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# Pied Beauty

By Revd. Elaine Scrivens

Over the years Jim and I have spent a lot of time in America, not only on holiday and when Jim has been working there. A number of years ago we spent 4 months travelling around, while Jim was visiting various universities. While we were there we never knew what sort of TV we would have and so became great fans of PBS (Public Service Broadcasting) which is a non profit making organisation that is free to view. PBS provides programming in cultural, educational, scientific programmes, and in news and public affairs. Our sons and I became addicted to Mr Roger's Neighbourhood and Jim and I enjoyed the balanced news programmes. So I often watch PBS news and a couple of weeks ago I was watching the news from PBS when I heard the following: "all things counter, original, spare, strange." My ears pricked up because these words come from one of my favourite poems by Gerald Manley Hopkins. It's called Pied Beauty.

GLORY be to God for dappled things—  
For skies of couple-colour as a brinded cow;

For rose-moles all in stipple upon trout  
that swim;

Fresh-firecoal chestnut-falls; finches'  
wings;

Landscape plotted and pieced—fold,  
fallow, and plough;

And áll trádes, their gear and tackle  
and trim.

All things counter, original, spare,  
strange;

Whatever is fickle, freckled (who knows  
how?)

With swift, slow; sweet, sour; adazzle,  
dim;

He fathers-forth whose beauty is past  
change:

Praise him.

The programme was discussing "What the world looks like when humanity stays home" and felt that despite the horrors of the current pandemic there is a strange beauty in the world around us.

Pied Beauty calls believers to praise God for all the strange beauty in the world. Not just the obviously beautiful things, but beauty that is unconventional, rare, and even contrary — the shadowy, dappled, mottled, pied or variegated, fickle (changeable), fallow and at rest, things sour as well as sweet, things dim as well as dazzling, that which is slow and not just fast.

So much is different since March this year, it has been a time of tragedy for so many people and I'm sure we've all listened with horror as the death toll

rose and we heard of family and friends who had been impacted by the Coronavirus. Life as we knew it has been turned upside down and many people now talk of "the new normal", but, have things been all bad?

Take a city like Paris, it has around 30 million visitors a year. But now its streets are empty. Nonetheless, some people are experiencing a "strange beauty" in all that urban quiet. "Despite the horrible reasons that this is happening," said one Parisian, "I think that there's a lot of gifts to be had, to have the entire world stop at the same time."

We've been shown pictures of an empty St Peter's Square in Rome, no gondolas on the canals in Venice, Oxford Street in London empty. In many of these newly empty places, the air and water have become cleaner. It's like the planet has begun to heal itself. It's been reported that Los Angeles has the best air quality in 25 years and other places report significant drops in pollution levels. Several scientific studies report renewed bird activity in some places because of cleaner air and less human noise. I must admit, the birds in the vicarage garden seem to be so much louder

I was discussing this in an online chat with a friend who pointed me towards a YouGov survey commissioned by The Royal Society of Arts' Food, Farming and Countryside Commission (FFCC), alongside the food charity The

Food Foundation, who carried out the survey as part of its work to shape a new vision and an action plan for more sustainable food and farming, land use and the rural economy.

The poll finds a clear majority (85%) want to see at least some of the personal or social changes they have experienced during lockdown to continue afterwards, while just 9% want a complete return to normal. To me this seems to mean that of the 4,343 people who were questioned almost 90% saw some form of goodness and beauty amidst all the horror of this time.

It would seem that for many people the pandemic has been a wake up call to things that really matter: over half of the respondents (54%) reported that they hope to make changes in their lives, and that they hope the entire country will learn positive things from the hard times. Others said that they were experiencing more gratitude — 42% of participants said they value food and other essentials more since the pandemic. About 40% of people reported a greater sense of community with family and friends. Matthew Taylor, chief executive of the RSA, said that while it was right that the immediate emergency was the priority, "we must use this time to imagine a better future."

What are your opinions of the current crisis? What things do you want to keep? What good, if any can come out

of this terrible pandemic?

Perhaps like Manley Hopkins we can remember this time and give thanks - "GLORY be to God for dappled things .... All things counter, original, spare, strange; Praise him.

I know my prayer is that our world emerges from this time realising that we are all interconnected, that each person has value and that we have much to be thankful for.

Please continue to stay safe, look out



We would like to thank the neighbours and friends of John Carpenter for all their help and kindness to him over the years.

John was fiercely independent and it was with the support of his neighbours that he was able to stay living where he was happy.

John passed away peacefully on 7th May 2020.

Many thanks from his loving family  
Carol, Chris and Martin

for one another and if you need anything, if you would like us to pray for you then please give me a ring on 07766083666.

Meanwhile St Chad's will continue to be open on line – on YouTube – search for St Chad's Church Bishop's Tachbrook

On Facebook – <https://www.facebook.com/stchadsbtuk/>

Or RevLainey on Instagram

God Bless

Elaine

Fran Den and Helen Eggby, formerly of Bishops Tachbrook would like to take this opportunity to thank our friends for the messages of condolence we have received after the loss of our Daughter Joanne, who passed away peacefully on 16th April.

## 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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_jljCELLJaV7M6bn4MDYBA)

## CYCLE OF PRAYER

### Praying for our Community

We are praying in June for those living  
in Hassall Close  
Heathcote Lane  
Holt Avenue  
Kingsley Court

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

Councillors throughout Warwick District began the second year of their four year terms in May. Life as a councillor can be interesting and rewarding; however, it can also be disheartening as frustration grows at the number of things that “can’t be done”. This tends to lead many Councillors in one of two directions, being:

a frustrated disengagement with the process leading to their departure; or,  
a slow conversion to the insidious ideology of no - being an expert on explaining to those with ideas, suggestions or the zeal to progress, why things can’t be done.

The latter of course can manifest itself from a preoccupation with being the decision-maker and wielding control, or, more often, from adopting a cynical nature that you often see in those who profess the ‘Been there, tried it, and “know” that it doesn’t work!’ mantra.

Eighteen months ago the Parish Council (with WDC and WCC representatives) had a long discussion about the number of rough sleepers in the Leamington and Warwick area. The general consensus was that nothing could be done.

Today, there is no rough-sleeping in the whole of the Warwickshire and our

District and County Councillors are adamant that it will stay that way. A problem that had no solution has been solved in two months. This is of course despite the spurious “reasons” that have allegedly prevented this from being achieved over the last forty years including - Rough Sleepers “wanting” to be outside; there being no space to house them; there being no money to fund such a project.

There’s a lesson here for all of us, and that is to not lack ambition. Money (usually the primary blocker) is only a social construct, mainly representing time already spent and mainly used to procure the use of others’ time (prospectively or retrospectively). The amount of volunteering and charitable endeavors we have seen throughout this crisis shows that people are willing to donate their time and energies (both of which have a monetary value) to what they see as a just cause.

The challenge for current and future leaders needs to be to harness this sense of will by better articulating a well thought out vision that people can (and do) believe in, even if that challenges the status quo. Nothing should be seen as unachievable.

We are continuing to hear from our District and County Councillors on the fantastic work they are doing to

support businesses, residents and our health service in these challenging times (the zero rough sleepers noted above could not have been achieved without their hard work and we understand that these Councils will be providing them with social housing so there should be no need for homelessness in our county henceforth). Their websites are full of information on the support services they are currently providing.

The Parish Council has met twice virtually in the last month to keep council business moving forward. Agendas are posted on the website and, if possible, the clerk also posts on the noticeboards. Any resident wishing to join/contribute to our meetings should contact the clerk the day before. Meetings are returning to the second Thursday of every month but currently starting at 6.30pm instead of 7.30pm.

Recycling centres are open but you must book on-line for an appropriate time to visit to help in reducing queues, keeping traffic flowing and allow social distancing.

We are continuing to offer support to vulnerable residents through the amazing response we have received from volunteers in our Parish. If you need help please let us know.

We have asked the County Council to clear the vegetation along Oakley Wood Road and behind the bus stop

on Harbury Lane, opposite Heathcote Park, for the installation of a bus shelter.

Good news that planning permission has finally been received for the installation of play equipment on the Meadow. We need to satisfy some conditions but this should be installed this summer. It will not be open until Government restrictions are lifted. Likewise the outdoor gym equipment should not be used until the Government tells us it is safe to do so - we have taped around this area several times to enforce this message.

Following complaints from many residents we have liaised with the Police Inspector on several occasions about the extreme driving that is taking place in our Parish. The Police have carried out several patrols and will continue to do so.

The Country Park consultation is on-line until 30th June, please do try to respond –see the next page. In addition, the Neighbourhood Plan consultation is on-line and we would ask residents to engage with this - see pages 8 and 9.

We have received lots of requests recently for allotment plots. The Oakley Meadow allotments are still in the hands of the developer, we will let you know when this changes. Additionally, there is a waiting list for allotment plots on the Meadow; residents wishing to be added to the

list should contact the Allotments Manager on 314237.

We have asked the County Council to cut back the vegetation on the Oakley Wood Road cycleway/footpath. One of our contractors kindly cut back the vegetation on the path from Kingsley Road to the Meadow. Our grass cutting contractor has worked throughout this difficult time to keep the Meadow, Village Green and St.

Chads Green cut. We thank our contractors for providing this service.

A gentle reminder to residents to please ensure that any vegetation outside your house that is blocking the footpath is cut back.

Our next virtual meeting is on 11 June at 6.30pm.

### **Tach Brook Country Park—online survey.**

Stretching for 56 hectares between Bishop's Tachbrook, Leamington Spa and Warwick the new Tach Brook Country Park will be a haven for wildlife, biodiversity and a wonderful new open space which has something for everyone.



The online survey gives you a opportunity to comment on the draft plans which have been developed in response to feedback from the online fact finding questionnaire held in December 2019. Your feedback will be taken into account before the plans are submitted for planning approval later in the year.



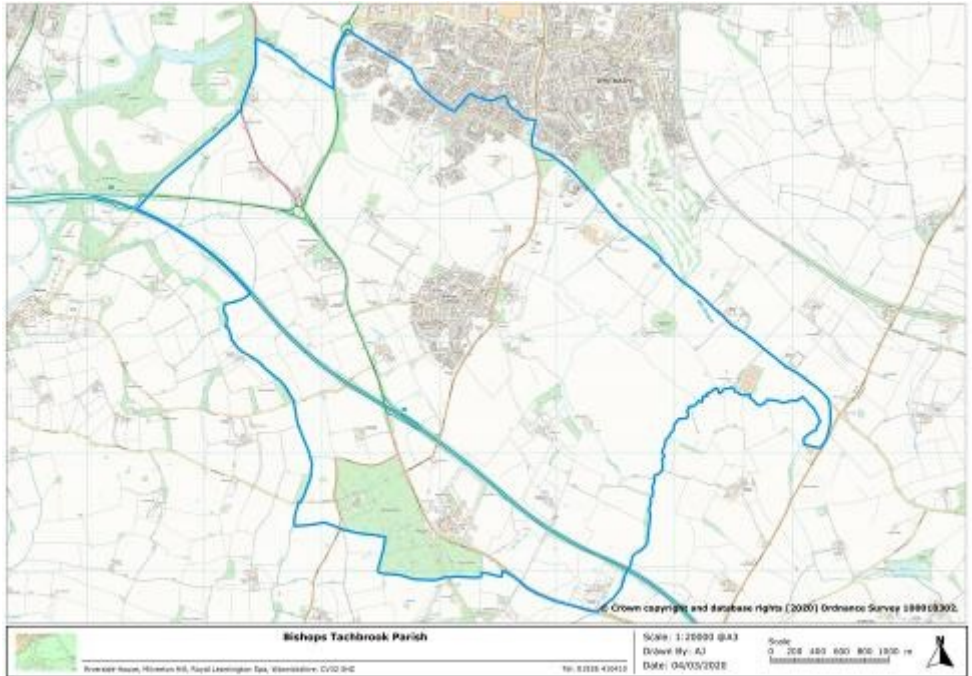
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# Neighbourhood Plan

## Regulation 16 Consultation

The Bishop's Tachbrook Neighbourhood Development Plan (BTNDP) is an important document, because, when finalised, it will help to set the planning framework for the parish of Bishop's Tachbrook. The plan sets out a vision for the future of the parish and planning policies which are intended to be used to determine local planning applications.



As can be seen in the map above, the parish includes the new developments at Heathcote, The Asps and Oakley Grove, the village of Bishop's Tachbrook, the surrounding countryside, Heathcote Park and parts of Warwick Gates.

The plan, which has been prepared with the help of the community, has now been formally submitted to Warwick District Council. WDC are the local planning authority and have now started a period of public consultation on our plan in accordance with Regulation 16 of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations.

The Bishop's Tachbrook Neighbourhood Development Plan Submission Version and all supporting documentation can be found here:

[https://www.warwickdc.gov.uk/downloads/download/419/](https://www.warwickdc.gov.uk/downloads/download/419/neighbourhood_plans_-_bishops_tachbrook)  
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### How to comment:

Responses on the Bishop's Tachbrook Neighbourhood Development Plan must be received by **17:15 on Monday 10 August 2020** . They can be submitted in the following ways:

Via Warwick District Council's [online consultation system](#)

·By email to: [planningpolicy@warwickdc.gov.uk](mailto:planningpolicy@warwickdc.gov.uk)



# Oakley Wood Past and Present

The 'old' pictures were taken over 30 years ago by Geoff Wall-Davis when he lived at Oakley Wood Farm.



The 'new' pictures, in and around Oakley Wood, were taken recently by readers Lisa O'Callaghan, Sarah Carter and Steve Burgoyne.







# WI

By Anne Allen

In a recent book acquired from the church porch, written by Sue Townsend, she talks about the problems of writing 800 words on time, lying in bed quaking with fear, gnashing teeth, and bemoaning the fact she has nothing to write about. That is pretty much how I feel this month except I sit in the sun. I love Sue's books and if you haven't already read it *The Queen and I* is brilliant.

WI has been a big part of my life since 1982 so you can imagine how I am feeling at the moment. No monthly meetings, classes, outings or events to look forward to. Lots of maybe or perhaps but nothing definite to look forward to. This month we should have visited Burghley House, had lunch with Richard Coles and held our annual cake stall. Some county events are being rearranged until later in the year but we'll have to see. This year our garden looks cracking and unfortunately there will be no Pimms and croquet next month I suppose I could position chairs around the garden at safe distances and we could shout to each other but that might upset my neighbours.

At least our monthly flower competition took me from this time. I have had a lovely amount of pictures this month. I've even managed to collage them.

As another poser I asked members how many words of 4 or more letters could be made from Coronavirus. Have a go, it's quite a few. Don't send answers on a postcard. I'll tell you how many next month.



I am still collecting used postage stamps, spectacles and bras for various charities when we return to some normality. Don't just throw them away either hang on to them or let me have them.

A lot of us managed to celebrate VE Day in some way. My neighbours had an impromptu bring your own tea party. Others enjoyed similar events

As a WI we may not be meeting at the moment but we are still here in the background, still drinking wine, oops tasting wine, still knitting, still here for each other. If we can do anything to help please call me.

Anne Allen 424135





### **Hero themed Scarecrow Competition in Bishops Tachbrook Parish.**

Due to our community events being cancelled we aim to raise money equally for BT Primary School, St Chad's Church, and The Village Events group.

Ideally you will exhibit your Hero scarecrows in your front garden or alternatively we can find a pitch for you in the village.

If we can get at least 20 Hero scarecrows we will then launch a competition during July. There will be prizes for the best scarecrow and a possible quiz to guess the name of the scarecrow.

Let your imagination run wild and have something to smile about.

If you are interested please contact [btscarescrow@gmail.com](mailto:btscarescrow@gmail.com) by the 31st May with your name and where you would like to exhibit your scarecrow or crows!  
Spread the word .



# Warwick in Domesday

By Peter Lister

The Domesday Survey of 1086 was certainly not a census of the population as we think of a modern day census. Think of it more as though the Government was carrying out a revaluation of the rateable values of all properties with a view to screwing more tax out of the country. Every government throughout history has been short of money, and King William (the Conqueror) was finding himself short of the readies to undertake his military campaigns.

And so in consultation with his council of the great and the good at his castle at Gloucester over Christmas 1085 it was decided to undertake the survey of the country, or at least most of it. Places like his capital Winchester and the City of London were omitted, as was most of the north of England. The north-east was the responsibility of the Bishop of Durham who was entitled to receive whatever taxes could be raised there, both to keep him in the style of a Prince Bishop (not cheap) as well as organise and pay for defence against the 'abominable' Scots (also not cheap). The lands of the north-west were still at that time not properly secured and settled as part of England.

It was the great and the good who were granted manors and lands who had to pay these taxes. They did not own their holdings outright, but were



granted them by the King as tenants-in-chief. The pattern of the holdings was the same as King William had inherited when he had wrested the throne from the Anglo-Saxon King Harold at the Battle of Hastings, but there had been a considerable change in the twenty years since that battle as to who were the tenants-in-chief. After all, his Norman supporters needed to be rewarded. William decided that he needed an up-to-date list of just who held the various manors and therefore who was responsible for raising his taxes. My analysis of the Domesday returns for Warwickshire shows that the taxable value of the county was increased by 54% from 1066 to 1086.

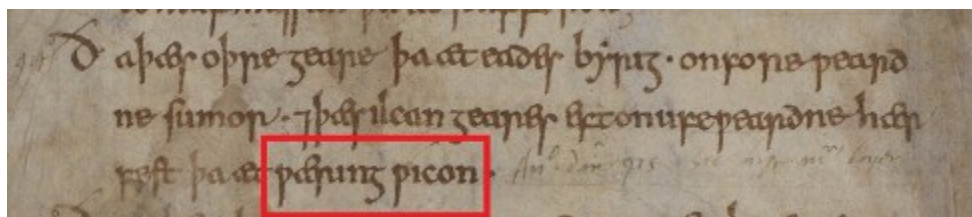
The survey was largely concerned with naming the manors, setting out their sizes, who were the tenants-in-chief, and their taxable value. It spelt out what portion of each holding was allocated to the Lord of the Manor and noted the number of households in each of the two categories of

peasants, plus the number of slaves. It also detailed who had held the manors in 1066, the last year of King Edward the Confessor. As far as King William was concerned, Harold had been a usurper and, therefore, did not count as a King of England and so he was 'airbrushed' from the official history.

In Warwickshire, some 365 manors are detailed in this way, but Warwick itself is given special treatment as befitted its shire town status. The rest of this article focuses on what picture Domesday gives us of the town of Warwick in 1086.

Warwick had been established by Aethelflaeda, the Lady of the Mercians, in 914 as one of a series of fortified towns or *burhs* to help resist incursions by the Danes. The first reference to it occurs in the Anglo-Saxon Chronicles, where it was named: "**Wæringwicon**".

lordship, and the King's Barons have 112, from all of which the King has his tax." There we see something of the principal underlying the survey - raising money for the royal exchequer. Each of the main land holders in the shire was allocated a number of properties in the town of Warwick itself and had their taxable value added to a specific manor, out in the shire. 27 Barons are named in this way, though the last two mentioned were actually women: one a princess and the other a nun. Whilst some of the properties may have been kept for the use of these 'Barons' should they want to stay in the town, the rest provided a handy rental income from those who actually lived and worked there. Four property sites are noted as being waste, presumably as a result of the building of the Motte and Bailey castle. The Motte, or mound, can be seen today within the castle grounds. Although sometimes referred to as 'Aethelflaeda's Mound' it wasn't raised



Some of the Anglo-Saxon letters and their sounds can be recognised today, though others may well take some puzzling out.

The entry in Domesday for Warwick begins, "In the Borough of **WARWICK** the King has 113 houses in his

until shortly after the Conquest, 150 or so years after Aethelflaeda's time.

The office of Burgess was well established in Anglo-Saxon times and in 1086 there were 19 such burgesses in Warwick. This was a prestigious position for notable member of the

community, involving a role in administering the town. There were some financial advantage in being a Burgess as certain dues raised in the town came to them. However, there could be some onerous responsibilities in being a Burgess and these were detailed in Domesday. If the King went on a military campaign, 10 of the burgesses had to join him and no doubt pay for a contingent of soldiers to join the force. Any who managed to excuse themselves had to pay £5 to the King - a not inconsiderable sum of money at the time. However, if the King embarked on a sea campaign, the burgesses had to supply either four 'boatmen' - and presumably pay for the boats to go with them - or pay "£4 of pence".

The Domesday entry specified what the shire had to pay in King Edward's time, prior to 1066. This had amounted to £65 and 36 sesters of honey, or £24 8s in lieu thereof. Now honey was a very valuable commodity, providing the only natural sweet food. The 'sesester' as a measure seemed to have grown in volume during the medieval period but in the 11th century may well have been the equivalent of a pint (just over half a litre in 'new money'). In 1086 the basis of the dues to the king had changed quite significantly. These were set down as 145 pounds weight of silver, together with £23 as dog-custom, 20 shillings for a packhorse, £10 for a hawk and 100 shillings as a premium to the Queen. Honey was still

specified, but reduced to 24 sesters ('with the larger measure'?), while the borough of Warwick had also to provide 6 sesters of honey, valued at 15p a sester. The Count of Meulan was also entitled to 6 sesters of honey and 5 shillings.

The Count of Meulan's father, Roger de Beaumont, had been one of the principal supporters of King William and had been well rewarded with 12 of the properties in Warwick borough as well as 66 manors throughout the shire, plus many others in various parts of England. He was a man of considerable prestige. He had died by 1086 and his eldest son, Robert, succeeded to these holdings. He became Earl of Leicester, while his brother, Henry, eventually became Earl of Warwick in 1090.

The Domesday information about Warwick gives us a one-sided picture, for it only names who the principal land and property holders were, the number of properties they each held in the town, and what were their tax liabilities to the crown. Other than these individuals, only the obligations of the 19 burgesses are mentioned. We get no indication of who else lived in the town, what trades they were involved in, nor their manner of life. However, it does tell us that, as the shire town, it had a unique standing within the shire itself.



# Rainbows and Brownies

Caroline Whitwood

We're still missing meeting up with our Rainbows and Brownies but they've all been very busy working on their badges at home – so far the following girls have achieved badges this month: Rainbows: Amelia N, Libby, Priya, Sophia, Maria and Brownies: Chloe D, Isla, Lauren, Kiera W, Sophie B, Hollie, Chloe R and Ellie M. Great work girls!

They've also been continuing to take part in the weekly challenges set by the Owls. This month, they took part in the 2.6 Challenge run nationally to help struggling charities. Several of the girls and Owls took on personal challenges based on the numbers 2.6 or 26 – scootering, running, trampolining, making Hama Beads and bookmarks were just some of the activities. Incredibly, they raised £1,200 for two local childrens' charities Molly Olly's Wishes and Zoe's Place Baby Hospice. We are so grateful to them for being such fantastic fundraisers! After that, they took part in a camp at home challenge, which saw them building dens and putting up tents inside to earn a Camp At Home badge. They also coloured in rainbow decorations to earn a Rainbow NHS Charities badge and then last week, they created self-portraits from household or garden items. We saw some very funny portraits from the girls, Owls and young leaders. This week, they are welcoming nature into their gardens by making bird feeders, hedgehog

houses or bug hotels to earn more badges. Pictured below are some of the girls doing their challenges and a few of our weekly winners this month with their entries:

We were also very lucky to obtain a £500 grant from Warwick Rural West Community Forum for new resources, which we're planning to spend on all the new badges the girls are earning this term.





# Nature Page

By Steve Harvey

Well the deadline is here, its late in the evening, and a usual I'm almost out of time to scribble.

I was watering potatoes whilst listening to a lamb continually bleating. The flock had moved off down the field so it was on its own. Something was up! Krista went with me to have a look. The lamb had got itself into old Geoff's garden and couldn't get out. We had a good go at catching it but there was no chance. It was the size of a medium dog and with the agility of a mountain goat. We called Rob, the farmer. After a while he turned up with his two daughters both with shepherd's crooks. We were in business!

The next ten minutes turned into a Benny Hill sketch with the five of us running up and down the garden, through the hedge into a massive garden next door. It began to look like Mission Impossible until the lamb got stuck in the nettles and brambles. Several cuts later (on me, not the lamb) and a lot of pulling and pushing, I managed to grab the lamb round the middle and hoist it over the wire fence. It was gone like the wind to its mother and sibling and immediately had a drink.

I'm having one myself now and running out of room to scribble.

OK . . . . . April and May are always my favourite months, like The Ladybird Book of Spring coming to life. Down the lane the Hawthorn or May (as in darling buds of. . . .) bow their blossom to meet the Cow Parsley or 'Keck' as my Mum called it - always smelling a little of 'wee'. Funny how poets never seem to mention that. There's a whole carnival going on, with pink Campion and Foxgloves in bud, by late May the first Dog Roses were gracing the hedgerows.

A pair of Blue Tits are back in the box for the third year running, working from dawn to dusk to feed their ever louder youngsters.

Swallows seem low in numbers, the



largest group I've seen is three. House Martins, a few more but only a couple of Swifts so far.

Oh, the continuing story of the Pheasant dynasty! My favourite male

still comes to feed from my hand and still appears to be a bachelor. Now the 'Silverback' who I poured scorn over last time for being flashy and having four wives has had a dramatic change of fortunes. He had a serious fight with a third male and badly hurt a foot.

When you get close to these creatures and see individual characters, they're not just birds anymore. He just about held onto his territory and would hop to me with difficulty to also feed from the hand, bringing his wives with him. Now I really feel sorry for him. After a

while he lost three of his wives to the third male. How fickle they were! Eventually he was moved aside away from my easy meals and water. I miss him. His foot was mending. The females that changed sides still come to me for food, as their new husband (the third male) watches in amazement as they walk towards a human being without fear. He hides in the nettles. You cant have it all mate!



# News from Bishop's Tachbrook CofE Primary

Rev'd Elaine Scrivens

I have the privilege, as parish priest, to serve on the Governing Body of Bishop's Tachbrook C of E Primary School. Today we I was part of a Governing Body meeting looking at how the school can begin to safely admit pupils again.

Of course, just as St Chad's has not stopped being "church" in our community, the school has never stopped working. This includes all the staff; those working in the office, who have been busy sourcing the things we need to step up our hygiene, delivering packs to our new Reception pupils and planning to welcome them; the cleaning staff who have worked tirelessly keeping the school spotlessly clean; the teaching assistants and of course the teachers. Many have been in school working with the children of frontline staff and others have been working from home ensuring the safety of pupils, looking after the well-being of vulnerable pupils and trying to make on-line learning as much fun as possible. You only have to look at the class pages on the school website to see the amazing work both teachers and pupils have been doing.

There has been home learning set via Microsoft Teams, Reception have been learning about spiders. Year 1 have been making ramps of different sizes and measuring the how far toy cars can go. Year 2 have been looking at "Maths mysteries" and "What's the weather like today". Year 3 have been

making Pizzas, Year 4 have been learning about the weather in their Mystery place. Year 5 have been carrying out research into the Ancient Greeks and Year 6 have been writing spy thrillers! Of course this is as well as literacy, maths and staying fit! Pupils have been sending in their work to be marked and soon the teachers will have finished writing their reports!

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Governing body to thank Mr Brettell and all the staff at our amazing school for going above and beyond what has been required of them to ensure each pupil has been able to have access to so much learning. As Mr Brettell pointed out to us at our Governors' meeting, the SIAMS inspector had it spot on when it was reported several weeks before lockdown : *"Ensuring pupils are happy and healthy is a priority. A culture of wellbeing, underpinned by the vision, means pupils and staff live well together. As a result of exemplary pastoral care, pupils and adults have been upheld to meet challenges in their lives. A strong sense of nurture and of embracing all, regardless of background, is key to the success of this school. Staff are tireless in their pursuit of specialist support for more vulnerable pupils. There are no 'Lost Sheep'. Countless acts of kindness enable all ages to feel safe and secure and so able to focus on their work."*

Thank you all so much, Rev'd Elaine



# VE Day celebrations

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## Poetry Please

### These are the hands –for the 60th anniversary of the NHS

*By Michael Rosen*

These are the hands  
That touch us first  
Feel your head  
Find the pulse  
And make your bed.

These are the hands  
That tap your back  
Test the skin  
Hold your arm  
Wheel the bin  
Change the bulb  
Fix the drip  
Pour the jug  
Replace your hip.

These are the hands  
That fill the bath  
Mop the floor  
Flick the switch  
Soothe the sore  
Burn the swabs  
Give us a jab  
Throw out sharps  
Design the lab.

And these are the hands  
That stop the leaks  
Empty the pan  
Wipe the pipes  
Carry the can  
Clamp the veins  
Make the cast  
Log the dose  
And touch us last.



*The poet, broadcaster and author, aged 71, contracted coronavirus and has spent 8 weeks in hospital, including 47 days in intensive care, coming out on 23rd May.*

*The poem seems more than apt!*

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## The Eye Chart

*By Nuala Watt*

H E

E Y E

C H A R T

I scowl towards his voice. He says the map  
marks how far vision goes. If I could creep

up close I'd learn the journey. His technique  
restricts me to a chair so he can track

how far I travel down the chart alone  
before I pause. I grope in the third line –

my limit the next shape I recognize –  
then stop. No way. I still believe my eyes

can hold a solar system, catch all lights,  
deliver to the doctor alphabets

as small as atoms. But this world is smudge.  
I'm huddled at the bottom of the page,

trying to hide my dark. Wherever I am,  
I've bypassed every symbol I can name

and stumble at my vision's borders  
where letters are illegible as stars.

Thinking of sending this one to Dominic Cummings!



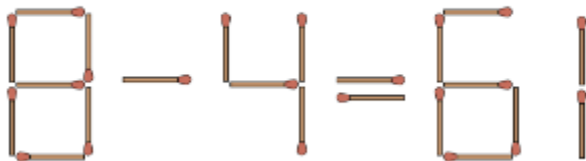
# The kids zone

## Sudoku

2	9						5	1
1	6			2			7	3
		5	7		1	2		
		2	4		6	5		
	4						3	
		3	9		2	4		
		8	2		7	9		
5	2			9			6	7
4	7						2	8

## Match stick puzzle

Move only 2 sticks to make a correct equation.



## Animal Jokes!!

Why couldn't the pony sing? He was a little hoarse!

What do you call a dog magician? A labracadabrador

What do you call a dinosaur that is sleeping? A dino-snore!

What animal is always at a cricket match? A bat.

What do you call a fly with no wings? A walk.

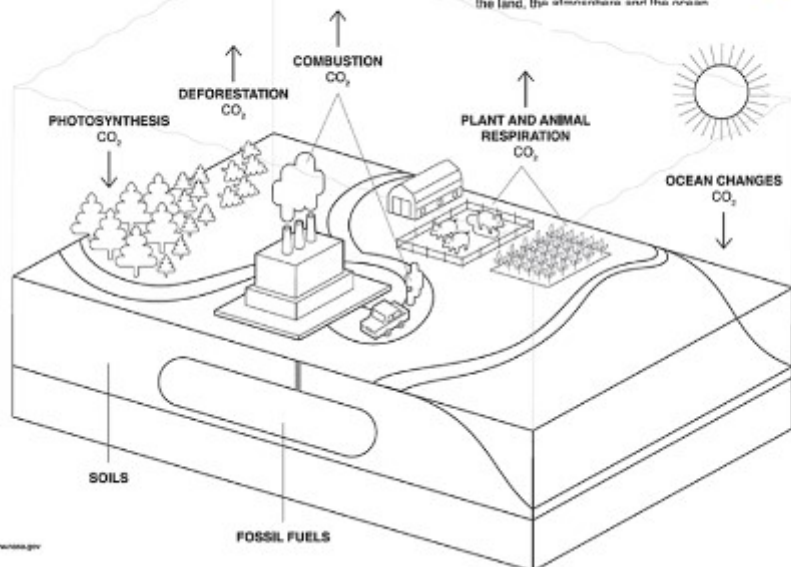
Where do cows go on Friday nights? They go to the moo-vies!

How do you make an octopus laugh? With ten-tickles!

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## THE CARBON DIOXIDE CYCLE

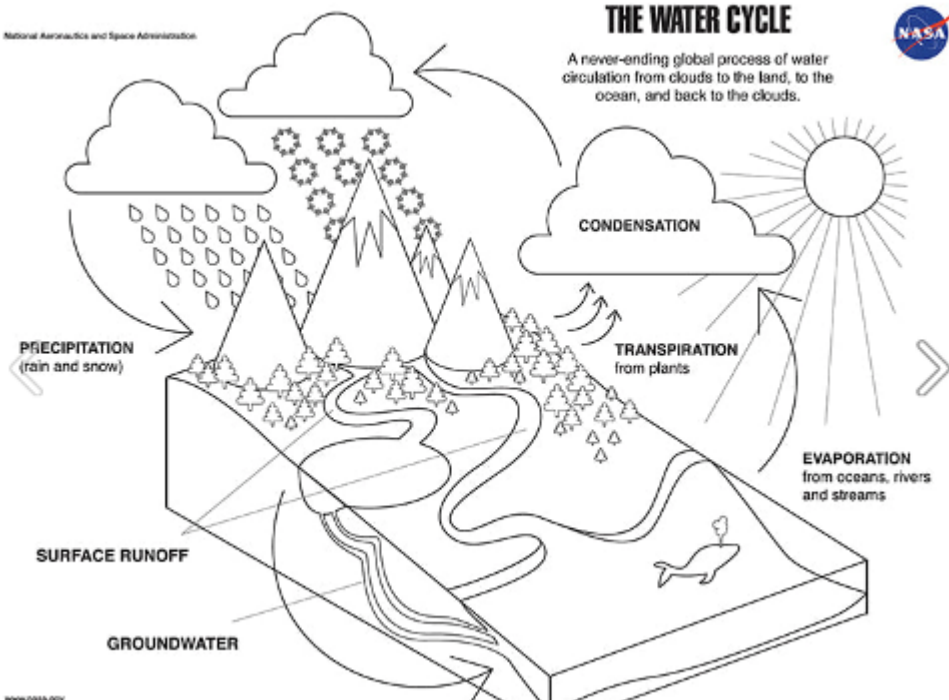
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## Quiz—animals

1. What is the largest big cat in the world?
2. How many legs does an octopus have?
3. Yes or no? Is a dolphin a mammal?
4. What is a group of lions called?
5. What are baby goats called?
6. What type of animal is a poodle?
7. What do camels store in their humps?
8. What is the only mammal which can fly?

## Quiz—books and films

1. What are the names of Harry Potter's parents?
2. What is the name of the Snowman in the film "Frozen"?
3. In which forest do Robin Hood and his Merry Men live?
4. What sort of animal is the video game character Sonic?
5. In "The Jungle Book", what kind of animal is Baloo?
6. In the film "The Lion King", what kind of animal is Timon?
7. Which of Snow White's seven dwarves didn't have a beard?
8. What is the name of the lion in "The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe"?
9. What is the name of Peter Pan's pirate enemy?
10. What does the gruffalo say is his favourite food?

## Word search—colours



BLACK  
BLUE  
BROWN  
GREEN  
ORANGE

PINK  
RED  
WHITE  
YELLOW



### Quiz answers—animals

1. Tiger
2. Eight
3. Yes
4. A pride
5. Kids
6. Dog
7. Fat
8. Bat
9. Cat
10. Three-toed sloth

### Quiz answers—books & films

1. Lily and James Potter
2. Olaf
3. Sherwood
4. Hedgehog
5. Bear
6. Meerkat
7. Dopey
8. Aslan
9. Captain Hook
10. Roasted Fox



# History Group exploring canals

From June 2016

When? Why? Where? Who? and How? - all aspects of canals were efficiently covered by Clive Radford at our May meeting. Clive is responsible for the functioning and maintenance of the Canal and towpaths at Hatton.

a need and opportunity and once the necessary Act of Parliament had been enacted they could proceed with their plans. This would involve dealing with landowners, engineers and labourers and raising funds – a vast and



Hatton Locks

The answers to “When and Why” are – in the 18<sup>th</sup> century, with the advent of The Industrial Revolution the inadequacy of the road network for deliveries was a problem. The blossoming industries needed coal and water to operate as well as a convenient method of transporting their products. Canals had been built in China in the 5<sup>th</sup> century BC, so why not in Britain? Investors saw

complicated enterprise, successfully achieved in various areas of Britain. But the longest canal in Britain (136 miles long and with 166 locks) is the Grand Union, connecting Birmingham



with London. By linking with road and railway an efficient, integrated transport service was eventually achieved, for the benefit of burgeoning industries.

shift many thousands of tons. Local farm labourers were attracted to the higher wages on offer and they were joined by workers from Ireland. On straight-forward terrain it took 100



“How” is an account of ingenuity and intensive back-breaking labour. There are two types of canal – the nearest route from A to B, or the route which followed the contour of the landscape – going round hills instead of through them. The Grand Union is the first type and was an amalgamation in 1910 of several smaller canals. A canal is typically 16’ wide x 6’ deep. *(Clive advised - if you fall in don't panic – just stand up!)* However, the construction required a very deep trench and gangs of navvies would dig them using hand tools and barrows to

men 3 weeks to dig 1 mile of tunnel. 3’ of ‘Puddle clay’ lined the bottom and sides of the trench; cows and sheep were sometimes used to pack this down! Then there were tow paths, locks, houses for the lock-keeper, and buildings used as a community hall with a shop for the passing bargees. These have often been converted to canal-side pubs.

Barges, owned by carriers, were restricted to 7’ wide and 72’ long to get through the locks and until 1900 were drawn by horses. They could carry 35

tons of coal, which was unloaded by hand by the women. An area 10' x 6' was provided to accommodate the bargee's family, which sometimes included 4 or more children (who worked alongside their parents). Their life was tough and uncomfortable but photos often show worn but happy features. Carriers eventually financed schools at terminals to provide "snatched education" – children would attend for 2 or 3 weeks while the carrier organized the next trip. For several decades a nurse, Sr Mary Ward, financed and single-handedly ran a surgery in a shed as midwife and to administer medicine and care to the boat people. She was awarded the

OBE in 1951.

Because of the importance of canals in WW II, women from all backgrounds were trained to operate the barges. Not surprisingly there was a high turnover – even though it earned them £3 a week when qualified! The service was disbanded in 1947. A rather sad photo illustrating the end of an era ended Clive's talk: a bargee in cap beside an empty barge watches resentfully/in disbelief as a renovated boat passes – navigated by a city dweller in a suit and with a woman wearing a hat and coat – the birth of a new fashion for holidays afloat. (



Converted working boats being used as early holiday boats

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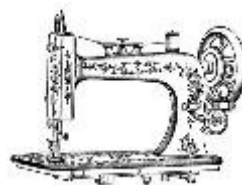
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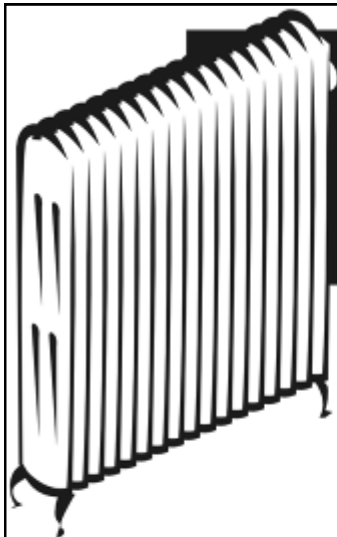
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