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# What's in this month's magazine

There's an air of spring about this month's magazine, the contrast between last month's snowy cover and this month's daffodil bonanza is marked!

Inside there's a tantalising mix from the saintly splendour of Elaine's support for community service on page 6 to the secular grandeur of Aethelflaeda, in this month's history society report - page 26.

There's plenty of entertainment, with the Sports and Social Club's Games Night on the 26th vying with a Saturday Night Fakeaway at the St Chad's Centre on the 12th. Try one, try both, please enjoy!

Desert Island Discs is back on pages 28 and 29 with a storming set featuring music genres that run from Northern Soul to Punk with a few idiosyncratic stop offs between the two.

I would probably be spoken to very sternly if I didn't flag up the annual Church Fete on 9th June preliminary details are on pages 20 and 21.

This month's cover picture comes from Steve Keen. The one on the inside of the back cover is from Andy Southam. I hope you like them. Thank you Steve and Andy .

If you'd have one of your pictures published on the front of the magazine please send a photo or two in. Pictures should be Portrait not Landscape, 21cm x 15cm.

Please email jpegs to Keith at: btparishmagazine@hotmail.com

The bulbs around the Parish, featured in the photos, were planted by the Parish Council Working Party. There's been lots of positive comments online about the daffs so good work! The day they were planted was wet and cold so special praise!!

### JUNE MAGAZINE DEADLINE

The next deadline for magazine items is 16th May for the June issue. Please send to items to BTparishmagazine@hotmail.com

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## **Bishop's Tachbrook Sports and Social Club**

### **Spring Entertainment**

### May

### 5<sup>th</sup> May – Quiz

Gather your smartest friends and head over to test your knowledge against The Judge! Lots of fun and great prizes to be won.

### 12<sup>th</sup> May – Member's Birthday

The club is open as usual

### 19<sup>th</sup> May – Insomnia

Classic rock & pop cover band Insomnia are back singing all your favourites. A night not to be missed from a band born to entertain.

### 26<sup>th</sup> May – Games Night

Bring your family and friends along for a fun evening of games and competitions. Plenty of prizes to be won and nonmembers welcome.

### June

### 2<sup>nd</sup> June – The Scrood

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

### 9<sup>th</sup> June – Quiz

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## **Bishop's Tachbrook Calendar**

#### What's on in May

Thursday 3rd 19.45, WI, Resolutions, B T School. 01926 336822 Saturday 5th 09.00, WI, Cake, book and plant sale, Village Green, 01926 426797 Tuesday 8th 19.30, History Group, Charles 2, The Merry Monarch, St Chad's Centre, 01926 885938 Saturday 12th 10.00-12.00, Churchyard Gardening, St Chad's Church, 01926 330050 Thursday 16th 19.30, Parish Council Meeting at St Chad's Centre, parishclerk@bishopstachbrook.com Saturday 19th 9.30-13.00, Parish Council Working Party, thewhitwood4@btinternet.com Wednesday 23rd 10.00-12.00, Churchyard Gardening, St Chad's Church, 01926 330050

#### What's on in June

Thursday 7th 15.00-17.00, Open Gardens Mallory Court, to book ring 01926 330214 Thursday 7th 19.45, WI, An actors life for me, B T School, 01926 336822 Saturday 9th 1300, Church Fete, Village Green Saturday 9th 10.00-12.00, Churchyard Gardening, St Chad's Church, 01926 330050 Saturday 9th 9.30-13.00, Parish Council Working Party, thewhitwood4@btinternet.com Tuesday 12th 19.30, History Group, Beauchamp Chapel St Mary's Warwick, St Chad's Centre, 01926 885938 Thursday 21st 19.30, Parish Council Meeting at St Chad's Centre, parishclerk@bishopstachbrook.com

Tuesday 26th 15.00—17.00,**Open Gardens** Mallory Court, to book ring 01926 330214

Wednesday 27th 10.00-12.00, Churchyard Gardening, St Chad's Church, 01926 330050

#### Weekly events

Mondays 18.30-20.00 **Youth Club** at B.T School Email: *btyouthclub@gmail.com* 

Mondays Children 19.15-20.15 Adults 20.30—21.30 Get Cooking at St Chad's Centre 07956955951, getcooking@hotmail.co.uk

Tuesdays 09.30-12.15 Little Tinkers Soft Play at St Chad's Centre, 079117385747 or Facebook

Tuesdays 14.00-16.00 **Over 50s** at the Sports and Social Club, *01926 313020* 

Tuesdays 19.15-20.15 **Pilates for cyclists** at St Chad's Centre, *01926 259293, 07769222524* 

Tuesdays 20.00 **Bingo** at the Sports and Social Club, 01926 421621

Wednesdays 09.15-10.15 **Pilates** at St Chad's Centre 01926 259293, 07769222524

Wednesdays 10.30-12.00 **Community Cafe** at St Chad's Centre, 01926 651643

Wednesdays 17.00-18.00 **Rainbows** at the Sports and Social Club, 0779 6033471 e-mail: Carolineloveday@sky.com

Wednesdays 18.00-19.45 **Brownies** at the Sports and Social Club, 0779 6033471 e-mail: Carolineloveday@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

Fridays 09.30-16.00 Little Tinkers Soft Play at St Chad's Centre 079117385747 or Facebook

Sundays 20.00 **Bingo** at the Sports and Social Club, 01926 421621

### **Community service**

Last week I wrote the following on the St Chad's Facebook page:

"Tomorrow is our Annual Parochial Church Meeting where we look back on the past year, elect members to serve as Churchwardens, elect members to the PCC and look to the year ahead. How would you like us to serve our community? We have the cafe, Craft at St Chad's and our normal services. What else could we do? I love to hear your ideas. St Chad's isn't just here for the people who come on a Sunday, although they are important, it's here for everybody who lives in the parish. Do let me know how I and others can serve you better."

I was hoping we'd have had a bigger turn out but we did get new blood on the PCC and hopefully this might lead to more ideas about how we, as a church, and me, as your parish priest, can continue to serve our community.

The Community Café continues to thrive and its lovely to meet with the people who come along. The coffee is great and so are the cakes! If you've not been do come a join us. The children's craft afternoons have also been a big success and I look forward to meeting more mums, dads and their young ones in the months ahead.

At the end of May we will be raising money for Christian Aid who with partner agencies does so much to help alleviate poverty and suffering. We will kick off the week with a Big Breakfast. If you enjoy a full English breakfast then do come and join us in the St Chad's Centre from 9:30-11am on Sunday May 13<sup>th</sup>. After eating we will hold a service in church giving thanks for all Christian Aid do. If you can just join us for breakfast that's fine.

As well as exciting things happening in the parish there are fun things happening in the Diocese too as we celebrate the Centenary year of Coventry Diocese. The Cross of Nails is traveling around the Church schools and will arrive at Bishop's Tachbrook C of E Primary on May 1<sup>st</sup> and I know the school have a great welcome in store. The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby also arrives in the Diocese during the same week and I've written about the various events linked to his visit elsewhere in the magazine.

### Of course, next month sees

# St Chad's major fundraising event of

**the year**, our Fete being held on the Green on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> of June. The Fete is important for bringing people in the village together and also for raising much needed funds to make sure our church remains open as a relevant and vibrant worshipping community. If in years to come you want St Chad's to be there for you and your family please do come along and support us.

This year as a way of celebrating Lego's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday we thought we would hold a Lego competition. We are calling it

Amazing Creations. There will be a 10 and under and 10 and over competition. All entries will be displayed and there will be a prize for the best creation in each age group. There will also be Lego bricks available on the day to build with. We are really looking forward to some Amazing Creations!

St Chad's has been a part of this village for hundreds of years, the prayers of previous generations seem to permeate the walls of the church. It has seen thousands of babies christened, couples married and many have made their final journey through our doors. Please help us maintain your church for future generations by buying raffle tickets and coming along to the Fete.

### OUR JOYS AND OUR SORROW

#### Baptisms

Cleo Lilly Anne Capehorn Harriet Alicia Dennehy Taylor James Hobbins Willow Neive Waite We welcome them into the Christian Family.

#### Marriages

James Clarke & Rachel Wickson Neil Manison & Louise Moore We offer our congratulations and best wishes for the future.

### **Diocese of Coventry Centenary Celebrations**

There are a number of events planned. Below are 3 involving the Archbishop of Canterbury.

### Coming Home – Thursday 3 May

This event is being held at Highfield Farm in Frankton (CV23 9PP) and will start at 6.30pm with gates opening at 6pm. There will be a free hog roast, beef roast or vegetarian paella; music from Christian singer-songwriter, Paul Bell and a talk by the Archbishop of Canterbury about the Prodigal Son.

Ringwood ice cream will be selling their locally produced ice cream, and soft drinks will be available for purchase.

### Ask the Archbishop – Friday 4 May 7:30

The Archbishop of Canterbury will be returning to All Saints Church, Chilvers Coton where he was curate from 1992 to 1995 for a special event where the audience will have the chance to pose questions to him.

The evening is particularly aimed at people in the 20-30 age group. They especially welcome people of other faiths or none at all. It is an ideal opportunity to explore or even challenge Christianity at an open, down to earth and fun evening. The night will include music and relatable, authentic stories from young Christians on how they came to know Jesus.

### Centenary Festival Saturday 5th May from 10:30am

The main highlight of the archbishop's visit will be a Centenary Festival at Coventry Cathedral on Saturday 5 May. The festival starts at 10:30 am and includes music, drama and activities for all ages.

### WHAT'S ON IN ST CHAD'S

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May 7:30am Ascension day Service followed by bacon buns, tea or coffee. Everyone welcome.

Saturday May 12 9:30 -11-30 Dying Matters Café. Come along and find out about organising a funeral, speak to a solicitor about wills, meet the people who run the crematorium and cemetery in Learnington and others. Tea and Coffee and cake provided.

Sunday May 13<sup>th</sup> Christian Aid Big Breakfast 9:30 – 11am Come along, enjoy your breakfast and contribute to Christian Aid.

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2:45 -4:45 Craft at St Chad – get the kids out of the house before the football starts and come and have fun as we celebrate the birthday of the church! All welcome

Sunday May 20th 10am Pentecost Sunday. Come along and celebrate the birthday of the church. Bubbly and cake after the service to celebrate!

Sunday May 27<sup>th</sup> 10am Trinity Sunday

Saturday June 9<sup>th</sup> St Chad's Church Fete on the Green.

### CYCLE OF PRAYER Praying for our Community

We are praying in May for those living in Duckett Place Dunstall Crescent Eglamour Way Farm Walk Harbury Lane 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.

### CHRISTIAN AID WEEK THIS YEAR IS BETWEEN MAY 13<sup>TH</sup> AND MAY 19<sup>TH</sup>

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## **Parish Council News**

The warmth of spring has finally arrived in the Parish and what was lovely to see was the fantastic array of daffodils on the entrance to the village area on Oakley Wood Road (as well as those along Othello Avenue).

Our continued thanks go to the working party members who turn out to make our Parish look brighter and well-kept and to Cllr. Paul Whitwood for his continued focus on organising the monthly events keeping the parish nice and tidy. In addition to the daffodils you will note that a tree on Kingsley Road has been replaced and that the goal posts have been painted. If you would like to join the working party please contact Cllr. Whitwood.

The Parish Council would like to thank Cllr. Carol Gabbitas for representing the PC on the St. Chad's Centre Trust for many years; Carol was one of the first trustees and shaped the design, development and then running of the Centre. Carol announced at the last Parish Council meeting that, having successfully steered the Centre through its first full year of operation, she was stepping down with immediate effect. Carol will be sorely missed both by the other Trustees and also by the Parish Council as one of their representatives on the board. If you are interested in becoming a trustee for the Parish Council on the board of the St Chad's Centre please contact either the clerk or a councillor. It is hoped that, at the time of publication, the Oakley Wood Road

scheme will have started - we have heard that a road closure notice has been requested for the end of April. It is anticipated that there will then be a break in the works before they are completed in July.

Work should be taking place with respect to the footpath on the Meadow and also in securing our public spaces; for example, knee rail posts and rail fencing should protect St. Chad's Green, the Village Green and the Meadow. Again, we are hoping that the work will have commenced by the time you read this (dependent on the contractor's availability). District Cllr. Andrew Day is requesting that land owned by the District Council is secured.

The saga of the replacement bins on the Meadow continues and District Cllr. Andrew Day is very kindly pursuing this with the District Council who own the bins and, who we believe, should replace them.

Thanks to Cllr. Leigh Carter the container in the Sports and Social Club has been removed freeing up parking space for events taking place at the Club. Cllr. Sean Deeley and the Chairman met with the Sports and Social Club Committee (including their new Chairman) in what proved to be a pleasant and constructive discussion. Among the many items discussed were the lighting and pot holes issues on the driveway to the Club (concerns over which have been raised by residents); Councillors and Committee members will be liaising further to discuss the practicalities and funding issues (e.g. grant opportunities from 3<sup>rd</sup> party sources) with the aim of achieving a long term solution which works for the whole community.

The lighter evenings combined with the drver and warmer conditions are a great opportunity for us all to get out and about, see our neighbours and enjoy the semi-rural setting of our community. What's been disappointing to witness has been the rise of social media discord on the various online pages and groups within the Parish (a lot of which turns personal very quickly) - this was commented on at the last Parish Council meeting with regret. People coming to our community from outside (such as new residents) may not understand the context of a comment and thus will simply note the insult and, on occasion, the foul language.

It could be argued that this insidious trend which includes, shaming, cyber bullying and general mean-spirited behaviour shouldn't receive comment from the Parish Council. However, over the past year we have received a number of remarks on general behaviour from residents; these have in turn resulted in the Parish Council's magazine sections frequently asking for all of us to give due consideration to the impact that any action taken may have on all the residents of our community. Those same desired civilities of community, society and decency should not cease at the login-page and therefore, as we battle to keep physical detritus off our streets, we should also

aim to stop a build-up of "virtual excrement" on our shared online spaces.

The Annual Parish Assembly takes place at 7pm on 17<sup>th</sup> May in the St. Chad's Centre – all residents are welcome and encouraged to attend this meeting as we look back on the year gone and look forward to what can be achieved in the coming.

This meeting will be followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council where we elect a chair for the following year – again all residents are welcome to attend.

Any questions please contact our Parish Clerk : Mrs Corinne Hill Gaydon Fields Farm Gaydon CV35 0HF Tel: 01926 641220 email: parishclerk@bishopstachbrook.com/

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My wife's had an accident on a volcano

-Krakatoa?

No. she broke her leg

### Riddle time

- 1. What has a face and two hands but no arms or legs?
- 2. What five-letter word becomes shorter when you add two letters to it?
- 3. What word begins and ends with an E but only has one letter?
- 4. What has a neck but no head?
- 5. What type of cheese is made backwards?
- 6. What gets wetter as it dries?
- 7. Why did the boy bury his torch?
- Which letter of the alphabet has the most water?
- 9. What starts with a P, ends with an E and has thousands of letters?
- 10. What has to be broken before you can use it?

### Riddle time answers

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# St Chad's Centre presents Saturday Night Fakeaway

7 - 9.30 pm 12 th May

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## **May Nature Page**

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Just inside the garden a female Blackbird was building her nest, lining it with dry grass and hair.\_Up on the outhouse the Blue tits were building in the nest box, while way up the top of the garden a song Thrush had built\_a soft nest of grass and moss lined with mud. Inside were five pale blue eggs with little black dots. Last time Bunny Tibbitts mentioned seeing a Red Kite over Tachbrook. Well, Bunny, this has been the winter of the Red Kite round here. I've seen one over Hampton-on-the-Hill, Two flying over Gaydon and one over the sheep fields behind us. I reckon the harder Winter may have made them travel further for food and they are never far from the M40. No SAT NAV required as they fly from Oxfordshire to Warwickshire.

I have a new best friend in the garden, a very handsome male Pheasant. He made himself known back before the snows arrived. As others scuttled away he stood and watched me. He made little humming sounds so, of course, I made them back to him. I moved away to get some sunflower hearts for him, when I returned he was still there waiting. He was cold and hungry so had lost his fear. As time has gone on he arrives most days and loudly announces himself. I'm now almost within touching distance of him as he feeds. On the back of his foot is a spur so he's over a year old and has survived at least one shoot. He's now started bringing up to four females with him. They hide away, no doubt marvelling at his bravery at being so close to a human creature. He's a joy to have around. I love an interspecies bond. Just have to keep him away from those guns now. In the first few days of April came the songs of "Chiff chaff" and Blackcap. I always look forward to the first Swallows. As I scribble this I haven't seen or heard them. However my friend, Betty Beauchamp has. On 5 April she saw and heard four of them on the wire over the field behind her house. So that's it then! Spring is here and Summer is coming.



### Feeding the birds

I was not pleased when I asked my husband to buy some bog-standard bird food and he returned with a more expensive bag of Niger seeds, which necessitated buying a special feeder to hold the tiny seeds. I've relented now that we have a pair of beautiful Goldfinches, which return regularly to the bird table. Come back Fred, all is forgiven. Anon

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Each year our community generously donates items for the Fete. Please can you help by donating tombola prizes, good quality books, CDs, DVDs, toys

Items may be left at: 81 Kingsley Rd 56 Mallory Rd BT School, Kingsley Road The Vicarage - 24 Mallory Rd Church (on Sunday mornings) 19 Argyle Way 7 Bolingbroke Drive, Warwick Gates

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#### ST CHAD'S CHURCH

All proceeds from the Fete & raffle are used to maintain the church fabric and churchyard

# Church RAFFLE

There are some fabulous prizes to win in this year's Raffle. Tickets will be on sale through Bishop's Tachbrook primary school or the sellers who will be visiting your road in the next few weeks. Have your money ready and don't miss YOUR chance of winning



one of the prizes. £100 cash, A Hamper worth £100 donated by Squab Hall, A Christmas Turkey from Tollgate Turkeys, Tickets for Hatton Adventure World, Cotswold Wildlife Park Warwick Castle and Compton Verney. Tobogganing at the Snowdome, Vouchers for Mr Karting, Jump in trampoline,

Meal for 2 at The Leopard, plus many other prizes. Tickets priced £1 each. Our speaker last month was Mr Colin King who was to tell us about the History and Legend of Coffee. I think we were all expecting a factual talk possibly with samples or even the smell of coffee. It turned out Colin is the most excellent story teller. He explained about an Ethiopian legend that tells of a goat herder named Kaldi who noticed his goats became full of energy after eating red berries of a shrub and on trying the fruit for himself had a similar reaction. He then explained the slow spread around the world. It was forbidden in some countries for its "stimulating effect". We heard about the blackmail and intrigue used to obtain the early plants. This was told to us by an unassuming man with his curly hair and soft Irish accent accompanied by some of us using rain sticks and thunder tubes in stormy parts of his tales. A totally different and unexpected speaker.

After tea and hot cross buns, well it was just after Easter, we carried on with what's happening in our WI. Firstly Janette welcomed two new members Pauline and Krys . We are looking forward to lunch aboard the Countess of Evesham in May. Little did they realise it will be boarded by 27 Bishops Tachbrook ladies . Forthcoming events include a London trip entitled Ghosts Gallows and Gangsters, a talk on the Great Fire of Warwick, and another by a Warhorse puppeteer, indoor bowling, kayaking, a treasure hunt in Warwick, poetry mornings and a literary lunch. Barbara gave the report of the Warwickshire Annual Meeting held recently at Chesford Grange. We were told how exactly 100 years ago to the day, our federation had been formed. The speakers included Heidi Meyers, First Lady Master of the Lord Leicester Hospital, John Johnson, of Johnson's Coaches, Mrs Lynne Stubbings our National Chairman and a Warwickshire member, and Dame Jenni Murray. It was a brilliant day.

Our next big event is the cake stall held on the village green on Saturday May 5th. Not only are we selling cakes, plants and books, we are serving coffee and tea in the St Chad's Centre. Buy your cake and then eat it with a cup of coffee to save carrying it home. If you would like to make us a cake or two we'd be delighted but ask that you please list the ingredients. It's an ideal opportunity to come along and meet us.

Also in May we will be debating the resolution which will go forward to the National Annual Meeting in June. This year the resolution reads. "Mental health matters as much as physical health. The NFWI urges all WI members to recognise the importance of parity between mental health and physical health and take action to make it as acceptable to talk about mental health issues as much as physical health issues and to lobby government for better support for mental illness. ". If you have an interest and would like to come along to the meeting please do. We'll also be serving a ploughman's supper.

Forthcoming speakers include Robert Lister with an actors life for me, Jean Cholerton who will be telling us about a nature reserve and Waitrose with a wine tasting. We've also hula hooping and sign language to look forward to.

Don't sit at home reading this and say " I've nothing to offer. " I'm sure you enjoy meeting people and laughing. Come and find out.

Anne Alan 424135

### ADA LOVELACE—A REMARKABLE WOMAN

Ada Lovelace, born in 1815, was the daughter of celebrated British poet Lord Byron, but she wasn't a poet herself. She was the world's first computer programmer. We think of computers as a recent invention, but people were toying with the idea of "computing machines" in the mid-19th century when Lovelace was alive. Lovelace's mathematical genius was apparent at a young age and caught the attention of Cambridge professor Charles Babbage. Babbage was working to design early computing machines that he hoped would be able to quickly solve maths problems. Lovelace, his protégée, wrote some suggestions as to how to programme the machines to calculate a specific sequence of numbers.

In addition to designing this early computer programme, she also was first to suggest that these computers might be able to do more than, well, compute. She envisioned them doing everything that could possibly be represented by a string of numbers, from producing images to composing music. Quite the visionary.



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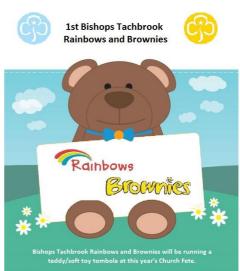
# Bishop's Tachbrook Junior Youth Club

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 Club leader: Natalie Hunneman btyouthclub@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.





If anyone has any good condition soft toys that they would like to donate for our stall, all donations will be greatly appreciated.

Give your child's unwanted cuddly toys a loving new home and your donation will also help raise money for our village church.

Teddy's can be dropped off during our usual meetings, which are held at Bishops Tachbrook Sports and Social Club from 5pm-8pm on Wednesday evenings. Alternatively please contact Caroline Loveday at <u>carolineloveday@sky.com</u>

## TEN MAY FACTS

- 1. The month May was named for Maia, the Greek goddess of fertility.
- 2. In any given year, no month ever begins or ends on the same day of the week as May does.
- 3. The priests of Vulcan in Ancient Rome used to sacrifice a pregnant sow on the first of May.
- 4. In 1644 maypoles were banned in England as a 'heathenish vanity'. Local officials who defiantly put them up could be fined five shillings a week.
- 5. In 1661, a maypole 123ft tall was put up in the Strand, London for the return of Charles II. Isaac Newton later used it as a support for his telescope.
- 6. "Let no man boast himself that he has got through the perils of winter till at least the seventh of May." (Anthony Trollope).
- 7. According to the roman poet Ovid: "Bad girls wed in May."
- 8. According to old Cornish superstition, it is unlucky to buy a broom during the month of May.
- 9. No US president has ever died during the month of May. Harry S Truman and John F Kennedy are the only ones born in May.
- 10. In response to May 1 being Labour Day, the first World Tramps Congress in Argentina in 1966 named May 2 as the International Day of Idleness.

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Stephen Baldwin opened our April meeting by reminding us of his presentation two years ago about Anglo-Saxon King of Wessex, Alfred the Great (who burnt the cakes). Alfred's army, after several defeats in battles against the Danes, had retreated to the Somerset Levels. Alfred was a thoughtful man and succeeded in outwitting the Danes, who eventually retreated to East Anglia, while Alfred's kingdom extended into South-West Mercia. Alfred's ultimate goal was to develop literacy among the common people, extend his kingdom and eventually create a single state with a common currency and code of laws. To ensure future unity and stability he nominated his son, Edward, to succeed him, helped by his clever and welleducated daughter. Enter Aethelflaeda, the subject of Stephen's talk in April. Alfred died in 899.

Aethelflaeda (there are several different spellings of her name) was married to Aethelred and in order to support and stabilize Edward's kingdom of Wessex, their role was firstly to build up defences. They rebuilt Gloucester restoring the Roman walls, strengthened the defences of Worcester and endowed a cathedral. Following King Arthur's example they created burhs - small, strategicallyplaced fortified settlements, which the scattered farmers could quickly reach with their livestock when an attack was imminent from the marauding Danes or Vikings. Aethelred died in 911, and Aethelflaeda, well-tutored by her father, effective and popular (dubbed 'Lady of the Mercians') continued the work of

supporting King Edward, her brother. She extended the number of defended settlements, which developed over the years into towns we know today: Warwick (Aethelflaeda's Mound at Warwick Castle was probably an observation point), Bridgnorth, Tamworth, Chirbury, Stafford, and as far north as Runcorn, near Chester, then eastwards to Derby and Leicester. Meanwhile King Edward took Nottingham, thereby absorbing Mercia into Edward's Wessex Kingdom. Her ability as a strategist was demonstrated when Vikings attacked Chester. She ordered the defenders to leave the gates of the burh unguarded. The advancing Vikings couldn't believe their luck and poured into the enclosure, the gates were then securely locked, trapping the attackers inside. Their bodies were thrown over the walls of the burh and the remnant of the attacking force made a hasty retreat.

Aethelflaeda's other aspirations were to restore civic confidence, which had been eroded by invaders, and to create a bond with the people. Her visits to the developing burhs achieved these two goals and her popularity was further enhanced when she arranged a surprise raid on Viking-controlled Bardney, Lincolnshire, to reclaim the bones of popular Saint/King Oswald. His recovered remains were interred in Gloucester at the minster which had been founded by Aethelflaeda and Aethelred and renamed after the saint. St Oswald's then became the resting place of Aethelflaeda, when she died in

918 – a clever, capable woman, ruthless in defence of her people, kind, courteous and a loving guardian and tutor of her orphaned nephew.



### NEXT MEEETING: Note the time:

Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> May, at 7.30 pm – St Chad' Community Centre Charles II, 'The Merry Monarch' Recalled by Dixie Atkin

### Desert Island Discs selected by Sean Deeley

### What's Going On – Marvin Gaye



I got into Marvin Gaye in the early 1980s when studying in Brighton. I hope it wasn't anything to do with the famous Levi launderette Ad. This civil rights and anti- war anthem track is superb, but best heard as part of the whole album of the same name. It took me a while to discover and admire this but it's now my No1 album of all time.

### **Pretty-Vacant – Sex Pistols**



I was a school boy when Punk emerged in the mid 70's. It really did shock when it arrived. I can't say that I was an early adopter but I quickly grew to love the Punk and New Wave classics. I love this track for its rawness but also because it's got a melody. I never get sick of listening to it

### Down in the Tube Station – The Jam



The words of this song, penned by Paul Weller when he was only 18, are stunning. Read the lyrics - it's a poem. He's a genius. Where I grew up the Underground was the only way to get around. But at night it was a frightening place to be. Always looking over your shoulder, avoiding danger and keeping your wits about you. So these words still resonate with me.

### I Believe in Miracles – The Jackson Sisters



The first time I remember hearing this was at Wendy May's Locomotion at Kentish Town's Town and Country Club. It filled the floor. I went many times and it started at 11 after a comedy Club. Apparently, Madness and Paul Weller were amongst Wendy's regulars but I never saw them. The music was all soul, funk and acid jazz. The venue held up to 2000, but the atmosphere was so friendly. Everyone was there for the music and to dance.

### Shake and finger pop – Junior Walker and the All Stars



My downstairs neighbour in north London was, Carol whose brother was Norman Jay MBE, who coined the term "Rare Groove" and cofounded KISS FM. The title of this track, which could have easily been picked for the Blues Brothers sound track, gave its name to his Rare Groove radio show. Carol, Norman and Joey (other less famous brother) would play dub reggae late on Sunday night and into the early hours. She complained about my squeaky floor!

### My Ever-Changing Moods – the Style Council



In the early 80's, in mod-ism's spiritual home Brighton - also the venue for the Jam's last ever gig, my admiration for Paul Weller grew in parallel with my love of Soul: nurtured at a Friday Northern Soul night. The Style Council where not every Jam fan's cup of tea but this track from the Style Council's epic Café Bleu is perfect. Full stop

### To Beat the Devil – Kris Kristofferson



I've included the album cover for Me and Bobby McGee because my dad wore out two copies and its now part of my DNA. This track, stunning words. As a surprise 55<sup>th</sup> birthday treat for my Dad-we took him to an intimate gig that Kristtofferson played at the Mean Fiddler. They literally chatted over a pint at the bar afterwards.

### The Night – Frankie Vallie and the Four Seasons



I thought long and hard about which Northern Soul track to includethere had to be one. I don't know whether this is really a Northern Soul track in the purist sense. Because it's not obscure, which was a factor that defined the movement when it emerged in the early 70's. This sleeve (left), surely a re-release with its early 70s soul boy fashions, suggests that it does count! For me it's a perfect Northern Track.

### Who's in the House -The Beatmasters



To be honest being a Northern Soul lover it took me a while to get into the late 80s dance scene. I didn't really get it to start with but I persevered! This track reminds me of late nights at the Camden Palace. It was an exciting club venue. A converted theatre and with the main dance floor in the stalls, it also made use of the balconies and boxes above. It was an awe-inspiring feeling looking up to the high, ornate ceilings way above our heads.

### Saturday Night's Alright For Fighting – Elton John

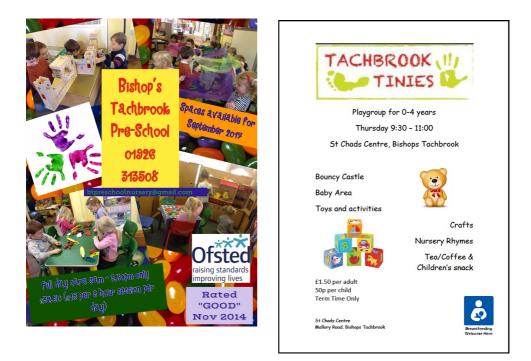


Elton John comes from Pinner, one stop up the Met line from where I grew up. Before fame, he used to play in a pub two stops up. I love this song for its energy, beat and tune rather than its sentiment. But it accurately describes a facet of suburb youth culture in the 70's. He was writing about Skinheads a few years earlier but I can remember retreating the relative safety, up on tables, too young to be there, as planned pub fights broke out and the glasses started to fly.

If you'd like to submit your Desert Island Discs for publication please e-mail on; btparishmagazine@hotmail.com and I'll send you the template. Be great to have some teenagers giving us their picks. REMEMBER there should only be 8 tracks!









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# BISHOP'S TACHBROOK

### The Three Trees

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Through dance, acting and song, the children told us about three tress who have ambitious dreams yet end up being used as Jesus' manger, a boat on the sea of Galilee and finally as the cross on which Jesus died. The whole event was very moving thanks to our wonderful pupils (and their teachers).

# WW1 Commemorative Fund

As we approach the centenary of the end of the First World War (1914-1918), we are inviting local groups to apply for funding for a project or event for their community to play tribute to those who served and sacrificed during the conflict.

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During the brief AGM on Wednesday 7th March, the Chair reported on the four committee meetings held during the year. She explained the activities held in conjunction with Warwickshire Wildlife, namely a Spring walk and a bird watching and listening talk taken by local expert Colin Potter.

She continued with the future plans for a quiz, treasure hunt, more bird watching, and tree planting of native saplings and several other woodland related ideas. She thanked the committee, in particular, a retiring member David O'Sullivan, and welcomed Keith Wellsted, who volunteered to join. She noted that we have a website linked to Facebook which advertises future activities and shows some of the brilliant pictures taken by the public and on the trail cam, which is located in the wood. Following the AGM we held a film show "Secrets of the wood" This revealed some amazing pictures of deer, fox badger and a tawny owl. View them for yourself or come to our next open meeting!

On Sunday 15th April Colin Potter, the renowned local ornithologist, led a walk for approximately one and a half hours, to help us identify birds, their behaviour and their songs.

The morning was grey but dry. Whilst standing in the car park Colin quickly identified new arrivals from Europe and Africa, namely the Chiffchaff whose name reflects its call and the clear fluty notes of the Blackcap. These birds breed here and return to France, the Mediterranean regions and West Africa in September. In case you see one in your garden, a small population of Blackcap now winter here. We heard the surprisingly loud and varied call of the Nuthatch and the "sweet sweet" of the Coal Tit. Many other birds were heard and identified. A Long -tailed Tit came very near and seemed to be listening to Colin. From time to time he makes a quiet whistle to encourage a bird reply. Colin said that the presence of Marsh Tits and Blackcaps is a good indicator of a healthy woodland. The Chiffchaffs were certainly making good use of the bramble clusters to conceal their nests. We were a relatively small group so we were able to question Colin freely, and in conjunction with Warwickshire Wild Life and the District Council we are doing our best to maintain and improve Oakley Wood.



### HEATHCOTE PARK RESIDENTS GROUP

On Saturday 24th March we held a social event; A 50's day. The weather was kind and a happy group of residents and friends met in our heated gazebos to enjoy food, fun and music of the era. The occasion was the opportunity to surprise two couples who were celebrating major wedding anniversaries.

Firstly the Diamond Wedding of Arthur and Ann Hill. They were married in Birmingham on 29th March 1958. A telegram from the Queen, a giant cake and flowers were presented.







Secondly, Brian and Lesly Thomas celebrated their Golden Wedding. They were married on 23rd March 1968 in Hambledon Surrey. Flowers and a cake were presented.

A tombola, with donated prizes, raised £80 for a local Rotary Clubs' charity event, 'Raise against Hunger' who aim to pack 100,000 meals for children overseas. Our donation will provide 320 meal packs (each feeds 6 children) we hope to feed nearly 2000 children at 25p each.

A great day celebration , fellowship and fun whilst helping a worthy cause.

Looking forward to our next event in the summer.

John Fletcher

### GALLERY AND GARDEN OPEN WEEKEND 26<sup>TH</sup> AND 27<sup>TH</sup> 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: <u>Marilyn@squab.co.uk</u> or 0796824576.

#### WI CAKE, PLANT AND BOOK STALL

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#### COMMENT

A big thank you to the Parish Council Working Party for the lovely display of daffodils on Oakley Wood Rd/Church Hill. Thanks too to the WI who have planted bulbs in the past at various focal points round the village.

### ALLOTMENT

There's still one half size plot available; ideal for new comer to get started or an enthusiast with limited time!..

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