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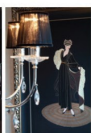
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What's in this month's magazine

There's a regal theme to this month's magazine with the Queen's birthday featuring large. The highlight of the month is going to be the weekend of the 11th and 12th. On the 11th there's the Church Fete. All the normal Church Fete stalls and activities with special regal twists: Design a Hat or Crown fit for a Queen, bake a cake fit for the Queen and arrange flowers or a miniature garden fit for a Queen?

On Sunday 12th there's a special service at St Chad's at 10 a.m. followed by a street party and fun day hosted by The Sports and Social Club on The Meadow. The Meadow will definitely be the place to be over the weekend!!

See the centre spread on pages 22 and 23 for details

The Royal theme is carried on with a special Fun and Facts quiz on page 11 and, of course, there's the normal mix of adverts for local services, club/society reports plus Parish Council and School news.

After feedback from some readers about the size of some of the fonts being too small for those with sight problems, I've tried to ensure everything is in at least 10 point type, please let me know if this has helped. Feedback is always welcomed.

St Chad's diary

12th June 2016 @ 10am Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations. Come and join us as we celebrate the Queen's birthday. The school choir will be joining us and all children attending will receive a small gift.

Elaine will be away between the 13th June and 14th July. Services will be as normal. My son Adam will be at the Vicarage to take any messages.

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I'm writing this letter just before the deadline Keith has set (I'm actually in a hotel room in Berlin!) and for anyone who knows me this is no surprise. It's just not my way to have everything organised well in advance, and each month I seem to need to hurry that little bit more! There always seems to be a deadline to meet!

The same is true in church, there are always things to be done. This month we have the fete to organise and it takes a lot of organising and I'm very grateful to those who give so willingly of their time to make the day successful. I hope you'll join us as we celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday.

This week we invited all who are on the electoral roll of St Chad's, and anyone else who was interested, to join us for a "Vision Day", where we met to discuss, share ideas and plan for the future of Our church (and to eat cake!). Of course, there are some things that will always need to be done but it is the how and when we do them that we discussed.

When should we have our main service at St Chad's? Many of you tell us that Sunday has become a day that you want to spend with your families and coming to church at 10am isn't always convenient. There are football matches to play, swimming lessons to attend, homework to do and family and friends to visit. We discussed a Sunday afternoon service, perhaps beginning at 4pm. Another idea was to move the service to 9am so that

the rest of the day is free. Perhaps that would be good for our younger members but others might find it hard to be up and ready at that time. What form should the services take? Some wanted more modern music, others times of quiet reflection. How could we attract more young parents and their children? What about a Messy Church and if that was a good idea, then when should it be held? Who would help run it?

Of course, on the whole services are my responsibility And it is very easy to take the line that some of the things that will always need to be done will look after themselves – until we find that the person who "always does..." is quite unable to be part of that activity and we find that many people are chasing around trying to cover things that have long been taken for granted. There is always plenty to do that can be planned for and we have rotas for cleaning, making coffee and for sides persons, those that greet you with a smile and a hymn book when you come to St. Chad's. There are other things that cannot be planned for. We do have to recognise that unpredictable things happen, some of them very sad, others being occasions for change which bring great joy to some, but perhaps regret to others. We need to be aware of what might happen and to plan for what we can reasonably expect, but we also know that God may disrupt the very best plans we can lay.

Another thing we discussed was communication. How can we best

communicate what is happening at St Chad's? Of course we have this magazine and a Facebook page but many people do not use Facebook. We have a webpage that can be accessed from the village website. Perhaps having our own website, where people could register to receive updates, would be a better way to communicate with all who live in the parish. What do you think? Would you like to receive regular updates from St Chad's or is your email box already full to overflowing with "information"? How do we communicate with those who are going to be moving into our village? What should we put in a welcome pack?

Lots of questions this month! If you have any ideas, please get in touch with me. I'd love to hear from you. It would be great to know what your vision for St Chad's is? Email me at: elaine.scrivens@gmail.com. Drop me a message via our Facebook page or via Twitter: @st_chads, give me a ring on 01926426922 or if you like give me a call and I will try to visit you. I'm usually at St Chad's on a Sunday morning too!

With love and prayers, Elaine

CYCLE OF PRAYER

Praying for our Community

In June we will be praying for all who live in
Hassall Close
Heathcote Lane
Holt Avenue
Kingsley Court

We will be remembering those who live in these roads in our prayers during the service each Sunday in June and many of the congregation will also be praying for them during their daily prayers.

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 CHRISTIAN FAMILY

Baptism

Charlotte Rose Malcolm

JOYS & SORROWS

Do you have any major life events to share? We'd love to hear of births, engagements, anniversaries and significant birthdays. Contact Elaine on elaine.scrivens@gmail.com. Send a message via the St Chads Facebook page or via Twitter: @st_chads or ring on 01926426922

There's great news this month in the way of generous grants towards the St Chad's Centre. Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation and Allchurches Trust Limited have both donated sizeable sums to add to those contributions from Warwick District Council, Bishop's Tachbrook Parish Council, WREN and Awards for All. Trustees are hugely thankful to these organisations financially supporting such a valuable community facility. We look forward to sharing details of the building specification in the coming months.

The other big news this month is that Trustees have made progress on where visitors to the Centre might park if they travel from outside the village. The doctor's surgery on Mallory Road, the Croft Medical Centre branch surgery, has offered the use of the car park outside surgery hours, which includes evenings and weekends; key Centre usage times. Our grateful thanks go to Practice Manager Karen Malecki and the Croft Medical Centre partners for their support.

This car park will provide useful off street parking. Trustees will signpost hirers to this car park when they make a booking and encourage its use during available hours.

It will be available:

Mondays after 13:00

Tuesdays before 13:30 and after 17:30

Wednesdays after 13:00

Thursdays before 13:30 and after 17:30

Fridays after 13:00

All day Saturdays and all day Sundays.

Trustees are aware of concerns regarding contractors' vehicles parking near to the Centre. In the first instance, please speak to the driver of the vehicle to resolve the issue directly. If this is not possible, and you believe the driver of the vehicle is working on behalf of the St Chad's Centre, please use the email address below to contact Trustees. Please remember Mallory Road and Church Lees are public roads and members of the public are permitted to park on them, providing they obey the law. Trustees have asked contractors not to park in the bay along Church Lees to free these spaces up for residents. However, if concerns continue regarding parking along Mallory Road, the safest place to advise them to park will be in this bay. The bay on Church Lees is not for the exclusive use of residents; it is for residents and their visitors, as well as visitors to the village amenities such as the shop, Church and the St Chad's Centre.

Roads close to the Centre are used by residents, visitors, people using the village amenities, as well as those working on behalf of the St Chad's Centre. If you have evidence of laws being broken, again in the first instance Trustees would recommend you resolve it directly with the driver wherever possible. Where this is not possible contact Trustees via the email address below who will investigate and report back to you. The Police are unlikely to be able to react as quickly as Trustees in identifying the drivers of



dangerously parked vehicles and request that they are moved but, if you feel contacting the Police is necessary to prevent an imminent accident, the non-emergency number is 101.

As always we are happy to hear from you via stchadscentrebt@gmail.com Social media pages are not monitored and so we would recommend contact is via the Trustees inbox if you have questions you would like answers to. If you have any ideas or ways you think the Centre could be even better please do let us know.

Mothers' Union June 2016

Thank you ... Thank you ... Thank you ...

What a time we had at our Coffee Morning in April! A BIG THANK YOU to all who came to support it and to all our bakers, jam and greetings cards makers and to those who served coffee. Thanks to you all we were able to bank £302.51p!

We haven't yet decided which projects to support but I know that some will go to adult literacy and numeracy projects overseas. Thank you for helping women to become literate so that they can read labels and price tags when they're shopping and encourage their children to read.

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Annual Parish Assembly took place in May with councillors giving updates on the many projects carried out last year and continuing into this year.

With our current focus on Sport, Leisure and Well-being, in May your parish councillors took time out one Saturday morning to visit new local community facilities. We started with a site visit to the St Chad's Centre and were shown around by Trustees. The Centre is really taking shape now. We then visited the Chase Meadow Community Centre which as absolutely buzzing when we arrived.

Chase Chill a family coffee morning (with bacon sandwiches), was in full flow. A dance class was also running, with parents waiting in the café. We are very grateful to Colleen, a really enthusiastic volunteer who was on hand to give us a guided tour. Our final visit was to the new community café at Lighthorne Cricket Field. Ben a local gardener has renovated the Parish-owned cricket pavilion which had become dilapidated. He's done a fantastic job and will be open for business when you read this. Just off the Banbury Road, the planned breakfast menu may be of interest to residents working at JLR!

The play equipment, benches and bins have been vandalised on the Meadow and we are aware of other incident of vandalism in Whitnash and Barford. We have been trouble free for a number of years we all need to be extra vigilant. Police are aware and have increased patrols in our area. Again, if you see anyone causing damage please dial 101. Leamington Hibs will be continuing to

train and play on the Meadow. It is good to see sport being locally and these matches ensure good use of the Sports and Social Club.

A couple of our trees have been damaged by road accidents. Thanks to a resident we have a photo of one and are pursuing a replacement tree via the Police. The traffic calming project on Oakley Wood Road is moving forward. Councillor Leigh Carter is working with Highways Officers who are currently designing the scheme. This project also includes extending the "Safer Route to School", from the Leopard up Church Hill to Kingsley Road. Paul's Working Parties organised and led by Cllr Paul Whitwood have been doing some great work around the Parish. Two of the recent Saturday morning sessions have focussed in the allotments. This work is preparing the way for new connections, directly linking the Meadow through to Holt Avenue and to the new foot path which will run parallel to Oakley Wood Road. Paul is also planning a session in Warwick Gates to tackle flooding on the perimeter path. Please look out for Paul's updates and notices of future monthly working parties.

The Warwick Gates bus shelter project has made some progress with a utilities search at the proposed location. Not unexpectedly a number of services were identified but we hope this search now provides sufficient information to identify a suitable location.

The Section 137 grant scheme for community groups will be starting in June. Please keep an eye on the noticeboard and website for details.



Bishop's Tachbrook Junior Youth Club

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

For more information
contact Kate Underhill on 335144
kateandgrace@talktalknet
or come along on a Monday.

We desperately need more adult
volunteers to come and help at our club,
if you can spare a couple of hours on an
odd Monday then please let me know.



1st Bishop's Tachbrook Rainbows

If your daughter is aged 5 or 6, free on
Mondays at 6pm, likes having fun, play-
ing games, making things and being part
of a group?

Then Rainbows could be for you!

Rainbows are part of the national
Girl Guiding group.

If your daughter is interested or you
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email Poppy on bishopstachbrookrain-
bows@hotmail.com
or call 01926 888296



Girls aged 5-8

Brownies

Bishops Tachbrook Brownies would like to invite you to a
fun night of activities.

Come and meet our current Brownies and see for
yourself how much fun it is to be a Brownie.

Wednesday 2nd
March, 6pm at
Bishops Tachbrook
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Club

Please contact
carolineloveday@sky.com





To celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday here is a Royal Quiz!

The Queen's full name is Elizabeth Alexandra Mary.

Her favourite breed of corgi dog is the Pembroke Welsh.

Her Majesty's private wealth is estimated to be £340 million (2015 Sunday Times Rich List)

She was born at her Grandfather's house in Mayfair, London.

Winston Churchill used to describe Her Majesty aged two as 'a character'

The Queen is not required to show number plates when driving.

Young Elizabeth's nickname was Lilibet

During the Second World War she joined the Women's Auxiliary Territorial Service as a mechanic and military truck driver

When she married Prince Phillip they received 2,500 wedding gifts.

The Queen has a rule on the Royal Train. No bumpy track during her morning bath!

She refuses to wear a hat whilst horse riding. Instead she wears a scarf tied under her chin.

1. Where does the Queen traditionally spend August?
2. The Queen is fluent in French. True or false?
3. How many grandchildren does the Queen have?
4. How many great-grandchildren does the Queen have?
5. What year did the Queen ascend the throne?
6. In what year did then-Princess Elizabeth marry Prince Philip of Greece and Denmark?
7. How many countries, other than the UK, have her as their reigning constitutional monarch?
8. What happened to a royal footman who poured whisky into the Queen's corgis' water?
9. Which year was described as "annus horribilis" by the Queen?
10. Whales caught in UK waters are officially the property of the monarch. True or false?

For answers see Page 41



Naming the Streets

Our Year 5 pupils (age 9 and 10) recently invited the builders A C Lloyd into school to offer their suggestions on street naming at the new Oakley Grove housing development. Pupils used all their persuasive powers using rhetorical questions, flattery, personal pronouns and emotive language to persuade the marketing managers and the sales managers that their ideas for street names would appeal to potential purchasers. After all, who wouldn't want to live in Woodpecker Way?



Sounding Brass

Pupils in Year 5 have also been busy learning to play a range of brass instruments this year and recently gave their very first public concert with trumpets, euphoniums and polybones sounding out in perfect pitch. What is a polybone? Well, it's a plastic trombone but the sound is almost indistinguishable from a brass one. Well played, Year 5!

Brilliant Bread Bakers

Pupils in Year 5 designed and baked an astonishing array of fresh bread and rolls. Mrs French said: "They all added their own decorations and special ingredients too." Thanks to Ms Hayward, the bread was all baked in the school kitchen.



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Road Safe

Thanks to a very generous donation from a village resident, the school has been able to use professional Road Safety Officers this year to train all our children in all aspects of road safety. Pictured are Year 1 having their lesson in Kingsley Road, looking out for parked cars!



Three bears 'chairs

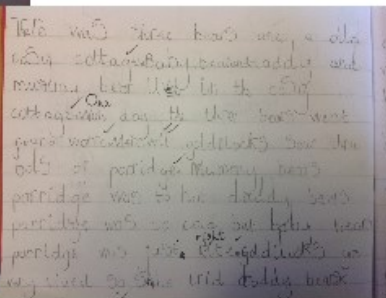
Our Year 1 pupils also have become the most excellent writers who love nothing more than re-telling a favourite story in their own words (and with their own special ending).

Miss Gregory said: "I'm so impressed with absolutely every single one of the class; they are all so good!"

Food Festival

Pupils in Year 1, assisted by our green-fingered caretaker Mr Hanson, have been planting flowers, vegetables and lettuce which they sold at our Food Festival.

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Bishops Tachbrook Brownies have had a very exciting month! On 29th April, 22 Brownies, the Owls and young leaders set off straight after school on our annual Pack Holiday. This year, we headed to PGL Liddington near Swindon for a fun-packed weekend of outdoor activities and team games. PGL is commonly known as 'Parents Get Lost' and the girls certainly enjoyed their time away with their friends.

As a team of three, the Brownies had to climb to the top of a suspended ladder of logs while the gaps between each log got wider as they got higher. We had a few very brave and athletic girls that got right to the top but they all worked really well together to help each other get as high as possible!

After a hearty lunch, we then did a zipwire from the top of a very high platform. It took a lot of courage for the



Over the three days we were away, the Brownies tackled a variety of pursuits. First up was canoeing, which is classed as a dry activity (although us Owls were a bit dubious!) but despite a few efforts to capsize and a lot of splashing, we all managed to stay mostly dry and even managed a few circuits of the lake in the canoes, which gave us a great sense of achievement.

Next up was Jacob's Ladder, which is an exercise in teamwork and cooperation.

girls and the Owls to step off the platform into mid-air and zoom across the field but we got lots of encouragement from our fellow Brownies! We also learnt some new terms for the harness equipment – ask the Brownies what Gri Gris, flip flops and Reggie the Wedgie penguin beaks are!

The final activity of the day was the sensory trail, where we had to negotiate a series of obstacles – blindfolded - with the Brownie in front providing

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instructions as to what lay ahead. It was a challenge which demanded trust and effective communication to make it safely round the course!

In the evenings, we were entertained by our resident PGL group leader, Dom, who organised Wacky Race team games and had the Brownies and young leaders pretending to be chickens, ballerinas, James Bonds, elephants and Dizzy Lizzies! There were some very funny sights! The Brownies also did the Passport to the World game around the site, which involved orienteering then answering quiz questions on various world countries. Olivia then got to enjoy her birthday cake, as she turned 8 on the Saturday!

Our final day was spent on the treetop trail, a series of platforms and aerial walkways built into the trees. The Brownies found this challenging but very enjoyable, especially being able to hang from a great height and swing across the gaps! We also did the 10 meter giant swing - a firm favourite for most of the girls as testified by the screams of terror and excitement once the ripcord was pulled and the swing plummeted down! The worst part of this activity was all the other Brownies and leaders having to pull very hard on the rope to haul them up to 10 meters!

The last activity was the crate stacking challenge, where as a team, the girls competed to build the tallest tower of crates while standing on the top! The other girls also helped belay their friends so learnt some valuable climbing techniques while watching their friends

work out new ways of getting the crates higher as they got more precariously balanced. The best bit is definitely once the tower topples and the climbers are left dangling in mid-air!

We all went home very tired but very happy after a fabulous weekend!

As if all that wasn't enough, we've also completed several badges in small groups this month (Friend to Animals, Number Fun, Cook, Craft, World Traveller, Hostess and Crime Prevention) and had our annual District Sports Day on the Meadow. It's all go being a Bishop's Tachbrook Brownie!

Caroline, Caron, Sally, Steph, Caroline W and Catherine



Leamington Hibernians (Hibs) Football Club Joy Barry

We would like to thank the Bishop's Tachbrook Parish Council for the use of their football ground again this season. We thank Alan the groundsman, who has looked after the pitch and kept it up to the high standards required for the Midland Football League, Division 3, (Level 7) Hibs play in.

During our time playing on the Parish Council grounds, we have formed strong links and friendships with members of the community who have made us so welcome and it has been wonderful to see them coming along to watch the matches. We have acquired many K9 mascots this year too!! We have received so many positive comments from our opponents regarding the wonderful community spirit displayed at our games and for that we thank you all.

Leamington Hibernians have now come to the end of their season within the Midland Football League, the season was a slow start with a few new players, manager (Danny Bates), coaches (Sam Canty, Amir Panasaar) and sponsor (CB Roofing) joining. The team worked hard and a few wins early in the seasons gave the team inspiration to keep focused and improving as they grew stronger together. Throughout the season the team showed great spirit and towards the middle of the season, we starting to climb the table and we held our position at the top of the league table for the last few months of the season, while competing weekly within a very strong league. It was all down to the the last game of the season and Hibs game out to win and finished as league champions with a 5-1 win against Perrywood (Worcester) which secured our promotion to Division 2, what a great achievement! Approx 140 spectators were at the game which created a great atmosphere.

We would also like to say 'thank you' to the Bishop's Tachbrook Sports and Social Club for providing us with the use of their facilities. A special thanks to Karen, Tony, Bob, Elaine and Pat, for their hospitality at our home games. As with the Parish community, we have made lovely friends through the club too and we look forward to seeing them at our home games. The compliments we receive from both the referees and opposition are always positive regarding the facilities, service and food.

For anyone who would like to speak to Leamington Hibernians regarding any matter please contact Joy Barry (Club Secretary):

email: joybarry22@gmail.com

Mobile: 07929 282452

<http://www.leamingtonhibs.com>

Calling all Spare Plants!

As I write we have 8 weeks to go to the Church Fete on 11th June and that means, amongst other attractions, the PLANT STALL.

There will be plenty of bedding plants for sale. But it's a pleasure to be able to offer perennials and small shrubs from gardens around the parish.

So if you have some oversized plants or just one that doesn't work in your border, please dig it up – splitting if necessary – pop it in a pot and bring it along to the Meadow on Saturday 11th June.

And other spare items that can be sold will be gratefully received

- tombola prizes,
- Good quality books,
- CDs, DVDs, toys

Items may be left at:

- 81 Kingsley Rd
- 56 Mallory Rd
- BT School, Kingsley Road
- The Vicarage, 24 Mallory Rd
- Church (on Sunday mornings)
- 19 Argyle Way
- 7 Bolingbroke Drive, Warwick Gates
- 23 Oakley Wood Road

'Bishop's Tachbrook - Past and Present'

The 5th Reprint of the History Group's '*Story of a Warwickshire Village*' will be on sale at St Chad's Church Fête on 11th June (£10)

The 30 minute film '*Tachbrook Times*' will also be available.

The next deadline for magazine items is 10th June for the July issue. Please send to BTparishmagazine@hotmail.com



Team Leopard

The legend that has become Team Leopard reigns again!!

Ten members of staff and regulars will take to the road again in the forthcoming 10K run known as the Two Castles run between Warwick and Kenilworth castles. This is to be run (or walked!) on Sunday 12th June 2016 in support of the Myton Hospice – a very worthy cause you may agree.

All sponsorships would be appreciated. Please call Eddie Cousins (manager) on 336360 or call into The Leopard where you will find that staff members Shannon, Dan, Ellis and J.J. are taking part.

Weekly events

Mondays	Rainbows	Sports and Social Club	6.00-7.00pm	purdieanddoyle@yahoo.com 07828411786
Mondays	Youth Club	B.T. School	6.30-8.00pm	Anoushka76@hotmail.com
Tuesday	Pilates	Sports and Social Club	9.30-10.30am	07769222524
Tuesdays	Over 50s	Sports and Social Club	2-4pm	01926 313020
2nd Tuesday of each month	History Group	St Chad's Church	2.30pm winter 7.30pm summer	01926336749
Tuesdays	Bingo	Sports and Social Club	8.00pm	01926 421621
Wednesday	Brownies	Sports and Social Club	6.00-7.30pm	caroline.loveday@sky.com
Thursdays	Tachbrook Tinies playgroup for 0 to 5s	Sports and Social Club	9.30-11.00am	Elissa 07854427213
1 st Thursday of each month	W I	B.T. School	7.45 –9.45	01926 424135
2nd Thursday of each month	Country Dancing	Sports and Social Club	8.000pm	01926 314286
3 rd Thursday of each month	Parish Council meeting	B.T. School	7.30pm	01926 641220
Sundays	Bingo	Sports and Social Club	8.00pm	01926 421621

Bishop's Tachbrook Sports and Social Club

Summer Entertainment

June

4th June – Harry Rag Band

A firm favourite at the club, Harry Rag are back with their Rock and Roll show to really get you in the party spirit

11th June –England v Russia

A vital group game in the Euro 2016 group stage. Live action from Marseille, with all pints £2.50 during the game.

18th June – Son of My Father

Founded by 2 members from The Buggs, Son of My Father make their debut to play rock hits from all era's

25th June – Rockin Dinosaurs

The Rockin' Dinosaurs are a lively rock style band playing a mixture of early Rock and Roll and Rhythm and Blues

July

2nd July – Quiz Night

Pit your wits against The Judge, with a prize for every team and a cash pot.

9th July – Emily

Climbing through the era's, Emily is making her debut singing chart hits

16th July – Side by Side

A professional band (from The Firm) playing tunes from the 50's, 60's and 70's

23rd July – Gun Slingers

Popular band playing hits from The Jam, Oasis, Foo Fighters, Green Day, Arctic Monkeys and many more.

30th July – Race Night

Following on from our last Race Night, where we raised over £900 for The Encephalitis Society, we're having another one, fun for all the family, and a great entertaining evening

Her Majesty's 90th Birthday – 12th June

Following on from the successful opening of our new garden area, we're hosting a street party style event to commemorate Queen Elizabeth's 90th Birthday.

An event designed to bring the community together with involvement from many areas of the village, there'll be pony rides, balloon art, an ice cream van, BBQ and a disco.

Put the date in your diary and start hoping for good weather!!

Bishop's Tachbrook Calendar

June					
2nd Thursday	W I	Ifakara Bakery	B.T. School	7.45pm	01926 424135
11 th Saturday	St Chad's Church	Churchyard gardening	St Chad's Church	10.00 to 12.00am	01926 330050
11 th Saturday		St Chad's Church Fete	The Meadow	1.00 to 4.00pm	01926 334812
14 th Tuesday	History Group	Votes for Women	St Chad's Church	7.30pm	01926 885938
20 th Saturday	St Chad's Church	Churchyard gardening	St Chad's Church	10.00 to 12.00am	01926 330050
21 Tuesday	W I	Pimms and Croquet			01926 424135
21 st Tuesday	Croft Patients Group	AGM	Croft Sydenham Surgery	6.30pm	01926 336749
July					
7th Thursday	W I	Games Evening	B.T. School	7.45pm	01926 424135
9 th Saturday	St Chad's Church	Churchyard gardening	St Chad's Church	10.00 to 12.00am	01926 330050
19th Tuesday	History Group	Sudeley Castle		All day	01926885938
23 rd Saturday	Village Events Group	Tachfest	The Meadow	1.30 to 6.00pm	07926584202
27th Wednesday	St Chad's Church	Churchyard gardening	St Chad's Church	10.00 to 12.00am	01926 330050

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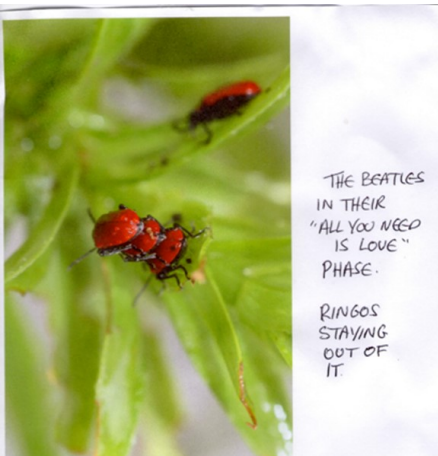
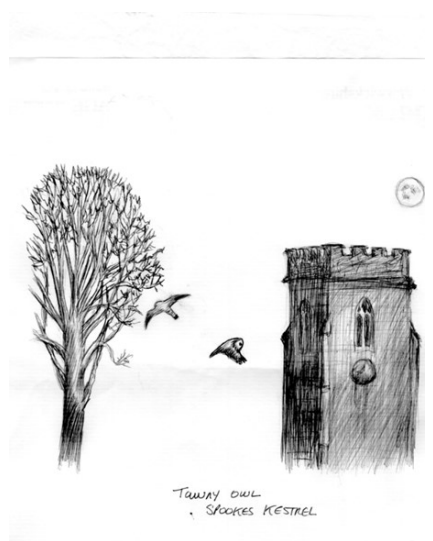
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A selection of Steve's nature illustrations

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Lush green leaves spread along the hedgerows, up the trees and across the county. Chiff chaffs are joined by Willow Warblers, Whitethroats and Blackcaps as the summer melodies merge. Greenfly multiply on the roses and down below Ladybirds couple in the privacy of the lawn edge, creating the next generation of aphid munchers. While on the bank opposite pair of House Sparrows throw caution to the wind, showing no embarrassment, as they noisily create the next generation of Chirpers.

The little pond's surface appears to bubble with movement as it seethes with tadpoles. Frogspawn was introduced for the third Spring running, and then a clump appeared all by itself. Hopefully the pond may be on the edge of Froggy self-sufficiency. The eggs developed fast, tiny tadpoles grew tails and ate the egg jelly before venturing out into a new world of water. Just as I began to worry about the amount of blanket weed in the pond the army of tadpoles, or should I say navy, began to eat it - self-cleaning pond - yeah-ay!

Linnets and Yellowhammers sing in the field with Skylarks blasting out above them.

I was working in Walton, a place beautifully locked in time. Bluebells were nodding under Oak trees as ewes fed their lambs. Pheasant and French Partridge roamed amongst them. It was like being on a Countryfile location. I half expected Matt Baker to pop out from behind a tree. Instead a large bird slowly moved towards me, moving effortlessly. It was a Red Kite. Its wings and tail seemed

a little larger than a Buzzard's with the obvious V in its tail. I'm still waiting to see the reaction when a Buzzard meets a Kite in the same airspace. The Kite flew higher and disappeared. Ten minutes later a Buzzard flew by so they missed each other. Phil and Deb Vickers saw a Red Kite over Tachbrook on Easter Sunday so they are spreading.



I've been in Newbold Pacey recently. Back in April the sun shone through tall trees, birds were dashing about singing. It was 2.30 in the afternoon. As birds were dashing about and singing they were joined by a bat, the sunshine showing up its brown fur and shining through its wings, as it flitted about. It was either very hungry or just couldn't sleep! Do you remember the Cluster fly invasion I mentioned in our attic? - that's if anyone reads this scribble. Well, I went up there recently and only a couple of flies were left. On the floor were fly wings and Bat droppings. Fab! We've had Bats in the attic! Now I feel a bit sorry for the flies.

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On 12th April the familiar chattering of the House Martins was heard - unusual to see them before Swallows. There were eight Martins over Moreton Morrell and a Swallow on the 14th. Phil and Deb saw a Swallow over Tachbrook on the 19th. Swifts were zooming over the Myton Road by 28th April. All of them heading back to familiar nest sites if they are still there. Thinking about the loss of Morton's farm.

STOP PRESS Saturday 7 May - warm, wet and thunderstorms.

Somewhere near Betty Beauchamp's came a rare but familiar call. No, it wasn't Betty, it was, "Cuckoo! cuckoo!" I only hear it every couple of years and never in Tachbrook. I thought it might be a long time until I hear it again. Wrong! 5.30am Sunday morning, "Cuckoo! cuckoo!", somewhere behind Savages Close. The voice has an echo-y tone, lovely wake-up call, but a bit early!

Veggie Voice

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

First Summer—Carol Ann Duffy

Carol Ann Duffy's poem is written from the point-of-view of a mother watching her child experience her first summer.

Here is your shadow-hand
holding the shadow of mine
as we drift along
over the grass
after a bee
or a butterfly.
You shout their names.
And here are the shadows
of your first words,
seen through the throat of a
flower.

Here is a ball
bouncing away,
yellow and yellow
under the sun;
your unwrapped voice
calling it back.
Here is a sun-hat,
blue and green,
a melting cone
in your fist.
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Nature Reports

Do let us know what you have seen.

- 9 May Red Kite spotted over Holt Avenue.
- 10 May Orange tip butterfly
- 10 May House Martins over Penfold Close

The Mallard drake that failed to entice a female to join him on Judy's pond last year tried again this Spring. He has a white badge-like mark, which makes him instantly recognisable.



It all sounds like a Boy meets Girl love story. This time he attracted the unwanted attention of a rival male but he was the victor and stayed around. After several efforts to attract passing females he got fed up and left. No sooner had he gone but a female did turn up and called frequently. The male did return and, as you see in the photo, they seem settled. What will be the final chapter in this Love Story? Will there be the cracking of eggs and little bundles of fluffy joy?

Oakley Wood Spring Walk—Sunday May 7th.

During the Spring Walk we saw Oakley Woods at their glowing best; sunlit, warm and vivid with Blue bells.

Approximately thirty three people met in the lower car park.

Karl (from Warwickshire Wildlife) explained where he was going to take us, the timings and the nature trail hunt. He drew our attention to the Brimstone and Orange tip butterflies, and we learned that the female of the latter was all white.

We saw Greater Stichwort growing white amongst some of the Blue bells and Celandine, Dog violets, Wood anemones, Wood Sorrel and Ajuga. Karl pointed out the hole in the base of the Blue bell trumpet made by bees in order to extract their pollen. He also explained the difference between our native Blue bell and the Spanish variety the former having a pleasant smell and some of its historic uses both herbal and practical.

We witnessed a Dung Beetle gradually moving some dog poo from the path, providing a good example of natural recycling.

The walk returned us to the car park, perhaps a little later than planned due to several interesting discussion stops!

Written by Elizabeth Sheehan

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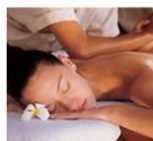
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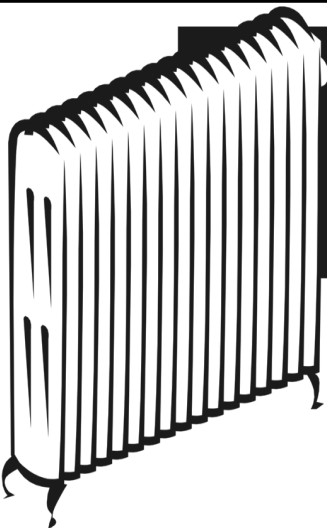
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Our May meeting is when we discuss and vote on our national resolutions. This year we had two resolutions.

1). We call upon HM Government and the NHS to provide facilities to enable carers to stay with people with Alzheimer's disease and dementia that have been admitted into hospital. And
2). The WI calls on all supermarkets to sign up to a voluntary agreement to avoid food waste thereby passing surplus food on to charities thus helping to address the increasing food poverty in the UK
Elaine and Ann ably presented both resolutions which gave for lively debate. The first resolution caused the most discussion. We felt the wording wasn't right. It doesn't state that the patients are in hospital for a secondary problem as was meant by the resolution and we also were unsure whether carers were to be expected to stay day and night or just have extended visiting hours. We eventually voted against the resolution as it stands but if wording was changed we will be voting for it. The second resolution was passed unanimously . I am the delegate at the national annual meeting representing not only us but three other WIs so I will have fun.

After a break for a ploughman's supper, yes I know food and drink again, we continued with the meeting. Our guided walk in Leamington was to have been May 11th but has been changed to June

1st because of threatened bad weather. If you fancy joining us just ask a member about it. We have a visit to Hill Close Gardens to look forward to, along with Pimms and croquet and a village treasure hunt in August .

County organised events include a visit to Greys Court, Hardwick Hall, National Badminton Centre at Milton Keynes or just a bit of shopping, lunch with Michael Portillo and learning about the Essence of India. We also have a national competition to make a hanging " Basket " I know I'm usually recycling for charity but you may notice some unusual containers for plants hanging about !!

One of our ladies has a relative in Oxfordshire federation and they are Knitting for Victory at Upton House. The aim is to break the world record for the longest line of knitted bunting. This is at present 3,212.41 m. If you would like to join in with us go to the Upton house web site and download the pattern and pass any you knit to us and we'll get them to the appropriate person. Sounds like fun.

A big thank you to everyone who supported our cake,plant and book sale recently. Wasn't the weather kind. Both cakes and plants sold out and any remaining books were donated to the fete. We managed to raise just over £250 towards our funds.

Women's Institute

We also launched our cookery book 100 Recipes for 100 years. This was to commemorate the WI Centenary. The idea was born during afternoon tea at Mallory Court, also to celebrate the occasion. It consists of 100 tried and tested members recipes. A big thank you to Diane for compiling this and Jim for knocking it into shape. Also a thank you to James at Cadman's for his help and advice. It only costs £3.99 and if you would like a copy...or 6, give me a ring. I think it's brilliant and I'm very proud we at Bishop's Tachbrook have managed to not only compile this but got it into print too.

Our meeting finished with a parade of our best hats. It had been suggested we have a bank of " posh " hats we were prepared to loan for a nominal fee. We had over 20 hats and fascinators to try on which caused great hilarity. Some too, big some too small but it was felt to be a good idea.

As always you are most welcome to come along to a meeting and see for yourselves how much fun we have. Give me a ring to find out a bit more about the WI

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When? Why? Where? Who? and How? - all aspects of canals were efficiently covered by Clive Radford at our May meeting (*held in the evening, which makes it possible for more villagers to attend in the summer months*). Clive is responsible for the functioning and maintenance of the Canal and towpaths at Hatton.

The answers to “When and Why” are – in the 18th century; with the advent of The Industrial Revolution the inadequacy of the road network for deliveries was a problem. The blossoming industries needed coal and water to operate as well as a convenient method of transporting their products. Canals had been built in China in the 5th century BC, so why not in Britain? Investors saw a need and opportunity and once the necessary Act of Parliament had been enacted they could proceed with their plans. This would involve dealing with landowners, engineers and labourers and raising funds – a vast and complicated enterprise, successfully achieved in various areas of Britain. But the longest canal in Britain (136 miles long and with 166 locks) is the Grand Union, connecting Birmingham with London. By linking with road and railway an efficient, integrated transport service was eventually achieved, for the benefit of burgeoning industries.

“How” is an account of ingenuity and intensive back-breaking labour. There are two types of canal – the nearest route from A to B, or the route which followed the contour of the landscape –

going round hills instead of through them. The Grand Union is the first type and was an amalgamation in 1910 of several smaller canals. A canal is typically 16’ wide x 6’ deep. (*Clive advised - if you fall in don’t panic – just stand up!*) However, the construction required a very deep trench and gangs of navvies would dig them using hand tools and barrows to shift many thousands of tons. Local farm labourers were attracted to the higher wages on offer and they were joined by workers from Ireland. On straight-forward terrain it took 100 men 3 weeks to dig 1 mile of tunnel. 3’ of ‘Puddle clay’ lined the bottom and sides of the trench; cows and sheep were sometimes used to pack this down! Then there were tow paths, locks, houses for the lock-keeper, and buildings used as a community hall with a shop for the passing bargees. These have often been converted to canal-side pubs.

Barges, owned by carriers, were restricted to 7’ wide and 72’ long to get through the locks and until 1900 were drawn by horses. They could carry 35 tons of coal, which was unloaded by hand by the women. An area 10’ x 6’ was provided to accommodate the bargee’s family, which sometimes included 4 or more children (who worked alongside their parents). Their life was tough and uncomfortable but photos often show worn but happy features. Carriers eventually financed schools at terminals to provide “snatched education” – children would

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attend for 2 or 3 weeks while the carrier organized the next trip. For several decades a nurse, Sr Mary Ward, financed and single-handedly ran a surgery in a shed as midwife and to administer medicine and care to the boat people. She was awarded the OBE in 1951.

Because of the importance of canals in WW II, women from all backgrounds were trained to operate the barges. Not surprisingly there was a high turnover – even though it earned them £3 a week when qualified! The service was disbanded in 1947. A rather sad photo illustrating the end of an era ended Clive's talk: a bargee in cap beside an empty barge watches resentfully/in disbelief as a renovated boat passes – navigated by a city dweller in a suit and with a woman wearing a hat and coat – the birth of a new fashion for holidays afloat. (



My use of measurements in feet (indicated by the symbol ' ') is indicative of my pre-metric education) My apologies to younger readers!)

Next Meeting: Tuesday, 14th June, 7.30pm in St Chad's Church
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Fun and Facts answers

1. Balmoral Castle
2. True
3. 8
4. 2
5. 1952
6. 1947
7. 16
8. He was demoted
9. 1992



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