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The first Sunday of February is a favourite of mine and it was great this year to see a full church as we celebrated

Candlemas. The Brownies and their parents were there and contributed to the service by volunteering in a number of ways. We discovered that Candlemas is a bridging point between the light and joy of Christmas and the solemnity of Lent. We looked back but we looked forward too. We thought about the cross, but also about the joy of Easter morn and as everyone left church they received a small Easter egg in anticipation of that glorious morning.

This month sees the beginning of Lent when we prepare for the death and resurrection of Jesus. Ash Wednesday is March 5th and there will be services in church to mark this very solemn day.

How do I see Lent? For me it is a time of challenge. We need to be challenged about our relationship with God. How good is our relationship, what do we do to maintain that relationship? How do we grow closer to God? There are various ways: prayer, Bible study, reflection and fellowship with others. Perhaps think about joining one of our Lent groups being held jointly with the churches in Whitnash.

During Lent we also need to think about our fellowship with one another, both within the Church and out in the community. As a Christian, I believe I am called to live to a higher standard than the rest of society often suggests. Lent is a good time to look at our relationships with others – to think of who we don't like, of who we don't welcome into our

Church or our community, to consider those whom we find difficult to accept, and to ask God to help us work through those barriers.

Finally, Lent is a time to look forward. It isn't a time to just immerse ourselves in sacrifice or abstinence from something. (It's interesting that the most important question for some people about Lent is – "What are you giving up?") Lent isn't just a period of time to read extra bits of the Bible or to attend extra Church services or Bible studies, although as I've just said, all of these things are important and useful. **Lent is a time to really plan our future – to see what's wrong with our spiritual lives, and to begin to address the question of putting those things right.**

Last week in church I gave out slips of paper with a request that people give me half an hour of their time to discuss their faith and where their hopes for the future of St Chad's lay. I don't know whether those present thought I was kidding but the response was very disappointing. I'm sure everyone there, along with most of you reading this article will have an opinion, I was hoping to bring those opinions to our Annual Parochial Church Meeting on April 6th after our morning worship.

So, how do you want the ministry of St Chad's to grow? What can we do to encourage you to attend our worship services? Lent is the time to make a new commitment to Jesus who has committed everything for us. **On March 23rd we are holding a Gift Day in Church.** This is an opportunity for everyone who lives

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in this parish to assess what St Chad's means to YOU; what part do YOU want the church to play in YOUR life? Although we are calling this a Gift Day, we don't just want your money! Yes, you might decide to make an offering to the ministry of the church but there are other ways you can show your appreciation of the ministry we hope we offer to our community. Can you help with the maintenance of the churchyard? Could you hold a fund-raising event for the church? Could you volunteer to help with cleaning the church? All these things are important. I will be present to chat to people about their vision and accept your offers of time, talent or, if you prefer, money.

This is your church, if you want it to be a living, thriving community in the years to come then you need to support it.

Were you baptised or married in the church? Have you celebrated a loved one's life? Do you know that one day you will need the services of St Chad's?

We have a very loyal congregation who give very generously to pay for the ministry offered by the church, however, they are not the only people who want a parish church in the village. As we embark on the season of Lent please think about what you can offer God's church. Think about what you have to be grateful for, remember that Jesus walks your journey with you, He stretched out His arms on the cross and died for you. Lent is a time of challenge – what is God challenging you to do? Please do come and talk to me on 23rd March. I'm here to serve you. Please let me know how I can best do that.

With every blessing for a challenging Lent, Elaine

Joys & Sorrows

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

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2 nd March	8am Holy communion 10am Civic Service
5 th March	11:15am Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes 7pm Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes.
11 th March	1:30pm Whitnash Methodist church Lent Course based on Les Miserables
12 th March	7:30pm Repeat of Lent course - St Margaret's Chapter House
18/19 Mar	Lent course
23 rd March	10am Holy communion followed by Gift Day
25/26 Mar	Lent course
30 th March	10 am Mothering Sunday – All welcome.
1/2 April	Lent course
6 th April	11:15am St Chad's APCM – please come and hear our plans for St Chad's
8/9 April	Lent course
13 th April	10am Palm Sunday Liturgy of Palms, procession and Liturgy of the Passion
14-16 April	Holy Week – the church will be open for prayer
17 th April	7pm Maundy Thursday Eucharist
18 th April	1pm Meditation 2pm Good Friday Liturgy 4:15pm Walk of Witness from St Margaret's Whitnash to the Green in Whitnash (Next to the Plough) for a short service.
20 th April	10am Easter Sunday Family Communion followed by Easter Egg Hunt in and around the church.



Annual Village Litter Pick Up

The annual village Litter Pick-up will take place on Wednesday 2nd April between 6.15pm and 7.15pm. The event is led by the Parish Council and the Brownies but really needs some extra support from villagers. With more helpers we could cover a larger area of the village, including the Churchyard, village green and the meadow. If you are able to help out for just an hour, please come along to the Sports and Social club at 6pm and lend a hand.

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We had a successful AGM last month, although with very depleted numbers.

We wished Kath Reason a quick recovery. When we reviewed 2013 it was amazing how much money such a small group of us raised for various projects and we look forward to another successful year.

Already there are several events in our calendar. On Sat March 1st there is an 'MU Inspired' day for anyone in the diocese, to be held in Finham from 10.30 am – 3 pm. There are times when we could do with a spot of inspiration so we are hoping for great things! It's open to anyone, so please get in touch if you'd like a lift. Fri 7th March sees us at St Joseph's at 10.30 am for the Women's World Day of Prayer service. We adjourn back to 81 Kingsley Road for a lunch of soup and rolls.

Please put the date in your diary for **Sat 22nd March** when we are staging our **Spring Coffee Morning** in church from 10 am to 12 noon. There will be coffee and biscuits, home-made cakes, puddings, jams and preserves and some greetings cards. We hope lots of you will be able to support us to raise funds for our projects.

At our last meeting we thought about what we wanted to do in this year ahead and we decided to re-start a tradition of sending a card to those who are baptised at St Chad's, on the first few anniversaries, just to remind them that we're thinking of them and to remind them of their promises.

Make a Mother's Day is back again! If

you would like to buy a 'gift' which would help other mums, then Mothers' Union can help you with virtual gifts from £5 - £100. They can also be bought in memory of a mother and a card can be sent to you or your mum to mark the occasion, if you wish. There are leaflets in church or go to www.makeamothersday.org for further information and to donate online.

Our next meeting is on Shrove Tuesday. Maybe there'll be a pancake or two after we've discovered the many ways in which Pancake Tuesday /Mardi Gras (call it what you will) is celebrated.

Tel. 427922 for further information.



Are you interested in being a Brownie?

Bishop's Tachbrook Brownies meet on a Wednesday at 6pm till 7.30pm. We have fun, make, work on badges, go on outings, sing, play games and meet new friends. If you are interested in being a Brownie when you are 7, please contact Caroline Loveday on 429082 or 07796 034371 or carolineloveday@sky.com to find out more.



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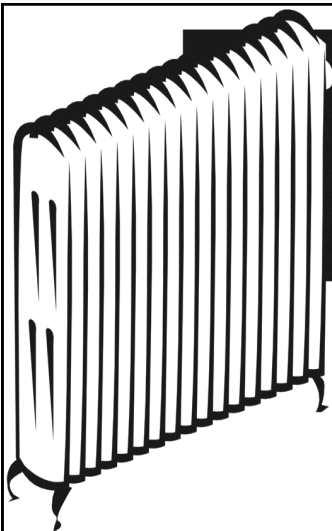


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Those of you who have read, listened to or watched, “The Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy” by Douglas Adams will know that the computer Deep Thought, paid for by a race of “hyper-intelligent,” “pan-dimensional” beings – mice, gave 42 as the answer to the Ultimate Question of ‘Life, the Universe, and Everything’. It only took seven and a half million years of calculation!

If you go online you will find a whole range of weird and wonderful explanations of why 42 is significant. They range from all the numbers on two dice added together to the weight of the Milky Way!

On a recent workshop I attended called “Finding Strength in Challenging Times”, an answer that really resonated with me, based on the concept of gratitude, was put forward:

There are people, places, experiences that we are **grateful 4** and/or **grateful 2**. The idea is that if you can identify your grateful 42s it gives meaning to your life. That meaning can give you the strength to meet the challenges around you.

Here are some of my 42s that relate to food and gardening. **I’m grateful 4:**

All the organisms who interact with my food left-overs, toilet roll middles, grass clippings and most other organic leftovers turning it into valuable compost. A change of mindset from waste to resource.

Insects in general for pollinating many of my favorite foods; for being so beautiful, a butterfly skimming by on a warm afternoon never fails to bring a smile to my face; for being useful, we would quickly be completely overrun with pest insects if it were not for all the ladybirds, lacewings, parasitic wasps, and a whole host of insects out there that keep populations of those problematic insects in check.

The host of volunteers, charities, friends and professionals who share their ideas so

freely, to inspire me and patch over my areas of total incompetence. Without them the rambling space I call a garden would be totally unproductive. A special mention for my friends in the Master Gardener network who I value greatly; Garden Organic for their great work on sharing organic principles (www.gardenorganic.org.uk); The Heritage Seed Library for conserving and supplying vegetable varieties that are not widely available.

The versatility available for the vegetable gardener; almost any vegetable or herb seed you can buy can be grown in a vegetable patch or in patio pots, bags or even hanging baskets – last year some of my tastiest tomatoes were from a basket.

I’m grateful 2:

My friends who “ooh and aah” over our garden no matter how many weeds we forgot to hoe or how many plants the caterpillars are obviously destroying.

To my wife and others who make me happy and help me laugh, they are the charming gardeners who make my soul blossom.

Here are five questions that can help you find some strength:

Some things I love about being alive are...

A place that was magical (or wonderful) to me as a child was ...

A person who helped me believe in myself is

Some things I enjoy doing / making are ...

Some things I appreciate about myself are...

If you’re interested in “Finding Strength in Challenging Times”, go to <http://www.actionforsustainability.co.uk>

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February is the month in which BTHG has its AGM. The agenda was disposed of efficiently and in a genial atmosphere. The Committee was re-elected en bloc; Ann Ayres has bravely taken on the role of Speaker Secretary, finances are healthy and we have an interesting programme of talks and outings for the rest of 2014, so we are all set to enjoy ourselves and hopefully learn more about our ancestors.

And we embarked on this endeavour straight away with a presentation on some of the outstanding features in our meeting space – St Chad’s Church – the Anglo-Saxon baptismal font; the Norman arch and doorway; grooves in the outside wall of the porch, where arrows were sharpened during archery practice (which was compulsory more than 500 years ago); splendid stained glass from the Victorian period. These and other features have been highlighted in a splendid Trail and Quiz for children (and adults), which has been produced for St Chad’s by the *Royal Leamington Spa Decorative and Fine Arts Society*.



Sally Howells from NADFAS, explained the role and activities of the Group. It has a broad spectrum of activities, including lectures on art and artefacts by prominent experts, many of whom will be familiar to TV viewers. They produce guides for notable buildings, such as the St Chad’s Guide, and provide volunteers who contribute to conservation work in museums and galleries. **The Trail is available free of charge in St Chad’s, so if it’s raining and you want a cost-free activity during school holidays, why not visit the parish church?**

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 11th March at 2.30pm in St Chad’s Church
Jean Dodds will tell us about the 200 year story of the
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Croft Medical Centre

Did you know that the practice has set up a **Patient Participation Group**, which meets regularly in Sydenham to discuss additions and improvements to the services on offer, campaigns in the NHS, future plans for the surgeries, etc? The Group is open to anyone who would like to attend. I attended a recent meeting and was surprised to hear about several useful initiatives which do not appear to have filtered down to patients using the village surgery. Watch this space next month for more details. Anne Kirby

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Paws for thought!

Well, following my last article, it would appear I have a few fans and they have asked me to put pen to paw for an update.



Since my last tail in December, the dog bins are now being emptied on a more regular basis and I am working with Martyn Stacey at Warwickshire Neighbourhood Services where it is hoped we can trial a bag dispenser machine, for those who go “walkies” with no bag or happen to get caught out.

The serious bit! - If your dog is off the lead and is some considerable space from you, you still need to pick up. It's part of your responsibility of owning a dog, failing to do so is not only anti-social, it can sometimes contain harmful bacteria, but it is an offence if you don't pick it up and you could possibly be fined under the Dogs Fouling of Land Act 1996. Claiming to not be aware is not a sufficient get out claws!

On a more positive note, all my doggie pals that I see clear up afterwards and you would be surprised as to just how many do.

Finally, on a humorous note, it was reported that residents of New Taipei City in Taiwan were recently offered a lottery ticket for every bag of dog waste they handed in...apparently it was very successful and cleared the city!

Woof! Vinny

The Garden of Remembrance

This part of our graveyard is where ashes can be buried after cremation. St Chad's is required to follow the Rules and Regulations of the Diocese of Coventry. As the individual plots are small special rules apply which help to keep this quiet area in front of the church tidy and well maintained. All memorials are simple stones of the same size and style, laid flat to enable ease of mowing. There is a low wall for floral tributes to be placed.

As with any grave, vases and containers are not allowed as these are easily broken and cause a hazard for others as well as being attractive to vandals. We recognise that family and friends may wish to place floral tributes on the stone of their loved one and have allowed this in the past but over recent months there have been more and more breakable pots and containers left which spoil the overall look of the garden and make maintenance and mowing difficult and hazardous.

We respectfully ask all whose loved one's ashes are buried in the Garden of Remembrance to remove all containers and ensure that their plot is flush with the ground before the mowing begins sometime this month. Any vases etc left will be removed and placed on the wall for everyone's safety. Remaining Christmas baskets and wreath frames are removed from all graves during the Church Spring Clean and Graveyard tidy, which will be on Saturday 8 March this year.

I watched a small drama taking place on our garden fence on 10 February. There, during a sunny interval, a small spider was attempting to make sure of its prey, a large fly caught in the web but struggling frantically. The spider approached several times but the fly would not succumb and eventually its efforts were rewarded and it broke free and flew off. I have seen at least one fly every month during the winter.

We have been watching the activities of the birds. As the daylight hours increased dawn was too early to see the Starlings fly off on their daily search for food, although the gulls were later and flocks could be seen flying over. I'm told they are seen breakfasting in the fields behind Holt Avenue and are sometimes joined by starlings.

Birds in the garden seem to be at least thinking about Spring even in February. The Bluetits are paired and have investigated the nest box. Both went in and out on several occasions but seem to have rejected it. It may be because of the direction it faces. They are particular about that. Or it may be because of the nearness of the nuts and other food which encourages other birds - a good food supply but problems of territory. They visit the seed feeder regularly but are so quick I cannot make out whether or not they have secured a morsel. As it happens so regularly I can only assume they are successful. The sparrows have the security of the larger group but the lone Bluetit must be quick.

The snowdrops are out in our garden.

They have done well over the years spreading out so I have been able to share them with family and friends, passing clumps on "in the green". Did you know that the botanical name of the common snowdrop, *Galanthus Nivalis*, means 'milk-flower, of snow'? They have some lovely common names - Candlemas bells (Candlemas is 2 February), Mary's taper, snow piercer, February fairmaids and dingle-dangle. These pretty white flowers were regarded as unlucky and a sign of death. Introduced in the 1770s they have escaped our gardens and are now regarded as native to Britain. It is surprising they flower at a time of the year when there are almost no insects about. The green markings on the petals glow in ultraviolet light to attract pollinators. They have a honey-like smell. On a warm day they are sometimes lucky enough to be pollinated by a bumblebee but they rely on bulb division. There are many interesting pieces of snowdrop information on the internet including a link with the Winter Olympics!

I keep looking out for those early Spring insect appearances, butterflies and bees.

Bumblebees are often seen in Gardens, their hairy bodies looking like a stripy fur coat as they buzz from flower to flower. They are not aggressive, will not disturb picnics and can be watched safely. News reports earlier in the year emphasised the need of these types of bee to pollinate food plants. The Bumblebee Conservation Trust has a fascinating website and includes identifica-

tion of the different types of Bumblebee as well as what to plant in the garden to encourage and protect them. They only have small colonies and will happily occupy an artificial nest box placed near the ground close to the plants they like to visit.

Bunny saw a Red Kite over Tachbrook on 29 January. They have travelled this far up the M40 in previous years but as yet haven't nested here. Perhaps this year will be a first so look out for those forked-tailed high flyers!

Do let us know your Spring sightings, birds, insects or plants.




Steve Harvey's report

There was a chill in the air and all was quiet, then across the grey winter sky came a flock of about 70 rooks. They were starting their day, leaving the rookery on the Banbury road and heading for their feeding grounds across the fields. As they drew level with me, the whole flock spontaneously swirled and dived amongst each other, calling loudly in a display of togetherness. Rooks rising and plunging for less than a minute, then suddenly, as if a signal had been given, it was over. The flock carried on its way as if nothing had happened, a mass aerial bonding, a community with one purpose.

Another group with one purpose were Pied Wagtails on the Parade in Leamington. Just up from the Town Hall there is a bus stop with a small evergreen tree. It was almost dark. Wagtails were arriving, at least 50 of them, all landing in the small tree to roost. Each time a bus pulled up the birds scattered, flying to the roofs of the buildings, then back down again. Eventually as evening drew on, the birds would all settle and the tree

would be full of wagtails for the night. They will do this night after night every winter.

Back in late January I was up a ladder, alongside me was a satellite dish. On the triangular bracket holding it to the wall, sitting on a nest of twigs was a Collared Dove. She stayed amazingly still, not moving a feather, hoping to be invisible. They usually have two white eggs and on these she was sitting. I didn't disturb her for long. She held her nerve as I was only a few feet away and could have touched her. It's not the first time I've seen collared Doves nest in January. Doves and Pigeons can nest all year round as long as they have enough food. Good luck to her raising chicks in the turbulent weather we're having. Hope they do well.





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odd Monday then please let me know.



Councillors welcomed the Chairman of the District Council, Cllr. Richard Davies, to our meeting on 18th February. Residents and councillors expressed very strongly the feelings regarding the possible siting of Gypsy and Traveller Sites in the parish. Cllr. Richard Davies was very sympathetic and said that he had taken 'on board' the many issues that were raised.

Cllr. Les Caborn said that the Gypsy and Traveller Consultation had been 'called-in' by the District Council Scrutiny Committee and it was likely to be presented to full council at the end of February with the aim that the public consultation will start on 28th February for 6 weeks.

Your Council has commissioned LinkUK to review all the nearby sites and advise us on how we can respond effectively. At £4000 this is a major spend but we regard it as essential that we get the best professional advice. We will be setting up an Open meeting in March.

We now know that the Submission Draft of the Local Plan will be published early April, to be considered at full Council on 23 April. The Revised Development Strategy published last June is driving this process; and the Courier has been pretty good at keeping the public up to date with what's been going on since.

Your Parish Council is combining with neighbouring parish and town councils to try and modify the worst aspects of the RDS. We are not against some new houses, but regard 4000 within 2 miles of the village and south of Warwick and Leamington as being excessive. We are concerned at the resultant loss of productive agricultural land, the rural setting of the village and Warwick Gates, and the level of additional traffic especially on Oakley Wood Road, Harbury Lane and Mallory Road. Readers will be aware of specific sites where residents have been outspoken against development; and councillors will continue to do their best to support these objections. Our written submissions can be viewed on the web-site – sorry, they are quite a long read!

The design of a small lay-by on the Moreton Morrell Road has been agreed with WCC Highways. This will provide safe parking for people visiting Oakley Wood; the work is scheduled for August.

Hard standing has now been installed on the verge at the bus stop opposite the Leopard.

Warwick Tree Wardens helped out again with the planting of 3 oaks at the Harbury Road crossroads. The Council is very grateful for their continuing support.

Finally, several residents have expressed concern regarding the reinstating of the Village Green after it has been used by contractors. I would like to assure residents that councillors are very aware of this issue. We have asked the County Solicitor to draw up a formal licence agreement to cover situations like this where contractors need to access parish owned land.

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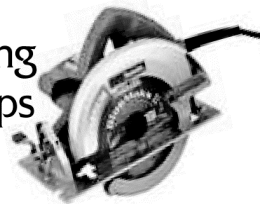
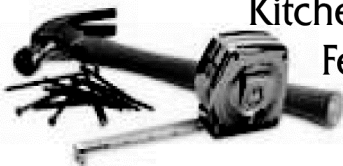


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What a long time it seemed since our last meeting, but 20 brave souls ignored the weather and turned up. The speaker

was Liz, a volunteer for the Woodland Trust. She began by explaining the history of the Woodland Trust and how it was started in the 1970's by Kenneth Watkins. He was based in Devon and was concerned for the small wood. It is their aim to create new woods and to have woods for people to enjoy. Liz went on to tell us about Ancient Woodland, these are woods that have been continually there since the 1600's and if Dogs Mercury, Archangel and bluebells are growing, that too is a sign of woods being ancient. The Ancient Tree Hunt is just what it says. They believe there to be approximately 500,000 ancient trees in Britain. Up to 2011, 42,500 trees have been documented but there is a need to do more. We were told a tree up to 300 years old was only a veteran whereas a tree up to 500 years old becomes an ancient. She also explained how trees were measured and told us locations of some local trees. If you are interested in knowing more, go to www.ancienttreehunt.org.uk to record an ancient tree.

After coffee we ran through the business part of the meeting. All the events that had taken place before Christmas had been enjoyed. A big thank you to Wendy and Piers for hosting a coffee morning in January in aid of the Air Ambulance, a massive £217 was raised. Well done to all who helped, baked or supported in any way. Forthcoming events include a sari silk picture workshop, Annual Federation Meeting where there will be a food

bank collection and a visit to Jodryll Bank. We are also hoping to hold our annual Pimms and Croquet evening and maybe a skittles evening.

A big thank you for all the used postage stamps that appear through my door, for Marie Curie and also for your old bras. I am hoping to take three carrier bags full to Bravissimo for their Eve charity.

We would also like to extend our best wishes to the new W.I. based on Warwick Gates - here's hoping you go from strength to strength.

If you would like to come along and see what we get up to at our meetings you would be most welcome. Either just turn up or give me a ring first on 424135.

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St Chad's PCC would like to thank Bishop's Tachbrook Parish Council for a grant designated for Churchyard maintenance. This support has been put to good use, covering the costs of trimming and replanting the boundary hedge.

Next deadline for magazine items is 15th March for the April issue. Please send to catherine.keen@btinternet.com

Church Electoral Roll

A revision of the Church Electoral Roll is currently taking place and will end on 16th March. If you would like to add your name to the roll, application forms can be obtained from the church, the vicar (Elaine Scrivens) or the Electoral Roll Officer (Joan Alderman Tel: 651643).

All those whose names are already on the roll do NOT need to re-apply.

Membership of the electoral roll enables worshippers to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

Date for your Diary

The Village Events Group will be holding an event on Saturday 19th July on the meadow.

We are planning to have a stage with musical entertainment, activities and stalls. The idea is to have a festival type feel with people hopefully coming along and spending a few hours on the meadow, bringing a picnic, meeting up with friends and neighbours, and finding out what goes on in the village.

The King's Table

The King's Table is a Christian café and shop offering the local community a place of respite and refreshment. We are currently seeking more volunteers to assist with a variety of jobs including Waiter/Waitress, Till Operator, Kitchen Assistant. Whether you can help for a couple of hours once a week or once a month, we will be grateful for your contribution. Anyone interested should ask for a Volunteer Application Pack at The King's Table, 44 Warwick Road, Kenilworth CV8 1HH or email jennycorn@talktalk.net for more details.

AGM of the Friends of Oakley Wood

Tuesday 4th March
at 7.30pm

Bishop's Tachbrook
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A Day for Dunc - Sunday March 23rd

by Beth Phillips

As an avid reader of the parish magazine, I am aware that my article is somewhat different to most of those featured within it. It's not going to make for easy reading if you are relaxing on a Sunday afternoon with a cuppa. I make no apology for this though, as the message within it might just save your life, or that of a loved one.

On April 25th 2013, my fit, thirty-nine year old husband, Dunc, gave Sam, Thomas, and I, a kiss, and told us that he loved us, as he did every week when he left to play football with his friends. Just forty-five minutes later, Dunc collapsed on the pitch. Sadly, prolonged attempts to revive him failed.

Three weeks later, I received a phone call from the founder of the charity 'Cardiac Risk in the Young' (CRY), who mentioned that Dunc's previously undiagnosed heart condition could potentially be inherited by our two gorgeous little boys. At that moment, my world fell apart once again.

Why am I sharing this with you now? There are two reasons. Firstly, I want everyone to know about the signs and symptoms of undiagnosed heart conditions that claim the lives of twelve young people (aged 14-35) in the UK every week. These include:

light-headedness or blackouts

palpitations (a rapid and/or irregular heartbeat)

chest pains (often as a result of physical exertion)

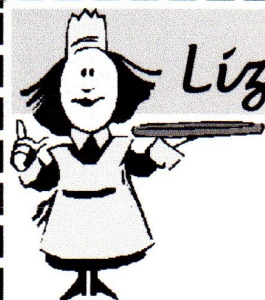
shortness of breath (often as a result of physical exertion)

If you or a loved one experience any of the above, please don't assume that the symptoms are normal/will pass/are just because you are a bit stressed. Do something about it. Do it for yourselves and for your loved ones. For the sake of a quick trip to your GP, it is just not worth risking your health and the future emotional well-being of your friends and family.

Secondly, I need your help to raise money to support the valuable work that CRY does. This includes:

- Supporting medical research into cardiac conditions
- Providing a specialist cardiac pathology service
- Screening young people aged 14-35 for undiagnosed cardiac conditions
- Providing a bereavement support service for affected families
- Developing a support network for young people living with cardiac conditions

Dunc would have celebrated his fortieth birthday this month. **We are holding a family fun day and sponsored walk/run to mark the occasion on Sunday, March 23rd 2014, at the Sports and Social Club in Bishop's Tachbrook, from 11a.m – 3p.m.** I would like to invite you to join us on the day, to bake a cake, or to participate in the sponsored event. Please put the date in your diary. If you can help me in my efforts to raise money for CRY, I would be very grateful. I can be contacted via the Facebook page, 'A Day for Dunc', or you can leave a message on Louise Lewin's phone, on 07886 866145.



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j.a.pratt@btinternet.com

This month we pray for:

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Looking at the dates we celebrate this month they all have a family feel. We remember the Holy Family. How Jesus grew up with the guidance of a working carpenter, how the love of his mother was freely given in a surely bewildering encounter with an angel, and finish with a gathering of families as we pray for mothers facing many unknown problems today. For some of us it will also be an opportunity to look back in gratitude to the memory of our own mothers now departed this life.

Dates in March

Sun 2nd – Sunday next before Lent
Wed 5th – Ash Wednesday
Wed 19th – St Joseph of Nazareth
Tues 25th – Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sun 30th – Mothering Sunday

March Rotas

Cleaning

1st Jenny & Peter Lister
8th Jo Shaw
15th Liz Sheehan
22nd Fiona Meades & Jo Jordan
29th Esther Boyle & Jill Yarwood

Assistant Stewards

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

Sidespersons

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

Coffee

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

Worship at St Chad's

Sunday

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

First Sunday of the month

8am Holy Communion (BCP)
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Wednesday

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Around 1/6 of properties in England are at risk of flooding.

The cost of the July 2007 floods, in insurance claims alone, was estimated at over £3 billion.

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The Environment Agency estimates there are 24,000 miles of flood defences and 46,000 flood defence structures protecting properties in England. The replacement costs would be £20bn.

About 8% of the UK's total land mass – 10,000 square kilometres – is affected by river flooding alone. In 2007 around half the 630miles of flood defences tested by the floods were overwhelmed.



Test yourself...

We've experienced some extremes of weather this year so...

TRUE OR FALSE

1. Stratus, cirrus, cumulus and nimbus are types of storm?
2. The lowest recorded temperature on Earth of 89.2 °C (-128.6 °F) was recorded at Vostok Station, Antarctica?
3. The highest recorded temperature on Earth of 57.8 °C (136 °F) was recorded in the Sahara Desert, Africa?
4. **The best place to shelter from a storm is under a tree as wood is a poor conductor?**
5. Last year the hottest month in the UK was July?
6. **Seathwaite in Cumbria is the wettest place in England?**



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| 1. | False they are types of cloud. |
| 2. | True |
| 3. | False it was Al 'Aziziyah, Libya |
| 4. | False, find a low spot away from tall trees and poles |
| 5. | True |
| 6. | True |



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Our Netballers have been hard at work training and recently scored a 9-0 victory against Telford. Miss Blundell decided that every member of the squad should be 'Player of The Match' as they had all worked so well together.

Players of the match against Woodloes were Isabelle and Abby. Despite playing hard and fast, we came away defeated 4-2 though not discouraged.



Pupils at the School have taken advantage of the Government's new sports grant with the purchase of two new outdoor table tennis tables. Not only can pupils play at lunchtime and playtime but also our Sports teachers have started giving pupils coaching in table tennis during their PE lessons.



Football News

Pupils in year 5 recently played against St. Mary's in Warwick where player of the match Ethan saved goal after goal resulting in a well deserved 3-2 victory.

Pupils in year 3 and 4 also played a strong side from St Mary's where player of the match Jake skilfully set up all three of our goals finally equalising with a respectable 3-3 score.

Our oldest pupils braved some very muddy conditions to play against a strong side from Bishop's Itchington but ended up winning 3-2. Players of the match were Bradley and JJ.



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Roast leg of lamb studded with garlic and rosemary
Roast Loin of woodland pork with stuffing and crackling
Pan roast salmon supreme with truffle mash and a
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Roast Butternut squash, red onion & stilton pie topped with
puff pastry

Desserts

Chocolate & nut brownie with chocolate sauce and
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Apple, strawberry & Ginger Crumble with Clotted Cream ice cream
Black cherry frangipane tart with Vanilla custard
Sorbet Selection
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