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November is quite a gloomy month; the clocks have just gone back and winter stretches ahead of us. Of course,

December should be gloomy too but we have Christmas and all the preparations that involves to brighten it up but poor November...

Of course it isn't helped by the church, because we hold three commemorations of the dead in the first two weeks of the month. These are All Saints Day (on the 1st), All Souls Day (on the 2nd) and Remembrance Sunday (on the 9th this year)

All Saints' Day is a day to remember the great heroes of the Christian faith, whose lives drew others to Christ; from the famous saints of the New Testament right through to the present day. Just as a country owes a debt to those prepared to fight for it, so does a church owe remembrance to the men and women who have given their lives – sometimes literally – for Christ. All Saints Day is not intended at all as a sad occasion. A priest wears white or gold then, the colours of celebration.

All Souls Day (which is now paired with All Saints Day at St. Chad's) is the day when we remember all those we have loved who have died and are now in Heaven. On All Souls Day, we not only remember the dead, but we celebrate the fact that God still loves those who have died. And so, on November 2nd we can remember those we have loved, secure in the knowledge that God also remembers them. At St Chad's there will be the opportunity to speak these people's names once again, to pray for them, and – if desired – to light a candle in

their memory. Please sign up on the lists in church or let me know to ensure that the person you want recalled is named.

On the Sunday morning nearest to the 11th November (Armistice Day) each year, services of Remembrance are held at war memorials, cenotaphs and churches throughout the United Kingdom. The national ceremony is held in London at the Cenotaph on Whitehall. It is an opportunity for the whole country to become as one to gather to pay respect to the British and Commonwealth servicemen and women who gave their lives defending others.

This year, at the Tower of London, one can see *Blood Swept Lands and Seas of Red*. It is an art installation created by ceramic artist Paul Cummins commemorating 100 years since the beginning of World War 1. Between June and November this year 888,246 ceramic poppies will progressively fill the Tower's famous moat. Each poppy represents a British military fatality during the First World War. The scale of the installation intends to reflect the magnitude of such an important centenary, creating a powerful visual commemoration. The poppies can be bought and the money raised shared between six service personnel charities. (<https://poppies.hrp.org.uk/buy-a-poppy/>)

At St Chad's we will remember those who served and died during the two World Wars. As we gather on November 9th at 10:15, it would be good if we could also remember those who gave their

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May be somebody's son, or father, or brother

Or it could be a daughter, wife or a mother.

Some colleagues are spared, with terrible wounds

Life can't be the same, they will still hear the sounds

Of the horrors of warfare etched deep in to each mind

And all we can hope that someday peace they will find.

We must remember our heroes, their lives barely started

And their families in sorrow, forever now parted,

From all worldly pain, the end of life's story

Lives given for others,

Forever resting In Glory.

Lelia Musselwhite

With every blessing Elaine



A Halloween suggestion

if you want to join in, put a pumpkin in your window or outside your house. Houses with no pumpkin should be left alone.

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)

Are these times convenient for you?

Would you like a mid-week communion service in the evening or an early morning service? Please let me know, the church is here to serve you and if you find that you cannot come to church on a Sunday but that a Tuesday evening would be great, then I am happy to provide what you need. Elaine



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Thanks to all residents who attended the **Neighbourhood Plan event** on 11th October. The NP team were pleased with the turnout and enjoyed listening to your views. Thanks also to the NP team for organising the event and especially to Cllr. Bullen who has given such valuable advice and leadership and devoted so much of his time in trying to create this plan and protect our environment. All comments made during the consultation period are being considered by the team and changes are being made to the final draft of the plan being submitted to the District Council for formal review as part of the process of the Neighbourhood Plan being adopted. **Don't forget the consultation process runs until the 5th November so you have a day or so to get your comments in.**



The play area has been resurfaced and a few more minor repairs have been carried out. Unfortunately the area was closed for 24 hours as the surface needed to dry. Thanks to the resident who helped to cordon off the area and Cllr. Leeke for organising the work.

Lots of emails are being exchanged and legal advice sought regarding the **extension of our footpaths and cycleways**. Bloor Homes are providing a footpath/cycleway through to the Meadow. This is critical to the success of the development providing direct access through the Meadow, Club and village centre. The developer will also be constructing another towards Oakley Wood along the edge of their land almost as far as the motorway. Cllr. Day is liaising with the County Council to complete the link to Oakley Wood and also to make a designated cycleway from Kingsley Road to The Leopard.

Planning continues to be exceptionally busy. Councillors are liaising with the developer and Woodside Farm regarding their detailed planning application proposals, to ensure that the development is as attractive as possible and provides good connections through to Whitnash. We are pleased because the developer is responding positively to these suggestions. Cllr Bullen has recently finished a substantial submission to the planning inspector for the forthcoming Asps Planning Appeal Hearing and is also working on a similar document for an appeal against the decision to refuse planning consent for the extension to Seven Acre Close.

We now have the funding for a **Vehicle Activated Sign** opposite The Leopard and are hoping the County will be able to install it before Christmas.

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‘Great Balls of Fire’ kept coming to mind when I sat to write about Gillian White’s talk. This will probably be meaningless to those of you born after 1957, when Jerry Lee Lewis reached No. 1 in the pop charts.

Gillian’s lively talk presented us with the historical record of the 1694 catastrophe, which devastated a third of the town’s centre. Surprisingly no official enquiry was ever carried out into the cause of the fire, but a report to the Bishop and clergy of the diocese describing the fire and appealing for financial aid provides a vivid picture of events. The official explanation claimed that one windy afternoon in September a torch was being carried along the street near Westgate and sparks were blown upwards and set fire to the thatched roofs of surrounding timber-framed houses. Strong winds carried the flames to buildings on both sides of the street and along the road as far as the Lord Leycester Hotel.

There were 3,400 people living in Warwick at the time – all sections of Society occupied the narrow streets: grand houses along Jury Street, shops, pubs, inns, workrooms, hovels for the poor. The tiny passageway (called Rosemary Lane) between Oken’s House and houses to the right, with their overhanging upper storeys, is typical of what the main streets would have looked like.

When the tempestuous wind changed direction the fire proceeded up Church Street, severely damaging the nave of St Mary’s, then along Northgate Street

(called Sheep Street, an appropriate name, Gillian suggested, for the current headquarters of the County Education Office). Fire-fighters worked tirelessly with a fire engine (which was destroyed in the fire) and buckets of water filled from the river far below. Priority was given to saving the beautiful Beauchamp Chapel and the stone-built Shire Hall, which housed all the town’s important records. Humanity prevailed when prisoners in the nearby cells were set free; those who didn’t scarper were detailed to help the fire-fighters. There was some looting in the town, “not by people of Warwick but people from the nearby area”! 250 families lost their homes, shops or businesses; there were casualties but amazingly no loss of life – possibly because the fire occurred in daylight.

15 of the town’s worthies met to discuss emergency measures and they personally donated £300 to provide food, water, medicine and shelter. They were determined too to rebuild the town to its former glory, but to embrace the latest designs in architecture. But their grand plan needed money and power and both were provided to the town by Act of Parliament. All counties of England were required to contribute to the re-building of Warwick (it took East Anglia 10 years to pay!) and power was given to the town’s leaders to impose rules and restrictions on the unfortunate householders.

A claims system for the dispossessed was set up, which was worthy but draconian

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Bishops Tachbrook Village Events Group

BONFIRE NIGHT

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Bringing the Community Together



As the nights draw in we look back yet again at a jam packed month of sport. So let's take a look at October's events.

The first Russian Grand prix was very conservative after the incident at the Japanese Grand Prix which caused Marussia driver Jules Bianchi to suffer severe head injuries and put him a coma and currently in a critical but stable condition. Both races were won by Britain's Lewis Hamilton which now expands his lead over his team-mate Nico Rosberg. After those one-tuos Mercedes won the constructors championship with 3 races remaining.

At the start of this month there was a boxing event at Leamington's Assembly. There were 10 bouts from skill to elite competition bouts. It was a good night of amateur boxing with no fight the same and all were very good fights. Some didn't last the length due to bad hair styles but unfortunately and fortunately there were no K.O's. Some of the competitors doing skill bouts seemed like they wanted to show their power rather than skill. In the competitive bouts the clear underdogs of the fight showed amazing determination and gave it their all and even when it all looked lost they kept fighting. This shows how much they care for their sport.

There was another international break in football and unsurprisingly England didn't live up to expectations but came away with two wins out of two. It leaves them at the top of their qualifying group by three points over Slovenia who they play next month as well as an interna-

tional friendly against neighbours Scotland in a referendum match. England's first game was against their bogey team San Marino and won quite easily 5 – 0 which came as no surprise to all England fans, but they could have scored more with a goal wrongly disallowed. Their second game was against a 10 man Estonia, but the only goal was a Wayne Rooney free kick which went in after poor defending.

In this month we had the Super league final in Rugby League. St Helens won their first Super League title since 2006 against twelve man Wigan. Early on in the match Wigan's Ben Flower was sent off for punching Lance Hohaia. The score at half time was Wigan 6 – 2 up over St Helens but they fought back massively to eventually clinch the title with the final score of 14 – 6. Ben Flower, for his punch on the St Helens player, faced at least an eight game ban for his misconduct.

Finally the British Touring Car Championship came to an end with Irishman Colin Turkington winning the championship at the very wet Brands Hatch GP circuit. The first race was won by Jason Plato, the second by Adam Morgan and the third by Scotsman Gordon Shedden.

Sport to look out for next month:

Ruby union

Premier League

The final races of Formula One

Tennis

My husband Daniel Sheehan, lost two uncles in WW1, (yes the first War).

His father was the youngest of five boys from a family of ten, living in S.W. Ireland. The eldest son Daniel Joseph (born 1894) (right) served with the 3rd Battle Squadron in the North Sea in 1914-15. He was transferred to the Naval Air Service. He was wounded whilst flying in Belgium and deemed to be unfit for further service. He received permission to transfer to the Royal Flying Corps and became an instructor at Oxford, where my husband Daniel took a flying instructor's rating in the 1960s. Daniel Joseph returned to active service and died on a scouting expedition on the Western Front in May 1917, whilst piloting a Sopwith Pup. It was unusual for a pilot to survive as long as he did on active flying duties.

His brother Martin J. Sheehan (born 1896) (right) had played Rugby for Munster, as had his elder brother. He emigrated to Canada in 1913, where he worked in a Bank. He joined the Canadian Expeditionary Force and came overseas with his battalion in 1916. He then transferred to the Royal Munster Fusiliers and obtained his commission. He saw action at Passchendaele and elsewhere. He transferred to the Royal Air Service as "Observer" and saw considerable service in France and Italy with the 13th Squad-



ron. He was killed over enemy lines on Oct 1st 1918 and buried near Cambrai.

Both boys are commemorated in the House of Commons where their Father sat as an Irish Independent M.P.

The third son, Michael (born 1899) ran away from school to enlist, aged 15, in 1915. The brothers were tall and handsome and Michael

was able to lie convincingly about his age. He was found and returned to school, but joined up again. He was commissioned into the Royal Munster Fusiliers. He was the youngest officer on the Western Front. He was promoted to



Lieutenant on 1.7.17 and wounded twice. Michael survived to serve in the second World War. He became a Brigadier General .OBE CBE, serving under General William Slim in the HQ. of the famous 14th Army, and the Burma Campaign. He died in 1975.

The eldest daughter, Eileen, was a VAD nurse and ambulance driver.

The father of the boys, Daniel Desmond, (born 1873) (below right) enlisted aged 41 with the Royal Munster Fusiliers and received his Captaincy and command. He was asked to organise a recruitment campaign in Cork, Limerick and Co. Clare, presumably because he was well known in local politics and journalism. By means of his oratory and personal appeal he recruited over 5,000 men which comprised most of the 9th (Service) Battalion. The commanding officer later wrote to him stating that these men were by far the best fighting material they had. Daniel Desmond submitted a series of widely quoted articles from the trenches to the Daily Express. He suffered hearing loss and ill health. He was hospitalised twice and then decommissioned from the army. He returned to the House of Commons.

D.D.'s wife, Pauline, suffered the sorrow of losing her two eldest sons, her brother, her eldest daughter's fiancé (Eileen never married) and injuries to other relations and friends. Whilst her husband was in England she had shots fired into her house by the IRA. Unsurprisingly she died prematurely aged 53.

D.D. wrote a long poem about the War shortly before his death in 1948, dedicated to his daughter Christine and presumably to the rest of the family. Here is the final verse.

This modest tribute do we pay
In pride and thankfulness
To those who came
From North and South
And South and North.
Who went forth in faith and fervour,
To battle for the right.
And this the claim we boldly do assert,
on their behalf and ours,
That by their service and their sacrifice,
Linked with the freedom loving men of
Britain,
Full surely have they brought near the
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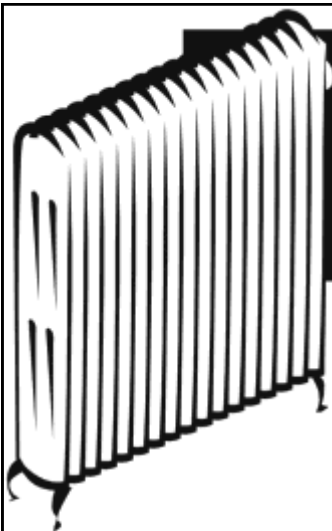


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The leaves are starting to fall, the autumnal mists swirl, it's colder and damper, the ground is getting wetter.

Imagine fighting a battle in those conditions! The poet John Masefield visited The Somme in October 1916 and described what he saw; *'I never saw such mud, or such a sight in all my days. Other places are bad and full of death, but this was deep in mud*

as well, a kind of chaos of deep running holes and broken ground and filthy chasms, and pools and stands and marshes of iron coloured water, and yellow snow and bedevilment. Old rags of wet uni-

forms were everywhere, and bones and legs and feet and heads were sticking out of the ground'.

Yet, as I wrote last month, soldiers grew vegetables at the front, see the picture above.

Again, as I've referred to before, food growing at home was very much part of the war effort. I found a fascinating book on-line called, 'War Vegetable Gardening and the Home Storage of Vegetables', an American publication. Amongst many interesting ideas, I thought the paragraphs below on composting were an apt reminder of a great Autumn job- even better if you have a pigeon loft!.

'Compost is also used as a top dressing during the growing season for hastening growth. In the cities and towns tons of leaves are burned every fall. This is a loss which ought to be prevented. These leaves properly composted with other vegetable waste and earth would be worth hundreds of dollars to the gardens next spring. In planning a permanent



garden, a space should be reserved near the hot bed or seed bed, and in this space should be piled, as soon as pulled, all plants which are free from diseases and insects. This applies to all vegetables and especially to

peas and beans, as these belong to a group of plants which take nitrogen from the air, during growth, and store it in their roots. When these plants are decayed they will return to the soil not only much of the plant food taken from it during their growth but additional nitrogen as well. Nitrogen in the soil is necessary for satisfactory leaf growth. The material so composted should be allowed to decay throughout the winter, and when needed should be used according to the instructions given for using compost.

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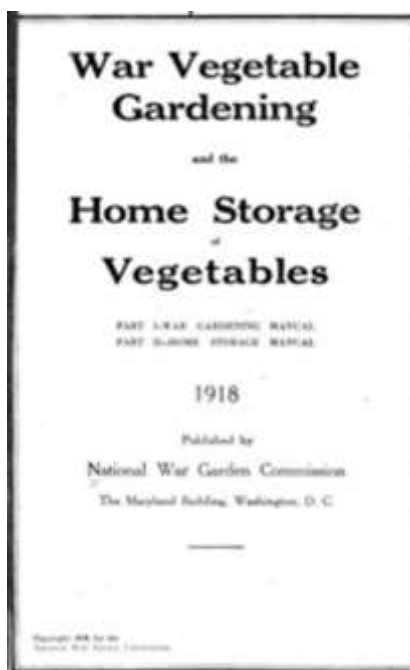
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The sweepings of pigeon lofts or chicken coops make valuable fertilizer. Prepared sheep manure, where procurable at a reasonable price, is possibly the safest concentrated fertilizer. It should be used in small quantities rather than spread broadcast. Scatter it along the row before seed is sown or apply by mixing it with water in a pail, stirring the mixture to the consistency of thin mush, and pouring it around the roots of the plants.'



You can get advice / support on composting and growing your own vegetables by contacting Susan Watt or I on: suzwatt@gmail.com or 07711 498047 keithwellsted@btconnect.com or 0771 8196577

Bishop's Tachbrook Brownies

As I am sure a lot of readers are aware, BT Brownies is very popular and currently full to the brim with lovely girls who are thoroughly enjoying the Brownie experience.

Going forward, we will have to give priority to the girls of BT village and the section of Warwick Gates that comes under the Parish of BT and to any girl who attends BT School. This has become necessary as we are oversubscribed and can only realistically take a certain number due to the hall size and Brownie leaders.

We also need to know how many girls to expect and ask that if your daughter is in Reception or Year 1 and would like to be a Brownie when she is 7, please email carolineloveday@sky.com to register your interest in Brownies. Even if your daughter is a Rainbow, you still need to put her name on the Brownie waiting list.

Tachbrook Tinies

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October is the month of a new committee, president and officers all nominated at our annual meeting. We started the meeting with a very quiet rendition of Jerusalem. I then ran through our normal monthly meeting recapping on events we have had and those yet to come. Our Group meeting held at Radford Semele had been a great evening, Extra chairs were put out at the last minute and the speaker Ed Jones was a hit. Bishop's Tachbrook committee members provided excellent cakes enjoyed by all.

I reminded members that the carols were to be held here on 1st December. This will be followed by our Christmas party on 4th December. Visitors' tickets are £6 00 - if you would like a fun night out do give me a ring beforehand. It's a great way to start the festive season.

We have also held our fund raiser towards the Brain Injury Unit at the Leamington Rehabilitation Hospital. This is the federation charity for the year. A big thank you to Becky and all at Squab Hall Farm for allowing us to use their conference centre. Thank you also to all who came, it was lovely to see you and we raised over £225:00 Brilliant!!

We have various county events to look forward to. These include teatime treats with a butler to royalty, Dresden plate patchwork and quilting, next year's federation quiz and two serious science lectures 'Proteins, workhorse of the cells' and 'Cyborgs, Robots with biological brains and the Turing Test' - see, we are not always lighthearted and frivolous!

After a ploughman's supper we continued with the business of the annual meeting. We reviewed our 2 bylaws ... sounds good doesn't it.? Wendy, as secretary, gave her report of what we had done in the last year then I, as president, thanked the committee and others for their help over the last 12 months. This was followed by nominations for president. There were three, all of whom said no! After discussion, somehow I appear to be President again. I was also presented with a cup and a thank you gift and I won a raffle prize. Didn't I do well?! The evening finished with a short quiz and plenty of laughter.

Christmas is coming so don't forget to keep all your used stamps which we collect for Marie Curie Cancer Care, and if Santa brings new undies we are still collecting old bras for Bravissimo who donate £1 for every pound in weight. The present charity being Mind.

The speaker in November is a chocolatier so fingers crossed we may get free samples, December is the party, January we will be visiting the Leopard, followed by Troop Aid in February and Roman Alcester in March. As always you are most welcome to come along, if you want to know more do give me a ring.

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Patient Participation Group

Among matters raised at the latest Patient Participation Group meeting, the following are particularly worth reporting:

Making appointments We know how frustrating it can be to make a telephone call to request an appointment either with a doctor or a nurse when everyone else seems to be trying to do the same thing. A little *patience* is required while the system stacks the calls until a receptionist is available. A number of extra phone lines have now been made available to help speed up the process. The situation will be monitored over the next months, particularly on the number of abandoned calls, when people lose *patience* and give up (my apologies for the puns). It is now possible to make appointments via the internet so, if you are able and interested in doing so, ask at the Surgery reception how to set this up.

DNA - Did Not Attend I always thought that DNA had something to do with our genetic make-up but no, in our doctors' practice it means those patients who have made an appointment to see a doctor or nurse and did not attend at the Surgery in Bishop's Tachbrook or the Croft Medical Centre at Sydenham. In any week something like 20-40 DNAs occur. I was surprised, and saddened, to learn that very rarely are apologies or explanations given. It is reckoned that this means that one and a half sessions time is lost per week by staff as a result. If for (usually) good reasons you know that you no longer need or will not be able to make an appointment, please let reception know as soon as possible. There are always people who are looking for last minute appointments and can be slotted into the lists. Following national guidelines, the policy is that, where patients miss three appointments, they are likely to be removed from the practice list.

Out of Hours Service Details of those patients from the practice who go to the hospital Accident & Emergency Department at week-ends are made known to the Practice. In one recent week-end this was 43 patients. Of these, the hospital reckoned that more than two-thirds did not need to attend, but would have been better served by making use of the '111' service. Obviously there are situations where it is necessary and vital to go to Accident and Emergency, but others where dialling '111' could easily serve the purpose and save waiting many dreary hours at the hospital, to little effect.

Compliments/Complaints It is all too easy to grumble when things don't go well. But the Practice does welcome feed-back from patients who have concerns. These are carefully considered and do help to improve the service. By the same token, it is always appreciated when a word of thanks or compliment is given. It does help those who administer the system to know that things are working well.

Peter Lister

You may have noticed on a secluded edge of Bishop's Tachbrook a new solar farm is being built, so what is it and why are solar farms becoming more common?

The site is located to the North west of the village along the footpath between the village and the Asps. Running parallel with the footpath the farm covers an area of 6 hectare (ha), equivalent to 10 football pitches or approximately 1/4 the size of the village of Bishop's Tachbrook. Contained within this area are 16,000 photovoltaic cells measuring 2.6m high, spaced by 3.6m and pointed south at an angle of 20 degrees to maximise the amount of sunlight captured.

The cells harvest the light by converting the sunlight into electricity, transformers convert the generated electricity so that it can be fed into a substation and then sold to the national grid. It is estimated that the site will produce 4000MWH of energy per year, which is approximately the electricity usage of a small village like Bishop's Tachbrook. The site is scheduled to last for 25 years at which point it will

be dismantled.

The farm initially met with local opposition; a 159 signature petition voiced concern at the initial plans that had the site positioned closer to residential housing with possible visual impact and loss of a common dog walking area. The parish council initially opposed the plans mainly due to the scale of the plan and its visual impact.

Switching to a newer more efficient panel allowed the developers to use a smaller amount of land than the initial 8ha, resulting in the site being moved 200m from residential housing. Plugging the gaps of existing hedgerows and new planting is planned to shield the panels and the 1.8m security fence. Glare from the panels is likened to the amount of reflected light from a new asphalt road.

Solar energy, produced either through roof top panels or large scale solar farms, is becoming increasingly popular. The favourable rate offered for electricity generated by renewables and the lowering cost of panels makes them an attractive investment.



There are many other applications in the area to build solar farms. The Tachbrook site, which we can call one 'tach', can be used to illustrate the size of other potential developments. Along the Fosse way near Moreton Morrell plans are being considered for a '4 tach' site. At Depper's Bridge near Harbury a '3 Tach' site has been rejected on the grounds of poor consultation and disfigurement to the landscape. This is despite a promise of £9000 per year over 25 years to the parish council to spend on local projects and amenities. Recently there was a new application in the area for a '4 Tach' site near Bishop's Itchington. In the Stratford area planning permission has been granted for a '1 Tach' site at Bishopton close to the A46.

The government has set a target of 15% of UK energy coming from renewable sources by 2020, of which solar is an increasingly key technology. Renewables will reduce the amount of CO2 we produce and help control climate change. Additionally renewables will all be 'homegrown' and not rely upon imported energy sources which tend to come from politically unstable parts of the world, giving greater energy security. The solar contribution to this is planned

to rise five times by 2020 to 20GW, which equates to a large number of solar panels; 2000 'Tach' sites or roof mounted panels on 4 million homes. The Minister for energy has stated that he would like this expansion to come from roof mounted panels and locations on brown field sites, but green field sites are not excluded.

There has been rapid growth in the building of large solar farms in 2014, so much so that the government recently announced an end to the favourable incentives for solar farms bigger than '1 Tach' in 2015 instead of 2017. Despite these mixed messages it is likely that solar panels will become an increasingly common sight over the next few years.

Note: 1 Tach = 4MWp = 8ha = 20acres
For comparison an average nuclear power station produces 1.6GW equivalent of 160 Tach.

More info about solar and savings potential from domestic solar panels at www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/Generating-energy/Getting-money-back/Solar-Energy-Calculator

WDC information on all planning applications for the village at http://www.warwickdc.gov.uk/info/20374/planning_applications



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Unfortunately, last month's meeting had to be cancelled due to ill-health. We are hoping our speaker on African projects will come in November instead.

I have mentioned before about the new Warwickshire Blue Cloud Centre at Nuneaton for people who have been sexually abused – both male and female. The MU is supporting this centre with gifts of toiletries to be given to those who need to use such a place. But our stand against violence is not confined to this country alone. The Mothers' Union is joining in once again with a global campaign, **16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence**, which runs from 25th November (International Day Against Violence) to 10th December (International Human Rights Day).

Violence against women and girls is any act of gender-based violence that results in harm, suffering or indignity to women. Violence is 'gender-based' when it is directed against a woman because she is a woman, or when it affects women disproportionately. Throughout the world, women and girls are subject to many different forms of violence. This includes:

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- Coercive and controlling behaviour • Forced marriage
- Financial/economic abuse • Forced abortion
- Spiritual abuse • Forced prostitution
- Neglect • Abortion of baby girls because they are female
- Stalking • Female infanticide

During the 16 Days MUs across the world are taking part and events are taking place at Coventry cathedral as well as in branches across the diocese. To find out more about this enormous topic you can go to www.mothersunion.org and follow links to 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence.

Our next branch meeting is on **Tuesday 4th November 2pm** at 81 Kingsley Road, when we hope that our speaker on Africa can join us.

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anoushka76@hotmail.com or come along on a Monday.

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Bishop's Tachbrook Calendar

November 2014

Date	Organisation	Event	Venue	Time	Contact
1 Sat	S & S Club	Halloween Disco	S & S Club		01926 421621
6 Thurs	WI	Chocolate	B.T. School	7.45 pm	01926 424135
7 Fri	Village Events Group	Bonfire & Fireworks	The Meadow		Cathy Herbert
8 Sat	S & S Club	Quiz Night	S & S Club		01926 421621
9 Sun	St Chad's Church	Service of Remembrance	St Chad's Church	10.15 am	Elaine Scrivens
11 Tues	St Chad's Church	Service of Remembrance	War Memorial	10.45 am	Elaine Scrivens
11 Tues	History Group	Re-birth of the Priory	St Chad's Church	7.30 pm	01926 336749
13 Thurs	Croft Surgery	PPG Meeting	Croft Sydenham	12.30 pm	
13 Thurs	Country Dancing Club		Sports and Social Club	8.00 pm	01926 314286
15 Sat	Mothers' Union	Coffee Morning	St Chad's Church	10-12 noon	01926 427922
15 Sat	S & S Club	Kelly Ann	S & S Club		01926 421621
20 Thurs	Parish Council	Meeting	B. T. School	7.30 pm	01926 641220
29 Sat	PTA	Christmas Fair	B.T.School	4-6pm	
29 Sat	S & S Club	Phil King & The Royals	S & S Club		01926 421621
30 Sun	St Chad's Church	Christingle	St Chad's Church	4.00 pm	Elaine Scrivens

Bishop's Tachbrook Calendar December 2014

Date	Organisation	Event	Venue	Time	Contact
2 Tues	Mother's Union		81 Kingsley Rd	2.00 pm	01926 427922
4 Thurs	WI	Christmas Party	B.T.School	7.45 pm	01926 424135
9 Tues	History Group	Christmas Lunch	The Leopard		01926 336749
14 Sun	St Chad's Church	Carols on the Green	Village Green	6.00 pm	Elaine Scrivens
21 Sun	St Chad's Church	Carols by Candlelight	St Chad's Church	6.00 pm	Elaine Scrivens
24 Wed	St Chad's Church	Crib Service	St Chad's Church	4.00 pm	Elaine Scrivens
24 Wed	St Chad's Church	Midnight Mass	St Chad's Church	11.30 pm	Elaine scrivens
25 Thurs	St Chad's Church	Family Communion	St Chad's Church	10.00 am	Elaine Scrivens

Weekly events

Mondays	Rainbows		Sports and Social Club	6.00-7.30	Jadechoc@aol.com
Mondays	Youth Club		B. T. School	6.30-8.00	Anoushka76@hotmail.com
Tuesdays	S & S Club	Bingo	Sports and Social Club	8.00	01926 421621
Wednesdays	Brownies		Sports and Social Club	6.00-7.30	carolineloveday@sky.com
Sundays	S & S Club	Bingo	Sports and Social Club	8.00	01926 421621

If you have any items you'd like included in December or January calendars please email Marion Smith on marismi913@aol.com by Thursday 6th November with the following information about your event:
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Autumn weather had definitely set in by the second week of October but one sunny afternoon I spotted a butterfly. I think it was a Tortoiseshell but I couldn't be sure as it was flitting about so quickly trying to find a sip of nectar.

The birdlife is more evident after the post family moult. The Sparrows in particular are ever faithful despite the lack of regular feeding when we were on holiday. They don't bear a grudge. Robin is back too; of course it may not be the same one but its still good to see it regularly. One day at lunchtime, as I was washing up, I noticed a Bluetit on the feeder. They never stay long, it's a quick dart and back to cover. Another shy bird, the Wren, also made an appearance bobbing about on the edge of the birdbath. I'm told that the last sighting of Swallows was about the same time as the children went back to school, the very beginning of September - unless you know different! I have no information about the last sightings of House Martins and Swifts but I'm sure they had all left for warmer climes before October.

Squirrels will be busy burying nuts for their winter larder. We now know that they do not hibernate during the winter, having put on extra fat in Autumn they rely on their store of nuts to keep them going. They are not relatives of Squirrel Nutkin of course, that is the Red Squirrel. It is interesting to watch the Grey squirrel but salutary to remember that they are an introduced species and the decline in the numbers of the Red Squirrel has been the result of the competition for food and habitat and also the virus

carried by the Greys.

I was reminded recently of a plant I have seen often on European holidays. I know it as Hottentot fig but it is also called Ice plant (*Carpobrotus edulis*). I first saw it in Guernsey. It is a succulent with large many-petalled bright flowers, a member of the mesembryanthemum family, as are Livingstone Daisies, and like them, comes from South Africa. Now it has become an invasive problem in Guernsey and also on our own more southerly coasts, pushing out native species. This is also a problem on the continent and will probably become worse if the climate warms more. I like both plants but. . . !

We have trouble with other invaders, plants, insects and animals - mink, bullfrogs, harlequin ladybirds, Asian hornets, Japanese Knotweed to name a few. Then there are the tiny fungi that cause diseases such as Ash die back etc. What can we do? I think there are a few things that we can all do to behave responsibly. One is always dispose of vegetation rubbish carefully either in the compost bin or the Green bin. This is particularly important in the case of unwanted pond vegetation. Another is to always consider native species in preference to non-native plants. Of course if we do find a strange plant it's best to check it out and report it if necessary. I have found two websites that I think might be helpful and interesting:

GB non-native species secretariat - www.nonnativespecies.org

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Steve Harvey's Nature Report

Grey mist shrouds the garden and the fields beyond. Every leaf hangs damp, with the occasional drip of water falling from each tip. A myriad of cobwebs glisten with tiny water droplets. All is still except for a host of small birds grabbing seed from the feeders. Up in the tree sit Collared Doves and two Woodpigeons, each one studiously preening themselves, taking the oil from their preen glands on their rump and spreading it over their feathers with their beaks. So they were taking time out for waterproofing. If you have a pigeon fly past you in the fog you can hear their wings; so necessary maintenance for an outdoor life.

Meanwhile down on the ground squirrels are dashing about all over the place gathering up as many supplies as they can "snatch and carry", stocking their larders and burying acorns and hazel nuts, their version of supermarket dash.

Jays are out doing the same. It's been said that half the oaks in England were probably planted by Jays. Well they can't be expected to remember where they planted all of them can they?!

Chiff chaff are "chiff chaffing" as they move down the country on migration. Carrion Crows are gliding about especially on blue-sky days, calling their loud croaky calls, 'singing' their claim to territory.

I saw a Sparrowhawk with its 'flap, flap glide' high overhead. It was being pursued and harassed by House Martins all shouting and swearing at it, bravely circling the hawk. Sparrowhawks up high like that don't stand much chance of catching House Martins and they knew it.

On the same day a Peregrine crossed the same patch of sky, circling and gliding. The House Martins were far less brave, shouting abuse from a distance. This falcon is amazingly agile up high so they wouldn't risk getting too close. It folded its wings and shot off at great speed. It had either spotted a meal or was tired of the heckling.

Now I was impressed to see a Peregrine, I only glimpse one a couple of times a year however, I then spoke to Colin, he told me he had been playing golf at Leek Wootton. He'd been near a lake when a large bird plummeted down into the water to catch a fish. It was an Osprey! A couple of weeks later, probably the same bird was seen in Rugby. This is known as a rare passage migrant, it was heading down country. Some Osprey go to Africa and some as far as Asia. Colin was so lucky to catch a glimpse that puts my Peregrine into perspective!



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November

1st November – Halloween Fancy Dress Disco

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7th November – Bonfire Night

Annual village event, with a disco in the club in the evening. Get down nice and early as this is always a busy night

8th November – Quiz Night

A quiz with a difference, every team wins a prize! Come and pit your wits against The Judge, Cash Rollover could be £200

15th November – Kelly Ann

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22nd November – Race Night

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29th November – Phil King and the Royals

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December

6th December – Christmas Quiz

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12th December – Kids Christmas Party and Disco

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13th December – Bottle Bingo

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20th December – Steve Ray

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24th December – Christmas Party with The Jay Kays

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Do you know the name of the person who lives next door? What about the people across the road? Do you ever take in parcels for your neighbours? Or tidy away their green/black bin or red box for them? What would you do in a crisis if you had to alert someone nearby immediately?

Since moving to Bishop's Tachbrook I have been regularly amazed by the community spirit within the parish. There are lots of good people watching out for my family and me and it's a really important part of feeling positive about the area we live in.

My neighbours are happy to take in parcels for us and we do the same for others. We are happy to mow our neighbour's lawn as he lets us park on his drive because he doesn't have a car. If a neighbour is away on bin day we'll put out their bin and they'll take in ours when we're away. Our across the road neighbours even let us use their shower for a week when our boiler broke last winter - how amazingly kind is that?

The inspiration for this story came from a few people looking out for another neighbour in a really inspirational way. An elderly neighbour was away on holiday when they missed an appointment. To make sure they were OK the person in charge of appointments phoned me and another neighbour to see if we'd seen our elderly neighbour recently (I wasn't able to answer my phone). My other neighbour hadn't and so popped over to talk to me to see if I had. Fortunately, my elderly neighbour had told me they were going away and not to worry if we didn't

see them for a while. I was able to reassure the neighbour who then called the person in charge of appointments who was relieved our elderly neighbour was fine.

I was so proud to be part of a community who looks after its elderly and it made me very pleased I live in Bishop's Tachbrook. It also looks after its young as my next door neighbour kindly gave my daughter some toys their granddaughter had grown out of and now she loves pretending to go to the shops with the shopping trolley!

So I pledge to look out for my neighbours more. Have I seen my elderly neighbour recently? Would my neighbour like their bin moving from the middle of their drive so they can park on it? Are there other mums in the village who could do with some company? **What will you pledge to be an even better neighbour?**

Do you have a pledge to make and an article to write? The focus of your pledge might be about making the parish a better place to live by pledging to do one thing to improve things for the community; or you might have a more personal pledge to make in your life which could inspire others. Send your article to catherine.keen@btinternet.com



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We started the new Brownie term with a night full of traditional Brownie Games and our Brownie leaders even took part in the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge which the girls thoroughly enjoyed witnessing even though the leaders found it freezing!!

Over the last few weeks we have been working towards the Creature Comfort badge. The badge has been spilt into four parts: Perfect Pets, Creepy Critters, Woodland Animals and Meerkats. We have accomplished various activities including crafts such as paper plate pets, butterflies, Meerkat masks, cupcake decorating and woodland origami.

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

We have lots of exciting plans ahead and are looking forward to the rest of this term's activities.



Harvest Thanks



The Harvest Festival and Supper were enjoyed by many who attended and gave so generously. The celebrations raised £275 for Farmers' Community Network (a charity providing support for farming families in crisis). Several large boxes of donations for Leamington Food Bank were also collected.

St Chad's was decorated beautifully thanks to Piers, Maralyn and the flower arranging team. Sharlene cooked a delicious supper and the contributions from those who attended the supper were also delicious. Our gratitude goes to Andy Brettell for the use of the school hall, Sharlene for her hard work and to Doug for opening and closing the school for us. Don't forget next year – put the dates in your diaries now! Harvest supper on the 3rd October and Harvest Festival on Sunday 4th October *Elaine & St Chad's PCC*



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November Rotas

Cleaning

- 1st Jenny & Peter Lister
8th Jo Shaw
15th Liz Sheehan
22nd Fiona Meades & Jo Jordan
29th Esther Boyle & Gill Yarwood

Assistant Stewards

- 2nd Andrew Day
9th John & Ros Pratt
16th Graham Leeke
23rd Huw Davies
30th Fiona & Ewan Meades

Sidespersons

- 2nd Sheila Hayward & Kath Reason
9th Mervyn & Desnee Fletcher
16th Vera Vale & Joan Alderman
23rd Ray & Anne Allen
30th Rod Smith & Mac McGarrick

Coffee

- 2nd Gill Yarwood & Rod Smith
9th Ros Pratt & Jane Everett
16th Jean Coope & Mac McGarrick
23rd Fiona Meades & Joan Alderman
30th Maralyn & Roy Brown

The Christian Family

Baptisms

Noah Andrew Dale
Clara Maria Dale

*We welcome them into the
Christian Family.*

Marriage

John Johnson & Alice Ashby
*We offer our congratulations and
best wishes for the future.*

Funeral

Roy Stephens
*We pray for his soul and offer our
sympathy to his family and friends.*

Bishops Tachbrook Cycle of Prayer Praying for our Community

As the nights draw in and Christmas adverts fill the shops and television, we make our own plans for the next month: are we travelling to see our families or are they journeying to join us? As youngsters grow up how can we ensure they really hear the true message of the season? May we find the time and peace in all the busy ness to thank God for the blessings we and our families have received.

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This month we pray for those who live in:

Seven Acre Close
Shylock Close
St Chad's Road
The Lees

Dates in November:

Saturday 1st - All Saints Day
Sunday 2nd - All Saints & All Souls
There is a sheet at the back of the church on which to put names you would like remembered.
Sunday 9th - Remembrance
Sunday - Service begins at 10.15am
Tuesday 11th - Service of Remembrance at 11am
Sunday 16th -
2nd before Advent
Sunday 23rd -
Christ the King





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In the spirit of the pumpkins of Halloween and the flames of bonfire night, did you know...?

ORANGE FOOD FACTS

Oranges are a great source of vitamin C which prevents scurvy.

One 150ml glass of orange juice counts as 1 of your 5 a day.

You might think of carrots as orange but they can also be white, yellow, red and even purple!

A WWII campaign popularised the idea that carrots help you to see in the dark.

What is certainly true is that carrots, by virtue of their heavy dose of Vitamin A (in the form of beta carotene), are good for your eye health.

One apricot only has 17 calories.

In China, apricots were once called "moons of the faithful" and were thought to enhance women's fertility.

A large peach has 70 calories.

China is the largest world producer of peaches, with Italy second.

The name pumpkin comes from the Greek word 'pepon', meaning 'large melon'.

Supermarkets have been selling baby pumpkins called munchkins!



Test yourself...

True or false fire facts

1. No one knows who invented the fire hydrant, because its patent was destroyed in a fire .
2. **Walt Disney World is the largest consumer of fireworks in the United States.**
3. St Aloysius was martyred by being roasted to death on a gridiron.
4. **The Great Fire of London started in a baker's oven.**
5. Most house fires start in the living room.
6. **Fires require fuel, carbon dioxide and heat to burn**
7. A candle flame typically burns at about 1000 degrees Celsius (1800 Fahrenheit).
8. **Wild fires can be a good thing.**



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| 1. | True |
| 2. | True |
| 3. | False, it was St. Lawrence |
| 4. | True |
| 5. | False, it's the kitchen |
| 6. | False, it's fuel, oxygen & heat |
| 7. | True |
| 8. | True, they clear out the understorey allowing new growth |

History Group continued

in its expectations. Claims had to be submitted within 9 days. The surviving documents show that 40 different professional and trade occupations were carried out by the residents in Jury Street. Property owners were required to tidy up damaged property and re-build within two years. Plans required the widening of Jury Street, which involved compulsory purchases of property. No buildings could be more than two storeys high, windows must be inset, of uniform design and in a straight line. There could be no architectural flights of fancy. The cross at the junction with Church Street was not replaced but imposing three storey houses, with Greek-style pillars were designed to provide an imposing view up to St Mary's Church. We saw pictures of buildings which survived the blaze, including the Lord Leycester Hospital and the adjoining property, which used to be a pub, the shop on the corner

of New Street, the rear of the Quaker meeting house.

Gillian in closing urged us to look upwards as we stroll round Warwick to appreciate the fine architectural detail of the re-built town, thanks to the Great Fire. There was general agreement that we should put a guided tour of Warwick in next year's programme.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, 11th November at 2.30pm
in St Chad's Church

A Double Bill

'The Re-Birth of the Priory, Warwick' by Jeannette Oubridge

'Excavation in the Garden of Shakespeare's House' by Eddie Cousins

Tuesday, 9th December
Christmas Lunch at the Leopard Inn
(Book before 25th November –
details from 01926 336360)

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