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A time of firsts By Linda Stevens, St Chad's PCC

Easter Day will be our first service in church after initial release from Covid restrictions which seems very appropriate. There will, of course, still be some restrictions. One being a limit to the number of people allowed in church for a service. This has meant we have had to ask people to book their place to ensure safe social distancing and we only have 3 places left at the time of writing. We are pleased that Sub Dean and Precentor of the Cathedral Canon David Stone, will be taking the service. We look forward to welcoming him.

We hope to continue to have a service in church on the following Sundays unless there are further limits, hoping and praying that will not happen. There will be no need to book for services following Easter. These services will be taken by retired clergy and we thank Jenny Lister for organising these very welcome visiting celebrants.

Thank you seems to be an important and frequently used phrase at the moment. It's as if one thank you leads to another!

We must say thank you to Jenny and Peter for their online services and all the advice and support that goes on behind the scenes.

Then there's a thank you to all who have been busy in the church to give it

a Spring Clean after all the replacement roof work

Thank you to all who gave generously to the roof fund so the work could be completed and the church be restored to being weatherproof and warm.

As the Spring weather makes the grass grow we say Thank you to George and Phil as they mow the churchyard and a big Thank you to all who have worked there keeping it cared for and tidy all year round. Volunteers to help are always welcome - the more the merrier and the lighter the workload.

There are so many thank you's. Kind words as I pass someone in the street. Thank you to those who serve in shops. Thank you to the Posties, the refuse collectors, the NHS Yes I could go on and I'm sure you, the reader, can think of many more.

So I just add:-

God of time and eternity, we pray for all those buried in our Churchyard. Keep them in your loving care; bring them into your kingdom of light and peace, that they may share in joy with you and with all your saints forever. Be with their loved ones as they grieve and help them know that love never dies. Also guide those who care for this churchyard. May it be a place of peace and comfort for all. Amen

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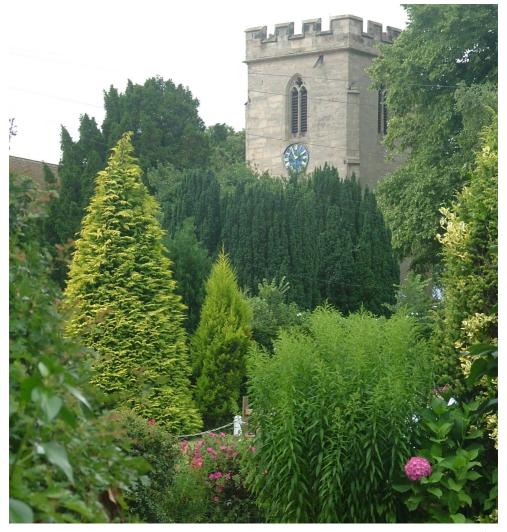
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CYCLE OF PRAYER

Praying for our Community In April we are praying for those living in: Duckett Place Dunstall Crescent Eglamour Way Farm Walk Harbury Lane If there is something or someone you would like us to pray for please let a member of the congregation know.



Parish Council News By Matt Greene

The clocks have changed and with that the prospect of sitting out in the garden - with people from another household - is a reality; let's hope April's weather is as good as it was last year.

As a Parish Council, we're extremely fortunate to be able to welcome Lesley Keung as the newest member of the team following a unanimous vote at the culmination of the co-option process. Lesley has lived in the parish for nearly 2 years and can often be seen walking her dog, Marvel.

Lesley is already getting very involved in the business of the Parish as she, along with most councillors, attended an extra-ordinary meeting to vote on responses to the examiner's questions on our neighbourhood plan. This is moving slowly towards a referendum later this year under the excellent stewardship of Cllr. Keith Wellsted. We will keep residents updated on this progress.

Some good news that the long awaited refurbishment of the paving area on the village green will take place the first or second week of April. New tarmac paths will be installed and grass seed will be sown. Please do keep off the soil to allow germination to take place. The work will take at least one week to complete possibly two depending on weather conditions. District Cllr. David Norris is arranging for work to take place on the perimeter path around Warwick Gates. We are aware that it is sinking in places and maintenance is required (and I have the muddy trainers to prove it!).

We're also pleased to announce that the District Council has agreed to fund a large proportion of the cost of the refurbishing of the driveway along the Meadow towards the Sports and Social Club. This funding is in lieu of historically incorrect precept payments - now corrected! Our thanks to District Cllrs. David and Andrew for sorting this.

County Cllr. Les Caborn has promised to try and sort a range of issues before he steps down after many years of supporting us (a fuller tribute to his work within the Parish will be in the next issue of the magazine). They include the long outstanding drop kerbs on Farm Walk, Church Hill and Othello Avenue. A date for starting the Oakley Wood Road phase 2 work and for the replacement chevrons on Oakley Wood. He has arranged for Cllr. Leigh Carter to be involved in the discussion regarding the footway on Harbury Lane. This will take time and also requires significant county council funding.

It has been agreed with the allotment

holders that bonfires will only be permitted in the last full week of March (to always be flexed to avoid Easter) and the first week of November. This compromise will allow residents close to the allotments to not worry about air quality issues other than at very specific times (and hopefully ones where their windows are closed).

We appreciate that many of you are eagerly awaiting the allocation of allotment plots. Please rest assured we too would like to sort this long overdue issue. The holdup still appears to be the legal transfer of the land to the Parish Council. Unfortunately our hands are tied until we are the legal owners. Bloor Developments are fully aware of the need for haste and have assured us that they have asked their legal team to finalise the documentation. We would like to reiterate that there will be no parking or sheds permitted on the Oakley Meadows allotment site.

We thank District Cllr. Andrew Day for pursuing the overflowing sewage problem on Oakley Wood Road with Severn Trent. Talks are on-going so let's hope this problem can be fixed soon.

The outdoor gym equipment is now able to be used. Please ensure you adhere to social distancing rules and wipe equipment before and after use.

The Annual Parish Assembly will take

place virtually on 8th April at 7.30pm before the Parish Council meeting. If you are interested in joining please contact the clerk by 5pm on 7th April. We do look forward to being able to meet in person again, we appreciate that sometimes it is difficult for residents to navigate the technology to join meetings (and that there's a cut off the day before). What I would encourage any residents to do is to write to us at any point in the month and that way you can get a considered response in a more timely manner.

Best wishes for the Easter break!

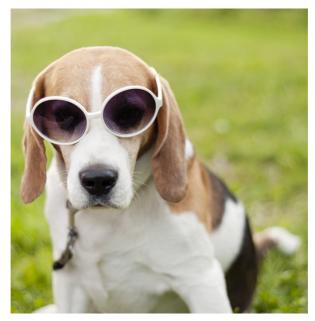


A plea to all dog owners By a concerned resident

I am fortunate enough to live in this lovely village & even more blessed to have a home on Oakley Meadow overlooking fields & the communal land, in fact this was the determining reason I bought my home & it's wonderful to see the community enjoying this picturesque area. Since lock down last year this land has been a sanctuary for us all, getting fresh air, exercising and escaping the worries we all face: as residents & citizens it is primarily our responsibility to be custodians of this land & look after it. It is disappointing therefore to see so many discarded bags of dog waste left along the paths and in the shrubs & trees. It is unhygienic, unsightly, unnecessary and disrespectful to others to leave this waste and not pick it up immediately and take it away; not to mention being a prosecutable offence.

I am actively campaigning for dog waste bins to be installed on the meadow but this is taking longer than anticipated. In the meantime if you are walking a dog please think, would you like excrement left outside your house where you walk & your children play? When the groundsmen come & mow the meadow this gets churned up and sprayed & splattered for meters - it's disgusting & a health hazard.

So please think & be considerate so we can all continue to enjoy this land without hesitation.



Easter recycling tips - TRACC

By Martin Drew

The delightful treats that come with Easter, also bring with it numerous boxes, foil wrapping and plastic! These are our top tips for a more recycling friendly Easter:

- This one is easy your cardboard boxes can be flattened and recycled. Most packaging will have all the recycling information on it, it will help you pick out which parts can and cannot be recycled.
- Your local supermarket has some great recycling facilities, and some will take the recycling your local authority may not, so check out your local supermarket for instore recycling.
- It's not just chocolate egg packaging, if you get an abundance of Easter cards these can be recycled in with your card and paper – just rip off any glittery bits!
- Did you know that the foil wrapping on your Easter eggs can be recycled? Including the infamous Cadbury Crème Egg!! Just scrunch together with any other foil and pop in the recycling.
- Try the scrunch test with foil if it scrunches and doesn't spring, it's safe to be recycled. If it



scrunches but spring back they have a plastic lining and can't be recycled, so it's best to pop this in the general rubbish bin.

- Foil can quite often end up in small pieces that are easily lost when place with other recycling. Save up all the little pieces of foil and scrunch them into a fist size ball of foil. Or, place them in a tin can which ensures it is recycled.
- Cardboard, tin foil and plastic containers are accepted at kerbside for recycling across Warwickshire.

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Growing tips

By greenfingers

What to Sow in May

- Sow French beans, runner beans, squash, cucumbers and pumpkin seeds directly into prepared beds outside. Be alert to late frosts (for which a covering of horticultural fleece should provide sufficient protection).
- Sow sweet corn outside in blocks, at least 45cm (18in) spacing, with two seeds per hole. The strongest seedling can be selected later.
- Sow cauliflowers and purple sprouting broccoli for harvesting next winter.
- Try sowing some unusual vegetables such as kohl rabi (like a large white above-ground turnip), scorzonera and salsify.
- After all risk of frost has passed, plant out tomatoes, courgettes and pumpkins that were previously sown under cover.
- Brussels sprouts for next winter should now be ready for transplanting after early or mid-spring sowing.
- Plant out artichokes that were previously sown under cover.
- Self-blanching celery can also be planted out towards the end of the month.
- Ridge cucumbers can be sown indoors now, for planting out in early June.

Other veggiejobs

- Earth up potatoes when the shoots are 23cm (9in) high, in order to prevent the new tubers going green. Earthing-up is the drawing up of soil around the stems of the plants, leaving just 5cm (2in) of shoot uncovered so that the plant has enough foliage to continue growing.
- Start to remove sideshoots from cordon tomatoes as you see them. The sideshoots develop in the leaf axils (i.e. between the stem and leaf), and if allowed to develop will sap the energy of the plant and reduce the quality of the yield.
- Strings stretched along the tops of broad bean plants can support them, and prevent them flopping once pods develop.
- Peas need staking with pea sticks, netting, or pruned twigs from the garden.

A philosophical workout

Pictures by philosarama

Once in a while, it's nice to sit back, relax, and ponder the true meaning of life. These philosophical questions don't necessarily have black-and-white answers and are meant to provoke the deeper side of the human experience.

Look at the pictures, consider the question and, if you fancy it, write down your thoughts and pass them on to the magazine for publishing!



Is happiness just something chemical flowing through your brain or something more?



Does the Law of Attraction exist?



What is intelligence?



What makes a good friend?



Why do we throw so much food away when there are so many hungry people?



Does time have an end and a beginning?



Are clowns funny or scary?



Do we control technology or does technology control us?



Is it ever ok to share a secret?

DUTY OF CARE

Do I really care less?



Poetry please Love's Philosophy by Percy Bysshe Shelley

The fountains mingle with the river And the rivers with the Ocean, The winds of Heaven mix for ever With a sweet emotion; Nothing in the world is single; All things by a law divine in one another's being mingle – Why not I with thine?

See the mountains kiss high Heaven And the waves clasp one another; No sister-flower would be forgiven If it disdain'd its brother: And the sunlight clasps the earth, And the moonbeams kiss the sea – what are all these kissings worth, If thou kiss not me?

Poetry Please

Always marry an April Girl by Ogden Nash

Praise the spells and bless the charms,

I found April in my arms. April golden, April cloudy, Gracious, cruel, tender, rowdy; April soft in flowered languor, April cold with sudden anger, Ever changing, ever true --I love April, I love you.

Poetry Please April Fools Day by Ken Nesbitt

Mackenzie put a whoopee cushion on the teacher's chair. Makayla told the teacher that a bug was in her hair.

Elijah left a piece of plastic dog doo on the floor, and Vincent put some plastic vomit in the teacher's drawer.

Amanda put a goldfish in the teacher's drinking glass. These April Fool's Day pranks are ones that you could use in class.

By Anne Allen

WI

Who would have thought 12 months ago I would still be writing reports about our WI Zoom meetings?

Bishops Tachbrook is doing very well for attendance averaging about 18, which out of a membership of 32 is excellent. Our speaker in March was Gillian Crisp who explained about the work of ACWW (Associated Country Women of the World) a worldwide charity supported by the WI. The charity exists to help rural women Many moons ago when I was a member of the Board of Trustees I was the ACWW rep. Unfortunately for some unknown reason, my fellow trustees wouldn't let me attend the national conference in Tasmania. I offered repeatedly to represent Warwickshire but no, Gillian was fortunate to attend the most recent one held at Warwick university. It's well worth a visit to Google to find out more about the charity.

worldwide. improve their quality of life by helping them raise their standard of living through literacy, health education. agricultural training, income generation, water and



sanitation. The used stamps ,old/ broken jewellery, spectacles, mobile phones and cameras I collect all go towards raising funds for the charity. Over £2,000 has been raised by Warwickshire , which is great when the items would otherwise be classed as rubbish. Please keep it coming. This month I've had evenings with both Sunny Ormonde and Margaret Thatcher, learnt about Cyber Safety and had some WI training . Sunny has played outrageous Lillian Bellamy in the Archers for 21 years. She is one of approximately 80 actors now in the cast that have over 19,000 episodes under their belt The amusing talk covered Archer antics and how in her own life she had often been in the right place at the right time and had met the right people.

Margaret Thatcher as portrayed by Lesley Smith was as excellent as always. Lesley, is an English scholar, historian and curator of Tutbury Castle. She takes on the persona of the character and talks as them not about them. It was a fascinating insight into the life of Mrs Thatcher.

Cyber Safety was interesting. We were advised never to give bank details, check strange emails for spelling and email addresses, they don't always go where you expect, if it's a phone call just hang up and don't ring back to check for at least 10 minutes the scammers have an app which allows them to key in the number you recognise use a different phone too. Also don't be rushed! Training was training but you always pick up on something you were unaware of. Next month we have zooms on Molly's Olly's Wishes, Dementia Carers Count, Summer Adventures with Britain in Bloom, Jane Austen 200 and counting, learning how to knit a blanket and bake biscuits and a serious science lecture.

Anne Allen 424135.



Quotations of Spring

"Spring is nature's way of saying, let's party!"

- Robin Williams

"The first day of spring is one thing, and the first spring day is another. - Henry Van Dyke, *Fisherman's Luck*

"I wandered lonely as a cloud That floats on high o'er vales and hills, When all at once I saw a crowd, A host, of golden daffodils." - William Wordsworth

"The force of Spring - mysterious, fecund, powerful beyond measure." - Michael Garofalo, *Cuttings*

"I love spring anywhere, but if I could choose I would always greet it in a garden."

- Ruth Stout

"Walk lightly in the spring; Mother Earth is pregnant."

- Native American Indian Proverb

"Spring makes its own statement, so loud and clear that the gardener seems to be only one of the instruments, not the composer."

- Geoffrey B. Charlesworth

April nuggets:

April is National Pet Month, Bowel Cancer Awareness month and Jazz Awareness month

"April is the cruellest month" Opening line from T S Elliot's, The Wasteland

"It was a bright day in April, and the clocks were striking thirteen". Opening line from George Orwell's 1984

Here is an old traditional rhyme about the Cuckoo's summer life cycle:

In April I open my bill In May I sing night and day In June I change my tune In July far far I fly In August away I must



Nature Page By Steve Harvey

Early March and the Wild Garlic and Arum Lilies are pushing up alongside Primroses. On the warm days Bumble Bees and Honey Bees were busy doing their thing. I did glimpse a Butterfly as it flitted passed me in the sunshine. The Robins down the long garden (at least three pairs) are always tussling with each other for territory and always ready for food if I appear. I saw a couple of rivals in a stand off, both of them in a pose, stiff bodies with beaks pointing in the air. They made strange sounds and moved in slow motion like a Robin Kung Fu film. The first Robin to lose its nerve dashed away quickly. Another time two Robins were in a low flying chase, they hurtled towards me and I felt one of them brush my trousers as they flew fast. Spring's not all hearts and flowers at all!

On a calmer note a pair of Blue Tits have been going in and out of the nest box on the out house wall. Doesn't



mean they will nest there but at least it's on their books. Oh, and something I'd not seen before, a Blackbird actually serenading its partner. He sat close to her, posturing, head held stiffly at an angle singing softly. As she moved from twig to twig he followed her, singing all the way. Fascinating to watch.

Likewise, another thing I'd never seen before were a pair of Siskins in a Buddleia bush, the male singing his heart out to a female who was only inches away - beautiful.

By late February the Rooks were busy building, making lots of noise, bringing twigs and things to line the nest. Apparently they build new nests each year, although they may rearrange the old Rookery and add to it. Up on the cottage roof a pair of Jackdaws were conducting a simple marriage ceremony, the female bending forwards, fluttering her wings and calling as the male fed her. Lots of species do that, "pair bonding", getting ready for the long haul ahead of nesting and rearing a family. Down below in next door's pond the water was stirring as the Frogs went courting, it's that time of year again even though the water's so cold!

Thinking about Siskins again, the male also went on to feed the female. So he sang to her, then fetched food to feed her. I had no idea they got married (bonded) here then flew to Scotland or Wales to have their families.



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Membership Renewal

Hello & happy new year to you all hope you are all well and keeping safe!

We'd just like to give all our members an update regarding memberships that are due to be paid & updated by the end of this month (January 2021).

Due to the club being closed for over six months, working at a reduced capacity when we could open in 2020 and now this continuing into 2021, potentially for some months to come, the following has been decided by BTSSC team.

Anyone who was a paid member on 31st December 2020 and is due to have their membership expire at the end of this month (January 2021) will not need to pay for the coming year and your membership will now not need to be renewed until January 2022.

Anyone who didn't renew back in January 2020 (lapsed members) or anyone who wishes to become a new member once we reopen, will need to pay membership fees.

We will update you as much as we can on upcoming information as soon as we can give you it.

All we can say is stay safe and hope to see you soon.

Many thanks for your patience. BTSSC team.

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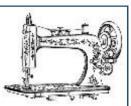
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