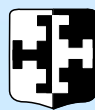


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The earth has yielded its produce; God, our God, blesses us. Psalms 67:6

Jim and I have just spent a wonderful month in California where the weather was perfect, hot yes but with little humidity until one day the skies opened.

The road outside the house we rented turned into a river and there were a number of “flash floods” which caused chaos – this was the desert, they were not used to rain. We had just returned to almost normal, hot but with a little humidity when a friend posted a picture on Facebook of the road just a little way from our family home in Red-car – the floodwater was so high a car was almost submerged. I immediately sent an email to another friend who is a farmer in the North East asking how he was and his reply – “thank God Elaine, we’d just finished harvesting. A week earlier and many of our crops would have been ruined.”

It made me realise how powerful and frightening storms can be (as I write this there are reports of deaths because of heavy rainstorms in Colorado) and how dependent on the weather farmers are. The area of California where we stayed is the Date capital of the USA and we visited a Date Garden not long after the storm. The dates as they ripen are encased in hessian type bags, to protect them mainly from wind, this year the rain was having a serious effect. Dates it turns out don’t like rain, they go mouldy and so the farmers were worried about their harvest. One that was interviewed on the television said – “Please God, it

doesn’t rain anymore or the humidity get any higher, otherwise all our hard work will be for nothing.”

Farmers all over the world are subject to fluctuations in the weather affecting their crops. Of course, in Africa we often hear of drought. A couple of years ago a student I taught went to Brazil to do voluntary work and when he emailed said that the whole region where he was working was in a coffee harvesting frenzy as the farmers took advantage of the ideal weather, warm, sunny and dry, to pick as many of the beans as they could. No children were in school as they were all out helping their parents, aunts and uncles. They didn’t want to risk the weather changing.

It is at this time of the year that we give thanks for the harvest and on the whole, after a dreadful Spring, things don’t seem to be too bad according to a couple of the local farmers I’ve spoken to. Of course, there are many other things to be thankful for too and Harvest is a great opportunity for us to get together and acknowledge -

*All good gifts around us
Are sent from heaven above;
Then thank the Lord,
O thank the Lord,
For all his love.*

Do join for our harvest celebration on Sunday 6th October at 10am. Everyone is more than welcome.

Elaine

Joys & Sorrows

Do you have any major life events to share? We'd love to hear of births, engagements, anniversaries and significant birthdays. Call Julie on 01926 420826 or email Julie_m_thomas@hotmail.com

Wedding

Congratulations to Naomi Woodcock and Philip Neale who were married at St Chad's on Friday 16th August. The service was conducted by Rev Christine Pollard. We wish them much love and happiness for their future together.



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Local Plan Update from the Parish Council

Recap on what this district is proposing Are 12300 new homes, as set out in the Local Plan Revised Development Strategy, and a 20% increase in Warwick District by 2029, actually required? Are the six sites that have been identified within the Parish Boundary the best location for the 31 Gypsy and Traveller site pitches that the District requires to meet its obligations? These are the questions Parish Councillors and local residents have been wrestling with over the summer.

How have we responded to RDS consultation? Substantial submissions have been made setting out the Parish's response to these questions. On the matter of the suitability of the proposed Gypsy and traveller sites, we have engaged specialist consultants in this field to advise us. Their report, which includes a site by site planning-based assessment, forms a major part of our 50 page submission on these site proposals. Both consultations are available to read on the bulletin board www.bishopstachbrook.com.

What did we say? On the housing proposals we have made our own assessment of the new housing required over the period. Chartered Architect Cllr Ray Bullen, with over 40 years experience in this field, has calculated that only 5400 new homes, less than half the number proposed, are required in the district to meet the demands of the current local population: and this includes an allowance for migration into the district, based on recent trends. There will be further evidence on this critical point in the autumn when the Joint Strategic Market Housing Assessment, which Warwick District has jointly commissioned with surrounding districts, is released. The issues that arise for the Parish from such an extraordinary level of growth and substantial new housing proposed south of Harbury Lane are: the loss of fertile productive farmland, visual impact when looking across the Tachbrook valley, loss of identity of a rural parish, substantial increases in traffic and rat running through the village and Warwick Gates. These points and others have been addressed in our submissions to WDC as part of their consultation process. On Gypsy and Traveller sites we have adopted the recommendations of our consultants that based on the evidence provided by Warwick District Council, none of the sites are suitable because they fail to deliver the objectives set by WDC.

Why are major planning applications being granted before the Local Plan is finalised? Under new planning legislation the District Council must ensure that there is a 5-year "supply of housing land". This means there must be enough sites that have at least outline planning permission for housing, to meet the demand for the next 5 years. This Planning technicality is being exploited by developers, because WDC planners calculated that a 5-year supply did not exist. Consequently they have been submitting substantial planning applications ahead of the Local Plan being finalised, on Greenfield sites within and on the borders of the Parish. The PC has responded to all of these in detail and has spoken at the WDC Planning Committee meeting on those planning applications within the parish boundary. Our action on the Woodside Farm development led to the application being refused and in September, the development at Grove Farm, taking development south of Harbury Lane, will be on the agenda of the WDC planning committee and we will be there to speak against that application too.

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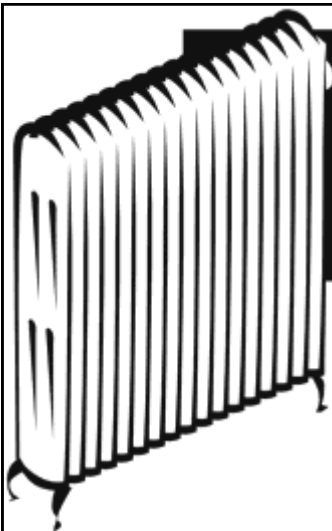


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I write this sitting in my 10th floor room in a Beijing hotel. I love this city but outside the smog is so thick I am viewing the world shrouded in grey. The Chinese Garden below is a green oasis surrounded by tower block brutalism. But even here, in this city of hustle and bustle, people are preparing to celebrate the Harvest Moon. Their festival consists of three fundamental meanings that are closely tied to one another:

Gathering, such as family and friends coming together, or harvesting crops

Thanksgiving, to give thanks for the harvest, or for harmonious unions

Praying (asking for conceptual or material satisfaction), such as for babies, a spouse, beauty, longevity, or for a good future.

Sound familiar? In Britain too, thanks have been given for successful harvests since pagan times. As in China, Harvest Festival is traditionally held when the full Moon is closest to the autumn equinox.

I thought a few Chinese gardening proverbs might raise a wry smile, an inspiring thought or a muffled guffaw.

"Flowers leave some of their fragrance in the hand that bestows them."

"All gardeners know better than other gardeners."

"He who plants a garden, plants happiness."

"If you have two pennies, spend one on a loaf and one on a flower. The bread will give you life and the flower a reason for living."

"If you want to be happy for an hour, get drunk; If you want to be happy for three

days, get married; If you want to be happy forever, make a garden."

"Each and every grain of rice in your bowl is the fruit of the toiling farmers."

"Whoever loves and understands a garden will find contentment within."

"Nothing is softer or more flexible than water, yet nothing can resist it."

I found this poem, "Toiling Farmers" by the Tang-Dynasty (618-907) Poet Li Shen that I think resonates well for all growers: **Farmers weeding at noon, Sweat down the field soon, Who knows food on a tray, Thanks to their toiling day?**

Website of the month – Soil Association

With a strap line reading, "healthy soil, healthy people, healthy planet" this is an interesting site for the organically minded. Of particular interest to those with children could be the tag on 'farms to visit' Go to: www.soilassociation.org

What to do this month

Sow broad beans **Plant** garlic, onion sets, sow radish, winter lettuce, peas

Grow cut fruited canes of hybrid berries to ground level **Cover** bean plants with horticultural fleece to extend cropping **Eat** beetroot, carrot, cabbage (Chinese), cauliflower, celery, kohlrabi, leaf beet, parsnips, Brussels sprouts after frosty weather has improved flavour.

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The latest History Group trip was to St Mary Collegiate Church in Warwick and then to visit the Cardall Collection in Southam. St Mary's church in Warwick is a wonderful mix of different architectural styles. We visited the Norman crypt with the mediaeval ducking stool. Then we saw the tomb of Thomas Beauchamp and his wife Katherine Mortimer lying, hand-clasped in stone, near the high altar. Thomas fought at Crécy and died in 1369. The fine flying ribs of the roof are very rare.

Off the chancel lies the small Dean's Chapel with a superb fan vaulted ceiling and beyond this is the wonderful Beauchamp Chapel built to house the remains of Thomas Beauchamp's grandson Richard Beauchamp, who was Governor to Henry VI during his childhood. The Beauchamp tomb is a fine Purbeck marble chest with a gilded image. The chapel also houses the tombs of Ambrose Dudley, a later Earl of Warwick, and Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester, Queen Elizabeth's favourite. This fine 15th Century chapel with its Flemish glass and 15th Century statues in the East windows is really worth a visit. We rounded off our visit by examining the 18th Century nave and the Regimental chapel and then went to find some lunch before driving to Southam.

The Cardall Collection, in Southam, was begun by Jack Cardall in the middle of the last century. His interest in local history prompted people to add to the collection and after his death it was looked after by his widow. At René Cardall's death, the Friends of the Cardall Collection were formed to find a permanent home for the items and to document and preserve it for the use of the local community. They now offer a visit to the collection (only a small part is at present on display) and a guided tour of Southam which was very interesting. The hope is that eventually a larger display space will be available at the new community building which will soon be built.

St Mary's can be visited between 10am and 6pm (4.30 pm in winter).

If you are interested in a group visit to the Cardall collection, please contact Bernard Cadogan on cardallcollection@hotmail.co.uk

More History Group news on page 35.



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We have enjoyed a wonderful summer and the sun shone on us for our Afternoon Tea at Whitnash in August. We raised £169.75 by munching our way through cheese scones, Strawberries and cream and lots of yummy cakes – it was such a difficult way to raise money!! Some of the proceeds are to buy MU membership badges for one of our link dioceses in Africa and will be given to their President, Rael, when she comes to visit later this year. The rest of the money is for the Wheels Appeal, to assist with transport costs of our leaders overseas, some have great difficulties getting from A to B over difficult terrain and vast distances. Thanks to all who supported the afternoon tea.

At our September meeting we greatly enjoyed hearing about Daphne Cook's travels overseas to many MU branches. Her husband John had been vicar in Singapore, and Daphne had served on the MU central committee, so Daphne had many friends and contacts abroad. For their Ruby Wedding, they decided to travel to see everyone. Their journey took them to New Zealand, Australia, the Solomon Islands, Singapore, Africa and goodness knows where else, meeting vibrant groups and learning about their joys and sorrows and their many projects to combat sexual violence, hunger, poor literacy, health care and many other topics.

Harvest time is upon us and our meeting in October is on Tuesday 1st at 2.00pm at 81 Kingsley Road and we are hoping to have the wife of one of our local farmers to tell us about the ups and downs of family life on a farm here in Bishop's Tachbrook. You are very welcome to come along.

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Lament for the Cancelled Horticultural Show By Mary Turnham



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We would like to thank **PCSO Peter Groom** for attending our September meeting.

Thanks to the team who have been **painting the play equipment and pod**. It's now looking a lot smarter.

Warwick Juniors Football Club will not be using the **football pitch** on the Meadow this season. If you know of a Club that is interested in renting the pitch could you please ask them to contact the Clerk.

Due to the considerable amount of **dog fouling** that is taking place on the Meadow we have requested that the dog warden patrols before 8am and after 6pm. If you see a dog fouling can you please contact the Clerk or dog warden with a description of the dog and owner.

We are liaising with Highways to try and resolve the issue with the **grass verges along Kingsley Road**. Expanding the entrance to the Meadow would assist lorries when exiting the S&S Club.

The **BMX track** has been very well used over the last four years and now requires some maintenance. So it will be redressed and a few minor changes made to the layout to improve "rider experience".

Fly tipping is taking place on private land on a lane off Oakley Wood Road. The Parish Council has identified the culprit, contacted the Police and informed the District Council. We are waiting to hear what action the District Council is proposing to take with regard to the clearance of the site.

The **bus stop opposite The Leopard** has no hard standing area in the verge with the result that bus users often have to stand in wet grass. We are looking to provide a solution to this but our contractor is not authorised to work on the Highway and so County Highways have provided us with a list of contractors who are. We are awaiting a cost for this work.

Community speed watch is doing a splendid job recording a very large number of speeding motorists and the Police have promised to follow-up by sending letters to all offenders. This data will also help persuade the Country that traffic calming is still required. A number of residents have stopped to thank the team for their work. More volunteers are required, so if you can help too, please contact the Clerk.

PCSO Groom has said that he will be concentrating on the **BT Neighbourhood Watch** Team in the next couple of months.

Inconsiderate parking outside the primary school has been brought to the attention of PCSO Groom, who will be dropping by to investigate.

Having had a very heavy workload with many major planning applications the Parish Council is hoping to be able to focus again on the **neighbourhood plan**. This is an extremely important area as it will dictate how we would like to BT develop over the next 15 years. If you are interested in joining the NP team please contact Ray Bullen or the Clerk.

Finally after chasing the district council for more than a year on the issue of the **broken circular bench in Bolingbroke Drive**, we have taken the matter into our own hands and applied to the Community Forum for a grant to cover the replacement.

The Parish Council has agreed to respond to the **Warwick Gates boundary review**. We would like to keep BT Warwick Gates in BT parish. If you would like the same then please respond to the District Council review by 4th October.

Cllr. Les Caborn is addressing the **flooding issue on Oakley Wood Road**.

Next meeting is on Thursday, 17th October at 7.30pm at Bishop's Tachbrook Primary School.

After a rather depressing spring we've had a lovely summer. When you read this it will be autumn, although today at the very end of August the weatherman gave the summer weather statistics saying that the end of August is the end of summer according to meteorologists. I am hoping for a few September days of "mellow fruitfulness".

So many things have been reported I hope I don't miss any. I wonder how the tiny frogs that stopped the mowing of a lawn in Holt Avenue have survived and grown? There were so many hopping about the human residents had to be careful where they trod. I saw our frog visitor just once hiding in the pot plants and managed to take a photo before he hopped off. The hot and sunny summer weather has kept him in the shade. Not having a garden pond it must come quite a way to eat our slugs although it does shelter in a bucket, which I daren't empty in case he is hiding in the bottom. The sparrows also prefer that water to the clean water provided in the birdbath where they take a group dip! I nearly emptied the bucket when we discovered a baby sparrow had toppled in and drowned. I was just about to pick it up when I saw a pair of froggy eyes looking up at me. Hopefully the recent rain has topped up the preferred drinking water to a safer level.

I was collecting the sage clippings after the bees had feasted on the flowers and putting them into the green bin when I noticed a small unusual spider crawl out. I found out it was a Comb footed Spider,

small and almost transparent with two dark red stripes on its back. The bees were not the only ones enjoying my over grown sage! I'm not sure where the bees came from but I did see just one fly off between the houses and in the direction of Millway Drive. We haven't had so many wasps this year as they suffered from the cold, wet spring. Wasps are useful whatever we might think when they plague us in the garden as they are an important part of the food chain. If you want to find out more about wasps and other bugs try www.thebugman.co.uk.

We have had lots of sparrows in the garden and I heard that we are not the only ones to have regulars. A Court Close garden has been visited by at least twenty daily. They have also seen Dunnocks, those shy more solitary birds that can easily be mistaken for sparrows but have thinner beaks, different brown colouring and a preference for feeding on the ground and hiding under shrubs.

Do let us know what you have seen.



The sunny weather has encouraged others to take photos of wild life. Graham sent some lovely photos of a grass snake he found in his compost heap. And a friend of ours suspected that a fox was visiting their garden at night. Below you can see the evidence which she snapped - a paw print!



Steve Harvey's Report

Well, what a summer, "Oak before Ash, we'll have a splash" by the law of averages it has to come right once in a while! We really did only get a splash this summer.

Great weather for butterflies, so many whites, lots of Peacocks, tortoiseshells, commas, blues, not so good for Red Admirals. I only saw one. Most of them fly in from abroad, so maybe the weather over there was too much for them, or the bad weather stopped them crossing the channel.

Interesting watching butterflies settling down for the night under the leaves and on the stems of plants, while moths (the night shift) flew onto the same flowers to feed. Double chance for the plants to be pollinated.

Rowan trees or Mountain Ash have done well. I've never seen so many red berries this late in the year. Usually the Starlings eat them in August. Either there are less starlings or, hopefully, they have found plenty of other food.

Robins have done very well, they usually start to sing and establish their territories for the winter in the first few days of August. This year they didn't begin to sing in earnest until early September, a month late. Hopefully this means they had a great breeding summer and squeezed a third brood in.

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CONTRACT FOR CSW BROADBAND DELIVERY IS ANNOUNCED

After a lot of hard work on the part of the project team and the Local Broadband Champions, CSW Broadband has agreed a £14.57m deal with BT that will bring super-fast broadband (24Mbps or over) to 91% of the area. The remaining 9% will achieve speeds of a minimum of 2Mbps up to 23.9Mbps. That means that everyone should be able to engage in activities such as online banking and shopping, watching BBC iPlayer and carrying out free videoconferencing using Skype.

Businesses will be able to compete in a global marketplace, and employees will be able to work from different locations – or from home. For many in the more rural areas this will be a real step-change and will give greater flexibility in the way that people choose to live their lives, to work or to spend their leisure time.

Now that the contract has been let, BT will commence on-the-ground survey work and a rolling 12-month programme will be announced, with the first installations expected around the turn of the year.

Because of the wealth of data that was provided by the Local Broadband Champions and members of the public the project team was able to negotiate an additional £750,000 funding, which will help to extend the superfast broadband reach still further.

Although 91% of homes and businesses will receive superfast broadband within the next three years, which is a significant achievement, it is recognised that this project is a stepping stone to the European targets for 2020 which state that all premises should be connected at a minimum of 30Mbps and 50% of premises at 100 Mbps. This will be a major undertaking given that the current targets are extremely challenging. Additional government funds are proposed in the future to enable this to happen and the aim is to increase the fibre footprint as soon as money is available.

Until the physical surveys are completed by BT for each area it will not be possible to say exactly what will be going where, or when, but all information will be given on the project website <http://www.cswbroadband.org.uk>

Tools With A Mission

Sending tools across the world

Sending tool-kits to countries in the developing world enables people to make a living and support their families and villages. This charity also raises funds to bring fresh water to people. I am asking for your help. Do you have any unwanted tools needed for carpenters, electricians, motor mechanics, plumbers, ground workers and shoe repairers? You name it they can use it. Also needed are sewing machines and all that is needed to knit and sew.

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You can find more information at www.twam.co.uk

Thank you. Kath Reason 61 Kingsley Road 334642

This year we went for a day trip to Drayton Manor. The girls thoroughly enjoyed all the rides, especially in Thomas Land; they even managed to get the leaders on the new Ben Ten rollercoaster, the Buffalo and the Water Rapids. Everyone had an enjoyable day and the girls were well behaved being a credit to our unit.

This Brownie year ended really nicely for us with a picnic in the park. We enjoyed a night of playing on the park equipment as well as playing some traditional Brownie games such as Mr and Mrs Baker. We also presented the Brownie Awards for 2013 during our visit to Victoria Park.



The winners for Brownie of the Year are, in first place Heather D, in second place Millie O and in third place Eva H. The winning Brownie Six of the Year was the Scottish Kelpies; Freya W, Millie O, Grace S, Eva H, Isabelle S, Grace E and Cassie D. The winning Brownies of the Summer Term went to Scarlett C, Daya, Sophie W, Bethany H, Kirsty D, Millie O, Eva H and Heather D. Well done for all your hard work girls.

Bishop's Tachbrook Brownies went to Manchester Scout Hall on our annual Pack Holiday in July. We took 27 girls and 7 leaders, where our theme was "The Little Mermaid". The girls had a great time away from home and enjoyed spending four days making various Under the Sea crafts such as Crepe Paper Fish, Turtle Boxes, Bookmarks, Sun Catchers, Jellyfish Plates and Pipe Cleaner Octopuses. We also enjoyed a water fight, went out for a pub tea, played lots of games such as catch that "Crab" Treasure Hunt and we also had our traditional Brownie Camp Fire and hot chocolate in the evenings.

While we were on Brownie Camp we visited Plantasia, the girls thoroughly enjoyed exploring the six themed mazes from Australia, Africa, Japan, Canada, Antarctica and England. They also hunted for mini beasts, learning about all the different types of Insects, and completed the wild walk



exploring the animal pens, walking across the treetop trail and strolling around the meadows, lakes and woodland.

We would also like to welcome Jasmine U, Juliana E, Lily M, Rebecca J, Uma B and Fiona L who have all made their Brownie promises this month. As another year ended we have had to say goodbye to some of our older Brownies, Fiona B, Emily H, Grace B, Millie O, Isabelle B, Frances F and Freya W. We have also said goodbye to two of our Young Leaders Shannon Neill and Emma Middleton. We hope you have all enjoyed your years of Brownies as much as we have enjoyed having you be a part of our unit and best of luck for the future.



Are you a dog or cat lover?

The Animal Rescue and Rehabilitation Society (TARRS) are looking for foster carers. Our aim is to rescue and rehabilitate animals in the Warwickshire area – strays, animals with behaviour problems and those that can no longer be looked after by their owners – and we require fosterers to look after these animals.

We'd love to hear from you if:

You can commit to minimum 6 months' fostering

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You have a secure garden and either own the home or have landlord's permission to have dogs or cats at your home

You'd be willing to do some training or behavioural work (with TARRS' help) to prepare the dog or cat for rehoming e.g. house training, crate training, lead training.

We can be found at www.TARRS.org.uk or please email tarrs_volunteer1@hotmail.co.uk for more information on the role. The website can also be used to make donations; without them we will not be able to continue rescuing dogs and cats.

Thank you for reading this.



Notice Board

This Green and Pleasant Land

On Saturday 19th October 2013 *This Green and Pleasant Land* exhibition will open at Leamington Spa Art Gallery & Museum. Covering themes such as farming, recreation and the two world wars, the exhibition will explore how life in the villages of Warwick district has changed over the past 200 years. The exhibition will feature agricultural items from the museum collection and objects from the local community.

In addition there will be a series of contemporary images of the local villages. Over the past year members of Leamington Photographic Society have been taking photographs of rural scenes, inspired by 19th and early-20th century paintings in the fine art collection. The historic and contemporary images will sit side by side in order to highlight what has changed, and what's stayed the same.

Complementing the exhibition at Leamington Spa Art Gallery & Museum will be a 'pop-up' exhibition in Barford, the birthplace of the agricultural reformer and politician Joseph Arch. This display will be developed and curated by members of Barford Heritage Group.

This Green and Pleasant Land will run at Leamington Spa Art Gallery & Museum from 19 October 2013 to 12 January 2014. If you would like to find out more about the exhibition please contact Vicki Slade, Senior Curator, on 01926 742703.

The Shed

The BT Horticulture Shed will be closing for the winter on October 6th at 12 noon. It will open on the last Sunday in January 26th and the last Sunday in February 23rd. We would like to thank you for your custom this year and hope to see you all in 2014, Paul.

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

Bishop's Tachbrook Sports and Social Club

Dates for your Diaries Halloween Fancy dress Disco

on Saturday 26th October. Prizes will be awarded for best dressed Male, Female, Boy & Girl. Special Halloween cocktails available. Fun starts 7.30pm.

Don't forget to put the **Bonfire** in your diaries for the 1st November. The club will be open from 5pm. After the display there will be a family disco in the function room.

EVERYONE WELCOME

Children's Christmas Shoe Boxes

Yes, it's that time again! I have now got the leaflets.

Please would you like to get a shoe box and cover it, then fill it with little things for the children abroad who are less fortunate than ours. Suitable items are listed on the leaflets. Boxes will need to be ready by November 12th. Any help I can give let me know.

Thanks on behalf of the children.

Kath Reason 61 Kingsley Road
334642

Guide Dogs Breeding Centre Open Day

Guide Dogs National Breeding Centre
on the Banbury Road is holding its
Open Day
on Saturday 12th October
11am-4pm.

Come along for a fun family day out,
helping us celebrate
Guide Dogs Week.

Take part in the following:

- blindfold activities
- sensory tunnel experience
- puppy viewing from galleries
- meet some of our breeding stock
- children's activities
- Guide Dogs shop
- tombola and raffle

Country Dancing Club

2nd Thursday of every month
8pm at Sports and Social Club
Contact Julie Jaggard 314286
All welcome!

Community Computers

WCC has launched the Community Computers scheme again this year.

20 laptops and 5 desktops are up for grabs in **Warwick district** (100 laptops and 25 desktops countywide) and are available to:

- a) locally based community or voluntary organisations, including Parish and Town Councils;
- b) small-scale groups who have little or no IT equipment and can show how it will be used to grow their organisation;
- c) groups who do not have significant reserves or other resources.

Closing date is Friday 1st November. Here's the link to the application form:

<http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/grants>

If you know of a group without access to a PC just give me a call and I will send a hard copy. Please don't hesitate to contact me for further information.

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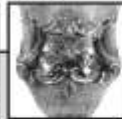
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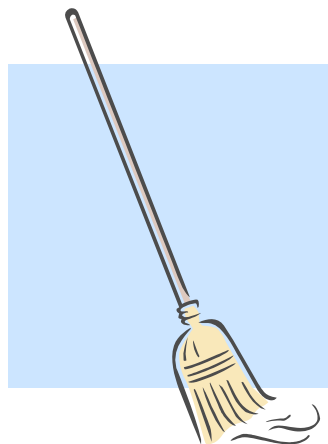
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Bishop's Tachbrook Mathematicians best SATs results ever!

By Andy Brettell

Last Summer our Year 6 pupils took their SATs tests in May. The expectation is that pupils will gain National Curriculum Level 4 by the time they leave Primary School and we are delighted that this year 16 of our pupils (57%) exceeded the Government's expectation and achieved Level 5 in Maths.

We were especially delighted that 5 of these pupils (18%) went even further and achieved Level 6 in the special additional papers, which only a handful of pupils take.

All we can ask is that pupils do their best and make as much progress as possible. Thanks to the hard work of teachers, teaching assistants and above all our wonderful pupils, we have a record result for pupils this year.

And just in case you want to know, here is a question or two from a Level 6 paper:

Look at these equations: $a = 2b$ $b = 3c$

Which equation is also true? Put a ring round the correct one.

$b = 2a$ $a = 2b + 3c$ $a = 5c$ $a = 6c$ $a + b = 5$

You can find the answer on page 37.

Team Och

We are very proud parents and would like to report that Millie decided that after months of us giving things away or to the charity shops that she would hold a stall and raise money for The Cats Protection League and Redwings Horse Sanctuary. Grandad and Nanny were proactive and produced flyers and offered stock and their time.

We held the event at Piggy Bank, Parsonage Close on Saturday 7th September 2013. We did name the dog which Grace R won! Guess the amount of sweets in the jar, which Colin won, no fix honestly and have a cuppa in a mughug! We also sold 'one lady owner' toys, books, clothes, jewellery and DVDs.

Our neighbours and family were very supportive and generous, came and even made cards and sweet boxes to sell. Lots of school friends came and Issy really helped run the stall! By the end of the afternoon we were delighted to have raised in excess of £100! We then delivered flyers of thanks to those that supported. Money is still coming in from kind donations of people unable to come and friends that have visited subsequently and seen the remaining stock! We will donate the last few bits to the shop.

So there it is, a synopsis of one generous little girl's Saturday!

Rachel, Colin and Millie (pictured right) (Team Och) & Issy (pictured left)



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Kevin Marshall



We've had an interesting two months at

WI. In August our speaker was David Clarke, with his talk entitled 'My Life in Photography'. David told us all about his work which had taken him both over England and abroad on photo-shoots. He showed us examples of his various and very varied types of work. Everything from weddings to glamour work with furniture and cars in between. The furniture was garden furniture and that was shot in Spain. He was a very clear speaker and although it was a very hot evening, no-one fell asleep.

Our September speaker was Melanie, a fund raiser for the Air Ambulance.

She also showed us slides but this time it was of helicopters. These cost approximately £4,000 a day to lease, they cover 5 counties, and make 4/5 missions (call outs) a day. Not only is a doctor on board, but they are equipped with state of the art equipment. The defibrillator alone cost £25,000 and needs to be changed every 2/3 years.

The Air Ambulance is operational 365 days of the year but is only allowed to fly during daylight hours. When arriving at a situation, the best treatment is given, followed by transfer to the appropriate hospital. They have the capacity to carry two patients but this has only happened about 35 times in 10 years and after seeing a shot of inside a fully equipped helicopter I can understand the problems "Cosy to say the least".

A children's unit has been set up to transfer critically ill and injured children, many under 3 months old, to specialist

hospitals. The Air Ambulance receives no Government or Lottery funding, relying entirely on donations. We were able to give them the money raised at our coffee morning earlier in the year.

As a W.I. we have visited Kensington Palace, made a shawlette, played darts and written a short story. We have an evening with Joe Swift, a Literary Lunch, Antiques with Charles Hanson and Christmas table decorations to look forward to, amongst other things organised by County.

Locally, our wine and craft groups have met. We have been to see Calendar Girls and attended the Group Meeting when the speaker was Nonny James, it was a brilliant night. Preparations are under way for the Christmas party, book early to avoid disappointment.

Due to there being no Horticultural Show we are trying to look at other ways of fund raising. All suggestions and bright ideas gratefully received.

Our October meeting is the Annual Meeting with elections for committee. This will be followed by a ploughman's supper. In November the speaker is Jan with "Story Stack". If you would like to know more about W.I. please ring me Anne Allen 424135.

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For our visit we had the services of two experienced guides for a private tour before the house opened to the public. Their knowledge of history, peppered with anecdotes, gave us a warm appreciation of the Throckmorton Family, their determination to maintain their lovely home and their fidelity to their Roman Catholic faith during very difficult and uncertain times, which included losing a large portion of their estate because they refused to attend the services of the reformed church in a church which they themselves had erected and maintained through several centuries.

We saw some of their treasures – a magnificent cape which is reputed to have been embroidered by Catherine of Aragon; a cabinet with many secret drawers (all empty); a shift from the early 16th century said to have been worn by Anne Boleyn when she was beheaded. The guide was sceptical about this story since there was a noticeable lack of blood stains from this pre-Persil period. Then there were the cleverly hidden hideouts for the outlawed priests and reminders of the Court's association with the perpetrators of the Gunpowder Plot.

After an excellent lunch we ambled round the lovely gardens and soaked up the sun, surrounded by colourful shrubs and flowers, including a late flush of sweet-smelling roses. The garden had been the venue for an exhibition of 250 sculptures in metal, stone and wicker, some were being removed even while we were there, but there remained a selection of interesting pieces for sale, if you had forgotten to remove your credit card before leaving home.

For those with a surplus of energy there is a peaceful walk along the bordering stream, round a lake and - for the delight of youngsters - a narrow path around the bog garden where they can hide from their parents or fall into the water. Well worth a return trip.

FUTURE MEETINGS

There will be two meetings in October:

Tuesday, 8th October

Joe Clarke will make a return visit to continue his tale of
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Tuesday, 29th October

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This month we pray for:

Those who live in:

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Reignier Place
Rye Fields
Savages Close

Organisations:

As this month includes the feast of St Luke, the beloved physician, we remember all health workers: GPs, nurses, midwives and health visitors.

Dates in October

Sunday 6th – Harvest Festival
Friday 18th – St Luke the Evangelist
Sunday 27th – British Summer Time ends
Monday 28th – St Simon & St Jude



SATS Test answer

Got it? Well done.

The correct answer is $a=6c$

October Rotas

Cleaning

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12th Jenny & Peter Lister
19th Jo Shaw
26th Liz Sheehan

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6th Debra Cokayne
13th Huw Davies
20th John & Ros Pratt
27th Graham Leeke

Sidespersons

6th Joan Alderman & Mac McGarrick
13th Sheila Hayward & Kath Reason
20th Mervyn & Desnee Fletcher
27th Ray & Anne Allen

Coffee

5th Roy & Maralyn Brown
13th Ros Pratt & Jane Everett
20th Jean Coope & Mac McGarrick
27th Fiona Meades & Joan Alderman

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

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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

Ist Bishop's Tachbrook Rainbows

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Are you interested in being a Brownie?

Bishop's Tachbrook Brownies meet on a
Wednesday at 6pm till 7.30pm. We have
fun, make, work on badges, go on
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Caroline Loveday on 429082 or
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Warwickshire Young Voices

We rehearse Thursday Evenings during term time at Harbury Village Hall from 6.30-7.30pm. We take all children age 7-16 and offer a free trial session (normal subs £30 per term), We already have children from Bishop's Tachbrook who attend regularly and we would welcome more. Please go to www.warwickshireyoungvoices.org for more information.

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