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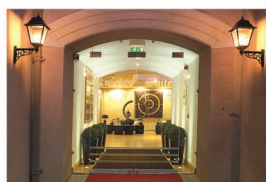
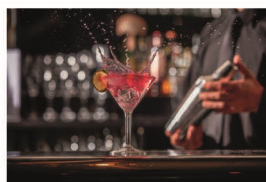


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# What's in this month's magazine

Tucked away on the Notice Board on page 38 is an invitation to join others at the Community Café on Wednesday 13th June and listen to some children from BT Primary School talking about online security. It put me in mind of this joke by Nick Helm, which won the best one liner at the Edinburgh Fringe in 2011 "I needed a password eight characters long so I picked Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs." If that's inline with your approach to online security why not pop along.

Elsewhere there's two history pieces, our lovely nature news and a story about the latest Tachbrook craze, TachB Rocks. If you've seen a painted rock and wondered why it was their, read the article and view the pictures on page 30.

The **big event** this month is the **Church Fete** on **Saturday 9th June** on the **Village Green**. Have a look at the centre spread to see what's going on and how you might be able to help. There's a very sweet advert from the Rainbows and Brownies stall on page 19. Also make sure you don't miss the plant stall, see page 38.

There's the return of poetry into the magazine with two short pieces by women writers, see page 29 plus Robert Louis Stevenson's 'The Moon' on page 19.

This month's cover picture was taken by Silvena Tocheva - thank you.

If you'd like a picture published please e-mail it to [BTparishmagazine@hotmail.com](mailto:BTparishmagazine@hotmail.com)

*Happy reading*

## JULY/AUGUST MAGAZINE DEADLINE

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## **JUNE**

### **2<sup>nd</sup> June – The Scrood**

Classic rock band The Scrood will be here playing all your favourite hits.

### **9<sup>th</sup> June – Quiz**

Quiz nights are great fun and remember a prize for every team.

### **16<sup>th</sup> June – Thursday Night Music Club**

Thursday Night Music Club are an exciting cover band guaranteed to get you up dancing to all your favourite classics.

### **23<sup>rd</sup> June – The Electric Underground**

The Electric Underground will be entertaining us with a variety of music from the 50's right through to modern day hits. Including covers from Buddy Holly, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Oasis and Kings of Leon.

### **30<sup>th</sup> June – Charity Race Night**

Come and join us for our night at the races! Great fun for all the family with proceeds raised to support MS.

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## **JULY**

### **7<sup>th</sup> July - Quiz**

Gather your smartest friends and head over to test your knowledge against The Judge!

### **14<sup>th</sup> July – Tachfest**

Tachfest's music based festival is back and the club will be open for drinks during the day.

We will be hosting evening entertainment from Thursday Night Music Club & Mistreated. A night not to be missed as both bands will be covering all your favourite songs!

### **21<sup>st</sup> July Beetle Drive**

With entry £1 per person, enter your team of 4 for plenty of opportunities to win lots of prizes. Come and join in the fun.

### **28<sup>th</sup> July – Room 17**

Room 17 are a rock and pop cover band playing hits from Adele, Stereophonics, Abba, Queen, Blondie, Guns n Roses, Pink and many more.



# Bishop's Tachbrook Calendar

## What's on in June

Thursday 7th 15.00—17.00, **Open Gardens**

**Mallory Court**, to book ring 01926 330214

Thursday 7th 19.45, **WI, An actors life for me**,

B T School, 01926 336822

Saturday 9th 1300, **Church Fete**, Village Green

Saturday 9th 10.00-12.00, **Churchyard**

**Gardening**, St Chad's Church, 01926

330050

Saturday 9th 9.30-13.00, **Parish**

**Council Working Party**,

*thewhitwood4@btinternet.com*

Tuesday 12th 19.30, **History Group**,

**Beauchamp Chapel St Mary's**

**Warwick**, St Chad's Centre, 01926

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Thursday 21st 19.30, **Parish Council**

**Meeting** at St Chad's Centre,

*parishclerk@bishopstachbrook.com*

Tuesday 26th 15.00—18.00, **Open**

**Gardens Mallory Court**, to book ring

01926 330214

Wednesday 27th 10.00-12.00,

**Churchyard Gardening**, St Chad's

Church, 01926 330050

## What's on in July

Thursday 5th 19.45, **WI, Our nature**

**reserve and its Hidden Gems**, B T

School, 01926 336822

Saturday 14th 10.00-12.00,

**Churchyard Gardening**, St Chad's

Church, 01926 330050

Saturday 14th 9.30-13.00, **Parish**

**Council Working Party**,

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Saturday 14th 9.30-13.00, **Tachfest**,

*Cathy.herbert@btinternet.com*

Wednesday 25th 10.00-12.00, **Churchyard**

**Gardening**, St Chad's Church, 01926 330050

## Weekly events

Mondays 18.30-20.00 **Youth Club** at B.T School

Email: *btyouthclub@gmail.com*

Mondays Children 19.15-20.15 Adults 20.30—21.30 **Get**

**Cooking** at St Chad's Centre

07956955951, *getcooking@hotmail.co.uk*

Tuesdays 09.30-12.15 **Little Tinkers Soft Play** at St

Chad's Centre, 079117385747 or Facebook

Tuesdays 14.00-16.00 **Over 50s** at the Sports and Social

Club, 01926 313020

Tuesdays 19.15-20.15 **Pilates for cyclists** at St Chad's

Centre, 01926 259293, 07769222524

Tuesdays 20.00 **Bingo** at the Sports and Social Club,

01926 421621

Wednesdays 09.15-10.15 **Pilates** at St Chad's Centre

01926 259293, 07769222524

Wednesdays 10.30-12.00 **Community Cafe** at St Chad's

Centre, 01926 651643

Wednesdays 17.00-18.00 **Rainbows** at the Sports and

Social Club, 0779 6033471 e-mail:

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Wednesdays 18.00-19.45 **Brownies** at the Sports and

Social Club, 0779 6033471 e-mail:

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Wednesdays 19.00 -20.00, - beginners, 20.00-21.00

intermediate **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*

Fridays 09.30-16.00 **Little Tinkers Soft Play** at St Chad's

Centre 079117385747 or Facebook

Sundays 20.00 **Bingo** at the Sports and Social Club,

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Definition of “Turnout” - the number of people who participate in or attend an event.

Church life isn’t “politics” (I hear you cheer!), but perhaps an interest in “turnout” is one thing we have in common with political parties. Politicians talk about “getting out the vote” on election day, as we’re urged to “turn out” and do our civic duty. I totally agree with this, if you don’t vote then don’t moan about the outcome, and it is seen as a sign of a healthy democracy if people “turnout” in numbers.

Our Sunday turnout is, in turn, a mark of the health of St Chad’s. The number of people making the choice to come to church on a Sunday is a big deal when there’s so much competition for our time, energy and attention.

For a church, however, turnout, isn’t the only sign of good health. Alongside the importance of showing up, we know that teamwork is also vital. In God’s community, not one of us is disposable. Each of us has a part to play in the health and life of the church.

Teamwork isn’t just about filling a slot on a rota. It’s about recognising that a healthy church is built by people using the gifts and energy they have to serve. St Chad’s is built on those teams of volunteers: people who, yes, “turn out” Sunday-by-Sunday, but who also serve, one way or another, as part of a team.

I’ve spent last Sunday morning at the Christian Aid Big Brekkie in St Chad’s. That wouldn’t have happened without the hard work of a team of people who cooked, served and washed and cleared up. On Wednesday mornings, an amazing team of volunteers come together to run our Community Café and of course, every Sunday, I see volunteers making everything possible, from the welcome to the worship and refreshments afterwards.

Teamwork, of course, isn’t simply about being effective, but it changes the very team members who contribute so much. My experience has been that volunteers are often surprised by the gifts they can use, astonished at the difference their efforts can make and delighted to see their own faith grow as they serve on a team.

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On the 9<sup>th</sup> June many teams come together to enable the Fete to take place. We need their help to make the day a success, whether it’s baking cakes, selling cakes and refreshments, running the tombolas and of course selling raffle tickets.

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It’s a great day but for it to be a success we don’t just need our volunteers, we need an excellent turnout and that is where you, the members of our parish community come in. As a Church, St Chad’s is here to serve you in whatever



way we can but to do that we need the funds to keep going. Please come along and support us and make the day a big success. I look forward to seeing you there.

With every blessing

Elaine

### **ALLAN AND VERONICA BATCHELOR**

Last year a few of us were wondering who the Allan Batchelor was who is commemorated on the South door of St Chad's Church. The mystery was solved recently when Allan's grandson contacted me to discuss the maintenance of his grandparents' grave. Allan and his wife Veronica, whom he married in 1986, lived just outside the village. Allan was a barrister and Veronica was a violinist who once played for Queen Victoria. They had two daughters, Betty and Joan. Betty married Roy Mews in 1932 and Joan married Pat Kenyon in 1928. Between them they had 6 sons who have worked throughout the world in a variety of professions.

It is always lovely to hear from past parishioners and I am very grateful to Allan and Veronica's Grandson Major T Kenyon for contacting me and for sending a substantial cheque to help maintain his grandparents' grave.

### **GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS (GDPR)**

I'm sure some people will be fed up of hearing about GDPR but I'm afraid it affects everyone, including the church.

We can no longer contact people by email without their permission. People can only be placed on our prayer list with permission and the Church Family news that usually appears in the magazine can only do so with permission. If you would like to be updated about what's happening at St Chad's then please ask for an information form from church. If you would like a loved one prayed for at the anniversary of their death please let Elaine know.

### **CYCLE OF PRAYER**

#### **Praying for our Community**

We are praying in June for those living in  
Hassall Close  
Heathcote Park  
Holt Avenue  
Jackson Ave  
King Edward Drive  
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.

## WHAT'S ON IN ST CHAD'S

June 9<sup>th</sup> St Chad's Church Fete on the Green beginning at 1pm.

Every Wednesday from 10:30 – 12pm is our Community Café. Everyone is welcome

Remembrance Sunday 2018.

This year sees the 100 Anniversary of the end of the Great War. We at St Chad's would like to commemorate this occasion but holding a service on Sunday 11 November 2018. An application has been made to obtain funds for something on the Green. There is an organisation called Remembered that has been set up, representing a number of charities including Help for Heroes and others. They are selling 10"/25cm high Perspex Tommy figure of a World War One soldier. They cost £29. The following comes from the website:

<http://therebutnotthere.org.uk/>

"The profits from the sale of the Tommies will enable Remembered to support the following charities: The Royal Foundation, Walking With The Wounded, Combat Stress, Help for Heroes, The Commonwealth War Graves Foundation and Project Equinox: Housing Veterans. We are honoured that each of the Tommies and their commemorative packaging are made by veterans employed by our manufacturing partner, Royal British Legion Industries"

It would be wonderful if we could have one of these statues for each man who died and is commemorated on our War Memorial. If you are thinking of buying one would you consider loaning it to St Chad's for an exhibition on the 11/11/18. Also if you have any memorabilia from the war you could loan us, I will attempt to put on an exhibition of photos etc. for the week before Remembrance Sunday. If you would like to help or even coordinate this then please get in touch with Elaine.



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Thanks to those of you who attended the Annual Parish Meeting on 17 May. It was fantastic to see an even greater turn out than last year – with the meeting then lasting for 90 minutes. At that meeting Cllrs. Leeke, Bullen, Carter and Whitwood were able to give reports on various aspects of the Parish – where they successfully captured the hard work of many within our community to making our Parish more attractive and safer and helping it to retain its rural setting.

The Chairman's report highlighted some of the successes of last year while also outlining some key objectives for the year which included:

- delivering the outdoor gym in the Warwick Gates area of our Parish and installing the long awaited bench;
- building the meadow storage facility;
- working collaboratively with the Sports and Social Club to improve the safety for all accessing their site and looking towards their lease renewal period;
- working with the St Chad's Centre Trust Company to help them improve their site;
- continuing to seek to secure our green spaces;
- working with our consultant to move forward our neighbourhood plan to referendum stage;
- installing the new play equipment on the meadow;
- working with the Parochial Church Council to ensure they can maintain their grounds; and
- engaging with WDC as they look to provide amenities such as the Country Park within our Parish.

The Parish Council along with County Cllr Les Caborn and District Cllr Andrew Day have a busy year ahead.

The annual Parish Meeting also gave us chance to pay tribute to Cllr Carol Gabbittas who stepped down from her role as vice-chair of the PC. Carol has held this role for three years and has done a fantastic job, along with Cllr Lisa Balzaretto, in ensuring there is greater balance of views from the different settlements within the Parish. We are all grateful to Carol for the time and effort she has put into her role.

One novel idea put forward by a member of our community at the meeting was trialling a new form of engagement between the Parish Council and residents in the form of web-chat sessions at specific times which would allow residents to engage with the Parish Council outside of the formal meetings. By moving such time slots around it would potentially open productive communication up to more of the Parish's residents – it is quite clear that 19.30 on Thursdays isn't the most convenient time for those of us with young children. This is something that we will explore further and discuss at the next Parish Council meeting.

The "Annual Parish Meeting" was followed by the "Annual Meeting of the Parish Council" where I was humbled to be re-elected as Chairman for the coming year. With the position of vice-chair vacant the whole Parish Council was delighted to see Cllr. Leigh Carter elected to that role. Cllr Ray Bullen was re-elected as the Parish Council's Planning



Lead and our Clerk, Corinne Hill, was re-elected as the Parish Council's Financial Officer.

At the meeting the Parish Council decided to apply for a further Neighbourhood plan grant and awarded £1,500 to the PCC towards their new mower for the Churchyard. Additionally £9,000 was granted to the St Chad's Centre Trust Company as part of matched funding bid to make the path to the St Chad's Centre more accessible to all and approval was given for the Parish Council to seek and purchase a new leaf and grass blower to keep our paths tidier.

We are grateful to County Cllr Les Caborn who has funded the installation of a number of dropped kerbs from his budget (he is looking into whether one is also required on Millway Drive) and together he and Cllr Leigh Carter continue to pressure the Highways department at WCC to install the speed table on Oakley Wood Road – the estimates now suggest that this should be completed in August – we will keep everyone updated.

Hopefully by the time of publication most of the Parish Council controlled green spaces will have been secured (where possible) from illicit parking. District Cllr Andrew Day continues to push for the WDC controlled green spaces to be secured; he is also continuing to chase down the replacement bins on the meadow, which we are very grateful to him for doing.

Hopefully all residents received copies of the Parish's parking guidance leaflet; if you require an electronic copy please let the Clerk know. Finally the accounts

have gone to our internal auditor and should be available for anyone who wants a copy by mid-June (please contact the Clerk if you do).

The next meeting will be on Thursday 14 June (please note this is the second Thursday rather than the third) where we should be choosing our contractor for the Warwick Gates outdoor gym, making a decision on the presently paved area on Church Lees and looking at the detail for a proposed new constitution for the allotments (present and future). As always, all residents are welcome.

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#### **UPDATE ON PARISH WORKS**

- Allworks have completed the installation of the knee rail around the village and St Chads greens.
- The idea of dropped bollards suitable for the conservation area is being investigated. These bollards will secure the 4 vehicle access points. This will make the greens totally secure.
- We are still waiting for enough road planings to come available in order to start on the footpath alongside the allotments on Oakley Wood Road.

Our May meeting is not like our normal monthly meetings with a speaker. This month we discussed the resolution for discussion at the Annual meeting in Cardiff. The resolution read

" Mental health matters as much as physical health. The NFWI urges all WI members to recognise the importance of parity between mental health and physical health and to take action to make it as acceptable to talk about mental health issues as much as physical health issues, and to lobby government for better support for mental illness. "

Elaine presented the resolution after attending a briefing conference where speakers from MIND and Springfield in Stratford were speakers. After discussion and finding no reasons against the resolution it was carried unanimously. Janette Thompson from Whitnash WI is the delegate this year and had joined us to learn how we voted, she'll return in July to tell us what happened.

After a ploughman's supper, mind you if a ploughman could eat half as much as we did he'd be doing well, we continued with the meeting. Not only do we have wine group to look forward to this month but also lunch on the countess of Evesham. Next month weather permitting will be Pimms and croquet. ( my neighbours please take this as an early warning) and a visit to Marton Museum of Country Bygones . July of course is our presence at Tachfest with teapots at the ready plus I'm sure a few cakes. If you would like to give us an hour of your time we'd welcome some extra help. Please give me

a ring.

Talking of help a big thank you to everyone who came and either helped or just supported our cake, plant and book stalls. What a wonderful morning weather wise. So many cakes and so many people to buy them. The plants were looking great thanks to the hard work by WI husbands and books were plentiful. This year we had coffee and tea in the centre too. We've learnt to catch new members fairly young. Eloise and Edie were both very busy but you don't have to be eight or under to join us. Why not come to a meeting and see what really happens. The only complaints I have heard were that we finished too early. If you bought a certain fruit cake, Welsh cakes, ginger biscuits and enjoyed them, the recipes are to be found in the cook book that was also on sale. Please contact me for a copy.

In June our speaker is Robert Lister with his talk " An actors life for me" followed in July by Jean Chollerton who will be explaining nature reserves and their hidden gems and in August Waitrose will be explaining what to look for and how to taste wine properly.

We are still holding the monthly competition for a single flower. This is voted for by members by placing coins against their choice. The winner being the one with the most coins not the most money. All money raised goes towards ACWW, a charity supported by WI nationally which helps women in

underdeveloped countries.

The evening finished with Janette organising us in the making of crepe paper poppies towards the installation in St Mary's later this year. She must have spent an amazing amount of time cutting out the shapes ready. It was, for some of us, a rather sticky end to the evening but very pleasing to produce something that actually looked like a poppy. Well done and thank you Janette.

Anne Allen 424135



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Bishops Tachbrook Brownies have just been on our annual Pack Holiday where we visited Liddington's PGL and took 32 Brownies. The girls had a great time away from home and took part in various outdoor activities which encouraged team work, leadership, communication, decision-making and was overall great FUN!

Canoeing was a great way to start our holiday as the girls had to work together and communicate clearly in order to control their craft. They learnt all the different ways to paddle the canoe in different directions and how to control it if you were paddling from the front or the back. They even got to play some games after mastering control across the lake and they thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

After drying off the girls were then challenged with the ultimate test of nerve and decision making on the Giant Swing. Two of our Brownies were harnessed into the Swing, whilst the other Brownies hauled them up to 10 meters in the air. After the girls decided how high they wanted to go, they had to pull on a ripcord which sent them plummeting down. It was a fast and exhilarating drop but working well with each other helped them find the right balance between fear and fun!

Courage was certainly needed with abseiling, as in order to get down our Brownies had to walk up the tower which was over 10 meters high and then lean

back horizontally on the wall with only the rope and an instructor supporting them. The girls thoroughly enjoyed walking and bouncing down the tower and came away from the task with a huge sense of achievement as they did it. They also learnt all about the risks involved and how to control them.

Archery was great fun for the Brownies as it showed them accuracy, control and a steady hand is vital for achieving their targets. Some of them discovered hidden talents for a new skill and enjoyed learning how to use a bow and arrow correctly.

The sensory trail challenged our Brownies in more ways than one as they had to walk through a series of obstacles – blindfolded! The girls were lined up in a row with the first Brownie guided by our PGL instructor and then each Brownie had to feedback what they could feel with their feet and hands to the person behind them. This encouraged teamwork, trust, communication and our Brownies had a lot of fun during this activity.

A good team activity for the girls was the Crate Challenge. They had to work together in teams of 3's to build the tallest tower possible out of crates in the allotted 10 minutes. The drawback - the girls had to be standing on the crates as it got higher and higher level by level, with the girls on the ground passing the next set of crates up to them. All of the girls worked well together as a team and

worked exceptionally hard.

Whilst each Brownie waited their turn to take part in an activity, a lot of team spirit was shown with words of encouragement and cheering being heard all around. The girls also belayed for each other, remember Brownies – knuckles to pocket, reach around and lock it!

A favorite with the girls was the zip wire. They travelled at high speed through the air attached to a harness on an over head cable. Yet again courage was needed and our Brownies stepped up to the mark to ensure that this was a task that will not easily be forgotten.

The Challenge Course was a well-loved and popular choice with our Brownies as there were plenty of opportunities to get involved. They enjoyed the teamwork for safety when using the equipment and running around having fun!

The centre offered comfortable accommodation for the girls to sleep in with en-suite facilities for the girls who slept 6 to a room. They had lots of choice for their breakfast, lunch and dinner, both hot and cold food provided by the

PGL canteen.

During the evening's we took advantage of the spacious outdoor courtyards by playing games with the PGL reps such as Wacky Races. The girls also got to play Brownie bingo which showed them some of the badges we will be covering this year before hot chocolate and bed.

The weekend was very successful and all girls behaved very well and were a credit to the Association. They all worked hard individually and to help each other tackle all activities to the best of their ability.

We would also like to welcome our newest Rainbows Isabelle B & Ellie and our newest Brownie Zoe who have recently made their Guiding promises.

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 Brownie, please contact Caroline Loveday [carolineloveday@sky.com](mailto:carolineloveday@sky.com) or register your daughters interest on the official Girlguiding Join Us website. Caroline, Caron, Sally, Steph, Caroline W and Catherine



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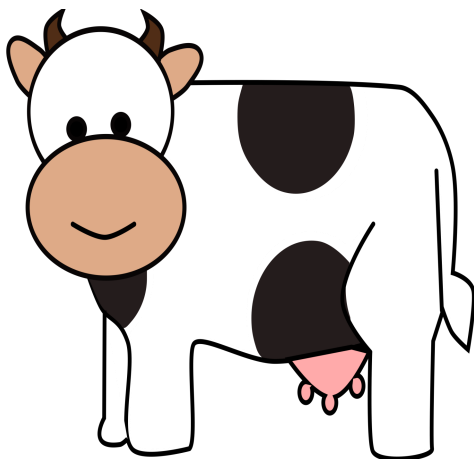
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# The kids' zone

## Sudoku

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6	7	1		4				9
	5		6		2			
		5	4		1			3
				2				
7			3		6	4		
			1		5		9	
9				3		1	6	5
5					8	2		



Q: What do you get from a pampered cow?  
A: Spoiled milk.

## Let's joke

Q: What do you call a fake noodle?

A: An Impasta

Q: What happens if you eat yeast and shoe polish?

A: Every morning you'll rise and shine!

Q: "What's the difference between a guitar and a fish?"

A: "You can't tuna fish."

Q: Did you hear about the race between the lettuce and the tomato?

A: The lettuce was a "head" and the tomato was trying to "ketchup"!

Q: What is it called when a cat wins a dog show?

A: A CAT-HAS-TROPHY!

Q: What do lawyers wear to court?

A: Lawsuits!

Q: What gets wetter the more it dries?

A: A towel.

Q: What do you get if you cross a cat with a dark horse?

A: Kitty Perry

Q: What did the pencil say to the other pencil?

A: You're looking sharp.

## The Moon

By Robert Louis Stevenson

The moon has a face like the clock in the hall;  
She shines on thieves on the garden wall,  
On streets and fields and harbour quays,  
And birdies asleep in the forks of the trees.

The squalling cat and the squeaking mouse,  
The howling dog by the door of the house,  
The bat that lies in bed at noon,  
All love to be out by the light of the moon.

But all of the things that belong to the day  
Cuddle to sleep to be out of her way;  
And flowers and children close their eyes  
Till up in the morning the sun shall arise.



# **Village collection for Church FETE**

**Each year our community generously donates items for the Fete, we are asking again for tombola or raffle prizes, good quality books, CDs, DVDs & toys.**

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**Saturday 2nd June**

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**Thank you, St Chad's PCC**

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Buds burst, birds sing and all appears well in the garden, but is it.....? Let's take a look behind the Hollyhock and find the truth.

Spring was very held up by winter, so when it finally broke free it was condensed. Trees flowered, a mass pollen explosion, not good for any hay fever sufferers out there. The Song Thrush that had built it's nest at the top of the garden was raided, either by Squirrel, Rat, Magpie or, maybe, a Weasel. All five eggs were taken. Down near the cottage the female Blackbird finished building it's nest then abandoned it before laying any eggs.

The pair of Muntjac deer that come through the hedge most mornings one day changed their route. This took them to the road. (IF ANY CHILDREN ARE READING THIS YOU MAY WANT TO COVER THEIR EYES) I heard the male bark twice; it may have been in fear or a warning. When I drove out later that morning I saw the female had been knocked down and killed. The male wandered the track, looking a lonely little figure. The good news is that after a few weeks he had a new companion.

Spring and Summer bring colour and new life but with that comes risk,

danger and conflict. Our very companionable Pheasant knows all about conflict. He holds our garden as centre of his territory with his female partner. His rival struts around squawking, you know the type, full of himself and not far away. Now, if they only left it at squawking no harm would be done. There was a week when our Pheasant would come round for breakfast as usual; chatting as he arrived sporting a new wound every other day. His rival was obviously a ninja expert in what would have been a flurry of claws he had removed feathers from three places on our Pheasants neck down to the skin. There was no obvious wound to the skin but he did look a mess. Things seem to have calmed down now, his rival having made the point, literally, our chap is more relaxed around us and will, if hungry enough, feed from my hand.

The Raven that was around here all through the winter playing his part loudly as the "King of the Crows" and often seemed attracted to the Jackdaws and Carrion Crows is now the enemy. In the winter it would sail through a blizzard without a care, totally at one with it's environment. Now, as soon as the Carrion Crows see it they shout and fly after it. The Raven flies through, almost as if to

goad them, turning on it's back to show it's feet and claws as it flies, just as a buzzard does. We saw it high in the blue sky recently on it's own. We could just hear it calling as it did barrel rolls again and again, in what could have been pure joy at being king of the air.

Do keep feeding the adult bird, it's said they make up to four hundred trips a day to the nest to feed their young. Many of them now have worn feathers on their faces from poking their heads into the nest.



Spring and summer produce life in such large numbers and probably lose more than half of it. Well that's nearly the end of Grimm's Tales.

On the brighter side, the Swallows are here in good numbers, a few House Martins and the amazing "Screaming Jack" Swifts - such a joyous sound! The magic carpet of Bluebells spread across Oakley Wood sprinkled with Stitchwort and Red Campion as it has done for many hundreds of years. Life pushes forwards and finds its way.

**Bluebell Haiku 1** by Jean Aked

Wind-caressed bluebells  
ringing silent melodies  
herald summer days.

**Bluebell Haiku 2** by Orna Ross

Bowl of bark  
Moss and leaves bluebell circled  
Once a tree.



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the Diocesan Centenary, the Cross of Nails has been making its way around every Church of England school in the Diocese. So far it has travelled by canal boat, pony and trap, classic car, bus and on foot. Last month the iconic Cross of Nails arrived at our school by eco car when Harbury CE Primary School delivered it safely and handed it over to our students who proudly welcomed the visitors with our recently created banner featuring not only a cross of nails but also words central to our school – as every pupil will tell you—from Matthew 22, verses 34-40.





### The Cross of Nails Pilgrimage 2018



Our pupils performed 'The Three Trees' for our visitors and each class then had the opportunity to reflect on the significance of the Cross of Nails in their own classroom until we took

it to St Margaret's school in Whitnash. Not wanting to be outdone, we managed to transport the Cross in a horse box (Thank you Marion Smith).

At St Margaret's our Y6 pupils handed



over the Cross to the whole school in a service which included a moving rendition by the whole school of Stormzy's song, 'Blinded by your grace'. The pilgrimage continues until November when it will be returned to Coventry Cathedral.

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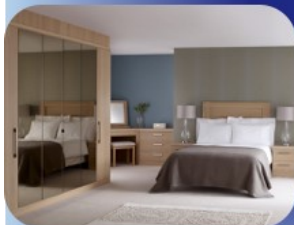
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## Poetry please

### Text

Carol Anne Duffy

I tend the mobile now  
like an injured bird  
We text, text, text  
our significant words.

I re-read your first,  
your second, your third,  
look for your small xx,  
feeling absurd.

The codes we send  
arrive with a broken chord.

I try to picture your hands,  
their image is blurred.

Nothing my thumbs press  
will ever be heard.

## Poetry please

### A Quoi Bon Dire

Charlotte Mew

Seventeen years ago you said  
Something that sounded like Good-bye;  
And everybody thinks that you are dead,  
But I.

So I, as I grow stiff and cold  
To this and that say Good-bye too;  
And everybody sees that I am old  
But you.

And one fine morning in a sunny lane  
Some boy and girl will meet and kiss and  
swear  
That nobody can love their way again  
While over there  
You will have smiled, I shall have tossed  
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# BISHOPS TACHB-ROCKS!

Have you seen all of the beautifully decorated rocks hidden around the village? The children (and their parents!) have been having a lovely time painting rocks of all shapes and sizes and hiding them around the village for others to find. We have seen animals, rainbows, smiley faces, giant sweets, sparkly rocks, colourful rocks and even an appearance from Mickey Mouse!

The children have really enjoyed looking for rocks on the way to and from school and since the warm weather has come along families are going out for evening walks hunting the latest decorations that have been hidden. It's lovely to see everyone getting out, enjoying the fresh air and exploring our beautiful village.

The rules of the game are very simple:

- Decorate a rock
- Hide a rock
- Find a rock (if you use social media take a photo of yourself with the rock and post it to our local Facebook group 'BishopstachbROCKS')
- Re-hide the rock for someone else to find

As beautiful as the decorated rocks are please do not be tempted to keep them, please re-hide them for other children to enjoy and keep the fun going!



# The History Group: Outing to Goldsmiths' Hall

The 'Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths' is one of the 'Twelve Great Livery Companies' of the City of London and has its headquarters at Goldsmiths' Hall. Since 1327 the Company has been obligated by Royal Charter to regulate and promote the trade of those who work with precious metals (which now include gold, silver, platinum and palladium). It is empowered to elect Wardens to enforce those standards and the History Group visited Goldsmiths' Hall by invitation of the current 'Prime Warden', Judith Cobham-Lowe, the first woman to hold that high office.

One publicity brochure describes the Hall as 'a magnificent Grade I listed building' and 'one of London's hidden treasures'. This is no exaggeration! Our visit was divided into tours of the ceremonial rooms, the Assay Office, the Library, and the Vault. The rooms are magnificent, especially the Livery Hall and the Staircase Hall (often featured on film or TV). In some rooms, such as the Drawing Room, the judicious positioning of mirrors allows the viewer to see an almost infinite regress of chandeliers. Just stunning!

The Assay Office handles an astonishing volume of work. Its services include hallmarking (by hand-stamping and by laser engraving), valuations, smelting, and much more. We were given an introduction to each of these operations, including the use of a Touchstone to assess the purity of gold. The process involves using a sample to scratch a line on the stone and is, perhaps, the origin of the phrase 'coming up to scratch'. One of the most important jobs of the Assay Office is to certify the value of coins produced by the Royal Mint. The process is known as the 'Trial of the Pyx' (apparently because the Pyx was the box or chest in which specimen coins were collected from the Mint) and is attended by an official of the City of London with splendid title of the 'Queen's Remembrancer'. We were assured that the currency is sound! To our surprise we were able to handle some specially minted coins, with face values of £500 (500g silver) and £1000 (1kg gold). The purchase prices were eye-wateringly large.

The Library contains specialised books and journals, as well as 'images, films, and the Company's own archives'. The Company's own archives are almost complete and are written in several languages: Norman French, Latin, and English (in its many evolutions). We were given considerable insight into the difficulties of translation by one of the Library's visiting researchers. In addition, we were introduced to snippets of social history from a 17<sup>th</sup> Century Ledger, recently purchased by the Company.

The Vault is a very large strong-room, with a suitably impressive time lock. It contains a fabulous collection of silver (both antique and modern), art medals, and examples of the silversmith's art commissioned by the Company.

Finally, those of us who had time, were able to see an exhibition entitled 'Grant Macdonald International Silversmith'. His recent work is custom made for clients in the Arabian Gulf. His ceremonial knives and swords were quite remarkable, and second only (in my view) to some exquisite hollow-handled cutlery. The exhibition is open to the public and entry is free.

To Judith Cobham-Lowe and her staff: thank you for your consideration, your courtesy, and your expertise. We will remember our visit for a very long time.

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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 [caroline.loveday@sky.com](mailto:caroline.loveday@sky.com)

## TEN JUNE FACTS

1. The Romans called June "Iunius" or Junius, but it is unclear whether this was after Juno, goddess of marriage, or whether May and June were named for the old and young: 'maiores' and 'juniores'.
2. The Anglo-Saxons called June "sera monath" (dry month).
3. June is celebrated as National Smile Month in the UK and National Oceans Month in the USA.
4. In any year, no month begins on the same day of the week as June.
5. Antony and Cleopatra and Henry IV Part 1 are the only Shakespeare plays that mention June.
6. "There are two seasons in Scotland: June and winter." (Billy Connolly).
7. The Earl of Liverpool (1770-1828) and Anthony Eden (1897-1977) are the only UK prime ministers to have been born in June.
8. No UK prime minister has ever died in June.
9. June was the 39th most popular name for a baby girl in 1925 in English-speaking countries but it dropped out of the top thousand in 1986. As a boy's name, it peaked in 697th place in 1922.
10. Magna Carta was signed on 15 June 1215 between the barons of Medieval England and King John.



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## Charles II – The Merry Monarch”

Anne Kirby

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“Not the best of kings but lovely” were Dixie Atkin’s opening words of her talk in May. She admitted that *Charles II* was her favourite monarch. He was born in 1630 - one of five children of Protestant *Charles I* and his wife *Henrietta*, a Catholic. Both his parents were less than 4’ 5” in height, but their first-born was bonny but ugly. He grew into a tall athletic young man, ugly but intelligent and witty.

The political and religious scenario at that time was complicated and fraught with bitter intolerance.

Briefly, when troubles between Parliament and the king were apparent, Henrietta and three of their children were shipped off to the Continent for safety, but Charles remained with his father until the civil war was imminent, when Charles joined his mother and siblings, who had by then embraced Catholicism. Henrietta, a dominant woman, tried to persuade Charles to follow suit, but he resolutely resisted her designs. Charles was in the Netherlands in 1649 when he was greeted with “*Your Majesty*”, and realized that his father had been executed by the victors of the Civil War. The following year he returned to Scotland, was proclaimed king and with a Scottish army invaded England. They were defeated at the Battle of Worcester and once again Charles had a perilous four- week journey to the coast, at times disguised as a maid. A reward of £1,000 was offered for his capture, but it is evident that he was admired because no-one was tempted to betray him and he

safely reached France. He resisted his mother’s plans to make a “good” match, but without an income or support from the European monarchs, he led a miserable life for 10 years.

Meanwhile *Oliver Cromwell*, who had become an Independent Puritan, was bent on purifying the Anglican Church and society of sinful pleasures like theatre, dancing, drinking, Christmas Day celebrations. He became Lord Protector of England for life. Contrary to his espoused republican fervour, he proclaimed his son Richard as the new Protector when he died in 1658. The public were fed up with the ban on fun and Charles was invited back to England and on his 30<sup>th</sup> birthday was proclaimed King among joyful celebrations. He attended a Service of Thanksgiving but declined the banquet, as he was in bed with his current mistress.

Charles II’s reign heralded the “*Restoration*” period. Bishops were restored to Parliament, which established a strict Anglican orthodoxy; there was an expansion in colonial trade, and a revival of drama and literature. He had his own problems with Parliament and particularly with religious intolerance. *Titus Oats* and colleagues invented an account that Jesuit conspirators were planning to assassinate Charles II and place his Catholic brother, James, on the throne. Anti-papal hysteria was aroused resulting in attacks, executions and loss of estates of many Catholics. The plot was proved to be untrue, but intolerance



remained an issue. Two disastrous events marred his reign: the *Great Plague of 1664* and the *Great Fire of London* the following year. Charles was generous with gifts to the poor who suffered, and he physically joined in fire-fighting operations. Subsequently he worked closely with Christopher Wren, who had plans for rebuilding London with wide boulevards - turned down in favour of returning to small intersecting streets (and eventual traffic chaos). After the fire Charles decreed that in future houses must be built of brick or stone rather than wood and thatch.



Charles married *Catherine of Braganza* and she loved him dearly. After 14 years of marriage she bore no live children, and it was suggested to Charles that he should take another wife to provide an heir. He flatly refused to divorce her. At this time it was customary to have a mistress, but Charles had an insatiable appetite for women and had a least 14 mistresses over the years. Some were actresses, of which Nell Gwyn is probably the most famous, but they ranged from women in high society to the lower strata of society - ugly or pretty were acceptable. He was usually generous with them and supported around 12 illegitimate children- 8 of them with titles' He . Charles died in 1685 -All in all ***"A Merry Monarch"***

#### **NEXT MEEETING**

Tuesday, 12th June  
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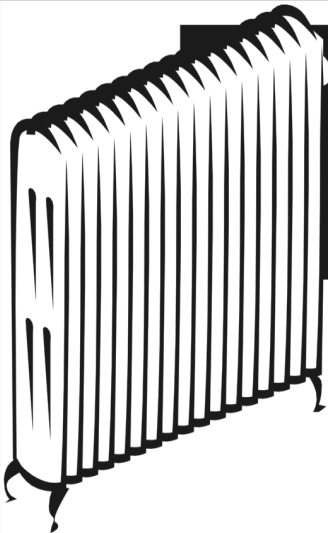
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### GOLDEN WEDDING

Roger Cynths, congratulations on your Golden Wedding Anniversary  
Love from us all XX

### GUIDE DOGS NATIONAL BREEDING CENTRE OPEN DAY

We are holding our open day on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June from 11am-4pm. The Centre will be open for visitors to see some of our breeding stock (some of which will take part in a dog show on the day), meet some of their volunteer holders and our staff, view puppies, and take part in blindfold challenges. There will also be a hog roast, café selling homemade produce including cream teas, alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks, plus tombolas and raffle. Entry will be £1 per person, with under 12's free, and we will have a free park and ride on the day. All of the funds raised on the day will support our mission to help blind and partially sighted people to enjoy the same freedom of movement as everyone else.

### A PEACEFUL RETREAT

St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church in Murcott Road, Whitnash, is now open every day from 10 am to 6 pm. Anyone who wants to "get away" from the everyday distractions and sit quietly is welcome to pop in.

### BEDDING PLANTS FOR YOU ON 9TH JUNE



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