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# What's in this month's magazine

There's an interesting range of material in this month's magazine, a stimulating read, we hope.

There were complaints that there were no jokes in last month's magazine so they're back on page 31. Try this one for size, 'A book just fell on my head. I've only myshelf to blame.'

# 'Jokes are back on page 31'

There's a Kenyan feel with Revd. Elaine starting her trip to Kenya and stories of, long time village resident's childhood in the country, see pages 16 and 17. The school has been involved with Kenya, see page 20. There's also a poem from Kenya on page 29.

On page 11 there's a really important piece on the first informal consultation on

the Bishop's Tachbrook Neighbourhood Development Plan. Please get involved it's an important part of the democratic process.

# 'Please get involved in the Neighbourhood Plan consultation'

Elsewhere it looks as though the Rainbows and Brownies have been having fun, see pages 34 and 35. There's Yoga for children on page 21 and Aethelflaeda attended the History Group AGM, see pages 26 and 27.

We're looking for a new distribution coordinator on Warwick Gates. It's a purely voluntary role and we'd be really pleased if you could help out. Contact Kate; for details see below.

Happy reading

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# Bishop's Tachbrook Calendar

# **Weekly Events**

Mondays	Little Tinkers Soft Play	St Chad's Centre	9.30 to 11.30 07917385747 or Faceb	
Mondays	Martial Arts 5 to 7 years 8 to 11 years 12 to adults	St Chad's Centre	16.30 to 17.15 17.15 to 18.00 18.00 to 19.00	andy@linkcube.co.uk
Mondays	Cooking Class children 8+, adults	St Chad's Centre	19.15 to 20.15 20.30 to 21.30	07956955951 getcooking@hotmail.co.uk
Tuesdays	Pilates for cyclists	St Chad's Centre	19.15 to 20.15	01926 259293 07769222524
Tuesdays	Over 50s	Sports and Social Club	14.00 to 16.00	01926 313020
Wednesdays	Pilates	St Chad's Centre	9.15 to 10.15	01926 259293 07769222524
Wednesdays	Community Cafe	St Chad's Centre	10.30 to 12.00	01926 651643
Wednesdays	Rainbows	Sports and Social Club	17.00 to 18.00	carolineloveday@sky.com 07796034371
Wednesdays	Brownies	Sports and Social Club	18.00 to 19.45	carolineloveday@sky.com 07796034371
Wednesdays	<b>Tai Chi</b> Beginners Intermediate	St Chad's Centre	19.00 to 20.00 20.00 to 21.00	07487685679
Thursdays	Tachbrook Tinies playgroup for 0 to 5s	St Chad's Centre	9.30 to 11.00	Tachbrook Tinies on Facebook
Thursdays	Postnatal fitness	St Chad's Centre	13.30 to 14.15	HELLO@MARICARMEN FITNESS.COM

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Fridays	Circuit Class	St Chad's Centre	18.00 to 19.00	HELLO@MARICARMEN FITNESS.COM
Fridays	Yogabellies for women	St Chad's Centre	19.30 to 20.30	silvia@yogabellies.co.uk

### What's on in March

Thursday 7th 19.45, **WI, Meningitis—a life changing experience,** BT School, 01926 426797

Saturday 9th 9.30-13.00, Parish Council Working Party

thewhitwood4@btinternet.com

Saturday 9th 10.00 –12.00, Churchyard gardening, St Chad's Church, 01926 330050

*Tuesday 12th* 14.30 **History Club, Jane Austen and Stoneleigh**, St Chad's Centre, *01926 885938* 

Monday 18th, 19.30 Friends of Oakley Wood, AGM and wildlife film, Barford Village Hall

Thursday 21st 19.30 Parish Council Meeting, St Chad's Centre, parishclerk@bishopstachbrook.com

Wednesday 27th 10.00 –12.00, Churchyard gardening, St Chad's Church, 01926 330050

# What's on in April

Thursday 4th 19.45, WI, Biscuits and Decorating, BT School, 01926 426797

Saturday 13th 9.30-13.00, Parish Council Working Party thewhitwood4@btinternet.com

Saturday 13th 10.00 –12.00, Churchyard gardening, St Chad's Church, 01926 330050

*Tuesday 9th* 14.30 **History Club, From the pillory to the prison cell,** St Chad's Centre, *01926 885938* 

Thursday 18th 19.30 Parish Council Meeting, St Chad's Centre, parishclerk@bishopstachbrook.com

Wednesday 24th 10.00 –12.00, Churchyard gardening, St Chad's Church, 01926 330050

# Lent in the bag?

By Revd. Elaine Scrivens

As I write this article I've just finished packing to go to Kenya with a group from our Diocese. Can I say a huge thank you for the support I've received especially from the congregation of St Chad's, the WI and our local primary school. My suitcase is ladened with gifts to give to those I will meet on my journey. I will tell you of my adventures next month.

# 'Off on a Kenyan adventure'

As I am going to be away for 10 days I've had to think about preparations for Lent and Easter. Lent is the time in the Church's calendar that traditionally reflects the 40 days that the Bible tells us Jesus spent in the wilderness. It is a time of preparation for Christians, an opportunity to look inside ourselves and, if you like, give ourselves a mental and spiritual spring clean. Symbolically within the Church it is a time of simplicity and solemnity, when we take out the things such as flowers and other decorations. We also cut out some of our liturgy in the hope of enabling us to focus on Jesus' ministry and suffering. I find that having a "good" Lent helps me to really appreciate the joy of Easter.

You will no doubt all know that in the times of the early Church the season of Lent began after Shrove Tuesday, more commonly known as Pancake day, when

the larder was emptied of fats and sugars and a feast was held before the starkness of a simple diet during Lent. This in turn then led to people giving up things such as chocolate or biscuits or alcohol for Lent. A few years ago I stopped giving up things for Lent as I queried my motive for doing so, (which was often tied up with wanting to lose weight). I found that just because I gave up something I didn't spend any more time in prayer, reading the Bible or doing something to bring me closer to God. So, I resolved to take something on for Lent, usually setting aside at least 30 minutes each day to study a Lent book or concentrating on one book of the Rible

This year I am inviting people to join with me in doing Lent in a Bag. Saint Chad's will have them available and the bag will contain an explanatory leaflet, readings for each Sunday of Lent, an object and a reflection/ questions based on the reading and the object. It is a simple way of encouraging us to spend a few minutes each week, or if you prefer each day, just to stop and draw closer to God. In addition to this there will be two services on Ash Wednesday, which this year is the 6th March. One at 12:30pm and the other at 7pm. At each service there will be an opportunity for people to receive the mark of the cross on their forehead as a symbol of Lenten observance. There is also a Lent Group meeting on a Thursday evening where we will be following a brilliant new Lent

Course for 2019, based on the hugely popular film The Greatest Showman. Do come and join us at 7:30pm in the St Chad's Centre. You are also welcome to join us when we celebrate Mothering Sunday on March 31st at 10am.

As the season of Lent begins I pray that we will all find time to take stock, perhaps to do a little bit of spring-cleaning in our lives and begin to prepare for the glory of the Easter season.

# Looking back

# Excerpts from past magazines

### Taken from the Parish Magazine of January 1970

A happy and blessed new year to you all. This is the first letter I have written to vou about money. Certain facts have to be faced and I must place these before you. As you will read elsewhere in this issue we have been forced to put the price of the magazine up to 3d a copy. We do not like doing this but, like you, we have to make ends meet, so I hope you will readily accept the new charge.

The decimal coinage will bring a particular problem to us because most people give one coin (except for pennies) as their contribution to the collection. Now for January 1st .the half-crown will cease to be, consequently the new 2/-coin becomes the nearest in value. This will mean a

lower collection. Unless you are prepared to make the necessary adjustment. Costs are always rising, fuel oil, electricity, cleaning, laundering, books and service requisites take



most of our income. All these bills have to be met—and this apart for the repair to the structure in which we have been generously helped by the Diocese authority and the Church Commission. We try to support Charitable organisations and as you know we make an annual contribution towards the running of a school for blind children in India but devaluation has meant that our same contribution

is worth less to them, so if we are to maintain the effect of our giving we need to increase it for this country.

If would help a great deal if

those who give by collection would join the envelope scheme and try to make this giving a regular weekly thing and those who are already in the

scheme could sign a covenant form thereby enabling us to claim a percentage from the Government.

Our problem would be solved if you all felt able to make a higher contribution. My wife and I are going to find more, will you please?

Yours sincerely, Revd. Tom L. F. Mander

# What's on in St Chad's

**Sunday March 3**<sup>rd</sup> Civic Service 10am when we celebrate not only our Patron Saint, Chad, but give thanks for all the good things that happen in our community. Our new School Choir will be performing along with Year 4 from our local school!

**Wednesday March 6**th 12:30 and 7pm Holy Communion for Ash Wednesday with the Imposition of Ashes (having the sign of the cross on your forehead in Ash as a sign of repentance.)

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

**Thursday March 7**th 7:30pm Lent Course – this year our Lent Course will be on Thursday evenings beginning on March 7th at 7:30 in the St Chad's Centre and based on the film The Greatest Showman. The 2018 Golden Globe-nominated movie starring Hugh Jackman, about the founder and stars of the Barnum & Bailey Circus is ideal for Lenten study of Christian themes of hope, redemption and new life. The course runs for 5 weeks and offers discussion points, biblical reflections and prayers based on short excerpts from the film. On the 7th we will watch the film. The themes are: (1) 'A Million Dreams', exploring what liberation and hope might look like for an 'outsider' in the world; (2) 'Come Alive', exploring how the family of faith can bring hope and purpose; (3) 'Rewrite the stars', asks what forms of resistance can be placed in the way of salvation; (4) 'Never Enough', questions the temptations of false fulfilment that can lead us to betrayal; (5) 'The Greatest Show', shows how redemption is found when we discover 'the circus is our home'. Do come along and join us. If you just want to come on the 7th and see the movie, that's fine! There is no obligation to "stay the course".

**Saturday March 16**th 1:30 – 3:30 when we will be thinking about our Mums and making cards, painting mugs and our crafts for Mothering Sunday.

**Sunday March 31**st 10am Mothering Sunday Service, all 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

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.

**Sunday April 7**<sup>th</sup> 11:30 St Chad's Annual Parochial Church Meeting. (Or APCM) is our opportunity to look back on the activities of the past year (2018) and to look forward. We will be electing members to serve on Parochial Church Council and it is also a chance to discuss the way forward for the coming year. All are welcome to attend, but only those on our Electoral Roll may vote. (Please see separate article on joining our Electoral Roll)

**Sunday April 14**<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday 10am – Blessing of Palm Crosses and procession followed by Holy Communion.

6:30pm – Jerusalem Joy. A musical for Holy Week performed by members of the congregation of St Margaret's and St Chad's

**Monday April 15**th 7:30pm A concert for Holy Week and Easter with the Two Castles Male Voice Choir.

Tuesday April 16th Compline 8pm

Wednesday April 17th 7:30pm Stations of the Cross

### Thursday April 18th Maundy Thursday

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.

7:30pm Holy Communion with foot washing and stripping the altar. St Chad's will remain open until 9pm for those who wish to sit and wait with Christ.

**April 19**th Good Friday 1-2pm Meditation. 2-3pm Good Friday Liturgy.

Saturday April 20th 1:30 – 3:30 Easter Crafts at St Chad's

**Easter Sunday April 21**\* 10am Family Eucharist for Easter followed by an Easter Egg Hunt and refreshments. Do come along on this joyous day to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord.

# Church Spring Clean and Churchyard Tidy

Saturday 9 March and Saturday 16 March 9.30 - 12.30

Please come and help us spruce up before Easter

# Advanced notice of a new electoral roll at St Chad's Church

### What is the Electoral Roll?

The church's Electoral Roll is the register of its voting members; it is a list of those qualified to attend and to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. Electoral rolls provide an indication of the real membership and strength of the church.

parish, deanery, diocesan and national levels. The roll is completely renewed every six years, at which point all members have to re-apply for membership or else their names will be deleted.

This year the Church Electoral Roll of St. Chad's enrolment during the period 24th February to 17th March 2019.

When complete, the new roll will be displayed in church for 16 days prior to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 7th April 2019.

# Who can be on the Electoral Roll?

Baptised adults (over 16 years) who live in the Ecclesiastical Parish of Bishop's Tachbrook or who have worshipped regularly at St. Chad's for at least six months and are committed to being part of the life of our congregation.

Why Join?

Enrolment is a way of saying, "I belong", it is an act of commitment to St. Chad's Church and the Church of England as a whole. It opens the way for a greater involvement in the life of the church at

is being renewed completely. This means that all those persons who wish to have their names entered on the new roll, whether their names are entered on the present roll or not, must apply for

Application forms will be available, during the period of revision, from:

St Chad's Church,

The Revd. Elaine Scrivens, the Priest in Charge,

Mr Rod Smith, the Churchwarden.

Mrs Joan Alderman (Electoral Roll Officer Tel: 01926 651643).

Please do consider becoming a member of our Electoral Roll so that you can play an active part in the life of St Chad's.

# Neighbourhood Development Plan

By Bishop's Tachbrook Neighbourhood Plan Working Group

The BTNDP is an important document, because, when finalised, it will help to set the planning framework for the parish of Bishop's Tachbrook. The parish includes the village of Bishop's Tachbrook, the surrounding countryside and the new developments at Heathcote, The Asps and Oakley Grove.

Our diverse parish will see much change in the next 10 years, this makes the BTNDP a very important document because of the role it can play in managing future change by protecting local green spaces, community facilities, heritage assets and landscape. It can't stop development but it can help to allow us a greater say in the development process. It also means the

parish directly receives up to 25% of the funds from the Community Infrastructure Levy that all developers have to pay to the District Council. This is a welcome 10% more than we receive at present.

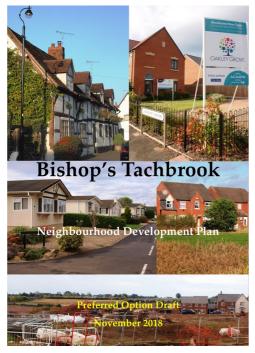
The plan will be published for informal public consultation at the beginning of March and your comments are welcomed. The Draft Plan, feedback form and other background documents will be available for viewing and download from the parish website: www.bisopstachbrook.com

The feedback form can be filled in online. Alternatively you can return completed forms and other comments in writing, or by email, to our Parish Clerk:

Corinne Hill Gaydon Fields Farm Gaydon CV35 9HF

E.mail: parishclerk@bishopstachbrook.com

All comments received will be carefully considered by the Parish Council and used to inform the next version of the Neighbourhood Plan, the Formal Consultation Neighbourhood Development Plan. This will be submitted to Warwick District Council who will check it and then publish it for a further 6 weeks' formal public consultation. The Plan will then proceed



# **Parish Council News**

### By Matt Greene

The emergence of the daffodils planted by the working parties along with the occasional mild and sunny day heralds the arrival of spring. While Easter is still a while away, this is my favourite time of year, every day a little bit brighter and every evening a little longer!

Thank you to all those who helped organise, and make successful, the Parish event on 26 January 2019. Particular thanks go to the Leopard Pub for once again providing a wonderful array of refreshments to those attending. It was great to receive feedback from the event: the Parish Council is reflecting on this feedback and will announce actions in due course. Clearly there was a lot of concern around the traffic flows and pedestrian safety on Harbury Lane; the Parish Council is seeking commitments from the Highways Team at WCC that this area will be looked at as a matter of

urgency. In addition we are engaging with County Councillor Les Caborn on this matter. Cllr. Leigh Carter is working to put together community speed watch sessions to build a picture of the traffic issues in that area; if you are interested in getting involved please contact our Clerk.

Thank-you to our District Councillor Andrew Day who ensured that a number of local police officers attended the event to discuss and address concerns in relation to recent crimes in the Warwick Gates area.

Thank you to all those who have engaged with the Parish Council following last month's article on the proposed new secondary school. The views expressed on the anticipated planning application will definitely help shape the Parish Council's response when it arrives.

The comments at the January Parish Council

meeting and since online suggest a concern that the Parish Council has already determined a course of action with respect to the proposed school: we would reassure residents that. having not seen the planning application (at the time of writing), no decision has been made by the Council as to a course of action - the PC has repeatedly made clear that they will not be pre-determined on this matter.

Cllr Leigh Carter and the Chairman have been working with the external consultant appointed by the Parish Council to try to lock in as many of the mitigation items as possible. At the time of writing the discussions are ongoing; however, we remain hopeful that, in the event planning permission is granted (and regardless of the Parish Council's adopted position on this matter) a number of the items requested as a result of this process should be delivered.

The Parish Council are working to progress the meadow storage project as quickly as possible; in the interim the Parish Council intend to hire additional third party storage to house the Parish's marquee. We would like to thank resident Graham Leeke for storing the marquee on behalf of the Parish for a number of years. We are very grateful to our District Cllr. Andrew Day who organised a litter pick for the Meadow on 2nd February; a lot of litter was collected and we saw a strong turn-out; thank you for everyone involved for taking the time to keep our community tidy and attractive.

The new Parish website project is in progress and we hope to have a fully operational system by May; this will include new email addresses and collaborative tools for Parish Councillors, the Clerk and others involved in our community life hopefully this will increase efficiency and ensure that knowledge is not lost as people pass on the baton to new representatives.

Special thanks to resident Keith Wellsted who is working hard to drive forward our Parish's new Neighbourhood Plan. This plan is essential in helping shape how our community (and the land around us) develops over the coming decade and I would encourage all residents to take part in the informal consultation commencing this month! Please let our Clerk have vour comments.

Parish and District Council elections will take place in early May and, with a number of Parish Councillors planning on stepping down as well as there being an additional District Council seat for our ward this cycle, this is a great chance to put your name forward and get involved. I've enjoyed my time as a Parish Councillor, it's a chance to develop yourself and your understanding of how our local community as well as our country works. To be on the Parish Council you don't have to act or sound a certain way, you don't have to be a certain age, gender or colour and to be clear, the Parish Council is not a religious body! I would

really recommend that others take this opportunity to get involved in supporting and representing their community - it would be wonderful to see a diverse group of candidates stand for the election ready to take Bishop's Tachbrook into the next decade and beyond. Before you rule it out, I would encourage you to read my favourite passage on citizenship simply type "The Man in the Arena" into a search engine and it should appear (caveat written in 1910 so not as PC as it could be). There's information on the role at WALC.ORG.UK/BE-A-COUNILLOR

We will be holding an event open to anyone considering becoming a Parish or District Councillor who is interested in finding out more from the existing group on 14 March. Please contact our Clerk if you would like to receive an invite.

The next monthly Parish Council meeting will be on 21 March at the St Chad's Centre; all are welcome!

# **Nature Page**

# By Steve Harvey

Dawn among the hardy Ferns, Snowdrops now bow their crisp white heads alongside Primroses (prime-rose) the first rose. Although not really a rose it's a nice thought.

The singing Robins are now joined by Song Thrushes, Wrens, Great Tits, Doves and the Wood Pigeon with its well known hit song "My toe bleeds Betty". They don't write them like that anymore!

The Great Spotted Woodpecker drums away on its two favourite dead branches. On 11 February I heard my first Chaffinch and a quick blast of Blackbird. We have the first lambs in the Sheep field so Spring is easing her way in at last.

The Foxes are a little quieter at night now, the "family planning" is done. The screaming has given way to new calls. There's now a long note that's called with more than a hint of 'Gibbon' about It. A contact call between

them. The breeding season was a dangerous time. Foxes move around a lot then. I've seen five killed on the roads in the area. Our pair seem well bonded, now they just have to have their Cubs and rear them safely. Good luck.

Krista saw a pair of Muntjac walk in front of the cottage before slinking into the trees. It would be great to see a youngster from them.

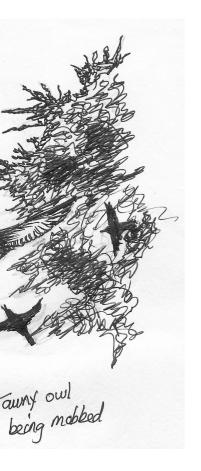
I was a few miles away recently and watched a Buzzard against blue sky flying at tree top height. From behind me flew a Red Kite. They saw each other, didn't get too close and showed some respect. That's the second peaceful encounter I've seen.

There was a noisy commotion outside the cottage at the weekend. Not the neighbours but birds! Over where the Yew trees are was a rabble of small birds all shouting abuse. Blackbirds, Bluetits and

Chaffinches, even a couple of Jackdaws joined in. They flew in circles around the edge of the Yew near the top. I guessed why they were voicing their opinions so I got nearer to see if I could prove it. Once under the beautiful old tree I stood still while the birds continued their protest. Me arriving was probably



the last straw for the larger bird being mobbed. Sure enough a Tawny Owl leaned forward then flew 100 yards to another tree. It was only trying to sleep and was no real threat to the smaller birds. At least I got to see it close up. Interesting how separate species join together in a common cause to make an effort and change a situation. Hmmmmm maybe a lesson there.



# **Poetry Please**

# The Owl and the Pussy Cat By Edward Lear

The Owl and the Pussy-cat went to sea
In a beautiful pea-green boat,
They took some honey, and plenty of money,
Wrapped up in a five-pound note.
The Owl looked up to the stars above,
And sang to a small guitar,
"O lovely Pussy! O Pussy, my love,
What a beautiful Pussy you are,
You are, You are!
What a beautiful Pussy you are!"

Pussy said to the Owl, "You elegant fowl!
How charmingly sweet you sing!
O let us be married! too long we have tarried:
But what shall we do for a ring?"
They sailed away, for a year and a day,
To the land where the Bong-Tree grows
And there in a wood a Piggy-wig stood
With a ring at the end of his nose,
His nose, His nose,
With a ring at the end of his nose.

"Dear Pig, are you willing to sell for one shilling Your ring?" Said the Piggy, "I will."

So they took it away, and were married next day By the Turkey who lives on the hill.

They dined on mince, and slices of quince, Which they ate with a runcible spoon; And hand in hand, on the edge of the sand, The moon, The moon,

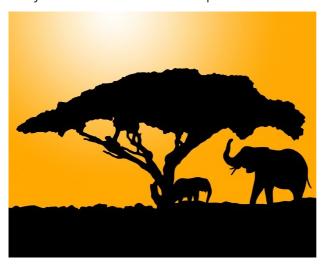
They danced by the light of the moon.

# A Kenyan Childhood

# By Jenny Bevan

There can't be many teenagers these days who would think nothing of cycling 45 miles or running a mile up a volcano then 3 miles round its crater, But that's exactly the sort of thing one of our parishioners used to do growing up in Kenya.

of childhood your read about in books. His parents moved there to be farmers and managed a dairy to start with, producing butter and cheese. Later, around 1936, his father also ran a general store as a cooperative with other local producers.



Our vicar Elaine Scrivens is in Kenya at the moment so I took the opportunity to speak to our resident who was born and brought up in Nairobi. Living with his 2 brothers and a sister, along with his mother and father on the farm they owned in Kinangop, he had the kind

Living close to the Aberdares, he could climb mountains before he was 6 years old. His school days were spent roaming around Africa without any worries at all. Except the strict rules of his boarding school which demanded he return for roll call at 6pm nightly, hence the

mad dash up the volcano!

There were plenty of wild animals in Nairobi but he didn't really worry about them. For example during weekends at school he would go with his brother and visit his aunt and uncle who lived on the other side of Nairobi. To get there he would take a short cut through the National Park on his bike. He saw lions only 50 yards away but muses that 'they didn't bother us if we didn't bother them '

There are some wonderful stories of camping trips he used to take with his brother and sometimes a friend. One trip involved going fishing with his aunt down a steep escarpment into the Rift Valley in a van without any brakes! There was absolutely no control over the speed of the car and as it went across the plain it struck a rock and knocked the sump out of the van. His brother had to cycle to Nakuru to fetch another sump which they fitted.

They lived on fish and whatever veg they could swap or barter for with the local Africans for 5 days.

Another trip involved taking a 360+mile trip down the coast with his brother for a month. They took only a shirt, shorts and blanket each: they did take shoes sometimes. They'd wrap themselves in the blanket and fall down and that would be it for the night, at the side of the road, in a ditch; anywhere really! On one trip they were camping on the coast when a resident of a

nearby hotel asked them if they knew what day it was; it was Christmas Day. He and his wife took the 'two scruffy kids' to have lunch with them at the hotel.

It was the seemingly innocuous trip taking plums from their orchard to a collection point that caused the most injury. He was on the drag bar of the malfunctioning tractor when his foot slipped under the front wheel and he was dragged down, fracturing his pelvis. The bush telegraph saved the day as he called out to a

young local African boy who cascaded the message through the area, finally reaching the husband of a nurse who picked him up for a very sore ride to a district shop. Eventually he made it to Nakuru hospital where he spent 7 weeks playing cards with the nurses and enjoying some funny moments, such as when the wife of one of his ward companions threw a duck through the window and it landed on his bed!

'What a childhood!

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# Bishops Tachbrook Sports & Social Club Entertainments.

# March

# 2<sup>nd</sup> March – Family Bingo

Eyes down at 8pm. Don't miss out on bringing all the family for our fun Bingo night. Lots of great prizes to be won.

# 9th March - Race Night

Want a fun family night out? Come and join us for our night at the races.

# 16<sup>th</sup> March – CT Riders Band

Newly formed, the CT Riders Band have a brand new set of classic Rock n Roll covers from the 60's and 70's guaranteed to get you up dancing.

# 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Blink Watch

Rock and Pop cover band Blink Watch will be entertaining us with a variety of music from the 60's to present day.

# 30th March - Charity Quiz

The judge will be testing your general knowledge for March's Charity Quiz.

All proceeds raised to support Learnington Spa's Multiple Sclerosis Society.

# April

# 6<sup>th</sup> April – The Warning

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Rev Elaine is taking a recording of our children's singing to

Kenya on her visit to a rural school there. Many thanks to the hundreds of children who also gave pens and pencils for Rev Elaine to take. Pictured below are our pupils presenting the pens in assembly.





We are always looking at new ways to make our curriculum exciting and relevant for pupils. This year sees the start of a new initiative to keep pupils healthy









PTA recently raised the money to buy a full set of 32 YOGA mats for pupils so that a whole class at a time can learn to relax and improve their concentration. Yoga teacher Dawn Rahman has kindly donated her services to the school and the children have been overwhelmingly enthusiastic. Pupils say: 'It makes me calm down' (Isla), 'It just makes me rest and think a little bit' (Chloe), 'It's just fun!' (Noah) and 'I like the lizard and the tiger pose' (Alby). Dawn also teaches yoga classes in Whitnash for pre-schoolers each Friday (11.30am -12.15pm) and for children each Tuesday (4.45-5.30pm). You can contact Dawn at:

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# **History Club**

# Aethelflaeda at the AGM

By Anne Kirby

Annual Meetings of societies and community groups aren't usually crowd pullers, so it was gratifying to see that the History Group's AGM in February was well attended. Chairman, Graham Leeke, reviewed our year of interesting talks and outings, the highlight of which was our personal invitation to Goldsmiths' Hall in London from Prime Warden, Judith Cobham-Lowe, a local resident and the first female Prime Warden in its 700 year history. There we saw antique and modern treasures and an exhibition of intricately designed scenes and articles.

John Fletcher, our Treasurer, presented an audited financial statement and it was agreed to keep membership fees at £13 per year. A bargain for free admission to 8 meetings with speakers and refreshments, a reasonably-priced Christmas dinner and outings using the

community bus, driven by stalwart member, Marion Smith. Six committee members have retired, making way for enthusiastic new talent – a healthy sign for any community group.

# 'It's a great programme in 2019'

Programme Secretary Ann Ayre reviewed the programme for 2019, which includes a talk by Sheila Woolf on Jane Austen at Stoneleigh; Ginny Davis will regale us with the horrors of the pillory and prison cell; Professor Beat Kumin will reveal "Managing Memory" - how parish histories since the Middle Ages have been preserved. Four months ago we were taken by Stephen Barker in imagination to the Battle of Edgehill in 1642; Stephen will now transport us physically to that local bloody site to

view the terrain and nearby exhibition, followed by a peaceful lunch and tour of nearby Upton House. That's a taste of the first four months of the programme for 2019. Watch out for full details in each edition of the Parish Magazine, or why not come along to our next meeting (details below), join the Group and benefit from a full year of events.

Last April Stephen Baldwin gave us an interesting talk on Aethelflaeda (c.870-918) the daughter of King Alfred the Great - known in her lifetime as The Lady of Mercia'. She was brave, intelligent and enthusiastic to carry on with her father and brother's work in protecting Mercia against the marauding Danes and extend the territory of Mercia. Aethelflaeda has a close connection with Warwick and is commemorated by a plaque in Castle Street. Her defence strategy included the erection of

watch towers erected on appropriate hilltops to survey the countryside for approaching enemy hence Aethelflaeda's mound at Warwick Castle - the site that developed into Warwick Castle. Many of us will remember our own, or our children's scramble, racing against siblings to be first to reach the top of the mound and survey the wonderful view of the River and surrounding parkland.

Aethelflaeda died on the eve of accepting the defeat of the Danish-held stronghold at Leicester. She was buried in Gloucester at the priory which she and her husband had established. The priory is now a ruin and the location of her

remains - and those of St Oswald - have not been located. Last year it was decided to re-enact the funeral 1100 years ago of this much-loved and remarkable 'Ladv of Mercia'. Stephen and Barbara attended, along with thousands of others, and we were treated to a show of some of their photographs. Questions from the floor were answered by Stephen with an impressive impromptu talk on this fascinating period of Anglo-Saxon history. The citizens of Gloucester were apparently taken aback by this national interest in a local funeral. Human remains have recently been excavated in the ruins of the old priory. Could they include those of St

Oswald and Aethelflaeda? Interest is fuelled by the development opportunities that arose in Leicester with the discovery of Richard the Third's remains. **Watch this space!** 

The AGM finished of course with home-made cake, tea, coffee and animated conversation.

Next Meeting: Tuesday,
12<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm in
Chad's Centre
Sheila Woolf will talk
about Jane Austen's
connection with
Stoneleigh
New Members and
Visitors Welcome (£3.00)



# Women's Institute

By Anne Allen

Our first speaker of the year was Mr David Howe with his talk "Partners of Prime Ministers "Speaking mainly of modern Prime Ministers David did divulge interesting snippets about others. Clement Attlee never drove but his wife did. Neville Chamberlain lived in Edgbaston, his wife cycled out and about talking to his constituents about their problems. Winston Churchill was known to buy property telling his wife later. David obviously held Mary Wilson in high regard. Praising her for her care of Harold in his declining years. Dennis Thatcher whose letters to his friend Bill. became the hit show "Anyone for Dennis" donated £40,000 to charity from profits from the show. He was a successful businessman in his own right, not the bumbler he appeared to be. He was "always present, never there !!" In all an excellent informative talk, a real insight into those in the background.

'Praise for Mary Wilson'

The 2019 Annual Federation Meeting takes place in March where we have been asked to support the new appeal 'Homeless Period' with toiletries, sanitary wear, soap toothbrushes etc. to be given out to homeless women. The guest speaker is Simon King who is well known for his nature documentaries. We also have visits to London, Winchester, Broughton House and Hay on Wye,

another literary lunch, the county quiz and treasure hunt, and the Magic of Modroc to look forward to. I've a horrible feeling the Modroc could get a bit messy but sounds intriguing. Unfortunately the visit to see a production by the Mikron Theatre falls on our meeting night and we have been threatened by Janette "meeting comes first". We also discussed the Equality Policy. WI is open to all everyone is welcome.

Plans are underway for the annual cake, book and plant stall on 4th May so as you start to tidy your gardens and are wondering what to do with spare plants pot them up and let us have them. We will be growing bedding plants as usual so anything else is most welcome. You've also plenty of time to practice baking. All donations gratefully received.

Our next months speaker is Angola Cloke returning to tell us about 'Meningitis a life changing experience' and in April AnnMarie Lambert will be demonstrating biscuit decorating techniques. In May we vote on the resolution for discussion at the national

# 'Knit and wine—for a good time'

AGM.

Our knitting and wine groups go from strength to strength but not at the same

time. Not only are we knitting angels in readiness for Christmas, but have been asked to take part in The Age UK Big Knit 2019 by making hats for smoothie bottles . This is in partnership with Innocent Drinks and Age UK who will receive 25p for each bottle sold wearing a hat. Unfortunately we haven't been sponsored by a wine merchant to drink their wine but the discussions about what we do sample are really interesting.

If any of this appeals to your sense of adventure come along to a meeting. You don't have to join instantly give us a try for a couple of months. As I said earlier we welcome everyone. If you need wheelchair access etc. just let me know and I'll organise it. We look forward to meeting you.

Anne Allen 424135.

# Poetry Please

### All at the full moon

# Poem from Kenya's oral tradition

When the moon is new
The children, if they are Nandi,
When the moon is new,
They spit at it and they say
Welcome moon!
If you eat anything, may it choke
you
If I eat anything may it do me
good.
If the old men see the moon,
They say to it
Pst! Guard the children and the

Come, moon in your goodness, guard the children and the cattle, Then guard me until you die.



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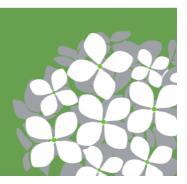
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# The kids' zone

# My puppy punched me in the

# eye

# By Kenn Nesbit

My puppy punched me in the eye.
My rabbit whacked my ear.
My ferret gave a frightful cry
and roundhouse kicked my rear.
My lizard flipped me upside down.
My kitten kicked my head.
My hamster slammed me to the ground and left me nearly dead.
So my advice? Avoid regrets;

no matter what you do, don't ever let your family pets take lessons in kung fu.

# Joke corner

Why is a dog like a tree? Because they both lose their bark once they're dead.

"See here, waiter I've found a button in my salad." "That's all right, sir, it's part of the dressing."

Why are circus horses the slowest breed? Because they are taught horses.

Who is the greatest chicken-killer in Shakespeare? Macbeth, because he did murder most foul.

Q. what is the largest mammal in the world that lives in a palace?
A. The prince of Wales

I went to the corner shop, bought 4 corners



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- 1. Kenya is located in East Africa, on the equator.
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- 3. Kenya is officially known as the Republic of Kenya.
- 4. The capital and largest city is Nairobi. Mombasa is the second largest city.
- The two official languages in Kenya are English and Swahili, although there are dozens of other languages spoken in various parts of the country.
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- 7. Agriculture is important to Kenya's economy, especially tea, coffee and flowers



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# **Rainbows and Brownies**

### By Steph Mowat

### **BT Rainbows**

Bishops Tachbrook Rainbows have started off the New Year working on their Festivals Roundabout Badge. This badge has given the girls the opportunity to learn all about different types of festivals

made slime which the girls found great fun getting messy with.

We have lots to look forward to this year continuing working on our Festivals Roundabout Badge and have recently

> welcomed some new Rainbows to our unit.



### **BT Brownies**

Bishops
Tachbrook
Brownies have
started off the
New Year by
working on two
different badges.

The first badge

we started was the Seasons badge. We have completed various activities, which included making bird cake and planting bulbs and cress plants to watch grow. During bird watch week the girls also spent some time monitoring the different types of birds which visited their gardens at home.

The second badge we have been working on is the Disability Awareness Badge. The girls got to learn all about how hard everyday activities would be if you had a disability, we looked at Mobility awareness, Deaf awareness and Sight awareness. The girls wore glasses which showed you what it would be like to have a sight defect, we used scarfs as

held around the world with us focusing on their celebrations and traditions. Recently we have celebrated the Chinese New Year (Year of the Pig) by making and parading pig masks. In addition to this we also held our very own Teddy Bear Festival. The Rainbows all brought one of their teddies from home and explained how long they have had it and why it is special to them. A lot of awards were given out at the end of the festival for lots of different categories. The girls found it very amusing that Brown Owl won the "Oldest Teddy Bear in the Room" Award!

This year we have also played lots of games, dressed an Olivia doll and even



As a unit we are hosting a Coffee Morning on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at St Chads Centre from 9.30am-11.30am to raise funds for Guide Dogs for the Blind and our unit. Please help us raise as much as possible for this

blind folds and completed challenging tasks such as tieing shoelaces and making jam sandwiches. The girls also had a turn each to push and to be pushed in a wheelchair; they were all shocked at how difficult it was to manoeuvre around corners and open doors whilst checking the person sat in the wheelchair was still ok.

fantastic charity who work so hard to help individuals less fortunate than ourselves who have lost their sight.

We have recently had a visit from Paula and Blake on behalf of Guide Dogs for the Blind. Paula looks after Blake in the evenings after he has had a busy day at the training centre. The Brownies all had the opportunity to ask questions and Paula was very informative on how Guide Dogs are trained and explained all about the charity.

We have lots to look forward to this year with a trip to WAGS, our annual Sports Day and also our Brownie Pack Holiday later in the year.

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



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