

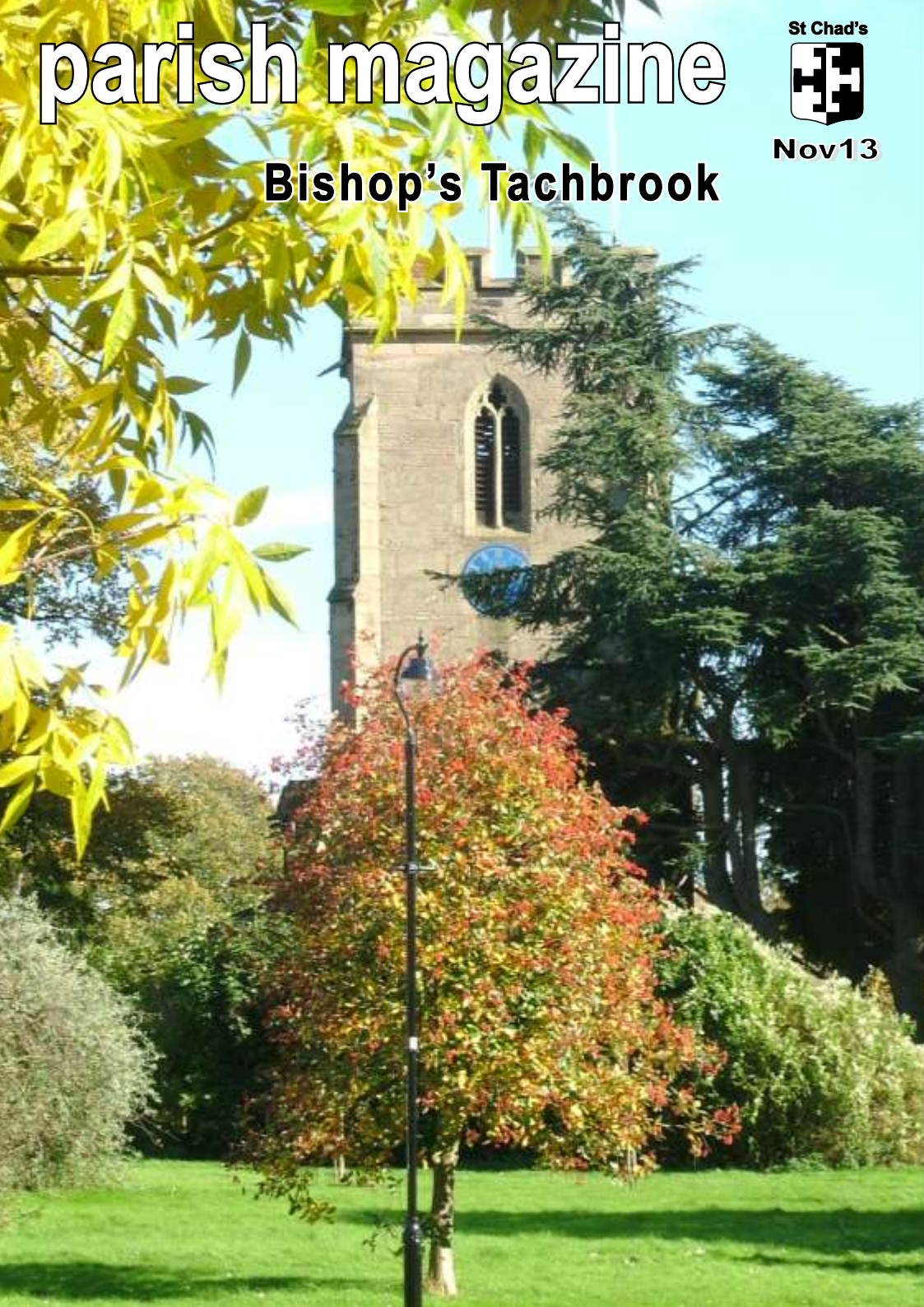
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St Chad's



Nov13

Bishop's Tachbrook



Advent and Christmas at St. Chad's

Doesn't time fly, as I write this there are 73 days to Christmas and by the time you read this there will be considerably less! So, I thought I would give you some dates for your diaries. Elaine

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| 1st Dec | 4pm | Christingle – everyone welcome to this Service of Light |
| 14th Dec | 7:30pm | Concert with Nicky and Will Pound – A great evening is promised |
| 15th Dec | 6pm | Carols on the Green followed by mulled wine and mince pies |
| 19th Dec | 2pm | KS2 Carol Service Bishop's Tachbrook C of E Primary School |
| | 7pm | A time of Quiet Reflection – leave the stress of Christmas behind |
| 22nd Dec | 6pm | Carols by Candlelight – readings and Carols |
| 24th Dec | 4pm | Crib service with Nativity – bring your children in costume and they can join in |
| | 11:30pm | Midnight Mass – the first celebration of our Saviour's birth |
| 25th Dec | 10am | Family Communion and celebration of Christmas – don't forget to bring your presents!! |

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As I think I pointed out last year, November is a month of remembrance, and as I pondered this I was reminded of a scene from Monty Python's 'Life of Brian'. I know there are many memorable scenes, but the one that came to mind was the one where Reg, the leader of the People's Front of Judea, asks, "What have the Roman's done for us?" Of course, the replies come thick and fast and the scene ends with Reg saying, "All right, but apart from the sanitation, the medicine, education, wine, public order, irrigation, roads, a fresh water system, and public health, what have the Romans ever done for us?"

So back to November, the month of remembering. We begin with **All Saints Day** (on the 1st), **All Souls Day** (on the 2nd) and **Remembrance Sunday** (which this year falls on the 10th).

So, let's begin with the last one first. The original commemoration of Armistice Day was established on the actual day when the war on the Western Front ceased in 1918. I don't believe there is now anyone left who can recall that moment, but as a nation it seems right that we should remember those who fought and died in 1914-18 as well as, of course, the many fallen in later wars. I think Remembrance Sunday has taken on a new life in the light of the losses of servicemen and women in Afghanistan. One does not have to agree with any particular – or indeed, any – war to recognise that those in the services have followed orders, put themselves in danger's way, and in some cases paid with their lives or their health. We only

need to look around at the freedom we experience to answer the question **"What have these men and women done for us?"** By remembering them on this one Sunday a year we show our thanks and, in part, repay our debts as a nation to all who have fought for this country. It also provides a genuine comfort to families who mourn loved ones. **Do join us at our service on the 10th. We begin in church at 10:15 and will hold a short Service of remembrance at the War Memorial at 11:00am.** There will also be a short service on the Monday, November 11th at 11am, again at the memorial.

All Saints Day should not be seen as a sad occasion. The church colours for the day are white or gold, the same colours worn at Christmas and Easter. This day is the church's opportunity to ask **"What have the Saints done for us?"** and in doing so we recall the many great Christians of the past, both known and unknown, who have helped promote our faith. People like Saint Chad, who worked tirelessly to bring God's love to people in the North East and in what was Mercia. Perhaps more relevant is someone like Dietrich Bonhoeffer, one of the few German Christians prepared to stand up and oppose Hitler, for which he paid with his life.

All Souls Day is a day to remember everyone who has died. Not just the famous but our mothers and fathers, our aunts and uncles and for some who mourn, their children. We ask, what have they done for us, and remember **Continued on page 5**

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Wedding

Congratulations to Gemma Newey and James Chapman who were married at St Chad's on Saturday 14th September. We wish them much love and happiness for their future together. They are pictured here on their special day along with Gemma's horse, Hannah.



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with joy and sorrow lives that have had a great impact on our own. **All Souls, then, is a day when we can remember those we have loved, secure in the knowledge that God also remembers them.** On Sunday November 3rd there will be the opportunity to speak of the people we love once again, to pray for them, and – if you would like – to light a candle in their memory. There is a list at the back of church but if you would like someone remembered then please give me a ring or send me an email, tweet or message via Facebook.

**Eric James Veall
October 24th 1945 -
September 10th 2013**

Thank you for all the support we were given during the time of Eric's illness. Thanks to the visitors that came to see him and the well wishers at his funeral, to Bishop's Tachbrook Sports and Social Club Committee, Bar Staff and members, and for the cards and flowers you sent me.

Thank you all. Nora, Andrew and Bev

The Christian Family

Baptisms

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Harriett Kathryn Buck
Alice Francesca Faulkner

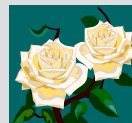
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Funeral

Denis Avill
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sympathy to his family and friends.*



Bishop's Tachbrook Sports and Social Club

Entertainment for November

Friday 1st	Come and see the FIREWORKS and enjoy the evening at the Club
Saturday 2nd	QUIZ NIGHT — pit your wits against The Judge
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Local Plan and Neighbourhood Plan

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Cllr. Caborn reported that the final copy of the Local Plan will be produced next spring. Due to the numbers of responses to the consultation and the resource required to assess them, the Gypsy Traveller site allocation might not be included and would be dealt with separately.

The confidential Housing Needs Survey will be conducted before Christmas. Don't forget to complete the form and use the FREEPOST service back to Sarah Brooke-Taylor at WRCC. The outcome of the survey is a vital piece of information for the Local Plan.

Kingsley Road Improvements and Parking at the School

Highways have suggested a number of ways in which the verge damage situation along Kingsley Road could be improved; line markings, dropping kerbs near the Sports and Social Club and placing crushed stone on the verge in specific areas.

Could we please ask parents to consider the residents of Kingsley Road and the school children on the bus when they park their cars along Kingsley Road at dropping off and picking up times. Several times children have had to leave the bus and walk up the road because the bus is unable to get past the parked cars. This is clearly not acceptable and the Police, School and County Council have been alerted to the problem.

Parish Amenities

A new officer at the District Council has been appointed to cover day-to-day contract management issues in BT. We have invited him to our November meeting to discuss the most effective ways we can work with him to address specific issues like dog fouling; which was particularly bad recently on St. Chad's Green. If you see any dogs fouling please do not hesitate to contact the dog warden with the time and a description of the dog and owner. He will also be looking at ways to tidy up Bolingbroke Drive.

The District Council have agreed to cut the grass outside the Old School and BT will take responsibility for the triangle at the Argyll Way/Church Lees junction.

The allotments water has been turned off and councillors are monitoring the situation as Severn Trent has suggested that we might have a leak.

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Spotlight on ... Tollgate Farm Poultry

Name: Charles Hammond

Business: Tollgate Farm Poultry

Year business started: 1961

Tell us a bit about what your business does: Produces Quality Christmas Poultry.

Give us a bit of background to the business: All our turkeys are hatched in June and are reared to maturity slowly. The Bronze birds have Free Range access where they can glean the field and hedgerows for berries and bugs etc, the White birds are reared traditionally in large open straw littered barns.



How did you get into the business? I reared 60 turkeys for Christmas in 1961 and have never looked back!

What sets you apart from other businesses? We specialise in producing quality birds, reared and prepared in a traditional manner including hand plucking and hanging for at least seven days; processes which cannot be copied by the supermarkets. Your turkey is then professionally presented with a quality guarantee.

What is your business motto? Quality Assurance Guaranteed Turkeys

How did the recent recession affect your business? Fortunately no big impact.

Where do you see your business in 5 years? Still here, with the public more aware of quality products and wanting to know traceability of food.

Who is your target market? Local people who can order and collect directly from the farm, by ringing, emailing or calling in to see one of our team, also supplying butchers and farm shops in Warwickshire and surrounding counties.

What did you do before you ran your business or as a child what did you want to be when you grew up? A farmer.

How long have you lived in Bishop's Tachbrook? All my life, only moving up the road from Barford to Bishop's Tachbrook.

What is the best thing about running your own business/your job? Independence to make my own decisions.

People are always surprised to learn this about me, but... I'm over 70 but still going strong.

We are holding our annual Turkey Farm Open Day on Sunday 1st December from 11am to 3pm. It's your chance to visit the farm and see for yourself how the turkeys have been reared. All welcome - we hope to see you!



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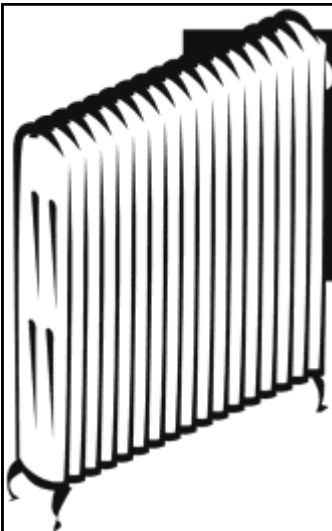


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What has led to our obsession with eating the same fruit and veg all year round? We now import food from around the world instead of being in step with the seasons like our forbearers. What stops us eating what is in season? What stops us storing produce?

For instance, 75% of our tomatoes are imported and, in my mind, fairly tasteless. Home grown dried and pickled tomatoes, plus the ones in numerous tasty chutneys, offer far more flavour and variety. 70% of our apples are imported, most of their flavour removed by their long storage. Yet I regularly see apple trees unpicked.

Let me describe an alternative scene:

There are bottles, jars and bubbling things,
There are red, orange and yellow tomatoes of various size, shape and hue,

There are Chillies fermenting, lazy Chilli paste in a jar and home made Tabasco in bottles tall and thin,

There are Chutneys and Pickles,
Jellies and Cheeses of the fruit kind,

There are Damsons, Sloes and Blackberries in Gin,

There's Courgettes masquerading as Marrows,
There are squashes of interesting shape, colour and size,

There are apples in all the stages between crunching on, sauce, juice and head hitting cider,

There's produce drying, some pasteurising and the odd bit plainly rotting,
This is the kitchen in October,
Putting together the store to last through the quiet moments of the vegetable growing year.

This is an accurate, if not particularly poetic, description of our kitchen on October 9th.

We're just finishing our Autumn Raspberries. These will be the last fresh ones until the summer ones start producing next year. From now on it will be the frozen or bottled variety, a glass of a delicious cordial and, of course, the Raspberry Gin to keep the taste buds alive. It

takes a bit of time to become more reliant on your own food but any bit of home grown fruit and veg is rewarding. However, you can add more variety to life by buying locally grown seasonal produce. Why not give it a go?

Master Gardener programme

If you don't grow your own but would like to be able to use and store your own fruit and veg, then help is at hand. The Master Gardener programme was set up to encourage and help people to start growing for the first time. **Free** help, advice / support from a local Master Gardener is available in the Parish. If you need support, then please contact Susan Watt or I on: suzwatt@gmail.com or 07711 498047/keithwellsted@btconnect.com or 0771 8196577.

Website of the month – Brogdale Collections

The National Fruit Collection is the World's Largest Collection of Fruit Trees and Plants. The Collection, at Brogdale Farm near Faversham Kent, is home to almost 4000 varieties of fruit. There are 2,200 Apples, 550 Pears, 285 Cherries, 337 Plums, 318 currants, 42 Nuts and even 4 Medlars. The website gives you details of events and has a fabulous search engine to discover more about different varieties **www.brogdalecollections.co.uk**

What to do this month

Sow broad beans. **Grow** Stake Brussels sprouts and kale; pull up soil around stems to lesson 'wind-rock'. Protect cauliflowers by snapping and folding leaves over flower heads ('curds'). **Prune** black and redcurrants and gooseberry bushes **Eat** Annual spinach, Brussels sprout, cabbage (winter/savoy), Jerusalem artichoke, kohlrabi, leaf beet, leek, lettuce, parsnip, salsify, swede, turnip.

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Having sat in the car in Regent St in Leamington, trying to decide whether to return to the village via Europa Way, the Sydenham Estate or Warwick, it was relaxing in the afternoon to see Jo Clarke's photos of traffic-free roads in Leamington's days of glory in the late 19th century. Dogs were asleep in the mud road of Clement Street and wherever the photographer stood there was sure to be a group of children and a dog posing in the road for him. The printed guide described Leamington as a town for royalty, the genteel, a retirement mecca for high ranking military personnel, bankers and mill owners from the north.

Leamington had become an English substitute for the popular German Spas, but this changed with the development of the canals and railways, which brought industry and commerce to the area. By 1900 Leamington boasted three railway stations and open-topped buses and coaches, which vied with electric trams to Warwick (a 40 minute journey). In the Parade traffic chaos was inevitable as pedestrians, horse-drawn carriages and carts, bicycles, trams and buses jockeyed for position. There was one horrible incident where the spark from a tram caused the adjacent horse to rear, throwing the well-known coachman into the air, impaling him on nearby metal railings. The trams had to go.

We saw Jo's many pictures of fine public buildings, large houses, shops, churches and Leamington College for boys, which

started life as a convent for an order of French nuns. Then there were places of entertainment: assembly rooms, theatres, dance halls, swimming baths and the Monkey Run – tree lined Linden Grove alongside Dormer Place, where the youth strutted their talents. The fine Pump Room and Jephson Gardens provided popular band concerts and sporting events, and in the 1930s glass lanterns illuminated by candles were strung across the lake – a precursor of the more sophisticated arrangement in the 1950-60s of the popular Leamington Lights. My husband remembers these lights. "Were they in competition with Blackpool?" I asked. "Oh no, it's like comparing a rock concert with a string quartet" was his reply!

Next Meeting:

10th December

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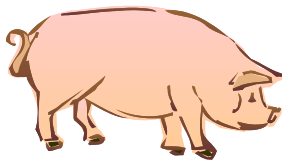
The bumper crop of apples has been a boost to the cider production in Bishop's Tachbrook. For the fourth year running a committed group have collected apples from across the Parish. Production has improved with experience and this year, an extra barrel was produced after a day of pressing on Savages Close. It is hoped that two different varieties of *Savages Droop* will be produced from this year's pressing, one darker, heavier and sweeter and the other a light and maybe even fizzy variety. But who knows ... the fun is in the tasting and the fellowship of gathering each year with neighbours for this very enjoyable activity.



Bishops's Tachbrook WI Book Group
by Wendy Sankey

What a lovely time we had on the day we went to London. First of all down the Dilly to visit the most wonderful exhibition of Australian art at the Royal Academy; followed by a short walk to colourful and cheerful Chinatown where we enjoyed a delicious lunch. To finish off our happy day we attended 'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night time', adapted for the stage from the novel by Mark Haddon - a truly amazing production of pure theatre and magical special effects.

Tachbrook Pig Club



Families interested in growing their own pork, have formed a club and last year successfully raised four pigs in a field adjacent to the village. The whole enterprise was a great success, so plans are now in hand to double production this winter. Each family takes it in turn to feed and care for the pigs one day a week. It is good to know where your food comes from and in

our rural community it seems appropriate to encourage the children to learn more about caring for animals. It is a surprise for some to discover that not all food comes wrapped in plastic from the supermarket! It is reassuring to know how the pigs have been kept and what they've eaten, so when we enjoy our pork sausage or joint, we know the pig has had a good life - it also helps that none of the pigs are given a name!

We'd like to know what you're getting up to around the Parish!
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1st Bishop's Tachbrook Rainbows

This term the Rainbows have been looking at the four seasons Spring, Summer, Autumn, and Winter for their Look, Learn, Laugh and Love badges.

For the Autumn we have been looking at how to keep Hedgehogs safe around Bonfire night and in the winter. We learnt what food they eat, how to look after them in our gardens, how they are nearly extinct and many more interesting facts about them.

Karen Wood from the village came with one of her many rescued Hoglets. We had to be very quiet so the Hoglet could come out and say hello.



The Rainbows donated 24 pouches of cat food to Karen so she can keep up the good work with keeping the Hedgehogs alive.

Rainbows also had great fun making strings of bird food containing popcorn and raisins to hang in their gardens, they are now watching avidly to see which birds come to have a nibble!

We welcome Sophia to our Rainbow family and hope that she has a fun time with us.

The Rainbows are looking forward to making and doing exciting things now and around Christmas so watch this space.

Community Speed Watch

A committed team of volunteers have formed a Community Speed Watch and conducted our first patrols in Bishop's Tachbrook. Working from two sites at the bus stops on the Village Green and Oakley Wood Road, patrols were mounted at various times over a two week period in September. In all over 50 cars were recorded breaking the 30mph speed limit, including a bus and some taxis! All the drivers have received letters from the Police warning them and noting the speeds. CSW members were pleased to see that over the period of the patrols the number of speeding cars reduced. It is planned to conduct further patrols and plans are being cleared to also mount a patrol from further up Mallory Road, toward the junction with St Chad's Road. Speeding is a real issue in Bishop's Tachbrook. With the support of our Police we **can** do something about it. If you're interested in learning more about joining the Community Speed Watch, please contact Andrew Day on ajwday@me.com.

Our Neighbourhood Plan - The Final Push

A small but growing group of residents has been working on the Bishop's Tachbrook Neighbourhood Plan. When it's approved it will define how the Parish will develop and grow over the next 10 years. To ensure the Plan is a true reflection of what residents want, it's vitally important to consult and get as many people as possible involved at every stage of the process.



What is a Neighbourhood plan?

New legislation in 2011 enabled people to have a big say in how their communities develop. Prior to this it was an entirely top down approach with the National and Regional County and District wide policy shaping our community. We now have an opportunity to have our say.



The completed Neighbourhood Plan will be like a mini version of the Warwick District Council's Local Plan. It will set out the long-term aspirations of the Parish and will provide a framework for these aims to be achieved. It is likely to cover areas such as Housing, Conservation Area, Leisure and Well-being, Travel and Transport.

This new approach enables us to decide about the future development of the Parish. The District will still have a very significant influence but we have a very important role to play in making sure our views are taken into account. It's essential we develop our plan quickly so that it can be taken into account as WDC finalises the New Local Plan.

What progress have we made?

We have drafted an Aims and Issues document setting out the opportunities and aspirations of the parish – this can be found on the website

www.bishopstachbrook.com/bulletin or on the noticeboards.

Please let us know if there are any aspects you disagree with or whether we have left anything out.



This process is about community involvement consultation. We have made a good start with this; 200 residents visited the stand at the summer fete on the green and 200 children at the Primary School were asked for their ideas about where they live. Over the coming weeks and months we will be consulting on various parts of the neighbourhood plan, primarily using the parish magazine, local events and the web-site to seek your views on aspects of the plan. To facilitate this we will, in all likelihood, organise mini exhibitions on specific topics at residents' meetings and arrange stands at Parish events.



What are the next steps?

It is really important that the whole of the Neighbourhood Plan is backed by sound evidence. Over the months the team has been steadily building this up and we are now researching the remaining areas. This will allow us to form proposals on each element and to get your views on them. The new **Housing Needs Survey** is one of the key elements of this evidence base. Up to date information is all-important as it carries more weight when the Plan is submitted to WDC.

Complete the Housing Needs Survey

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What a delightful meeting we had in October when we were enthralled by Becky Evans' talk about life at Squab Hall Farm.

In 1933 her husband Keith's parents came by train from Carmarthen to Leamington along with their cattle, sheep and dog to take over the farm. Having been badly neglected and lived in by a bachelor, they found the farmhouse almost derelict with ivy growing both outside and in and blackbirds nesting in the house. Grandma Evans took one look, turned round and said, 'I'm not going to live here!' and walked off down the track. Grandad Evans sent his sheep-dog to bring her back (!) and so started what is now four generations of the Evans family farming at Squab Hall.

Becky, married to the 2nd generation, told us about the farm and how it grew and developed, with all the ups and downs of a farming business. A busy dairy farm for many years, providing milk for Shepherd's Dairies, breeding Aylesbury ducks, rearing cockerels for Christmas (all hand plucked and drawn - not quite Becky's forte!), with a thriving egg business which was ruined by the MP Edwina Currie's assault on eggs and salmonella. Over the years things have changed a great deal so that now they grow cereal and run a farm machinery contracting business. Diversification has been the key word to survival with Becky and Keith's children and grandchildren (3rd and 4th generation) now leading the way in the storage, shredding, self-store and furniture storage businesses.

Throughout her talk, Becky's love of Squab Hall, its buildings, land and


animals shone through. A very different life to the one she intended as a BOAC air hostess!! Thanks Becky.

There will be an **Autumn Coffee Morning on Sat Nov. 23rd** in church from 10 – noon to raise funds for MU projects see www.themothersunion.org. Proceeds from the raffle will go to buy Angel Tree Christmas gifts for prisoners' children. **Homemade cakes, cookies, scones, puddings, and preserves** will be on sale. Do come along for a cuppa.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 5th November at 2pm at 81 Kingsley Road when we will be finding out about the work of some of our overseas branches.

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Routine repairs and minor improvements to the BMX track will start this month.

We have approved the cost of a hard standing area by the bus stop opposite the Leopard and hope that the work will take place before Christmas.

Warwick Rural West Community Forum has granted us £2000 towards a replacement bench for Bolingbroke Drive. The bench has been ordered and should be installed by Christmas.

Other Matters

We have been told that the County Council's winter gritting routes will remain the same as last year.

The District Council have asked us to work with them to improve the facilities at Oakley Wood Crematorium. Councillors will be meeting with officers shortly.

The Parish Council has agreed to the site access and builder's compound on the village Green for the St. Chad's Centre. The arrangements will be refined through discussion with the Trust's contractor to ensure any disruption is minimised and the area is properly reinstated.

The external auditor has now closed the audit up to March 2013. Any resident wishing to inspect the books should contact the Clerk. Copies of the Annual Return can be viewed on the website.

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Our October meeting is our annual meeting, so is really the most important meeting of the year. We started the meeting in age old tradition, by singing Jerusalem. This was followed by our Institute business. The recent Group Meeting had been very much enjoyed, the speaker, Nonny James was excellent and had everyone wiping tears of laughter from their eyes. The Group carol concert takes place on 3rd December at Old Milverton Church.

The literary lunch with Felix Francis (son of Dick Francis) as guest speaker was enjoyed too. He came across as a very nice man. We have classes in Log Cabin Quilting, the federation quiz, this year's first serious science lecture on 'The Future and what to do about it' and the Flower Festival in December to look forward to. We also have the chance to go on the Great War Centenary Commemorative Tour or visit Denman College for the Warwickshire weekend, both next year. We were also asked to make a pennant with our institute name on to become part of the federation bunting. Plans are progressing towards the Christmas Party not only good food, entertainment and a raffle but an auction that evening too. We also hope to be making door hangers in December and are looking forward to a meal out in January.

Refreshments this month were in the form of a ploughman's supper. Different cheeses, pickles and cider were enjoyed by all.

It was then on to the business part of the

meeting. We had agreed to have a by-law proposing we have a fluctuating number of committee members but a maximum of 12. This allows us not to need a full election every year. The financial statement was presented, committee's annual report read, and President's address given. All were approved and carried as correct. We then asked for nominations for President and for whom members felt had done the most in the WI during the last 12 months. I got elected as President and Liz was presented with the cup for having done most.

We finished the evening off with a picture quiz. This caused much muttering amongst members trying to decide who was who but was won by Marion, Diane, Gwen and Liz.

Next month the speaker is Jan with her "Story Stack". Why not come along and find out what a story stack is! Or even better come to the Christmas Party. To book a party place ring me or speak to any WI member. Anne Allen 424135

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INSPIRING WOMEN

The leaves are only just beginning to change after the drop in temperature during the past week.

The lovely warmth and sunshine suddenly gave way to an autumnal feel. I had been intrigued by reports about Horse chestnuts. These are one of the first

trees to change colour and lose their leaves. For the past few years there have been reports of browning of their leaves during the summer and the culprit has been identified as a



moth that lays its eggs on the leaves. When they hatch the tiny caterpillars burrow through making shafts through the leaves as they munch. This activity gave them the name of Leaf Miner and close examination of the affected leaves shows the brown lines of their mining activity. A badly affected leaf will turn completely brown as it is overcome by the invasion. The tree can survive but conker production drops, as the tree cannot produce enough chlorophyll.

Horse chestnuts were brought into this country from Turkey several centuries ago and are now regarded as a native species. Yet another of our deciduous trees being threatened. But wait; there is a possible helper who might save the day! Our little friend, the Bluetit, who used to steal the cream from the doorstep pinta in the days when most people's milk arrived on the doorstep in a bottle, has learnt another trick with a

tasty reward! Bluetits have been observed pecking at Horse Chestnut leaves. The reason for their interest is the Leaf Miner caterpillars. I haven't seen this myself and I wonder if anyone else has in our area. Next year I will be

watching carefully for Bluetit activity. So, if you see me staring up into a tree for ages you will guess what I am doing!

A friend of mine was surprised to see two turtledoves on his birdbath in that classic position. Quick

with his camera he managed to snap them before they flew off.

I was asked what hedgehog droppings look like as it was suspected that a hedgehog had been visiting the garden.

They are black and shiny and twisted. I've only seen the droppings this year and no sight of the hedgehog. This month they will be busy settling down for hibernation.



A friend gave me a present. 'I'm not sure what it is,' she said, 'but I found it in my shed.' It looks like a very tiny wasp nest. It is the nest of a Solitary wasp tiny, about the size of a large conker and beautifully made. I think this one was made of wood shavings, scraped off by the wasp, chewed and then put in place.

Some solitary wasps make their nest from mud and are known as Potter wasps. It's a shame most people don't like wasps because they are very useful creatures predated on insects that would cause us lots of trouble. This solitary wasp would have laid her eggs in her nest and then added some juicy grubs or insects ready for the eggs to hatch and need to feed.



During the summer we have seen a Dragonfly fly over the garden. I've never been quite sure about the difference between a Dragonfly and a Damselfly so I thought I'd look it up! It was a Dragonfly because as it rested its wings were spread out; a

Damselfly would have closed its wings over its back. If they don't rest it is still possible to tell them apart because the

Dragonfly has a purposeful confident flight whereas the Damselfly looks fluttery and uncertain. Both start life in water and the larvae that hatch from the eggs are known as nymphs.

As some creatures settle down for a winter sleep or leave our shores for some winter sunshine others will be coming to spend the winter here. We may have said goodbye to the Swallows, Swifts and House Martins but Waxwings, Plovers, Fieldfare and several kinds of water birds will be taking up temporary residence.

Steve Harvey's report

Just sat down to write some nature notes when, as if by magic, a tiny toad made its way across the kitchen floor. Beautiful, well I thought so, no more than an inch long and olive green. It would have been a tadpole last year, so it's survived that nasty winter and a very hot, dry summer, not bad going! No idea how it got in unless Pepper the cat had a paw in it. I released it amongst the ferns and hostas, nice and damp and shady. Hope to see it next year.

People always talk about the joys of spring and the birdsong. Autumn has a sound of its own. Long-tailed Tits form large groups often joined by Bluetits and Great Tits, all chattering, keeping contact as they move in search of food. You can hear them coming several gardens away.

I always hear Chiffchaffs this time of year, singing as they move down the country, no longer singing for territory, so they call to gather together for their long migration, some going as far as Africa. Swallows and House Martins are fast leaving us but Redwings, Fieldfares and Siskins will soon arrive. You may hear the 'sheep' whistle of the Redwings as they cross the sky after dark. Tawny Owls are calling to each other near the church and Savages Close.

The other day I was down the garden, a Robin came to see what I was up to. It began to sing SO softly, it was as if it was coming from a distant bird. Only its throat moving gave it away. Great ventriloquist act! Robins and Blackbirds do this. It's called the 'sub song'. I've always wondered if they are quietly going through their repertoire or maybe youngsters learning the ropes?

Late last year I dug out a pond, only very small, but it's been fascinating to see it evolve. It's in long grass so it's very natural. Two adult frogs found it in the summer and so did a newt. Just the other day the best complement of all happened; a dragonfly flew over the surface dipping its tail into the water laying its eggs. This is brilliant in one way, but Dragonfly youngsters spend several years underwater becoming voracious predators. So if they survive being frozen in the winter they may eat next year's tadpoles! Oh well you win some, you lose some.



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Children's Christmas Shoe Boxes

All you kind people who are making up the children's Christmas boxes please could I have them by November 12th. You can either bring them to church on Sundays or to 61 Kingsley Road. A big thank you. Kath Reason

Next deadline for magazine items is 15th November for the December/January double issue. Please send to catherine.keen@btinternet.com

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This month we pray for:

Those who live in:

Seven Acre Close
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St Chad's Road
The Lees

Organisations:

As this month includes All Souls Day and Remembrance Sunday, we pray for those we know and have loved who have departed this life; all involved in bereavement ministry, including the staff at the Crematorium in our parish; and for all serving in the armed forces at home and abroad.

Dates in November

Friday 1st All Saints
Saturday 2nd All Souls
Sunday 10th Remembrance Sunday
Saturday 30th St Andrew



November Rotas

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Coffee

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10th Ros Pratt & Jane Everett
17th Roy & Maralyn Brown
24th Jean Coope & Mac McGarrick

Worship at St Chad's

Sunday

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

First Sunday of the month

8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Family Service

Wednesday

11:15am Holy Communion (BCP)

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We started the new Brownie term with a night full of traditional Brownie Games and as a unit we took part in the shoebox appeal for the African children's Christmas presents. The girls donated some special toys to make a child with little very happy at Christmas. We mailed 10 boxes, which we know will make a difference to the child's life and we are proud to help as a unit.

Individually the girls have already completed some of the following badges; Artist, Finding your Way, Hostess, World Guiding, Writer, Booklover and Craft.

Girlguiding hosted a Festival of Fun in Kenilworth during September which the girls thoroughly enjoyed and so did the leaders! Luckily the sun was shining and there was so much to do, from zorbing, fun fair rides, to dance/steel pan shows and the brave Brownies even got to hold snakes and spiders at the petting corner!

We have also visited Newbold Comyn Swimming Baths to complete our swimmer and swimmer advanced badges. The girls were taught many different ways of swimming such as breast stroke, front crawl, sculling and back stroke. The girls who completed their swimmer advanced badge had a few tougher challenges such as swimming through a hoop underwater and collecting items from the bottom of the pool. Once the girls had completed their swimming badges they celebrated by enjoying the flume! We would also like to thank the Brownie mums who helped during this meeting.

Bishops Tachbrook Brownies have also had the privilege of attending Frankie & Benny's pizza making workshop. In groups of four the girls were able to choose and place their own pizza toppings before tucking in to their cooked masterpieces!

The girls were perfectly behaved and were a credit to our unit for Church Parade this month.

We would also like to welcome Lily S, Caitlin, Victoria and Holly who have all made their Brownie promises this month.





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the church stone walls which were made by arrows and other implements being sharpened there!

The Church Trail has been written by NADFAS (The National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts Societies) with the aim of encouraging both children and adults to explore the building, learn about it and enjoy the experience so they are inspired to visit other churches.

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