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What's in this month's magazine

Happy Christmas and best wishes for a fantastic 2020 to everyone in this wonderful parish of ours.

Happy Christmas and a wonderful 2020

In this month's magazine we hear the voice of two vicars and two head teachers. Elaine's piece on reasons to be jolly is on the next two pages. From December 1979 there's a piece by the Revd. Arthur Longworth on computerisation. It's amazingly current! See page 7.

It's great to have a piece from Gill Humphriss Executive Head Teacher of Heathcote Primary School - see pages 22 and 23. On page 18 there's a piece from Bishop's Tachbrook school.

See pages 16 & 17 for news of our Country Park.

There's a welcome return of news from

the Patient Participation Group for Croft Surgery bringing you up to date with what's going on. See page 10.

Elsewhere there's the normal happy concoction of history, WI frolics and a wonderful nature page with a sweet drawing of a baby Hedgehog. Enjoy your read.

There's a short tale about Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody on page 5. There have been numerous pleas for help distributing this magazine with little response except from those already involved. The working parties out and about last week are volunteers. They are the somebodies that make things happen.

So a BIG THANKS to all our contributors, advisors and distributors for the great work they put into getting this magazine in front of the eyes that are now reading it. Their work, mostly unseen and time consuming, is vital. Thanks also for advertisers and benefactors who fund us.

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Tis the season to be jolly!

By Revd. Elaine Scrivens

Jolly! Can be a very elusive emotion unless you happen to be Santa Claus! But 'joy' is a fitting emotion particularly at this time of year for Christians when we celebrate the humble, mystical and divine birth of Jesus. At Christmas Angel Gabriel declares to ordinary people, to you and me today, to the shepherds then, 'I am bringing you good news of great joy for all people; to you is born this day a Saviour, who is the Messiah, Christ the Lord'.

And 'my' don't we need one! It feels this month is already designed to zap our positivity, to draw conflict, with the particularly dividing nature of the election; with extreme weather conditions reminding us of our over consumption; before we even add in our own personal struggles and stresses. Joy? Humbug!!

But then Christmas interjects with its beauty, awe and wonder! Where heaven opens and earth glimpses indescribable things not of this world; of angels and heavenly beings, of God. And for a moment time stops. Joy enters the world and along with joy there is hope.

We hope we might get what we want or need as a gift; we hope others will like what we bought for them; we hope the turkey cooks properly and that no one in the family starts a row

this year. As the New Year approaches and begins we hope that things might get better in whatever way we need or want them to; for that loved one's health to improve or at least not get worse; for school or work to be better this year; that we get that payrise/holiday/relationship we've been longing for. I'm writing this in mid-November and as well as needing joy, I think for many of us our hopes are around healing of division, some political certainty and outcomes nationally for the good of the many not the few, on top of what we might hope for personally.

For me as a Christian, Hope is something at the very heart of my faith – a deep, healing Hope that means I trust that all will ultimately be well despite the storms around us. Once again we gather around the eternal story of God coming to earth to be one of us, a tiny baby, who grew into a man, and therefore understands the depth of human experience and our need for Hope. For me that Light of the World is my Hope – it 'shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it' (John 1 verse 5.)

So listen out for the 'unexpected Hallelujahs', watch for signs of Joy and Hope wherever they may be and however small they may seem, make

signs of Hope for other people in acts of kindness and love. Christmas and New Year fade away keep that Light burning in you, so that it illuminates the darkness . I'd like to leave you with a poem.

On the hillsides,
Hope was heard singing unexpected Hallelujahs.
In a Bethlehem backwater,
hope hovered,
and love was born.
And now,
as the Wise journey and the powerful start to pace the floor
and mumble into sleepless nights,
we gather -
the Light of the World is here.
The job now is to keep it burning.

Sally Foster-Fulton from 'Hope was Heard Singing', the Iona Community

Wishing you God's richest blessings this Christmas and deep Hope and many unexpected Hallelujahs for 2020.

Elaine and Jim x

A Sad, Sad Story About Nobody

This is a story about four people named:
Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody

There was an important job to be done
and everybody was sure that Somebody would do it.
Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it

Somebody got angry about that because
it was Everybody's job,
Everybody thought Anybody could do it
But Nobody realised that Everybody wouldn't do it

It ended up that EVERYBODY
blamed SOMEBODY when
NOBODY did what ANYBODY
could have done

What's on in St Chad's

December 1 **Advent Sunday – Holy Communion** at 10am

4pm **Christingle Service** – everyone welcome

December 8th John Kirkpatrick returns with his excellent **Carolling and Crumpets**. Tickets £15 available from 07766083666 Tickets also available via Eventbrite.

December 12th 7:30pm **St Chad's Centre Film Night**. The Man who invented Christmas - Starring Dan Stevens (Downton Abbey, Beauty and the Beast) as Charles Dickens, The Man Who Invented Christmas tells the true story of how the iconic author came to write the seminal yuletide novel A Christmas Carol in only six weeks.

Set in 1840s London, Dickens had been struggling to come up with fresh ideas after the failure of his last three works. However, when he's inspired by the vision of a story that would fire the hearts of humanity, he set out to write and self-publish a book that would reignite his career.

As the likes of Ebenezer Scrooge (played by Academy Award-winner Christopher Plummer) and The Ghosts of Christmases Past, Present and Future start coming to life in his head, Dickens began creating a masterpiece that gave birth to the Christmas we know and love today.

December 16th 6pm **Carol's Around the Tree** with Tones of Tachbrook joining with us followed by mince pies and Mulled wine

December 22nd 6pm **Carols by Candlelight**. A beautiful service where all are welcome, followed by mince pies and mulled wine

December 24th 4pm **Crib Service with Nativity**. Once again we will have a Nativity Service where everyone can have a part. Come dressed up as angels, shepherds kings or borrow our costumes. A great way to begin your Christmas celebrations.

11:30pm – **Midnight Mass** – the first Eucharist of Christmas. A wonderful way to welcome the Prince of Peace.

25th December 10am – **Family Communion**. A relaxed family service. Don't forget to bring your presents to show us.

5th January 10am **The Epiphany** – come and join us as we welcome the wise men.

9th January 7pm **St Chad's Centre Film Club**. – Check Facebook for film

2nd February 10am **Candlemas**.

Looking back

Excerpts from past magazines

This piece, from the Vicar Arthur Longworth, is on computerisation. It was published in December 1979 and so topical!

The Mighty Micro

If I have understood it correctly the new field of micro-electronics could revolutionise our life within a generation. In the field of production for instance almost the entire production process could be controlled by mini-computers and carried out by robotics. In the field of education, an entire encyclopedia could be put on a chip and be available at the touch of a button. The learning process itself could be programmed into a computer so that each child would have its individual 'robot teacher'. There could be complete and immediate access by everyone to all factual information in, say, the British Museum by touching a button on a TV set. Communication would be so complete and instantaneous that it would be possible for executives to do their work wherever they happened to be without the necessity of coming into a central office.

The effects on employment and leisure and the prevailing patterns of work are obvious. There will be far fewer jobs for manual workers or office staff as we know them. There will be some new jobs in servicing the micro-processors and carrying out research. There will be more opportunities for leisure. But especially there will be more need and opportunity to work in the human areas of concern, social and community relations, medicine, education in the fullest sense, hobbies and creative pursuits.

To put it another way: for thousands of years mankind's first concern was providing himself with food. After that the problem was, more or less, come the industrial age when our major efforts went into producing material goods. The end of this phase is in sight. We can now produce enough for our needs and very soon the micro-processor will do it for us. So with physical and material needs provided for we are approaching a third phase in the history of mankind in which the main concern will be personal, human development with all that implies. I believe that the one who can best show us what a human being ought to grow into is the one who was born at Bethlehem just under 2000 years ago.

Parish Council News

By Matt Greene

Nearly Christmas!!

It's unfortunate that 2019, a year punctuated by political uncertainty on a national and international level is concluding with a divisive election in which we're all being compelled to "take sides". The constant media bombardment and fearmongering rhetoric from politicians on all sides makes it feel like we are on the precipice of fundamental catastrophe and, leaving aside climate change (which is beyond the scope of this preamble), I believe it is important that we take time and reflect that (unlike in times of war or in countries around the world really under threat), we're generally safe and we will be OK. Christmas and New Year are supposed to be times of reconciliation, renewal and goodwill; I hope that as a community we can reject the divisiveness being thrust upon us as the false dichotomy that it is - very little in this world is really binary!

The planning application for the new secondary school and houses was passed unanimously at the November WDC meeting. We understand that the application has been "called in" meaning that it will likely be considered by the Secretary of State (presumably following the election) - it is now out of the local communities hands. People had strong views on both sides of this application and thus

one side was always likely to be disappointed; however, hopefully the community can now come together to ensure WDC deliver on their promises - it has been nice to see the demeanour of both sides already directed towards this unified purpose.

The transfer of the allotments on Holt Avenue is moving forward slowly. We are negotiating with the developer for the allotments to be cleared, dug over, the gate to be moved and two water points to be installed. We will be working with the two residents who have kindly said that they will manage these allotments. The transfer might take a little longer than reported in last month's magazine but we will keep you updated.

We have noticed that the water is still flowing into Holt Avenue from Oakley Meadows Development. The Parish Council will contact the developer to see if they can provide any help with this and County Cllr. Les Caborn is arranging for an officer from the County Council to look at this issue. If the water freezes the entrance across the Meadow could become very slippery so please be careful.

We would like to thank the Play Area Committee for their help in trying to resolve the planning issue we have with the refurbishment of the equipment. Not only have they

attended meetings and chased officers they have also been fundraising. We now have £12,000 to add to the funding pot we already hold - thank you very much. We can assure you that we are doing everything we can to resolve the objection raised by Sport England.

County Cllr. Caborn assured us at the meeting that officers are looking at locations for drop kerbs on Farm Walk, The Lees, Warwick Gates, Church Hill and will be assessing the situation on the Oakley Meadow development. He is also trying to arrange for speed monitoring equipment on Harbury Lane. A county council officer will be looking at the issues at the Banbury Road/Mallory Road junction.

The roads on the new developments have not been adopted by the County Council yet which could affect gritting on the school bus route on Oakley Meadows. County Cllr. Caborn is going to liaise with officers to try and find a solution.

Cllr. Deely has attended his first project meeting on the Country Park with the landscape architects who have been appointed by the District Council.

Thanks to the Events Group the fireworks were very successful despite the bad weather.

The clerk apologises for not displaying the draft October minutes on the website. We had a technical hitch (now fixed). If this happens again, and any resident wishes to view the minutes, please email the clerk and she will send you a copy.

Thanks to Cllr. Wellsted we have received a grant for £3,400 to enable us to move the Neighbourhood Plan forward.

If you are able to help with erecting the Christmas tree on the Village Green (date to be confirmed); will you please contact either the clerk, Cllr. Wellsted or post on Facebook. Finally it would be appreciated if residents could cut back any vegetation that is blocking footways.

Next meeting - Thursday 5th December (moved a week earlier due to the election) with January's on 9th. Both will be at St. Chad's Centre

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Patient Participation Group

By Pater Lister

At the November meeting the following matters were considered:

On Line Access

Work has begun to eventually give on-line access to patients of the Bishop's Tachbrook Surgery for ordering repeat prescriptions.

Clinical Pharmacist

In November a full time Clinical Pharmacist was appointed for the South Leamington area and half of their time has been apportioned to the Croft Practice. This will provide opportunity for patients on a significant number of medications to have the effectiveness of these reviewed on a face-to-face basis.

Staffing

It was announced that Dr. Kath Hunt would be leaving at the end of the year and Dr, Caroline Ellison would be joining the practice in May 2020. A locum arrangement will be put in place to cover the gap. It is encouraging that Dr. Ellison's role will provide an extra member of staff.

NHS Heath Checks

The practice is providing five yearly health checks for those aged 40 - 74. This has been judged so successful that extra monitoring equipment has been provided to make this programme more effective.

Flu Campaign Update

Whilst there have been some problems with supplies of vaccine, including for children, over 70% of those aged 65 and over have been vaccinated. For those under 65 and eligible only 30% have taken the opportunity to have the injection.

Diabetes

Dr. Madagan is leading the strategy of the practice with regards to Diabetes. A focus is being made on those in the middle of the spectrum to help move them towards the less severe and more manageable. One increasing concern is the alarming rise in Type 2 Diabetes among secondary school age children. This is very largely related to over-weight/obesity issues and will have quite an impact on personal health and, therefore, the health service in the future.

Mental Health

Another focus has to do with mental health, either through direct clinical intervention and support or through the programme of social prescribing that has helped the lonely and vulnerable to get involved in a whole range of activities in the community. At the same time the practice is aware of the needs of those who are carers, of whom there are over 300 registered with the practice. Support services are available. Contact Sister Thomas at Croft if you wish to find out more about this.



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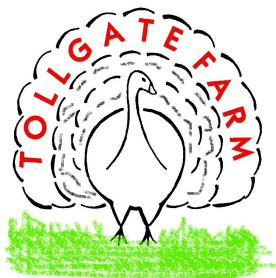


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History Club

Thomas Oken Explains

By Ian Morley

If you look up 'Thomas Oken' on Google you will quickly find out that:-

- He was a mercer (meaning 'a dealer in textile fabrics, especially silks and other costly materials'), described as 'the richest man in Warwick'.
- He was Warwick's 'greatest benefactor', setting in motion charitable works now administered by 'The Charity of Thomas Oken and Nicholas Eyffler' (with an annual expenditure in the order of £185000).
- The Trust has made a 20 minute video about his life and work, shown to visitors to the Lord Leycester Hospital.
- He lived in turbulent times, during the reigns of the six Tudor monarchs.
- His house in Castle Street is now the 'Thomas Oken Tea Rooms'.

After that you will struggle to find much more. Trevor Langley gave us very much more to think about in a version of his one-man show, 'Thomas Oken Explains'. Essentially, members of the audience were primed to ask questions and Mr. Langley, playing the part of Thomas Oken, 'explained' his answers in a most entertaining way. We learned very much more about the

life and times of Thomas Oken, and about the history of Warwick.

Thomas Oken was born in the 'mean streets' of Warwick. We do not know exactly when, but it is likely that he was about 65 years old when he died in 1573. Starting as an apprentice in the textile industry he had become Master of the Guilds (of Mercers, Haberdashers, Grocers and Fishmongers) at the age of 40. He put nearly all of the profits from his business into the purchase of property and land, and had substantial holdings in Warwick and its environs.

His major achievement came in the reign of Henry VIII. Henry sent Commissioners to Warwick charged with seizing monies and property belonging to the Church and to the Guilds. In negotiation with the Commissioners Thomas Oken showed a combination of courage and acumen that has been described as 'statesmanship'. Apparently, by the judicious use of cheap concessions (giving up willingly what he would be forced by law to concede in the end) he somehow persuaded the Commissioners to give back much that they were entitled to take. One device was to set up a charity in the name of the King, and to transfer properties to it (thus saving them for

the town rather than giving them to the crown). Without this Charity Warwick School would not exist. A second device was to purchase a Royal Charter for Warwick in return for a small gift of land.

In addition, he used his Will to endow charitable works (now carried out by The Charity of Thomas Oken and Nicholas Eyffler). To ensure that his wishes were carried out he made extremely convoluted arrangements to guard against the machinations of his 'friends' and 'colleagues'. More details are set out in Paul Bolitho's monograph 'Warwick's Most Famous Son' published by The Charity of Thomas Oken and Nicholas Eyffler, 2009.

Further evidence that Oken did not trust his fellow men is given in the construction of the 'poor man's chest'

he directed to stand close by his grave (in St. Mary's Church 'against St. Anne's altar'). It could be unlocked only on presentation of eight keys to eight locks, each held by a bailiff, a burgess, or a wardsman.

We also learned a lot about Warwick. For example, did you think Jury Street was named because of an association with the Court House? Actually it is a contraction of Jewry Street (where lived the Jews).

Only limitations of space prevent me from saying more. Thank you, Trevor Langley, for entertaining us and informing us in equal measure.



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'The first will be
last and the last
will be first.'

Matthew ch 23 v 12

RESPONSIBILITY

'Take care of every
living thing that
moves on the earth.'

Genesis ch 1 v 25

PERSEVERANCE

'Run the race
that is set
before you.'

Hebrews ch 12 v 1

PEACE

'Let there be
peace on earth.'

Luke ch 2 v 14

TEAMWORK

'Two people are
better than one. They
get more done by
working together'

Proverbs ch 4 v 9

A Tachbrook Prayer

Help us, Lord, to greet with kindness

Everyone we meet today,

Treat with fairness and forgiveness

All our friends, at work and play.

Help us, Lord, to love our neighbour,

Be they near or far from home,

Tell the truth and trust each other,

Live in peace as you have shown.

Help us, Lord, to work together,

Trying hard in all we do,

Taking care of your creation,

As we sing our thanks to you.

THANKFULNESS

'Give thanks no
matter what.'

1 Thessalonians ch 5 v 18

HONESTY

'An honest
witness tells the
truth.'

Proverbs ch 12 v 17

KINDNESS

'Now go and do
the same thing the
Samaritan did.'

Luke ch 10 v 37

FORGIVENESS

'Forgive and you
will be forgiven.'

Luke ch 6 v 37

RESPECT

'Love your
neighbour as
yourself.'

Matthew ch 22 v 39-40

SCHOOL PRAYER 2019

The children have worked together to write a brand new school prayer this term,
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Mrs White has composed music for our prayer so now the children can sing the new
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News from Heathcote Primary School

By Gill Humphries—Executive Head Teacher



All of us here at Heathcote Primary School have been very busy after our half term break. Our focus this term is 'thinking about others.' All of the children have been exploring Remembrance and the importance of this. Every child in the school has created a poppy and written letters and poems to soldiers who have given their lives so we can live in a peaceful world. The display they have created in our entrance is beautiful and ensures the children remember why we stop each year and stand in silence.



We have also been considering others through our work during 'anti-bullying week.' The theme this year is 'Change starts with us' and it is important that we think carefully about the things we say and maybe a change we can make is to make a new friend and consider

how we can be kind and caring to that friend. Reverend Rob helped us to consider what friendship means and all of the children have made a heart with their ideas on and we are going to hang these in our corridors. It will be great to walk through our school and remember how we can change someone's life for the better by just thinking about what we say and when we say it.

Of course we are now on a countdown to Christmas and our Reception children – Hedgehogs and Butterflies

are starting to rehearse their Christmas Nativity play and are excited about performing in front of their families. In Year 1 (Otters) and Year 2 (Foxes) they are planning to

have a lovely festive afternoon with their parents making Christmas decorations and are rehearsing a mini performance to entertain them. Our oldest children in our school, Year 3 (Owls) and Year 4 (Squirrels) are learning different Christmas



songs and carols and will be inviting their families in for carols round the tree.

Of course whilst all these things are happening our school is buzzing with learning. We have just launched our new language of the month and the children are learning Makaton so they can communicate using speech and sign language. Our Reception children have been following the key text Owl Babies and were visited by real life owls to help them learn all about the importance of these birds in the food chain. Our Year 2's have been exploring the world of pirates and have written some very creative stories set in the seaside town of 'Dull-on-the-sea.' Whilst our Year 4 have been finding out about Jacques Cousteau and written a biographical account of his life. We also love reading at Heathcote and Miss Cowcher, our English lead and myself had a fabulous morning listening to children read, asking them all about the different books they had read, speaking with teachers about how

they teach children to read and seeing children use their key skills such as prediction or inference to engage in books.

Our school is also about to have the builders in as a second phase of building goes ahead to add more classrooms and improve our school grounds even further. We have just received a donation of hundreds of daffodil bulbs which have been planted by the parish council at the front of our school and we are very grateful for this as it will add a real splash of colour and brighten our lives. Thank you. Finally we are always looking for ways to involve our local community in our children's lives so if you have an event you would like us to be part of or if you have something you would like to share with the children to improve their learning then please don't hesitate to call us 01926 290330 or

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Merry Christmas from us all at Heathcote Primary School



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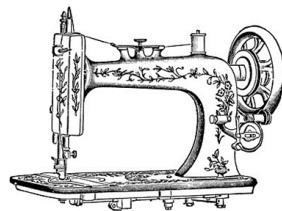
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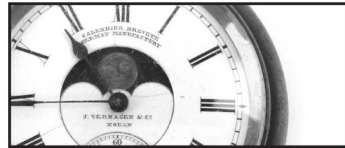
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Nature Page

By Steve Harvey

This Autumn was like a Festival of Fungi, all shapes and sizes. It's thought there maybe over 3 million species of Fungi on earth and it seemed they were all in my garden. OK. Maybe not really all of them. All beautiful, although Honey Fungus is a nasty piece of work and kills many a tree. I remember seeing "Fairy Rings" when I was small and asking my Mom how they grew in a circle. She said, "It's magic", grown ups always say something like that when they're not sure don't they? It as ten years later before I found out the Fungi start in the middle and spread out into a circle. Mom said the fairies held dancing parties in the middle of them. Well, it must have been well after my bedtime when those parties happened because I never caught them at it!

Ladybirds have found safe places in the corners of window frames and in porches. Clustered together, often tucked under thick Spider webs as silky duvets. The Squirrels have been doing the annual 'grab and stash'. They started a while ago with the Walnut tree. I've often had a Squirrel bounce passed me, it's mouth stuffed with a walnut in its shell. Then it's the Horse Chestnuts. Conkers are mildly poisonous to many mammals though Squirrels, Deer and Wild Boar get away with eating them. I've yet to see a Wild Boar around here. Acorns are highly prized. All of these 'goodies' are

'squirreled' away in secret places to help see the through the Winter.

The first batch of Hedgehogs that were released around here will be thinking about hibernating. If it stays mild enough they may linger longer. I'm still putting food out for now. I did read that mealworms are terrible for Hedgehogs and can bring on bone disease. So be careful if you put them out on the ground for birds. The tiny Hedgehog that was being nursed by 'Mrs Tiggywinkle' (not her real name), put on loads of weight and quadrupled in size. She's been released here. I've seen her a couple of times since. I hope she stays around and hibernates in the garden.

Out in the garden I do enjoy the company of my mates, the Jackdaws. Yes, I know I may be alone on that one. I rarely hear a good word said about them. As long as we have a cowl on the chimney pot so they can't nest there we're fine. Although there was the 'sugar snap pea incident'! It only takes one bright Jackdaw to figure out a plan to make the most of an opportunity and the whole flock prosper. I do admire that. One Jackdaw decided to sample a few peas, then soon they all did. Luckily I grew them up wire and canes so they could only get the top ones. Putting netting over the top stopped that little game.



We have around forty resident Jackdaws here, as with all animals it just takes a brave one to start a relationship. I often remember my Pheasant that came and fed from my hand all year. None of the other Pheasants would dare to do that. I have a special Jackdaw amongst the flock. When I go out early morning it is never far away. The others are in the trees or the rooftops waiting. I'll do 'the call' and they all pay attention. The special one flies in close and perches. It has a couple of white feathers on each wing. As I put the food down it lands within about 3 feet

from me and eats fast. That's the signal for the rest of the flock to descend. It's a bit like Hitchcox's 'The Birds' but with a happy ending. Each bird swallows some, fills their beaks, then launches into the air all around me, several passing my shoulders and that's when I get that Bet Midler moment when I really do feel "the wind beneath their wings".

Women's Institute

By Anne Allen

Our speaker last month was Flavia who together with her slave Hyacinthus were in full Roman dress. Flavia first explained about what she was wearing and the different qualities of cloth between hers and her slaves. How she wore a snake bangle for protection. I hadn't realised but the fashion and hair styles of their time is to be found on Roman coins. In explaining about her life we were told soldiers had to complete 25 years army service before being allowed to marry.

As we didn't have an outdoor oven available our cookery demonstration had traces of Blue Peter and here's one I made earlier, with Flavia being the celebrity chef and Hyacinthus her skivvy. We tried a patina of nettles, an olive relish with fish pickle, a peppered sweet cake and a sweet wine cake. We drew the line at the roasted dormouse though.

Unfortunately we hadn't taken our own knives spoons and horn beakers so managed with fingers. Herbs, olive oil and wine vinegar was used a lot in the cooking. Then would you believe it, she turned out to be the speaker Jane Arnold and her mum.

Every year County organise a series of serious science lectures. These include a Digital Autopsy and Back to the Future, can we find new antibiotics by studying historical medicine. We are

also have the chance to Be Drastic and Say NO to Plastic, make a repurposed article using an item of clothing, visit the Tutankhamun exhibition at the Saachi Gallery, attend the annual meeting where the Butterfly Brothers are guest speakers, play darts enter the county quiz and hopefully have lunch with Revd. Richard Coles.

We don't meet in January but will be enjoying a meal at the Leopard instead. In February the speaker is Di Vernon with Her Journey as a Blacksmith, March brings us Nick Martin who will be telling us about British Mammals and in April Christine Frey is going to take us Around the World. All sound different and something to look forward to. Remember1st Thursday of the month, 7:45 in the school hall.

December is our Christmas party, when food fun and frolics abound. A buffet supper, quizzes, entertainment, carols and together with lots of chat makes for a good start to the festive season. If you want to join us please ring me.

I have just taken a black bin bag of used bras for recycling by Bravissimo. If the bras are usable they go to women in developing countries and those that aren't are broken down and recycled PLUS Bravissimo make a donation to Mind for every kilo

received . So girls when Santa pops a new piece of underwear in your stocking don't throw away your old . Recycle via me. I also am a collection point for your used postage stamps. These go to the WI sponsored charity ACWW again helping women in developing countries.

[On 11th January](#) there will be a coffee morning in aid of the Warwickshire Air Ambulance. This is at [85 Kingsley Road 10-12](#) . Do come along and support this event . Everyone is welcome.

A new year is nearly upon us. Do something different . Smething that is educational, energetic, interesting, friendly and fun. Come along to a meeting and find out what we get up to or give me a ring .

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all a Bishops Tachbook WI

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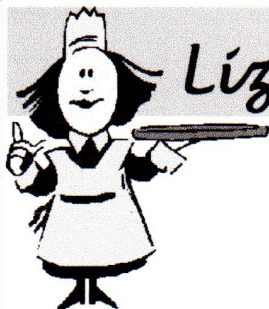
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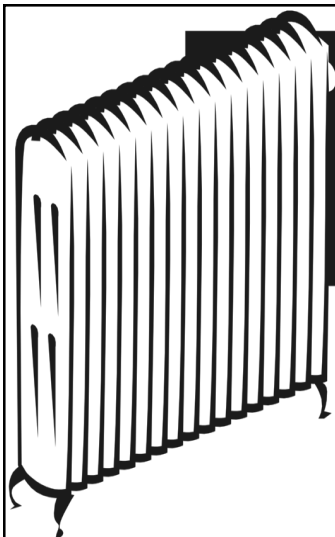
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Parish Working Parties

The dates for Quarter 1 2020 will be

18th January
22nd February
21st March



Hedges

There seems to be a few too many overgrown hedges around the parish at present overhanging footpaths and causing an obstruction. Please take the chance during the winter months to cut them back.

Church Organist

St Chad's is looking for a new organist. If you have the skills and time or know someone who might have please contact Revd. Elaine on 426922 .
Many thanks to our outgoing organist, Nicky Grant for her excellent playing over the years. We will miss her.

WI Coffee Morning

On 11th January there will be a coffee morning in aid of the Warwickshire Air Ambulance. This is at 85 Kingsley Road 10-12 . Do come along and support this event . Everyone is welcome.

Funny

Found on a poster in a church in France (translated)
When you enter this church it may be possible that you 'hear the call of God'. However, it is unlikely that he will call you on your mobile. Thank you for turning off your phones.
If you want to talk to God, enter, choose a quiet place and talk to him.
If you want to see him, send him a text while driving.

Bishops Tachbrook Sports & Social Club Entertainments

December

7th December – Jay Kays

Jay Kays are a classic rock and pop covers band playing hits from the 60's and 70's. A fun and entertaining evening.

14th December – Xmas Bingo

Children's prize Bingo from 6.30pm till 7.30pm

Then it's Eyes down at 8pm for our annual Christmas Bottle Bingo. Lots of fantastic prizes to be won

20th December – Xmas Raffle Prize Draw

Our Annual prize draw will take place at 8pm in the Members Lounge.

21st December – Elvis is in the Building

Memphis Mike will be here with us singing some of the greatest Elvis songs for everyone to enjoy.

An evening of superb entertainment. Finger Buffet provided.

24th December – ATs Xmas Eve Disco

Getting you into the Christmas spirit we have all the best Christmas tunes to play for you mixed in with some good old favourites from the decades. 8pm Till Late

28th December – Xmas Special 'Karenoko' Night

Come on round for a great night of music and singing with our special Fancy Dress Karaoke / Disco night
The fun starts at 8pm.

31st December – Room 17 (New Year's Eve)

Join us to Celebrate the countdown to 2020! Room 17 are a female fronted Pop/Rock band
Playing covers of Adele, Stereophonics, Abba, Queen, Blondie, Guns 'n' Roses, Pink and many more.
A night not to be missed guaranteed to get you up dancing into the New Year!

Free entrance with a buffet later on

January

11th January – Piggy Racing

Its Piggy Racing with a difference "Oink Oink"

Family fun and laughter

First race starts at 8.30pm Don't be late!!

18th January – Leah Heath

Leah is a fantastic singer who is new to the club entertaining us with Top 10 hits from the 60s to the present day A night not to be missed.

25th January – Quiz Night

Music, pictures, general knowledge, are you good enough to challenge the "JUDGE" come round for a great quizzical evening.

A prize for every Team.

February

1st February – Old News

A four piece covers band playing music from the Beatles to Oasis ZZ top to Cher Tina Turner Fleetwood Mac and the Eagles A fun and varied night of top entertainment.

8th February – Skittles Night

A game of skill for the whole Family using our very own skittle alley, prizes for the winning team / person.
8pm start.

15th February – CT Riders

The Band has a set list packed with an eclectic range of classic rock and roll covers from the 60's and 70's and a few surprises from other eras for good measure.

22nd February – Rob Alton

Rob is a powerful, versatile, talented vocalist who can adapt to any style of music. He has been influenced by many singers from all different genres but has a real passion for good old rock!

29th February – Quiz Night

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What's on in Bishop's Tachbrook

All activities at St Chad's Centre unless otherwise stated

Monday	Activity	Contact
9.30 - 12:00	Little Tinkers Soft Play – Drop in	Stacey Bowen - 07917 385747 or via Facebook
09.30 - 10.30	Walking Netball (at Warwickshire College)	Kate Wellsted - 0771 3113464
13.30 - 15.00 Please note new times	Embroidery Class. £5.00 per session. Beginners to experienced embroiderers welcome.	Zara Day - 07717 371668 za- ra@rosemaryrose.co.uk
17.00-17.45	Martial Arts Class. Children/ Beginners up to 11 years.	Andy Shaw – andy@linkcube.co.uk
17:45 - 19:00	Martial Arts Class. Over 12 years and adults.	
19:15 - 20:15	Children's cooking class age 8+	Anne Marie Lambert - 07956 955951 getcook- ing@hotmail.co.uk
20:30 - 21:30	Adults 18+ cooking class	
Tuesday		
14.00 - 16.00	Over 50s(at Sports & Social Club)	01926 313020
18.00 – 18.45	Vinyasa Flow Yoga Class £7.00 cash on arrival. Please email to book your place	Bex Traynier bextraynier@gmail.com
Wednesday		
09:15 - 10:15	Pilates – drop in	Helen Tudge - 07769 222524
10:30 - 12:00	Community Café Drop in café for the whole community	Joan Alderman 01926 651643
17.00 - 18.00	Rainbows (at Sports & Social Club)	carolineloveday@sky.com 07796 034371
18.00 - 19.45	Brownies (at Sports & Social Club)	

19:00 - 20:00	Tai Chi – beginners class	Peter Fletcher 07487 685679
20:00 – 21:00	Tai Chi – intermediate class	
21:00 – 22:00	Tai Chi - advanced class	
Thursday		
09:30 - 11:00	Tachbrook Tinies - drop in	Tachbrook Tinies on Facebook
11.30 – 12.30	Atomic Dance for Toddlers Ages 2+	Ellie Rowe - 07392 348155
16:00 – 17:00	Mind Over Matter Yoga - children's yoga classes.	Nikki Francis - 07837 370148 nik-ki@takeitfrommummy.co
18.20 - 19.10	Fitness Pilates	Bev Hall on 0774 004225 or w60bev@gmail.com
19.30-21.30	Salsa Cubana in Rueda de Casino Beginners: 7.30pm Intermediate: 8.30pm	Emy Stoiescu on 07796 214877 or www.providanse.co.uk
Friday		
9.30 - 12:00	Little Tinkers Soft Play – Drop in	Stacey Bowen - 07917 385747 or via Facebook
18:00 - 19:00	High Intensity Circuit Class	Mari-Carmen Sanchez-Morris on hello@maricarmenfitness.
Saturday		
First Saturday of the month - 09.30 - 11.30	Little Tinkers Soft Play	Stacey Bowen - 07917 385747 or via Facebook
Third Saturday of the month - 13:30 – 15:30	Craft afternoon – free drop in craft session for children. -	Elaine Scrivens

What's on in Bishop's Tachbrook

December's one-offs

Tuesday 3rd Noon for 12.30, **History Group, Festive meal**, The Leopard, 01926 885938

Thursday 5th 19.30, **WI, Christmas Party**, BT School, 01926 426797

Thursday 5th 19.30 **Parish Council Meeting**, St Chad's Centre
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Monday 9th 11.15 to 11.40, **Mobile Library** Church Lees

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Thursday 2nd 19.45, **WI, Meal**, The Leopard 01926 426797

Monday 6th 11.15 to 11.40, **Mobile Library** Church Lees

Thursday 9th 19.30 **Parish Council Meeting**, St Chad's Centre
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Saturday 11th 10.00 to 12.00, **WI, Coffee Morning in aid of air ambulance**, 85 Kingsley Road, 01926 426797

Saturday 18th 09.30 to 12.30, **Parish**

Working Party,

Monday 27th 11.15 to 11.40, **Mobile Library** Church Lees

February's one-offs

Thursday 7th 19.45, **WI, My journey as a Blacksmith**, BT School, 01926 426797

Saturday 8th 10.00 –12.00, **Churchyard gardening**, St Chad's Church, 01926 330050

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