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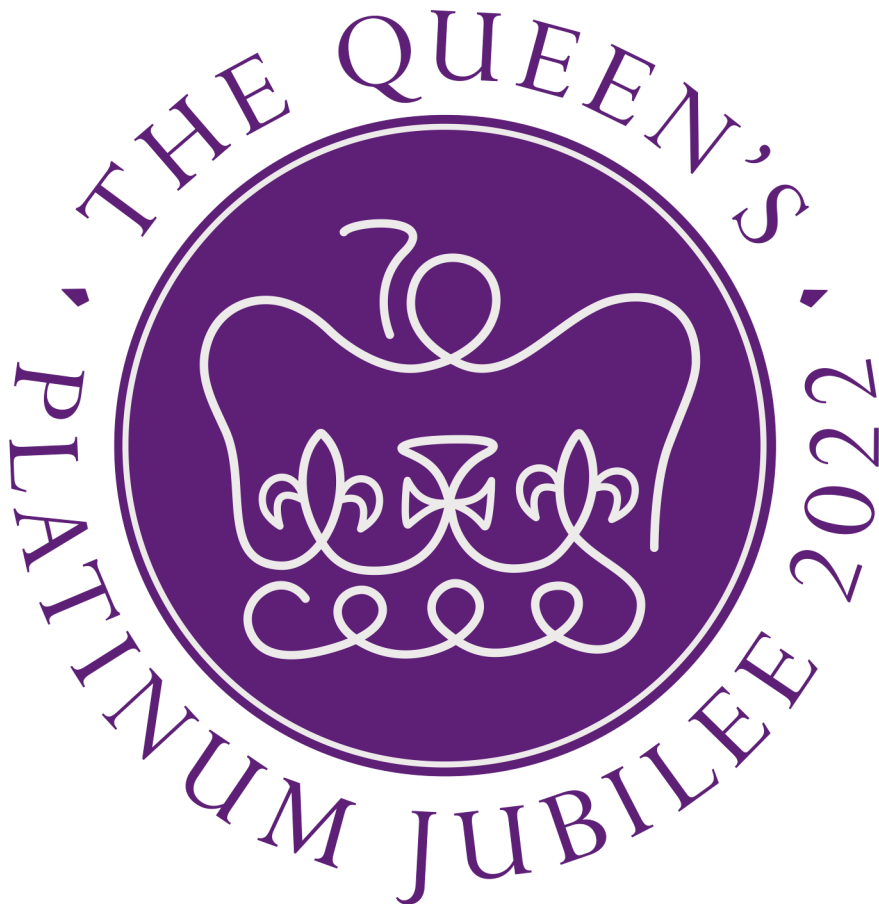
Hello and welcome to this month's magazine which appears online and in print!

Obviously the main theme is the jubilee but there's the normal range of articles and announcements that form an essential lifeline for living in our parish.

As a jubilee starter how about this fact, 'The Queen has sat for over 200 official portraits, with the first being in 1933 when she was just seven years old' she must have a lot of patience!

Please send me your ideas and comments by emailing

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Vicar's Jubilee Reflection

Rev. Jonathan

"In this year of the jubilee each of you shall return to your property."
Leviticus 25:13.



As I unpacked the new Church union flag, I was overcome by a fortifying and reassuring feeling I suddenly had thinking about our Queen. Her show of great servant humility over the years seems most worthy a blow on the ram's horn 'shofar' as we celebrate the Jubilee.

I've a gentle respect for the Royals as long as my memory abides, and despite the obvious recent falls and tragedies

along the way (both minor and major kind) the Windsor brand has held through surprisingly ok. The Queen particularly, has given the nation a reason to be proud and a big part of this success, I believe, it is her quiet and personal Christian faith and the spirituality that has underpinned her reign.

By generation, I feel most connected to King designate-but-one, but it is the unswerving 'Servant Queen' who has my respect as she's built and supported the

growing family and enabled the public to take them to heart. Well worthy of the title 'Nations Favourite Granny'.

Through the years I have been able to record my own life events from the baptisms, marriages, and funerals in parallel with the young grandchild princes. In its better times the media has portrayed the 'normalness' of the wonderful natural bond between the grandparents and grandchildren. This has often made me feel connected in a way I could imagine them as friends, and particularly William. My late, dear, 'People' newspaper fan grandmother compared me often to the young prince in my youth and I admit more than once styling an aristocratic barnet for a party. How time has slipped away, middle age taken hold and the hair follicles are rapidly failing – (I'm ahead of William in that respect at least!) The prince is promising to be of the current Sovereigns ilk, the steady servant to the nation and yet quietly able to move along with the changing landscape of Britain, connecting admirably with the cultural strata of society.

But I wonder how will he reflect on the true meaning of Jubilee in relation to his grandmother and wider family?

Will the biblical and spiritual definition of the ancient Jubilee mean anything to him as he contemplates his future role?

Remembering where we came from, and where we are going, the word '*Jubilee*' connects so deeply with our human roots, and more truly as the King's subjects and not the States'. The definition might not have changed, but the outward practice certainly has. That the Old Testament government sponsored redistribution of land and estate means little now as we are no longer an ancient agrarian society and our property not assigned directly by God. Moreover, our economy is not just a simple fixed piece of land and most of us are not Jews. But just as the royal family tries to speak for the poorest in their charity work, the meaning of jubilee still has several applications and informs much of how we view wealth and poverty. It's in the spirit of the Jubilee that you can find contemporary relevance, finding opportunities for the poor to succeed, the Christian principle of sharing resources for the good of all. The Jubilee is about letting off those in debt. It is about love. It is about forgiveness. It's about looking after one another and thinking the best of one another.

At the heart of it all, we believe our God is a God of second chances. Jesus our God is the Jubilee. What Jesus is saying is that the ultimate Jubilee, which the prophets pointed to - has begun! Here it is, I'm already doing it Jesus then claimed. It's a massive claim but in those who fulfil servant faith (like our Queen) we see a shadow of working proof.

Enjoy your street parties and celebrations and I'll be flying the flag and passionately singing '**God Save the Queen**' with you.

On that note, can I warmly invite you to join us for a special Jubilee celebration and Pentecost service at St Chad's on **Sunday 5th June 10am** to be followed in the afternoon by a free-to-all St Chad's Garden Tea Party at Squab Hall Farm, Harbury Lane.

See the website **www.stchadsbt.org** and Facebook for more details.



Church FETE

Saturday 16h July 2-4pm



Each year our community generously donates items for the Fete. Please can you help by donating tombola prizes, good quality books, CDs, DVDs, toys, jigsaws etc.

If you can help on a Stall or setting up on the day, have a question or need to get in touch Kate Wellsted will pass you to the right person. Tel:0771 3113464 or chadstreasurer@outlook.com

St Chad's Cafe

The café will open to lovers of tea and cakes every Thursday from 10.15 to 11.45 a.m.

£2 for a drink and cake.

If you would like to volunteer for one or two weeks a month please contact Kate Wellsted on:

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Parish Council News

By Matt Greene

Early May brought our Annual Parish Assembly followed by the Parish Annual general meeting. At the AGM I was honoured to be re-elected as Chair of the Council and I remain grateful to my fellow councillors and the wider community for their support and trust in me for this role. Cllr. Leigh Carter continues as Vice Chair. All other councillors agreed to keep their existing portfolios. Details are available on the website.

At the Parish Assembly we had the chance to reflect on some of the successes of the year and put on record those achievements. We also were able to set our objectives for the coming year.

These included -

- Making a success of the country park and facilitating the transfer of the land to the ownership of the Parish.
- Driving Warwick District Council and other stakeholders to expand the country park southwards.
- Engaging the different parishes on the newer settlements to ensure the proper delivery of services and amenities to residents.
- Obtaining ownership of the new allotments on Oakley Meadows.
- Ensuring the delivery of traffic calming measures near to Seven Acre Close.
- Working to find a solution to the unsafe traffic conditions on Harbury Lane
- Ensuring that the school is not further delayed and conforms to the standards articulated and agreed to within the initial planning application.

There's a lot to do and it's unlikely that everything will be complete by the time of the next assembly.

The recent announcement that the merger between Warwick District Council and Stratford District Council will not go ahead means that there will be district and parish council elections next May. If you are interested in standing for either please do get in touch with one of us, we'd be happy to talk to you about what the role involves and how you can represent and help your community.

What's going on?

The Parish Council has received a number of requests for use of our green space for community events; the Church fete, Tachfest and the WI cake sale. These events will be advertised.

We have submitted our response to the country park application and we took into account comments made by residents.

The Parish Council has formally asked our County Councillor, Jan Matecki, if he could provide funding to 'kick start' a review of Harbury Lane near Heathcote Primary School. This is a busy junction and Cllr. Carter believes it would benefit from some traffic calming measures; however, we need County Council officer time to progress such a project and this requires funding and support from Jan and his budget.

Progress has been made on the new school with the County Council obtaining the land on which it will be built and also agreeing a plan to house the 2023 Year 7 intake at Myton for one year. The plan is that they will then return to our new high school in 2024. For various reasons it seems that similar provision will not be provided for the reception class. Thanks to County Cllr. Matecki for his continued involvement in this.

Although not public owned land, we did engage with the Oakley Meadows Management Company to find out when/if the dead trees would be replaced. We are pleased to hear that they are being replaced - we will continue to pursue a dialogue with the management companies throughout the parish where required. We are trying to obtain a list of contacts for the management companies and developers for the new developments. Once we have this information it will be displayed on our website. This should help residents living on these developments to report bins which haven't been emptied and highways issues. The County and District Councils are not responsible for these issues until they adopt the roads and/or green spaces from the developer and this can take several years.

The tender for the car park on the Meadow is still being finalised. Thinking ahead we are looking at the feasibility of installing electric vehicle charging points; only a few at first; however, we need to decide whether to provide the necessary

infrastructure for more in the future (thus making the development more sustainable). We have also been considering options for a light in the storage shed; it is used by community groups so we believe it should have one - we are considering solar panels on the roof. Cllr. Martin Drew is considering how to run a Repair Cafe from this building - please contact him if you wish to be involved in this project.

Residents may have seen Cllrs. Martin Drew and Keith Wellsted walking around the parish looking at green spaces; they are looking for places to plant trees. This will not happen immediately and we will consult with residents local to the sites identified. Looking at the number of sites identified we are probably looking at a four year timeframe. Trees will need watering and we will be engaging with you for help. This will need to be a community project.

The replacement of the Meadow allotments' water system is now complete, our contractors have done a great job. The old baths will be removed shortly as will the barbeque outside the shed. Please bear with us while we arrange for this.

Improving our shared spaces

Following an inspection of our existing trees we will be arranging for tree maintenance work on the village green and the meadow. We will also be asking a contractor to tidy up our untidy areas. We are aware of the entrance to the Sports and Social Club, the area near the BMX track noticeboard and the entrance to the footway to Oakley Meadows from the Sports and Social Club car park. If you are concerned about any other areas please send our clerk an email.

Following our raised concerns, we have been informed that the vegetation on the Warwick Gates perimeter path and the Oakley Road cycleway will be cut back by the District and County Council contractors. We have reported the fly tipping at the bottom of the Commander Close garages to the District Council.

Repairs to some of the surfacing around the outdoor gym equipment has been carried out but there might be some further work required. If the area is fenced off this will always be for a good reason and so please do not step over any fencing.

Our next meeting is on Thursday, 9th June at 7.30pm at the St. Chad's Centre. Residents are welcome to attend.

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News from Heathcote Primary School

The summer term is always a lovely for everyone as the weather gets better and we can get out and about even more. The children and staff have been busily revamping our outdoor areas. Each class had £50 to spend and the majority chose to buy different plants to help the children learn more about garden-ing and growing. There has also been some creative use of pallets and the children now have new colourful seating areas so they can learn outside and enjoy spending time together. Even our school guinea pigs got a new two-storey hutch so they can enjoy fresh air and more space.



Every term the children are introduced to new topics to increase their knowledge and skills. Reception children this term are learning about transport. They have been investigating the new train and fire engine role play areas and have been talking about different emergency vehicles. Our local PCSO came to visit to talk about how he helps to keep the community safe. Every child got to sit in his police car and set off the siren. They loved that! The children also increased their scientific investigation techniques. This involved thinking about whether various objects would sink or float. After the investigation, the children reflected on why they thought

the items floated or sunk. Some of their comments included:

"It sunk because the cotton wool was soggy and heavy."

"The coin is heavier than water, so it sunk."

"The pencil floated because it's so thin."



When we go all the way to the children in Year 6 in their final year they have been learning about Evolution and Inheritance and started off by researching information about Charles Darwin. They researched biographical information about the famous naturalist and presented their findings in an informative fact sheet! They continued their work

by finding out about Darwin's controversial theory of Natural Selection. Meanwhile in art, the children have been enjoying re-creating the work of Henry Moore. They took their lesson outdoors and used chalks to imitate the WW2 works created by Moore. Year 6 also looked at some of Moore's sculpture work and used tin foil to create their own human figures. We have also been super proud of our Year 6 chil-

dren as they studied hard in preparation for their statutory assessments. To prepare them the children have particularly enjoyed the Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar work which has included a number of quizzes and an enjoy-able version of 'Who Wants to be a Millionaire?' where the children had to answer questions in the popular TV show format!



At Heathcote we are committed to ensuring our children interact with the community and learn from experts everywhere. Our children are particularly keen on sustainability and ensuring we look after our planet. After an exciting trip to the Insight House in Lighthorne, Year 5 have been writing about how they would try and be more sustainable. Some children wrote about planting fruits and vegetables in their gardens to limit their carbon footprint and others turning down the heat in their houses. Through their history topic of Ancient Egyptians they have investigated how they used their environment to survive.

'A garden is not a place. It's a journey.' Monty Don

Mrs Humphriss – Executive Head Teacher.

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Learning in Community



We would like to introduce you to our first Head and Deputy Boys and Girls. Ollie, Annabel, Oliver and Gracie have taken their responsibilities very seriously, speaking to lots of people about our wonderful school and the learning that happens here.



It has been lovely to welcome Reverend Jonathan into the school family. He visited school to bless the beautiful flame that Reverend Elaine kindly gave us. We have enjoyed getting to know him better as we begin to plan to further develop links with St Chad's Church. The children have enjoyed visiting the community café, chatting to members of the community about school and learning about them too.



Our charity this year is Molly Olly's Wishes, and the children organised and ran a sponsored Santa Dash just before Christmas raising over £1700 for the charity. The children are now beginning to plan how to raise funds to stock a refurbished ambulance that will be taken to the Ukraine full of medical equipment.

In school, the children have been busy as authors, mathematicians, scientists, linguists, historians, geographers, musicians, actors, sportsmen and women, designers and artists. They have been discovering many new gifts and talents along the way. The children have also enjoyed taking their learning to Kenilworth Castle, Coventry Cathedral, St Chad's Church, Manor Adventure and the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford.



We have also celebrated the Diversity of our community and look forward to our upcoming Aspirations Day.

It's been a busy, and fun-filled learning time at school – together again!

Have a look at the newsletters on our school website if you'd like to know more (btschool.co.uk).

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Poetry please

The Battery Hen—Pam Ayres

Oh. I am a battery hen,
On me back there's not a germ,
I never scratched a farmyard,
And I never pecked a worm,
I never had the sunshine,
To warm me feathers through,
Eggs I lay. Every day.
For the likes of you.

When you has them scrambled,
Piled up on your plate,
It's me what you should thank for that,
I never lays them late,
I always lays them reg'lar,
I always lays them right,
I never lays them brown,
I always lays them white.

But it's no life, for a battery hen,
In me box I'm sat,
A funnel stuck out from the side,
Me pellets comes down that,
I gets a squirt of water,
Every half a day,
Watchin' with me beady eye,
Me eggs, roll away.

I lays them in a funnel,
Strategically placed,
So that I don't kick 'em,
And let them go to waste,
They rolls off down the tubing,
And up the gangway quick,
Sometimes I gets to thinkin'
"That could have been a chick!"

I might have been a farmyard hen,
Scratchin' in the sun,
There might have been a crowd of
chicks,
After me to run,
There might have been a cockerel fine,
To pay us his respects,
Instead of sittin' here,
Till someone comes and wrings our
necks.

I see the Time and Motion clock,
Is sayin' nearly noon,
I 'spec me squirt of water,
Will come flyin' at me soon,
And then me spray of pellets,
Will nearly break me leg,
And I'll bite the wire nettin'
And lay one more bloody egg.

June facts

1. The name *June* is the modern day adaption of the Latin word *Junius*, which has its origins dating back to the ancient Romans.
2. There are multiple theories as to what the month of June was named after. One theory is that it was named after the Roman goddess of marriage, Juno. Another theory is that its name originates from the Latin word *iuniores*, which translates into “younger ones”. Yet another possibility is that the month was named after Lucius Junius Brutus, the founder of the Roman Republic.
3. June was called *sera monath* by the Anglo-Saxons, which translated into “dry month”.
4. June used to be the fourth month in the year. Before Julius Caesar came to power, the calendar year only had 10 months. In 46 BC he created the Julian calendar by adding two more months to the year, which made June the sixth month.
5. No other month in the year begins on the same day of the week as June.
6. June has both the longest and the shortest days of the year, depending on where you’re standing! If you live in the northern hemisphere, then June 21st is the longest day of the year. If you live in the southern hemisphere, then the 21st is the shortest day of the year.
7. June was apparently not very popular with William Shakespeare, as it was only referenced in two of his famous plays – Cleopatra, and Henry IV.
8. The period of time from the middle of May to the middle of June was considered by the ancient Romans to be an ill-omened time for marriage. The story goes that Ovid, a Roman poet, consulted with the high priestess of Jupiter and asked when would be a good time for his daughter’s wedding. The high priestess decreed that he should wait until after June 15th.
9. Contrary to Roman beliefs about the best and worst times to get married, June is now considered one of the very best months!
10. The birth flowers of June are the honeysuckle and the rose. Both of these flowers are symbols of all things relating to love, desire, generosity, and affection. If you were born in June, then there’s a good chance you’ll be a bit of a hopeless romantic!
11. Many incredibly important and influential people throughout history have been born in June. Among many others born in June, Anne Frank, Che Guevara, Jean-Paul-Sartre, Marilyn Monroe, George Orwell, and George H. W. Bush all share a common birth month!

WI

By Anne Allen

Bishop's Tachbrook WI is very much alive and kicking. 4 new members over the last couple of months and fingers crossed there may be a few more.

Last month Kry's very ably presented our resolution this read:

'Women and Girls with ASD and ADHD are under-identified, under-diagnosed, misdiagnosed and under-supported'.

This was passed unanimously and the delegate from Bishops Itchington who is attending the National Annual Meeting ,will be voting on our behalf.

The meeting continued with a small amount of business. I now send members a monthly news letter containing all the information of forthcoming events etc. I know these are available on the WI website but it's really just a gentle reminder of what we could be missing. This was followed by a ploughman's supper and a rather noisy game of Beetle.

Next month our speaker is Peggy King. She will be talking about her time in Surabaya. Where's that you are wondering, it's the capital of Java! Why not come along and find out more. We will also be celebrating the Queen's Jubilee, cake and fizz may well be involved with this being the WI and the Queen being a life long member. Bet you didn't know that.

Lots of exciting events are happening . I've recently joined a fascinating zoom about the day to day life of the Queen . We've had the chance to visit Hay on Wye literary festival, the Shuttleworth Collection, Barnsdale Gardens and Cardiff. Talks have included Menopause Madness and Behind the Seams with Vicky Gill of Strictly fame. There is also a Treasure Hunt and a Produce and Craft show to look forward to in September.

Food and drink is still featuring highly on our own events. We have been to Hilltop Farm for afternoon tea to celebrate us surviving the last 3 years. Posh frocks a go go. Next month we are going to the Cotswold Distillery for a gin tasting so

together with a lunch it will be a full day out . On September 3rd, we are hoping to hold our annual cake stall on the village green , we're just awaiting permission. There might even be a Pimms evening in July.

Our future talks include From IT to Tai Chi in July, followed in September by Ken Kelly will be telling us about a Women's Olympic Ordeal and in November Henley Chocolates will be demonstrating. Between these are a games evening, usually extremely noisy, and our Annual Meeting. All followed by the Christmas party. So lot's to look forward to.

We have both an active book club and a knitting group . Did you notice the new post box topper provided by all members of the knitting group. We are open to anyone who wants an evening out to knit and natter. We meet in the Leopard on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm.

Believe it or not I'm still collecting used bras, postage stamps, old jewellery, phones, cameras etc. for various charities. Thanks to everyone for leaving your little parcels on my doorstep.

If you think some of this sounds interesting why don't you come along one month and find out what we are all about. We are all ages, we don't wear twinsets and pearls but we know how to have fun and enjoy ourselves. Please give me a call and I can tell you more.

Anne Allen 424135 or 07929356701

History Group Programme

12th July - AGM followed by **'Leaves from the Family Tree'** - members' recollections and memorabilia

9th August - **'Break out of my clutches'** Perceptions of the automotive products - John Copping

13th September - Visit to **National Memorial Arboretum**

11th October - **'Industrial Heritage of Warwickshire'** - Martin Green

8th November - TBA

Nature Page

By Steve Harvey

'If anyone actually reads this then it will now be June. As I scribble this it is still May. I reckon April/May is my favourite time of the year. Everything suddenly becomes green and lush. Cow Parsley (or Keck in my family), grows tall in the hedge bottoms as if its trying to touch the Hawthorn blossom; the "darling buds of May". The country lanes are soft and bursting with life. I think by the end of May its almost peaked, nothing quite tops it after that. By mid April the young Robins had fledged and were parked in bushes repeating their one note call to keep in touch with their parents and ask for food. Fluffy, brown and speckled, not looking much like the Robins they would turn out to be. When your parents are so hostile to other robins its best not to look like your own kind until you can look after yourself. Young Blackbirds had also fledged and by May young Starlings were very noisily following their parents around for food.



Our evening after dark there was a tap, tapping low on the back door. One of the Cats was very interested. I guessed it was a Beetle on the wing. On opening the door there was a Cockchafer Beetle, large and clumsy; it's a wonder they can fly. The porch light had attracted it. I picked it up. They don't bite or sting but do cling onto your fingers. I moved it away from the light so it could carry on its mission.



The Tawny Owls are around the cottage and parkland, one calling and the other responding. It won't be long until I hear this year's little Owlets.

One sunny morning I was driving towards Ashorne from Morton Morrell when a Weasel dashed into the road followed by a second. They got to the middle of the road then dashed back to the hedge bottom. Maybe a male chasing a female, I'll never know, but their light brown fur looked great

in the sunshine. I go years without seeing a Weasel or a Stoat then see two at once.

All my female Pheasants have disappeared now, off to nest. I'm visited by one male Pheasant. His wife now she's disappeared is hopefully sitting on a nest somewhere. He still visits for food, strutting up and down looking every bit the expectant father - not smoking a cigarette though (old style reference).

Oh! And at last it's happened, well just about. My Jackdaw mates are so desperate for food for their babies they follow me around the garden. Some days they will even come to the car as I arrive home. They know I'm a soft touch so they stay close. For the first time a Jackdaw now will feed from my hand while sitting on the fence. Only one mind you but that's a start as the others sit around watching. They must think this lone Jackdaw is incredibly brave or dangerously stupid. Needless to say I love it.

History Group

By Ian Morley

In 2008 the History Group published a 200 page booklet entitled *Bishop's Tachbrook Past and Present; The Story of a Warwickshire Village*. Since then there has been a commitment to retain a local focus with recent talks about the Battle of Edge Hill, The Leamington and Warwick Tramway, the Birmingham to Leamington railway line. Other talks have had some sort of local connection but a much wider focus, such as Gillian White's 'Queen Victoria - A Life in Portraits', and Roy Smart's talk on 'David Beatty - The Last Naval Hero'. Some members of the History Group have given talks on their own interests, or helped to organise outings (such as one very memorable visit to Goldsmith's Hall).

The standard programme is that there is one meeting a month, including an AGM, a Christmas Lunch at the Leopard (convivial but not included in the subscription), a programme of speakers (some external and some from within the Group), and one or two outings. Subscription is £14 per annum, although outings involve extra costs. This year's outings are to Middleton Hall and to the National Memorial Arboretum, both of which include guided tours. Transport is provided, if required.

Meetings are usually held on the second Tuesday of each month (at 2.30 in St. Chad's Centre). This year the History Group relaunched a full programme (after lockdown) with a talk on 'The English Country House' (Tuesday 8th March, by Keith Cattrell). It was followed by a talk on 'Church Ales' by Beat Kumin (which, surprisingly, was not about brewing techniques but about a social institution). More information may be found in the online versions of the relevant Parish Magazine.

This week members heard Dr. Richard Churchley give a very informative and very entertaining talk on 'The Folksongs of Warwickshire and Worcestershire'. He played the piano accordion, the cittern, and cymbals to accompany his songs, and invited audience participation (which was enthusiastic).

The programme for the rest of the year includes talks on 'Automotive Products' (by John Coppin), 'The Industrial Heritage of Warwickshire' (by Martin Green), and 'Improvising the Night Away' (by Nina Kumin: with violin accompaniment).

At long last TRACC's first green initiative is underway to improve bio diversity. On 27 February Bishop's Tachbrook Working Party carried out the preparation work for re-wilding the perimeter of the Meadow. In association with Severn Trent Water, who are funding the project, Olivia Williams from Warwickshire Wildlife Trust supervised the work that involved scarifying and clearing the moss and grass to prepare the soil for sowing with wild flower and grasses that have been selected to suit the different locations around the Meadow. Maintenance mowing & clearing is scheduled for late summer 2022.

The Meadow was chosen as a trial to determine whether re-wilding will prove acceptable with residents. If it is, it will be extended to the village green, churchyard and other grassed areas. Preparation work on this will then take place in the autumn.

Tree Care and new Planting

A survey was carried with tree expert Martin Hicks in April to determine the condition and maintenance requirements of the Parish's trees. As well as looking after our wonderful greenery, it gave us the idea for finding suitable locations around the Parish for planting more trees to enhance carbon sequestration. The survey was carried out with Martin's invaluable support 19/05/2022. We will be calling on residents to help with the planting. You will be playing your part to ensure future generations can look forward to a greener, healthier place to live.

New green energy and enhanced bio diversity

The new solar farm development covering approximately 230 acres, in 2 parcels of land, is to be built alongside the M40 and Fosse Way. It will generate 50MW, enough zero carbon electricity for 14,800 houses per annum. The site is expected to save around 37,766 tonnes of CO₂ every year, with a cumulative total of 1,510,640 tonnes over its 40year lifespan, compared to equivalent generation from fossil fuels. Up to 2 km of tree/hedgerow, the creation of 21 acres of wild-flower meadow and scrub habitat and features such as insect hotels, log piles, bird boxes and shelters will ensure bio diversity. New footpaths are planned, including restoring the path from Bishop's Tachbrook to Chesterton.

BT's Scary Carbon footprint

TRACC posted a carbon impact calculator tool on the BT website. It shows that BT produces 68,449 tons of CO₂e* pa. It's a frightening figure that we, as residents, create 30,233 tons of CO₂ pa, which works out as a carbon footprint of 24.2 tons CO₂ per household. Even more disturbing is, thanks to the M40 running through the Parish, the total territorial footprint is 68,449 tons - that is 54.8 tons of CO₂ per household of planet destroying carbon. CO₂e includes all the other exhaust gases that harm our health. Compare our carbon footprint with other parishes by following the link:

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Tachfest - advanced notice

Tachfest returns to the Meadow on
9th July. It will run from 1.00 p.m. to
6.00 p.m.



What's on

Bishops Tachbrook Sports & Social Club Entertainments

June

Bank Holiday Weekend.

2nd June – (Thursday) Jubilee Tea Party for the over 60s.

Sandwiches & Cakes, Tea & Coffee Plus 5 Free games of Bingo 1pm – 4pm

Free for Members £2.50 for Non-Members Please add your name to list in the Club.

3rd June – (Friday) Rob Alton.

With a versatile mixture of songs old and new, Rob is a, talented vocalist who can diversify to any style of music, He has been influenced by many singers from different genres but has a real passion for good old fashioned rock! Starting at 8.00pm

4th June – (Saturday) Melita.

Come and join us for an evening of Soul and Reggae as singer Melita takes to the stage to entertain us with a catalogue of songs to get you dancing the night away. Starting at 9.00pm

5th June – (Sunday) Picnic on the Meadow.

Why not Celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee by enjoying a picnic on the Meadow.

Bring your own food and games the Club will be open from 12.00 noon for liquid refreshments.

11th June – Skittles Night.

Fancy a game of Skittles come round for a game on our own Skittle Alley challenge your friends or form some teams for an evening of knocking down the pins.

Skittle Alley available from 7.30pm.

18th June – Distorted Decade.

Distorted Decades are an energetic band who cover all music from 50's rock & roll through to current day and everything in between. Starting at 9.00pm

25th June – Quiz Night.

It's the last Saturday of the month so Quiz Night is upon us with all of your favourite rounds of demanding questions. Get yourselves a team together and challenge the Judge,

A prize for every team. Starting at 8.30pm

Free Entry to the Club for Members £3.00 for non-Members

Bishops Tachbrook Sports & Social Club Function room is available for all sorts of activities (T's & C's apply)
:- Dance Classes, Keep Fit, Martial Arts, Band Practice, Group Meetings, Car and Motorcycle Clubs, Children's Clubs, Parties, Christenings, Weddings and Funerals.

Contact Us



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St Chad's Centre Schedule

Monday	Activity	Contact
<p>9.45-11.15</p> <p>13,20 and 27th June</p>	<p>New Class</p> <p>Caesar's Quilling Workshop</p> <p>Do you want to learn something crafty and completely different? Then Julie has the workshop for you. Join Julie for an exploration of this gorgeous art form. You will learn how to roll paper into shapes, then use these shapes to make pictures, patterns onto cards.</p> <p>The cost of the workshop is £35 and is for three sessions it includes quilling kit which you get to take home, tea and coffee and cake.</p>	<p>Julie Brown – Julieamandabrown1970@gmail.com</p>
<p>12.30-14.30</p>	<p>Tachbrook Tinies</p> <p>We are a friendly playgroup for children aged 0-4 years and their carers.</p> <p>Hot drinks and snacks, toys, craft activities and singing.</p> <p>All welcome.</p> <p>Term time only.</p>	<p>Contact on facebook</p>
<p>16.30-17.45</p>	<p>Martial Arts Class. Children/ Beginners up to age 11</p>	<p>Andy Shaw – andy@linkcube.co.uk</p>
<p>17.45-19.00</p>	<p>Martial Arts Class. Over 12 years and adults</p>	<p>Andy Shaw – andy@linkcube.co.uk</p>

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>
<p>14.30 -16.00</p> <p>Tuesday 7th June</p>	<p>HISTORY GROUP</p> <p>Visit to Middleton Hall.</p>	<p>Ian Morley</p> <p>Drie.morley@btinternet.com</p>

<p>16.45-18.30</p>	<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>
<p>19.00-20.00</p>	<p>YOGA</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.lifewithamandaj.com</p>

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19.30-21.30	<p>Salsa @ St Chads</p> <p>Learn and practice Salsa</p> <p>Cross Body / Cuban / Rueda</p> <p>Every Wednesday, New and experienced dancers welcome.</p> <p>New Dancers Come early.</p>	<p>Enquiries – stchadssalsa@outlook.com</p>

Thursday	Activity	Contact
<p>10.15-11.45</p> <p>Every Thursday in June</p>	<p>ST CHAD'S CAFÉ</p> <p>Serving Drinks and Cake for you to enjoy</p> <p>If you would like to volunteer for one or two weeks per month please contact Kate Wellsted on:</p> <p>Chadstreasurer@outlook.com</p> <p>or ring 07713113464</p>	<p>Chadstreasurer@outlook.com</p>
<p>13.20-14.00</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>
	<p>ATOMIC DANCE</p> <p>Little Stars Ballet and Musical Theatre (combined class)</p> <p>4pm-4.45pm</p> <p>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>Contact Ellie Rowe 07392 348155 or ellie@atomicdance.co.uk</p>

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16.00-17.45	<p>Junior Combo</p> <p>4.45pm-5.45pm</p> <p>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 el-lie@atomicdance.co.uk</p>
Friday	Activity	Contact
10.00-12.00	<p>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"</p>	<p>Peter Fletcher 07487 685679</p>
	<p>Chair Yoga</p> <p>Minds and Dreams will be starting Chair Yoga on the first Friday of every month, starting Friday 6th May.</p> <p>Minds and Dreams are a charity that provide support to carers as well as people affected by long term illness</p>	<p>Contact Fay</p> <p>07355 036209</p>

Facts behind seventy years of service

A patron and president for over 600 charities

The Queen has been involved and volunteered in over 600 charities, military associations, professional bodies and public service organisations..

Double the birthdays

At 95 years old, the Queen has a fair share of big birthday parties in her life, but because of the crown, the tradition of the Queen having two birthdays means she's had a total of 140 birthdays during her reign.

94 state visits

The Queen has visited numerous countries around the world and has had 94 official state visits during her reign.

Delivered 69 televised Christmas speeches

Annually, the British public and around worldly citizens have watched the 95-year-old deliver her Christmas speeches since 1969.

23 wax figures for Madame Tussauds London

Madame Tussauds wax figures are known for their depiction of well-known faces across the globe and usually, celebrities only have a few done in their honour. The Queen has 23 figures carved out to look like her, and her star power has attracted many visits, however, the wax figures are also done to keep in touch with her changing appearance over the years.

14 UK Prime Ministers

Over the last 70 years, The Queen has seen many prime ministers come and go in Downing Street including Winston Churchill, Margaret Thatcher, Theresa May and Boris Johnson.

Holds 7 Guinness World Records

The Queen holds seven Guinness World Records, one of them the Royal Highness holds, is the record for most currencies and coins featuring the same individual, 45 countries.

Never used a passport

As passports are issued in Her Majesty's name, the Queen doesn't need one to travel overseas. However, the rest of the royal family do require one.

Parish Working Party

By Keith Wellsted

There are a number of jobs that need doing around the parish to enhance the lived experience of our neighbourhood. Jobs that, if we don't do them, are unlikely to be done. In the past these have included tree planting, bulb planting, footpath clearing and the occasional litter pick.

So far this year our tasks have included churchyard maintenance and hopefully, creating our first wild flower areas on The Meadow. Later on this year we're committed to a tree planting extravaganza.



Scarifying the grass to sow wild flower seed into.



Churchyard clearance or aerobics!

Here are just a few great ways to stay up-to-date with everything that's happening in your Parish.



Parish Website | bishopstachbrook.com

Book the St Chad's Centre for a party or event, or subscribe to the monthly online magazine to receive the latest news.



Parish Facebook page | Facebook.com/bishopstachbrook

Find out about great local events, such as the Tachfest music festival and the Bonfire night extravaganza.



Parish Council Facebook group | bishopstachbrook.com/pc

Talk to your volunteer Parish councillors about local initiatives, such as the planned school and country park.



BT Locals Facebook group | bishopstachbrook.com/locals

Buy, sell or swap your stuff, chat with fellow parishioners, or find a local trader for those around-the-house jobs.



St Chad's Church website | stchadsbt.org

Find out what's going on in your community or speak to the Church team about weddings, christenings and other events.

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