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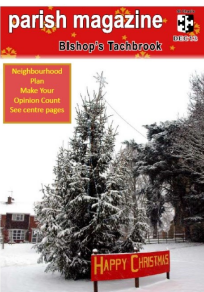
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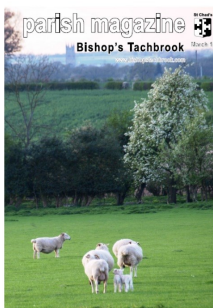
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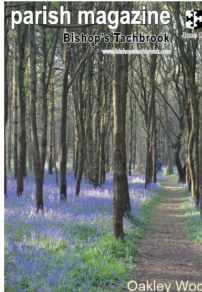
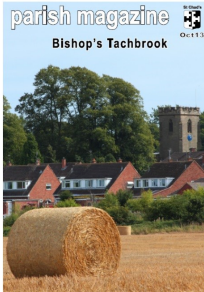
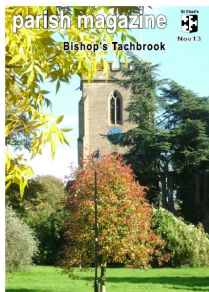
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I'm not a person that spends a great deal of time feeling nostalgic about the "good old days". I don't participate in "Throwback Thursdays" as many who use social media, especially friends in the States, do but there are times when you do wonder about "life, the universe and everything" as Douglas Adams put it so eloquently.

On September 4th 2010 I was licenced by the Bishop of Coventry as Priest in charge of Bishop's Tachbrook. During the service he handed me a document called the Cure of Souls and said, "Elaine, receive the Cure of Souls which is both yours and mine". Having the Cure of Souls is something that I greatly value and take seriously for not only is the priest given the care of the church and its congregation but he or she is given the care of the whole community, church and un-churched, people of faith and none. I try very hard to do this and realise that I don't always get it right. Some people slip through the net and I don't get to meet them before they move away or, even more sadly, before they die.

Bishop's Tachbrook isn't a huge parish but I don't know everyone and that saddens me. If you feel that I've ignored you or that I haven't visited you since arriving 4 years ago, I'm sorry and I would ask that you contact me or speak to someone whom you know who comes to church and ask that I visit. It is one of the huge privileges of the post that I hold to "just visit"! I love it, especially if you offer me a cup of tea too! Please don't leave it

too late. I have met some wonderful families whose loved ones have died and I hadn't realised they were ill. Do give me the chance to meet more of you and please don't think this means that there is any catch, there isn't. I promise I will not ask for money or for you to attend church, I just want the opportunity to get to know you.

I have had another reason to look back this month too. On 1st September I officiated at the wedding of my Goddaughter Leonne to her Prince Charming, Scott. It was a fairytale wedding with a Disney theme. Both Leonne and Scott are professional dancers and Leonne worked in Disney Land Japan and fulfilled a dream of becoming a Disney princess! As I stood before them I was taken back to her mum's pregnancy, finding out that twins were expected and then holding two beautiful girls and being their god-mother. Watching them grow into two wonderful young women has been a joy and I look forward to Elise marrying her prince, Michael, in January.

On September 13th I had the privilege of marrying two couples from the village. At 12pm Rachel and Paul were joined in Holy Matrimony and at 3pm Nicola and James were also wed. It was lovely to have these 4 young people choosing to make their vows in the presence of God and in St Chad's but it was also a great start to a weekend of celebration in my own life.

On September 14th 1974 two other young people took the same vows and

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were married in St Nicholas church, Blundellsands Sands in Liverpool. Jim and I celebrated our 40th Wedding Anniversary with a service in church taken by Jenny and Peter Lister and supported by our sons Adam, Owen and Luke and future daughter in law

Sophy, friends who had travelled from Liverpool and the North East and our wonderful church family. This was followed by a BBQ in the Vicarage garden, (Thanks Cathy and the village Events group for the loan of the BBQ). It was so



good to be surrounded by so many friends and family on such an important day in our lives and Jim and I were overwhelmed by the love shown to both of us and the welcome given to our family and friends by our church community.

Please remember to get in touch if you'd like a visit and thank you once again for welcoming Jim and I into the village and St Chad's family.

'When Warwickshire Went to War'

'History is not what you thought, it is what you can remember.' With this quote from Sellar/Yeatman of *Horrible Histories'* fame, Chris Holland introduced his talk at our September meeting. Chris said he became fascinated by events of the first World War when his former schoolmaster/ soldier drew him a map showing all the lines of trenches across France. Chris became a teacher himself and set about exploring whether the commonly held beliefs about the war are, in fact, true. Chris has done detailed research into newspaper articles, photographs, local events, government campaigns and statistics to demonstrate the reaction to the war in Warwickshire.

Writings of the time show that the general surprise at the outbreak of the war and the supposed optimism that *'it will all be over in 6 months'* were not views held by 'thinking people'. Lord Kitchener forecast that it would last 3 years and for Christmas 1914 Princess Mary sent an inscribed box (for cigarettes?) to all servicemen as a seasonal greeting – not likely if it was expected to be over by the new year. (I remember my parents were given a box by my soldier uncle – I wonder what happened to it?)

Announcement of the outbreak of hostilities occurred on August bank holiday, but it did not deter locals from taking

trains to their outing or holiday destinations. Getting a train back home presented more of a problem after the Government commandeered railways to transport hastily-summoned Reservists to destinations on the south coast. The previous week one unit of Reservists had completed their annual training programme on the Isle of Wight and

returned to Coventry the morning of 1st August. They would have been looking forward to relaxing at home with their families, but orders were received to return immediately to the Isle of Wight. Initially 60% of armed forces were Reservists; it was another

month before recruitment of volunteers from the general population reached its peak. Chris suggested they were inspired to *'do their bit'* rather than being inflamed with the fervour of jingoism, and many were concerned as to whether their jobs would still be available when they returned.

Initially there was panic buying of food and a rise in prices. The wealthy were urged not to overstock and create shortages for the less well-off. Government edicts were enacted. The bank holiday was extended for another 3 days and 10 shilling and one pound notes, along with postal orders, became legal tender; postal deliveries were reduced, there was a blackout of news which fostered the spread of rumours, thousands of horses

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Would you like to help hedgehogs by becoming a Foster Carer?

We take in sick, injured, abandoned or just underweight hedgehogs and bring them back to full health so that they can be released back into the wild. During the autumn we take in a large number of "Autumn Juveniles" that are just too small to safely hibernate. These need to be over wintered for their own safety in a controlled environment with food and water and this is where foster carers can be of great help.

Warwickshire Hedgehog Rescue will carry out any medical treatment that the hedgehogs require, so you receive a healthy and clean hedgehog that just needs to build up its weight.

Hedgehogs are welcome visitors to most gardens but unfortunately their numbers are declining fast and they need all the help they can get. A large number get killed on our roads each year, but they can also get easily caught up in things such as wire, string, or elastic bands which can lead to infection or possibly even death.

If you would like to encourage hedgehogs into your garden, leave out a saucer of meat-based pet food and a dish of water especially during summer months or in extreme weather conditions, but do

not give them milk or bread as this makes them poorly.

Providing a wildlife area in your garden will attract a diverse number of insects which the hedgehogs will love. This area could include a wood pile, compost heap, bog garden, rockery or pond. Hedgehogs can swim but if they fall into a pond and can't get out, they tire easily and will drown, so make garden ponds hedgehog friendly.

If you have to use slug pellets, place them in a pipe or under a slate so they are inaccessible to hedgehogs. Dead slugs must be removed immediately and use other garden pesticides sparingly as they can make hedgehogs sick.

Hedgehogs are nocturnal animals but if you see one out and about in the middle of the day this sometimes means it needs help. Observe it for a few minutes and see if it is walking easily or if it has any obvious injuries. Hedgehogs occasionally leave the nest for a drink or snack during the day but they may have baby hogs back home, so removing them could compromise the safety of their babies.

If you would like to find out more information about becoming a foster carer, ring Louise on 01926 741255 or check out the Warwickshire Hedgehog Rescue website at

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September is a month where we reflect on a summer of sport. We had the World Cup, the Commonwealth Games, Wimbledon and the Tour de France but as we head into the colder months of the year, let's take a look at what September had in store.

We start at the end of August and the end of a record breaking summer transfer window. Manchester United broke the transfer record in England by splashing out £59.7 million on Angel Di Maria from Real Madrid. There was much heart break when Manchester United's Danny Welbeck went to Arsenal for £16 million.

During this month football had its international break, England didn't have the greatest support after a very disappointing World Cup. Their first match was at home to Norway and Wembley was only half full with no one on the third tier. England came away with a win from a 70th minute penalty from Wayne Rooney after a very disappointing game. The second match was an away game against Switzerland where Welbeck scored both goals in a 2-0 win in England's first European Championship qualifier. After 2 weeks of the international break the Premier League was back and there was a hugely surprising 3 days. Liverpool lost 1-0 to Aston Villa, Man City held Arsenal to a 2-2 draw, Chelsea held their 100% record with a 4-2 victory over Swansea and Manchester United won 4-0 over QPR.

In tennis it was the US open and it was a grand slam without Rafael Nadal. There was an injury scare for Andy Murray early on in the tournament but he managed to

hold on until the quarter finals, when he was defeated by Novak Djokovic. In the women's tournament the Wimbledon champion Kvitova was defeated early on. There were surprise finalists in the men's championship when Japan's Nishikori beat Djokovic while Federer lost to Mario Cilic. The eventual winner of the men's grand slam was Mario Cilic and the women's championship went to America's own Serena Williams.

After a tense few weeks between the two Mercedes drivers after the collision at Spa, Formula One fans were looking forward to a tough battle between Rosberg and Hamilton but it wasn't to be. Lewis lost the lead before the first corner but fought back and eventually put so much pressure on Rosberg he made a mistake into the first corner which cost him the lead. Mr Consistency this year, Fernando Alonso had a mechanical failure, the first since 2010. The results were 1st Hamilton, 2nd Rosberg, 3rd Massa. I do look forward to the Singapore Grand Prix.

In other news:

Mo Farah won the great north run in a record time.

Donnington park will hold the British round of the Moto GP for 2015
Oscar Pistorias will be allowed to compete at the Paralmpics in 2016
Formula E started off with a crash as it kicked off in China.

Sports to look out for next month:

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**“.....some corner of a foreign field that is
forever England...” Rupert Brooke**

Mary Turnham

My maternal grandparents lived in the small village of Lower Heyford near Northampton, with their five children. My grandfather, Samuel Thompson, volunteered to serve in the Northamptonshire Regiment at the outbreak of the first World War. On 14th August 1916 he was wounded in the Battle of the Somme and was evacuated to hospital in Rouen where he died on 16th August 1916, aged 40. My mother was his eldest child and she had four brothers; the youngest of whom was only 6 months old when their father died.

A photograph of Sam in his uniform hung on the wall of the living room in Granny's cottage. He had dark hair and a bushy black moustache. I learned when I was very young not to ask questions about him because it made my mother and granny cry and reminded them of the years of poverty following his death. Granny never remarried and my mother had to go into service in some grand house at the age of thirteen. Needless to say they could never afford to visit France and his graveside to lay a floral tribute.

My wanderings took me to several European Countries as a secretary in the World Health Organisation, and I met my English husband Bert, in Denmark where our eldest daughter was born. His employers asked him to transfer to what was then Southern Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) and our other two daughters were born there.

However, it was not until I was widowed in my sixties and back in England, that I was finally able to realise a long held

wish to see where my grandfather was buried. I took part in a Battlefields Tour, organised by the War Research Society of Birmingham. I found Sam's grave among some 200 other casualties of various nationalities in the churchyard of St. Severs in Rouen in Normandy. I placed a poppy cross on his grave and at last felt a connection with him. I couldn't understand though, why Granny had chosen the inscription "thy will be done" from among the half dozen or so offered to the bereaved relatives, but perhaps it brought her a feeling of solace at that dreadful time.



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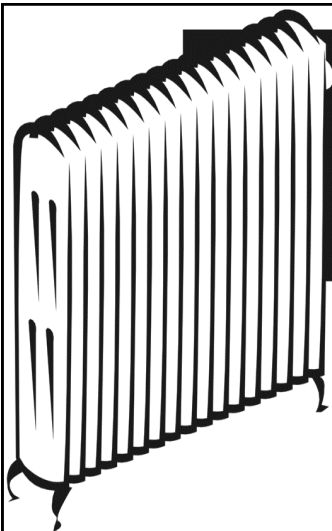


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All Quiet on the Western Front is a novel by Erich Maria Remarque, a German veteran of World War I. After the Bible, it was probably the first translated book I ever read, certainly the first by a German author and definitely the first from someone who had been on the 'other side' in WW2. The book describes the German soldiers' extreme physical and mental stress during WW1, and the detachment from civilian life felt by many of these soldiers upon returning home from the front. Interestingly, in Nazi Germany, the book was banned and burnt. Around the same time I read 'All Quiet on the Western Front' I started to read the British war poets and Richard Attenborough's powerful anti-war film, 'Oh What a Lovely War' was released. All these factors, coming together at such an impressionable age, created a strong anti-war feeling within me – it also coincided with the Vietnam war!

Last month I wrote an article called, 'Food is ammunition' showing that in times of war we seem to take our food security so much more seriously than we do now. The messages about growing your own, avoiding waste, reusing/recycling are, for me, equally as important today as they were in the two World Wars. What the article didn't bring out was the mental well-being aspects of gardening in general, and vegetable gardening in particular, even in times of war.

Perhaps one of the greatest examples of this fact is shown in the trenches of World War 1. One of the most surprising

and little known stories I've found out about the war when researching for this article is that of Trench Gardens. Soldiers grew flowers and vegetables at the Front, bringing humanity to the squalor of the trenches. There are photographs of soldiers carrying watering cans along the duckboards to water their improvised gardens. Celery, it turns out, grew well in the dark dankness of the trench bottom. There is also a surviving Military Medal in the Imperial War Museum for the best vegetables grown on the Western front.

When I came across this small snippet of history about how ordinary life goes on amid the horror of war I was impressed by the spirit it must have taken to tend plants knowing that in the morning it might be your turn to go over the top. Now there were 475 miles of trenches and they stayed much the same for much of the war. As 'All Quiet on the Western Front' depicts much of war is boring. I guess that gardening was not just an attempt to stave off homesickness but also something for active men to do when caught in the frustration and fear of the waiting game.

Although, thankfully, our lives are not as pressured as those of the soldiers, growing is once again being recognized for its positive impact on health and well-being. The Thrive charity does great work using Horticulture to bring about positive change to the lives of people who are living with disabilities or ill health, or are isolated, disadvantaged or vulnerable. South Warwickshire NHS trust is one of 3

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'All Quiet on the Western front' cont

pilot trusts in England working with Food for Life to take the great work they've been doing in our schools on healthy eating into the health sector. As part of this, Warwick Hospital is planning a garden, with fruit and vegetables at its heart, for the use of staff and patients. Heathcote Rehabilitation Hospital already has a lovely garden that is used in the rehabilitation process that is being updated, including the laying of more uneven paths to help patients get used to the paths they will face on the mean streets of Warwick District! Garden Organic recently published a great fact sheet on using growing as a means of helping people with dementia and another on the benefits of gardening on maintaining a healthy lifestyle and being happy. The Warwickshire Master Gardener programme is now a partnership with Warwickshire Public Health, with the aim to support local people in becoming healthier and happier citizens.

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The Parish Council has approved the draft Neighbourhood Plan. It is now ready for consultation. The consultation period will be for 6 weeks. It started on Wednesday, 24th September and will run until Wednesday, 5th November. There is a public event on **Saturday, 11th October from 1.30pm until 4.30pm** at Bishop's Tachbrook Primary School. Please come along and let the team hear your views. Plan details are on the Parish Council website www.bishopstachbrook.com or on the Parish Council notice boards. The team's work and draft Plan could prove to be decisive in the planning appeal hearing regarding the proposed housing behind Holt Avenue. Residents' support is key to getting the Plan finalised and adopted which will then provide an effective layer of protection for the Parish against further housing development for many years to come.

The Parish Council acted as quickly as it could in moving the **travellers** from our land. Thankfully there was minimal damage but it was necessary for the play area to be cordoned off until it could be professionally cleaned. We had to ask the District Council if we could use their contractors and unfortunately this took a lot longer than we would have hoped. Good news is that the play area is open again. Security has been a number one priority and thanks to Cllrs. Leeke and Harrison together with local residents we now have a gate fitted to secure the Meadow. We are looking at further security measures.

We are still waiting to hear when the next stage of the **Gypsy and Traveller Consultations** will take place. The District Council is currently putting together the paperwork for the proposed Stratford Road site. Once this is complete the consultation on this new site will start.

The toddler play area play surface will be repaired shortly and minor repairs will be taking place on equipment during the next month.

The Sports & Social Club have asked for an extension to their patio to provide facilities for families. Councillors have asked for the proposed extension to be 'pegged out' to ensure that it doesn't come too close to the football pitch and for details of the materials that will be used. Councillors will be meeting with the Club to discuss this further.

Following concerns from residents living on Mallory Road, near the **proposed crossing point**, councillors have agreed to organise a meeting between County Highways and several residents from Mallory Road and other parts of the village who have requested a safe crossing point. If you would like to be involved can you please contact the Clerk. Numbers will need to be restricted. There will be a public consultation later this year so all residents will be able to comment on the design. Also the Community Speedwatch Team would like residents from the Mallory Road area to join the Speedwatch Team. If you would like to be involved please contact the Clerk.

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Parish Council News continued

We would like to reassure residents that we are trying to resolve the **overflowing sewage issues** in the village. Following a complaint from a resident earlier this year we wrote to the Chief Executive at Severn Trent and action was taken. Unfortunately this situation has now reoccurred. The Parish Council will be writing again and also reporting other incidents in the parish including the manhole cover by The Leopard. We are also writing to the Chief Executive at the District Council and County Council to make them aware of the issues from a health perspective.

Following a further review of **parish and town boundaries** Woodside Farm and Heathcote Park are to be included in our parish. The boundary will now also follow Harbury Lane as far as the Europa Way roundabout before turning south-west to re-join the current boundary. This is a recent decision by the District Council which will now go forward to the Boundary Commission for final approval.

Cllrs. Ray Bullen and Graham Leeke attended the **Barwood's appeal** for 125 houses on land to the south of Mallory Road. The hearing lasted 4 days from 16th-19th September and we hope to hear the outcome by Christmas. Thanks to Cllr. Bullen for the tremendous amount of work he has contributed to this appeal and to residents that attended the hearing to show their concern.

Highways have been asked again to cut back the **vegetation from around the road signs**. We will keep chasing this.

Next meeting on Thursday, 16th October at 7.30pm at the School.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN - IMPORTANT NOTICE

STATUTORY COUNSULTATION PERIOD FOR THE DRAFT PLAN WILL RUN FROM
24TH SEPTEMBER UNTIL 5TH NOVEMBER.

DURING THIS PERIOD, THE PLAN DOCUMENTS WILL BE DISPLAYED ON THE
NOTICE BOARD, WEB SITE AND WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION
AT THE EVENT BELOW.

Draft Neighbourhood Plan - Residents Consultation Event.

Date: October 11th 2014

Time: 1:30 - 4:30pm

Venue: Bishop's Tachbrook Primary School.

This consultation is the opportunity for residents to submit final comments on the draft neighbourhood plan before it goes to the District Council for technical review and then onto the Examiner prior to the referendum.

If you have any questions or would like a copy of the documents please contact the parish clerk. Email parishclerk@bishopstachbrook.com or tel: 01926 641220

September breezed in with a talk entitled Chusan - The Opium Wars. The speaker was Liam D'Arcey Brown. The meeting was spell bound, he not only knew but loved his subject. He showed slides of the area, explaining that if different decisions had been made in the mid 1800 's Hong Kong would not be what it is today. The British imported opium into China in exchange for tea. In 1839 China seized and destroyed the incoming opium which resulted in Great Britain sending an expedition to capture the thriving port of Chusan in retaliation. This eventually led to The Treaty of Nan-jing which ended the first opium war, gave us access to Shanghai and other ports and compensated us for the opium plus the cost of the war.

He then went on to tell us about William Lockhart, who opened the first British Medical Mission Hospital in Tinghae City, and Mary Ann Aldersley who set up the first girls boarding school which became the model for girls education in China. It's not often after 45 minutes you look at your watch to check the time!!

I thanked members who had helped at Tachfest whether helping, baking or buying. The bottle of wine's weight was correctly guessed by Elaine the vicar... I was also trying to encourage members to come to the group meeting when Ed would be flower arranging. The group carol concert will be held on December 1st here in Bishop's Tachbrook.

Various county events are on offer.

These include an evening with Don Maclean, a Christmas craft day, a festive trip

around the Cotswolds, a writing competition and a cookery demonstration and talk by a "butler to royalty". The new WI Chase Meadow at Warwick invited us to their meeting where the speaker was to be Alison Byrne on female genital mutilation (that proved to be a fascinating if very upsetting evening).

Yet again I asked for ideas for entertainment for the Christmas party. October is our annual meeting when we re-elect a committee and a president. This is usually helped along by a ploughmans supper. It may sound boring, but really it is the most important meeting of the year. We need all members to come along and help with the elections.

At the Annual Meeting last March the Leamington Brain Injury Appeal was launched for the Central England Rehabilitation Unit. Our fundraising is to be "Tea for Two". Afternoon tea will be held in the new conference centre at Squab Hall Farm on Saturday 4th October 2-4pm. Everyone is welcome and if you need transport to get there please let me know. It is a perfect chance to come along and meet us with the added bonus of a cream tea at a cost of only £3.25.

Anne Allen 424135

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Autumn Entertainment

October

4th October – Encephalitis Charity Quiz Night

A very popular quiz night raising money for The Encephalitis Society. It's always very busy so get here early. Cash rollover prize could be over £200

10th October – Paul and Rachel

Back by popular demand again, Paul and Rachel will be here to sing popular hits from the 70's through to today

Friday 17th October – Almost Blue

Local 11 piece band Almost Blue will be performing in the function room, if you like The Commitments, you'll love them. Ask at the bar for tickets. More to come in the next Newsletter

18th October - Melita

Soul, Motown and Reggae artist, local artist voted best vocalist in the Birmingham Area

25th October – The Buggs

Chart topping 3 piece band who have played with Mungo Jerry and Vanity Fair, they play classic guitar rock, a club favourite.

November

1st November – Halloween Disco

Last years event was so popular we're having it in the main hall this year. Fancy dress costumes and prizes awarded for the best male, female and children

7th November – Bonfire Night

Annual village event, with a disco in the club in the evening

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

International singer from Spain, been entertaining for 20 years singing tunes from the 50's to present day

22nd November – Race Night

All welcome, sponsor a race, back a winner or just come and enjoy all the fun of being at the races, at your club

29th November – Phil King and the Royals

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Almost Blue – Friday 17th October

Almost Blue is lead by Jay Riley, a professional musician of Dr Teeth Big Band fame. With a monster horn section of trumpet and sax, they play a wide range of styles of Jazz music, Swing Jump Jive and Latin through to soul classics and funky tunes. Doors open at 7.30 and the music starts at 8. Tickets available in advance from the club or on the door for £6.00

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Bishop's Tachbrook Calendar

October 2014

Date	Organisation	Event	Venue	Time	Contact
2 Th	WI	Annual Meeting	B.T. School	7.45	01926 424135
4 S	St Chad's Church	Harvest Supper	B.T.School	6.30	Elaine Scrivens
5 Su	St Chad's Church	Harvest Festival	St Chad's Church	10.00	Elaine Scrivens
5 Su	Friends of Oakley Wood	Coppicing and Management Walk	Oakley Wood	10.00 1.30	
9 Th	Country Dancing Club		Sports and Social Club	8.00	01926 314286
14 T	History Group	Great Fire of Warwick	St Chad's Church	7.30	01926 336749
15 Th	Parish Council	Meeting	B. T. School	7.30	01926 641220

November 2014

6 Th	WI	Chocolate	B.T.School	7.45	01926 424135
7 Fr	Village Events Group	Bonfire & Firework Display	The Meadow		
11 T	History Group	Re-birth of the Priory	St Chad's Church	7.30	01926 336749
20 Th	Parish Council	Meeting	B.T.School	7.30	01926 641220

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
Wednesdays	Brownies		Sports and Social Club	6.00-7.30	CarolineIloveday@sky.com

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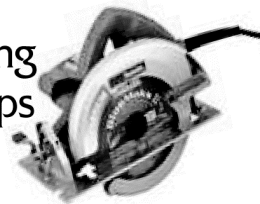


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We had a great time at our last meeting talking about being a parent, about our childhood memories and so much else to do with families and little personalities. Our speaker, Karen Morris is a trained Facilitator for parenting programmes and is willing to run a weekly group in the village for 6 – 8 weeks if folk are interested. She said she would meet in the Leopard if they liked! There is always a perception that groups like that are for ‘failing’ parents, and that couldn’t be further from the truth. Rather it simply provides support, ideas and strategies, in a similar way to the support network of NCT groups or Mumsnet. Many new mums don’t get a try out to rear a child until the moment baby no. 1 arrives and it’s a case of ‘in at the deep end’! With families often so scattered now, the skills of grandparents are not so easy to call on either. So, if you’d like to find out more, then please give me a ring or email.

On Sunday 14th September Elaine and Jim celebrated their **40th Wedding Anniversary** during the morning service, along with family and friends from across the country and Holland. We presented them with a specially decorated MU wooden spoon to mark the occasion and hope it will be a reminder of a very special day.

We are planning a **fundraiser** in the autumn, so watch out for posters.

With the nights drawing in our meeting time reverts to afternoons, so on **Tuesday 7th October we meet at 2 pm** at 81 Kingsley Road to hear Wendy Ryder talk about a **project in Africa** which is close to her heart and in which she is involved. Do come along.

Jenny Lister 01926 427922 or Email: jenny.lister@waitrose.com

Dates for your diaries

Firstly, I’m sorry but I won’t be around for the following dates but our special services in November will go ahead as usual. (Thank you Jenny and Peter!)

On November 2nd we will be celebrating **All Saints’ and All Souls’ Day**. If a member of your family has died and you would like us to remember them please let any member of the congregation know and we will read out their name and light a candle.

Remembrance Sunday is on Nov 9th this year and as usual we will be holding a service of Remembrance beginning at 10:15am. As this is a special year it would be lovely if we could have a small exhibition of World War 1 and World War 2 memorabilia to display. If you have anything you would be willing to lend us then please let me know. The Church will be open on Saturday 8th for people to view the exhibition and also after the service on the Sunday. There will also be a **service of Remembrance on November 11th at 11am**.

Harvest Festival at St Chad’s Sunday October 5th at 10am. Please come and help us celebrate God’s wonderful creation. Elaine



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IN TEARING HASTE - letters between Deborah Devonshire and Patrick Leigh Fermor

The WI Book Club read this book recently. The letters were written between the two friends from 1954 until 2007. Most of the group enjoyed the book describing life in the upper echelons of British society and their friends ranging from the Mitford sisters to the Kennedys' to the Royal family. Life moved from Chatsworth to Lismore Castle in Eire and other castles/houses around Europe. The letters cover the time from when Chatsworth was inherited and developed into the attraction it is now and what happened in their life and circle. Patrick Leigh Fermor had strong connections with Greece from his wartime experience and descriptions of his life and travel adventures were particularly enjoyed. The privileged lifestyle described, the personal nicknames and in jokes of a close group of upper class people were the reasons some members found the letters of little interest.



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were requisitioned, sadly never to gallop again in the green fields of Warwickshire, and aliens (people born in Germany) were arrested and some were interred in camps in the Isle of Man.

The alien law presented an embarrassment in Coventry because in 1913 the Lord Mayor was *Siegfried Bettmann*, who was born in 1863 in Germany, settled in England, perfected his English, became a UK citizen and founded the successful Triumph Company in Coventry. His resignation as Lord Mayor was gratefully accepted. However Bettmann continued his directorship of Triumph, which produced thousands of vehicles for the war effort. Meanwhile he and his wife set up a fund to help young Coventry men and women aged 18- 40 to start a business, preference being given to ex-servicemen. The spirit of public support for the war embraced all sectors: girl guides knitted, the women's groups made garments (147 cardigans were completed in 10

days!), boy scouts ran errands, carried out surveillance duties and marched in recruitment drives. The desperate need for labourers to carry out the tasks of the departed workforce – on farms, in factories and in the community was met by women. Their lower wages presented an attractive economic situation for employers and an unemployment crisis for men after the war.

'*Business as usual*' was the mental strategy that helped people to cope with fear and their sadness at parting with husbands, sons, fathers and friends. "Have we come to a more balanced view of the war?" Chris asked, and added "The jury is out on that."

Next Meeting: Tues 14th October

7.30pm in St Chad's Church

Dr Gillian White will recount the story of 'The Great Fire of Warwick' in 1694

Notice Board

MARGARET MARY (PEGGY) FOX

Alan, Christine, Angela and their Families would like to thank all those who sent messages of sympathy following the passing of their mother. The large number of people who attended the Service of Celebration for her life was a great support and will be a treasured memory to each of us. We thank Jenny for guiding and showing her support to us through the process of planning and conducting the wonderful service. To all friends and neighbours, we appreciate the time that you each took to keep an eye on Mother, by visiting, telephoning and helping her, which we are sure contributed to her being able to stay in her own home to the end. The amount given in Mother's memory for the Mothers' Union was £500.00. We thank all those who contributed to this amazing amount.

Tea for Two

Saturday 4th October
Squab Hall
Conference Centre
2-4pm
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Brain Injury Appeal
for the Central England
Rehabilitation Unit

Country Dancing Club

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

Rights of Way

The footpath team - Mick, Paul, Simon and Graham - have made their first autumn foray and opened up W117, the diagonal path running from Oakley Wood Road to Harbury Lane. Thanks too to Rob and farmer Moore for using their equipment to clear the bramble challenged sections of W105 that goes from Farm Walk towards the Asps.

More volunteers for these enjoyable open air tasks would be welcome - please ring Graham on 882675 or Paul on 337204.

BT Horticultural Shed

The BT Horticultural shed is now closed for the winter and will re-open on the last Sundays in January (25th) and February (22nd). I would like to thank all the people who came throughout 2014 and look forward to seeing them again along with new faces in 2015. Paul Gardener

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

Community Bus

Have a group? Thinking of a trip? This summer I have driven for Bishop Tachbrook's Book Club, History Group and WI to Madresfield, Wightwick Manor, Lichfield and Trentham Estate. I have MIDAS test so can take groups of children. We use the Wellesbourne Lions mini bus, which holds 15 passengers and is very reasonably priced.

If you would like more details please ring me on 01926 429883. Marion Smith

Village Events Group Bonfire and Fireworks Display

Friday 7th November

This will be our 10th year!!

We will be having the usual bonfire and firework display, and The Fool Monty will be fire juggling!!

The Grand Draw will also be running again with envelopes popping through your doors at the end of October so please look out for them and put the date in your diaries now!

Allotments

All Allotment Holders are cordially invited to their annual discussion session - to be held in the Club at 11.30 on Saturday 4th October.

Tollgate Farm Open Day

Sunday 30th November

11am-3pm.

Admission is free

Visitors can see both the Bronze Free Range and White Barn Reared turkeys

Team Leopard

As a result of the team's efforts in the Two Castles 10K run on Sunday 8th June 2014 I can now let you know that as a result of the very generous sponsorships we were able to donate to the Myton Hospice over £2200 and the additional gift aid to come. This will take us to the region of £2400!!

A presentation was made at the Leopard on Sunday 7th September to Sarah who is the events manager at the hospice.

This was my last run but I will manage the team next year. To date the legend that is Team Leopard will be carried on by at least ten people next year.

Our thanks again to all who sponsored us. It was highly appreciated. Eddie Cousins



CROFT SURGERY - PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP (PPG)

Meeting on 28th August 2014

3 patients from the village attended and the following points are noted:

The Care Quality Commission audited Croft in May and their report has been received and made available to the PPG. The CQC is the official body which checks whether Hospitals, Care homes, GPs, Dentists and Services in your home are meeting national standards. The Inspectors had made many positive observations about the quality of care provided and the efficiency and scope of the services available at Croft. A couple of issues were being tackled, one being improvements to the appointment system, which has been put into operation.

Evening Appointments with doctors are available at Sydenham on Monday and Tuesday evenings 6.30-7.30; practice nurse Helen will in future be available on Tuesday evenings for routine checks.

Missed Appointments (DNA = Did Not Attend): The level of DNAs with nurses and doctors is not acceptable. The day of our meeting 3 patients had made appointments **that morning** to see a doctor but had not turned up or contacted reception. 169 appointments had been missed the previous month. A Policy has been drawn up to register all missed appointments in the patient's clinical records, to send letters when appointments have been missed; if a patient misses 4 appointments in a year for no acceptable reason, they may be removed from the practice list. *Patients who cannot attend an appointment, or who have been delayed, are asked to notify Reception as soon as possible*

The PPG review with Reception Staff of how the service may be improved is progressing.

PPG Newsletter will be available shortly.

Flu Vaccination Clinics for recommended patients in the village will be held as follows: (no appointment necessary).

Tuesday 7th October 1.30-4.00pm/Tuesday 28th October 1.30-4.00pm

Screens in Waiting Rooms at both surgeries for announcements and an improved Check-in System are being installed.

Mobile texting to patients to disseminate or obtain information is being utilized.

Iwantgreatcare.org is a website where patients may give feedback on their experiences at the surgery. The anonymous comments are relayed back to the surgery.

More information on Croft services from their website: **www.croftmedical.co.uk**

Next Meeting: Tuesday, 14th October 2014 at 6.30pm at Croft Surgery, Sydenham

Patients from the Branch Surgery will be welcomed

(Notes by Anne Kirby; approved as accurate by Croft Surgery)

This month, St Chad's welcomed some unusual visitors to the church. Aftermath Films came to shoot two scenes for an upcoming short film, which sees characters from Greek myth brought into the present day. Aftermath Films was founded two years ago in Exeter by



partners Sam Osman and Becki Pantling. The Pantling family were heavily involved in St Chad's church while Becki was growing up in Warwickshire, which led to her learning to ring the church bells several years ago. This meant that when Aftermath began work on their latest project and needed to find a bell tower to film in, Becki's first choice was always St Chad's, particularly since she hoped to feature the beautiful stained glass window which stands above the ringing platform.

The working title of the project is 'Wings', as the story is based upon the myth of Icarus; the boy who flew too close to the sun. Whilst we want to keep its original message of being aware of your own limitations, in our modernization we have also taken an anti-drugs stance by setting the piece in the modern crime world. The film aims to be a contemporary fable and cautionary tale against the use and creation of drugs. It will also explore the impact of drugs on family dynamics. We have chosen to focus on St Chad's beautiful stain glass window in the bell tower as a recurring image of hope within the story.

The final piece will be submitted to film festivals across the UK, before a public online release.

Follow us on twitter @AftermathFilms #AFWings

Or go to our website www.aftermathfilms.co.uk to find out more

Worship at St Chad's

Sunday

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

First Sunday of the month 8am Holy Communion (BCP) 10am Family Service

Wednesday 11:15am Holy Communion (BCP)



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Autumn is the time of year that many varieties of fungi appear. I love the names; Chicken of the Woods, Jelly Ear, Stinkhorn, Shaggy Inkcaps, King Alfred's Cakes. At the end of August while walking through the churchyard I saw what at first I thought was white polystyrene packing. It was only when I got closer that I realised it was the remains of a Puffball that had been kicked and broken. I have seen them in the autumn in previous years on the village green and in the churchyard.



They are said to be evidence of the nutrient richness of the soil. They do look like footballs but were valued in some places as food and used medicinally for staunching blood. I saw a reference to their use in beekeeping and was intrigued. Apparently beekeepers burnt a puffball under a hive as the smoke has a calming effect on the bees. I thought that any smoke would calm bees so I'm not sure why the puffball is used. Maybe that's a carefully guarded secret.

Leaves changing colour and the days grow shorter. Soon the Swallows, House Martins and Swifts will leave. That will depend on food supply which, in turn, depends on the warmth of the weather so maybe we will have a warm September to keep them a little longer. I am writing this earlier than usual and by the time you read it they will have gone. A helpful north wind encourages them to take flight one day and suddenly we real-

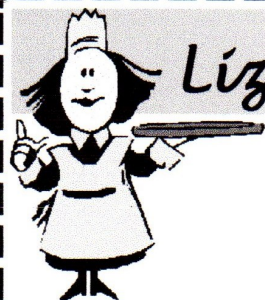
ise we haven't heard their calls or seen them swooping round. Other birds will come here from their breeding grounds in more northern parts, water birds in particular.

I saw my first Cranefly of Autumn at the very end of August. I disliked these insects when I was a child, not because I thought they would sting but because of the way they flew, a sort of bouncing flight with their legs hanging down. They are often called Daddy Longlegs. Those legs are very fragile and will break off easily which may be an escape mechanism to avoid being caught by birds. Bats

also feed on Craneflies which mainly fly in the late afternoon and at dusk. As Craneflies are quite large it is supposed to be possible to distinguish male from female. The male has a square end to its body whereas the female's body ends in a point as this is the ovipositor. She uses this to deposit the eggs on a nice lawn where they will eventually pupate into Leatherjackets so beloved by garden birds. The adults do not live long once they have mated and eggs have been laid. Britain can boast anywhere between 95 and 300 different Craneflies, depending on which source you consult!

A headline announced "A bad year for Craneflies". Reading on it transpired that it was LOW numbers that was bad as it would affect the food available for the local bat population. It depends on your viewpoint of course!

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Steve Harvey's Nature Report

Over the field the linnets gather upon the wires most evenings, at least 40 of them. All chattering, many in pairs side by side all preening each other. How sweet is that?

Lots of young goldfinches arrive each day, mixing with the sparrows on the feeders. They have the gold and black wing stripe, but no other colours yet. I'm trying to get into the habit of emptying and washing the feeders at least once a month. With so many birds visiting them, disease could spread quickly.

The green parakeet is still living in the village, visiting Dave's peanut feeder, and annoying the woodpecker. It's learnt where the food is, so if it stays it should get through the winter.

Two bats danced low over the garden as it got dark. A super moon rose over the village, climbing up above the church. The man in the moon, always a cheery sight ... I'm convinced he's whistling, check it out.

A fox called out, another one answered. Loud squeals, squawks and angry chattering ensued, echoing through the darkness. A territory flight and they meant business. That spooked a tawny owl, it began to hoot loudly. All very atmospheric in the dark, with more than a touch of hammer horror, fab!

Still with foxes, I talked to someone in Shipston the other day. They were being visited by a fox, it's been using a tiny border under a window as a larder. So far a large piece of uncooked beef has arrived and several other portions of meat have been deposited. Imagine her surprise to discover a whole cooked chicken! With just a drumstick poking out of the soil. Foxes, like them or loathe them you have to admit they are supreme opportunists.



Bishops Tachbrook Junior Youth Club

Monday 6.30-8pm in the School Hall (during Term Time Only)
£1.50 per session and yearly membership of £2 payable in September.

For more information contact Anoushka on 311538 or
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BT Brownies

Caroline, Caron,
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The Bishop's Tachbrook Brownie Leaders have recently been raising money for Myton Hospice. To support Myton Hospice we completed the "Moonlight" Walk of 8 miles on Saturday 6th September starting at Warwick Castle, through to Leamington Spa and back to Warwick.

At Myton Hospice the needs of their patients and families always come first. The Myton team provide a high quality, specialist care to people who are unwell. They aim to meet

their physical, psychological, spiritual and social needs and ensure their families are supported both through and after this difficult time.

I'm sure illnesses have affected all of us in one way or another and we appreciate any donation you can give to help us support this local charity, no matter how small. At the time of going to press we have raised £955 and would love to get to £1K.

If you would like to make a donation please visit www.mytonhospice.org/BT_Brownies
We would also like to thank everyone who has donated and supported our unit in this challenge.



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12th Andrew Day
19th Huw Davies
26st Fiona & Ewan Meades

Sidespersons

- 5th Ray & Anne Allen
12th Vera Vale & Joan Alderman
19th Simon & Melissa Odling
26th Rod Smith & Mac McGarrick

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- 5th Jean Coope & Mac McGarrick
12th Ros Pratt & Jane Everett
19th Fiona Meades & Joan Alderman
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Glynn Lloyd
Richard Mancini
Ruth Crane

*We pray for their souls and offer our
sympathy to their
families and friends.*



Bishops Tachbrook Cycle of Prayer

Praying for our Community

I have agreed to write the Prayer Calendar each month. If there are any particular concerns you would like us to include, or you feel I have left out something important, please let me know. I can be contacted at j.a.pratt@btinternet.com

This month we pray for those who live in:

Powell Close	Reignier Place
Rye Fields	Savages Close

The Harvest Thanksgiving is a real sign that the year has turned, and that very soon we shall have our central heating turned on. Or perhaps it is more a matter of an extra layer of clothing and a little vigorous exercise! What's your favourite way of approaching the changing season - staying indoors or going out to admire the autumn colours?

Dates in October

October 5th - Harvest Festival
October 12th - Trinity 17th
October 18th - St Luke the Evangelist
October 19th - Trinity 19th
October 26th - Last after Trinity

So we move to that turning point in the church's year when we change from Sundays after Trinity to Sundays before Advent. The nights will start drawing in, we shall think of friends and relations at a distance and begin to think of buying (or better) making that special Christmas present just for them.



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Caterpillars completely liquefy as they transform into moths.

If a male lion takes over a pride, he executes all of the cubs.

A hummingbird weighs less than a penny.

A shark can detect one part of blood in 100 million parts of water.

A jellyfish is 95% water.

A hippo can open its mouth wide enough to fit a four foot tall child inside.

A giraffe can clean its own ears with its 21 inch tongue.

Source: <http://all-that-is-interesting.com/interesting-facts-about-the-world>



Test yourself...

True or false living creatures facts

1. The duck-billed platypus is the only mammal to lay eggs
2. Crows can recognise human faces
3. The horned toad shoots blood from its eyes at predators
4. The Japanese hornet's venom dissolves human skin
5. Male seahorses give birth
6. Goats have rectangular pupils
7. Rats can't vomit
8. Touching a toad can give you warts



1. True
2. True
3. True
4. True
5. True
6. True
7. True
8. False, of course it can't!

Ist Bishop's Tachbrook Rainbows

Is your daughter aged 5,
does she like having fun, playing games,
making things and
being part of a group?

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Rainbows are part of the
Girl Guiding group.

If your daughter is interested
email Jade at
jadechoc@aol.com



Are you interested in being a Brownie?

Bishop's Tachbrook Brownies meet on a
Wednesday at 6 - 7.30pm. We have fun,
make, work on badges, go on outings,
sing, play games and meet new friends.

If your daughter is in Reception or Year 1
and would like to be a Brownie when
she is 7, please contact Caroline Loveday
on 429082 or 07796 034371 or
carolineloveday@sky.com to find out
more and register your interest in
Brownies. Even if your daughter is a
Rainbow, you still need to put her name
on the Brownie waiting list.



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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