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What's in this month's magazine

The big event this month is the St Chad's Church Fete. All the money made goes to maintaining the fabric of our fine old church. This year the Fete returns to the village green on Saturday 10th, see the centre spread on pages 22 and 23 for more details.

It's always good to get feedback on the contents of the magazine be it positive or negative. It was therefore gratifying to get a lot of positive comments on the new 'Desert Island Discs' feature last month, we already have the next 3 months of contributors lined up. This month sees a very different range of discs from Alan Wright—see page 31.

Pages 32 and 33 feature the write up of last month's history group talk entitled 'Game of Thrones'. It is a fascinating read covering European monarchies that still survive, the oddities – loved and unloved'. A good read.

The cover picture is a view from Oakley Wood Road towards the new houses being built in the Oakley Grove development. If you have any photos that you think would make good cover pictures please send them in to btparishmagazine@hotmail.com. It would be much appreciated if someone could take some interesting pictures of the Church Fete to use in next month's magazine.

Please note there will be no magazine delivered in August, If you have any information about August you want publishing it will have to go in next month's magazine or be left over until September.

CYCLE OF PRAYER—Praying for our Community

We are praying in June for

Hassall Close

Heathcote Lane

Holt Avenue

Kingsley Court

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.

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I know a woman who says that her husband has a listening problem. Incidentally, this is not autobiographical. Okay, her husband does wear hearing aids but his real problem - at least according to his wife - is not a hearing problem but a listening problem. For example, She asked him to take the children swimming on Saturday but when Saturday comes he remembers he has something else to do. "I can't take the kids swimming," he protests. "Why didn't you ask me sooner?" Why do you suppose that husband has so much trouble listening to his wife? We might be tempted to explain it away by saying that he's just becoming forgetful. He's having one of those, so called "senior moments." To be honest, such explanations seem too silly and simplistic for these complex times in which we live. A better explanation would be to say this - we live in a time in which many different voices compete for our attention. And with so many voices crying out to us, it's hard to pay attention to the voices that really matter.

There are so many voices vying for our attention. For example: There is the voice of success or career ambition, which says, "You want to be somebody, don't you? Don't you want to make a name for yourself? You need to work harder if you want to be a success." This is competing with the voice which says, "If you spend all your time striving for success, you won't have any time left for, your family. If you work 60 or 65 hours a week, how will you ever spend time with those who

are most important to you?"

There is the voice of consumerism, which tells you why you need this new car, this new computer, this new kitchen appliance, this new pair of shoes. "Go ahead," says the voice of consumerism, "spend, buy, accumulate - you deserve it; you are entitled to it." Competing with this voice is the voice of simplicity, the voice that says, "Do you really need all of these things? Does filling your life (not to mention your house and your wardrobe) with all this stuff make you a better person? Does it increase your self worth?"

What about the voice of community, which invites you to be part of something bigger than yourself? It is the voice that says, "Get involved. Give of your time and talent. Make a difference in our common life." And competing with this voice is the voice that says, "You need to look out for yourself. No one else is going to take care of you, so take care of yourself. Don't waste your time in the community. If you don't look out for yourself, no one else will!"

These are only a few of the voices that compete daily for our attention. Is it any wonder why we find it so hard to pay attention to the voices that really matter?

When you read this letter the General Election will be almost upon us and by the 8th of June I'm sure many of us will be sick of hearing the voices of the various politicians vying for our votes. However

fed up we might be by then I urge you all to use your vote. We are so lucky that we live in a democracy where we get to vote in secret, without fear. As a Christian I believe that God sent his own son to live on earth with us, because he loves us and wants to show us how to live, showing us that we must care for those we live among and that has to include being involved in whatever way we can in decisions that affect the lives of our fellow human beings.

I know there are many voices competing for our attention, my prayer is that we all listen carefully, pay attention to the voices that matter and then make the decision that we feel will benefit not only ourselves but the weak and vulnerable in our society,
With every blessing, Elaine

What's on in St Chad's

Saturday June 3rd – Messy Church for Pentecost – fun, crafts and food! Do come and join us in the St Chad's Centre from 3-5pm.

Sunday June 4th Pentecost Sunday – a very special day in the church year when we celebrate the birthday of the church. Come and join us at 10am for Family Communion followed by cake and bubbly! Everybody welcome

Saturday June 10th 1-4pm – The Church Fete, an opportunity to have fun and raise money for the upkeep of St Chad's Church. This year we are on the Green come along and have fun.

THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY

Funerals

Vera Leeke

Roy Hancock

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

SINCERE THANKS FROM GRAHAM, ERICA AND TOM

To our many friends in Tachbrook who turned up in such numbers to pack St Chads Church and the wake afterwards to give thanks for VERA's life. Your kind support and many cards have made a big difference in what has been a sad time for our family.

Poetry Please

The Last Call by Andrew Motion

Death called me,
I did not hear.
He spoke again:
Come near.

I went to look
for pity.
Poor death, I thought,
he loves me.

I guessed right,
he does.
And now I love him too,
just because.

Bishop's Tachbrook Sports and Social Club

Spring Entertainment

June

3rd June – Quiz Night

Test your knowledge against The Judge!
Quiz nights are great fun and remember a prize for every team.

10th June – England v Scotland

Join us for the England v Scotland Football Match live on the big screen
Saturday 10th June, kick off at 5pm. With all pints £2.50 throughout the game and a great atmosphere, make sure you come down early.

17th June – CLOSED

The Club is closed for our very own Karen & Tony's big day. From all the BTS&SC staff, members and guests, we hope you enjoy your special day.

24th June – Rockin' Dinosaurs

The Rockin' Dinosaurs are a Rock & Roll band playing 50's & 60's hits including blues and western swing.

July

1st July – Sam Powell Blues Band

Upbeat Rhythm and Blues and its best; if you're looking for a night of stonking blues, this is not a band to be missed.

8th July – Skittles Night

Skittles nights are great fun for all the family.

15th July – Tachfest

Tachfest is a music based festival during the day. With bands confirmed and the Warwick Dog Training Club, a display of cars and bikes it promises to be a fun event with a festival feel.

15th July – Revolver

Revolver are a five piece band offering classic rock and pop covers from the 60's to present day. Covers include songs from The Arctic Monkeys, U2, Rolling Stones, Snow Patrol and many more.

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Bishop's Tachbrook Calendar

What's on in June

Thursday 1st 19.45
WI, Stories from the auction
room, B T School
01926 426797

Saturday 3rd 11.00—13.00
One stop pop up shop, St
Chad's Church,
onetwooneme@gmail.com

Saturday 10th 09.30—12.00
Working Party Group
E-mail: thewhitwood4
@btinternet.com

Saturday 10th 10.00-12.00,
St Chad's Churchyard
gardening, 01926 330050

Tuesday 13th 19.30, History
Group, Leamington and the
Flying Circus, St Chad's
Centre 01926 885938

Thursday 15th 19.30, Parish
Council Meeting at St
Chad's Centre

Saturday 24th, 10.00-12.00,
Coffee Morning in aid of
UNICEF, 11 Church Lees,
01926 426797

Wednesday 28th, 10.00-
12.00, St Chad's Churchyard
gardening, 01926 330050

What's on in July

Wednesday 5th all day,
History Group, Outing to
Madresfield Court 01926
885938

Thursday 6th 19.45
WI, Games Evening, B T
School
01926 426797

Saturday 8th 10.00-12.00,
St Chad's Churchyard
gardening, 01926 330050

Thursday 20th 19.30, Parish
Council Meeting at St
Chad's Centre

Wednesday 26th 10.00-
12.00, St Chad's Churchyard
gardening, 01926 330050

Regular events

Mondays 18.30-20.00 Youth Club at B.T School
Email: btyouthclub@gmail.com

Tuesdays 14.00-16.00 Over 50s at the Sports and Social Club,
01926 313020

Tuesdays 18.00-19.00 Pilates at St Chad's Centre
01926 259293

Tuesdays 20.00 Bingo at the Sports and Social Club,
01926 421621

Wednesdays 09.15-10.15 Pilates at St Chad's Centre
01926 25929

Wednesdays 10.30-12.00 Community Cafe at St Chad's Centre
01926 259293

Wednesdays 17.00-18.00 Rainbows at the Sports and Social
Club, 0779 6033471 e-mail: Carolineloveday@sky.com

Wednesdays 18.00-19.45 Brownies at the Sports and Social
Club, 0779 6033471 e-mail: Carolineloveday@sky.com

Wednesdays 19.00 -20.00, Tai Chi at St Chad's Centre
01926 338866

Thursdays 09.30-11.00 Tachbrook Tinies playgroup for
0-5s at St Chad's Centre, Tachbrook Tinies on Facebook

Sundays 20.00 Bingo at the Sports and Social Club,
01926 421621

Churchyard regulations

The Church of England has produced regulations for the care of churchyards taking into consideration all aspects of use and care which we at St Chad's are required to uphold. The Parochial Church Council of St Chad's recognise how important it is for people to have a place in which they can mourn someone they have loved. It is natural for people to want to make the grave of their loved one special and personal. However, it is a public space, which is used by many other people, including other mourners. We need to make sure, therefore, that graves are tended in ways that are acceptable to everyone, and that they fit in with their surroundings. It is also important that the churchyard is safe for the people who use it, and that, as a valuable habitat for wildlife, we do all we can to look after the animals and plants that live in it too.

The Churchyard Regulations published by the Diocese of Coventry and available from Elaine or the diocesan web-site (<http://www.coventry.anglican.org/admin/dac/memorialsinchurchyards/opt/-/item/140>) give clear guidance about how graves are to be cared for. These rules apply whether or not you have put up a gravestone, so everyone needs to be aware of them. The most important rules are:

CHURCHYARD RULES

You must not put loose vases, pots, candle-holders, lights or any other ornament on a grave. They can easily be knocked over and broken, leaving glass or

pottery shards in the grass which might hurt other visitors. They are also an invitation to vandals. Vases must be completely sunk into the ground and can only be put in the churchyard with permission from the priest-in charge.

Grass should be allowed to grow over the grave.

You may plant a few bulbs in the grass on a grave, but not shrubs or trees. Please check how big your plants might eventually grow before you plant them! If they get too big, the PCC (church council) may remove them in order to mow over the grave.

You must not put fences or edging of any sort around a grave or put chippings on it.

They make it difficult to maintain the churchyard neatly.

You must not place artificial flowers, cards, windmills or wind-chimes on a grave.

These soon get dirty and faded when left in the open, and spoil the beauty of the churchyard for other mourners.

You must remove the plastic wrapping around flowers if you lay them on a grave.

Plastic wrappers not only create litter, but can be dangerous to wildlife.

Dogs must be on a lead at all times.

If you bring your dog into the churchyard when tending a loved one's grave then please ensure it is not allowed to roam free. This could be distressing for other mourners.

PLEASE NOTE:

These rules apply to everyone tending a grave in the churchyard. The PCC (church council) has the right to remove anything which contravenes them. You may see other graves where people don't seem to be abiding by these rules – please don't assume that this means that you can disregard them too. It may simply be that we have been unable to speak to the family who care for that grave yet. We all need to work together to keep the Churchyard looking beautiful for everyone and we appreciate your co-operation in this.

St Chad's PCC

Bike Marking Event

The Warwick Rural West Safer Neighbourhood Team is holding a bike marking event in partnership with BikeRegister.

When is it? Saturday 3rd June (10.00 – 12.00)

Where is it? Hatton Locks

What do I need to do? Not much! Just turn up on the day and we will do all the work!

What happens? The process involves permanently marking your bike with a QR code in sticker form, which has a unique code. You (and your bike) are then placed onto a national database which can be accessed by the police. You can then notify this database if your bike is stolen and police can check the code to get the bike returned to its rightful owner!

Who can I contact for more information?

PCSO Matt Hall on 01926 684397

Or email:

www.snt@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk

PCC Secretary

Would you like to up develop new skills or build on existing experience to support our community?

We are looking for a volunteer PCC Secretary to help our Parochial Church Council. The job involves supporting our PCC Meetings

- Attend 4-6 PCC meetings per year and take notes
- Prepare minutes for approval and circulation
- Keep full records of minutes, agenda and supporting documents both hard copy and electronic
- Prepare agenda for each meeting in conjunction with Clergy and wardens
- Post required notices of meetings.
- The above duties also apply to our Annual Meeting (APCM) held in April with the addition of compiling the Annual Report.
- You may also be asked to fulfil these duties for the meetings of the Standing Committee which occur on a similar frequency to PCC.

A Handbook for PCC Secretaries is available online to help you fulfil your duties and you will have full support for a handover. Please let Elaine (elaine.scrivens@gmail.com) or Melissa (melissaodling@googlemail.com) know if you are interested in finding out more.

In May we held the annual Parish assembly; this is a chance to hear more detailed reports of the progress that has been made and events that have taken place in the Parish over the previous twelve months. The assembly allows everyone a small amount of time to reflect, take stock and also look forward and plan without the constraints of fine detail. The reports, this year from Cllrs. Deely, Bullen, Carter and Whitwood together with County Cllr. Caborn and District Cllr. Day, were well received and will be posted on the website.

Some of the recent progress in the Parish is very tangible, this was the first such assembly to take place in our new Parish Centre, funded locally through grants and donations (most from residents of our Parish, present and past); the tables, the chairs, the decor, even the crockery a testament to people's generosity with their time, money and assets - as a Parish we have lots to both be proud of and look forward to.

The new cycleway on the Meadow is now open. Thanks to Cllr. Leeke for working with residents and the developer in achieving this; it is of huge benefit to our parish.

Cllr. Bullen with the assistance of Cllr. Whitwood will be pushing ahead with the Meadow storage project; they will be liaising with residents before a planning application is submitted.

County Cllr. Caborn has brought the

Oakley Wood Road flooding issue to the attention of county highways officers. Cllr. Bullen is hoping to meet with Bloor Developments to discuss the flooding issue on Holt Avenue; we will keep you updated.

Thanks to Cllrs. Leeke, Bullen and Deely, as well as the residents who manage the allotments, the fencing has been erected. We understand that the bank will be seeded and more planting will take place. Draft accounts have been prepared and will be passed to our internal auditor shortly. If you wish to see them or have any concerns please do contact the Clerk. The Annual Return will be displayed on the website later this year.

Graffiti has been removed from the Meadow thanks to Cllr. Deely. If you see anyone damaging the Parish equipment please report them to the Police on 101. This is costing us money and time. Dog fouling is becoming an issue again in the Parish particularly on the Farm Walk footpath, Kingsley Road, Warwick Gates perimeter path and the cycleway. We have contacted the dog warden in the hope that the area will be patrolled or cameras erected in order to catch the culprits. Fines can be imposed. The perimeter path and the cycleway are suffering from 'dog waste bags' being left in hedges. Please note that just because you 'bag the waste' it doesn't mean you can leave it in a hedge for someone else to bin. It is still classed as dog fouling and fines can still be imposed.

Concern has been expressed regarding

Parish Council News

the moving of the school bus stop in Warwick Gates. This matter is being addressed by our County Councillor. It is imperative that the stop is in a safe place which is safely accessible to children.

Finally, after 6 years Cllr. Sean Deely decided not to seek re-election as Chair, Sean remains a councillor but hands over to Cllr. Matthew Greene. Sean was thanked for his calmness, wisdom and great leadership skills which he has used to drive significant positive results within the Parish. Cllr. Carol Gabbitas has agreed to continue as Vice Chair.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Thursday, 15th June at 7.30pm in the St. Chad's Centre. All residents are welcome.

Any questions please contact our Parish Clerk

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Gaydon CV35 0HF
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email:

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parishclerk85@btinternet.com

June Haiku

I walk Oakley
And realise the old trees
Are watching me

Keith Wellsted

Poetry Please

Diving by Andrew Motion

The moment I tire
of difficult sand-grains
and giddy pebbles,
I roll with the punch
of a shrivelling wave
and am cosmonaut
out past the fringe
of a basalt ledge
in a moony sea-hall
spun beyond blue.
Faint but definite
heat of the universe

flutters my skin;
quick fish apply
as something to love,
what with their heads
of gong-dented gold;
plankton I push

an easy way through
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**Bishops Tachbrook
Leamington spa**

Oh the darling buds of May! Ok, I know you are reading this in June but the Hawthorn (May), covered in white blossom is sometimes pink, arching down to touch the Keck (Cow Parsley) gets me every year - so many plants opening their flowers and birds flying in from thousands of miles away to have their young here.

I was in Leamington, above me screamed a small group of Swifts. A pair mated in mid-air above the town. No one looked up except me. Not sure what that says about me - observant! - That's the word!

This is the time of year when so many animals dash about, defending territories and collecting food. This inevitably leads to some being knocked down on the roads - Deer, many Pheasant, I've seen a couple of buzzard knocked down as they try to pick up road kill - tragically ironic. Linda had to slow down for a Muntjac to cross the road. I've driven past what looked like a Polecat Ferret - it looked large. And a very fast Weasel ran in front of me, so slender it looked as if it could run through a toilet roll without touching the sides.

My Rook is very busy, working overtime at the moment, with youngsters to feed. He arrives early, sitting on top of the conifer, watching the house and keeping an eye out for the pirate Carrion Crows. If I am running late he flies to the garage roof and looks straight into the kitchen window hoping to see a movement. Once the wet bread is provided he fills his crop (his throat bag for life) then crams as much as he can into his beak and he's off to the rookery on the Banbury Road. He works early and late and probably turns up when I'm not available.



I was in Gaydon, in a lovely garden with a large pond, when what I first thought was a Swallow circling above the pond turned out to be a Bat - 3pm on a sunny afternoon. I stood for a few minutes as it circled high and low over the water, scooping up insects. Its brown fur looked soft and the sun shone through its wing membranes. It didn't mind me and flew very close lots of times.

It's the time of year when life and death often meet but life is in abundance and on we go!



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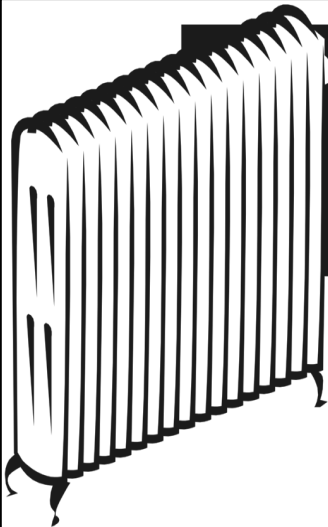
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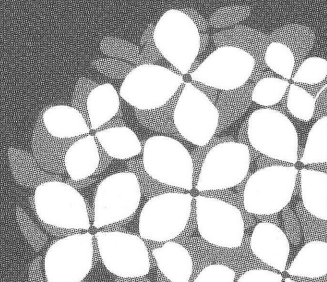
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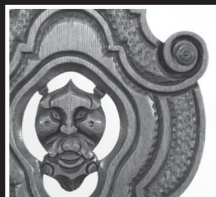
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1st Bishops Tachbrook Rainbows and Brownies



Bishops Tachbrook Rainbows and Brownies will be running a teddy/soft toy tombola at this year's Church Fete.

If anyone has any good condition soft toys that they would like to donate for our stall, all donations will be greatly appreciated.

Give your child's unwanted cuddly toys a loving new home and your donation will also help raise money for our village church.

Teddy's can be dropped off during our usual meetings, which are held at Bishops Tachbrook Sports and Social Club from 5pm-8pm on Wednesday evenings. Alternatively please contact Caroline Loveday at carolineloveday@sky.com



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"Tachfest 2017

Saturday 15th July, 1-6pm Bishops Tachbrook Meadow

We're holding our music based festival in-a-day again this year, and already have 5 bands confirmed. The dog show is back, hosted by Warwick Dog Training Club, and we will have a display of cars and bikes, archery and birds of prey, to name a few.

We're still in the planning stage but will update with other events, stalls and activities as they are confirmed. We're looking into a few new additions to ring the changes too.....watch this space!



Friends of Oakley Wood



Sunday 18th June

10am - 1130am

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The Community Cafe on Wednesday morning from 10.30 - 12 is proving to be popular. Some people go every week, some when they can, but there's always a welcome and someone to chat to or new friends to meet. There are Mums with young children, visitors, men and women, old and young but it's always hard to make a choice of which cake!

When it poured with rain on 17 May the numbers were small but everyone chatted together and it was particularly fun and friendly. A first time visitor came instead of playing golf!

So if you haven't tried it yet don't be shy. If you work try to have a Wednesday off.





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Rainbows and Brownies Steph Mowat

Rainbows

We have had a lot of fun at Rainbows recently making crafts based on our Rainbow promise. We looked at kind things we have done and would like to do to help our friends and family. This month we have also had chance to enjoy the sunshine and play some fun games outside, including Stuck in the mud and Hedgehogs. We have also enjoyed hearing all about the girls' weekends and seeing their show and tell items during our Rainbow Chat.

Brownies

This month the girls have been working on their Toymaker Badge and their Computer Badge.

The girls completing their Toymaker Badge have decorated their own jigsaw puzzle, created an octopus out of wool and sewn their own animal puppet. The girls completing their Computer Badge have learnt all about age restrictions for social media, how to use the internet safely and they created a poster on word using different fonts, text sizes and pictures. They have also had the chance to show us their favourite online games and created a graph from a questionnaire through excel.

Rainbows and Brownies

We would like to welcome Georgia who has recently made her Brownie promise. Bishops Tachbrook Rainbows and Brownies will be running a Teddy/Soft Toy tombola at this year's Church Fete. If anyone

has any good condition cuddly toys they would like to donate for our stall, all donations will be greatly appreciated. You can donate cuddly toys by dropping them during our usual weekly meetings, 8 Holt Avenue or The Vicarage.

Both our Rainbow & Brownie Guiding Groups are currently at full capacity. If you have a daughter aged 3 and upwards who would like to become a Rainbow or a Brownie, please contact Caroline Loveday on carolineloveday@sky.com or register your daughters interest on the official Girlguiding Join Us website.

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By Lily Oyamburu

Our May meeting is the meeting where we discuss and vote on the resolutions put forward by the National Federation. To get to this point is a long process. Members submit their resolutions these are then shortlisted and in January we select one of these. This is then collated and the one with most votes is put out for discussion and voted on by all the WI's. The result of their vote is taken to the annual national meeting where everybody submits this. Our delegate this year is Jenny from Bishops Itchington WI (we are on a 4 year rota) it was lovely she was able to come along to our meeting and really see how we felt about things.

Due to the selection voting being so close we had two resolutions to consider this year. The first "Microplastic fibres are shed from synthetic clothing with every wash and are the main contributor to Microplastic contamination of the oceans. The NFWI calls on the Government and industry to research and develop innovative solutions to this problem in order to stop the accumulation of Microplastic fibres in our oceans." What is she on about you are thinking. Plastic Soup is the answer. A Microplastic fibre is a plastic fragment of 5mm or less. When washing a machine load of poly-cotton fabric, up to 140,000 fibres are shed rising to 730,000 for acrylic. Due to their size they are ingested by aquatic life and then possibly into the food chain. This is a chance for WI to be at the forefront of an issue not widely understood or publicised and encouraging the government and industry

to make it a priority. After discussion this was voted on and carried.

The second resolution "This meeting calls on every WI and the NFWI to work alongside health and social care providers and their local community to raise awareness of the causes and impacts of loneliness, thus ensuring better identification of lonely people in order to be able to offer them the appropriate assistance. This caused great debate; would we be seen as interfering? We came to the conclusion that we should be more aware and concerned about our neighbours. It was decided we were neither for or against the resolution so abstained. It will be interesting to hear how the rest of the country feels.

We discussed the various trips, outings and classes available including The Girls in London, Southwell Workhorse, Ludlow food and drink festival, a Find Your Voice workshop and a race night. Some of our members had previously applied to visit the Houses of Parliament. After missing out first time, they got a second date, only to now find they can't go due to it being the State Opening of Parliament. Mrs May obviously didn't consult with the Warwickshire Federation.

In the village we have just held our very successful cake, book and plant stall. A big thank you to all who baked and bought, Wendy Andrew and Ray for their work with the plants.....(we do still have a few left, give me a ring,) and to the setters up and sellers. We are looking

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Anne Allen

forward to the annual Pimms and croquet wine club meetings and possibly a stall at Tachfest. There are a few places left for the visit to Chavenage House in September This is often used for period films, Poldark , Larkrise to Candleford, and many others.

Next month our speaker is Stephen Bruce whose talk is entitled " Stories from the Auction Room. In July we will be holding a games evening. This can be a noisy event. August brings us Alan Keech with a demonstration called, 'Thoughtfully Wrapped' and in September we are traveling from Toytown to Buckingham Palace?

We received our 40th birthday certificate at the annual federation meeting but are mere youngsters compared to two institutes who got their 100 years. One day it may be us but we need your help. Come along with your ideas to make us able be to progressive and forward thinking. Please give me a ring if you'd like to know anything more about the WI

Anne Allen 424135

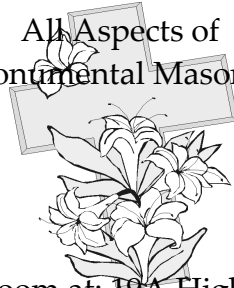
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Desert Island Discs—Selected by Alan Wright, Bradford Close

1. **“Cuddy Clawed Her”**: a piece on the Northumbrian Smallpipes, which were originally pentatonic (only five notes of the octave) hence some odd leaps and bounds. Typically north-eastern, played as theme and variations (who says jazz has all the improvisation?)
2. **“Jamaica”**: one of the livelier eighteenth-century English country dances and, one of my great favourites.
3. **“Lumps of Plum Pudding”**: one of my favourite Morris jigs (a solo dance, whatever the time-signature, is known as a jig).
4. **D. Scarlatti, Sonata in F major, K. 525**: In the version recorded by Pierre Hantai he seems to wish to break his harpsichord when playing this, one of my favourites from the 555 sonatas.
5. **“T'Andernacken a 5, Bassedance”**: a piece of Early music, Flemish in origin, played on very old instruments by an American group called Piffaro.
6. **“Trip to Castle Howard”**: a stately eighteenth century English country dance that I always took delight in. Complicated to perform despite being very slow. Not the finest rendition but the speed is just right.
7. **J.S.Bach, Violin Concerto No. 2 in E major, Allegro**: an extremely fine Baroque piece played by Andrew Manze, master of the baroque violin (gut strings, not steel).
8. **“You can't take that thing on the train”**: written by Roger Watson, based on the rule book of the Great Central Railway 1903 (yes!) and performed by The New Victory Band, a Derbyshire-based multi-talented folk group well-known in the 70s and 80s. The “singspiel” technique is very rare in English.

If you'd like to submit your Desert Island Discs for publication please e-mail on; btparishmagazine@hotmail.com and I'll send you the template. Be great to have some teenagers giving us their picks.

“Game of Thrones” Peter Lister’s presentation in May started with a clip from the TV series by that name, which was based on a book by George Martin. The phantasy world of dragons and demons, battles, courage and sex made light the reality of events in the 1900s. A map of Europe in 1900 showed that monarchies ruled supreme in Europe and European Russia with the exceptions of France, Switzerland and San Marino. Peter went on to trace the fate of monarchies during the century, starting with the few which have survived, which he called “Oddities – loved and unloved”.

Monaco: a monarchy since the 13th century, covering less than a square mile, undeveloped and impoverished until the mid-1800s when the king built a Casino and Opera House to attract tourists. It is now the home for multi-millionaires, the port of call for luxury yacht owners and hosts a F1 Grand Prix (you can book an overnight stay for £1,222 to watch (breakfast and ear muffs included).

Luxembourg: governed by the Grand Duke Henri, the 1000 sq.miles are surrounded by Belgium, France and Germany. The resources of iron ore and development of the steel industry provided wealth for its population of 600,000 and influence in Europe. It was one of the original members of the EC and with the decline of the steel industry, it established itself as a global financial centre.

Liechtenstein, another microstate of 62

Sq miles and population of 37,000, it borders Switzerland and Austria. Now an economic powerhouse it is one of richest countries in Europe amidst suspicions of money laundering. A referendum in 2003 gave sweeping new political powers to Crown Prince Hans-Adams, who remains head of state; the day-to-day running of the state is in the hands of his son, Prince Alois.

Vatican City: a territory of about 100 acres and a population of 800, it was founded as a sovereign State in 1929 following a pact between the Holy See and Italy. Because it is so small several departments are situated in Rome in buildings which enjoy the same international status as the Vatican. Government is headed by the Pope and the Roman Curia, which assist him in carrying out responsibilities for the City State and the Catholic Church.

Andorra, a tiny Principality in the Pyrenees between France and Spain, covers 180 sq.miles and has a population of 80,000. The highly prosperous economy derives from tourists attracted by winter sports, warm summers, duty-free goods and partial tax-haven status. For seven centuries it was ruled jointly by the leader of France and the Spanish Bishop of Urgell. A parliamentary government was established in 1992 and the co-princes now have the honorary roles of head of state.

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Peter went on to look at the downfall of some "Unloved" 20th century monarchs, their fates determined by defeat and various "isms" - Republicanism, Nationalism, Fascism and Communism,

exemplified by Portugal, Italy and Russia. A brief review of the existing monarchies of *Spain, Belgium, The Netherlands, Denmark, Norway and Sweden* led to a more detailed look at our own monarchy.

United Kingdom: We watched newsreels of the abdication of Edward VIII, the reigns of George VI and Queen Elizabeth. Her annus horribilis in 1992, with scandals and failures of family marriages and the death of Princess Diane, resulted in a decline of the Royal Family's popularity. The fire at Windsor Castle and the Queen's agreement to be responsible financially for the repairs and to pay taxes rejuvenated support for the monarchy. And the future - remembering Peter's title: "Monarchy – an endangered species?"



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- 13-17 National school grounds week
- 14 World blood donor day
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- 18-24 Recycle awareness week
- 18-26 Team Green Britain bike week
- 19 Fathers' day
- 20-2 Refugee week
- 21 Summer solstice
- 21-27 Deafblind awareness week
- 24 Wrong trousers day
- 24 Armed forces day

Poetry Please

Inversnaid by Gerald Manley Hopkins

This darksome burn, horseback brown,
His rollrock highroad roaring down,
In coop and in comb the fleece of his
foam
Flutes and low to the lake falls home.

A windpuff-bonnet of fawn-fróth
Turns and twindles over the broth
Of a pool so pitchblack, féll-frówning,
It rounds and rounds Despair to
drowning.

Degged with dew, dappled with dew
Are the groins of the braes that the
brook treads through,
Wiry heathpacks, flitches of fern,
And the beadbonny ash that sits over the
burn.

What would the world be, once bereft
Of wet and of wildness? Let them be left,
O let them be left, wildness and wet;
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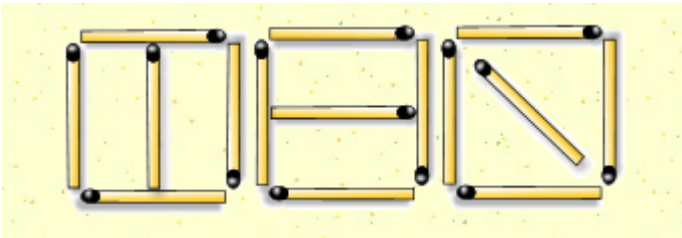


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A: A long jumper.

Q: What do you call a Zebra with no stripes?

A: A horse.

Q: Why do Giraffes have long necks?

A: Because their feet smell.

Q: Why did the turkey cross the road?

A: Because he wasn't chicken

Q: Why should you never you play cards in the jungle?

A: Because there are too many cheetahs!

Q: What time is it when an elephant sits on your fence?

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At the April meeting of the Group the following matters were considered:

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End of Year Clinical Targets

Clinical targets within the Practice have been reviewed and the Group were happy to hear that improvements have been made and good results were being shown.

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