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What's in this month's magazine

They say that money makes the world go around, it certainly greases the wheels of this magazine. Last year was the first year that the magazine hasn't turned in a surplus, in fact we overspent by about £1,300. The main reason for this was a rise in our costs. Firstly our print runs increased from 1,100 copies per month to 1,700; a response to the number of households in the parish. Secondly we increased our use of more attractive, but more expensive, colour pages. We cover our costs through advertising, £4,200 last year and donations plus Gift Aid from parishioners, £1,000 last year (A HUGE THANK YOU). This year we are aiming to become more financially secure through increasing advertising rates, to reflect the larger number of people we reach, and only using colour inner pages for special occasions. In addition, the Parish Council has agreed to award us £500 towards our costs (ANOTHER HUGE THANK YOU). Of course, a big thanks to all the people who help put together and distribute the magazine and do so for free - THANKS!!

I like getting sent material for the magazine that I'm not expecting. On pages 28 and 29 there's a 'recitation' by Phil Vickers a local resident who unfortunately died last year. His widow, Debbie, passed the piece to me through a neighbour, Ron. I'm Really glad to reproduce *Ena and the Rock* in this magazine - see pages 28-29, it's a treat! I also got sent a poem by Hafiz, a 14th century Persian poet, that I love for it's simplicity -see pages 11 and 33 for some of his poems.

Thoughts and news from St Chad's is covered on pages 4 to 7 with Easter being the main focus. In the charitable vein, there's a range of coffee mornings and other fund raising events mentioned throughout - check out where you may want to contribute.

In the Parish Council report is on pages 8 and 9, concerns over insensitive parking are raised. A member of the public also wrote to the magazine recounting her husband's problems on his mobility scooter caused by cars parked over dropped curbs - *be a considerate parker*. To help you if you have a complaint, on page 10 there is a table setting out who is responsible for what at Parish, District and County Council levels. It's a useful ready reckoner about where you ought to direct complaints to.

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I was putting the rubbish out last week and as I walked back up the drive, I stopped to admire the snowdrops. We are so lucky to have hundreds of these beautiful flowers in the Vicarage garden and this year the first ones appeared in January and so we have had two months of their beauty. They seem so fragile and delicate yet they have withstood the snow and some very strong winds. I brought some indoors this year and was able to enjoy the beautiful hidden patterning in a delicate green on the inside. By the time you read this, however, the snowdrops will have faded, and the early daffodils will be coming into bloom. I love to see the spring flowers emerging as the days lengthen. It lifts my spirits and makes me thankful for the quiet beauty that is all around us. Sometimes, that beauty is hidden, rather like the inside of the snowdrop, and you have to search for it. ('Gardeners' Question Time' recently advised planting up pots of snowdrops and placing them higher than usual so that you can easily see the colours and patterning within – the reason I brought some indoors) So often, we don't realise how fortunate we are, with the glory of nature around us; we take things for granted, and we rarely 'count our blessings'.

There is a great initiative from charity Action for Children which encourages us to 'count our blessings' during Lent while at the same time raising money for disadvantaged children; you can find out more at: <https://www.actionforchildren.org.uk/how-to->

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One of the things I am particularly thankful for is the faith of those in the past who had the vision to bring people together for worship here in Bishop's Tachbrook, putting so much into the building and maintenance of our beautiful church. I often get phone calls from groups of people asking if they can visit St Chad's. The furthest afield was from Hungary, a guy wanting to see our William Morris window and yesterday, I entertained a History group of 15 from Wellsbourne and Stratford who loved the church and we spent time talking about the cost of keeping a 12 century church, open, warm and welcoming.

One of the sayings members of the congregation often hear me muttering is, "they didn't teach me this at Vicar School!" Usually muttered when the roof springs a leak (which it has done recently,) when the sound system begins to fail, which it is doing and last week finding out we need to find rather a lot of money for a new machine to maintain the churchyard—see the article elsewhere in the magazine.

Each year we have to find at least £45,000 and I'm very thankful for the faithful members who continue to contribute so much on a Sunday morning, by helping run the Community Café on a Wednesday or remembering us when a loved one dies. There are others who are so generous with their time, keeping the

church clean or maintaining the churchyard. I was stopped recently by someone complaining that there were fallen branches in the churchyard. This gentleman believed that “someone” I’m not sure whom, was paid to look after the churchyard and was quite surprised when he found out that it was maintained by volunteers. His parents had been buried in the churchyard many years before but he’d never thought of volunteering to help because, “well someone else will do it.” That “someone else” are volunteers, it could be you.

On the 15th April we will hold our Annual Parochial Council Meeting where we will look back on the past year and look forward to the future. For St Chad’s to function we need a strong PCC, Parochial Church Council. This past year we have managed with only 9 PCC members, 2 being Churchwardens, one a secretary and one a treasurer. This year we need a new Churchwarden, a secretary and possibly a treasurer. Vicars come and go, it is the PCC, the congregation and the community who keep St Chad’s functioning. Please, during this period of Lent consider how you can help keep our beautiful church a vibrant and central part of our community.

God bless

Elaine

OUR JOYS AND OUR SORROWS

Baptism

Arlo Kai Michael Driscoll

We welcome him into the Christian Family.

Funeral

Arthur Lowe

John Lowe

Gordon Gledrie

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

Confirmation at St Chad’s

On 21st January St Chad’s welcomed Bishop David Evans to the confirmation of 3 of your young people, Fiona Boyle, Matthew Jordan and Niall Meade. They were joined in confirming the baptism promises made by their Godparents by Nicky Grant, the organist at St Chad’s and Dana and Diane from St Margaret’s Whitnash.

As part of the confirmation preparation Fiona, Matthew and Niall, helped by Matthew’s sister Grace, created their own altar frontal in which they showed symbolically their journey from baptism.

It was a lovely service and I look forward to watching these young people growing in faith and continuing their journey as members of our church community.

Elaine

WHAT'S ON IN ST CHAD'S

We have a busy couple of months ahead with the continuation of Lent and the Easter season which will soon be upon us. Every Thursday through Lent is our Lent Course which this year is based on the movie The Terminal. We start at 730pm in the St Chad's Centre. Everyone is welcome.

Holy Communion will be celebrated each Wednesday during Lent and Holy Week at 12:15pm at St Chad's

March 11th 10am Mothering Sunday – a family service where all are welcome and where all mums and carers will receive a gift.

17th March 1:30 – 3:30pm Crafts at St Chad's come and think about Sheep and shepherds!

Services during Holy Week.

26th March Stations of the Cross 7pm followed by Compline at 8pm

27th March Compline 8pm

28th March 12:15pm Holy Communion

8pm Compline

29th March 10:30 -12pm Chrism Eucharist at Coventry Cathedral, People from across the Diocese of Coventry gather for this celebration of Christian ministry and renewal of commitment. Everyone is welcome.

7pm Agape Meal in the St Chad's Centre. Here we will remember the final meal Jesus had with his disciples by sharing a meal together. We will then move into church where we will "strip" the altar. Church will be open until 9pm for those who wish to sit and wait with Christ.

30th March 1-2pm Meditation

2-3pm Good Friday Liturgy.

31st March 9am on preparing the church for Easter.

1st April 10am Easter Family Eucharist followed by Easter Egg Hunt and refreshments. Do come and celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. Everyone welcome

CHURCHYARD 'MOWNINGS'

There are signs of Spring and before long will hear the sounds of mowers as lawns begin to grow. Well, we hope so!

Phil our volunteer who mows the memorial Garden and churchyard to the rear of the church had some sad news to impart recently. The Ride on Mower didn't pass it's pre season service. The cost would be more than a replacement, approx £3,000. We have started to fund raise but the need is urgent.

If you love the churchyard and want to help our loyal volunteers maintain it a contribution to the Mower fund would be gratefully received. Please put your donation in an envelope marked 'Mower Fund' and bring it to church or drop it into the Vicarage.

In the meantime we will be tidying the churchyard in preparation for the Mowing Season. This means removing all Christmas wreaths. We are grateful to the kind folks who remove them from their family members' grave and take them to put in their own 'grey bin'. As wreaths have metal parts and sometimes oasis they cannot go into the Recycling bins.

You can help the big Spring Clear Up so there are fewer for volunteers to remove. We hope to have less than last years' 10 bags of wreaths for the tip!

We would be grateful if you would check with Churchyard Rules before putting anything but flowers on graves.

If you have time and energy you are welcome to join the Gardening Group Sessions or join us on Saturday 10 March for the Spring Tidy but any small thing (as above) you can do is most welcome

CYCLE OF PRAYER

Praying for our Community

We are praying in March for those living
in

Calpurnia Avenue

Church Hill

Church Lees

Cicero Approach

Commander Close

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.

ADVANCE NOTICE

CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

A revision of the church electoral roll will
take place during the period 4th to 25th
March. If you would to add your name
to the roll, application forms will be
available 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.

The lighter evenings and very occasional warming sunshine is signalling that spring may soon be with us. I can't wait to see the daffodils, planted around the Parish at last year's November Parish working party, brightening our streets and pathways. Of course this will be a trigger for many of us to get out into our own gardens and start preparing them for summer. I often wander around the Parish and am very impressed (envious) when I see some beautifully designed and maintained gardens – I struggle in this respect, but I'm going to continue to blame the clay soil (rather than my lack of skill!).

While we all think about what we're going to plant, it is with regret that we report that the "Garden Shed" operation (founded by the now disbanded Horticultural Society) will not be operating this year as the resident who has previously run this business has decided to close down the operation. The Parish Council would like to thank the resident for the service he has provided to our community for many years.

If there is a resident in the parish who would like to operate a voluntary, non-profit making service providing horticultural supplies to residents then we would like to hear from them – as some provision can be made for such an operation in the new Meadow Storage Facility.

Councillors are being increasingly made aware of the increase in litter, fly tipping and dog waste. If you see fly tipping taking please note the date, time and

registration number of the vehicle. You can report in confidence to a councillor, the parish clerk or the District Council. Fly tipped waste itself should be reported to the District Council who will arrange removal promptly. The quicker the rubbish is removed the less likelihood that more will follow.

We ask that residents try to litter pick as they walk around the Parish; if we all shared this responsibility our Parish would look much nicer.

We have also received correspondence about street lights not working; street lighting is the responsibility of the District Council; any lights that are not working should be reported to them. There is a number on the column of the light and it is helpful for the District to be made aware of this number if at all possible.

We are continuing to receive complaints about cars parked on St. Chad's Green and on our verges. Please park responsibly and try to avoid turning our green areas to mud. If a car is parked blocking the footway then please report it to the Police on 101. Councillors have received reports of vehicles using our village as a car park (to then travel on with someone else). Unfortunately there is nothing we can do about this; however, if the vehicle is irresponsibly parked please alert the Police on 101.

Cllr. Bullen has met with residents on Holt Avenue to discuss their flooding concerns. Following the meeting he has written to Bloor Developments requesting a meeting to discuss the situation. We will keep you updated.

The village green and the other green areas in the village that were damaged recently when the gas pipes were renewed will be rectified the first week in March. Cllr. Leeke met with the contractor, who has agreed to return our green areas to their original condition.

Warwick Gates is trying to get support from the Police for the anti-social behaviour issues; support is voted for and we understand they are currently the area with the highest number of votes. Regardless of the outcome, we are going to write to our Police and Crime Commissioner asking him to focus on tackling all crime rather than expecting people to vote for their favourite. Our view is that crime is a serious problem to communities and shouldn't be treated like reality TV.

Cllr. Leeke will be attending the community forum meeting to try and secure a grant for £2,000 towards a path to the new housing development on Oakley Wood Road from the Meadow.

Safety concerns at the new traffic signals on Warwick Gates have been flagged. We will be asking County Highways to review. Meanwhile, County Cllr. Caborn is trying to secure a date for when the works on Oakley Wood Road will commence. AC Lloyd have already deposited money in WCC's bank account to cover this scheme so this scheme should be able to move forward quite quickly now.

A resident met with an officer from County Highways to discuss locations within the village for seven grit bins; we are waiting to hear whether the locations

are suitable and our grateful to this resident for his time. Cllr. Balzaretti met with the same officer to discuss locations for two grit bins on Warwick Gates - the officer has indicated that those locations do not qualify for grit bins.

We have received five responses to our letters to Church Lees residents; Cllr. Leeke has agreed to meet with residents to discuss further.

Our volunteer working party continues to operate on a monthly basis; new recruits would be very welcome, so please consider joining this group.

Staffing issues at the District Council continue to be a problem but thanks to District Cllr. Day we are getting some support. I hope by the time you read this the bin near the youth pod has been emptied and removed. We will be purchasing two new bins; one to be installed at the youth pod and one to replace the two existing bins near the play area.

The next Parish Council meeting is on Thursday, 15th March at 7.30pm at the St. Chad's Centre.

Any questions please contact our Parish Clerk :

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Please note that some new developments are still controlled by individual developers and in such circumstances it may be necessary to contact them directly on some of the matters listed above.

Last year's fundraising from our two Coffee Mornings amounted to £700.04p – quite where the 4p came from I'm not sure but every penny helps! It is all thanks to our wonderful team of members and supporters and they have enabled us to share the money with MU projects at home and abroad. More 'Away From It All' holidays have been supported for people in Coventry diocese, the Overseas Fund and Literacy projects have been helped, children of some prisoners near Rugby were given a small gift 'from Dad' at the pre Christmas family day, which helps to keep families together where appropriate. We also supported the Crafts at St Chad's with supplies for the nativity scenes which were created in Dec. by 30 children and their families.

On 11th March we celebrate Mothering Sunday. Mothers' Union runs *makeamothersday.org* each year as a key fundraiser. The idea is to buy a virtual gift either for mum or in memory of her, make a donation and a card will be sent for you to give to her. The money raised will help women both in this country and overseas to learn a new skill or receive training and support to help them support themselves and their families. In order for MU to send you a card in time for Mothering Sunday you need to order by 28th Feb, **but** if you miss the date you can still order online and download a card. I had a fabulous Mum and I love to remember her in this way.

It's time to get the baking tins out again! **Our Spring Coffee Morning is on Sat 17th March from 10 am – 11.45 am** when an array of goodies will be there once again to tempt our customers. Please come along for a cuppa, buy some delicious cakes and puds and support the work we do with families.

Jenny Lister

Poetry please

Why abstain?

Hafiz

(14th Century Persian Poet)

Why

Abstain from love

When like the beautiful snow goose

Someday your soul

Will leave this summer

Camp?

Why

Abstain from happiness

When like a skilled lion

Your heart is

Nearing

And

Will someday see

The divine prey is

Always

Near!

The Shed *written by Paul Gardner*

Dear Customers,

I regret that The Shed, which for many years has been selling horticultural supplies to parish residents on a Sunday morning, is to close. As many customers know, the Parish Council intend to build a storage facility for Parish equipment in The Shed's original location. The idea is to provide an area in the new building for The Shed to operate which, for a number of reasons, has not yet happened.

This means that, for The Shed's busiest period, (March to June) it will have no home. I always try to run the stock down over Winter so that as much of it as possible is fresh for the start of the new season. This means that currently there is no compost or any growbags in stock and many other items are low in quantity.

With no stock and no short-term location, it is impossible to continue. It is therefore, with a great deal of frustration, that I have decided to close the Shed with immediate effect.

The limited supplies I still have, include: 8 and 4 feet canes, John Innes compost, lime, Growmore and other fertilisers. These I have moved from the Shed to my drive for the short term. If anyone wants any, then please either call me on 07973 142625 or e-mail me at btshed@gmail.com. If required, I could deliver these locally. For those to whom I already supply pet food, I am happy to continue - please e-mail me your orders.

I would like to thank all the customers of the Shed over the years, who have made running it on a Sunday enjoyable. I'd also like to thank the Sports & Social Club for their patience in allowing the Shed to stay in their car park for the last year.

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A big thank you to Elan Spa who have kindly donated the 1st prize in support of the local community. Proceeds will go towards the St Chad's Church fundraising.



Live & Local *written by Anne Kirby*

Live & Local Rural & Community Touring Network, Warwickshire, helps voluntary groups bring rural communities together to enjoy high-quality, entertaining and affordable professional live theatre, music, dance, family shows and film screenings at a wide range of community venues, from village halls, to churches, to schools.

On Friday, 9th February, Trustees of the Community Centre arranged our first **Live & Local** event – the world premiere of “Point of Echoes” - an action-packed drama in modern dance. The appreciative packed audience surrounded an ingenious raised circular stage, and was treated to a moving story of life on a lighthouse, scary sound effects, roaring seas and a sinuous ghost.

Refreshments were included in the very reasonable charge. **MORE PLEASE.**

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gabbittascarol@gmail.com

(01926 338317)

HISTORY GROUP - 2018 Programme

An interesting and varied programme for 2018 has been arranged for our 11 monthly meetings and outings. **We will get off to a flying start on 13th March (2.30pm in the Community Centre), when Roy Smart's "Uplifting Story" will tell us about that pioneering aeronautical heroine - Amy Johnson.**

The topics covered during the year range from the 10th century King Alfred's daughter, Aethelflaeda, to the 20th Century and the role of women in the Russian Revolution. In "Saint or Sinner" we will assess historical facts about the life of Richard III, followed by a visit to his tomb and the Visitors' Centre in Leicester. Two talks with local interest will be the Beauchamp Chapel in St Mary's Warwick - resting place of Richard Beauchamp, Earl of Warwick - which is described as "one of the finest mediaeval monuments in England. Secondly we will hear an account of the famous Civil War Battle of Edgehill between the Roundheads and Cavaliers. The life of Charles II will provide light relief with an entertaining glimpse of 'The Merry Monarch' and a relaxing visit will be offered with an outing to the Shu borough Estate in Stafford. A feast in December will celebrate the end of our busy programme.

We meet at 2.30 in the winter and 7.30 in the summer, which caters for a variety of other commitments. The village magazine publishes details of each month's talk and time. Attendance is free to Members and includes refreshments and good company; the fee for annual membership works out around £1.50 per meeting (excluding outings and meals!). Visitors too are welcome at any meeting.

Further information from Ann Ayre - 01926 885938 or Peter Lister - 01926 427922;



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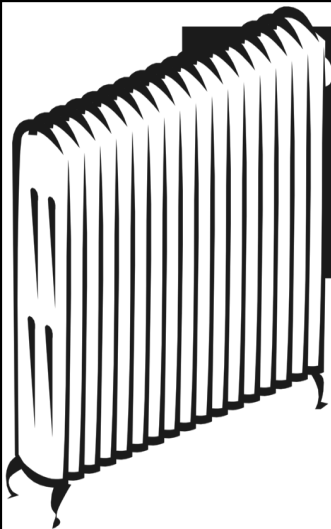
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Ten March Facts

1. March is named after Mars, the Roman god of war as it was the month in which the military campaigning season got under way after winter.
2. In Old English one name for the month of March was “Hlyda” meaning “loud” possibly because of the roaring March winds.
3. March is the only month with three consecutive consonants in its name in English.
4. An old proverb says that “March comes in a like a lion and goes out like a lamb”, which means that winter is ending and spring is beginning.
5. In ancient Rome before Julius Caesar’s calendar reform, March was the first month of the year.
6. The expression “mad as a March hare” dates back to 1529. It refers to the wild behaviour of male hares during the mating season in March.
7. Fredric March twice won an Oscar for Best Actor. Main Street On The March (1941) and March Of The Penguins (2005) also won Oscars.
8. MARCH is an acronym for the Medically Aware and Responsible Citizens of Hyderabad.
9. The birthstone for March is aquamarine and the flowers are the daffodil or violet.
10. More 20th century UK Prime Ministers had birthdays in March than any other month



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Dawn slowly breaks, with crescent moon and stars still hanging in the sky. As usual the Robins begins to sing. Pale blue spreads from the east then the Song thrushes join in. Now a new sound breaks through the thin cold air - drumming - no! not the neighbours but a Great Spotted Woodpecker. He's found a dead branch high upon a tree, close to the cottage. Not just any old branch, a specially chosen one with just the right acoustics to echo loudly over a distance. He pounds away sometimes moving to change notes, then stops to listen. Sure enough from across the sheep fields drums the reply and from the other side another answer. Three male Woodpeckers within hearing distance, all holding territories, drumming their song.

By mid January the Robins in the garden were officially a couple, no fighting now, just side by side.

On 30th January a Starling began to sing high up in a Birch tree. He mimicked other bird song with a sweet mish mash of notes and rattles. He wasn't singing long before his mate sat alongside him. She must have been impressed by "The Voice" because passions quickly rose and their bond was sealed right there in the tree. The next day a pair of House Sparrows had the same idea. He chattered and flapped his wings making a real song and dance of it. No matter how cold it is the increasing day length is the trigger. So Nature pushes on and has its way.

In cold Winters I usually see Siskins, a pretty little green bird from Scandinavia, often in large numbers. Early in the winter I saw two and that's all. If Birch, Alder and Spruce seed was plentiful back home maybe not so many would cross the North Sea.

So many birds are feeding here. At times we've had blue Tit, Great Tit, Cold Tit, Greenfinches, Robin, Nuthatches and a Blackbird all on the bird table within 20 minutes. Yes, it is a big table. the Twitter Account is being stretched.

At least the Foxes have finished their family planning now. Peace at last. The Muntjac deer still calls at night. Its always described as 'bark', but its often more like a small cow lowing.

I put a little leftover salad leaves under the Cedar tree and a few sprouts to tempt the Deer. No luck with the Deer but I've found that Squirrels love sprouts! `in their morning scamperade (I've just invented that word) they quickly ate the sprouts. They may find it hard to hold their tails steady after that!

WOODPECKER HAIKU

Quiet morning walk
Woodpecker stops and we wait
Head a blur of noise



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31st March – Simply Sarah

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April

1st April – Easter Family Bingo

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7th April - Quiz

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Bishop's Tachbrook Calendar

What's on in March

Thursday 1st 19.45, **WI, The Partners of Prime Ministers**, B T School, 01926 336822

Saturday 3rd 19.00 for 19.30 **Scouts, Curry night**, St Chad's Centre, 0771 5005074

Saturday 10th 10.00-12.00, **Churchyard Gardening**, St Chad's Church, 01926 330050

Tuesday 13th 14.30, **History Group, Amy Johnson, an uplifting story**, St Chad's Centre, 01926 885938

Thursday 15th 19.30, **Parish Council Meeting** at St Chad's Centre, parishclerk@bishopstachbrook.com

Saturday 17th 10.00-11.45, **Mother's Union, Spring Coffee Morning**, 01926 427922

Saturday 24th 9.30-13.00, **Parish Council Working Party**, thewhitwood4@btinternet.com

Wednesday 28th 10.00-12.00, **Churchyard Gardening**, St Chad's Church, 01926 330050

What's on in April

Thursday 5th 19.45, **WI, The Legend and History of Coffee**, B T School, 01926 336822

Tuesday 10th 14.30, **History Group, Aethelflaeda**, St Chad's Centre, 01926 885938

Saturday 14th 10.00-12.00, **Churchyard Gardening**, St Chad's Church, 01926 330050

Thursday 19th 19.30, **Parish Council Meeting** at St Chad's Centre, parishclerk@bishopstachbrook.com

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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
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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: CarolineIloveday@sky.com

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

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](#)

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Name: Peter Fletcher

Business: The British Tai Chi Academy

Year business started: 2016

Tell us a bit about what your business:

We teach Yang style tai chi and qigong.

How did you get into the business?

I was pensioned off from the police service, when I lost my ACL for the second time. Doctors told me my knee would never be “normal”. Lots of work in a gym proved the doctors wrong! The transformation was completed when, at the age of 50, I became a personal trainer and sports therapist.

Fast forward 5 years and my wife’s job found us in the USA. I had always prided myself on being in “good condition for my age”, when suddenly things started to fall apart. First my knee started to play up then my back started to become painful. Finally, at the age of 57, I found I could not lift my right knee high enough to demonstrate a Nike step. This time the surgeon stated that I needed both hip joints, replaced. I declined the offer of surgery and asked for options, a throw away comment was “try yoga or tai chi, they’re both meant to be good for you”. When I tried the tai chi something just clicked.

After 2 months of tai chi, I was able to lift my knee high enough to demonstrate the Nike step. In 6 months of tai chi gave me full functional range of movement in my hips and I was able to give up the drugs for my bad back. That was when I decided that if tai chi had worked for me it would work for other people.

What sets your business apart?

The most popular tai chi movement in the world is the Yang style 24 movements. Practiced by literally millions of people worldwide it has a basic problem – it requires a large space to practice and for the beginner it is difficult to learn. The Yang style 8 movements was developed for the Chinese government in the 50’s, to allow beginners to learn the basics of tai chi quickly and easily. Unfortunately, due to the “cultural revolution” the 8 movements were never promulgated. However, the instructor who developed the 8 movements was my instructor’s instructor or Grand Master. To my knowledge there are only 3 instructors teaching the 8 movements in the UK, myself and the two instructors who are also my students.

Once the students are competent in the 8 movements, we then teach the more complex movements.

What are your business values?

The business was set with the sole principle of helping the general public improve their health by learning the ancient practice of tai chi and qigong. The art of tai chi has proven itself to benefit people from all walks of life, of all genders and ages, beyond the boundaries of race, religion or culture.

What made you choose Bishop’s Tachbrook to host your class?

Before it opened, one of my students suggested the St Chad’s Centre, stating it would be an excellent venue and she could walk there.

Where do you see your business in 5 years?

My goal is to improve the health of the public. To that end, if I teach 10 classes of 10 students a week I have affected the health 100 people. However, if I can train 10 instructors to do the same I will have affected the health of 1000 people. I currently have two certified instructors and a further 3 in training. I see the British Tai Chi brand expanding across the UK.

Who is your target market?

The over 50s. 1 in every 3 people over the age of 65 and 1 in 2 people over the age of 80, will fall over at least once in the coming year. Tai chi has been proven to be the best exercise for improving leg strength and balance.

What did you do before you ran your business?

I have been a police officer and looked

after armed security at Heathrow; I have designed and installed security systems. I have been a personal trainer, sports masseur and nutritional adviser.

How long have you lived in the area?

We have owned our home in Offchurch for some 13 years but during that period, were overseas for 10 years.

What is the best thing about your job?

I get to help people improve their health and get paid to keep fit.

What is the worst thing about your job?

Convincing people that think all they can do is sit in a chair, to help themselves.

New Tai Chi Beginners' Class Starts 7pm, Wednesday 7th March, in the St Chad's Centre. All ages welcome.

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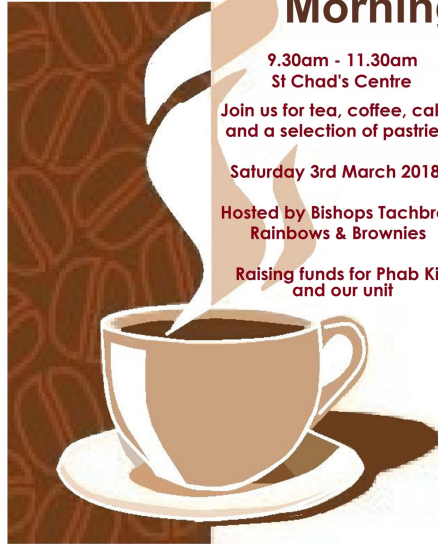
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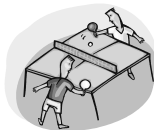
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I'll begin my story of this Yorkshire town
With a basic description of what can be found
A butchers, a bakers, a newsagent shop
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Bill Grimes was the butcher, with radiant face
His minced lamb was poor, his sausages ace
There was a fast food café called Andy's Light Bite
The village baker was Ena Bamforthright

To the east of the town stood a humungous hill
With rocks and boulders around't base
And, as if panderin to rock climbers taste
An enormous boulder sat perched near the mill

The mayor once said that the stone looked dodgy
But everyone joked "Well? You look podgy"
They weren't to know that one night on that moor
The great stone fell in front of the baker's shop door

People heard rumblin and were disturbed in their sleep
As the boulder descended and crashed in the street
It rolled and it rolled down Amblegate Hill
And eventually came to rest—all was still

Well in the morning the people came round
And gasped in disbelief at what they found
The queue for the bakery ran round the block
How could they get in round that bloomin great rock

The Police couldn't shift it, no more could the mayor
Though he was more flab than muscle, to be fair
The Firemen scratched their helmets and ears
And Kevin the Baker's boy started his tears

The customers grumbled about bloomers and buns
The orders were growing as folk rubbed their tums
And have a go Andy, a quiet little chap
Was heard to shout, "Ee—I could kill for a bap"



Several shuffled their feet, desperate for the loo
But were unwilling to lose their place in the queue
The delivery van stood idle on't corner
The driver had gone for a quick swim and sauna

Mrs Bamforthright mightily dismayed
Cried "What will this catastrophe do for my trade?
This situation's really beyond't pail
By the time it's all sorted my bread will be stale"

Say Ena, "tell you the truth on my mind there's a weight
In my whole life I've never opened late
And this reputation I'll proudly defend
Even if it means I've come to my end"

An hour and a half since they should open by rights
So with maximum effectiveness set in her sights
She hitched up her skirts, put her handbag on't ground
And pulled up her sleeves to show biceps so sound

Then Ena pushed boulder with all her might
She were puffin' and blowin', it were quite a sight
Her shoes were creakin', her face was glowin'
The mayor turned his back as her stockings were showin'

All of a sudden with a great groaning sound
The boulder began to budge over't ground
It gort faster and faster, aided by Ena
Till it dropped in the pond by the village Dry Cleaner

It seemed the whole village burst through Bakery door
Though how they got in there I'm still not quite sure
They were all cheerin', and they thought it quite splendid
She'd utilised muscle like nature intended
What with the hunger that waitin' inspired
They bought so much bread that Ena retire

How a plaque hangs from bakery wall
Carved from rock that once stood so tall
It says THIS IS TESTIMONY TO THE STRENGTH AND THE MIGHT
OF THATYOURKSHIRE LASS ENA BAMFORTHRIGHT



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We had a wonderful attendance for the first meeting of the year, including three visitors who became members through the evening. So a very big welcome to Margaret, Heather and Sue. It's lovely that you have come to join us.

Our speaker was Mr David Fry who spoke about Marton Museum of Country Bygones. Never heard of it you are thinking, neither had I but it turns out George Tims a resident of Marton made a collection over many decades and in the 1970's he had a basic display in disused farm buildings. When the farm was eventually sold in 1980 the developers had to provide two buildings and a playing field. One of the said building now houses the museum, which is the only village museum left in the area. When George Tims died, the family proposed to auction off the contents, the villagers formed a new volunteer group who have set about reorganising up to 3,500 items. Amongst these were papers and diaries belonging to the British archaeologist and writer, Jacquetta Hawkes, wife of J B Priestly. It's not known how George Tims acquired them but they are now with Bradford University. David went on to show us a few quirky and curious items he had brought along which together with slides of the museum made a lot of us think about visiting in the summer which is open every Sunday 2:00-4:00pm in June, July and August.

Our forthcoming events to celebrate the 100 years since the formation of the Warwickshire Federation include the

launch of the cookery book, a Big Day Out in July , a produce and craft show at Napton, a visit from the Mikron Theatre and a photography competition just for starters. Trips to Tutbury Castle to meet Nell Gwynn the People's Post in London, Malvern Quilt Show, Behind the scenes at the RSC, a treasure hunt in Warwick and learning embellished embroidery are also on offer. We are organising a special lunch aboard the Countess of Evesham to join in the celebrations.

Our craft group have been busy producing an unusual promotional flier for the new houses and together with the knitting group will be producing poppies (crafted or knitted) for the federation for their installation in St. Mary's Warwick later in the year . If anyone was knitting premature baby hats or clothes for us, we need these to deliver to the annual meeting on March 19th.

Our speaker in March will be talking about the partners of Prime Ministers and in April we will be learning the legends and history of coffee. As you can see we get up to all sorts of things and if you are thinking that sounds fun do come along and see for yourself we'd love to meet you.

Anne Allen 424135

March Haiku

Lambs gambol in fields
Frisky with the joys of life
Bleating happily.

Poetry please

A thought on St Valentine's Day

Hafiz

One regret, dear world
That I am determined not to have
When I am lying on my deathbed
Is that
I did not kiss you enough

Hafiz quotes

I wish I could show you when you are
lonely or in darkness the astonishing
light of your own being.

Fear is the cheapest room in the house. I
would like to see you living in better
conditions.

Poetry please

It Felt Love

Hafiz

How
Did the rose
Ever open its heart

And give to this world
All its
Beauty?

It felt the encouragement of light
Against its
Being,

Otherwise,
We all remain
Too
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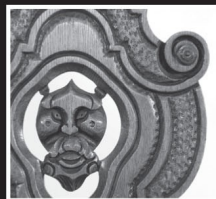
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Bad joke time

Q: Can February March?

A: No, but April May!

Q: Why is everyone so tired on April 1?

A: Because they've just finished a long, 31 day March!

Q: What season is it when you are on a trampoline?

A: Spring-time!

Q: What flowers grow on faces?

A: Tulips (Two-lips)!

Q: Why are trees very forgiving?

A: Because in Autumn they "Let It Go" and in the Spring they "turn over a new leaf".

Q: Why is the letter A like a flower?

A: A bee (B) comes after it

Q: What did the tree say to spring?

A: What a re-leaf.

Q: What do you call a girl with a frog on her head?

A: Lily!

Q: What do you call a rabbit with fleas?

A: Bugs Bunny

Q: Why are penguins so popular on the internet?

A: Because they have web feet.

Listen to the mush'ns by Shel Silverstein

Listen to the MUSTN'TS, child,
Listen to the DON'TS
Listen to the SHOULDN'TS
The IMPOSSIBLES, the WONT'S
Listen to the NEVER HAVES
Then listen close to me-
Anything can happen, child,
ANYTHING can be

My best friend by Abby Jenkins

Black and white
Thick and furry
Fast as the wind
Always in a hurry
Couple of spots
Rub my ears
Always comes when his name he hears
Loves his ball; it's his favourite thing
What's most fun for him?
Everything!
Great big tongue that licks my face
Has a crate, his very own space
Big brown eyes like moon pies
He's my friend till the very end!



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The red and white striped lighthouse by Eivor

The red and white striped lighthouse,
Standing by the sea,
As quiet as a mouse,
Telling boats where it be.

Against the rocks a wave crashes.
The lighthouse just stares on.
Suddenly some lightning flashes,
But he's gonna stare till dawn.

The red and white striped lighthouse,
Standing by the sea,
As quiet as a mouse,
Telling boats where it be.

He shines his light through the thick fog,
As rain darkens the sands.
He shines his light through all the smog.
On the rocks he proudly stands.

The red and white striped lighthouse,
Standing by the sea,
As quiet as a mouse,
Telling boats where it be.

The rising sun makes the ocean glisten bright.
A couple comes out to see the astonishing sight.
There is no need to shine, for it's no longer night,
And the lighthouse slowly fades out its light.

Q: Why does a dog wag its tail?

A: Because there's no one else to wag it for him

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7 am – 8 am: Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday

6.30 pm – 7.30 pm: Monday and Tuesday

LOWERED CURBS

Please remember that lowered curbs are designed to help mobility scooter users, mums with prams and pushchairs and those who are uncertain on their feet to negotiate their way around more easily. Some car owners seem to ignore this in their desire to park. This is a problem throughout the parish but especially with people parking outside St Chad's Church and the St Chad's Centre.

PLEASE BE A CONSIDERATE PARKER

**GALLERY AND GARDEN OPEN WEEKEND
SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, THE 26TH AND 27TH MAY, 10AM – 4PM
IN AID OF THE HEARING DOGS.**

This year for the first time ever I am opening my gallery and garden to the public. The acrylic and photographic portraits are of Marilyn Monroe (as never seen before) and fictitious women. The garden has beautiful views of the Warwickshire countryside. Refreshments will be served in the farmhouse. Plenty of parking space. Easy walking distance via back drive entrance, squeeze past gate, first right after Chapel Hill House.

Becky Evans. Squab Hall Farm , Harbury Lane, Bishops Tachbrook, CV339QB.
All enquiries: Marilyn@squab.co.uk or 0796824576.

**MOTHERS UNION SPRING COFFEE MORNING
SAT 17TH MARCH FROM 10 – 11.45 AM**

Please come along to the St Chad's Centre for a cuppa, buy some delicious cakes and puds and support the work we do with families.

MAGAZINE DELIVERY

We are looking for people to deliver the magazine throughout the Parish. We especially need help delivering to the new houses in the area.

If you could only deliver 10 magazines to the houses nearest to you it would help—more would be great!!.

Please contact Kate on kate.wellsted@btconnect.com for more details.

YOUR ELECTED PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

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