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What's in this month's magazine

The residents of Bishop's Tachbrook, and the surrounding area, look like being busy in November and December. Starting on page 5 with, 'What's on at St Chads' and finishing with the programme for The Sports and Social Club on page 9, there are no less than 33 events listed. That doesn't include the 10 regular weekly events. We are busy bees!

As you may well know, this Magazine is funded by advertising revenue, the time that volunteers put in free of charge and our annual fundraising event—hence the envelope in this issue. See page 15 for details.

This month's centrefold is in colour, pages 22 and 23 highlight the great work carried out monthly by the working party organised by Cllr Paul Whitwood. You can always join in! Also in colour, exciting ways to learn about friction on pages 21 and 24. I really can't remember science teaching being that interesting when I was at school!

Steve Harvey's drawing of a wasp is up there with the very best of his drawings, see page 26. At the end of his article there's 2 children's poems about spiders that adults can also enjoy. There's also a poem by our Poet Laureate, Carol Ann Duffy see page 33.

For those of you who don't recognise it, the front cover picture is a view of Heathcote Park.

CYCLE OF PRAYER—Praying for our Community

In November we will be praying for residents of:

Seven Acre Close

Shylock Grove

St Chad's Road

The Lees

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.

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I've had a number of funerals to take recently of friends of the family and they are always hard to do because I am saying goodbye to people who have been a part of my life and that is always difficult. Two of these funerals have been in the North East and so I've had plenty of thinking time as I've driven back in the car through the lovely Yorkshire countryside. This time as I was driving and thinking, suddenly there was a burst of fireworks in the distance. I wondered what people were celebrating, probably a wedding or birthday, creating new memories.

November is the month of remembering; on the 1st we have All Saint's Day when we remember those men and women throughout the ages who have lived lives that helped draw people closer to God; the 2nd is All Soul's Day when we remember those of our loved ones who have died; three days later, we "Remember, remember the fifth of November, gunpowder, treason and plot." Then, the eleventh hour of the eleventh month marks Armistice Day and we stand together to remember those who have given their lives in the service of our country.

Our memories are things we cling to which is why the loss of memory is so deeply disturbing and frightening. For those living with Alzheimer's disease or vascular dementia, whole episodes of their past can be beyond recall; they forget where they have been and what they have achieved. Family and friends can become anonymous strangers, and

sufferers forget who they are and whom they love. It is only when watching someone descend in to the horrible grip of dementia, do we realise how important it is to remember, to treasure our memories.

What is the difference between memory and remembrance? Memory concerns the recollection of facts. However, Remembrance describes a much more profound process. To remember is to invite the past into the present. When we do this, people, places and shared experiences can be so valued and cherished that greater meaning, depth and joy are brought to our lives today. I often say at funerals that I take, that the greatest gift you can give to a bereaved person is your time, a time where you can remember, a time where you can laugh and maybe cry together, a time that is in some way sacred, special.

Every week at St Chads we follow the directions of Jesus and St Paul when we celebrate the Eucharist. In 1 Corinthians chapter 11, St Paul gave instructions on how the Eucharist should be conducted in remembrance of Christ. At the Last Supper Jesus tells his disciples to – "do this in remembrance of me."

So, we don't only remember in November but this month is special and I hope you will be able to join us on either the 11th or 13th as we give thanks for those who gave their lives for this country. We will also be remembering those of our loved ones who have died on Sunday October 30th at

10am. If you would like a loved one's name read out in church please let me know. We will be giving people the opportunity to light a candle if they so wish during this service.

With every blessing for a peaceful November, Elaine

THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY

Baptism

Zander Robin Grant-Leatherbarrow

Harry James Gibson

Joel Mark Sanderson

We welcome them into the Christian Family.

Marriage

Michael Denny & Sinead Griffin

We offer our congratulations and best wishes for the future.

WHAT'S ON AT ST CHADS

Sunday October 30th 10am All Saint's / All Souls Day Service. Please put the names of loved ones to be remembered on the sheet at the back of Church

Saturday 5 November 9.30 - noon - Autumn Clean and Churchyard Tidy. All welcome to help tidy the churchyard before Remembrance Day. We will also be clearing spiders webs and tidying inside the church.

Friday 11th November - 10:45am
Remembrance Day Service at the War Memorial

Sunday 13th November 10:15
Remembrance Sunday Service ending at the War Memorial for 11am

Saturday 19th November 10am - 12pm
Mother's Union Coffee Morning.

Sunday 4th December 4pm Christingle Service - All welcome

Friday 9th December - Sunday 11th December Nativity/Crib Festival

Do you have any unusual crib or nativity sets that you could loan us for our festival? Last year we had over 60 on display. The home made ones were very popular. Could you make one to be displayed this year? The church will be open on Thursday 8th to receive loans. Many thanks in anticipation of your help.

Carols on the Green December 11th 6pm - This will be the culmination of our Crib Festival. Do come and join us and enjoy mulled wine and mince pies after the singing!

Sunday December 18th 6pm Carols by Candle Light – A service of readings and carols.

Friday 23rd December 6:30pm Carols in the Leopard - Each year this celebration becomes more popular, Luke supplies the Tea, coffee and mince pies. Do come and join us.

Saturday 24th December 4pm. Crib Service – come along dressed up and take part in the greatest story ever told, the Nativity of our Lord. Adults are welcome to dress up too.

11:30pm Midnight Mass. The first service of Christmas. All welcome

25th December 10am – Christmas Family Communion. Do come and join us, bring your presents along to show us and celebrate our Lord's birth. All welcome

Bishop's Tachbrook Calendar - Monthly events

November 2016

3 rd Thursday	Tachbrook Tinies	Crazy Kiln Pottery	Sports and Social Club	09.30 -11.00	Elissa 07854427213
3rd Thursday	WI	Stress and Health	B.T. School	19.45	01926 424135
4 th Friday	Village Events Group	Firework Display	The Meadow	20.00	07926584202
5 th Saturday	St Chads	Annual clean and churchyard clear	St Chads	09.30-12.00	Linda Stevens 01926 334812
8 th Tuesday	History Group	Zephaniah Job-The Smugglers Banker	St Chad's	14.30	01926 885938
11 th Friday	St Chad's	Remembrance Day Service	War Memorial	10.45	01926 426922
12 th Saturday	St Chad's	Churchyard Gardening	St Chad's	10.00 -12.00	01926 330050
12 th Saturday	Working Party Group	Parish tidying	TBA	09.30 - 13.00	E-mail: thewhitwood4 @btinternet. com
12 th Saturday	Parish Council	Bulb planting	See page 15	10.00-11.00	
13th Sunday	St Chad's	Remembrance Day Service	St Chad's	10.15	01926 426922
19th Saturday	Mother's Union	Coffee morning	St Chad's Church	10.00 -12.00	01926 427922
23 rd Wednesday	St Chad's	Churchyard Gardening	St Chad's	10.00 -12.00	01926 330050
24 th Thursday	Croft Medical Centre	Patients Group	Sydenham Surgery	18.30	01926 336749
26 th Saturday	B T School PTA	Christmas Fayre	B T School	15.00 -17.00	07880508241

Bishop's Tachbrook Calendar - Monthly events

December 2016

1st Thursday	WI	Christmas Party	B.T. School	19.45	01926 424135
4th Sunday	St Chad's	Christingle Service	St Chad's	16.00	01926 426922
6th Thursday	History Group	Christmas Dinner	Leopard	12.30	01926 885938
9 th Friday to 11 th Sunday	St Chad's	Nativity/Crib Festival	St Chad's		01926 426922
10 th Saturday	Working Party Group	Parish tidying	TBA	09.30 -13.00	E-mail: thewhitwood4 @btinternet. com
11 th Sunday	St Chad's	Carols on the Green	St Chad's	18.00	01926 426922
15th Thursday	Tachbrook Tinies	Dandy Development	Sports and Social Club	9.30 -11.00	Elissa 07854427213
18 th Sunday	St Chad's	Carols by Candlelight	St Chad's	18.00pm	01926 426922
23 rd Friday	St Chad's	Carols in Leopard	Leopard	18.30	01926 426922



Bishop's Tachbrook Calendar - Regular events

Mondays	Rainbows	Sports and Social Club	18.00-19.00	purdieanddoyle@yahoo.com 07828411786
Mondays	Youth Club	B.T. School	18.30-20.00	Anoushka76@hotmail.com
Tuesday	Pilates	Sports and Social Club	09.30-10.30	07769222524
Tuesdays	Over 50s	Sports and Social Club	14.00-16.00	01926 313020
2nd Tuesday of each month	History Group	St Chad's Church	14.30 winter 19.30 summer	01926336749
Tuesdays	Bingo	Sports and Social Club	20.00	01926 421621
Wednesday	Brownies	Sports and Social Club	18.00-19.30	Carolineloveday@sky.com
Thursdays	Tachbrook Tinies	Sports and Social Club	09.30-11.00	Elissa 07854427213
1 st Thursday of each month	W I	B.T. School	19.45 – 21.45	01926 424135
2nd Thursday of each month	Country Dancing	Sports and Social Club	20.00	01926 314286
3 rd Thursday of each month	Parish Council meeting	B.T. School	19.30	01926 641220
Sundays	Bingo	Sports and Social Club	20.00	01926 421621

Bishop's Tachbrook Sports and Social Club

Winter Entertainment

November

5th November — Quiz Night

Pit your wits against The Judge. With a cash prize to be won, and prizes for every team, come and enjoy a fun quiz

12th November — Skittle Night

A great night of family fun with rounds for children and adults. We'll have a buffet too

19th November - The Jaguars

Performing 20 No 1 hits and 16 Top 20 hits from the 60's, The Jaguar's are returning, playing music with a bite...

26th November — The Score

The Score are back. Playing songs from the 50's all the way through to modern chart hits, with audience involvement too, you will have a great time

December

3rd December — Quiz Night

Our regular quiz, with a festive flavor. As usual, prizes for everyone. And Santa may make an appearance

10th December— Bottle Bingo

Come and join us for a bingo with a twist, prizes galore for this popular night

11th December— Xmas sing along

Come and join Dave Berry for a Christmas sing along

17th December - Family Bingo

Adults and Children are welcome for this fun evening. No cash prizes, but plenty of fun to be had

24th December — Christmas Disco

Another great family orientated evening for everyone to enjoy, Andy will be playing Christmas songs to get you all in the festive spirit

New Years Eve at BTSSC

We've booked a great band for New Years Eve this year. The Vagon's have played for us before and had everyone up dancing. Playing a fantastic selection of modern and classic rock songs from throughout the decades, it's the perfect way to see in 2017

St Chad's Centre News

The windows are in! And don't they look fantastic? The overwhelming majority of comments Trustees are hearing these days about the St Chad's Centre are what a really great looking building it is. All the windows and doors are watertight and secure, and hopefully will keep the builders warmer this winter than they were this time last year!

book the Centre for events and classes. We currently have quite a lot of availability during the day so if you have any ideas which will help bring the community together we'd love to hear from you. Our booking system will be available in the next month or so and you will be able to book and pay for sessions online. You will also be able to post



This month Trustees have chosen the kitchen design and begun sourcing the equipment such as two ovens, electric hob, two fridges and a separate freezer. It's a really fun stage where we're starting to visualise what the final fit out will look like. Would you like to sponsor or donate a piece of equipment to the Centre? We can't promise to put a plaque on the item but we can promise the eternal gratitude of an entire community!

Lots of people are getting in touch to

letters of booking enquiries to the Centre when it's opening or c/o The St Chad's Centre Trustees, Savages House, Savages Close beforehand.

By the time you read this article there will be power to the St Chad's Centre. There's been some activity on the green by Western Power, Stratford Energy and Openreach to ensure the Centre is 21st century ready with power and broadband. Parish Clerk Corinne has been expertly navigating through the permissions and Trustees thank her

sincerely for her efforts and patience.

Our chair Andrew has been trouble shooting with Kevin and Sam, the contractors, to free up more storage space within the Centre for all the bits and bobs necessary to be stored in the building. He's very excited by the innovative solution they've come up with

Tachbrook Parish Council, The Allchurches Trust, The Beatrice Laing Trust, The 29th May Trust, Awards for All, and Bernard Sunley Foundation.

With the St Chad's Centre on the cusp of opening, Trustees would welcome hearing from anyone who feels they have something to contribute to the Centre



in the entrance foyer but Trustees will encourage him to be first up there to put away the Christmas decorations!

Trustees would once again like to show our appreciation for the individuals and organisations who have supported the concept and building of the St Chad's Centre. There are many individuals working behind the scenes and without the generous backing of our funders the project would not be possible: Warwick District Council, WREN , Bishop's

once it's up and running. Please get in touch if you would be interested in joining us on the board of Trustees or if you would like to volunteer your time helping run the Centre e.g. hosting events, administrating bookings, cleaning or general maintenance. If you are interested in any of these positions please email stchadscentrebtc@gmail.com Please do also contact us if you would like to contribute to the final stages of the Centre in any way. Keep watching this space for a confirmed opening ceremony date!

BONFIRE NIGHT

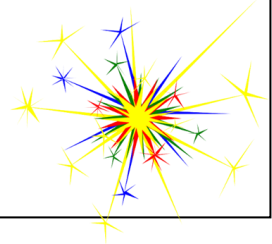
Friday November 4th Bishop's Tachbrook Meadow

Starts at 7.00p.m.



Due to Health & Safety reasons there will be no parking at the meadow so please try to leave your cars at home!!!!

Bringing the
Community
Together



Not always a dog's life!! Pickle

Dear Dog Friends

I'm getting really worried, it's nearly bonfire night again. I saw on the web site there are to be two big events in the village this year. And that is without anyone setting fireworks off in their garden. Looks like I'm going to be living on sedatives that week.

I do wish humans would think of us pets who are terrified of fireworks. I can even hear wedding fireworks at Mallory Court I'm so sensitive now. I wasn't always. Someone set off a giant one close to the house when I was younger and its made me so scared I start shaking then run about cowering. My cat just laughs at me. She's a toughie.

Did you know, someone is leaving bags of pooh on my friends front verge among the bushes. It wasn't me, honest. And it wasn't me that didn't make it to the field recently. If you have an accident and you've no pooh bag, knock my door I'll always let you have one.

Lots of love and licks

Pickle



Connecting Our New Residents

Many of you will be regularly driving past the Bloor site on Oakley Wood Road and noticing the rapid progress the developer is making. Also Country Council Highway contractors are progressing well with the engineering works on Oakley Wood Road, to form the new entrance. In parallel with these activities the Parish Councillors and other volunteers have been working hard on our preparations to welcome new residents and connect them to our wider community.

In the physical sense, our planning with Bloors to make the footpath connection from the new estate, Oakley Meadows, to the Meadow and beyond is developing well, including the securing of temporary storage for parish equipment. It is expected that the footpath works will commence in the new year and when we have firmer dates, local residents, allotment holders and the Sports and Social Club will be advised giving as much notice as possible. A big thank you to Cllr Graham Leeke for leading on this. To connect new residents to groups and activities in the area, the new Parish Welcome Pack is nearing fruition. Led by Cllrs Cathy Herbert and Carol Gabbitas the contributions are flowing in well and final editing underway. Resident Chris Lovell of Ad Synergy is generously providing the artwork/ design for the project, free of charge. The Welcome has been designed to be a flexible live publication that can easily be updated as required to keep it fresh and relevant.

Parish Growth

Further changes to the Parish Boundary along with development already planned within the current boundary will increase the number of households in our Parish from around 1050 to over 3500 mostly within the next 10 years: a huge and rapid increase. But it also means that we can finally welcome the residents of Heathcote Park to the Parish.

Given the scale of change, which is already unfolding, councillors will be spending time in the coming weeks, thinking about the future shape and scale of the Parish; how we can connect its separate “villages” and how the Parish Council can best support and provide services to the community.

Working with District and County

District Councillor Andrew Day is helping to forge more effective links with district and county officers to ensure we have obtain a better service for residents. We hope this will resolve recurring frustrations in getting the simplest things done and will also lead to the release of several projects that are on hold awaiting district approval.

Local Plan Update.

Thank you to Cllr Ray Bullen for his dedication and generous donation of his time in participating in the Local Plan Examination in Public that has been running for a number of weeks. Ray has been able to articulate to the inspector the long-held, evidence-backed view that the New Local Plan is over delivering on housing need.

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Parish Council News (continued)

New affordable Housing

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Any questions please contact: Mrs. Corinne Hill, Parish Clerk, Gaydon Field's Farm Gaydon CV35 0HF

Tel: 01926 641220

email:

parishclerk@bishopstachbrook.com/

parishclerk85@btinternet.com

Community bulb planting event

Please come and join fellow residents in our first annual bulb planting event. On Saturday 12th November, we plan to plant over 1000 bulbs at three locations across the parish in readiness for an explosion of colour in spring. We have selected three locations:

-St Chad's Green

-Oakley Wood Road, North of the Leopard

-Warwick Gates open space near the Harbury Lane Traffic lights.

Tools, bulbs and refreshments will be provided but you may wish to bring your gardening gloves.

Please arrive at one of the three locations at 10am and with a fair turnout, we should be done by 11am. All welcome- For those with young ones—fun for the whole family

Parish Magazine fundraising 2016

We hope you've enjoyed the Parish Magazine this year!

It costs over £4,000 to provide 10 editions per annum, free of charge, to every household in the Parish. Each month, a team of volunteers prepare and edit the content, while others deliver copies come rain or shine. Three quarters of the costs are covered by the wonderful individuals, organisations and companies who place adverts with us. However, each year we still need to raise £1,000 in gifts from our readers to break even.

By asking for gifts, rather than charging a subscription, we are able to claim back the Gift Aid, ensuring the Inland Revenue makes a contribution too! For every £1 you give we can claim a further 25p in Gift Aid.

So please can you make a gift to help our Parish Magazine? Every pound will help, especially if you also sign and return the Gift Aid declaration. If we give at least £5 then together we will cover what we need. If some could give more, that would effectively cover for those people unable to give this year.

It couldn't be easier, please put your gift in the envelope provided, sign the Gift Aid declaration then drop it into any one of the following addresses: The Vicarage, 19 Argyle Way, 8 Savages Close, 3 Hassell Close, 5 Birch Court, Heathcote Park or the bucket at St Chad's Church or the village shop.

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At our October meeting Lady Hamilton told us it wasn't until she became engaged to her future schoolmaster-husband that he casually announced he was in line to become Sir Roger Hamilton. Nor did she know about the inheritance of Walton Hall and the surrounding 4,000 acre village estate.

There had been a settlement at Walton in Anglo Saxon times, an Elizabeth house replaced by a Georgian house, which was restored and extended into Victorian turreted Gothic Revival glory by Gilbert Scott in 1862. The attractive Gog Bridge and pretty little church of St James completed the picture. Pretty, but when Lady Hamilton first visited, it was empty of all furniture, dauntingly cold and lacking 20th century amenities, as were the scattering of estate cottages. During the war the Hall and estate had been leased to the army and later the Territorials; it was rumoured that the troops enjoyed swinging from the chandeliers. When Sir Richard inherited in 1961, he had a conscientious sense of stewardship and desire to keep the estate together. The Hamilton family lived in the nearby rectory and the Hall was initially rented to St Vincent's private girls' school from Hampshire. It was said that the pupils had better manners than mathematical skills! But when the school closed down it was converted into a hotel by Danny La Rue, who staged popular shows and hosted well-known stars like Eric Sykes, Ronnie Corbet and Liberace. Sir Richard mused "I wonder what my mother would have made of it". 'mother' was the daughter by the second marriage

of Sir Charles Mordaunt. His first marriage to Harriet resulted in a scandal which shocked and titillated Victorian England and involved the first appearance in court of a member of the Royal Family – the fun-loving Prince of Wales.

The Scottish young Lady Harriet Mordaunt loved the social life of London and was readily accepted into high society, whereas Sir Charles preferred country life with its hunting and fishing. He went on a long overseas fishing trip and was happy for his wife to entertain her family while he was away. But the guest lists extended beyond family to London society, which included the Prince of Wales, who would arrive by hackney carriage and repair to the parlour with a "do not disturb" notice on the door! Sir Charles returned home unexpectedly to find the young Prince of Wales watching the beautiful and flirtatious Lady Mordaunt as she demonstrated her carriage driving skills with a pair of white ponies that the Prince had given her. The Prince was dispatched with a notable absence of courtesy, Sir Charles then dragged his wife from the house to watch the two ponies being shot.

Lady Mordaunt eventually gave birth to a daughter, became mentally unbalanced, expressing guilt and great remorse for her behaviour - not only with the Prince of Wales but with several of his cronies, "often and in open day". In the consequential divorce case the Prince denied any impropriety; Harriet, having been declared insane, spent the rest of

Anne Kirby

her life in an asylum. Her daughter, Violet, was brought up by her grandparents and became the 5th Marchioness of Bath and grandmother of the present Lord Bath of Longleat.



The Hall is now a smart hotel, country club and conference centre. Lady Hamilton, a widow since 2001, still lives in the old vicarage in Walton and participates in village activities. She has revelled in studying the Mordaunt family papers, which were discovered during restoration of the Hall, and was inspired to write several books about the history of Walton.

Next Meeting - Tuesday, 8th November
2.30 in St Chad's Church
'Zephaniah Job, the Smugglers' Banker' –
revealed by Anthony Addams

The story of the decorated spoon

The WI held a decorated spoon competition at a meeting in the village which was won by Ann Sims. Her spoon was then entered into a competition, in Weston under Wetherley which it also won. A great spoon!



I'm sitting in the wilds of North Norfolk listening to the sea, blue sky, sunshine, seagulls floating on the breeze Ok not a breeze but blowing well and I'm thinking of home .

Our October meeting is our Annual Meeting , to me the most important meeting of the year, when a new committee was elected. This year with so many nominations we had a proper election with invited tellers , my thanks to them. Reports were read and voted on and finally the new committee announced. Again my heartfelt thanks to those past committee members who were unsuccessful in being re-appointed I really did appreciate all you did over the last 12 months.

Next is the difficult bit. Election of the new president. I'm happy to say Janette Morley agreed to take up this post. The evening had started with normal WI business we'd had a sports orientated coffee morning, a trip to the Charles Rennie Macintosh house in Northampton , a wine club evening, and our decorated wooden spoon won first prize at the group meeting. (Well done Ann) All events were well attended and very successful .

Forthcoming things to look forward to are more serious science lectures, the next one being My Life in the Freezer a talk by Mark Wood a seasoned explorer, there are craft workshops and competitions, the county quiz and even an event next June.

We are now organising our annual Christmas party. Food lists are being filled, as is the list for those wishing to come (22 so far) and rehearsals for the entertainment are underway . If you would like to join us please give me a ring £5 WI members £6 guests.

In January as we have no meeting, we hope to go to the Leopard for a meal. There is also to be a coffee morning on Saturday 7th January 10-12 hosted by Wendy and Piers in aid of Air Ambulance . Come along and meet some of us it's all for a good cause.

November's speaker is Liz Dyde who is going to tell us how to manage stress and improve our health. A perfect speaker to have before the Christmas activities.

Don't forget to keep your used postage stamps. I'm looking in to finding a new charity for them. Also your old bras for recycling with Bravissimo.

I'm signing off from sunny Norfolk . Husband and dog have just returned from a bracing walk on the beach now cups of tea all round.

Do please give me a ring if you want to know more about the WI .

Anne Allen. 424135

Science at BT School

Year 4 have been busy finding out about FRICTION with a trip to the play equipment at the meadow.

SLIPPY OR GRIPPY?

Ellie: "You will need low friction for the pole so you can go fast. I wore washing up gloves to make it harder for me!"



High Friction

Pupils soon discovered that the rubber gloves made high friction so sliding down the pole was impossible!

Alexandra: "I used jump-in socks on my hands. There is friction between the jump-in socks and the fireman's pole. The friction is high so you go slower."

Attendees :-

Chris Bills, Liz Bills, Andrew Day, Sean Deely, Mick Elliott, Paul French, Graham Leeke, Paul Whitwood

Cicero Island 'sprayed off', anti-weed matting laid down and gravel spread on top to match the two other Warwick Gates islands in the Parish on Othello Avenue



Green 'island' and verges adjacent to the Tach Brook Bridge cut back, hedge cut back and trees cleared around



Green lichen cleaned off post box on the village green



Green 'island' outside Woodside Farm cleared and all trees cleared around



Verges and grass adjacent to Bishop's Tachbrook 'Entrance Gates' cut



Undergrowth cleared from around trees opposite The Leopard



Team members at work or posing!

Next dates 12th Nov 10th Dec 9:30 to 13:00 E-mail: thewhitwood4@btinternet.com

Science at BT School

Pupils very quickly found out that sliding is faster when friction is lower.

SLIPPY OR GRIPPY?

Oliver: "There's friction between my bottom and the slide. Low friction is better so that you can go fast.!"



Low Friction

Shaan: "There is friction between the slide and the blanket. The blanket was really slippery when you put it on so you had to be really careful so that you don't drop your blanket. The friction was low which meant I would go really fast."

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Spider time yeahy! Long-legged insey ones, fat bodied winsey ones, Orb webs covered with dew - beautiful. Try telling a Daddy long Legs that - pure nightmare for them!

Ladybirds are finding each other, clustering together in corners of window frames and door frames like Roman shields joined together against the weather.

I usually hear the 'seep' call of the Redwing flocks as they cross the sky in September. This year it was mid October so I guess the Scandinavian Autumn was mild so they hung on before crossing the North Sea to join us.

Rubbish Summer for butterflies, only seen one Peacock, hardly a Tortoiseshell but loads of migrant Red Admirals - common as muck this year.



WASP FEEDING
ON IVY FLOWERS

Wasps have had a great time. I have a nest by my compost heap. Not everyone's cup of tea but when I watch how hard they work I wouldn't want to harm them. They were zapping about at first light and continued working until you could hardly see. Some of them flew out of sight while others scoured the borders for caterpillars, spiders and aphids. So, on balance, they were an asset to the garden.

I was chatting to Brian Smith on his farm over a cup of tea the other day when a small group of seven dark-coloured birds approached. At first they looked like geese - they were cormorants. I usually only see one at a time in flight.

You may remember the Moorhen story (if anybody reads this). Well, I'm still connected to them. As I approach them by crossing the bridge over the canal I make the universal clicking sound that all creatures respond to! The Moorhens stop what they are doing and turn to face me. The chick starts to cheep and head towards me before the parents. If they are on the towpath they run to me like tiny black chickens leaping into the water at the last minute. Anyway, bad news, by October there was only one chick. I'll never know what happened to the other chick but my suspicions are on the eight cygnets that dominate the water. They may be elegant and beautiful but they are spiteful, having a go at the ducks and anything else that comes near them. If the Moorhen chick swam close by it wouldn't stand a chance. The remaining chick is now nearly half the size of its parents and getting all the food and attention so it is thriving.

Oh, just to say I've now been personally introduced to Betty B's Robin. It shows no fear and hopped around my feet and spent some time sitting and looking into the water in my bucket. I could almost touch it.

Spider Poetry 1

No wonder spiders wear
bare feet

To run their cobweb races.

Suppose they had to have
eight shoes,

How would they tie their laces.

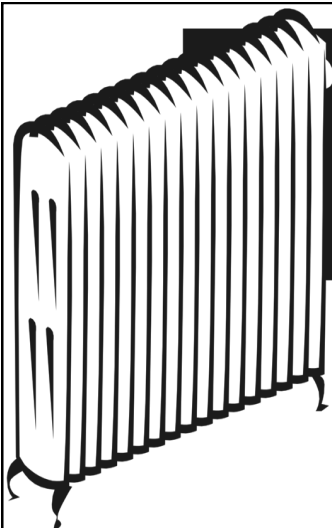
Spider Poetry 2

At early morn the spiders spin,

And by and by the flies drop in

And when they can, the
spiders say,

Take off your things and stay all
day!



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MU Happenings

In October we were fascinated by the items our speaker, Felicity Howatson, took out of her Great Grandma's Workbox; an ebony and mother-of-pearl box full of treasures that had spent its life in India with various members of the family for 4 generations until India gained its independence. Felicity, as a little girl, had jealously guarded the box and some of Great Grandma's linen and brought them home to the UK when they left after her father's service ended. The fineness of packets of needles (from Redditch), the beautiful carvings on mother-of pearl bobbin ends, the beautiful 'stork' scissors had to be seen to be believed. From a young age Felicity obviously showed talent with her sewing and it naturally turned into her life-long career in ecclesiastical outfitting and church embroidery.

On Sat. November 19th we are holding our Autumn Coffee Morning, in St Chad's Church from 10 am – 12 noon. Come in out of the cold for a cuppa with your friends and stock up your cake tins, pantry and fridge. There will be home-made Christmas Cards, Preserves, Cakes and Biscuits, Luxury Puddings, Crumbles and, of course, a Raffle! If you have a special request please let me know and I shall see what can be done – no promises, though!!

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Poetry Please

Prayer by Carol Ann Duffy

Some days, although we
cannot pray, a prayer
utters itself. So, a woman will lift
her head from the sieve of her
hands and stare
at the minims sung by a tree, a
sudden gift.

Some nights, although we are
faithless, the truth
enters our hearts, that small
familiar pain;
then a man will stand stock-still,
hearing his youth
in the distant Latin chanting of
a train.

Pray for us now. Grade 1 piano
scales
console the lodger looking out
across
a Midlands town. Then dusk,
and someone calls
a child's name as though they
named their loss.

Darkness outside. Inside, the
radio's prayer -
Rockall. Malin. Dogger.
Finisterre.

Eternal Flowers - Bishop's Tachbrook Business Questionnaire

Name:

Lindsey Robinson

Business:

Eternal Flowers Florist started May 2015

Tell us a bit about what your business does:

Eternal Flowers specialises in Weddings, Funerals & Occasions, creating beautiful, bespoke floral designs to meet your individual requirements.

Give us a bit of background to the business:

I'm a qualified florist based in Whitnash, Royal Leamington Spa. I gained my Floristry Qualification in 2010 attending Moreton Morrell College as a mature student, passing with credits and distinctions. I specialise in flowers for Weddings, Funerals and Occasions catering for most budgets.

How did you get into the business?

Initially creating bespoke floral arrangements for friends and family, they encouraged me to set up my own business, which I decided to do in 2015.

What sets you apart from other businesses?

I work from home, therefore my overheads are minimal, making my prices very competitive and I am able to work with most budgets. Please contact me to discuss your requirements to see how I can help and advise. My customers are welcome to come and see me or if it's easier, I can visit them.

What is your business motto?

My work is only as good as my last job.

How is your business doing at the moment?

Very well, taking bookings for weddings through to next year.

Where do you see your business in 5 years?:

Blooming! With returning customers

Who is your target market?

All ages

What did you do before you ran your business?

Working for the local Government.

Where do you live?

I have lived in Whitnash all my life, in fact I live in the same street I was born in, with most of my old neighbours still living here!

What is the best thing about running your own business/your job?

Creating floral designs to enhance the flowers natural beauty and enjoying it! Anything is possible without the need of having to deface the flower! Then receiving positive feedback from my customers as I have fulfilled their request when placing the order.

What is the worst thing about running your own business/your job?

Having to turn customers away due to high demand.

Eternal Flowers Christmas

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Local school choirs sing Christmas songs on Friday morning 25 November in a free concert with a retiring collection, when doors open at 10 am, come along and hear the children from Myton, Westgate and Emscote Infants/All Saints Junior Schools sing and visitors can enjoy a cup of coffee from the Pop Up Café.

The Pop Up Café will be serving tea, coffee and homemade cakes on Friday and Saturday of both weekends from 10 am – 4 pm. St Mary's invites you to have tea and cake with the Mayor, Christine Cross, at 11am on Saturday 26th November, as she pays a visit to the annual Christmas Tree Festival. 'Da Capo' an a cappella chamber choir will be singing at 11 am and 1.00pm filling the church with their beautiful sound.

Santa will be visiting the Christmas Tree Festival at 10.30am on Saturday 3 December – he has heard that it is going to be especially beautiful this year. Why not come along and join him as he looks at the beautiful trees and stops off at the pop-up café for a lovely slice of cake, before continuing his long journey towards Christmas? Tell Tale Theatre Company will be presenting 'A Victorian Christmas' at 7.30 pm. (Tickets from St Mary's events@stmaryswarwick.org.uk or 01926403940)

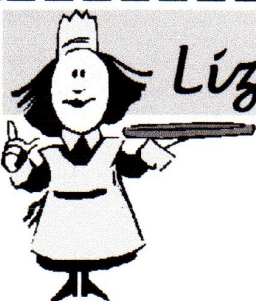
'Sing It Loud' an award winning community choir from Leamington Spa will be performing at 7.00 pm on Saturday 3 December, the concert is in aid of Parkinson's disease. The Friends of St Mary's will be serving mulled wine and mince pies. For more information about the choir and booking visit: www.singitloud.co.uk

There will be lunchtime recitals from 12.30 – 2 pm on Friday 25 November and Friday 2 December - come along and listen to the talented musicians from King's High School for Girls and Warwick School.

All the trees are individually decorated by the community and local businesses and this will be an opportunity to celebrate the spirit of Christmas and be inspired by local people and organisations. Come along and support this wonderful event. For more information please visit our website - <http://www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk>

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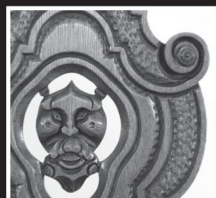
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