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Bishop's Tachbrook Parish.

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All good gifts around us

By Maralyn Brown, St Chad's PCC

By the time most of you read this the Harvest Festival service held on Sunday, 3rd October, will have taken place. The church will have been decorated on the Saturday for this important occasion in the church calendar and thanks go to Di Savage, Anne Sims and Margaret Gascoigne for helping me and using their talents to make the church look beautiful. The gifts people bring to the service on the day will go to the local Food Bank.

Also this month the Licensing Service for Rev. Jonathan Smith will take place in the church on Sunday, 17th October at 4.00pm, overseen by an Archdeacon of the Coventry Diocese. It is an important starting point for Jonathan's ministry in the parish and we look forward to what follows. Many will have noticed the vicarage is now occupied by Jonathan and family who have been

welcomed by some already to the village. Once the Licensing Service is held the parish will officially have a new vicar and a new lease of life for the church and its connections.

We hope the autumn storms hold off for a while as there is enough turbulence around in life at the moment without more challenges. The Parochial Church Council wish everyone well and hope this new beginning for St. Chad's will bring strength, support comfort and hope to many.

"All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above

Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,
for all his love"

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Praying for our Community

In November we are praying for those
living in:
Powell Close
Reignier Place
Rye Fields
Sabin Way
Savages Close

If there is something or someone you
would like us to pray for please let a
member of the congregation know.



Prize pictures and raffle results from the Church Fete

1st prize, The food hamper, ticket 53, Mrs B. Kitt

2nd prize, £20 voucher for Higham's Butchers, ticket 28 Mrs S. Gardner

3rd prize, head massage, ticket 115, Ms G. Rai-Smith

4th prize, bottle of whisky, ticket 50, Mrs S Logan

5th prize, Hill Close Garden voucher, ticket 184, Mrs B. Baldwin

6th prize, toiletries, ticket 99, Mrs K. Wellsted

7th prize, crochet kit, ticket 74, Mrs J. Riley





Parish Council News

By Matt Greene

What a change in the weather; wetter, darker, colder! Despite the potential to dampen our spirits, we are fortunate that the Parish Council has lots of good news to report.

First, after a decade of hard work I am delighted to note that the Bishop's Tachbrook Neighborhood Plan received a resounding "YES" at referendum by a margin of 665 votes to 33. It will now be adopted as a formal planning document.

The hard work and dedication of so many people over the course of bringing the plan to completion is a tribute to local community action. It

would take too long to thank everyone for their efforts; however, I believe it is essential that we thank Cllr. Ray Bullen, who carried the torch through so many iterations of the plan and process over the years, along with Cllr. Keith Wellsted, who has been the driving force behind navigating the key milestones that mark the way from ideation to realisation. Congratulations to all involved.

As you probably know the Meadow play area was officially opened on 11th September. The weather was kind to us and we hope everyone had a good time. Thanks to the many parents who helped with giving out goodie bags, building windmills (which were surprisingly complex!) and ensuring everyone had a good time. A special thanks must go to the Play Area Working Party who worked tirelessly to ensure this happened in attending events to ask residents for their preferred equipment and in seeking funding.

The repairs needed on the zip wire and slide are in hand and the equipment is inspected weekly. If you do have concerns about any equipment please do contact the clerk.

The Parish Council has also approved expenditure for two new picnic tables on the Meadow outside of the play

area; this is good news as any resident with a dog will soon have a table to sit at. A reminder that dogs are definitely not permitted in the play area - the area is listed with Warwick District Council as a dog free zone so please do not take your dog into this area.

The bin situation in the play area should now be sorted thanks to District Cllr. Day; the district council will be emptying the two bins regularly. Please note that two of the old bins outside the play area will be removed in the near future. Cllr. Leigh Carter can finally tick traffic calming on Oakley Wood Road off his list. It is complete and, as social media has reported, very much appreciated. Leigh Carter is now approaching a new project; traffic calming on Harbury Lane near Heathcote Primary School - thanks to Leigh for his continued focus on this area.

The Meadow allotments are experiencing yet another water leak; we believe there is no easy solution as the pipework likely requires upgrading; quotes are being sought.

Parish Council has authorised additional expenditure to try and secure the Oakley Meadows allotment site - we know this remains a top priority to residents. The additional quote, provided by our solicitor, requires our clerk to support by ensuring Bloor solicitors' respond in a timely manner. We are as frustrated as the many residents who are eagerly awaiting allotment plots. As soon as

we have any news we will let you know via this magazine.

We have noticed that some rubble has appeared on this allotment site. Whilst we don't own it yet we would be grateful if residents know or see anyone depositing rubble or rubbish on this land to inform the clerk (confidentially of course).

We are hoping the two large pot holes on the Sports and Social Club driveway will be repaired shortly, in the meantime please drive carefully when using this driveway and please do not park blocking the gate into the Meadow.

The external auditors have just given us an unqualified audit. If you have any questions on finance please contact the clerk.

Finally, I really enjoyed dropping flyers through people's letter boxes for the neighbourhood plan (although apologies, I can't get the hang of letter boxes with brushes and so some people may have received crumpled ones!). At the end of September it was great to see so many gardens still in bloom - they really made me smile. My favourite of all the ones I saw was 6 St Chad's Road - so many colourful flowers - brilliant!

Our next meeting is on Thursday, 14 October at 7.30pm in the hall at the St. Chad's Centre. If you wish to attend please do - it would be great to see you.

News from Heathcote Primary School

Welcome to the autumn term here at Heathcote. We have now welcomed back all our children after the summer break and it is so wonderful to hear our school buzzing with learning and laughter again. It is a very exciting year for us as we turn 5 years old. The children started the term singing Happy Birthday to the school building and those who have been with the school since the beginning



have been reflecting on how much it has changed. So much has happened since 2017 when the doors first opened to admit 46 children in Reception and Year One and there was a small area of grass for the children to play on at the front. Miss Cowcher our first Reception teacher remembers how they had a teddy bear's picnic and played in all the boxes that the new furniture had arrived in. The classrooms were very bare in those days. We have welcomed many children and their families and now over 300 children and our very first year 6. We have watched houses surrounding our school being built and a new community begin to thrive. We have a forest school, sports field, a second building which opened in November 2020, increasing outdoor facilities and our staffing team has grown significantly to ensure that our children receive excellent teaching and are cared for during their primary education. We might be relatively young in the world of education but we certainly don't stand still.



We have welcomed yet another 60 children in Reception and they have settled really well and every time I visit them they are busy learning; phonics, numbers, exploring mud, building in construction, pretending to be doctors, painting and more. I can't wait for when they explore their text 'Funnybones' as I know Halloween is on the way and they will be out in their outdoor area dissecting pumpkins. The rest of the school have already been immersed in a variety of

different experiences. Year 6 have been learning about democracy and prepared speeches to convince people to vote for them as House Captains. They have also been

comparing their own lives with those of Victorian children. Meanwhile Year 4 travelled back in time to the Romans. They made bread, shields and even took part in Roman soldier training. They looked amazing in their togas!, Year 1 have welcomed two new pets to the school. Coco and Coffee are two very inquisitive guinea pigs and have settled in well. When the children learnt about Christopher Columbus out they popped and squeaked their interest. Clearly history is exciting to them as well as carrots! Year 2 wrote to me to tell me that they are very concerned for the planet and have pledged to collect litter and keep not only our school grounds tidy but also the surrounding area. They are raising funds to purchase litter pickers and I was impressed with how much they realise that keeping our world safe is a collective effort.

We have so many ideas to expand our school and provide a brilliant place for children to learn. We are about to add allotments and also begin working with Warwickshire Heritage Museum on an exciting project linked to the Iron Age. We are participating in 'Warwick



Sings ' and are re-building our links with Austin Heath. We are keen to add artwork to our walls and if you are an artist who wishes to come and paint murals we would love to hear from you. There is too much going on to write here so please visit us.

In October we will be holding an open week for prospective reception children for September 2022. You can book a short tour of the school and this year our Year 6 children will show you around. Please go to our website to find out more www.heathcoteprimaryschool.co.uk or telephone the school office on 01926 290330.

Poetry please

Especially when the October wind

Dylan Thomas

Especially when the October wind
With frosty fingers punishes my hair,
Caught by the crabbing sun I walk on fire
And cast a shadow crab upon the land,
By the sea's side, hearing the noise of birds,
Hearing the raven cough in winter sticks,
My busy heart who shudders as she talks
Sheds the syllabic blood and drains her words.

Shut, too, in a tower of words, I mark
On the horizon walking like the trees
The wordy shapes of women, and the rows
Of the star-gestured children in the park.
Some let me make you of the vowelled beeches,
Some of the oaken voices, from the roots
Of many a thorny shire tell you notes,
Some let me make you of the water's speeches.

Behind a pot of ferns the wagging clock
Tells me the hour's word, the neural meaning
Flies on the shafted disk, declaims the morning
And tells the windy weather in the cock.
Some let me make you of the meadow's signs;
The signal grass that tells me all I know
Breaks with the wormy winter through the eye.
Some let me tell you of the raven's sins.

Especially when the October wind
(Some let me make you of autumnal spells,
The spider-tongued, and the loud hill of Wales)
With fists of turnips punishes the land,
Some let me make you of the heartless words.
The heart is drained that, spelling in the scurry
Of chemic blood, warned of the coming fury.
By the sea's side hear the dark-vowelled birds

WI

By Anne Allen

The September WI meeting was hopefully the last time on zoom . My fingers are double crossed. Our speaker was the Warwickshire County Chairman, Anne Bufton McCoy. Her talk was about the highs and lows of being an inner city head teacher. Knowing Anne as I do she would have been a force to be

reckoned with, especially in killer heels. Arriving at one school only to find kids working on the floor was told they had smashed the furniture and the school couldn't afford to replace it. Having a friend at a private school who was replacing their desks and chairs, after a bit of gentle persuasion, she acquired the lot. After arriving



one morning, asking for a cup of tea, moving on to break up a fight between parents, the said tea arrived and when the school secretary was asked to phone the police she didn't know the number.

Anne explained how her husband had treated her to a writing course at Denman, the WI college, after expressing an interest in writing a book. If this talk was anything to go by we are all waiting for its publication.

County are still busy organising events and zooms for us. I'm looking forward to hearing about the highs and lows of being the National Chair.

Warwickshire's own Lynne Stubbings who has just retired after 3 years .

Our lunch with Richard Coles seems fated this time it's a problem with the venue fingers crossed for next year. There is to be a lunch with Patricia Carswell, a journalist, copywriter and blogger , a Plastic Day about reducing, recycling and reusing. More stand up

paddle boarding, Indian Block Printing, Handmade Christmas Workshop, a visit to London and a visit to Worcester Christmas Market. A very busy few months.

October is our Annual meeting when we elect the committee and officers. It will be great to see everyone again. It does mean I've got to get my thinking head back on. I keep smiling though.

Our knitting group is restarting on 12th October at the Leopard at 7:30 . Many thanks to them for hosting us. Come along with your knitting or crochet and meet us.

I now have a designated bin in the garage for my various recycling. Normally I just toss things under the stairs and sort out periodically. Really posh now. So don't forget I recycle old bras . (to bravissimo) stamps , unwanted or broken jewellery, spectacles ,phones and cameras all go to ACWW a charity supported by WI. If you can help just give me a call or



Nature Page

By Steve Harvey

Autumn's creeping up on us. Summer slides gracefully out of view, still with a few warm waves goodbye. Daddy-long-legs dance around the cottage as many a Spider sits patiently waiting. So many Crane flies must die before getting a chance to complete their egg-laying mission.



Frogs still leap about in the evening looking for food, returning to the pond in any warm, dry spell. I'm surprised at how many Hornets are around after dark and attracted to the torchlight as I look for signs of Hedgehogs. The Hornets must settle in the trees and bushes for the night then get attracted to the light.

Considering our garden is the epicentre of the Hedgehog release I rarely see one. We are in Hedgehog paradise here so no sooner have they found their feet they are off to explore. I'm getting reports of Hedgehogs on the western side of the village so hopefully they are doing ok.

We recently released an almost blind Hedgehog in the big back garden. It stayed with us for three days, all food and water provided. I really thought that one would make the garden its home, but no, it was off, the urge to wander is very strong. With so much great habitat, fingers crossed, it will be ok. I think we're up to twenty Hogs released here now with more to come.

Now, as I am scribbling, then I hear the Tawny Owls outside. I can't be sure all three of the youngsters survived but I'm hearing several as night falls. Its always quite emotional as one will put out a call sometimes for a couple of minutes before it gets a reply. You can hear the excitement in its voice when it realises it's not alone and one of the family is nearby.

Now then, the other morning the sun rose through a little mist over the Park. Nothing unusual about that until the Carrion Crows started calling. They continued in earnest for some time; lots of them I thought maybe a Fox was crossing the Park and they were trying to bully it away. I had to go and have a look. As I got to the gate I could see about thirty Crows all up in one tree still calling. I usually see two or three, never this many and why were they so annoyed? That moment a Buzzard flew from right to left, low

across the grass. It was carrying something, I assumed a Rabbit. It flew up into the edge of the Spinney. Did Carrion Crows resent the Buzzard having a Rabbit? Didn't seem likely. I walked to the edge of the Park. This disturbed the Buzzard who flew from the Spinney. Now I saw what the Carrion Crows were so angry about. Clutched in the Buzzards talons was the body of a Crow! I had not seen a Buzzard catch a Crow before. With all the threatening of the remaining flock of Crows, the Buzzard was unlikely to get away with eating its prize. Rather than a murder of Crows it was a Crow murdered!



BT Rainbows and Brownies

We are so pleased to be back at face-to-face meetings after a long period of time away and have already kicked the new school year off with lots of fun games and activities. It's good to be back and see lots of new & current faces as we start our exciting year ahead.

The Owls have lots of plans behind the scenes to catch up on missed time and we are particularly looking forward to our Brownie Pack Holiday to PGL where the girls will be able to take part in various outdoor activities encouraging teamwork, leadership, communication, decision-making and overall having FUN!

The girls are busy practicing for our rescheduled Tachbrook Gang Show, known as TAGS, which promises to be a great family variety show of dance, song and comedy, showcasing the talents of the wonderful girls in our units. Tickets will be available to purchase soon.

Thank you to everyone who supported our units by donating a cuddly toy or came to have a go at our Teddy/Soft Toy tombola at this year's Church Fete and Craft Fair.

Caroline, Caron, Sally, Steph, Caroline and Abigail.

Bishops Tachbrook Rainbow & Brownie Bingo!

Please come and support our fun fund raising event

Wednesday 20th October 2021

AT THE SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB

Doors open 5.45pm - Eyes down 6.15pm

Raffle Prizes Cakes

Growing tips

By greenfingers

If it looks like being mild you can sow overwintering broad beans in situ. Cover broad beans with fleece or cloches to provide insulation if it's expected to be cold, this also gives protection from pigeons.

Sow overwintering varieties of peas such as 'Douce Provence' or 'Meteor', but only if it looks like being mild.

Plant out spring cabbages. Remember to net them for protection from pigeons.



Finish planting autumn onion sets for a crop in early to mid-summer next year.

Plant garlic cloves.

If it's mild, green manures can still be sown until the middle of the month.

Cut back the dying tops of Jerusalem artichokes to ground level.

Dig up outdoor tomato plants and hang them upside-down in the greenhouse to allow the fruits to ripen. Any that don't ripen can be used green in chutneys.



Cut back asparagus foliage. Take care of the spines, and give the plants some mulch afterwards.

Now is a good time to get ahead and prepare new asparagus beds for planting up in the spring.

When clearing old pea and bean plants, simply cut off the tops for the compost heap, and dig the roots into the soil. They return valuable nitrogen to the earth, acting as a natural fertiliser. But, there's been plenty of blight this year, avoid putting blighted plants in the compost.

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October

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9th October – Skabucks

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16th October – Quiz Night

Quiz Night is upon us again with all of your favourite rounds of demanding questions. Get yourselves a team together and challenge the Judge, a prize for every team starts at 8.30pm.

23rd October – Andrew Marc

Andrew Marc is a brilliant Cabaret entertainer and Tribute Artist with his musical takes on Tina Turner, Tom Jones and Roy Orbison a night not to be missed starts at 9.00pm.

Get here early to reserve your seats.

30th October – Kids Halloween Games & Spooky Disco

We have some organised Halloween games for the Kids starting from 5pm until 8pm then the Spooky Disco takes us towards the witching hour, prizes for the best boys and girls costume.

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St Chad's Centre Schedule

Monday	Activity	Contact
10.00-12.00	Tai Chi – All Classes are for beginners but are suitable for anyone. Classes have a maximum of 10 Students to ensure social distancing and are COVID Compliant. First class is free, so no reason not to find if Tai Chi is right for "you"	Peter Fletcher 07487 685679
12.30-14.30	Tachbrook Tinies- We are a friendly playgroup for children aged 0-4 years and their carers. Hot drinks and snacks, toys, craft activities and singing. All welcome. Term time only.	Contact on Facebook
16.30-17.45	Martial Arts Class. Children/Beginners up to age 11	Andy Shaw – andy@linkcube.co.uk
17.45-19.00	Martial Arts Class. Over 12 years and adults	Andy Shaw – andy@linkcube.co.uk

Tuesday	Activity	Contact
9.15-12.30	<p>ADVENTURE BABIES</p> <p>Take your little ones on a Sensory Story-telling Adventure every Tuesday at St Chad's Centre, as we bring brilliant books to life with puppets, props, bubbles and sensory activities.</p> <p>Mini Adventurers (0-18 months) 9.15am - 10.00am</p> <p>Diddy Adventurers (0-12 months) 10.30am - 11.15am</p> <p>Mini Adventurers (0-18 months) 11.45am - 12.30am</p> <p>Booking essential please visit www.adventurebabies.co.uk/ warwickshireandcoventry to secure your place or contact lindsey@adventurebabies.co.uk</p>	<p>lindsey@adventurebabies.co.uk</p> <p>or visit:</p> <p>www.adventurebabies.co.uk/warwickshireandcoventry</p>
16.45-18.30	<p>ATOMIC DANCE</p> <p>Acrobatic Arts 1</p> <p>4.30pm-5.15pm - Ages 5+</p> <p>Learn the foundations of dance technique and acro movement. In this beginner class, students will develop skills such as forwards and backward rolls, cartwheels and bridges in a fun, friendly environment.</p> <p>£18 per month.</p> <p>Acrobatic Arts 2</p> <p>5.20pm-6.20pm - Ages 7+</p> <p>A more challenging acro class for children who have previous acro or dance experience. Learn how to safely execute skills such as handstands, backbends and walkovers alongside improving dance technique.</p> <p>£21.50 per month</p>	<p>Contact Ellie Rowe 07392 348155 or ellie@atomicdance.co.uk</p>
19.00-20.00	<p>YOGA with Amanda</p> <p>Supporting Health & Wellbeing</p> <p>Yoga classes with Amanda</p> <p>Specialising in yoga for beginners. Sedentary workers, and mums.</p> <p>£5.00 per person</p> <p>Classes are limited to 11 people</p> <p>Please bring your own mat / block</p> <p>I ask that attendees wear masks when not on their mat.</p>	<p>www.lifewithaman.com</p>

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19.30-21.00	NEW CLASS The Big Sing DO YOU LOVE SINGING? We need YOUR voice! Warwick's BIG Sing would love to welcome you. We meet weekly at St Chad's Centre on Wednesdays from 7.30-9pm . Come and get singing with us! Open to everyone - just give singing a try!	Sign up for a FREE session in www.big-sing.com/join-us They can't wait to meet you !

Thursday	Activity	Contact
13.20-14.00	<p>NEW CLASS</p> <p>Glo-Babies</p> <p>Glo-Babies will be at St Chad's Centre Bishops Tachbrook from Thursday 30th September 1.20-2pm.</p> <p>Glo-Babies offer weekly musical sessions for 0-3 year olds in low level lighting with illuminated props and instruments.</p> <p>Term time only</p>	<p>For further information visit the website at www.glo-babies.co.uk and to book a space follow the link at Bookwhen.com/glo-babies</p>
16.00-17.45	<p>ATOMIC DANCE Little Stars Ballet and Musical Theatre (combined class)</p> <p>4pm-4.45pm A 45 minute class exploring IDTA ballet and Musical Theatre for dancers aged 2-5. Dancers skip, gallop and twirl through the foundation's good dance technique alongside developing imagination and confidence</p> <p>£14.50 per month</p> <p>Junior Combo</p> <p>4.45pm-5.45pm A class exploring a combination of dance styles for students aged 5+ that want to do it all! Ballet, Jazz, Street, Lyrical, Acro-gymnastics and Musical Theatre to name a few... Students will get to try a variety of styles whilst improving their dance technique, strength and flexibility.</p> <p>£21.50 per month</p>	<p>Contact Ellie Rowe 07392 348155 or ellie@atomicdance.co.uk</p>

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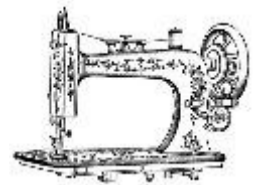
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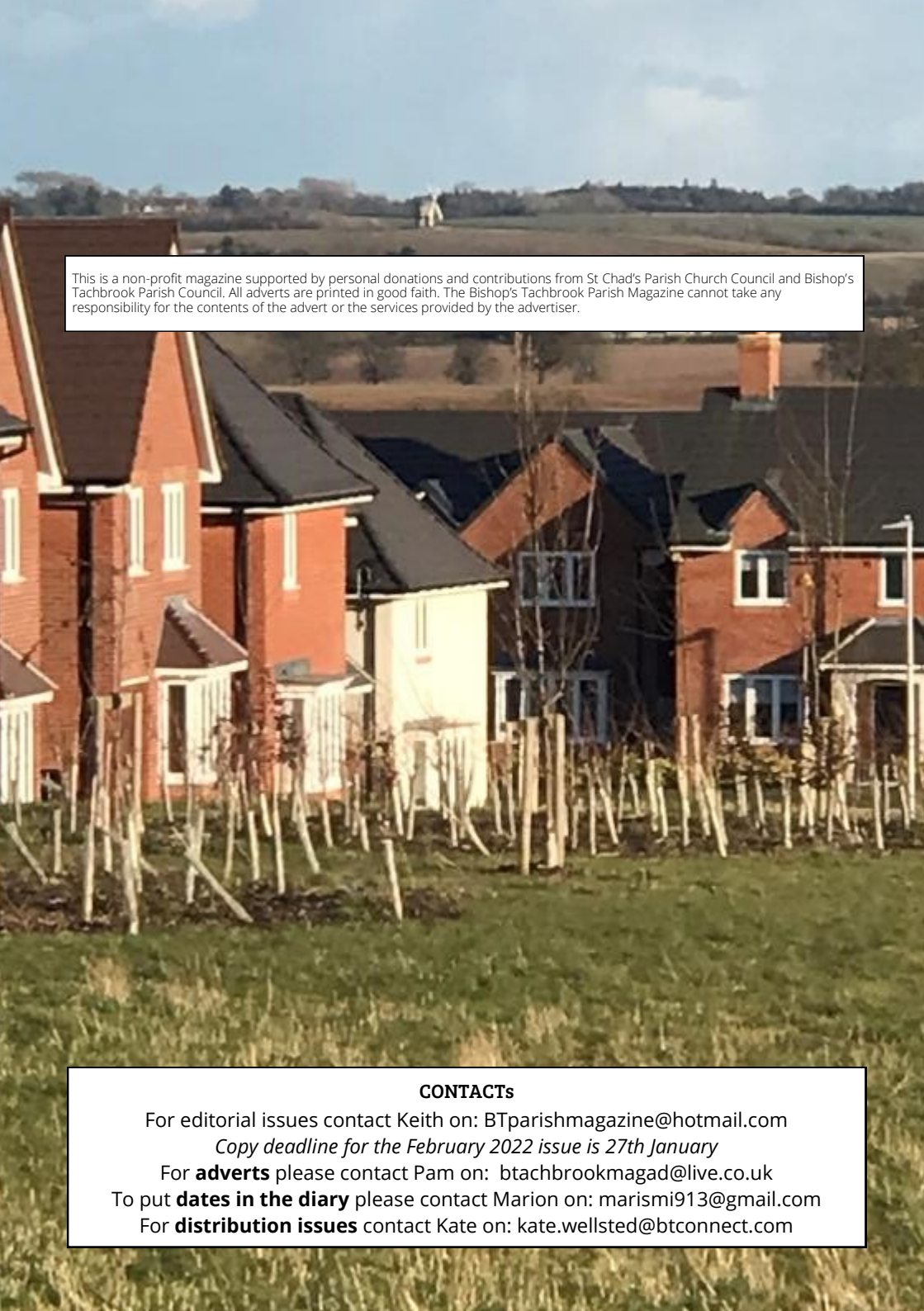
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