clothing recycling bank in aid of the Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance by the other recycling banks by the BTSSC. They are looking for any unwanted clothing, towels, sheets, blankets, curtains and paired shoes but can't deal with soiled rags, duvets, carpets and rugs.

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Praying for our Community in June

A group of us at St Chad's wanted to have some structured prayers for our village and so we've developed a prayer calendar, which we hope will give direction to our prayer and so we offer it to those who live in our parish and who pray.

This month we pray for:

Those who live in:

Hassall Close
Heathcote Lane
Holt Avenue
Kingsley Court

Organisations:

Mothers' Union
Sunday Club
The village shop
The village Hairdresser
All those taking exams



Notable Dates

Sunday 2nd 1st of Trinity
Environment Sunday
Saturday 8th The Village Fete
Sunday 11th St Barnabas
Monday 17th-23rd
Refugee Week
Monday 24th John the Baptist
Monday 24th-30th
Child Safety Week
Wednesday 26th Victims of Torture
Friday 29th Peter and Paul

We ask Lord that you speak your word of peace in our midst, and help us to serve one another as Christ has served us. Amen

If you would like to add a subject to the Prayer diary please contact the editor.

Church Rotas for June

Cleaning

1st Liz Sheehan
8th Fiona Meades & Jo Jordan
15th Esther Boyle & Gill Yarwood
22nd Sue Hitchin
29th Desnee & Mervyn Fletcher

Assistant Stewards

2nd Ros & John Pratt
9th Graham Leeke
16th Kevin Pantling
23rd Debra Cokayne
30th Huw Davies

Sidespersons

2nd Mervyn & Desnee Fletcher
9th Ray & Anne Allen
16th Anne Kelley & Vera Vale
23rd Joan Alderman & Mac McGarrick
30th Sheila Hayward & Kath Reason

Coffee

2nd Maralyn & Roy Brown
9th Jean Coope & Mac McGarrick
16th Fiona Meades & Joan Alderman
23rd Gill Yarwood & Rod Smith
30th Ros Pratt & Jane Everett

Worship at St Chad's

Sunday 10am Holy Communion (Sunday Club is held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month)

First Sunday of the month

8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Family Service

Wednesday

11:15am Holy Communion (BCP)

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**Bishops Tachbrook
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We had a wonderful trip to Nepal at our meeting last month – at least it felt like we'd been there as Sue Hitchin described her experiences there as a missionary. Prior to 1952 Nepal had been a closed country, but when it opened members of the International Nepal Fellowship were invited in to run various projects, not least combating leprosy and TB. In 1967 Sue and Peter were married and went to Bible College in Glasgow to train for service with the INF. In 1971 they were posted to Pokhara, in the sub-tropical part of Nepal, as Hostel Parents to 51 boys in a boarding school set up by INF. The journey was by boat from England, right round southern Africa and up the Indian Ocean to India, then by train overland to Nepal. Before starting at the school they had to go to a school themselves to learn basic Nepali and about the traditions and way of life of the people.

The hardest part for Sue was the isolation from her family and friends back in the UK. There were no telephones and 1/3 of post got lost. They were there for 5 years before they had a year's furlough to go back to the UK. Eventually Peter moved into administration as Mission Secretary, then controlling the Leprosy programme based at the Green Pastures hospital, with people going out to communities and to those who were ostracised because of their leprosy.

INF was a band of Christians and through their work and actions they spread the Gospel among the Hindu people. They were not allowed to proselytise and

Nepalis were not allowed to give up their Hindu faith, but there was nothing to stop them having two faiths! Initially they met in what looked like a woodshed for prayer and bible teaching, so that it was not obvious what they were doing, but eventually Christianity was officially accepted and churches were built.

Life in Nepal was totally different to the UK. Sue and Peter had their three children while they were there and they had freedom to play and roam, walk and climb the hills (Everest is in another area of Nepal). Sue had a 'bahini' to help her with domestic chores – water had to be fetched, food found and prepared and there were no modern conveniences.

After 11 years Peter was called back to the UK to be administrator of the INF which eventually set up headquarters in Birmingham. The children found it difficult to understand the restrictions to their freedom when they came back to the UK and reckon they had had the best childhood anyone could have in Nepal.

INF has now celebrated over 60 years of service, developing the focus of their work as they follow God's call. Sue's talk to us only scratched the surface of her experiences and we were enthralled by what she had to say and mementos she brought to share with us. There is so much more, so we hope that Sue will return with another instalment.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday June 4th at 7.30 pm in St Chad's church – speaker yet to be confirmed, but hopefully about the campaigning aspect of MU. Do come along to listen. Jenny Lister Tel 427922

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Entrants will be required to sign a disclaimer on the day. A small donation (suggest £4) to cover event costs would be appreciated.

Tachbrook Time Trials Saturday 8th June 2013

Name of Entrant or Team Name	
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Which Class - Soapbox Car or Chainless Bike?	
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LIVING CREATURE FACTS

Caterpillars make no noises other than chewing - though *Phengaris rebeli* strums its bottom like a guitar.

Every year Peruvians eat more than 60 million guinea pigs...but in Switzerland it's illegal to keep just one guinea pig.

As soon as tiger shark embryos develop teeth they attack and eat each other in the womb.

The platypus and the echidna are the only mammals that could make their own custard; they both lay eggs and produce milk.

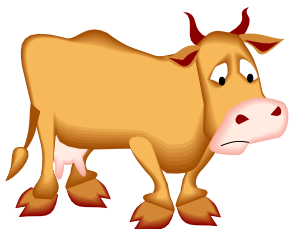
In the first month of its life, a silkworm puts on 10,000 times its birth weight.

A six-inch cat fish has more than 250,000 taste buds.

Cows carry cowpox but chickens don't carry chicken pox.

The animal rights group PETA claims that cows can suffer humiliation if people laugh at them.

Living Creature Facts—With thanks to 1227 QI Facts to Blow Your Socks Off.



Test yourself...

Can you separate these animal myths from the truths?

1. An elephant never forgets?
2. Lemmings commit suicide?
3. Camels store water in their humps?
4. You can't teach an old dog new tricks?
5. Crocodiles can cry?
6. March hares are mad?



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| 1. | Truth—it has the biggest brain of all land mammals. |
| 2. | Myth - this was made popular by a documentary later found to have staged the scene. |
| 3. | Myth - the hump is a big mound of fat which provides up to 3 weeks of energy stores. |
| 4. | Myth - patience and regular training are what they need! |
| 5. | Truth - the glands which keep their eyes moist are next to their throats so eating can force tears into their eyes. |
| 6. | Truth—well the mating conduct they display around this month (including boxing) could certainly be described as wild! |

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Caroline Loveday on 429082 or
07796 034371 or
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to find out more.



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