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# What's in this month's magazine

A photography competition, a plea for responsible dog walkers, updates on the myriad of planning issues that seem to surround us and the usual mix of the saintly and secular fill the busiest magazine I think I've edited.

You may remember that, in the last issue, we featured the work of the parish working parties that Cllr Paul Whitwood has been organising. An unforeseen downside of this work has been the attractiveness of the footpath from the bottom of Farm Walk to the local dog population who seem to have adopted it as a newly constructed toilet! Come on dog owners you're spoiling it for children and families who want to get out and enjoy our countryside. Further work of the working parties is featured on page 15.

Advance warning of our photography competition is featured on pages 5 and 41. Your chance to have one or more of your photos shown locally and featured on the front of this magazine.

Paul Hulett our resident of poet from Heathcote Park follows up on the thoughts about volunteering in the last issue, with a poem on volunteering, see page 29. Tucked in at the bottom of page 25 is an announcement that may well be of interest to community groups.

Elaine's piece on the light within us all chimed with something I heard a Paralympic athlete, Alex Zinardi say, 'inspiration doesn't come people and things, but to eyes which can seek it.' Here's to a clear eyed month!

## **CYCLE OF PRAYER—Praying for our Community**

In October we will be praying for residents of:

Powell Close

Reignier Place

Rye Fields

Savages Close

If there is something or someone you would like us to pray for please let Elaine our Vicar or a member of the congregation know.

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As many of you know, in the vicarage garden there are a number of apple trees. They are quite old and not all the same variety. To be honest, I don't know what variety they are but I'm told they make decent cider and I know they make a good crumble!

Although the apples are different they share one thing in common, they have the 'secret star of the apple' within them. If you have never come across the secret before, take a sharp knife and putting the apple on its side with the core horizontal to the cutting surface, cut it in half across the core not through it. Inside you will see what no one else could have possibly seen, the star in the centre of that apple. Thanks to how the pips are arranged, at the centre of each apple, lies a star. Try it and see.

A few days ago I was chatting to someone who came to visit St Chad's on one of our Heritage Open days and we began talking of the Quakers or the Society of Friends. I have a friend Cherry who is a Quaker and I've always been fascinated with their belief of a "living light" in each person. Thinking about this light reminded me about the star in the apple. It is always there but often we don't see it. The Quakers believe there is, a light given by God and that all people have this light, young or old, rich or poor, male or female, gay or straight. Others think of it as the soul. Please don't go chopping someone in half to check!

Sometimes the light is easy to see, for

example, in the lives of the Saints we will remember next month but it can also be seen in those people who give of themselves to help others. Those that care for a family member with dementia, those who raise money for charity and care for those less well off than themselves. I'm sure we all know someone who is selfless and self-giving from whom this light shines.

Sometimes, because of how the world has treated individual people and the bad choices they have made as a result, the light is hidden; behind appearances, behaviour or personalities, which, on the surface, may appear less than attractive, even to themselves. Sometimes the light is hard to see yet Jesus saw God's light in the lives of those who were on the margins of society; what, I wonder, are today's equivalents of tax-collectors, prostitutes and Samaritans? Whoever they are too have a light within them.

Just as we need food, water, fresh air and sunshine if we, like my apple trees, are going to flourish physically, so we need a spiritual and inward nourishment if the light within us is going to shine out and grow and be seen, even if only by ourselves or those around us.

How might we get this sustenance. Well it might be reading the bible, attending Church services, or a discussion and reflection on some Christian teaching. Perhaps you would prefer a walk in the countryside, doing someone a good turn, listening to music, reading a book,



painting, knitting or a hundred and one other ways in which the light or your soul, call it what you will, is nurtured.

This autumn, as fruit falls from the trees and the rhythms of Church, school and work get back to normal after the holidays we can see nature changing, sometime spectacularly so, all round us. If we can find a way of nurturing our spiritual life, that light we each have within us, given to us by a God who loves each one of us, then who knows what we could achieve.

My prayer is that that we each continue to grow and flourish so that each of our lights will shine throughout our community.

With every blessing, Elaine

**THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY**

**Baptism**

Alice Rose Harwood  
Eliza Eva Joan Meyer

*We welcome them into the Christian Family.*

**WHAT'S ON AT ST CHADS**

**Baby Loss Awareness Week – Wave of Light—St Chad’s Church, Saturday October 15th 6:30pm**

Baby Loss Awareness Week takes place from 9<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> October each year. It’s an opportunity for parents, their families and friends to acknowledge and remember their precious babies who

have died through miscarriage, stillbirth or those babies who die soon after birth. The week closes with an international ‘Wave of Light’ where candles are lit across the globe as part of the international Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day. Here at St Chad’s we will take part in this global event to remember all the babies that have died during pregnancy, at, during or after birth. There will be a short service, followed by an opportunity to light candles and afterward to share in refreshments. If you know anyone who has lost a child in this way please let them know of this service. All are welcome.

**Photography Competition**

The Magazine Committee felt it would be a good idea to have a photography competition. The subject will be **Our Community**. There will be prizes and entries will be displayed in church during the weekend we celebrate St Chad’s Day. There will be an Under 16 prize and an Over 16 prize. Entries will also be used on the cover of the Parish Magazine. So get taking those photos! More details about how to enter nearer the time.

**Nativity or Crib Festival**

Our Nativity Festival was such a success last year that we thought that this should be an annual affair so if you are going on holiday to anywhere special or if you have an interesting cribs hidden away in your loft then please you could loan us for our festival. It will be on the weekend beginning December 9th and will finish with Carols on the Green on December 11th. Let’s see how many we can get this year!

## St Chad's Centre News

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The moment the St Chad's Centre Trustees thought might never come, finally arrived! Trustees held the 'topping out ceremony' for the St Chad's Centre on Friday 16th September. We were able to welcome the chair of Warwick District Council, Councillor Jane Knight and her consort, as well as many funders, contributors, well wishers and potential users, to the event which was held within the actual building of the St Chad's Centre.

Guests were treated to a very short speech by the chair of Trustees, Councillor Andrew Day and then proceeded to the Centre where a makeshift light shone on the main hall (mains power will arrive at the site once the works have been completed by Western Power and Stratford Energy). Initial impression comments included 'like a tardis' (small on the outside, big on the inside rather than rectangular and blue I hope!), 'bigger than I thought', 'good roof



Traditionally the ceremony is carried out when the building is watertight which is very fortunate as that day was when our unseasonably warm weather broke and we greeted our guests carrying umbrellas and wearing winter coats. We were able to use St Chad's Church as our emergency shelter to provide warm up tea and coffee for our dignitaries.

height' and 'what a lovely space'.

Attendees were asked to give their opinions on ceiling finish and floor finish. The consensus was to look as modern and up to date as possible. Builders Kevin and Sam took on board feedback from our guests and listened to how potential users would utilise the space. Adjustments will take place based on

## The St Chad's Centre Trustees

those conversations so those who attended can know that their input has made a difference already.

Trustees are pleased to be able to harness the expertise of local cooking expert, Anne-Marie Lambert, to help with our kitchen design and hopefully for her to host community cooking lessons in the Centre. If you have a knowledge or expertise in any area which you think would be useful for the final stages of the

spots. Craig Brewster has been kindly donating his time to help us decide which system best fits our needs and we are very grateful for all his advice and guidance. We want to make sure it's as user friendly as possible. There's still time to be included in the pre general release of booking slots by emailing us via [stchadscentrebtc@gmail.com](mailto:stchadscentrebtc@gmail.com) Once the booking system is live we will contact all those who have expressed an interest and invite them to use the system. Any



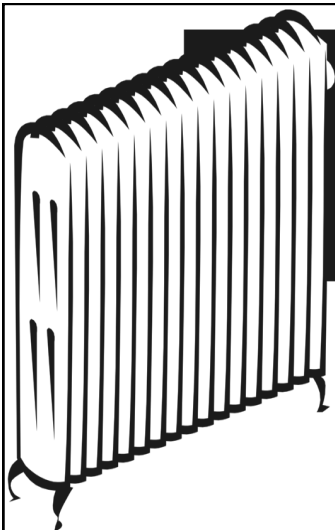
Centre whether it be sound systems, pendant lighting designs or landscaping please do get in contact with Trustees via the St Chad's Centre email address.

The booking system for the website is being tested behind the scenes and will be going live before the Centre is fully finished. This will allow potential users to pre book their sessions to secure their

slots remaining will then be released to the general public for first come, first served online booking.

Please do contact us via [stchadscentrebtc@gmail.com](mailto:stchadscentrebtc@gmail.com) if you would like to contribute to the final stages of the Centre in any way. Watch this space for a confirmed opening ceremony date!





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## General news

Cllr Balzaretti has raised with County Councillor Caborn, the matter of school bus fees for children joining our primary school. Lisa raised concerns that this will discourage use of the school bus resulting in increased traffic for Kingsley Road and parking issues outside the school. We will keep you updated. Parking outside the school has been highlighted to the Police as a safety concern and we are hoping for a Police presence on some days.

Cllr. Caborn has highlighted to the Parish Council the funding issues the county has with central government reducing the payment to the council. All services and staffing levels are being reviewed and we understand there will be a public consultation.

Regrettably District Council has closed the 2 enforcement issues on the lane off Oakley Wood Road. The sites have been cleared but not returned to their natural condition. Please let the Clerk know if you see any tipping on these sites or around the parish.

We are pleased to note that the vegetation from Walnut Tree Cottage, which was causing issues on the footway, has been cut back. Let's hope that this vegetation continues to be kept under control

There have been reports that delivery lorries trying to access the Bloor Development have been mistakenly using Holt Avenue to access the site. Bloors are taking steps to address this. If you see a vehicle using the Avenue please note the registration number, date and time and report to the clerk.

## Highway updates

The Oakley Wood Road/Savages Close road scheme is progressing. Lighting and drainage designs are to be finalised shortly.

There will be disruption on Oakley Wood Road over the next few months whilst the County Council's contractors undertake work to construct the new entrance in the Bloors Development we have been advised that this will be kept to a minimum.

Part of the Fosse Way will be closed from the beginning of October. Details are available on the website.

Cllr Les Caborn is trying to arrange for the speed limit on Harbury Lane to be reduced to 30mph but County Highways are insisting the road is a rural road and so this can't be imposed. With a primary school being built next to the road this is a big concern for this Parish Council and we will continue to press this point.

## Local Plan News

The examination in public of the Local Plan started at the end of September and continues until December. Cllr. Ray Bullen has been invited to attend and will be our representative.

Tachbrook Country Park is moving forward slowly but we have been assured by the District Council that we will have a say in the design details for the park. We have been receiving complaints regarding parking of vehicles on bends. Please be considerate when parking on our roads and ask your visitors to be too. If you do believe a vehicle is causing an

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Kevin Marshall



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### **Veggie Voice** **October**

**Sow** 'green manures' for over winter  
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wintertares, grazing rye  
**Grow** Pot-up herbs for the kitchen  
during winter  
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cabbage) with 2.5cm thick  
compost 'mulch'

### **SURPLUS, SURPLUS**

At this time of year us vegetable growers have problems giving away our surplus produce. We'd be interested if there are growers in the parish who would be interested in selling some produce through an outlet in the village probably the shop. This would be a not for profit scheme. If you think you might be interested please send us an e-mail at: [btparishmagazine@hotmail.com](mailto:btparishmagazine@hotmail.com)

## Poetry please

**Prayer** by Carol Ann Duffy

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

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

Pray for us now. Grade 1 piano  
scales  
console the lodger looking out  
across a Midlands town. Then  
dusk, and someone calls  
a child's name as though they  
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Darkness outside. Inside, the  
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## History Group - Belgium put the kibosh on the Kaiser

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If you were puzzled by the title of our July talk and you haven't yet Googled it, then I'll explain that it was the title of a popular British patriotic song of the first World War. You can hear it on YouTube performed in 1914 by the music-hall artist Mark Sheridan

and it was later included in the stage and film production of "Oh What a Lovely War". We enjoyed excerpts from both recordings during Peter Lister's excellent presentation, when he

traced events leading up to WWI, the subsequent carnage in Belgium and the brave efforts of its refugees to support the British war effort.

In early 1900s the Krupps factories had equipped the German army with the latest heavy armaments, but the small Belgian army was transporting its few machine guns on wagons pulled by dogs! With the outbreak of war in 1914, the Kaiser was confident that his troops could overcome neutral Belgium in days and reach France before British troops could arrive to

repel them. But he reckoned without the bravery of the Belgians in defending

their land by destroying bridges, blocking roads and putting up barricades. German counter-attacks, reprisals and bombardment during that first month of the occupation resulted in the death of around 6,000 Belgian civilians, villages

and the city of Louvain (pictured) were sacked and impoverished refugees fled in every direction – some 200,000 eventually ending up in Britain.



To help in the war effort the British Government decided to offer

work to wounded Belgian soldiers, some of whom were skilled operatives in armament production. An armament factory near Birtley, Tyne & Wear, (Peter Lister's home territory), was the chosen site for 2,500 Belgian workers. Families joined them and a Belgium enclave for up to 6,000 refugees was established – called Elisabethville. It included shops, a church, dining hall for single men, hospital, school for 600 children, a police station, post office and a football pitch. Wooden terrace houses were built to accommodate the families in this self-sufficient community. who settled happily for the duration of the war. At the end of the war the Government provided



## Anne Kirby

free passages back to Belgium and local families quickly moved into the “huts”, delighted to enjoy the luxury of running water, indoor flush toilets, electricity and three bedrooms! Peter told us that although he knew of “the huts” and had attended the school, he had no idea of the site's history until he started his research.



The total Belgian deaths during the war amounted to some 100,000 — 40,000 military deaths and 60,000 civilians, (6,000 of which were executed). Nearly 1.5 million Belgians were displaced by the German occupation of their land. For most of us attending the talk, Peter's account of the suffering of the Belgian people and their brave contribution to the war effort was a revelation.

History Group - Next Meeting  
TUESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> October  
2.30 pm in St Chad's Church  
Lady Elizabeth Hamilton will tell us  
*'The Story of Walton and the Family'*  
Visitors Welcome (£2)

## WELCOME TO OAKLEY MEADOWS

Graham Leeke

So after 6 months of heavy equipment creating the ground works, we can now see the first houses going up. The show house opened early in September; and Bloors are expecting the first residents to move in in October.

Phase 1 will run until June next year and consist of 26 private houses and 19 affordable. Local people interested in the latter category should contact WDC Housing.

A new cycleway /footpath linking the new estate to the Meadow will take a line along the northern edge of the allotments.

The PC has had detailed discussions with allotment holders, residents of Commander Close whose gardens back onto the new path, and the Club, and believe we have come up with an attractive design. Bloors are paying for these works. We don't yet have a firm date for its construction, but anticipate mid 2017.

Meanwhile WCC's contractors have just started on what is called the Section 278 works – that is the construction of the highways connection from Oakley Wood Road into Oakley Meadows, requiring extended “splay lines” on either side and a right turning lane. The village gateways will be repositioned south of this new junction. These works are due completion by 18 November.

At the risk of this becoming the Betty Beauchamp's Chronicles I've got to mention Betty told me her Lesser Spotted woodpecker had been hit by a car as it flew across the road. A kind soul stopped the car and took the bird to the vet where, sadly, it died.

On a brighter note Betty has a Robin that arrives on her front windowsill. If the window is open it flies in asking for food. Britain's favourite bird, it is brilliant when they come close and choose to make a bond with us. However, beneath that red breast is a dark aggressive bruiser, usually only to its own kind, but I have seen a Dunnock and a Blackcap get the sharp end of the Robin's beak. I saw a couple of Robins in a 'High Noon' stand off. Sun beating down on the grass as they faced each other, standing tall, beaks pointing up to the sky, they had to turn their heads to see each other. Low whistles and chirring taunts began. Something had to give. I watched and held my breath. The tension exploded in a feather ball of Robins. Rolling across on the grass, beaks and claws going for it until one gave way and dashed into the hedge! A territorial border sorted before the lean times of winter and the arrival of Christmas cards with those cute little Robins, hmm, not always so sweet.

Not a good summer for butterflies, although saying that, I've seen more Red Admirals, stunning flutterbuts, than normal. They do fly in from the Continent though. A mild winter meant a good year for ants, lots of little anthills in the lawn.

So hopefully a good year for Green Woodpeckers who love to pillage an anthill. Lots of Swallows this year, at least 40, chattering and feeding young over the village.

Starlings did well with about 80 youngsters on our roof one morning before blasting off on their bird table circuit.

Brilliant year for the Wren, our second smallest bird after the Goldcrest, the mild winter helped them no end. A harsh winter can cut their population by half. So it was lovely to see and hear so many little brown feather balls in family groups, leaping out of hedges, constantly chattering to each other to keep contact.

I've recently been visiting my Dad in hospital. I take a short cut over the canal bridge. On one visit I heard a constant cheeping coming from the far side of the canal. I nipped through a gap in the hedge to end up on the edge of the water. A Moorhen was swimming in the middle of the canal. It steamed towards me obviously used to people and hoping for food. The cheeping was coming from two tiny black chicks that would fit in the palm of your hand, I couldn't resist, so nipped back to the car for a sandwich crust. I returned, the Moorhen waited. This started a relationship that will remain while Dad's in hospital. As I broke up small pieces of bread and threw them to her, a second, slightly larger, Moorhen steamed towards me. They gathered up the bread and headed off to the chicks that were hiding in the overhanging



bushes. On one occasion I entered the towpath just behind another man. The Moorhens came up to me and ignored him. Did they recognise the body shape or clothes or face? Clever after only a couple of days. A few days later the chicks came out of their hiding place, their tiny heads were nearly bald of feathers and were distinctly blue! On another occasion one parent collected food from me, swam and passed it to the other parent who took it to the chicks as the first Moorhen came back to me for more. We had formed a food chain.



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## **Summer Entertainment**

### **August**

#### **6<sup>th</sup> August— Quiz Night**

Pit your wits against The Judge, with a prize for every team and a cash pot.

#### **13<sup>th</sup> August— Member's BBQ**

Summer members night, with BBQ, full use of the garden area and our usual drinks offers

#### **20<sup>th</sup> August— The Vagon's**

A new band, from members of The Buggs, guaranteed to rock until late

#### **27<sup>th</sup> August — Cave**

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### **September**

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> September— Quiz Night**

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#### **10<sup>th</sup> September — Drink & Jive**

Drink and Jive are a locally based Rock and Roll band playing covers from over the years. Come down and have a dance.

#### **17<sup>th</sup> September— William May**

Singing a number of songs from the 70's to modern day, including Michael Buble.

#### **24<sup>th</sup> September— Back to Back**

From The Firm, Back to Back sing rock and roll hits, including The Eagles, Bee Gee's, Rolling Stones, Chuck Berry and more.

### **Members BBQ Night — 13<sup>th</sup> August**

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## Bishop's Tachbrook Calendar - Regular events

Mondays	Rainbows	Sports and Social Club	6.00-7.00pm	purdieanddoyle@yahoo.com 07828411786
Mondays	Youth Club	B.T. School	6.30-8.00pm	Anoush-ka76@hotmail.com
Tuesday	Pilates	Sports and Social Club	9.30-10.30am	07769222524
Tuesdays	Over 50s	Sports and Social Club	2-4pm	01926 313020
2nd Tuesday of each month	History Group	St Chad's Church	2.30pm winter 7.30pm summer	01926336749
Tuesdays	Bingo	Sports and Social Club	8.00pm	01926 421621
Wednesday	Brownies	Sports and Social Club	6.00-7.30pm	caro-lineloveday@sky.com
Thursdays	Tachbrook Tinies play-group for 0 to 5s	Sports and Social Club	9.30-11.00am	Elissa 07854427213
1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month	W I	B.T. School	7.45 –9.45	01926 424135
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

### **Make cleaning up after your dog a daily event! Be as regular as your dog!!**

Some dogs seem to have taken full advantage of a working party event in July featured on the front cover of the August/September magazine namely clearing back overgrown vegetation at the entrance to the footpath at the bottom of Farm Walk. The dogs appear to think that this is now an ideal spot to do their daily business. However parents with children trying to use the path or runners out on a daily jog aren't so impressed with their newly created access to the countryside being strewn with dog muck!

It's not the dog's fault dog owners, it's yours!

**BE A RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNER AND CLEAR UP AFTER YOUR DOG**

## Bishop's Tachbrook Calendar - Monthly events

### October 2016

4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	Mothers' Union	Great Grandma's Workbox	St Chad's	7.30pm	01926 427922
6 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	W I	Annual Meeting	B.T. School	7.45pm	01926 424135
8 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	St Chad's Church	Churchyard gardening	St Chad's Church	10.00 to 12.00am	01926 330050
11 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	History Group	Lady Elizabeth Hamilton:	St Chad's Church	2.30pm	01926 885938
18 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	Croft Medical Centre	Patients Group	Sydenham Surgery	12.30pm	01926 336749
19 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	Brownies	Bingo	Sports and Social Club	6.15pm	caro-lineloveday@sky.com
26 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	St Chad's Church	Churchyard gardening	St Chad's Church	10.00 to 12.00am	01926 330050

### November 2016

3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday	Tachbrook Tinies	Crazy Kiln Pottery	Sports and Social Club	9.30 to 11.00am	Elissa 07854427213
3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday	WI	Stress and Health	B.T. School	7.45pm	01926 424135
8 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	History Group	Zephaniah Job-The Smugglers Banker	St Chad's	2.30pm	01926 336749
12 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	St Chad's	Churchyard Gardening	St Chad's	10.00 to 12.00am	01926 330050
23 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday	St Chad's	Churchyard Gardening	St Chad's	10.00 to 12.00am	01926 330050
24 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	Croft Medical Centre	Patients Group	Sydenham Surgery	6.30pm	01926 336749





## Bishop's Tachbrook Junior Youth Club

Monday 6.30-8pm in the School Hall  
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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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"The BT Shed" (although it's actually a blue container), which is situated next to the BMX cycle track. For those new to Tachbrook or have never ventured up that way: you drive up Kingsley Road; turn into the social club/meadow entrance and continue on through the car park and up a drive-way that says, "Allotment holders only". The Shed is there on the left. Please drive carefully when going past the Club and towards the Shed as sometimes there are children cycling or walking in the area.

The Shed sells lots of things for the garden and greenhouse including\*:

- 75ltr compost (not the 50ltr bags sold at garden centres): £4.50/bag or 3 for £13
- growbags £1.80: John Innes No1. No2, No 3
- seed: £4
- 4ft and 8ft canes: 25p/50p
- slug pellets: £1.50/lb bag
- poultry manure pellets: £6 for a 15kg bag
- fertilisers sold by the pound: fish, blood and bone-meal 40p/lb; bone-meal 40p/lb, Growmore 40p/lb
- some specialised horticultural feeds: phostrogen, tomato food etc.
- garden twine
- netting, fleece and weed suppressing membrane
- grass seed.

One of the most popular items that I sell is neat Glyphosate weed killer: sold for £9 per pint or half pint at £4.50. This is to be diluted.

\*All prices correct at time of writing.

Over the Winter, I will be starting to sell wild bird-food: various seeds & fat-balls; along with dog, cat and fish food to order. I shall also stock other pet-items such as cat-litter. These new lines, for the Shed, will all be from well-known brands including: Skinners, Burns, Pedigree, Arden Grange, Purina, Beta, Bakers, Barking Heads & Aquarian.

If you are interested in pet food; horticultural items or want to ask about anything you would like to see me stocking in the future, please either come and see me on a Sunday at the Shed between 10:30am and 12:00 or e-mail me at [btshed@gmail.com](mailto:btshed@gmail.com)

Looking forward to seeing or hearing from you.

## Community Groups

Do you host a community group or run a not for profit organisation within the parish? A working group of parishioners are currently pulling together a welcome pack for new residents to signpost them to groups and service which may be of interest to them. We already have contributions from a wide number of groups but if you think we might not have included one you are involved with please email :

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On 27<sup>th</sup> September the public examination of the modified Draft local plan resumes at the Town Hall, Leamington.

In June 2015, the initial hearing of the plan found it to be unsound because it did not make satisfactory provision for the housing need of the Housing Market Area. The inspector found that, based on government projections based on 2012-based data, this was 4,004 dwellings per year, of which the Warwick District share was 600 dwellings per year, or 10,908 dwellings by 2029. However, Coventry declared that it could not provide its assessed need of 1,811 dwellings per year within its boundary, but only 1,230 so that the balance needed to be met by the other authorities in the Housing Market Area. The draft plan did not show how this need would be fully met and was therefore unsound.

The Housing Market Area consists of Coventry, North Warwickshire, Nuneaton & Bedworth, Rugby, Stratford and Warwick. In September 2015 the authorities agreed that they would increase the annual number to 4,408 and that Warwick District's share of the total would be 16,776 by 2029, with sites close to Coventry to contribute to that total. Modifications to the plan were put out to public consultation in January 2016 and your Parish Council submitted representations.

In May 2016, the Office for National Statistics issued new population projections based on 2014-based data and this was followed by Communities & Local Government revising their

household projections. This has resulted in the housing need for Warwick falling to 8,054 additional dwellings by 2029 a fall of 26.2%. All the other shire districts' projections reduced as well, except for Rugby where there was a small increase. Coventry's projection increased by 26%, but overall, the increase across the HMA is 0.8%. This means an increase from 4,004 to 4,036 dwellings per year. This is considerably different to the number agreed by the HMA authorities in September 2015 of 4,408.

If the unmet Coventry need is redistributed proportionately across the shire authorities based on their proportion of the non-Coventry housing need, your Parish Council finds that the Warwick District share should be 4,831 giving a total of 12,885 dwellings by 2029, 3,891 less than was in the draft local plan. The Parish Council has also been monitoring the number of planning permissions granted so far in Warwick District and finds that 9,978 dwellings have a valid planning permission of which 2,374 have been completed and another 2,697 have started on site. Now that we know that the projected need is 8,054 for Warwick, we already have a surplus to contribute to Coventry's unmet need that leaves 2,907 dwellings to be provided through the modified draft local plan on sites to be named within the plan. However, the modified draft plan appears to contain 17,577 dwellings ( it may add up to 18,057), which is 4,692 ( or 5,172) more than is now known to be needed to be located in Warwick District.

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## Local Plan (continued)

Part of the examination is about spatial strategy or where new housing should be located. Following written representations made by the Parish Council to the examination inspector, we have been asked to participate in relevant parts of the hearing. We have said that housing to be provided for Coventry should be close to Coventry and Kings Hill and Westwood Heath sites will, on their own, almost provide the balance of the current projections that is needed. This means that any further sites south of Warwick and Leamington should not be in the plan to be approved for adoption.

Councillor Ray Bullen.

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Set aside for volunteers  
Here's to everyday heroes  
The volunteers who do what  
they can  
To ease the suffering of others  
And be a server to our fellow  
man  
Volunteers are a very special  
breed  
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Our Brownie Year ended really nicely for us in July with a jam packed fun Sleepover. We enjoyed an evening of making homemade Ice Cream and completing our Brownie Skills Badge. We played lots of games and in true Brownie tradition we sang around the campfire with hot chocolate before bed.

We also presented the Brownie Awards for 2015. The winners for Brownie of the Year were; in first place Alexander R & Lily S, in second place Lily M and in third place Sophie W.

The winning Brownie Six of the Year was the Elves; Bethany H, Lily M, Isla M, Alexandra R, Olivia B and Leah D.

The winning Brownies of the Summer Term went to Alexandra R, Lily S, Lily M, Ellie S, Sophie W, Shaan S, Emily U, Sophia BR, Daisy W, Sienna D and Ellie W.

This year we also added an extra award "The Owl Award" this was awarded to a Brownie of the Owls choice, a Brownie we found to always be kind and helpful. This year the Owl Award was awarded to Grace E. Well done to all our winners, you all worked very hard and accomplished so much over this year.

It's good to be back and see lots of new & current Brownie faces as we start our new Brownie year. We started our Brownie term by sharing our adventures over the summer holiday and have discovered how lucky we all are, to have done such lovely things with our families.

We have begun our Water Safety Badge learning all about the different types of flags and their meanings. We have even visited Hatton Locks which the girls thor-

oughly enjoyed and were a credit to our unit.

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

Please join us at 5.45pm on Wednesday the 19<sup>th</sup> October at Bishop's Tachbrook Sports & Social Club for our annual Brownie Bingo evening.

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We've had a busy couple of months over the summer. We catered at a very hot Tachfest. A big thank you to all who baked, served and bought. Especially the non members who were drafted in. Also a big thank you to TESCO for donating the scones. I also sold loads of our own village cookery book .( Still time to buy as Christmas gifts! ). We also held a village treasure hunt. Yes that's what those groups of people were doing back in August and not playing the new Pokemon App. The evening was rounded off by jacket potatoes. We've also enjoyed another wine club evening .... not too much I hasten to add. Our book group and friends visited Basildon Park. We had read Ashendon by Elizabeth Wilhide which is loosely based around Basildon Park .

Our summer speakers have both been excellent . Meriel Acton's talk was entitled Life of a Crown Court Judge. She had spent 25 years as a High Court Judges clerk . She is now a J.P., Registrar and Magistrate specialising in childcare work. She explained the workings of the court and talked about past cases.

Did you know you can get 6 points on your driving license for using your mobile phone!!

One of our ladies was chosen to be dressed as a magistrate and very convincing she looked too. We were told that the hole in the top of a judges wig is a " line to God "

Meriel talked candidly about her life with all its problems , in her words she can " neck a bottle of champagne with ease " .

Her way of coping with some of the more distressing cases she deals with.



In September the talk was entitled " A Pinch of Salt" Bill Davies came to give an informative but lighthearted talk about his life and experiences of 40 years in the navy. He applied for a cadetship at 13. The first time of actual sailing was in Scotland to see if the cadets could cope with being at sea. He was there for two and a half years. His advice on seasickness was to lay off fatty foods for a month before sailing and close your eyes. Don't lie in your bunk looking at the ceiling.

He told us that nuclear submarines go to sea for two months at a stretch. Only two people know the exact location and communication is one cable a week. On a lighter note he told us about

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attending a ball in Lima. On seeing a figure in red across the room he plucked up the courage and asked them to dance. It turned out the Peruvian national anthem was being played and the person was a cardinal. Did you also know that naval loo paper is wider than normal . This allows for the movement of a ship!

Bill was asked to set up a naval base in Ghana in the 1950's. After various problems including the Ghanaian's not liking to go to sea, all was well. Congratulatory gifts were received, including a snow plough from Russia ( very useful ) and instruments for a brass band from Boosey and Hawkes of London. Another really good talk.

Next month is our annual meeting, when hopefully we will elect a new committee and officers. This will be followed by a ploughman's supper and a music quiz. In November our speaker is Liz Dyde who will advise us on our health and coping with stress. This is followed by our world famous Christmas party. Food, frolics, fun and carols, an evening to get you in the mood for Christmas.

Over the summer we've had loads of visitors some becoming members. It's lovely to see new faces . I hope we are welcoming and encouraging . Be brave come along one month and see what we are all about or if you would prefer to give me a ring I'll explain a bit more—Anne Allen. 424135



### SHOPPA HOPPA

Do you know that there is a community bus service that comes to Bishop's Tachbrook every Monday morning (except bank holidays) ?

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**Croft Medical Centre** - has kindly provided a **Community Notice Board** in the entrance porch of the village branch surgery. Village groups may display suitable notices – just take them along to the Receptionist and she will display those that are appropriate. Opening times are displayed on the surgery window. Thank you Croft for this valuable contribution to our community.

**Cystic Fibrosis** - Many thanks to everyone who supported our stall at Tachfest in July. A total of £136.80 was raised in aid of the Cystic Fibrosis Trust. Carol and Paul Woodfield

**Colour adverts** - if you think you might be interested in placing colour adverts in the magazine please contact Pam on  
btparishmagad@live.co.uk

### CROFT SURGERY - PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP (PPG)

The Surgery is geared up to deliver the winter flu jabs, so look out for the times of the clinics in the village. If you have an appointment with a doctor or nurse in the coming weeks, they too can give the jab to those eligible. The autumn edition of the PPG Newsletter (orange coloured header) is now available at the surgery, so pick up a copy to read about various projects. A recent survey about the village pharmacy facility gave a 99% vote of approval for efficiency of the service and staff. The Practice is looking at the practicalities of a system for patients in the village to order prescriptions on line. Anyone can attend the monthly PPG meetings held at the Sydenham surgery. Times are advertised in the surgery, in this Magazine and on the website: [www.croftmedical.co.uk](http://www.croftmedical.co.uk). The next meeting is on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> October, at 12.30pm.

### Photography Competition

A photo competition on the subject, '**Our Community**' is being organised. There will be prizes and entries will be displayed in church during the weekend we celebrate St Chad's Day. So get taking those photos! More details about how to enter nearer the time.

The next deadline for magazine items is 15th October for the November issue.  
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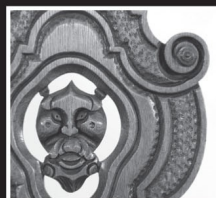
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