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What's in this month's magazine

Elaine's piece on pages 6 and 7 provides some sobering thoughts about the mental health of our children. Whether you're concerned about yourself or a loved one, these helplines can offer expert advice.

YOUNG MINDS Provides information and advice for anyone with concerns about the mental health of a child or young person. 020 7336 8445

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SANE Emotional support, information and guidance for people affected by mental illness, their families and carers. SANEline: 0300 304 7000 (daily, 4.30-10.30pm)T www.sane.org.uk/support

OCTOBER MAGAZINE DEADLINE

The deadline for magazine items is 19th September
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Sports & Social Club

SEPTEMBER

1st September – Charity Race Night

Come and join us for our night at the races. Great fun for all the family and proceeds raised to support Encephalitis.

8th September – The Firm

The Firm will be entertaining you with rock & roll hits from bands including The Eagles, Bee Gees and Rolling Stones.

15th September – Simply Sarah

Simply Sarah returns to entertain you with a mixture of rock and pop hits.

22nd September – The Skrood

Classic rock band Skrood will be here playing all your favourites.

29th September – Small Doses

Small Doses are a rock cover band incorporating material from the 60's to current day.

OCTOBER

6th October – Quiz Night

Gather your smartest friends and head over to test your knowledge against The Judge! Lots of fun and great prizes to be won.

13th October – Rob Alton

Rob Alton returns to entertain you with a mixture of rock and pop hits.

20th October – Family Prize Bingo

Bring the family over for a fun night of Bingo where there are plenty of prizes to be won.

27th October - Insomnia

Classic rock & pop cover band Insomnia are here this Halloween. Ghouls, Vampires & Witches are all welcome!

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Bishop's Tachbrook Calendar

What's on in September

Thursday 6th 19.45, WI, Sign Language BT School, 01926 336822

Saturday 8th 10.00-12.00, Churchyard Gardening, St Chad's Church, 01926 330050

Tuesday 11th 19.30 History Group, Women of the Russian Revolution, St Chad's Church, 01926 885938

Saturday 15th 9.30-13.00, Parish Council Working Party, thewhitwood4@btinternet.com

Thursday 20th Parish Council Meeting St Chad's Centre, parishclerk@bishopstachbrook.com

Saturday 22nd 10:45 to 13.15 world's Biggest Coffee Morning In aid of Macmillan, St Chad's Centre . Contact Lisa O'Callahan

Wednesday 26th 10.00-12.00, Churchyard Gardening, St Chad's Church, 01926 330050

What's on in October

Thursday 4th 19.45, WI, Annual Meeting, BT School, 01926 336822

Wednesday 10th History Group Visit to Leicester, 01926 885938

Saturday 13th 10.00-12.00, Churchyard Gardening, St Chad's Church, 01926 330050

Saturday 13th 9.30-13.00, Parish Council Working Party, thewhitwood4@btinternet.com

Thursday 18th Parish Council Meeting St Chad's Centre, parishclerk@bishopstachbrook.com

Saturday 20th 10.00-11.45, St Chad's MU Autumn Coffee Morning, 01926 427022

Wednesday 24th 10.00-12.00, Churchyard Gardening, St Chad's Church, 01926 330050

Wednesday 24th 10.018.00 Rainbows and Brownies, Prize Bingo, Sports and Social Club, Carolineloveday@sky.com

Weekly events

Mondays 18.30-20.00 Youth Club at B.T School
Email: btyouthclub@gmail.com

Mondays Children 19.15-20.15 Adults 20.30—21.30

Get Cooking at St Chad's Centre
07956955951, getcooking@hotmail.co.uk

Tuesdays 09.30-12.15 Little Tinkers Soft Play at St Chad's Centre, 079117385747 or Facebook

Tuesdays 14.00-16.00 Over 50s at the Sports and Social Club, 01926 313020

Tuesdays 19.15-20.15 Pilates for cyclists at St Chad's Centre, 01926 259293, 07769222524

Tuesdays 20.00 Bingo at the Sports and Social Club, 01926 421621

Wednesdays 09.15-10.15 Pilates at St Chad's Centre 01926 259293, 07769222524

Wednesdays 10.30-12.00 Community Cafe at St Chad's Centre, 01926 651643

Wednesdays 17.00-18.00 Rainbows at the Sports and Social Club, 0779 6033471 e-mail: Carolineloveday@sky.com

Wednesdays 18.00-19.45 Brownies at the Sports and Social Club, 0779 6033471 e-mail: Carolineloveday@sky.com

Wednesdays 19.00 -20.00, - beginners, 20.00-21.00 intermediate Tai Chi at St Chad's Centre, 01926 338866

Thursdays 09.30-11.00 Tachbrook Tinies playgroup for 0-5s at St Chad's Centre, *Tachbrook Tinies on Facebook*

Fridays 09.30-16.00 Little Tinkers Soft Play at St Chad's Centre 079117385747 or Facebook

Sundays 20.00 Bingo at the Sports and Social Club, 01926 421621

One of the big movie hits this year has been “The Greatest Showman”. I was with a friend recently and her daughters were really belting out the song “This is Me” from the movie. This song is sung by the bearded lady played by Kerala Settle, and seems to have struck a chord with many people because as she sings she conveys both her vulnerability and strength. She sings:

“I am not a stranger to the dark
Hide away, they say
'Cause we don't want your broken parts
I've learned to be ashamed of all my scars
Run away, they say
No one'll love you as you are
But I won't let them break me down to
dust
I know that there's a place for us
For we are glorious”

This song is an emphatic assertion of the right of those members of our society who are marginalised, the outsiders, if you like, to live free from shame and fear and I wonder if that's why it has become so popular.

In April of this year there were almost 400,000 referrals for mental health treatment for people aged 18 or younger, according to NHS Digital. There is no doubt that there's a rise in mental health conditions among young people, often linked to the enormous pressure to succeed at school, to look good, and to cope with family difficulties all whilst cultivating the right image on social media. In that context, the message of

the song that it's okay to have problems, scars and vulnerabilities seems almost revolutionary. It was certainly my experience as a teacher and a school chaplain that many younger (and some older!) people struggle to live up to the expectations of others and often their expectations of themselves. Maybe, the power of Keala Settle's message is that when we admit to ourselves that we have struggles and vulnerabilities, it is then we can find new strength. And sometimes, daring to share those vulnerabilities with others can be the start of building a sense of solidarity in which isolation and fear are replaced by a newfound sense of community.

Part of the role of the church community can be to provide that place where it is possible to be open about the difficulties of life and to find support. Unfortunately, too often the perception of outsiders has been that church is about keeping up appearances and sweeping difficulties under the carpet. But as has often been said, the church is not “a museum for saints but a hospital for sinners”. No one who walks through the doors of St Chad's on a Sunday morning is perfect – but each of us is loved by God and the God whom we trust is a God who can change and renew us and I hope that the family of Saint Chad's can be seen as a place where anyone can come for support.

A friend recently told me of the Japanese art of repairing broken pots with a lacquer dusted or mixed with powdered gold, silver, or platinum. It is called.

Kintsugi ("golden joinery") and also known as Kintsukuroi ("golden repair"). The philosophy behind this art is that nothing is ever truly broken. By using the gold and silver the repair on the pot isn't hidden but instead makes the pot more beautiful and adds value. Instead of sweeping up the shards of pottery and throwing them away the pot is transformed; the history of the object and the bumps and scratches that it's suffered along the way become a part of what gives it value.

Perhaps this is something we should apply to one another. Instead of hiding the scars and the vulnerabilities of our lives, we should use them, to grow. Perhaps the image might give us another way to think about both physical and emotional scars. We shouldn't be "ashamed of all our scars" as the song from The Greatest Showman say, instead we should all know,

"that there's a place for us,
For we are glorious"

Our God loves us as we are, scars and all. Never forget that.

Perhaps rather than hiding our worries, doubts and weaknesses, could we offer them to God and ask that he might work in our hearts to transform them?, If you need help with that then I'm here in Saint Chad's and I know that the Rev Rob Budd would welcome you at the new Heathcote parish.

With love and prayers, Elaine

WHAT'S ON IN ST CHAD'S

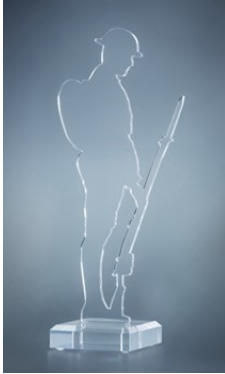
Sept 8th – There but Not There Coffee morning to raise funds for Remembrance Sunday. 10-12pm. Those who have Tachbrook Locals on their Facebook page or check out the St Chad's page will have heard of this initiative. There but Not There has been set up to commemorate the ending of WW1 one hundred years ago and at the same time to raise money for UK veterans. The organisation are making Tommies – outlines of a British Soldier from WW1. I would love to have one on the Green in the lead up to Nov 11th. They cost £750 and this coffee morning would hopefully raise funds for this. To date we have £120 which people have given since the Facebook article went live. For mor information please check out <https://www.therebutnotthere.com>

October 7th St Chad's Harvest Festival 10am followed by Harvest Lunch in the St Chad's Centre.

November 11th 10:15 Service of Remembrance followed by 2 minutes silence at War Memorial.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 2018

This year, Remembrance Sunday will commemorate the ending of the First World War. Elsewhere in the magazine you will have read of a coffee morning to raise funds to by Tommies to display in church, on the Green and maybe on the entrance and exit of the village.



We would also like to decorate the Green with poppies on that Day. If you can knit, crochet or make poppies any other way then do come along to the coffee morning to find out more
It would be lovely to have an exhibition about the Great War in St Chad's, we already have some amazing photos from the National Arboretum to display. Do you have anything else you could loan us? Again if you have any ideas please come along to the Coffee Morning. If you have any other ideas then please come to the coffee morning or contact Rev Elaine Scrivens.

Let's make this a community commemoration of the ending of the Great War.

CYCLE OF PRAYER

Praying for our Community

We are praying in September for those living in Overberry Orchard, Parsonage Close, Penfold Close, Pentland Crown Place and Powell 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.



Jack and Leila Hobbins' Wedding



KEEP CALM AND PAMPER YOURSELF

The St Chad's Centre is hosting a fundraising pamper night where there will be treatments costing between £5-£15 such as nails, eyebrows, massages. There will also be stalls selling jewellery, gifts, beauty products etc plus wine and nibbles. To purchase tickets in advance which includes a FREE glass of wine and FREE bowl of nibbles, please go to: paypal.me/pools/c/86VrLFfvMC

All proceeds go towards new furniture etc at the Centre so come and support the community centre by enjoying a relaxing evening out.

THE SILVER LINE

The Silver Line is a helpline for older people and I am the local Community Engagement Volunteer. Nationally, we are currently receiving over 10,000 calls per week and so it is likely that some of your readers may find our services of interest. We would be grateful if you could include the following information in your next publication. Please get in touch with me if you have any questions or require more details:

The Silver Line is a helpline for older people that offers information, friendship and advice 24 hours day, 365 days a year. Originally founded by Dame Esther Rantzen, it is the only national, free and confidential helpline for older people in the UK. The Silver Line also offers telephone and letter befriending by matching up a Silver Liner to a volunteer for regular conversation. So if anyone is lying awake at night - or feeling lonely at anytime - or is worried about a problem that they have - and think that a chat with someone friendly who cares might help, please call The Silver Line on 0800 4 70 80 90 www.thesilverline.org.uk

Noreen Hitchcox

Could I take this opportunity to thank the family and friends of Mrs Noreen Hitchcox for their generous donations to St Chad's Church, in Doreen's memory. We are very grateful.

The Rev Elaine Scrivens and St Chad's PCC

BISHOP'S TACHBROOK PARISH COUNCIL

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Gaydon Fields Farm, Gaydon CV35 0HF

Tel: 01926 641220 email: Parishclerk@bishopstachbrook.com

1st September, 2018.

***IS YOUR LOCAL VOLUNTARY VILLAGE GROUP SHORT
OF FUNDS?***

Each year the Parish Council sets aside funds to support and enable community development within the Parish of Bishop's Tachbrook. The 2018/19 first funding round will start in September with all applications having to be filed with the Clerk by 30th September. Incomplete documentation and late submissions will not be considered. Full details are available on the website or please contact the Clerk. Applications are invited from:

- Organisations with a long term commitment to a sporting, educational or cultural activity
- Organisations with a commitment to activities which benefit the local community
- Events for such organisations which demand substantial costs

Applications are welcome from local organisations, a local group of a national organisation or a new group whose purpose is to provide activities for the benefit of the group and local community.

If you are interested in applying, you will be required to provide the following details:

- A written application outlining the aims/purpose of the organisation
- detailed proposal of the project/programme for which funding is required and the benefits it will bring to the parish
- A copy of the organisation's accounts for the previous year
- An agreement to publicise the activity in the Parish Magazine
- Subsequent details of how the grant has been spent

Written applications (by letter or form) should be submitted to Mrs Corinne Hill, Parish Clerk, Gaydon Fields Farm, Gaydon CV35 0HF or via email to parishclerk@bishopstachbrook.com. Application forms are available from the Clerk on 01926 641220 or by email.

What a summer we've had! The Mediterranean hues and warm evenings gave the continuous feeling of holiday; as did my favourite side effect of the weather – not having to cut the grass!! The Parish Council has been busy trying to progress the Country Park engaging with the District Council and attending site meetings. Hopefully the future of the country park will become clearer in the coming months – allowing what we hope will be a very valuable asset to our community to be brought to life.

We continue to work towards securing all our open spaces within the Parish, rails have been installed in some areas and bollards have been approved and will be fitted shortly. We have been engaging with the Sports and Social Club who have been proactive in protecting the Meadow area and we hope to provide further assistance in this regard as required. Unfortunately District Cllr. Day has reported that the District has no budget for securing the open spaces they own in our Parish; this is disappointing but we are very grateful to him for continuing to press this issue on our Parish's behalf. Given the fact that these unsecured areas continue to cause concern to many of our residents, it may be that the Parish Council has to find another way of ensuring the necessary protections are installed and this will be discussed at our September meeting.

The outdoor gym equipment in the Warwick Gates area of the Parish has been ordered and we are hoping that it

will be installed in September/October – many thanks to Cllr. Gabbittas for organising this.

Cllr. Whitwood has confirmed that the working party will be able to install the replacement bins on the Meadow. These have been ordered (at the Parish's expense but they will be serviced by the District Council) and we hope that installation can take place in the next month.

By the time you read this I hope that the Oakley Wood Road traffic calming scheme works will have commenced; the implementation of this scheme should really help with reducing the speed of vehicles on this road – we remain grateful to Cllr. Leigh Carter, County Cllr. Les Caborn and the Community Speed Watch volunteers who, by their hard work and dedication, have made this possible.

County Highways will be looking at the areas where the drop kerbs have recently been installed to make sure that the necessary road markings are in place to alert drivers to the drop kerb. If they haven't been marked yet could you please leave these areas free from parked cars. This allows disabled residents and residents with pushchairs to use these designated crossing points to cross the roads.

Anti-social behaviour issues on the Meadow have been brought to the attention of the Police. They have

assured us that there will be more patrols but have asked that residents report incidents to them by dialling 101. Cllr. Carter has been working closely with the Chairman of the Sports and Social Club to obtain a quote for lighting by the Sports and Social Club; we hope that this project will take place before the darkest nights of winter take hold. Cllr. Bullen is actively trying to arrange for the footpath to the embankment to be started; our contractors have apologised for the delay.

Bloor Developments has asked if the Parish Council can arrange for the standpipe to be installed on the allotments on their site. Once water is available and the necessary documentation has been finalised with Bloors we will be renting out these allotments. Please keep an eye on this magazine for further details. Meanwhile, the Oakley Meadows offsite footpath should be completed by the

contractor.

The Parish Council will be looking at whether it is possible to install seating in our bus shelters, we will keep you updated.

There are plans to arrange a date for the next online Parish Meeting, we are also looking at arranging a community event on a weekend morning in early October – details to follow.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on 20 September 2018; all residents are welcome.

Any questions please contact our Parish Clerk : Mrs Corinne Hill, Gaydon Fields Farm,
Gaydon, CV35 0HF
Tel: 01926 641220
email:
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Parish Council Working Parties – Q4 2018



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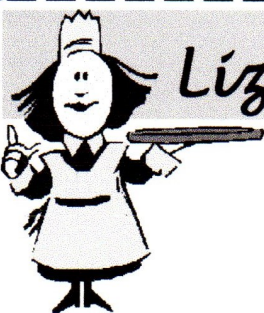
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WARWICKSHIRE JOINT STRATEGIC NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Have your say on health and wellbeing needs in this area.

A survey has been launched to find out more about the unique health and wellbeing needs of the local area.

Warwickshire County Council (WCC) and its partners recognise that the needs of different communities throughout the county will differ greatly depending on a range of factors such as population demographics, infrastructure, community safety and many more.

As part of a larger project to gain more insight into life in Warwickshire's communities, a survey has opened for residents to let the County Council know what, in their opinion, the current health and wellbeing needs of the area are and any ideas they have for improvement. The responses to this survey will form part of the 2018 - 2020 Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and will help inform service delivery and development.

The JSNA is a review undertaken every few years by partners including WCC, Warwickshire Health & Wellbeing Board, Borough and District Councils, Clinical Commissioning Groups, third sector organisations and Council commissioned services. The findings of the JSNA are used to inform future commissioning decisions, to ensure that services are well-placed to help the people who need them most.

Councillor Les Caborn, WCC Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care and Health said: "Understanding people's needs on a local level and improving our knowledge of existing community and third sector provision in local areas will enable us to ensure the right service is delivered in the right place at the right time to the right people. There is no-one better placed to tell us about the needs of a community than the people who live there - whether you have a lot to say or there's just a couple of things you want us to know, we want to hear from you."

To have your say please go to <https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk> Please complete the survey by 16 September 2018 (the survey is open for longer than this, but only responses received by 16 September will be included in the needs assessment covering Bishop's Tachbrook). The survey is anonymous and takes around ten minutes to complete. Alternatively, paper copies of the survey are available from Tachbrook Stores along with freepost envelopes for their return.

If you have any questions on the JSNA or the survey please email southernareateam@warwickshire.gov.uk



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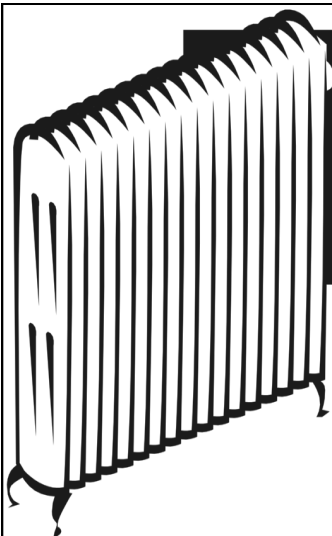
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NEWS FROM HEATHCOTE PARK

On Saturday 7th July the residents and guests of Heathcote Park arranged a repeat of the successful themed 'Ladies Day' afternoon on the green. On a warm sunny day everyone dressed in their finery and enjoyed a welcome drink and strawberry gateau. Everyone took the opportunity to make their choice of Wooden Horses and invested on the Tote together with a Tombola and Raffle. Following success for some and losses for others we all enjoyed a deluxe BBQ and more refreshments.

We were grateful for the presence of Sarah Carr and Lou Hiorns from the Charity "Dogs for Good" and delighted to subsequently donate the sum of £500 to this worthy cause.

The organisers Carol Ainsworth and Philomena Watts thanked all residents for their contributions and support in arranging the event.



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What a lot has happened since I last sat writing. We've had two excellent speakers. Jean Chollerton came to tell us about the nature reserve she and her husband have created in their garden at Cranhill near Stratford upon Avon. Their garden is not like most. It was huge! We were shown slides of their work and its progress. Jean explained about the decline in butterfly species which have dropped from approximately 60 different species down to 56. There are 22 species on the reserve. Jean has also been bought a moth box and is listening all her finds, including 2 Silver Cloud which are nationally rare. She also brought a selection of moths for us to see, if we wished to get that close.

Our second speaker was Matt Dicks, with his assistant Alex, from Waitrose Wine. He provided us with a tasting of six different way wines. He told us approximately 120 million bottles of sparkling wine were drunk in the UK last year with 112 million being Prosecco. I didn't drink them all but tried very hard. We tried the wines with and without cheese, salt and chocolate. Each time the tastes altered. The evening finished with us trying an after dinner Domaine Poudroux Maury Grande Reserve together with a piece of dark chocolate. It was scrummy and definitely on my Christmas list.

Some members of the book club enjoyed taking part in the Book Club Live event. Sitting overlooking the lake near Compton Verney, chatting eating and drinking then a guest speaker all made for an enjoyable

evening.

Thank you to all who supported or stalls at Tachfest, whether working, making, or eating and drinking or buying books. It is a lot of hard work and we're all getting a little older but it's great to be part of a village event and show we can have fun.

Talking of fun we went on our Big Day Out. Lincoln will never be the same. Nearly 900 Warwickshire ladies boarded 18 coaches on a damp Monday morning, yes it rained slightly at the end of July. We had goodie bags on both the coach and our seats at the cathedral. After we were welcomed by various dignitaries we were let loose on the city. The weather had cleared enough for us to see the fly past. Many of us even walked down Steep Street but not so many returned the same way. The whole day ran like clockwork thanks to the organisation by Johnson's coaches.

At the moment some of us are preparing entries for the county show, readying ourselves for our own wine club, the skittles evening playing against Binley Woods WI as part of the twinning scheme and the group meeting in October.

Our knitting group is now knitting poppies for an installation at church in November and angels for distributing at Christmas. If you would like to join us or just knit we can supply you with patterns. Give me a ring or find us on Facebook. We meet my monthly usually on the first Tuesday. After

delivering 50 trauma teddies, one of our members is in the process of creating a helicopter for the Air Ambulance, apart from a slight error with the rotors being briefly on the undercarriage it's looking good.



Our speaker in September is Angela Cloke who is coming to teach us sign language. October is our Annual Meeting with the election for committee and President etc. November should be a hilarious evening, we are being taught how to Hula Hoop this is followed by the Christmas party in December. If any of this makes you think we sound Interesting and fun either ring me, or come along one month and find out. You'll be sure of a warm welcome.

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1		3	9	2			7	
7							1	
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Slicing Salami

The strangest, strange stranger I met in my life
 was the man who made use of his nose as a knife.
 He'd slice up salami, tomatoes and cheese
 at the tip of his nose with phenomenal ease.

He'd buy food in bulk at incredible prices
 and then use his nose to reduce it to slices.
 His wife ran away and I know that he'll miss her.
 The woman was frightened that one day he'd kiss her!

Limerick time

There once was a Martian
 named Zed
 With antennae all over his head.
 He sent out a lot
 Of di-di-dash-dot
 But nobody knows what he said.

There once was an ape in a zoo
 Who looked out through the bars and saw YOU!
 Do you think it's fair
 To give poor apes a scare?
 I think it's a mean thing to do.

Speedy Sam, while exploring a cave,
 Had what I call a very close shave.
 He stepped on a bear,
 That had dozed off in there.
 I'm glad he was faster than brave

There once was a poor boy
 named Sid
 Who thought he knew more
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What a year of extremes with plants and animals pushed to their limit. An unusually long harsh Winter followed by a short Spring then, for many, an unusually harsh Summer.

Worms burrowed deep underground and went into 'Summer hibernation' known as Aestivation. If I did any digging I would find them coiled in tight balls.

Snails slithered away to the darkest, dampest possible place, using their slime to make a seal over the entrance of their shells, locking in moisture and sitting it out until the next wet night. And, boy, did they have to wait! Good news for gardeners but very bad news for Hedgehogs. I heard of many a prickly one with raw noses where they had snuffled in vain amongst the hard soil to find food. Their little legs are not designed for digging. I guess many may have starved. Water dried up and puddles became an evaporating memory. Any water left by gardeners became a lifeline.

Swallows and Martins had some trouble finding enough mud to build their nest. Elder bushes used water to make berries then had to shed their leaves because they couldn't keep both alive. Some Rowan trees did the same. Without spells of rain I wonder if Autumn will be early this year.

Having planted so many young trees and shrubs in the garden and with no hose pipe ban, I watered every day. I wasn't going to let them suffer. Even so, the relentless heat gave four young trees sunburn with actual burnt areas on their leaves.

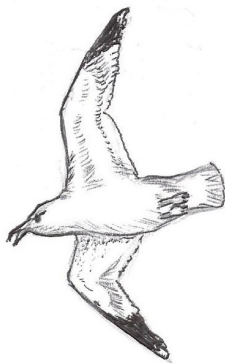
What did seem to do well were the flying insects. I reckon it's been a good year for Butterflies. There's been a colourful cross section fluttering by. Not many Peacocks though and not seen a Red Admiral. Last year we were knee deep in them.

In Spring I put in a small pond with grass edges and ferns and logs to make it look natural and pretend it's been there forever. I added a watering can of muddy water from the big pond down the lane to add a bit of insect life and fast forward things. Within two days we had Water Boatmen fly in, a couple of Newt tadpoles from the muddy water and thousands of darting water insects. I added six pond Snails now we have loads. In the second week Damselflies arrived and laid eggs, bigger Dragonflies joined us too. I remember years ago when I worked in a Nursery many Water Boatmen and Diving Beetles would crash land on the greenhouse rooves thinking the glass was water. I wonder how many must die making similar mistakes. Many species of bird bathe and drink from the pond now. It's been a true oasis in a scorching Summer.

The Peregrine Falcons have bred at the top of the clock tower behind the Town Hall again and the Pigeons don't seem worried! I reckon they don't hunt on their own doorstep unless they have to. Peregrines have dashed over Newbold Pacey and Tachbrook. I was working on the edge of Leamington and I heard a Gull making a very loud distress call. No wonder! One of the Peregrines chased it,

weaving and diving, the Gull was a nifty flyer and jinked left and right screaming as it went. It flew better than a Pigeon would have done and with a menacing beak was left alone by the Peregrine. I don't think the Falcon meant to catch the Gull, just forcibly drive it away from its nest area.

Usually in late Summer the bird feeding slows right down. Not this year. So many young Blue Tits



*Peregrine putting
the frighteners
on a gull*



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We set off in sunshine on our July trip, free from the customary sweaters, umbrellas and raincoats, and arrived at Shugborough, near Stafford, to enjoy a day's visit to this large estate. We chose our preferences from the variety of areas we could visit: ancient woodland, the sweeping landscape and formal gardens scattered with monuments and follies, awaiting the explorer and keen walker; Park Farm exhibits traditional agricultural skills and boasts pedigree livestock which roam across the landscape; the Mansion has an interesting display of treasures collected during the 18th century; the stables house a Rover 90 which is 'ripe for renovation', a café and inevitable shop; a walled garden entices the green-fingured.

In 1624 the remains of a mediaeval bishop's palace was bought by a successful lawyer, *William Anson*, who converted it into a manor house. Further developments

in the mid 18th century, financed by William's great grandson, *Admiral George Anson*, resulted in the impressive Georgian mansion we see today. *George* began his naval career at the age of just 14 but rose to become First Lord of the Admiralty. In 1740 he embarked on a

circumnavigation of the globe - a voyage lasting 4 years, during which he collected mementoes from around the world – some of which are on display in the Mansion. During this momentous voyage Anson captured a Spanish ship laden with treasures – one of the largest hauls ever seized by an English sea captain. When Admiral Anson died without an heir, his brother *Thomas* inherited Shugborough and a vast fortune, which provided the means to indulge his taste for Roman and Greek style architecture, elaborate interior plasterwork, fine furniture and works of art. Thomas's descendant, the 1st *Earl of Lichfield*, enjoyed a profligate lifestyle - gambling to excess and entertaining on a lavish scale; it was goodbye to the family fortune when the entire contents of the mansion were sold at auction in 1842.

The 2nd and 3rd *Earls* tried to replenish the family coffers and Shugborough was finally opened to the public by the 4th *Earl*. After his death in 1960, the entire



estate was offered to the National Trust in lieu of death duties, but the NT chose to lease it to Staffordshire County Council, which maintained it until 2016. A tenant of an apartment at the Mansion during this period was famous photographer *Patrick Anson*, the 5th *Earl*

(known as Patrick Lichfield), who was a nephew of the Queen Mother. His milieu was the studio portrait of beautiful women for glossy magazines, advertisements and calendars, which featured upmarket versions of well-known calendars of the swinging 60s - the scantily-adorned model perched perilously on a rock-face or on spectacular Eastern architecture trailing a gossamer train of exotic colours. His home at Shugborough is now open to visitors and includes an exhibition of his equipment and examples of his work, family photos and casual pictures of the Royals, which mingle with old copies of 'Vogue' and newspapers, adding a 'lived here' touch to the elegant furniture and architecture. The headline of one 'daily' from 1975 caught my eye. It read "Europe Plans United Attack on Terrorism"!

The National Trust now has complete control of the estate and has ambitious plans to restore the landscape and follies and upgrade facilities for visiting families. My visit ended on a humorous note when visiting the Walled Garden. The sound of a lawn mower and first glimpse of moving machinery cutting the grass without an operative brought me back to the 21st century of robots. A visitor's pet dog couldn't believe this vision and barked furiously, straining on his lead, but careful not to get too close. Eventually it ventured near enough to sniff the rear of the machine and realize this wasn't an attractive potential partner.

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TEN SEPTEMBER FACTS

1. The name of the ninth month of the year – September – comes from the old Roman word “**septem**”, meaning “seven”, because in the Roman calendar it was the seventh month.
2. The Romans believed that the month of September was looked after by the god of the fire and forge – **Vulcan**. Therefore, they expected fires, earthquakes and volcanic eruptions in this month.
3. In many parts of the world, September is the first month of **autumn** and it is associated with the beginning of **school**.
4. The **zodiac signs** for September are Virgo (August 23 – September 22) and Libra (September 23 – October 22).
5. The **birthstone** for September is the sapphire.
6. There are three **traditional flowers** of the month of September: the aster, symbolising love; the forget-me-not, representing memories and love; and the morning glory, symbolising unrequited love.
7. September is the only month with the same number of letters in its name as the number of the month: it is the ninth month and has nine letters.
8. The Anglo-Saxons called September Gerst Monath (Barley Month) or Haefest Monath (Harvest Month) celebrating the barley harvest
9. “My favourite poem is the one that starts ‘Thirty days hath September’ because it actually tells you something.” (Groucho Marx)
10. In 1752, September had only 19 days in the UK. The 3rd-13th were omitted in the change from Julian to Gregorian calendar



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MU AUTUMN COFFEE MORNING CHANGE OF DATE

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