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**I'm writing this as I sit in the sun on the penultimate day of our holiday.** We've had an amazing time; Jim's played golf, I've sat and read books by the side of the pool and we've been to some really beautiful places. I thank God that we are so lucky to spend this time away each year and thanks must go to Jenny and Peter Lister, Christine Pollard and John Pratt whose willingness to step in and take services enables us to go away.

It has been an interesting month in the Church of England too. Not long after we left the UK the General Synod of the Church met in York and finally the measure allowing women to be consecrated as Bishops was passed. The debate started at 11:15 - 3:15am in California but I was too wired to sleep so got up to listen to the live feed on my laptop. Sometimes I was exhilarated by what I heard, by the affirmation that I felt for my calling to the priesthood. At other times I was very sad as I realised that there were others who didn't recognise my calling and who were going to be very upset when women became bishops. There was one person who was going to vote for the measure because he wanted to maintain the unity of his church yet this was going to be at great personal cost, as he struggled with his conscience and his own personal beliefs. It made me realise that we all make sacrifices to maintain a broad church. Finally at 8:30 am Synod voted and the Measure was passed. It was wonderful to see the Archbishop of York, who had chaired the session, leading Synod in singing of "We are marching in the Light of God." I

might have been more than 5000 miles away but I was on my feet singing too!

Of course not all the news has been good while we've been away. The horrors of Gaza and the death of so many Christians in Iraq have broken into our small piece of paradise. I was kept up to date by regular mailings from Canon Andrew White, Andrew is the vicar of Baghdad and if any of you have looked at the church's Facebook page I posted a number of things that Andrew has sent through talking about persecution of Christians in Mosul and throughout Iraq. It made me aware of how lucky we are as Christians in the UK. People might disagree with our faith but we have the right to practice it. Please keep the people of Iraq, Israel, Palestine and Gaza in your prayers.

Our world is such a beautiful place and we don't often give thanks enough for its wonders. We are coming to that time of year when we will give thanks to God for all "good things around us". Harvest is here once again and our **Harvest Supper will be on Saturday October 4th at 6:30pm** in the School Hall. This is a Faith supper where we all bring food to share and our own drinks. If you would like to come please let me or one of the church wardens know so we can put out enough seating. There will be entertainment but as yet we are not too sure what!

**Our Harvest Festival will be on Sunday October 5th at 10am** and all are welcome. Once again we will give thanks for all our local farmers and also think about how we can help those less fortunate than ourselves. Do come along and join us, we would love to see you.

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**For those of you who haven't been to WI for the last few months, you have missed two really good speakers.**

In July we enjoyed tales of the Edinburgh fringe. Ginny Davis entertained us with snippets of her one woman plays and told us about her life. She has always liked to make people laugh and been a risk taker. At 29, after working for a firm of solicitors, she decided to train as a barrister, practicing until she started her family. After attending the Edinburgh fringe as a spectator, she decided to go for it and put on her own show. She explained the hard work behind the scenes to promote the show. The final sketch she did was about a book club, fortunately nothing like ours.

August's meeting brought us a visit from a medieval lady peddler, in an authentic, if not actual costume, which we were assured had not been washed in 12 years since she had made it. Mo Emmans is 'artist in residence' at Harvington Hall near Kidderminster. She told us about her escapades whilst travelling from manor house to manor house and how she expected to be treated. She then went on to explain various sayings, eg how the window tax gave us 'daylight robbery' and how when bread was made, the household had the 'upper crust' and servants the rest.

We have enjoyed various trips, events and classes. A group of us learnt more about Leamington on a treasure hunt, and some visited Trentham Gardens. We had a cake stall at Tachfest, a big thank you to all who baked, bought and helped

on the day raising over £200 towards our funds. This allows us to book different speakers etc. We are looking forward to the Group meeting next month, when the speaker is Ed Jones, former manager at Charlecote Garden Centre. He is going to demonstrate his Fantastic Flower Arrangements. If you would like to join us it's on September 9th. In November there is an evening with Don Maclean, Christmas sugar craft, a craft taster day, and an evening of fun and musical entertainment entitled 'Lest We Forget'. December brings us a carol concert, the world famous Christmas party (we are on the hunt for entertainment, so if you can help, give me a ring), and hopefully a Christmas visit around the Cotswolds. A lot is happening between now and then.

Our speaker in September is Liam D'Arcy Brown who will be telling us about Chusan The Opium Wars. I am told he is an excellent speaker. October is our annual meeting with elections for the committee and in November we have a chocolatier coming. Who knows maybe free samples!!

As I always say, if you would like to come along and find out a bit more about WI and us, we would love to see you. You can find us now on Facebook too.

Anne Allen 424135

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INSPIRING WOMEN

**Draft Local Plan** As you are probably aware the next phase of the Gypsy and Traveller Site Consultation has started. We understand the need to find space for these sites but as with conventional housing we are working hard to ensure that inappropriate development sites are not approved and invested heavily in professional help during the last round of consultation.

We have had some further success because all but one of the potential sites within our parish, Europa Way (1 permanent pitch and 6-8 transit pitches) have been removed from further consideration due to being found unsuitable. However, we believe that the points raised by the Parish Council about this remaining site during the last round of consultation have not been addressed and will be making a further submission during September. The other two sites that are now proposed are Leamington Football Club (15 permanent pitches) and a new site on Stratford Road in Warwick (15 permanent pitches).

**Please submit your comments on the latest Gypsy and Traveller proposals by visiting the Planning pages of the Warwick District Council Website. [www.warwickdc.gov.uk/planning](http://www.warwickdc.gov.uk/planning).** We will continue to participate actively as the District's proposals evolve further and will keep you up-dated.

**Planning** We have appointed a barrister to assist with our representation at the Barwoods appeal (125 homes to the south of Mallory Road) which takes place shortly. The District Council are also objecting to this development but insist that they do not have a 5 year housing supply making it impossible for the Parish to unite with them. The appeal hinges on this critical technicality and it is our belief that this is the main reason why this housing development should be rejected; it is not required. The Parish Council has supplied evidence to the District regarding the 5 year housing supply but is still awaiting a response. Several groups within Warwick District have agreed to contribute towards our legal costs.

**Mallory Road crossing point and traffic calming** Speeding traffic has been a *number one* concern for residents for many years. Also, with the loss of the school crossing Patrol, residents highlighted a need for a safe crossing on Mallory Road. This scheme tackles both requirements.

Residents living close to the proposed crossing point have been consulted. Several have commented; both positive and negative. The scheme has been designed by County Highways to help address high speed traffic entering the village area and to provide a safe point to cross the road. They will be considering the comments made by residents. The Community Speed Watch Team is aware of the issues on this road and are looking for volunteers from this part of the village.

**Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) along Oakley Wood Road** Leigh Carter and the Community Speed Watch Team are doing an excellent job in the parish. As we reported earlier this year, Leigh secured £3,000 of funding from the Community Forum towards a VAS for opposite the Leopard to remind drivers to slow down as the entire village is a 30mph zone. The total cost will be £6,000 and since the Community Speed Watch Team has identified that a large proportion of the vehicles travelling between 6.30am and 9am are heading for JLR the PC thought that they might want to assist us with this project. Unfortunately they have said: "We are sympathetic to the issues, and whilst we endeavour to take a position of corporate responsibility, we have to be mindful of the possibility that contributing to this scheme could open up the floodgates for similar requests from many other communities. We would find such requests difficult to resist, even though their cases may be less compelling." But we have had a generous offer of funding from another local business and will also be looking to other sources for the small balancing amount.

**Allotments** Thanks to Cllr. Leeke and Piers Sankey we think the leaking water pipe has been fixed. Allotment holders please let us know if you suspect anymore leaks. The water is metered and the sooner we know the sooner we can sort the problem and stop the water bill increasing.

**BMX Track** It was brought to our attention recently that holes had been dug in this area and the soil used to make jumps. Whilst we appreciate that jumps are probably good fun we have to take into account the welfare of all residents. Arrangements were made, as soon as we could, to infill the holes and remove the jumps as both were considered safety concerns.

**Sewer overflowing on Oakley Wood Road** There have been several reports recently that following heavy rain the sewer system is overflowing just north of the Leopard where the drainage system converges. The manhole cover is being lifted leading to effluent being discharged over the pavement and verge. Severn Trent has advised that this is due at least in part to baby wipes and other non-degradable items being incorrectly disposed of, collecting at this point and causing a blockage.

**Our next meeting is on Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm  
at Bishop's Tachbrook Primary School.**

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In July we had a talk from the Revd. Louise Adey Huish, **Anglican Chaplain to the Myton Hospices**. In her fascinating talk she told us about the care given by the whole hospice team, with the chaplain an integral part of it. She is there for whoever wants to talk or ask questions, be it a patient, their family and friends or other staff members and is with them in the highs and lows and all life in between. Each person and their family or friends are given space, time and understanding in a way that most hospitals do not have the time, resources or expertise to carry out. Some people fear hospices and imagine they are gloomy, sad places, which is far from the truth. Most patients stay only for up to two weeks, when their medication and pain relief is adjusted so that they can return home to carry on their lives more comfortably. For those who are near the end of their lives and wish to die at home, the hospice provides hospice at home care, to support the patient and their family in their wishes. Not being a part of the NHS, they rely heavily on donations and volunteers to keep the service going.

On July 20th our oldest member, **Peggy Fox**, (above) nearly 94, died after a fall a few days earlier. Peggy has been a very active member of MU for at least 65 years, joining when she had her first child, Alan. When she moved to Tachbrook she became Treasurer, Secre-



tary then Branch Leader, which she was still doing when I moved into the village 7 years ago. Within a year she had inveigled me into taking over!!! Always supportive of any initiative, service, appeal or prayer request, Peggy kept up to date on all that went on and it was only in this

past year that she found it too much of an effort to come to meetings and events. She made fabulous cheese and fruit scones and fruit cakes for any coffee morning we held, and when she could no longer manage to bake, she appreciated it when we took some home-made goodies or strawberries and cream round to her at home. Her faith in God was inspirational and we will all miss her presence

greatly, although we cannot be sad for Peggy as she was finding life a struggle and, only 3 days before her fatal fall, had told her family that she was ready to go. May she rest in peace.

**Our next meeting is on Tuesday 2nd September** when Karen Morris, one of the MU Parenting facilitators, is coming to talk to us on **'Help! I'm a parent!'**. She will tell us about the many short courses run by MU on various aspects of being a parent from 'What do we tell our children about sex?' to sessions on bullying and others on general tips for parents on how to cope with the ups and downs of family life. The meeting is open to anyone who'd like to come, you don't have to be an MU member, and it is held in St Chad's church at 7.30 pm. Tel. 427922

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**We start at the end, the end of a truly fantastic Glasgow Commonwealth Games.** England came away from Glasgow with 174 medals; 58 gold, 59 silver and 57 bronze. There were gold medals for such names as Greg Rutherford, Nicola Adams, Tom Daley and the Brownlee brothers. England was very successful in the gymnastics, Claudia Fragapane winning 4 gold medals and Dan Whitlock also winning 4. After all these golds England topped the medal table above the Australians who won 137 medals, but Scotland won their biggest amount of medals in their commonwealth history with a total of 53 medals, mainly from judo and swimming. Overall I think it was a very successful Games so we shall see how Australia can compare in 2018.

**I bet many of you football fans are happy about the return of the Premier League.** I hope that this season can be as exciting as the last, where for once it wasn't one of the Manchester clubs dominating all season and winning the league 5 - 6 games before the end of the season. But saying that it was Arsenal who beat the reigning champions in the Community Shield with a 3 - 0 win. The first goal came in the 21<sup>st</sup> minute coming from Cazorla then 21 minutes later in the 42<sup>nd</sup> minute Ramsey made it 2 - 0 before the break. But 15 minutes into the second half Giroud scored a stunning goal

from 25 yards out. Man City had a chance from Jovetic but his headed attempt hit the bar. Well, who do you think will win the Premier League? Whoever it is we shall find out next year.

**In the golf, Rory McIlroy won back to back majors with pundits saying that he is performing like Tiger Woods in his prime.** McIlroy won the US Open and the US PGA tour and he described it as 'The summer of his dreams'. So after that we wish the young Irishman the best of luck for the future.

**In the cricket, England have been in close battle against India who took an early lead in the series but England came back to 2 - 1.** In the 4<sup>th</sup> test England took the lead within the first 3 days winning by an innings and 54 runs and the 5<sup>th</sup> test at The Oval was the decider with the series coming to an end.

**And after a summer break Formula one returned to the legendary track of Spa in Belgium to battle around the longest track of the F1 calendar.** Meanwhile Moto GP came riding into Silverstone with Marquez looking very strong at the top of the drivers' championship after 10 race wins in a row.

### **Events to watch for next month:**

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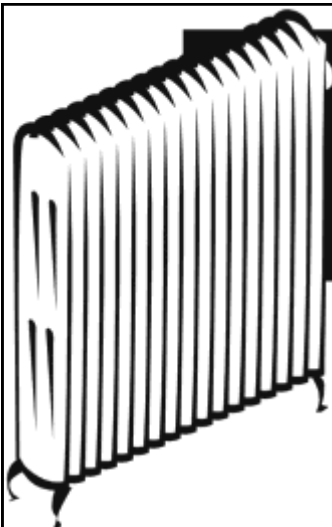


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**'Food is ammunition' was a World War One slogan that seems to me to be as true today as it was 100 years ago.**

When planning this article I wanted to link the history of food production in WW1 to our current situation. In short I wanted to explore whether we could learn from history. During this research I found the poster below issued by The National Food Economy League in the UK and reproduced in many other countries caught up in the conflict. It seems to me to be as relevant today as it was during WW1. It seems a shame that what we learn in adversity we forget in relative prosperity.



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Our journey takes us along main roads and less main roads and on both we encounter cars parked with two, and sometimes four, wheels on the pavement. We've all done it; it makes it easier to park cars on both sides of the road. This is especially true in some of the narrower roads where it's necessary for cars to be on the road rather than driveways. Where it starts to make it difficult for residents to enjoy walking round the village is where the car blocks the pavement for wheelchairs, pushchairs or even push along trikes. It's easily done when you aren't quite sure how wide a wheelchair or pushchair is. But if you do it are you breaking the law?

*'There is no national prohibition against on-street or 'pavement' parking except in relation to heavy commercial vehicles. Local authorities may act to tackle pavement parking in various ways, such as under legislation governing obstruction and dangerous parking'* Parking: pavement and on-street Parliamentary briefing paper (2010)

Although the Select Committee on Transport (2006) reported that, *'Parking on the pavement is likely to cause a*

*grave danger to pedestrians. In particular, it creates hazards for people with disabilities and visual impairments, older people, and those with prams or pushchairs.'*

This article was inspired by a visitor to my house. She parked blocking the pavement and when I (gently) mentioned to her she was parked a bit far onto the pavement she said 'Oh yes, when I tried to get past earlier it was a real squeeze!'. So in response I pledge that I, and my

**guests, will only park where we leave enough space on the pavement for a wheelchair or pushchair to get past.**

Realistically this will sometimes mean I park with my wheels on the pavement, but as long as I'm conscious of not blocking the pavement I'll make sure I don't cause an obstruction. **What will you pledge to help make a difference?**

Do you have a pledge to make and an article to write? The focus of your pledge might be about making the parish a better place to live by pledging to do one thing to improve things for the community; or you might have a more personal pledge to make in your life which could inspire others. Send your article to [catherine.keen@btinternet.com](mailto:catherine.keen@btinternet.com)



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Pedestrian access to and egress from properties and land situated adjacent to the length of road to be closed will be maintained at all times. Vehicular access will be maintained where possible.

The Contractor dealing with this matter is Paul Kelly for Balfour Beatty (Tel: 07837 319323). The Council regrets any inconvenience that may be caused. The person dealing with this matter at Warwickshire County Council is Mr Benjamin Hill, County Highways (Tel: 01926 412515).



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10am Holy Communion (Sunday Club is held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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



## CROFT SURGERY – Patient Participation Group

*Review of the July meeting of patients, medical and administrative staff of the Croft Surgery by Anne Kirby*

A **Newsletter** is being prepared to update patients about Croft's services, developments, health campaigns, etc. It is hoped to produce an edition 3 times a year and will be freely available.

A review of **Reception procedures** is being carried out to ensure that this busy area runs smoothly in a friendly and helpful atmosphere for staff and patients.

**Premises** Sydenham: repairs to the roof have been carried out; the Blood Pressure room is being re-located and the current room will be converted into an office. Plans to build two new rooms are proposed to accommodate an influx of new residents from the local house-building project. However, funds available to the Practice are not paid until 50% of the houses have been sold.

**Staff** Michelle has been appointed as the new Practice Secretary. The surgery will be involved in medical-student training, mentored by Dr Tait, and two new GP Registrars will be in attendance from January 2015.

**Appointment System** A system is being developed whereby doctors will process by phone the requests for an urgent consultation. The doctor will prioritise the need of the patient and utilise more effectively the expertise of the Triage and Practice Nurses.

**Health Campaigns** Flu Jab Clinics will be held at both surgeries; ***watch out for dates and times.*** There has been a good take-up for Health Checks for the 40-75 age group. Invitations to participate have been mailed to appropriate patients who are not currently monitored regularly.

**Patient Profiles** The dissemination of information by text messages, email and phone is increasing. It is quick and reduces costs. ***Make sure the surgery has your up-to-date contact information.***

**Liaison with Young People** Meetings at local schools are being arranged to provide education and to discuss of health issues with the pupils.

The Group is keen to have more people from BT involved in the discussions. ***Please consider attending the next meeting, which has been arranged to accommodate wheelchair users and those who can't attend a lunchtime meeting.***

### NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> August, at 6.30pm  
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## **MESSAGE FOR ALL ALLOTMENT HOLDERS**

### **WATER**



We think we've found the leak and isolated it. So the water supply has now been reconnected to all the butts and tanks.

A major problem is that we do not have a definitive plan of the various pipe runs – hence the several holes that have been dug.

Big thanks to Tony, Piers and Philip who have lead the investigation and helped come up with a solution.

I apologise for the lack of water to holders, especially at the gate end of the allotments, and during the driest and hottest weeks of the year so far! Thanks for your understanding.

**One suggestion for the future that has been made is that we install more large plastic tanks that can be filled by rain water from roofs. Tony is looking into the availability of these tanks. So if your shed has a decent roof please contact him.**

There is currently one allotment plot vacant. If anyone is interested please contact Tony on 314237.

GRAHAM LEEKE Parish Council 882675



### **Team Leopard**

**The 10K Two Castles Run on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2014 was completed by the team of Eddie Cousins, Luke Moss, Matt Nesbitt and Melvina Thomson – all from the village – in varying times.** Most importantly of all the team completed well within the required time. It turned out a very warm day – in the 60's at the 9am start! Unfortunately we understand there were five casualties due to dehydration.



Most importantly, although at this stage we are not sure of the final figure raised for the Myton Hospice it is in excess of £2000 plus Gift Aid. There are still some sponsors we are waiting on – please contact your runner. As soon as we have collected all sponsorship a presentation will take place at The Leopard – all invited!

Thank you again all those who donated - it is much appreciated. Eddie Cousins

**TachFest:** *Thank you to everyone who visited our stand and tried their luck at finding Bendigo Mitchell's treasure. The winning square was J 10, the wooded area off Beale Close – won by the Twomey family of Whitnash. 5 near misses earned consolation prizes.*

We enjoyed two outings this summer and each visit has demonstrated the advantage of having an official guide, who points out details of buildings which most of us would overlook during a casual visit.

## **Lichfield Cathedral:**

We revelled in the lovely setting of this splendid building – the spires and unique frontage adorned with an array of statues of kings, queens and saints – the originals painted gold but destroyed in the 16/17<sup>th</sup> centuries; their 19<sup>th</sup> century replacements in weathered stone. This was followed by a wow experience when viewing the elegant, slender, vaulted nave. How did the masons of the 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> centuries conceive and give birth to such a magnificent structure? They had three main tools – set square, compass and plumb line; the skills ranged from the master mason – the structural engineer and architect of today – the masons who shaped and carved the stone and the masons who layered the stone.



"Did we notice anything unusual about the large window behind the high altar in the apse?" the guide asked. Answer: The centre of the apse was 2 degrees out of line with the centre of the nave. "And what about the columns supporting the vaulted roof in the rear-nave?" he continued. The columns had bowed slightly, consequently the stone

vaulting above was replaced by wood and plaster in 18<sup>th</sup> century to prevent the walls collapsing.

Other man-made disasters have beset the Cathedral: the Reformation and then the Civil War, when the round-heads under Lord Brooke of Warwick Castle bombarded the Cathedral and its Close, which was held and fortified by the royalists. The damage was catastrophic – the centre spire collapsed along with the roof and transepts; liturgical

manuscripts were burned, mediaeval stained-glass smashed, colourful mediaeval wall paintings were covered in whitewash and horses stabled in the nave. It was after the mid-17<sup>th</sup> century that Bishop Hacket undertook the reconstruction of the Cathedral and Victorian architect, George Gilbert Scott, continued extensive restoration work.

We had a strong sense of connection between the Cathedral and Tachbrook when we saw the roundel of Minton floor tiles depicting St Chad receiving a horse from his Archbishop – the story illustrated in stained glass in our own

church. Various parishes donated to refurbish the quire stalls and we were delighted to see 'Tachbrook' on the upholstered back of a stall – the design shows a bishop's mitre, the mouse-eared duckweed flower and the arms of the donor, John Pigott.

A new nave altar was installed in 2003



and excavations revealed the remains of the Anglo-Saxon Cathedral founded in 700 AD and a limestone tablet, which is believed to have been from the shrine to St Chad, the first Bishop of Mercia and patron saint of our village church. The Lichfield Angel, the oldest statue found in England from this period and partially destroyed by the Vikings, was also uncovered.

We saw many treasures – 14<sup>th</sup> century wall paintings restored from beneath the whitewashed walls; 14<sup>th</sup> century stained glass from Dutch Herkenrode; the colourful sculptured altar piece from Oberammergau in the Lady Chapel; the 8<sup>th</sup> century St Chad's Gospels, probably produced at Lindisfarne; a selection of the recently discovered Saxon Hoard. So much to see so well worth a return visit. On the journey home we called at the remains of the Roman settlement at Wall – another reminder of our colourful past.

### **Wightwick Manor, Nr Wolverhampton:**

We decided we could live here! A not-too-large timber-framed house in the Tudor style but fitted with every comfort – such as central heating; plenty of out-houses to store cars, bicycles and all those family heirlooms we can't throw away; close to Wolverhampton's shops and railway/motorways, but far enough away to be rural; an attractive garden with colourful perennial borders, rose garden with fun topiary, an orchard and meadow sweeping down to a lake. Then there is the warm ambience of the house, the wealth of William Morris furnishings, paintings and ceramics by the Pre-Raphaelites. On top of this the owners are the National Trust, so there would be no problems with paying for maintenance work!

The history is interesting. The manor was the romantic Arts and Crafts dream which Theodore Mander, the paint manufacturer and his wife Flora, commissioned into reality in 1887 and extended 6 years later to entertain friends and family. In fact William Morris never came to the house, nor did his company formally design for it. All the wallpapers, fabric wall coverings and furnishings were purchased through the Morris & Company shop or catalogue (Victorian mail order). 13 years later Wightwick was inherited by his son Geoffrey, a remarkable Liberal politician who fought injustice and European fascism. He is remembered as a kind and fair employer (he introduced a 40 hour working week long before it became an industry standard). He donated his home to the National Trust some 75 years ago, as an example of the design of the out-of-fashion Aesthetic Movement. Having

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# Bishops Tachbrook

## Sports and Social Club

### Autumn Entertainment

#### September

##### 6<sup>th</sup> September – Charity Night 'Zoe's Place'

Raising money for 'Zoe's Place' baby hospital (see club notice board for more info). With live music from The Players and big raffle prizes from 8pm. If you, or your company, would like to donate a raffle prize for this very worthwhile cause then please contact Karen at the club

##### 13<sup>th</sup> September – The Jay Kays

3 piece band playing popular music from the 60's

##### 20<sup>th</sup> September – Simply Sarah

Singing songs from across the years, award winning artist with a fabulous voice

##### 27<sup>th</sup> September – The Harry Rag Band

A regular club favourite, playing all the hits from the 50's, 60's and 70's

#### October

##### 4<sup>th</sup> 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

##### 10<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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

##### 18<sup>th</sup> October – Melita

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

##### 25<sup>th</sup> October – The Buggs

Chart topping 3 piece band who play classic guitar rock, a club favourite

#### Did you know.....

Here at the club we cater for everyone in the village. We host Rainbows, Tiny Tots and Brownies for youngsters. The club has snooker, darts, crib, dominos and pool teams. We can cater for all occasions, weddings, christenings and funerals. Over 90's club on a Tuesday afternoon. We have a country dancing night and on the first Friday of each month we have a poker night too.

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secured the future of the building, Geoffrey and his second wife Rosalie acted as live-in curators, opened the house to the public and Rosalie set about filling it with the art she loved - Pre-Raphaelite paintings by Rossetti, Burne-Jones and their followers, as well as ceramics by De Morgan and original sketches for the Morris designs.



The rooms are furnished with William Morris wallpapers, curtains and carpets and are adorned with pottery and fine paintings. From the reception and small sitting rooms a corridor, with interesting alcoves at irregular angles, leads to the large billiard room, set up so modern visitors can enjoy a game in luxurious surroundings. The dining room is small enough for informal meals with family and friends. The lovely beamed sitting room, although large and sporting balconies at each end and colourful plasterwork pictures on the high frieze, has cosy areas in which to relax in comfort. Fortunately our visit coincided with a showing of Morris' 'Forest' Tapestry and 3 of his design sketches. On loan from the Victoria & Albert Museum it is on view to the public for the first time in 25 years. The bedrooms are prettily but simply furnished and adorned for the delight of the gentlemen, with the lovely

forms of the Pre-Raphaelite models. "Not athletic enough" was overheard from one lady, but who would want to

run a marathon if you have hair and a body shaped like that. The rain that shortened our walk round the gardens meant we could spend time in the new restaurant or the

shop devoted to William Morris designs to round off a happy visit.

**NEXT MEETING:**

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm in  
St Chad's Church**

*What was the local reaction to the outbreak of WW1? Chris Holland will tell us all about it.*

*Visitors Welcome - £2.00*

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**Bishops Tachbrook Junior Youth Club**

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## **The Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet by Jamie Ford**

**The story of Henry Lee was a popular choice with book group members.**

The Panama Hotel has always occupied a landmark position, standing on the boundary of the Chinese and Japanese neighbourhoods in 1940's Seattle. When in 1986 personal belongings stored away by Japanese families sent to internment camps during the second world war are discovered in the hotel basement, Henry's childhood memories and his love for his friend Keiko Okabe are re-awakened. Henry and Keiko became friends working in the kitchens of their all American school. The streets of Seattle are brought vividly to life as we see the pair spending time together sneaking into a jazz club, sketching in the park and chatting with Henry's jazz-playing friend Sheldon. A complicated mix of cultures unfolds – Henry obediently wearing his 'I am Chinese' badge whilst becoming steadily more defiant of his father's ingrained hatred of Japan; Keiko proudly declaring 'I am an American' even as she is refused service in a department store and her family are about to be rounded up and imprisoned. A fascinating enforced language barrier further complicates things for Henry – he is forbidden to speak Mandarin at home but his father cannot speak English, making communication impossible and leading to a clever and comic scene when Henry deliberately mistranslates in order to destroy his father's anti-Japanese business deal. Most of us in the group were unaware of the imprisonment of American citizens of Japanese descent during the Second World War so we found this book a fascinating insight. A sweet but not sentimental story of young love and lively jazz music set against a bitter background of racism bred by fear and suspicion.



### **Dates for your diaries**

Firstly, I'm sorry but I won't be around for the following dates as I am having a hip replacement at the end of October 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 you would like us to remember a member of your family who has died please let any member of the congregation know and we will read out their name and light a candle.

Remembrance Sunday is on November 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. Elaine



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**We are Leamington Hibernian Football Club, and our Saturday men's team will be playing their football matches this season on the Parish Council football pitch and using the facilities at the Sports and Social Club.** This has come about through the help of both committees for which we are extremely grateful.

Leamington Hibernian Football Club was founded in 1974 and is now beginning its 40th year in league football, although the club has 15 other teams ages ranging from 6 years to adults including ladies. The Club has put out a team competing in a Saturday league every season since its formation and is now competing at a high level.

Its first 25 years competed in the Coventry and North Warwickshire League winning the League and Cups, we then entered the Midland Football Combination League which this season has amalgamated with the Midland Alliance League. The newly formed league is now called the Midland Football League.

We play on Saturday afternoons including bank holidays

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Sat Aug 30th Home Smithswood Firs

Sat Sept 6th Away Rostance Edwards (Challenge Vase)

Sat Sept 13th Home Burntwood Town

Sat Sept 20th TBA

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# Notice Board

## Warwickshire Young Voices

After a well-deserved rest over the summer holiday, local youth choir Warwickshire Young Voice will be back with more music making activities in September. There will be two new choir groups; **'Treble Makers' for children in reception and year one** and an **adult choir group, 'Every Voice'** for those aged 16+ in addition to the **'Rising Stars' choir for children in year 2 – 11.**

WYV rehearses on a Monday evening in Leamington at Dale Street Methodist Hall and a Thursday evening at The Fabulous Arts Academy in Southam. Registration is now open for all groups - sign up now online [www.warwickshireyoungvoices.org](http://www.warwickshireyoungvoices.org) to reserve your place or call 01926 810 179 for more information.

## Cystic Fibrosis

Thank you to everyone who supported the Cystic Fibrosis stall at the 'Tachfest' on August 9<sup>th</sup>. The total raised was £133.70. We are grateful to Cathy Herbert and the Village Events Group for giving us the opportunity to hold a stall at their successful event. Winning raffle number 191 Mr Chitterton. Thank you all Carol and Paul Woodfield

Next deadline for magazine items is 15th September for the October issue. Please send items to [catherine.keen@btinternet.com](mailto:catherine.keen@btinternet.com)

## Warwickshire Symphony Orchestra

**Saturday 18 October at 7.30pm**  
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*Overture Cockaigne: Elgar*  
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*Symphony No 5: Shostakovich*

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## Allotment

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## Country Dancing Club

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every month  
8pm  
at Sports and Social Club  
Contact Julie Jaggard  
314286

### **Sewer Blockages**

Following complaints from residents regarding an overflowing manhole cover on the cycle path near the Leopard, the Parish Council liaised with Severn Trent to rectify the situation.

The matter occurs after heavy rainfall resulting in sewage and sanitary items being left on the cycle path. Unfortunately such items as baby wipes should not be flushed down the loo. Please read the Severn Trent leaflet on page 37 to ensure we are all compliant. Failure to do so will result in more frequent occasions and this poses a public health risk. Thank you. Lisa Balzaretto

### **Bishop's Tachbrook Calendar**

With so much going on in the village, starting next month the magazine will feature an easy-to-use calendar of all events so you will be able to see at a glance everything that's happening. If you have any items you'd like included in the October or November calendars please email Marion Smith on [marismi913@aol.com](mailto:marismi913@aol.com) by Monday 8<sup>th</sup>

September with the following information about your event:

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

Thank you.

### **Badminton**

Mixed social group is looking for experienced new badminton players.

Warwick Gates  
Community Centre every  
Wednesday

from 8pm - 10 pm.

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### **Local History Evening**

The Open Evening on Local History which was to have been held by Harbury Society on 30th September has been cancelled.

### **Rural Housebound Library Service**

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**First an apology! It WAS an OTTER not a mink.** In the July Nature notes I wrote about a report of a dead otter saying how easy it is to confuse with the more common mink. Certainly I got confused when typing the report!

Under the eaves of the house opposite a House Martin has built its nest. The parent birds are still busy. At one time the preferred local nesting site was Penfold Close. This is the first in our road and I could waste a great amount of time watching the comings and goings. We have watched swallows teaching their young to catch flies. There are the little ones, sitting in a row on a telegraph wire watching attentively as their parents fly back and forth catching flies. I have heard that parent swallows deliberately drop a feather for the young ones to catch but I have never seen that.

I had a phone call from a lady in the village who asked if I knew what the strange creature in her neighbour's garden was. I was a little worried about this 'test' but the description was so good I didn't have any trouble. The strange creature was the caterpillar of the Elephant Hawk Moth. Just to make sure my caller checked the Internet and phoned back to say I was right! It has that name because it is thought to look like an elephant's trunk, but the eye-spots and hook are there to scare away



predators. The moth itself is quite attractive. If you have fuchsias in your garden you may have come across some of these strange creatures. They also like feeding on wild plants such as Bedstraw and willow herb.

We tried to do the Big Butterfly Count while our Buddleia was at its best. We had so many Peacock butterflies it was difficult to count them all. They seem to be doing really well across the country according to reports. We also had Red Admirals, Large and Small Whites, Commas and Brimstone. Since then I have seen a pair of tiny moths, rather attractive brown colour with two white spots on each wing. I turned to the Internet to identify my moths and found that it was a Mint Moth. It does, of course, have a botanical name too, *Pyrausta aurata*.

Tachbrook can lay claim to something rather uncommon. In some grass along Oakley Wood Rd a fungus



with a spiny round appearance a bit like a hedgehog was spotted. It was a Spring Puffball (*Lycoperdon echinatum*), which can appear from spring to autumn. It is creamy white at first then gradually turns brown.

Not everyone is afraid of mice. Wayne saw a tiny mouse, probably a field mouse, on the road outside his home. He carefully guided it to the safety of the nearby field where it would be safer and more at home.



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## Steve Harvey's Nature Report

Standing in the garden late evening, looking across the fields towards Warwick; orange horizon fading up to turquoise, then pale blue, the clear sky stretching up to meet a shining half moon. A bat fluttered across in front of me followed by another one. They flew a synchronized flight, changing direction as they chased moths. Probably Pipistrelles, our smallest bat. Earlier in the year the female would have given birth. A tiny warm-blooded mammal, imagine being able to fly and manoeuvre at speed whilst pregnant. Birds get around that when they park their additional weight by laying eggs. Bats don't have that luxury.

Starlings have done well this year, so many babies dashing about in small groups. After what seems like just a couple of weeks parental guidance they are on their own. Not much time to learn where to find food, what a Sparrowhawk is, and that cute fluffy thing down there is a cat and would just love to eat you! By the end of July their soft brown plumage has changed to a slightly darker speckly one, ready for winter. Next Spring they will have a family of their own, if they survive.

Robins usually start singing again in the first few days of August. This year they were blasting out their sweet tune by the middle of July. They had had at least one family, moulted and got a fresh set of robin feathers and were staking out a Winter territory; all done and dusted two weeks early.

Swallows, Swifts and Martins have had a great year too with a new nest in Argyle Way, an expanding colony, very welcome in the village and no need for planning permission. I saw as many as 300 swifts over George Morton's field of beans, never seen so many! All hunting insects in a swirling air display, amazing they didn't hit each other, and not a sound.



As I started scribbling this it was getting towards twilight. On to the large purple Buddleia zoomed a

Hummingbird Hawk moth. I've often wondered if they like Buddleia. I've only ever seen them on Valerian, which has a similar flower - so they do then! They are amazing to watch, just like a Humming bird, with fast jerky movements from flower to flower, only ever touching it with their feeding tube.

In late July a Parakeet flew over the village. It flew past the church calling loudly, its tail streaming out behind it. I had a text from Lyn and Dave to say a green ring necked parakeet had been visiting their bird feeders. I wonder if it's lost or are the semi wild ones in London moving north?

Our bullfinches are still surprising me by visiting our feeders and now with their youngsters. Way back in the 1960s we were one of the first gardens to have bird feeders, not just throwing bread on the lawn, oh no! We had sparrows, Starlings and Greenfinches. We never saw a Goldfinch, that was unheard of. Now they are common in gardens. I wonder if Bullfinches are beginning to learn the trick?

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Peggy Fox

*We pray for their souls  
and offer our sympathy  
to their family 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 am John Pratt and can be contacted at [j.a.pratt@btinternet.com](mailto:j.a.pratt@btinternet.com)

### This month we pray for those who live in:

Othello Avenue  
Overberry Orchard  
Parsonage Close  
Penfold Close



As we return to our autumn routine after our summer holidays, I trust we all feel refreshed and ready for whatever happens at work, school or home. All encounters can be an opportunity for God to use. Perhaps it will be with a newcomer to the area that we can welcome who might be worrying that no-one will want to talk to them because we all have already got our friends. Do let me know if you have the joy of making a new friend this month.

### Dates in September:

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> after Trinity  
Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> – Holy Cross Day  
Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> – Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist  
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## Did you know...?

### WEDDING FACTS

Everyone knows about 'Something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue' but did you know traditionally it finishes with '...and a silver sixpence in her shoe'?

**Something old:** Represents the bride's family and the past.

**Something new:** Represents good fortune and success in the bride's new life.

**Something borrowed:** Represents a reminder that friends and family will be there for the bride when she needs help.

**Something blue:** Represents faithfulness and loyalty. Blue represented purity in biblical times.

**Silver sixpence in shoe:** Represents wealth, both financial and happiness.

The tradition of wedding favours was to wrap five almonds representing fertility, longevity, health, wealth and happiness.

**Etiquette says that the top table should be, from the left: chief bridesmaid, groom's father, bride's mother, groom, bride, bride's father, groom's mother, best man.**



## Test yourself...

**To celebrate the culmination of the wedding season answer these questions...**

1. The bride should organise the honeymoon as a surprise for the groom.
2. **Bridesmaids were intended to help ward off evil spirits**
3. Snow on the wedding day is associated with an unhappy marriage.
4. **In Ireland a laying hen was tied to the bed on the first honeymoon night in the hope that some of its fertility would be passed on to the couple.**
5. It is unlucky for a bride to meet a spider on her way to church.
6. **Saturdays are considered a lucky day to get married.**



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| 1. | False, the groom should!   |
| 2. | True   |
| 3. | False, it's associated with fertility and wealth.  |
| 4. | True   |
| 5. | False, apparently it's lucky!  |
| 6. | False, they, along with Fridays, are supposed to be unlucky! A wedding in the first half of the week is lucky! |

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