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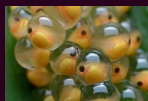
Your magazine featuring news and views from within Bishop's Tachbrook Parish. A gentle mix of the chatty and Church.

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Faith in hard times Revd. Elaine reflects on provided spiritual nourishment for the people of the 'real church' in these difficult times.



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Parish Council News An update on what your Parish Council has been doing and its priorities over the remaining period of lock down.



Life in Lock Down Some fabulous pictures from around the parish.



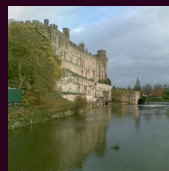
Lily the lab The story of Lily the lab and her puppies has been Facebook gold for weeks now, we have the pictures!

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Thanks A series of thank you's to people who've been helping others during the lock down.

WI even under lock down there's no holding the WI back!

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You know I need someone to help

By Revd. Elaine Scrivens

This morning I celebrated Holy Communion in my garden. As you might have guessed I'm writing this in the afternoon of Easter Sunday. This past week has been really strange for me. Normally Holy Week is one of the busiest weeks of the year as a vicar. I try to hold a service every day. On Maundy Thursday I attend the Cathedral for a Chrism Mass, this involves, Bishop's, priests and deacons renewing their ordination vows and lay workers recommitting themselves to their work in the church. Oil is also blessed which is used throughout the diocese for baptisms, confirmation and anointing the sick and dying. In the evening there is a service commemorating the Last Supper, the church is then stripped of all ornamentation, and we sit and watch with Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane. This brings us to Good Friday during which there is a three hour service from 12 till 3 pm. Holy Saturday is spent cleaning the church, the flower ladies come in and make the church beautiful and there was to be a craft afternoon for the children. Easter Sunday is always a joyous service where we remember the Risen Jesus.

This year has been very different. The church building is closed but the people of God who are the "real church" still need spiritual nourishment and so I set about creating a YouTube channel and a Facebook Group " St

Chad's church Bishop's Tachbrook". Each evening I recorded an ancient night prayer called Compline and was very grateful to Kieron Howe for singing for us and then uploaded it. On Maundy Thursday I "attended" a Chrism Mass, and renewed my ordination vows on line, thanks to the Bishop, Christopher, and the technical talents of many at Coventry Cathedral. On Good Friday I uploaded a meditation, looking at the crucifixion through the eyes of Jesus' mother, Mary and in the evening I uploaded a Tenebrae service. Which brings me to today and celebrating communion in my garden and decorating a cross for outside St Chad's. A very different year but one in which I believe I have grown as a Christian and as a priest. I've definitely stepped outside my comfort zone.

What has been surprising and really wonderful is the number of people who have accessed these service either via Facebook, YouTube and today for the first time, Instagram! Many more than would have attended services in St Chad's.

Wherever we are and whatever we've done as Christians this year, it has perhaps made us think "outside" the box. I know for me it has emphasised something I needed to hear and that is that the walls of our buildings, if we allow ourselves to be constrained by

them, limit the message we share.

As Christians we've so often acted as if our faith is only valid if we do it in our 'proper building'. We've often acted as if we have the authority on how to worship, what exactly to believe about every doctrine of the church, who is welcome and who is not. This year we have been called back to focus on the basic and most important and transformative message of all, 'Jesus lived, died and is Risen!'

This is our faith, Nothing else matters... So from whatever church or place we might come, whatever opinions we might hold and whatever the future may bring, that news, 'Jesus is risen' assures us that he is with us always. It assures us that there is no darkness we cannot face with him on our side because he has been there and conquered it.

This year we don't have to choose which is 'our church'. We don't have to drive or walk past several others to get to the right one for us. We don't have to go to the one with the best preacher or the most comfortable seats. It doesn't matter what hymns are sung, whether babies are baptised, who receives the bread and wine at communion, who is welcome and who is not, because love has won the day... God is love and the only choice we are called to make this year is whether we can say and know in our hearts, 'Jesus is risen'. For me this has been a transformative message. Yes life is difficult, many people are

suffering but we are all in this together and God is in the midst of it all.

As we move on from Easter and into the weeks and months ahead may we continue to work together, may our community continue to take care of the vulnerable and as our Queen said in her first Easter message, "We know that coronavirus will not overcome us. As dark as death can be – particularly for those suffering with grief – light and life are greater. May the living flame of the Easter hope be a steady guide as we face the future."

If anyone needs anything or would just like to chat my mobile number is 07766 083666. Please, don't hesitate to call. I may not be able to visit but I can listen.

God bless, Elaine

Worship Online

Videos and reflections from Rev'd Elaine Scrivens and St Chad's Church are available online on YouTube.

Go to:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_jljCELLJaV7M6bn4MDYBA

CYCLE OF PRAYER

Praying for our Community

We are praying in May for those living in

Duckett Place, Dunstall Crescent,
Eglamour Way, Farm Walk and
Harbury Lane

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.

Parish Council News

By Matt Greene

When days fall into a repetitive pattern, time can accelerate - this explains why, when travelling on holiday (to a new destination) the first few days are long with so many experiences; however, as the holiday progresses, we develop a routine and time seems to speed up. Memories overlay day upon day and, whilst time is linear, when we look back, it appears to have accelerated.

The danger of this lockdown is that we do fall into a routine; every day the same, meaning that, for those of us fortunate to be in the “inconvenienced” category (rather than faced with the hardship of the health or wellbeing implications of the virus), yes it will seem to be over quicker but that we will miss some of the opportunities that circumstance is giving us to slow down and mindfully engage with this part of our lives - an effect exacerbated by the continuous feeling of the need to look ahead to ‘when this is over’. A challenge I will set myself in May will be to approach the restrictions with more of an acceptance (rather than endurance) mentality.

New legislation allowed us to hold our first virtual Parish Council meeting. Fortunately, with the embracing of new technology introduced by Cllr. Brewster last year, this was less of a change/burden for us than it will have been for many Parish Councils around the country. Of course, we had some teething problems, but I’m sure we will

learn to utilise this new way of working quite effectively - live streaming our meetings for those who are interested. As part of these changes Councillors have agreed that for all virtual meetings, any documents being discussed will be put on the website, prior to the meeting, and any residents/or members of the press wishing to ask questions should contact the clerk by 5pm on the day prior to the meeting.

At the moment we are still able to post agendas on the noticeboard by the shop in the village and on the new noticeboard on Warwick Gates. The agenda and draft minutes should be available on our website. Any problems, please call the clerk or send her an email.

The requirement for an annual meeting of the Parish Council has been cancelled for this year and, as it would not be feasible to gather people together with the current social distancing restrictions in place, we do not intend to hold the annual Parish assembly in May. At present members of the Parish Council will continue in their positions/portfolio roles (the need for re-election has been suspended by the recent legislation).

Every resident should have received a leaflet offering help if required in these difficult times; help can be needed in many forms and we are very keen for all members of our community to feel

able to reach out for support and help at this time. All communications will be dealt with in confidence so if you need anything please email: covid-19@bishopstachbrook.com, phone 07732 458084 or contact our Clerk. Thank you so much to the many residents who have volunteered to help in these efforts - this is a marathon not a sprint and as such having many willing volunteers on our books will make a difference as time goes on. There is also lots of information regarding Covid-19 on Warwickshire County Council's and Warwick District Council's websites.

As well as our wonderful NHS our District and County Councils have been providing an invaluable service. County Cllr. Les Caborn has updated us that WCC are doing everything they can locally to ensure that our hospitals and care homes have sufficient PPE and that the situation is being carefully monitored. Les wanted to emphasise that hospitals are still open for non Covid-19 conditions and if you need to visit A&E then please be assured that the Covid-19 wards are separate from this area - don't suffer in silence! We remain very grateful to Les for all he is doing for our community.

District Cllrs. Andrew Day and David Norris have been working to ensure that our local services are maintained; you will have noted that the green bins were collected again over the last couple of weeks and that recycling is being prioritised. As well as leading WDCs efforts as a whole, Andrew has

been instrumental in the support provided to businesses throughout the district in the form of business rates reliefs and grants. Our Sports and Social Club and many shops have received grants from WDC to help them at this difficult time.

With empty roads we have all witnessed the excessive speeding through our Parish - this is a national problem. The Police have been alerted to the problems within the Parish and we are sure they will be acting very soon. Excessive speeding can result in even more pressure being applied to our NHS and emergency services - please think about this and amend your actions accordingly.

The social distancing rules are hard for many of us; however, they are the rules and everyone should feel obliged to follow them. Can we therefore add our voice to calls for residents to act responsibly at this time. This includes: not using the play or gym equipment; not congregating with people outside of your household; ensuring you try to stay 2m away from people when out exercising; and discouraging friends and family from outside your household from visiting you for social reasons.

Finally, a reminder that the Lower Heathcote Local Centre consultation is currently running. Information is available on the village website - please do comment.

The next virtual meeting of the Parish Council is on Thursday, 7th May at 6.30pm.



THANKS

From the thankful to the helpers

Sir,

Along with so many, my wife and I are very grateful indeed for all those who we applaud on Thursdays at 8 pm: doctors, nurses and so many who provide support both to them and to those like us who are confined to home for the foreseeable future. We are fortunate in being able to get weekly home delivery services from one of our supermarkets but, of course, there are the occasional things that we need, such as medicines from the local pharmacy. We wish in particular to pay tribute to the local support network of friends and neighbours in the parish who are providing this service to us and others who are housebound.

They are a blessing to us. God bless them all.

Peter Lister

Would be great to single out key workers such as laundry staff in care homes who seem to have been forgotten but who handle potentially infected towels, clothing, bedding etc. on a daily basis.

A big Thank you to Luke Mawby and Morrison's for delivering parcels to Kath, Sheila, Joan and Maureen in Kingsley Court. Chris Spiers

A big thank you to Matt & Nicola, Mo & Roger, Steve & Susan, Jackie & Noel for doing random bits of shopping for us. Much appreciated. Kate & Keith

Huge thanks to our wonderful vicar Elaine for all her hard work. The online Easter Service was wonderful. A grateful parishioner

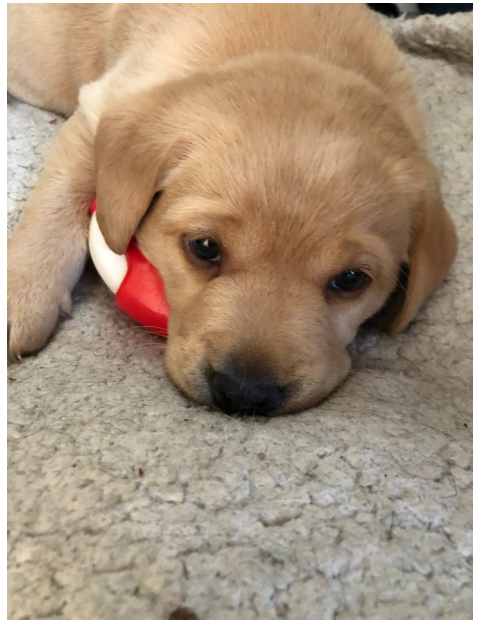
You can't clap for the NHS and not for immigration. Without immigration we wouldn't have an NHS, thank you so much for every immigrant in the frontline. John Carniham

Thanks to all at Tachbrook Stores. You've kept many of us supplied, let's hope people remember that when we come out of this.

Locked Down with Lily the lab

By Michelle and Andy Courtnage

During lockdown this is what we had to endure!! Lily from Lily The Lab & Friends on Facebook gave birth to four beautiful Labrador pups. Sadly we lost one but we have three healthy boys, Kenny Sirius & Tigger They are now nearly 6 weeks old have kept us sane. Life may have lots of downs at the moment but life in Bishop's Tachbrook has been pretty special to us.



Nature Page

By Steve Harvey

I'm told this Scribble is now only online for a while. For someone who doesn't use a computer I feel I've gone very 'Star Trek'. If not many people read them I may keep bits to recycle next year!

By late March the Tadpoles were having nothing to do with self-isolating, swimming around in tight shoals. Last year's frogs are half-sized and coming out on the pond's edge in the evening looking for food. The Jackdaws were gathering twigs and are still building in early April. Chiffchaff are back from Southern Europe or even North Africa and Blackcaps, with their flutey song. From now on until late May the dawn and evening chorus grows

The Pheasant that's become a bit of a friend, still with no mate, is being nudged to one side by a flamboyant male. He's got a grey/silver back and four females in tow. Just a bit too flashy for my liking. One of the females wanders off so I'm hoping my Pheasant friend will win her over. To be continued

It's been a brilliant start for butterflies, with Brimstone, Peacock, Tortoiseshell, Comma and Little Blue flitting about the garden, seeking out Forget-me-not and Primroses.

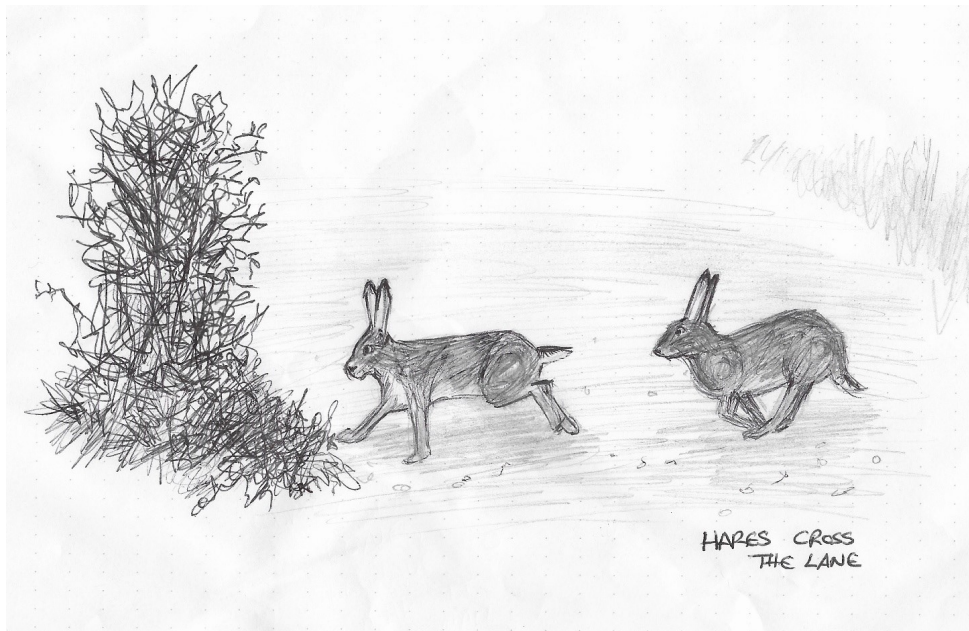
With dramatically less traffic on the roads one of our largest Hedgehogs still got knocked down -so unlucky. Being natural wanderers they are bound to get about. I'm glad the few that eat in the cottage garden don't seem to go far. I broke off writing this to go and put some food out for them. Lucky I did because I saw the first Hedgehog ever to go inside one of my boxes! So far they have turned up their little noses. The difference, maybe, I've emptied the old hay that does soon get damp and replaced it with old dry oak leaves. Maybe that's just what's needed to turn their heads. Remember never to let Hedgehogs get hold of any meal worms as they can cause a painful bone disease in them.

Oh! Forgot to mention on the 26th March I was on the edge of Ashorne, lovely sunny day with a big blue sky. I heard a Raven then saw a pair of them, not unusual around here. Then there were more -13 of them. Unusual then that there were more, easy to see their shape and their tails. In all there were 28 Raven! I counted them three times to make sure. So many all circling and in the same air space. The only thing I can think is that the Raven doesn't mature until 2 or 3 years old sometimes a bit older, so I guess they may have been a large group of teenage Ravens. Exploring and out on a 'jolly'. After about 15 minutes they

moved off on their journey. May never see that again.

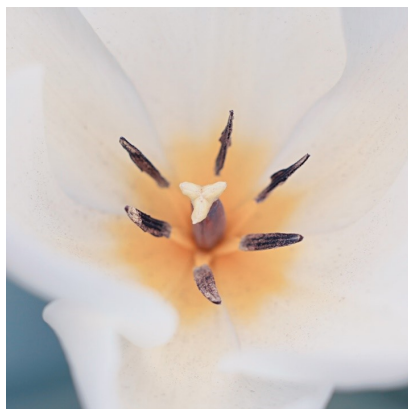
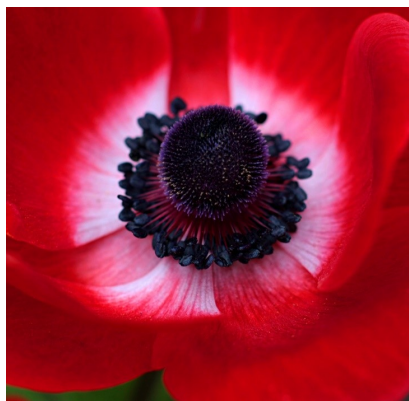
I was driving down the Moreton Morrell road, the sun low in the sky and dew on the grass. Sitting in the road were two Hares. There's always that moment when I think, wow those rabbits are big! Then they move and I see the huge ears and long legs. I slowed right down, they moved casually to the verge then through the hedge into a field. Beautiful creatures, I had no idea we had them round here.

On 7th April I had a strong feeling in my water that I'd see my first Swallows. There was a blue sky and it was hot, the air was coming from the south - perfect. I kept an eye out for them all day, by the evening there was nothing. The feeling in my water was just a simmer then. However, the next day I heard the familiar chattering as three Swallows flew right over me. My waters were only a day out, not bad.



Nature Page flowers

By Silvena Toncheva



Rainbows and Brownies

Caroline Whitwood

The Rainbows and Brownies haven't been able to meet recently but that hasn't stopped them from keeping busy since the lockdown by working on their badges at home – so far the following girls have achieved badges: Rainbows: Olivia S and Amelia N (Rainbow Roundabout); Daisy, Hollie and Amelia N (Animal Lover) and Brownies: Annabelle S & Sophie B (Brownie Skills); Annabel G (Craft and Writer); Sophie T & Esha (Communicator); Kaiya (Computer); Ellie M (Baking); Esha (Cyclist); Keira E & Chloe D (Friend to Animals); Aika (Road Safety and Artist). Great work girls!

They've also been taking part in weekly challenges set by the Owls. So far, they have completed a week of doing good turns for their families and making a paper chain showing these, an A-Z scavenger hunt of things around their home, an Easter creative challenge making everything from enormous carrot hats to Easter chocolate nests, making party outfits out of recycled materials and this week they are doing a photo diary of how their toys are having fun and adventures during lockdown! We've seen lots of amazing creations from our very talented Rainbows and Brownies. Pictured below are our weekly winners so far with their entries:



Unfortunately, our TAGS show advertised in last month's magazine isn't able to take place now in June as published due to the coronavirus restrictions but we're hoping to 'go on with the show' in November so we'll keep you posted! Tickets for the rescheduled show will go on sale later at the end of September, all being well.



Walks around Bishops Tachbrook

By Stephen Keen



I have published a new website that describes walks that start and finish at Bishops Tachbrook, www.bishopstacbrookwalks.com

I am building a catalogue of walks from BT with a maximum distance of 7 miles. The walks have a sketch map and a description of the route with photographs as an aid to navigation and to give a taster of the views. All walks make use of the permitted footpaths around Tachbrook. If these walks aren't quite to your liking why not pick and mix paths to match your tastes.



The new path which takes you from Holt Avenue to Oakley Wood Road makes access to Oakley Woods more 'walker' friendly and provides a route to the countryside south of the village. The reduction in traffic at the moment also makes the walk more enjoyable, although there is still a couple of hundred yards of walking on verges to get to Oakley Wood. Wouldn't it be great if the new path continued so as to make the countryside to the west of the Banbury Road more accessible? Oakley Wood is particularly beautiful at this time of year with the bluebells covering the floor of the wood. As a keen photographer I have added gallery pages which hopefully give some impression of the lovely countryside on our doorstep, especially the grandeur of Oakley Wood.

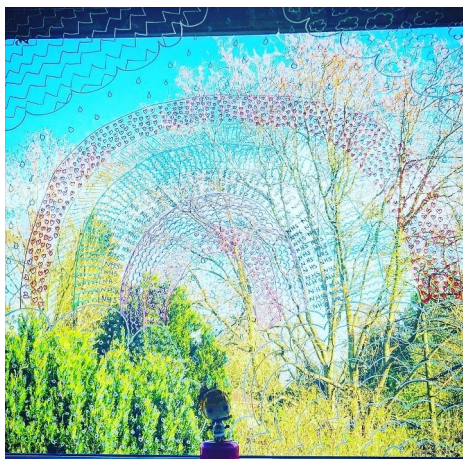
I took photographs for the Parish Magazine for 10 years and to celebrate Bishops Tachbrook on the website I will be publishing regular retrospectives of the front covers which act as a record of life in the village over the last few years. Hopefully you can find a walk, a picture or a happy memory on this website.

Take care



Lock Down Pictures—Rainbows & Exercise

Lisa O'Callaghan and Zoe Stanford





When is a WI report not a WI report you may ask. The answer is when there is nothing really to report but here goes.

What difficult times we are living in at the moment. Please all keep safe and well.

Instead of our meeting last month I sent everybody a news letter to keep them aware of what is happening within the WI. Obviously all meetings and events are cancelled for the foreseeable future I.e. the cake stall. A few have tentative future dates, the annual county meeting is possibly now 22nd June, with the trip to Windsor being moved to 26th October and further changes to other events are being assessed regularly.

Our county chairman Anne is giving weekly 'check in with the chair's' on Facebook. The first being from her greenhouse. These are amusing and well worth watching. The Warwickshire WIs Facebook page is really worth being part of, full of information, tips, recipes etc. to keep us in touch with each other

We normally run a monthly flower competition at our meetings where members, if they wish, may vote for their favourite by placing a coin

against it. These are collected for the WI charity ACWW (Associated Country Women of the World) a charity that helps women in under developed countries to improve their lives and those around them. The projects change regularly. It might be providing goats with help to increase the flock and then provide others with goats and so on or getting clean water to outlying areas. Back to the flowers. I'm sorry but I won by default this month because no one sent in a flower photo. There were a lot of elephants and elks but no flowers.



Some WIs are meeting by Zoom, something I will be suggesting in my next newsletter. I won't say I'm an expert but I have managed to keep up with my Pilates class this way. Who knows we might be able to manage this? I surprised our knitting group and FaceTimed them at meeting time to make sure they were knitting or crocheting. We've even got a contact with a wool shop in Cromer who is happy to post out to us quickly.

While you are in isolation I hope you are tidying your draws and cupboards. Don't forget used postage stamps (ACWW) bras for recycling (Bravissimo) and unwanted spectacles (WI charity) . Let me know if you want me to collect at some time in the future.

If the WI can help you in any way please get in touch. There are a few of us who are fit and able, not totally self isolating

Anne Allen 424135

Poetry Please

Still I Rise—Maya Angelou

You may write me down in history
With your bitter, twisted lies,
You may trod me in the very dirt
But still, like dust, I'll rise.

Does my sassiness upset you?
Why are you beset with gloom?
'Cause I walk like I've got oil wells
Pumping in my living room.

Just like moons and like suns,
With the certainty of tides,
Just like hopes springing high,
Still I'll rise.

Did you want to see me broken?
Bowed head and lowered eyes?
Shoulders falling down like teardrops,
Weakened by my soulful cries?

Does my haughtiness offend you?
Don't you take it awful hard
'Cause I laugh like I've got gold mines
Diggin' in my own backyard.

You may shoot me with your words,
You may cut me with your eyes,
You may kill me with your hatefulness,
But still, like air, I'll rise.

Does my sexiness upset you?
Does it come as a surprise
That I dance like I've got diamonds
At the meeting of my thighs?

Out of the huts of history's shame
I rise
Up from a past that's rooted in pain
I rise

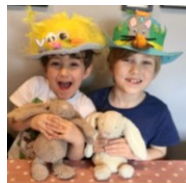


News from Heathcote Primary School

By Mrs. Humphriss Executive Head Teacher



Welcome to the start of our Summer Term which is a very different start from what we are used to. Normally we would be surrounded by our children sharing their Easter stories and how many chocolate eggs they ate and news of their holidays. Instead we find ourselves immersed in distance learning and our parents are now facilitating home schools. Before we broke up for the holidays the children at home and in school made Easter bonnets and we shared these with each other through our website. It cheered everyone up.



All of the staff have quickly become experts in using online facilities, creating videos of modelling lessons, seeking out new and exciting ways to deliver our curriculum and we spend our days communicating via messages, emails, telephone calls and video conferencing. It has been lovely to see the educational community come together and share so many exciting resources for parents to access for their children.



Our school is still open to our keyworker children and each day a team of people plan different activities to educate and inspire.

Our forest school is looking great as the children who do come in spend plenty of time in the fresh air; digging, building dens, planting and creating designs using nature. They love doing lots of different art and craft activities too as well as being supported with their online activities. We are currently creating a long line of bunting to go all around our school fencing to commemorate VE day on the 8th May. As I write this we are hoping that we receive bunting from not only those who come into school each day but also all our home-schoolers.



There has certainly been so many people out there who are inspiring everyone with their fund-raising activities and positive approach to what is a new way of living. Captain Tom Moore is incredible and has created real hope in a world of uncertainty. I am particularly loving watching live cameras at the zoos and completing virtual reality tours of historic homes. We are a nation who are good at adapting and certainly I am extremely proud of our children's resilience in this situation but we definitely miss seeing them. Everyone at Heathcote wants to say thank you to all of the keyworkers who are keeping our country going and fighting this virus.

Stay home, stay safe and stay well.



Mary's words

Prompts for creative writing

Mary's words are 'starters' to stir the creative juices and allow you to create a story or poem. Starters featured here include the single word 'Trespass'; a series of 7 words all of which need to be woven into your story or poem; or a word(s) the first letter of which needs to start a sentence in your story or poem.

If you find inspiration, you're more than welcome to send your creations to the magazine, if you would like us to publish it. Send to: btparishmagazine@hotmail.com

7 word starter - *vacuum, monologue, cheating, hostile, avenue, waterproof, geography*

Example 1 - New Year with friends

It might have been considered cheating to just go on the 'short walk', up the avenue and into the village for a quick look round the second hand shops and a long sit in the tea shop discussing the pros and cons of HRT and who had seen the Vagina Monologues. But considering the hostile nature of the weather, I would certainly have gone for that option rather than donning the less than waterproof cagouls and soggy boots, heading off into the somewhat challenging geography of the 'long walk', sustained only by left-over turkey pluckers' sweets, cheese and pickle sandwiches and sips of that special chocoffee mix from a slightly grubby vacuum flask.

Julia Saunders

Example 2 - Wednesday Words 22Apr20

Trudging through this hostile geography having a monologue with just me thinking it is far too cold for only my single layer waterproof jacket

I had thought about totally cheating and catching the bus, avoiding the hill I chose not to go down that avenue now I am cold and tired but buoyed knowing there is tea in my vacuum flask

Gerry Currie

Example 3 - GOODNESS

No one is cheating
No one is hostile
No one wears waterproofs
Thank Goodness.

The avenue of blossom
Holds a monologue with geography
We don't live in a vacuum
Thank Goodness.

Jean Povey

7 word starter - *hallelujah, apologise, bargain, ceremony, concrete, signal, wallpaper*

Example 1 - On the road

A couple are in the car together – first time for twelve weeks.

She is driving. They are going to B&Q.

Him: Hallelujah! How long have I been saying we need new wallpaper?

Her : I only said we could have a look while we're there. I think it's buy one get one free which is quite a bargain.

The blast of a car horn is heard.

Him: You didn't signal.

Her: I did signal. It was him, he was going too fast. Why is it always my fault?

Him: It wasn't him. You didn't signal.

A pause.

Her: Anyway ... we need to decide about the concrete. How many bags of cement do we need?

Him: At least five.

Her: We don't need that many.

Him: Yes, we do. It's a big area.

Her: I'm worried it won't set in time for the ceremony.

Him: (*under his breath*) There won't be a ceremony if this keeps up.

A long pause. They turn into a car park , find a space, and stop. She pulls on the handbrake and turns towards him.

Him: I apologise. I think we've been in lockdown too long.

They kiss.

Mary Males

Theme starter - *Trespass* *It could be ... social distancing ... a childhood memory of stealing apples ... those who trespass against us.*

Example 1 - On a Malory Towers theme

So sorry to TRESPASS on your Facebook time" said Ms Trubshaw, " but this is supposed to be a maths lesson. Please CALCULATE how many jars of MARMITE it will take to fill a WHEELBARROW. Sizes are on the board"

She stared at the back row of recalcitrant girls. "Then it will be time to VOTE as to which bright SPARK is due an ARSENIC biscuit for being such a pain "

Her class laughed a lot. Ms Trubshaw was such a brick!

Hilary Jackson

Example 2—Waterproof Jackets

Jack Wolfskin, Regatta, Berghaus and Rab.

Brands that you know and might think are fab.

North Face, Dare 2, Helly Hanson and Blacks.

Can all be found in your average backpacks.

Gortex, Isotex, Fabsil or Wax.

All kinds of proofing but you need the facts.

On the price front they tend to pass every test.

So forget all the others Trespass is best.

Mike Hudson

Theme starter - *Use each of the letters in 'Lock Down' in sequence.*

Example - Locked Down with my friends

Likeable - *of course*

Open - *look at how we've taken to zoom*

Critical - *can be*

Kinky - *we don't pry*

Dull - *only first thing in the morning*

Organised - *try getting them together for a walk!*

Warm - *cuddly as well*

Naughty - *but nice*

Keith Wellsted

Example 2 - Walking round Ulverston

Local lanes

Osmotherly and Old Hall Farm,
Causeway End and Cumbria Way,
Kirby Moor and Knottallow Tarn,

Dyklands and Dragley Beck,
Outcast and Outrigg,
Wellhouse Farm and Willington Woods,
Next Ness and Newland Bottom.

Jean Povey

Theme Starter *Write a diary of your day in small tasks* - the jobs that wouldn't normally get done. You could also include resourceful things, of a make-do-and-mend nature. How true, or otherwise, is up to you. If it sparks a poem, that's a bonus.

Example - A Day in Self Isolation

Morning

I sip tea by the stream, soothed by the sounds of trickling water, and the sun on my face.

There are buds on the tips of the alder and ash. I'm thinking, too much.

Talk to Seren on Zoom, and we begin some drawing together, but she cries, so I read to her while she eats a boiled egg and soldiers. Then she smiles and laughs.

Afternoon

We cycle down the lanes to Cemlyn and I notice bluebells on the roadsides. There are more cars out than I wanted. We can't go to the coast so we stop and lie down on a grassy layby, and share an orange. The terns have arrived to nest.

Back at the cottage, Fiona phones, and we have a long chat, about home-schooling Jack, who does amazing drawings, but doesn't like to write too much. He loves to climb trees, and they found some in the cemetery park as the local one is out of bounds.

There are things he doesn't like to eat anymore, and yet Mia enjoys everything. I saw a video of her looking at a picture book, carefully turning each page. Then she signs 'owl' at a picture of one because she doesn't say much at 16 months old. Fi and Mal have taught them. Jack misses his friends and school so much. I would love to see them.

Cleaning frenzy begins! All the handles, taps, knobs, keys, electronic devices, phones, table tops, keyboards and computer mouse. Towels and bedding go into the laundry bag. Earlier this week I mopped and cleaned all the floors. I feel a bit smug.

Evening

I cook stir fry veg and rice for tea, using up some peppers because we got 8 instead of 2 in a recent delivery box.

We watch Mastermind and Master chef, and I wish I hadn't watched the news. My knitting is growing.

Later, I open my bedroom window to see the huge new 'pink' moon, night mist hangs over the tree tops, and I hear an owl hoot. I forget the sign for owl.

Althea Harris

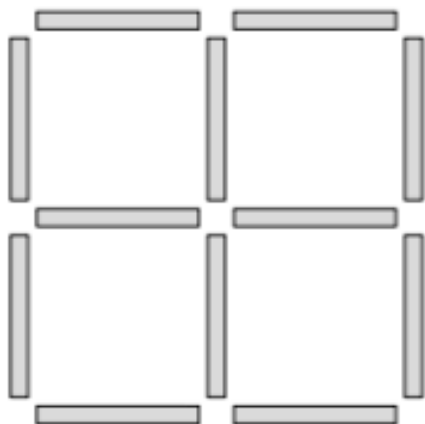


The kids zone

Sudoku

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Match stick puzzle—remove 2 matches to make 2 boxes



Jokes!!

Q: What do you get when you pour hot water down a rabbit hole?

A: Hot cross bunnies.

Q: Why did the banana go to the doctor?

A: Because it wasn't peeling well.

Q: What do elves learn at school?

A: The elf-abet.

Q: Where does the queen keep her armies?

A: Up her sleeves.

Q: What do you call a train that sneezes?

A: Achoo-choo train.

Q: What do you call a donkey with three legs?

A: A wonkey.

Q: Why is 6 afraid of 7?

A: Because 7 ate(8) 9.

Colour this beauty in!



Weather Quiz

Climate change is much in the news, find out how much you know about this commonly discussed topic.

Questions

1. What is minus 40 degrees Fahrenheit expressed as degrees Centigrade?
2. What type of cloud is normally associated with thunderstorms?
3. The heaviest recorded hailstones weighed (approximately) 25gms, 100gms, 500gms or 1kg?
4. In the Northern hemisphere an area of low pressure produces what wind direction?
5. What is a haboob?
6. What is the more scientifically correct term for the 'Northern Lights' visible under certain conditions in the Northern Hemisphere night sky?
7. What is O₃?
8. What is the circulating Atlantic Ocean current, which warms Western Europe?
8. What is the line on a weather chart, which joins points of equal pressure?
9. Okta is a unit of measurement of what?

General Knowledge Short Quiz

1. What is the capital of the USA?
2. Who was the first president of the USA?
3. What are the bones that protect the heart and lungs?
4. What is a shape with 8 sides called?
5. What's a baby Kangaroo called?
6. What tree do you get acorns from?
7. How many colours are there in a rainbow?
8. What is the world's biggest mammal?

The Simpsons' word search

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Weather quiz answers

1. Minus 40 degrees (the same).
2. Cumulonimbus
3. 1 kg
4. Anti-clockwise
5. Sand storm
6. Aurora Borealis
7. Ozone
8. The Gulf Stream
9. Isobar

Wind on the hill

By A. A. Milne

No one can tell me,
Nobody knows,
Where the wind comes from,
Where the wind goes.

It's flying from somewhere
As fast as it can,
I couldn't keep up with it,
Not if I ran.

But if I stopped holding
The string of my kite,
It would blow with the wind
For a day and a night.

And then when I found it,
Wherever it blew,
I should know that the wind
Had been going there too.

So then I could tell them
Where the wind goes...
But where the wind comes from
Nobody knows.

General Knowledge quiz answers

1. Washington
2. George Washington
3. The ribs (ribcage)
4. Octagon
5. A Joey
6. Oak
7. Seven
8. The Blue Whale



History Group exploring Warwick

From May 2016

It's often the case that we don't visit local sights and tourist gems that are on our doorstep. Have you visited Warwick Castle, for instance in the last 10 years? A couple of years ago we had an excellent talk on the 1695 Great Fire of Warwick and the subsequent rebuilding of the town. Members then asked for a guided tour to see the results of the reconstruction of the town and April's meeting fulfilled that request. Graham Sutherland, former Town Crier, and his wife Maureen were guides for our two groups, providing a lively historical snapshot, peppered

with humorous anecdotes. was effectively protected by three gates - at the north, east and west approaches to the town. Marauders from the south (perhaps from Bishop's Tachbrook?) were thwarted by the Castle and the River. The east and west gates remain distinctive features; the demolished third gate was situated on the present island at Northgate. Proof that the town is on a hill was demonstrated in 1916. A tram was parked outside the Warwick Arms Hotel, (formerly a coaching inn stabling 60 horses). The tram's conductor released the brake, believing that the driver was at the



with humorous anecdotes. A wall plaque erected in 2014 tells us that in the year 914 Aethelflaed, brave and victorious warrior against the Vikings and ruler of Mercia following her husband's death, set up the fortified hill settlement of Warwick. It

harm. He wasn't and the tram careered down the hill until it crashed and rolled over at Eastgate.

At Westgate the impressive Guild Hall was quickly sold and the contents disbursed by the Guild Master, Thomas Oken, to prevent the king's

forces from stealing the valuable contents. The building was later bought by the Earl of Leycester to provide accommodation for retired soldiers - as it still does. We were warned that the Guild Hall (now a chapel) has no lighting or heating so it

is not advisable to visit in the evening in winter. From this viewpoint can be seen the spire of St Mary Immaculate Church, where Tolkien, author of *The Lord of the Rings*, was married: one connection with the literary world, another one being Landor House, the home of the poet Walter Savage Landor and now part of King's High School.

Connections with the sporting world are provided by the Racecourse, which hosted the first Gold Cup race in 1707 but later moved to Cheltenham. Then the boxing Turpin family culminating with Randolph, (who in 1951 became famous after beating Sugar Ray Robinson to become world middleweight champion), is celebrated by a fine statue in the Market Place.

We saw buildings associated with famous, often eccentric characters as well as benefactors - notably Thomas Oken, who bequeathed his great wealth to the town - still administered as the Henry VIII Trust. (His fine Tudor house in Church Street, formerly the Dolls' Museum, is now a charming tea room). And even if you know that the

low studded door in Barrack Street leads down into the dungeon, have you ever noticed the metal hooks in the adjacent walls? Ropes were attached to them to hold back the crowds excitedly awaiting an execution on the scaffold – a jolly morning's entertainment.

And do you know why Warwick University is so called, to the confusion of parents of would-be students? Originally the university was to be built beside the Stratford Road in Warwick; the land was earmarked, plans drawn up, and legal documents prepared, but WW II intervened. After the war the owner of the land sought to increase the charge for the land, but the university authorities wouldn't accept the inflated price and negotiated instead for the site at Coventry, but retained the name in the original legal documents.

And what about a 19th century scandal to complete our tour? When the Earl was away from home, Daisy invited her royal friend, who would arrive incognito and be taken to the Castle via the Town Gate in Castle Lane. A new young coachman was deputed to take the visitor back to the train and he politely greeted the passenger "Good morning, Your Highness". When Daisy was informed she dismissed the coachman for indiscretion. No paparazzi around in those days.

Anne Kirby



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May

Entertainment for May has been cancelled, If the Lockdown restrictions end and we can re-open we have the following Entertainment booked for June.

June

6th June – The Traps

The Traps are a local covers band playing music from the 80s, 90s and 2000s, together with some good old School Rock n Roll thrown in to the mix.

20th June – Old News

Old News bring some fantastic covers ranging from The Beatles to Oasis, ZZ top and Cher, Tina Turner, Fleetwood Mac and the Eagles with a bit of Rock n Roll as well.

27th June – Quiz Night

Our Saturday night Quiz hosted by “The Judge” asking a multitude of challenging questions to confound even the cleverest of local folks. (with a prize for every team)

While the Club has been closed we have been busy finishing off the new dog area in the club grounds enjoy a pint with your pooch in the new seating area when this Lockdown is all over.

We have also purchased a New Bouncy Castle for the children to enjoy once the Club is open again and distancing restrictions are reviewed.

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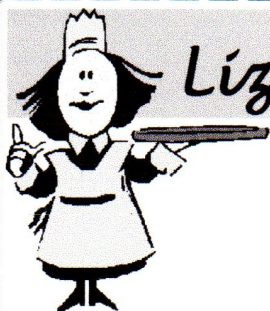


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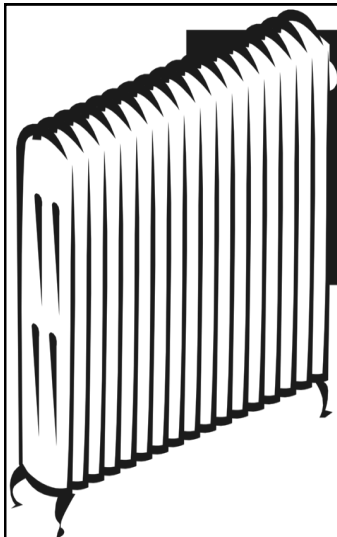


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