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# What's in this month's magazine

This month's magazine is packed with good stories, new ideas and, of course, information to keep you up to date with what's happening in the parish. Reverend Elaine Scriven's article, with a Harvest Supper theme, urges us all to be thankful to those who work so hard to feed us with the delicious food we have the choice to buy in this country. She's also very keen to get people involved in the Nativity Festival on 12th/13th December. Read the next page!! Of particular interest this month could be

the update on choosing names for the village's new development, see page 23. There's also a chance to comment on local green spaces you want to see in the Neighbourhood Plan, see page 31. And there's a new addition on page 27, a recipes page. We would like to get your favourite recipes, please respond!

We hope you like and appreciate the magazine. To continue producing the magazine we need a new editor in place by December, ready to take over in March. It's produced in Microsoft Publisher. A full briefing on how to put the magazine together will be given. Most important is that you have the energy and enthusiasm to spend a day a month putting the magazine together.

Please e-mail me, Keith Wellsted, on btparishmagazine@hotmail.com if you think you might be persuaded!

#### St Chad's diary October 3rd

Harvest supper in the School Hall

#### **October 4th**

Harvest festival 10.00am at St Chad's

#### November 1<sup>st</sup>

All Saints/ All Soul's Day – we will be remembering those of our family and friends who have died and all will have the opportunity to light a candle in remembrance of loved ones.

#### Remembrance Sunday – service in church at 10:15 am and at the War Memorial at 10:55am

#### November 11<sup>th</sup>

Service of Remembrance at the War Memorial beginning at 10:50am November 29<sup>th</sup>

The first Sunday of Advent **December 6**<sup>th</sup>

Christingle with the collection going to the Children's society at 4pm

### December 12 and 13

Nativity Festival and Lighting of the tree on the Green.

### December 18<sup>th</sup>

Carols in the Leopard – beginning at 6:30pm December 20<sup>th</sup>

Carols by Candlelight 6pm in St Chad's

# Harvest time

Gosh, where has the year gone! This time last year I was preparing for my hip replacement, it seems so long ago now! Autumn is definitely in the air, the leaves are turning and the hedgerows are full of berries. I was amazed as I walked the dog recently of the many colours on display.

At the beginning of the month we celebrate our harvest festival and I was sent a wonderful story by a friend. It tells of a very serious vicar in a rural parish who felt that his flock needed to fully understand the theology behind Harvest and so he preached an erudite sermon analysing in detail the texts of various parables to do with the harvest. After expressing his personal views on some difficult theological question, he concluded: "I am afraid that not all commentators agree with me." As ever his rural parishioners went away from the service scratching their heads. The next day the vicar was surprised to find a sack at his door with the note attached to it. 'From Farmer Giles: Lunderstand from your sermon that 'common 'taters' don't agree with you, so I thought you might like this sack of King Edwards'! Every harvest, at St Chad's, we celebrate and give thanks for the harvest and we take the opportunity to think of those who actually grow and harvest our food. Whenever the Bible or Jesus talks about the harvest or about anything to do with food we find that the people who are referred to are the ones who do the donkey work, the sower in the field, the farmer who stores in barns, the men

# **Rev Elaine Scrivens**

who sort out the wheat from the tares, the labourers in the vineyard. In our world, however, such people are often overlooked or forgotten. One only has to think of the plight of dairy farmers in this country.

Of course, as well as our local farmers and farm workers we also think of those far away who also provide produce for our tables. We are very happy to find the fruits of their labours on our plates, the bananas or rice or chocolate or coffee or tea, we must remember these people too, after all this is God's way. He is a God of justice and fairness and he calls his people to a similar pattern of life.

So, at harvest time, we are called to be thankful. Thankful to God, yes, certainly. But thankful also to those children of God who work so hard that we might be fed with all the delicious food we have the choice to buy in this country But thankfulness is empty unless we give it substance.

This is why as Christians we try to create a fairer deal for farmers and farm workers in this country and in developing countries. We do this partly by giving financial help to organisations like the Farming community Network in this country and Christian Aid supporting farmers in the developing world. We can all help by buying local produce where possible and also buying produce that has been fairly traded. Do come and join us on the 4<sup>th</sup> October. After the service, weather permitting I will be beating the parish boundaries on the back of Wayne Aston's amazing motor bike! Do come and wave me off!

#### Elaine's message on the Nativity Festival

On December 12th and 13th we will be holding a Nativity Festival. The church will be open over that weekend and we will hopefully have a large number of Nativities on display. Do you have an interesting Nativity set you could loan us just for the weekend? Would your family or business like to make a Nativity that could be displayed? It could be made out of recycled materials, Lego, K'Nex, Popoids, your imagination is the only limitation!!

The Festival will end with the Singing of Carols around the tree on the Green with mulled wine and mince pies in church. Please do spread the word about this opportunity to put Christ firmly back into Christmas.

Please contact Elaine if you would like more details.

#### THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY 25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Blessing

Rob & Caroline Loveday We offer our congratulations and best wishes on the occasion of their celebration.

#### Funerals

The Revd. John Pratt Anthony Launchbury (Tony) We pray for their souls and offer our sympathy to their families and friends.

#### Bishop's Tachbrook Cycle of Prayer Praying for our Community

As I mentioned in last month's magazine, the Rev. John Pratt died on the 14th August. Every month John wrote our Cycle of Prayer. He highlighted streets to pray for and then commented on significant dates in the coming month. We will miss his words of wisdom and thank God for his ministry in this place. This month I will try to step into his shoes.

October 4th is the date of Harvest Festival it is also the feast day of Francis of Assisi. The 15th of the month is the feast of Teresa of Avila. Both these Saints gave up lives of wealth and comfort to help others. Many of the words attributed to them are so relevant in today's world.

St Francis, was a great environmentalist and one we can learn much from, he suggested we:

Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible.

St Teresa famously said: Christ has no body but yours, No hands, no feet on earth but yours, Yours are the eyes with which he looks Compassion on this world, Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,

Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.

If there are issues you feel we should pray for please do let us know.

This month we pray for those living in Powell Close Reignier Place Rye Fields Savages Close



## Bishop's 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 Kate Underhill on 335144 kateandgrace@talktalknet or come along on a Monday. We desperately need more adult volunteers to come and help at our club, if you can spare a couple of hours on an odd Monday then please let me know.



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# Parish Council News

Councillors have been asked about the availability of affordable homes for people living in the parish on the development north of Oakley Wood Road. 40% of the development will be affordable homes, probably operated by a housing association with a proportion being shared ownership. It is hoped that people living in the parish will be considered as one of the priorities in line with our housing need survey completed in late 2013. If you are interested in social housing on this development please register with the District Council as soon as possible.

The Neighbourhood and Local Plans continue to take up a significant amount of Councillors time. Councillors have been mindful of the priority set in the Neighbourhood Plan consultation process that we should retain the rural outlook from the Warwick Gates and Village sections of our community. With this in mind a difficult decision has been taken to launch a Judicial Review of Grove Farm 2 planning application process. This is a result of concerns that the District's legal duties have not been properly followed in the recommendation that was made by officers when this application came back to the planning committee in July, making

the approval of the planning application unsound.

The Parish Council has provided grants to the Village Events Group for food hygiene and first aid training, the Brownies to help them celebrate 50 years in BT, the Junior Youth Club to help provide external visitors and club visits and the PCC who will be cutting and replanting the hedge at the bottom of the churchyard.

The audit for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015 has been completed and there are no issues that need addressing. If you wish to look at the accounts please contact the Clerk.

The District Council has cut back the perimeter path and the cycleway. We are trying to arrange for this work to be regularly undertaken. Islands on Warwick Gates should be addressed in October.

Repairs will be taking place on the roundabout in the play area shortly and the new bench for Mallory Road has arrived and might be fitted by the time you read this.

# Sean Deely



#### Worship at St Chad's

#### Sunday

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

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

Wednesday 11:15am Holy Communion (BCP)

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





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# St Chad's Centre News

You can really see the progress being made at the St Chad's Centre site so we wanted to help bring to life what the Centre is going to provide once it opens in June 2016.

# How will it be different from what the Sports and Social Club offers?

The floor space offered will be different from the Sports and Social Club so



# What sorts of things will be offered at the Centre?

The vision is for it to provide space for a mobile post office, to provide a public space for consultations by, for example, Warwick District Council or the police, a place for groups to hold meetings or run activities such as Cubs, host birthday parties, have exercise classes, indoor sports such as table tennis, host family cinema nights, suppers for church events and other opportunities for the community to meet there. different things can be held there. It will not be licenced and it is not intended to provide bar or restaurant facilities. It will not be run on a commercial basis and will be for the whole community rather than having a membership. It is intended to meet all age group needs including the very old and very young. Under 16s and over 65s make up half of the population of the parish.

#### What facilities will the Centre have?

It will have a kitchen, low moveable stage, storage facilities for community groups, toilets, paved area outdoors and an office. To find out about what is going on there, information will be on a noticeboard at the centre as well as on the bishopstachbrook.com website and features will appear in the magazine.

#### How will I be able to use it?

The plan is for an online booking system with details of where to collect the keys from. The booking cost will cover overheads such as heating and lighting but it will not be a money making venture. It has been designed so smaller meeting space can be used without opening and heating/lighting the whole space. For example, just reception area and toilets will be open for Parish Council meetings.

# Where will the people using the Centre park their cars?

People will be able to walk from all over the village. The Neighbourhood Plan group is looking into how the centre of the village can be redesigned to encourage people to walk and cycle to it. The Centre will provide cycle racks and it is hoped there will be improved footpaths linking it to the whole village.

#### Who do I contact to find out more?

Through the website bishopstachbrook.com or email stchadscentrebt@gmail.com

There is a full list of Q&As on the Bishop's Tachbrook website if you would like to read about the Centre in greater detail.

#### **MU Happenings** This month we busied ourselves finishing off three 'Twiddle Muffs'



Kath Reason had knitted them and members busily made pom-poms then stitched them onto the muffs along with beads, silky and velvet ribbons, knobbly buttons, old keys, bells – in fact anything tactile and safe that we could lay our hands on. The items were stitched onto the inside of the muffs as well as on the outside so that people with dementia could have something to keep their fingers busy. The muffs looked very attractive too in multi-coloured wool. As Kath had contact with a nursing home in Shipston, we took them there for the patients to try out. If they prove to be helpful then we'll make some more for them, or if you know of anyone who may appreciate a twiddle muff then please get in touch with me.

We will be holding a pre-Christmas Coffee Morning on Sat 21<sup>st</sup> November in church – more details next month. Jenny Lister Tel. 01926 427922



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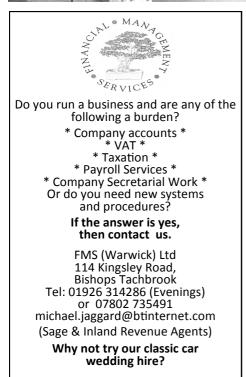


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# Sports' page

Now that summer is over we look into the colder months for action to keep us warm with excitement. But looking forward I think this winter is going to be a cracker for sport so to kick off this winter of sport was September. It has been a busy time for cyclist around the world even if they rode a bike with thick or thin tyres they were competing to be the best. Firstly it was the mountain bike world championships in Andorra, Great Britain had some success with Josh Bryceland coming home third in the men but even better than that did Rachel Atherton as she came home with gold after winning the women's event. Back on British soil it was the tour de Britain and the Norwegian Edvald Boasson Hagen won after eight stages in the bronze medal place was Britain's Owain Doull. London 2012 star Sir Bradley Wiggins came across the line to finish an overall 87<sup>th</sup> place. Learnington brakes have had a fairly successful start to their new season in the Evo-stik southern division. After 8 games they currently sit second in the table only one point behind the league leaders but it is no time to slip up as each team is competing to play in the national league divisions so they need to keep their form up to be in with a chance of promotion.

A bit higher up in professional football the England national team have enjoyed more wins in the European championship qualifiers and have the privilege of being the first team to qualify for the championships with wins over San Marino and Switzerland. Young

# Louis Edwards

Harry Kane broke his scoring drought this season with a fantastic chip against San Marino and then another goal against Switzerland but the main headline was that after 107 games for England Wayne Rooney broke the England all-time scoring record by scoring his 50<sup>th</sup> goal against Switzerland from the penalty spot.

After coming off the summer break it is clear that nothing has changed in the world of Formula one with Lewis Hamilton coming away with yet another win this season which brings me to the conclusion that he has won his third world title because the Mercedes is such a dominant car and looking forward no one can catch them.

And finally this month England hold the rugby world cup which seems it is going to be as competitive as ever as many teams could go on to lift the trophy. Holders New Zealand are of course the favourites to win but close behind fancying their chances would be South Africa and Australia. Ireland will be hoping it is their year after their six nation's victory might give them the edge over other title contenders such as England and Wales. England should have no problem getting out of their group and a semi-final place is definitely not off the cards but a New Zealand versus England could be very interesting. Sport to look out for next month:

Premier league Rugby world cup Formula one Super league rugby Tennis WTA championships



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#### **Steve's Nature Page**

By late July, August I could only just keep up with filling the bird feeders. Blue Tits, Great Tits, Robins, but mostly sparrows and Goldfinches were filling their beaks. They seemed to be downing half a field of sunflower hearts a day! Sparrows that are on the decline are mounting a repopulation programme from our garden and Pete's next door. I took ages trying to find the perfect Pepper (our cat) proof place to put a Sparrow nest box. I needn't have bothered as we now have three broods happily reared in our roof and a couple next door in Helen's. Pepper has his own depopulation plan to keep the numbers down. I have out manoeuvred him a couple of times but he's fast.

Talking of Pete and Helen next door, they asked why we don't see baby pigeons like other birds. Well we do but as they are as big as their parents we don't always notice them. They start off as little 'squabs' and spend up to 20 days in the nest being fed on special 'pigeon milk' produced from grain in the parent's crop. So with such a great start they are big when they arrive in the garden. The give away is no white collar on their necks. They are also very clumsy as they learn the ropes, often trying to perch on tiny twigs or even a large leaf, and then having a panic flap to rebalance.Back to the bird feeders and the Goldfinches who arrive each day in a loud carnival cloud; one day five youngsters, all competing for the attention of one adult. Fluttering their gold-banded wings, each one seeming to be shouting "To me! To me! me! me!"

I chatted to Paul the other day about the Kestrel we had both watched over the back field. Since the corn has been harvested its almost a daily visitor, hovering over the stubble; rising up, scanning below, then dropping to a chosen position; holding its head perfectly still as its wings flap and its tail adjusts to windspeed. If the area is no good it stops hovering, flies up and relocates and starts again. Apart from amazing eyesight they have a super power, they can actually see the wee trails the mice and voles leave behind. This helps the Kestrel to pin point the Vole villages so as they can wee, wee, wee all the way home, they may have a Kestrel on their tail.



# <u>Bishops Tachbrook Sports and Social Club</u> Autumn Entertainment

# October

#### 3rd October - Quiz Night

Don't forget to get down early for this popular night

#### 10<sup>th</sup> October – Oh Well

Back again, this popular duo play rock hits from the 60's, 70's and 80's

#### <u> 17th October – Phil King & The</u> <u>Royals</u>

Phil's back with his Royals, always popular and playing rock and roll favourites from all era's

#### 24th October - Skittles Night

A fun night for the whole family. With competitions and prizes for kids and adults and food too

# November

#### 7th November - Quiz Night

Don't forget to get down early for this popular night

#### 14th November – The Score

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

#### 21st November – Drink & Jive

This 4 piece band are playing hits from the stars of Rock 'n' Roll, including Elvis, The Shadows, The Beatles, Lynard Skynyrd, Queen, T-Rex, ZZ Top and many more

#### 28th November - Rob Alton

A popular local solo artist. With the vocal ability to sing many different styles. Performing favourite songs from the 60's to present day

### <u> 31<sup>st</sup> October – Halloween Spooktacular</u>

The Club will be garnished in ghoulish gear again this year and we've got a Halloween themed disco too. With prizes for the best dressed boy and girl, come down and have a great fancy dressed night.

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#### Bishop's Tachbrook Calendar

October evnts							
Date	Organisation	Event	Venue	Time	Contact		
1st Thursday	WI	Annual Meeting	B.T. School	7.45pm	Anne Allan 01926 424135		
13 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	History Group	Bonnie Prince Charlie & The Jacobite Rebellion	St Chad's Church	2.30pm	01926 336749		
22 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday	Croft Medical Centre	Patients Group	Sydenham Surgery	6.30pm	01926 336749		
November events		I.					
5 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	WI	J and A Chris- topher's Fun Clay	B.T. School	7.45pm	Anne Allan 01926 424135		
6 <sup>th</sup> Friday	Social Group	Fireworks and Bonfire	Sports and Social Club	Club open 5.00pm	07795109038		
10 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	History Group	The English Hous- es	St Chad's Church	2.30pm	01926 336749		
12 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	Tachbrook Tinies	Crazy Kiln Pottery	Sports and Social Club	9.30am to 11.00am	Elissa 07854427213		
17 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	Croft Medical Centre	Patients Group	Sydenham Surgery	2.30pm	01926 336749		

Mondays	Rainbows	Sports and Social Club	6.00-7.00pm	jadechoc@aol.com
Mondays	Youth Club	B. T. School	6.30-8.00pm	Anoushka76@hotmail.com
Tuesday	Pilates	Sports and Social Club	9.30-10.30am	07769222524
Tuesdays	Brownies	Sports and Social Club	6.00-7.30pm	carolineloveday@sky.com
Tuesdays	Over 50s	Sports and Social Club	2-4pm	01926 313020
Every Second Tuesday	History Group	St Chad's Church	2.30pm winter 7.30pm summer	01926336749
Tuesdays	Bingo	Sports and Social Club	8.00pm	01926 421621
Thursdays	Tachbrook Tinies playgroup for 0 to 5s	Sports and Social Club	9.30-11.00	Elissa 07854427213
2nd Thursday of each month	Country Dancing	Sports and Social Club	8.000pm	01926 314286
3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month	Parish Council meeting	B.T. School	7.30pm	01926 641220
Sundays	Bingo	Sports and Social Club	8.00pm	01926 421621

If you have any items you'd like included in the June calendar please email Marion Smith on <u>marismi913@aol.com</u> by Friday 9th October

with the following information about your event:

Date - Time - Organisation - Event - Venue - Contact name and number

### Linda Stevens

I was sitting in the garden at the beginning of September when I spotted a small moth sunning itself on a leaf. It didn't stay long, just enough for me note colour, marking and size. When I looked it up I felt sure it was a male Vapourer Moth. These small moths are not often



seen as they rarely settle and prefer to fly high. The females don't fly at all as they haven't got wings. They wait about near where they emerged from their cocoon for a visiting male and then lay their eggs. A few years ago we found a nest of tiny caterpillars in our shed. We took a photo and emailed it to the Natural History Museum who kindly replied saying it was a nest of Vapourer Moth caterpillars and a female nearby. We have now seen both a male and a female.

A neighbour of mine wondered why his Blackbirds who he had fed throughout the summer with dried fruit have disappeared. Ours have too. After a busy season of rearing young they look a little tatty and begin to moult. They hide away from predators during this process as the loss of feathers makes them more

# Nature page

vulnerable. The fruitfulness of September also tempts them into surrounding countryside where they can feast on all the berries and build themselves up ready for winter. There are elderberries and blackberries and so many more seasonal delights. Later on Blackbirds from Scandinavia will arrive to spend the winter here. Our Blackbirds are known to migrate around the country during this time seeking better feeding places. So if you've missed the Blackbirds in your garden they will soon be back ready in their winter coats to feed on the titbits you put out.

Returning home along the road out of Barford about 10 in the evening I had my first really good sighting of a live Badger. I've seen so many dead ones by the side of the road or caught fleeting glimpses of live ones disappearing into hedges but this one trundled calmly across the road in front of us lit up by our headlights. On a lovely sunny day at the beginning of September we joined a small group outing in the Cotswolds visiting villages, churches and churchyards and what a joy was each churchyard! They were cared for and cherished but not manicured. In one a dragonfly rested on a tombstone, a Common Hawker I think, beautifully iridescent in the sunshine. As soon as I tried to take its photo it flew off! A Speckled Wood butterfly temporarily replaced it but that didn't stop either! (I saw one a few days later in our churchyard). I also saw a ladybird, one of the few I've seen this year.

It was the yew trees that really amazed me - they were so tall with thick trunks that would require a group for a tree hug! The Yew trees in our churchyards are babies in comparison. Yews are commonly found in churchyards and are slow growing so these specimens must be very ancient. I looked them up when I got home and found a website ancient-yew.org - which gave me lots of information.

Do you have a birdbath? I have so much pleasure watching the many birds that visit the one in our garden. I don't mind washing up so much when I can enjoy seeing the sparrows having a communal bath, splashing each other or the occasional fleeting visit from the Pied Wagtail, the various Tits or the Robin. No one joins the Collared Dove or the Woodpigeons, some birds share and others prefer to bathe alone.

This is the time of year when we find big spiders coming in out of the cold. Do allow a few to stay, as they will feed on some tiny nasties that you certainly don't want in your home. The cup and card method is the best way to catch and remove them. Most spiders will curl up and play dead when caught in this way so it is easy to remove them.

House Martins are still flying high catching insects as I write but by the time you read it they may have gone. I haven't heard that the Swallows have left. This is the time of year when it's all change - some leave and some arrive.

What have you seen? Please let us know.

#### Making your mark on Bishop's Tachbrook history

In last month's magazine we asked you to suggest names for the new housing development that will be built on the the fields behind the school Thank you to all who nominated the names.

Now we all have a chance to vote for the name that we like the most. Please visit the Parish website

(<u>www.bishopstachbrook.com</u>) and indicate which one of the following names you prefer:

Bishop's Grange

**Bishopswood View** 

Mallory Gardens

**Oakley Heights** 

**Oakley Meadow** 

Oakley Wood Gardens

Oakley Wood View

Tachbrook Gardens

Tachbrook Grange

Tachbrook Heights

Polls will close on **Friday 16 October at 5pm**, so the final tally can be made and the preferred name announced in the November Parish magazine.





### Cathy Herbert

#### Bishops Tachbrook Village Events Group – Bonfire Night

This year's bonfire is to be held on Friday 6<sup>h</sup> November on the meadow commencing at 7.00pm with the lighting of the bonfire at 7.30pm and then the firework display at 8pm. Please put the display in your diary. As usual there will refreshments available, attractions, and the Sports and Social Club will be open to all for drinks both before and after the display.

The firework display will be costing £2,500 to stage this year, so we will be holding our draw again, with tickets being posted through your doors in October. We would be really grateful if you would buy the tickets as we really want to keep the event free to attend but we really need to ensure that we



cover the costs too!! We also have a couple of massive pleas. Firstly we really need some volunteers to help with the event. As we get older (and less fit!!)

the fire is getting more and more difficult for the small band of builders to construct and it is always a bit touch and



go as to whether the fire building will be completed before it has to be lit. The other help we need is for stewards during the event. All we need is people simply to be a contact point for people attending, to marshal the barriers and just to ensure that everyone has a safe and enjoyable evening. Without extra help the event really will be in jeopardy as there are only a few of us, and with the building success of the event more stewards are needed and more wood arrives each year too! If you are able to help, or want some more information please contact Cathy on 01926 316803, or 07926 584202.

Secondly, please can we ask that you do not leave items for the fire on the Meadow before Friday morning and also ensure that only combustible wood is left. We have to dispose of the ashes and unburnt items following the bonfire and we have real problems getting rid of mattress springs and other items. Thanks for everyone who has helped and attended on previous years, and fingers crossed for a dry evening this year.

#### **Seasonal recipes**

The first recipe for crumble was taught to me by my mother and is delicious! I no longer eat wheat, dairy or refined sugar so I now make the second, which is good as well, but not quite so straight forward.

Both toppings can be frozen and then just sprinkled on top of the fruit when you need it. Use fruit that is in season.

#### **Apple Crumble Topping 1**

120gms self raising flour 60gms butter or hard margarine 90gms sugar (brown or Demerara sugar gives a nice taste) Rub butter into flour and then mix in sugar. ( or use a food processor) Sprinkle over fruit in a dish and press down, bake 180 for 25 minutes until crisp and golden brown

#### Apple Crumble Topping 2

200gms almonds

- 180gms oats
- 3 heaped tablespoons coconut oil
- 100ml maple syrup

1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Place almonds into food processor, blend for a few minutes until a flour forms, put into mixing bowl with oats

Melt coconut oil and maple syrup, mix in cinnamon.

Pour this over the oat and almond mixture, stir well until all dry ingredients are coated.

Put crumble layer on top of fruit, bake for 25 – 30 minutes, 180, until top is nicely brown.

Enjoy, Kate

If you have a recipe you want to share please send it into the magazine on: btparishmagazine@hotmail.com. We'd prefer recipes that use seasonal ingredients. Please give us any details of where you picked the recipe up.

# Notice Board

#### Footpath to the Asps

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Thanks to Rob P and Roy N for having strimmed over-grown sections of footpath W105. This footpath runs from Farm Walk across the fields to New House Farm. Then having crossed Europa Way, the path continues over farm land to the Asps. It's now walkable – or runnable - for its full length.

We're planning to reactivate the footpath/tree maintenance working party – a date will be proposed in next months magazine. Meanwhile anyone who'd like more details as to what's involved can ask Paul on 337204 or Graham on 882675.

#### Leamington Hibernian FC

Learnington Hibernian FC is again this season playing football on the Meadow. For us to be able to do this again we must thank the Parish Committee and the Sports and Social Club for all their help.

We have recruited a lot of new players and been having good support at our matches which is always encouraging to all of us.

Our next fixtures are

Home Sat 26th Sept Rnd 1	Challenge Cup	v	Knowle
Away Sat 3rd Oct Rnd 1	Challenge Vase	v	Redditch
Away Sat 10th Oct Rnd 1	Cov Charity Cup	v	Hawksmill (Coventry)
Home Sat 17th Oct	League	v	Inkberrow
Home Sat 24th Oct	League	v	Boldmere
Away Sat 31st Oct	League	v	Northfield
Thanks to All Joy Barry Leamington Hibernian FC			

Warwickshire Trading Standards Service is providing FREE Electric Blanket Testing for over 50s living in Warwickshire, at the following venues near you:

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- Tuesday 6th October 2015 Kenilworth Library
- Wednesday 7th October 2015 Leamington Spa Library
- Thursday 8th October 2015 Asda Community Room Nuneaton
- Friday 9th October 2015 Stratford Briar Croft Residential Home

North Warwickshire residents, please ask about collection points in your local area.

Book today by calling the Trading Standards Service on 01926 414016 9am - 5pm or email: <u>ebtesting@warwickshire.gov.uk</u>

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#### **Protect your equipment**

Bob Church and his colleague Analeyse from the Stratford SNT team gave a demonstration of security marking at the Fete back in June. They've volunteered to come back on <u>Saturday 17 October</u> to mark any equipment that allotment holders and residents bring along. <u>In the Club car park from 11.30. Until 1 p.m.</u> Come and take advantage of this FREE Property Marking event, which is being organised by your local Police Safer Neighbourhood Team and the Rural Crime Coordinator."

This service is not just for allotment holders. Anyone in the parish may bring along equipment including bikes, mowers etc that is capable of being "nicked"!

#### Calling all allotment holders – Saturday, 17 October

To coincide with the above event, there will be a meeting for all allotment holders, in the Club starting at 11.00. It's the annual opportunity to discuss with parish councillors any matters affecting the enjoyment of our allotments. By then we should have more details of the Bloors development which abuts the allotments. Tony has booked the Club room –and with a bit of luck there might be some coffee/tea on offer!

#### Next deadline for magazine items is 13th October for the November issue. Please send to btparishmagazine@hotmail.com



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Protecting Local Green Spaces

### Ray Bullen

Is there a green space near you that has a special reason for wanting to save it from the threat of development?

The government has put in place a new way to protect these spaces. It is known as a Local Green Space. Designating an area as Local Green Space would give it protection consistent with that of Green Belt. The space has to be special because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value tranquillity or richness of its wildlife. If an area meets these criteria it can be incorporated in the Neighbourhood Plan.

The Parish Council has looked hard at the green spaces in the parish and have identified 20 we think should be included as Local Green Spaces. One or more of these may be special to you. You may have another and would like it to be considered.

The sites so far selected are The Meadow; The Village Green; Farm Walk; Lisle Gardens; St. Chads Road green; Mallory Road, east & west of St. Chads Road; South of Holt Avenue around the new housing development; Field north of Croft close; land around the SUDs ponds on Othello Avenue; Kingsley Road opposite meadow entrance; 2 areas at Mallory Grange on the Woodside Farm development site; New wood & parkland off Rideswell Grove, Whitnash; Harbury Lane playing fields; Field on the east side of Oakley Wood Road opposite the Leopard; Tachbrook Valley; Land west of Seven Acre Close; Oakley Wood excluding the Crematorium site; Wiggerland Wood; Grove plantation.

To see plans that show where these sites are, take a look at the Bishop's Tachbrook website <u>http://</u> www.bishopstachbrook.com/ <u>neighbourhood-plan-2</u>. Go to downloads at the bottom of the page and select NP11 LOCAL GREENSPACE PLANS Revision 1.

These green spaces need to be special to you to qualify. Parish Councillors are asking residents to tell us why their local green space is special to them. We are visiting households close to the areas to get your thoughts on paper to support their inclusion in the plan. The Inspector examining the Neighbourhood Plan needs to be convinced that the areas are special.

So if you get a knock on the door, please tell us why they are special. Our thanks to those who have already contributed.

If you have another area or want to contribute to any listed area please contact your nearest (or any) parish councillor.



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# History Group

# Anne Kirby

#### King Alfred the Great

Stephen Baldwin gave us plenty of 'food for thought' when he introduced the subject of King Alfred, by asking us what we knew about him. As a child, I, like many others, had heard stories of a man who, when hiding from the Danes, had sought refuge in a hovel and was asked to 'mind the cakes'. What was he doing that caused the cakes to burn? I don't remember the rest!



Alfred was born in Wantage in 849, where a statue depicts a man of peace and learning rather than a warrior, as depicted elsewhere (i.e. on The Broadway in Winchester). His grandfather and father

had reigned in Wessex for nearly sixty years in a period of relative stability. Alfred's three older brothers then had short reigns, during which time the Danes moved from 'plunder' raids to wanting more permanent settlements where they could overwinter in England. Alfred became king in 871 on the death of his youngest brother. Although he won a significant victory over the Danes at Ashdown in 871, there followed a succession of defeats at the hands of the Danish leader, Guthrum, causing Alfred and his army to retreat to the Somerset Levels. It was here in Athelney that Alfred established a base and began to make plans, firstly to defeat the Danes. So, what if he did burn some cakes whilst thinking? We'll never know. What we do know, is that the thinking and planning worked and Alfred

defeated Guthrum, who was then converted to Christianity, christened and settled peacefully in East Anglia where the Danes became farmers. Alfred's plans for stability were now able to be put into action. Any fighting would now be on his terms. The Fyrds were reorganised, Burhs were established and ship building was increased to help as 'early warning' against invasion. He had out thought the Danes. There was now comparative peace. In 886 The Danelaw was established, London was repaired and reorganised. Alfred now controlled Wessex and South-West Mercia. The second part of the plan was to take control of the rest of Mercia, then move in to the two other kingdoms of East Anglia and Northumbria. Alfred realised, in order to establish a single state, it would need: a common currency and a single written code of laws with the development of literacy. As Alfred was never in good health (died in 899), the next part of his planning was to make sure that unity and stability would run beyond his lifetime. He stipulated that his son, Edward the Elder, would succeed him helped by his daughter, Aethelflaeda. Together they worked their way unifying the north and the east, until by 914 they reached Warwick. There is a plaque on the wall of Castle Street commemorating this event.

While legend has led us to think that Alfred would never have succeeded in 'Bake Off', his true legacy is the design of the England of today.

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### Croft Surgery Patient Participation Group

A number of topics for information or discussion came up at the August meeting of the Patient Participation Group.

**Flu Vaccinations:** These will be available to any patient aged over 65 or with a long term condition and children aged 2,3 and 4 years old as follows:

#### **Bishop's Tachbrook Surgery:**

Tuesdays from 1-30pm - 4.30pm on the following dates: 6th & 20th October

#### Croft Medical Centre, Sydenham:

Saturdays from 9 am - 11.30 am on the following dates: 3rd,17th, 24th & 31st October

#### **Dementia Friends:**

Dementia can happen to anyone and there is currently no cure. There are approximately 850,000 people living with Dementia in England today. By 2025 the number is expected to rise to over one million and exceed two million by 2050. Symptoms may include memory loss, difficulties with thinking, problem solving and language. The Patient Participation Group will, over the coming months, be supporting the Practice with the Dementia Action plan by working towards supporting patients and carers in enhancing awareness and understanding of Dementia; providing a Dementia Friendly environment at the practice; and promoting positive attitudes in how services are provided. If

## Peter Lister

you would like to be involved in this work please contact: roftppg@croftmc.nhs.uk for more information.

#### Friends & Family Test:

Results of the feedback so far were considered at the meeting. Inevitably, the one area that does cause concern has to do with making appointments with doctors and nurses. The practice is considering how a major change could be made regarding appointments and will be looking at an alternative system. **Newsletter:** The autumn copy of the Newsletter has now appeared and is available in the various surgeries as well as on the Croft Medical website for those with internet access. This and other information can be found at: www.croftmedical.co.uk/ppg.

The **Next Meeting** of the Patient Participation Group will take place at the Croft Medical Centre on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2015 at 6.30 pm. All are welcome.



# 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? Then Rainbows could be for you. 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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