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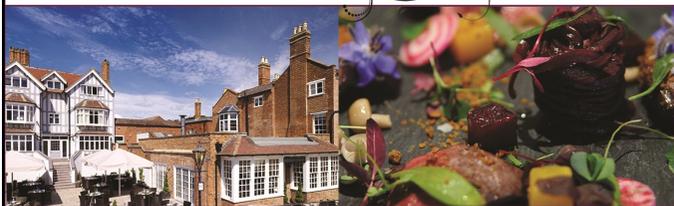
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What's in this month's magazine

I guess we're all getting used to building going on around us and this month's magazine has a lot of building related items. There's another update on the St Chads Centre. Andrew Day provides us with news of what's happening with church maintenance. Parish Council News, of course, has more news about planning issues. My personal favourite is a building related poem by Paul Hulett a resident of Heathcote Park. As you probably realise Heathcote Park is being surrounded by new build. The poem is a great evocation of what it feels like to lose space. Read it on page 13.

On building our youth, page 21 features news of a pilot breakfast scheme for Bishop's Tachbrook Pre School children.

Elsewhere there's the normal eclectic mix. On page 23 there's a quiz to test out whether you paid attention to the History Group's articles in 2015. To return to the building theme, we hope we've built your historical knowledge in the past.

Enjoy your perambulations through the alleyways of parish minds.

St Chad's diary

28th February 10 am St Chad's Civic Service

6th March 10am Mothering Sunday Service

20th March 10am Palm Sunday

21-23 March Church open for prayer between 1-3pm and 6:30-8pm

24th March 7pm Maundy Thursday Eucharist

25th March 1-3pm Good Friday services.

27th March 10am Easter Sunday followed by Easter Egg Hunt

10th April 11:30am Annual Parochial Church Meeting

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A vicar was standing at his church door saying goodbye to those who had attended the Easter morning service. As one man went to leave the vicar took his hand and whispered to him, "God needs you in his army!" The man, looking stunned said, "but vicar, I am in God's army."

"Then why," asked the vicar, "do we only see you in church at Christmas and Easter?"

The man without missing a beat whispered, "I'm in the Secret Service!"

Okay, this is quite clearly a joke, but, as with many good jokes, it touches on an element of the truth – that there are indeed some who are critical of those who attend church only at Christmas or Easter. Personally, I think that being critical is not the way to look at it – and rather than ask the – "why do they only come twice a year?" question, I think the more positive one is – "What brings people to church on those two occasions a year?"

It's a complex question and I'm sure there would be as many reasons as there are answers! I imagine, though, that some would find it hard to express exactly why they come to church. For some, it just feels right and that for some reason there's a pull, to come along and participate in worship on those great festivals. When we think of Christmas and Easter we think of times which speak of newness – of birth, resurrection, possibility and hope – times that speak to the essence of our humanity.

Few would deny that we are spiritual beings, as well as physical and emotional ones, and it is all too easy to bury our spirituality within the busyness and trappings of our everyday life. However, there are times when our spiritual nature naturally comes to the fore, and I, in my role, often see this when life begins or ends.

The great festivals of Christmas and Easter are times when many come along to church and perhaps, give themselves 'permission' to focus on the faith possibilities of the spiritual life, the mystery of the God-man, Jesus Christ, born as a child, who died on the cross and rose again – as Christians believe. Whatever reason you might have to come to church, whether it is on an "ordinary" Sunday or to celebrate the great festivals, at St Chad's, you will always be made welcome. We would be delighted to see you and to share the joy and hope of our faith with you.

This year we begin our journey to Easter at 10am on Palm Sunday – do you know anyone with a donkey we could borrow? During Holy Week the church will be open on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday for prayer each afternoon between 1-3pm and each evening between 6:30 and 8pm. On Maundy Thursday at 7pm we will celebrate the Last Supper with Holy Communion and the "washing of feet". We follow this service by "stripping" the church bare, removing all ornaments, leaving only the "altar of repose". There will be an opportunity after the service to

sit quietly and remember Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane, before his arrest. On Good Friday there will be a time of silence and mediation between 1 and 2pm and from 2pm we will celebrate the Good Friday Liturgy. Easter Sunday is a day of such joy in the church year so do come and join us to celebrate our Lord's resurrection at 10am followed by an Easter Egg hunt.

With love and prayers, Elaine

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER AND WELCOME CAFÉ 2016

The WWDP service will take place this year on **Friday 4th March 2016**, at **St Margaret's Church**, Whitnash. The service is ecumenical and will be led by women and girls from the churches in Whitnash and Bishop's Tachbrook. The Service itself begins at 10.30am, and there is a "**Welcome Cafe**" open for coffee & cake from 9.45am until 10.30am and again after the service.

On this day an estimated 3 million people in over 170 countries will gather to observe the day of prayer using the service, written this year by the women of Cuba and themed "**Receive Children. Receive Me.**". The focus of the service is Mark 10:13-16, which reminds us that everyone is a child of God regardless of gender, race or sexuality.

Of course, this service is not just for women, everyone is very welcome to attend. Do come along and help us to celebrate this World Day of Prayer in our little corner of God's creation.

CYCLE OF PRAYER

Praying for our Community

In March we will be praying for all who live in
Calpurnia Avenue
Church Hill
Church Lees
Cicero Approach

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

If there is something or someone you would like us to pray for please let Elaine our Vicar or a member of the congregation know.

THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY

Marriage

Paul Damp & Danielle Liberty
We offer our congratulations and best wishes for the future.

Funerals

Brian "Joe" Statham
David Palmer (former organist at St. Chad's)
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JOYS & SORROWS

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St Chad's Centre Trustees are hosting a discussion group for potential hirers/users of the St Chad's Centre to provide feedback on what equipment and facilities the new Centre should provide for users. If you would like to be involved

the windows and doors has been ordered. Because the Centre is being built in a conservation area, next to a listed church, the stone type is key and has had to be ordered from Shropshire to comply with building conditions. The



please email stchadscentrbt@gmail.com If you would like to have your say but would be unable to attend a face to face group we have set up a survey to gather feedback <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/6ZM7BSM> or go to the Bishop's Tachbrook Facebook page and click on the link.

Kevin and Sam (the contractors) have been working hard on the flooring and the fancy stonework for detailing around

Trustees have otherwise tried to source materials locally and have commissioned local businesses' professional services wherever possible. This benefits the Centre as it means site meetings are well attended and it cuts down on the carbon footprint of our suppliers.

As always we're keen to listen to your ideas for the Centre or to make provisional bookings for when it opens. Just email stchadscentrbt@gmail.com

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South Aisle roof is renewed!

Work is now completed renewing the roofs of the south aisle and entrance porch of St Chad's Church. Thanks to a grant of £11,000 from the LPOW Roof Repair Fund and some £2,000 from the proceeds raised at the 2015 Church Fete, the PCC were able to engage I Ward & Sons to complete this important project before the onset of Winter.

The three-year programme of fabric repairs to the stone walls, roofs and rainwater goods of St Chad's Church is now completed, thanks to grants also received from the Church

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Commissioners and The Croft Trust, in addition to the vital sums raised through the Church fete. Thank you all for helping keep our Grade 1 listed Church building in good repair and available for all.

Churchyard maintenance continues ...

The southern section of the Churchyard received some overdue attention in the Autumn with the farm hedge replanted and cut-back. During the spring this is expected to thicken-out and provide an attractive boundary. In addition, volunteers removed a considerable amount of accumulated rubbish, branches and other debris. The ground is in the process of being levelled and grassed to create an attractive area ready for future burials. In coming weeks maintenance will also be completed to the holly hedge and yew trees on the boundary with the village green.

The next major project the PCC will be undertaking is the rebuilding of the Garden of Remembrance retaining wall and Stone Gate piers, which have developed an unhealthy lean (as you can see in the cover photograph of this month's magazine)! If sufficient funds can be raised, the iron work on both gates will also be repaired and the lantern renewed. So please do buy those raffle tickets and generously support the fundraising at the fete again this year!

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In a parallel with our domestic lives and working lives, January was a quieter month for the Parish Council, drawing breath after the frenetic weeks in the run up to Christmas. But the pace is now picking up gain.

We spent a Saturday morning in January planning for the months ahead, deciding priorities and agree the lead councillor for each area of work. These mornings fly by in a flash- there is always so much to discuss. A big thank you to James Malia and P&MM who provided a very comfortable boardroom for us to use.

Oakley Meadows

As you will have noticed, developer Bloor Homes has made a start on the Oakley Meadows development. Cllrs Carol Gabbitas and Graham Leeke have been working hard over the last couple of months with the Parish's surveyor and Solicitor to agree the terms under which access will be granted across Parish land between the new development and the Meadow. This agreement will bring with it some wider benefits for the Parish and we will update you further when this is finalised.

Sport, Leisure and Well-being

Thank you to everyone who completed the Sport Leisure and Well-being questionnaire. The PC and Club has met to review the initial results and will be sharing this information with the Warwick District Council officer Paddy Herlihy, who is responsible for the districts programme of investment in Sports and Leisure facilities; and also Officer Chris Sharpe,

who has responsibility for the country park and any new facilities delivered directly through the new housing developments. This approach will ensure that our ideas for local provision of new and improved facilities are aligned with the district's plans.

Local Plan, the Asps and Gallows Hill

You will have no doubt have heard of the surprising move by the secretary of state to grant planning permission for the Asps and Gallows Hill, taking the decision out of the appeal inspector's hands and ignoring his recommendation that the appeal should be dismissed. This is another game changer in the new local plan process. These sites, not supported by the district council, add 1350 new homes in the equation to find 16500 new homes across the district. They will lead to even more pressure on roads and transport to the south of Warwick and Leamington. We understand that WDC will not be mounting a legal challenge and therefore the PC will work with the district and developer to get the best outcomes for the parish.

Judicial Review

We reported previously that the Parish Council had launched a judicial review claim against Warwick District Council for the way in which it handled the planning application for Grove Farm 2. Following the initial review by the Judge found "the

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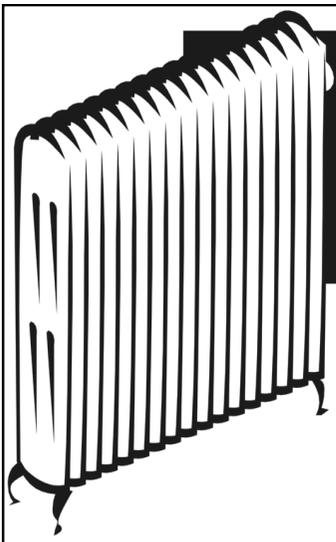
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Parish Council News (continued)

Claimant's ground to be arguable" and granted permission for our claim to go to a full hearing. In the intervening period, our district councillor Andrew Day encouraged the Parish and District Councils to come to the table to discuss the Parish concerns about coalescence of settlements and the impact on local road safety. The series of meetings before Christmas also included one with developer AC Lloyd. As a result a number of principles were agreed with the district and the developer to ensure that the impact of the development could be reduced and also included a commitment by the developer to invest a significant sum in traffic management measures across the parish, to be agreed with county highways. With the assurances given and with the parish's close involvement in the detailed design for Grove Farm 2 and the country park, the PC agreed to withdraw its claim against the district council and halt the judicial review process.

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Poetry please

CHANGES

By Paul Hulett resident of Heathcote Park, Warwick

Peaceful meadows butterflies of
blue
Daffodils of spring are coming to
you
Springtime waves her magical
spells
Silent beauty is something we
expel
But here come people with their
tools
To raise trees and build roads, malls
and pools
Pouring of concrete and tearing
out trees
This is the environment that
surrounds me
Our Garden of Eden we no longer
see
Now a lifeless land we once loved
and blessed
There has to be something that
someone can do
Like raise the awareness to those
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That if we don't heed the problem
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How many times do you look out of the window and think, "that garden looks a mess, should have tidied it up in the Autumn." Oh! Just me then! Well I'm glad I didn't because on the long gone dead heads of the Rudbeckia and Sedum were a pair of Goldfinches bobbing about foraging for seed even though the feeders were full. I'm now proud to be messy and will tidy up in the Spring from now on.

Just up the garden from the Goldfinches is an insect box I put up last year hoping for all sorts of bugs to over winter there. A Bluetit now flitted about all over it checking every hole - they never miss a trick. I may have unwittingly set up a fast food outlet for the Bluetits.

Just across from the Bluetit three Bullfinches arrive, a male very striking in his black cap and red vest. Two females join him far more subtle in browns and greys and black caps. They may look plain compared to him but come the Spring he will find them irresistible.

Talking of Spring, once again, in the same village in the same house I worked on in February last year, a Chaffinch sang its bouncy melody, starting that Mexican Wave of Chaffinches across the county. A Blackbird held a curious pose, body held stiff, it slowly bowed almost touching its

feet with its beak. It did this again and again for what seemed ages. Down to its right sat a female Blackbird. I wasn't sure if he was trying to impress her or threaten her. Either way she sat still until he gave up and flew off. She is the same female that sits on the fence each morning as I put food out for the birds. If I move more slowly to the bird table she remains about two feet away

watching me. As soon as I go she's on the table eating. Hunger makes her brave. Recently we had a squirrel arrive attracted by so many birds on the feeders. Never seen one in the garden before and not seen it since. It has to run the gauntlet of cats over at least five gardens either side of us so it will have to be very hungry to take that risk.



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Nature page (continued)

Reports

Judy wrote on 27 January

Going out this morning to rescue the red recycling box (20 feet away despite having a brick on the lid!) I noticed last year's duck pair are back on the pond. Know it's the same male at least as he has a distinctive sickle-shaped brown mark on his otherwise white chest.

Then yesterday, (having had a pair of long tailed tits on the feeders last year for the first time in 20 years) I noticed half a dozen queuing up to eat. (See opposite). So the couple must have bred successfully. So pleased, as I've loved them ever since reading Rory McGrath's description of how you recognise them - "like candy floss on a stick".



Jenny says she knows where the Starlings roost as she has heard the noise they make in the trees near the Sports and Social Club.

There have been lots of reports of busy Blackbirds and Starlings.

Do let us know what you have seen.

Poetry please

We Are Getting to the End
By Thomas Hardy

We are getting to the end of
visioning
The impossible within this universe,
Such as that better whiles may
follow worse,
And that our race may mend by
reasoning.

We know that even as larks in
cages sing
Unthoughtful of deliverance from
the curse
That holds them lifelong in a
latticed hearse,
We ply spasmodically our
pleasuring.

And that when nations set them to
lay waste
Their neighbours' heritage by foot
and horse,
And hack their pleasant plains in
festering seams,
They may again, – not warily, or
from taste,
But tickled mad by some demonic
force. –
Yes. We are getting to the end of
dreams

Bishop's Tachbrook Sports and Social Club

Spring Entertainment

March

5th March — Drink and Jive

Drink and Jive are a locally based Rock and Roll band playing covers from over the years. Come down and have a dance

12th Mar — Bob Marley Tribute

Time for some classic Reggae. Our Bob Marley tribute has supported Curtis Mayfield, Third World-The Wailers and others and will be reproducing Reggae classics such as One Love, Stir it Up and 3 Little Birds

19th March — Skittle Night

A great night of family fun with rounds for children and adults. We'll have a buffet too

26th March — Insomnia

Following their successful set last year, and Tachfest performances, a great local band playing some modern classics for us

April

2nd April — Quiz Night

Pit your wits against The Judge. With prizes for every team, it's always busy

9th April — Distorted Decade

Popular Club favourites, Distorted Decade are back playing covers from the 50's through to today

16th April — Side by Side

More reggae this month from Side by Side, this popular duo have played before to great success

23rd April — The 6120's

Playing a combination of pop and rock music from all the era's, The 6120's come highly recommended

30th April — Cave

Cave are a 5 piece rock band based in and around Coventry who cover the best rock and pop music ever written

The Club is changing....

You may have noticed some changes going on outside the Club recently. For those of you that haven't seen, we have fenced off an extended area in preparation for a garden to be developed in time for the early summer.

We will be opening it up on May Bank Holiday weekend, with a BBQ and bouncy castle for the kids, as well as garden furniture and a play area. We can't do much about the weather, but when it's nice you'll be able to enjoy it with us.

Bishop's Tachbrook Calendar

March					
1 st Thursday	W.I.	Falconry with handling the birds	B.T. School	7.45pm	01926 424135
3 rd Thursday	Tachbrook Tinies	Paediatric cpr	Sports and Social Club	10.00 to 11.00am	Elissa 07854427213
8 th Tuesday	History Group	The Six Wives of Henry VIII	St Chad's Church	2.30pm	01926 336749
April					
7 th Thursday	W.I.	Estee Lauder	B.T. School	7.45pm	01926 424135
12 th Tuesday	History Group	A Guided Tour of Warwick	Details to follow		01926 336749
14 th Thursday	Croft Patients' Group	Open meeting	Sydenham Surgery	6.30pm	01926 336749
17 th Thursday	Tachbrook Tinies	Gymboree Demo	Sports and Social Club	10.00 to 11am	Elissa 07854427213
23 rd Saturday	Mother's Union	Coffee morning	St Chad's Church	10.00 to 12.00am	01926 427922

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

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Bishop's Tachbrook Pre School

New pilot breakfast scheme

Bishop's Tachbrook Pre School is responding to feedback from parents and carers who have indicated their interest in an earlier 'breakfast club' start for children attending the pre school.

Working parents may currently rule out the pre school as a viable option for their children because of the start time of 9am. Bishop's Tachbrook Primary School Head Teacher Andy Brettell and Pre School Manager Zita Lowe are piloting this initiative to enable parents to drop their children off at 8.30am, prior to the start of the Nursery day at 9am. Breakfast of cereal, fruit and toast would be provided and an approximate cost of £7 has been set to cover the staffing costs.

With sufficient interest, this new pilot scheme will be introduced at the start of the summer term 2016. It will be available through the Nursery and will be a separate initiative from any arrangements made through the School.

If you would like to register for this initiative, please return the slip below to the Nursery or phone 01926 313508. Existing pre school children will have received a letter in their folders. Please return this via the child's folder.

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In December we enjoyed a jolly Christmas lunch at the Leopard. We had a holiday in January, and our February AGM had not taken place at the time of producing this report. There's a quiz below. Can you identify the places which we have visited and were reviewed in this Magazine?

QUIZ: Can you name these places, all the subject of recent talks or visited by the History Group?



A



B



C



D



E



F



G



H

Answers on page 29



Bishop's Tachbrook Junior Youth Club

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

For more information contact Kate Underhill on 335144
 kateunderhill68@gmail.com
 or come along on a Monday.

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



1st Bishop's Tachbrook Rainbows

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

Then Rainbows could be for you!

Rainbows are part of the national Girl Guiding group.

If your daughter is interested or you would like more information please email Poppy on bishopstachbrookrainbows@hotmail.com or call 01926 888296



Girls aged 5-8

Brownies

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

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

Wednesday 2nd March, 6pm at Bishops Tachbrook Sports & Social Club

Please contact caroline.loveday@sky.com

We have recently held our annual Brownie Badge Bonanza Day. The girls had a busy fun filled day of Brownie activities!

In the morning as a group we completed the Culture Badge. The girls got to box a collection of items such as, photos, jewellery, toys, cd's, books and brownie items to store away for the future. They also got to draw their family tree and make traditional Coventry God Cakes from scratch whilst learning all about the history behind them.

In the afternoon we started the Seasons Badge. For Spring we made bird feeders from Pepsi bottles, for Winter we made bird pudding by mixing our own recipe and for Summer we made a poster showing our ideal holiday destination. We will finish the Badge by learning all about

Hedgehogs & Hibernation for Autumn. This month we have also had a horse racing night which the girls thoroughly enjoyed and we have also visited Newbold Comyn Swimming Baths in prep for the annual District Swimming Gala. Whilst we were at Newbold Comyn we completed our swimmer and swimmer advanced badges. The girls were taught many different ways of swimming such as breast stroke, front crawl, sculling and back stroke. The girls who completed their swimmer advanced badge had a few tougher challenges such as swimming through a hoop underwater and collecting items from the bottom of



the pool. Once the girls had completed their swimming badges they celebrated by enjoying the flume!

13 of our Brownies competed at the District Swimming Gala competition. They made every effort to show off their swimming skills and were a credit to our unit. We had lots of spectators cheering on Team Tachbrook!

Individually the girls have already completed some of the following badges; Artist, Toymaker, World Traveller, Craft and World Guiding.

We would also like to congratulate Catherine R (Golden Owl), Chloe W (Cinderella), Aoife N (Ariel), Chloe H

(Snow White) and Holly W (Belle) on making their Leader Brownie Promises.

As you know from our last article during our Carol Service we held a collection to a local

charity Molly Olly's Wishes. This month we handed over our cheque to Molly Olly's Wishes for £546.85 to help support the children who are affected by such terrible illnesses.

We would also like to invite any girls within Bishops Tachbrook village who are aged 5-8 to join us for a fun filled evening of activities on Wednesday 2nd March at 6pm. Come and see how much fun we all have at Brownies!

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

If anyone has a daughter who may be interested in becoming a Brownie when she is 7 please contact Caroline Loveday.

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Boston style Sausage and Beans (serves 6)

- 8 sausages
- 2 tbsp. sunflower oil
- 1 red onion chopped
- 2 sticks of celery sliced
- 1 inch cube of fresh ginger root grated
- 1 clove of garlic chopped (optional)
- 14 oz tinned chopped tomatoes
- 1 tbsp. tomato puree
- 14 oz tin of mixed pulses rinsed and drained
- 1 tbsp. whole grain mustard
- 1 tbsp. soft brown sugar
- 1/4 tsp ground allspice
- 1 tsp chilli sauce
- 4oz button mushrooms quartered

1. Cook and brown the sausages in a frying pan with a little oil.
2. Fry onion until soft.
3. Add celery, ginger and garlic and cook for a few minutes.
4. Add the rest of the ingredients.
5. Cook for 25 minutes then add the sausages.
6. Sprinkle with chopped parsley and serve.

In May the WI hope to launch a centennial book of 100 recipes provided by members. Over the next 3 months we hope to have recipes in the magazine that will feature in the book. Hopefully this will whet your appetite and you'll want the book.

Answers to History Group quiz on page 23

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|------------------------------|---|
| A – Blenheim Palace | B – Stoneleigh Abbey |
| C – Hardwick Hall | D – All Saints Church, Leamington Spa |
| E – Oken's House, Warwick | F – New Place (Shakespeare's House) Stratford |
| G – Central Hospital, Hatton | H – Eastgate, Warwick |



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We started the new year with a speaker skilled in the art of Recycling. Sue Drage started life as a hairdresser, then started making cards and is now known for knitting with carrier bags. She had brought a large display of items she had created from what you and I class as "rubbish". There were bags made from crisp packets, some whole others woven, then covered with sellotape to make stronger and waterproof. Vases, trinket boxes and bird feeders were created from plastic bottles, ring pulls became jewellery and plastic forks part of a fan !! We were reminded if upcycling fabric for lampshades it must be sprayed to make it flame retardant . Sue is well known for knitting a spacesuit for a chicken called Camilla. Her local radio station contacted her and asked her to go live on air to knit the suit. Oh, Camilla is a rubber chicken used by NASA who measures the range of the sun. Google it if you don't believe me.....

A wide variety of trips and classes are available at the moment, these include visiting the Olympic Park and Aquatic Centre, a treasure hunt at Atherstone , the Hay Festival, a 5 day visit to the D-Day beaches and we can learn about bees, or how to sing.

Our own calendar is filling up. We are hoping to hold our cake stall in May where we will be launching our cookery

book and selling plants . A visit to Hill Close Gardens and Pimms and croquet in June Tachfest in July and this is just as a start.

A big thank you to all who attended Wendy's coffee morning recently in aid of the Coventry and Warwickshire Air Ambulance A total of £233:30 was raised. Well done Wendy and Piers.

Poetry please

THE LAKE ISLE OF INNISFREE

By William Butler Yates

I will arise and go now, and go to
Innisfree,
And a small cabin build there, of clay
and wattles made:
Nine bean-rows will I have there, a hive
for the honeybee,
And live alone in the bee-loud glade.
And I shall have some peace there, for
peace comes dropping slow,
Dropping from the veils of the morning
to where the cricket sings;
There midnight's all a glimmer, and
noon a purple glow,
And evening full of the linnet's wings.
I will arise and go now, for always night
and day
I hear lake water lapping with low
sounds by the shore;
While I stand on the roadway, or on the
pavements grey,
I hear it in the deep heart's core.

History Group—The speaker on the 8th March will be Mrs Dixie Atkins who will be talking to us about the six wife's of Henry VIII. We look forward to welcoming members old and new.

Parish Council Working Parties

There are a number of jobs that need doing around the Parish such as clearing undergrowth from paths, trimming trees and general tidying etc. We're fed up with waiting for someone else to do it so we're now helping ourselves ! Following the 2 successful working parties in Nov / Dec 2015, we are continuing this into 2016, once a month on a Saturday morning to continue tackling the jobs that need doing in the parish. All tools, equipment and protective clothing will be provided. We really need your help so if you are willing then volunteer by contacting me at the email address below. It's fine to come along for just an hour or for the whole session. Your help would be really appreciated.

Next dates

February's Event 27/ 02/16 (avoids half term).

March's Event 19/03/15

Contact Paul Whitwood at: thewhitwood4@btinternet.com

Country Dancing Club—2nd Thursday of every month 8pm at Sports and Social Club. Contact Julie Jaggard 314286 All welcome!

Warwickshire Young Voices

We rehearse Thursday Evenings during term time at Harbury Village Hall from 6.30 -7.30pm. We take all children age 7-16 and offer a free trial session (normal subs £30 per term), We already have children from Bishop's Tachbrook who attend regularly and we would welcome more. Please go to www.warwickshireyoungvoices.org for more information.

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

Church Electoral Roll

A revision of the Church Electoral Roll is currently taking place and will end on 20th March 2016. If you wish your name to be added to the roll, application forms are available, either from church or from Joan Alderman (Tel: 651643).

Those whose names are already on the roll **DO NOT** have to complete a form.

Tachbrook Stores—Due to popular demand from the local community , the village shop now has the National Lottery main draw games.

Composting Workshops

Warwickshire County Council are running free home composting workshops to encourage residents to reduce the amount of organic waste disposed of in their residual bin. A recent waste survey of bins in Warwickshire showed that 70% of the grey wheeled bin was organic waste that could either be composted at home or disposed of in the green wheeled bin. This organic waste is harmful to the environment when disposed of at landfill and costs the tax payer millions of pounds each year in disposal costs.

To help residents reduce their waste we are running free home composting workshops open to those who are new to composting and those we are already composting but might need a bit of help. Anyone attending the workshop will be given a voucher to buy a compost bin for £5 (normally £10) from a local Recycling Centres (except Judkins).

To book a place please go to www.warwickshire.gov.uk/composting.

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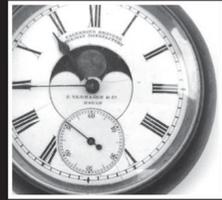
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