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What's in this month's magazine

Hello and welcome to this month's magazine.

We're back to digital format only this month. There's been lots of positive comments on last month's printed copy. Obviously people like to have an actual magazine to read as opposed to looking at a screen. To put the print v online argument into context, 3,500 magazines were produced and distributed throughout the parish. Evidence, if evidence is needed, that demonstrates how quickly our parish has grown! About 5 years ago we only distributed 750 copies. So, a big thanks must go out to all the distributors who pounded the streets to push copies through letter boxes braving irate dogs and those who thought we were posting junk mail! The aim, at present, is to distribute a printed Christmas edition when I guess numbers will have risen even more - let us know if you can help.

Amongst the normal mix of essential parish news, interesting articles and reflections on the soul in this month's magazine, there's some more unusual pieces to bring to your attention. Pages 12 and 13 explain the new bin collection system in what I think is fairly easy to understand terms. Pages 16 and 17 feature an article titled, 'Warwickshire Wildlife Trust (WWT) The last 50 years and the Future to come' which I found a really interesting read. The Nature Page features a wonderful drawing of a grass snake, see page 21.

July seems to bring out the party animal in us. The Church fete on the village green is on the 9th of July followed the following week, Saturday 16th, by Tachfest on the meadow. Let's hope for good weather, huge attendance and fun for all.

There's no magazine in August, we return in September with another online edition. If you want to contribute just send me your ideas by emailing btparishmagazine@hotmail.com.

Vicar's July Reflections

Rev. Jonathan

Wildfully Wondering



What a wildly wonderful world God! Ps 104

There has been a bit of a home pet battle in our family! It started many years ago when I remember scouring the fields with our young ones for that tiny bit of frogspawn to flop into our small pond at home. Since then, we have risen through the levels of pet owning trying tropical fish (less successful), a hamster (wildly unsuccessful), chickens (getting more successful) and latterly a dog (ongoing debate as to whether successful). We have cousins who have definitely won the 'wild and weird' competition with their tortoises, bearded dragon and most recently an axolotl (still trying to work out what this is!).

Every time we meet up, we are always trying to outdo one another with our animal facts and figures, and it never ceases to amaze me the diverse and extraordinary creatures in the world. As an aside is anyone else enthusiastic about Halobates?

In the wake of much that is going on (and we know there are some very worrying problems) I invite you to pause and consider again the created order through the eyes of the Psalmist of Psalm 104. Everything that they see is cause for wonderment. For better or worse the great thing about creation is that makes

you wonder.

Have you ever stopped to wonder what wonder is?

If you want to be transported to a place of wonder then this is the go-to Psalm. It's so very rich and lush, oozing with themes and elements of the Genesis creation story and pointing us to the practical nature of true peace and rest as everything moves in rhythm and order! I think wonder is particularly linked with the world's biodiversity in all its intricate connectedness and movement.

Just take in the scene. Wild donkeys and beasts of the field. Birds in the trees. Lifting his eyes to the high mountains the wild goats (or ibexes) and rock badgers. The cedars of Lebanon loom majestically in view. The young lions startle us with their roars. The sea is teeming with life! A Leviathan Sea monster comes to play. And then more generally, we hear the faint echoes and catch glimpses of living creatures of the field, forest and sea. Wow - it's all too much to take in. Jesus spent much of his teaching time in and pointing to nature as a sign of God's faithfulness and bringing so much wisdom and truth about our place in creation. The interconnectedness and interdependence on God and his Spirit sustaining and providing us with a full and healthy existence. The audacious love for his creation makes everything just - somehow work. As the Psalmist's poetry comes to a resounding climax, the following words jubilantly exalt the grandeur of creation.

***'What a wildly wonderful world, God!
You made it all, with Wisdom at your side,
made earth overflow with your wonderful creations.'* (Psalm 104)**

So back to what is wonder? It's still difficult to pin down but perhaps it's not meant to be totally understood. Rather, wonder is meant to be encountered. Something we experience in our soul and not in our logical heads.

This summer in our church at St Chad's we hope to wonder. We will notice afresh where we are in God's creation, notice where we want to be on our green journey, notice the value of charities like 'A Rocha' International <https://arocha.org.uk> to help us in our ambition to be an 'Eco-Church'.

Alongside all Christians we care passionately about this world and want to make sure we safeguard the integrity of creation for generations to follow. Only in relative modern times has it become one of the church's five 'Marks of Mission' but it's always been the Psalmists vision.

In Sunday's churchyard children's group (10am Sundays), at the dad's and kids camp (1-3rd July), at the St Chads Community Café and other events (fete 16th July) we will spend much time outdoors wildly worshipping, both wandering and wondering together. Thanking God for our world and asking Jesus to help us sustain our existence. There is always a warm welcome at St Chads for you to join in this great creation story.

There will be more news and detail about all our groups and ministries in the Autumn edition but until then I wish you a great Summer and keep wondering.

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Church FETE

Saturday 16h July 2-4pm

The village Green, Bishop's Tachbrook!



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 chad-streasurer@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.



Parish Council News

By Matt Greene

Time flies (whether you're having fun or not) and I can't believe we're already into the second half of the year. Some things seem to drag though and for the Parish Council this is trying to get legal transactions completed. However, I'm pleased to report that the Sports and Social Club Lease agreement has now been completed and we are very close to completing the Deed of Easement and the Allotments Transfers in respect of the Oakley Meadows estate.

We've launched a survey on the Oakley Meadow estate regarding residents' experiences of having their public open spaces managed by a management company. I have long felt uneasy about the rise in the number of such companies on the new developments, which provide services to some areas of our Parish, while other residential open spaces continue to be maintained by a public body (e.g. the district or county councils) at the expense of all taxpayers.

This approach seems to lead to a two-tier system where some residents effectively pay twice (through council tax and then management fees); I was shocked by the extent to which the funds paid are absorbed by a management charge (for Oakley Meadow this is forecast to be £6,920 in 2022 which is c.27% of the forecast total expenditure); at the same time I've been informed that residents' requests are denied.

We will assess residents' views (in an anonymised way) and then consider, if necessary, the next steps. Of course my view is that of an outsider (I pay no such fee where I live), and it may be that the majority of residents prefer this arrangement.

Following an inspection of parish owned trees we are currently obtaining quotes for the following works -

- Lifting of the canopy of the tree in the Sports and Social Club car park. This should allow the WI coach to drop and pick up from the car park instead of asking for the field gate to be opened.

- Removal of foliage from around the street light on the footway between the Meadow and Oakley Meadows.
- Removal of the tree stump on the footway between Kingsley Road and the Meadow. We have no idea who carried out the work on removing two thirds of this tree on Parish Council owned land but have been advised that the remainder needs removing. Unfortunately this will need to be paid for by residents unless we are advised who initially undertook this work and then we can approach them.
- On the village green we have been advised to remove the 2 diseased trees and arrange for the tree overhanging Argyle Way to be reduced by approximately a third and the canopy overhanging the road be lifted.
- The tree on the village green overhanging Mallory Road also requires the canopy to be raised to allow for buses and lorries to pass without touching the foliage.
- Trees on the village green are in the conservation area and will require a planning application. This will be submitted in the following weeks. Replacement trees on the village green will be planted later this year.

If you have any questions about the above works please do contact the clerk.

Following concerns expressed by councillors and residents regarding policing in our parish we are trying to engage with the Police. As a growing parish we believe we require a contact name/number for obtaining updates on crimes and discussing levels of policing. An occasional representative at a Parish Meeting would be nice; however, we have been informed that this cannot be accommodated. Councillors are trying to engage with senior Police personnel to try and achieve this aim.

Thanks to Cllr. Leigh Carter the Mallory Road traffic scheme is scheduled to be completed at the end of August.

Finally, thanks to Cllr. Sean Deely, a drop kerb location on Othello Avenue has been agreed with County Highways; we are now waiting to hear when it will happen.

The Farm Walk drop kerb has been shelved following concerns from residents around whether there is a need.

The County Council has received £1.4 million Government funding towards cycling and walking routes between Europa Way and the new schools and Cllr. Leigh Carter is very keen to be involved in these talks and the Parish Council has asked County Councillor Jan Matecki if he will arrange this.

Councillors understand and support the need for a safe exit from Mallory Road onto Banbury Road and have passed the message to County Councillor Jan Matecki; however, this will need wider support from the County Council.

The play area signage should be erected shortly. Posts which match the play equipment have been ordered and our contractor is waiting for delivery. In the meantime please do follow the rules, dogs are not allowed in the play area - we have received complaints about this and are going to speak to the dog warden. This play area is covered under the District Council Dog Control Orders and offenders could be subject to a fixed penalty notice.

If you drive to the play area please do not park blocking the gate - the signage needs fixing and this will be done shortly.

Oakley Wood Road cycleway/footway vegetation overhanging the route has been reported to the County Council and we have requested a date for when this work will take place. The Warwick Gates perimeter path is also on the list as is clearing vegetation around road signage. If you have foliage on your property that encroaches on a pavement/footpath please do cut it back - we need to make sure people have space to travel safely around the community.

Our internal auditor has reviewed our accounting records and processes and information is on the website but if you have any questions please do contact the clerk.

Finally, it was fantastic that, having been more than two years since there was last a paper copy of the magazine, the Jubilee edition was received in physical form by so many houses within our community - well done the magazine team and

particularly Keith and Kate Wellsted who are the driving force behind it. I know it was well read as I had many people tell me that I had referred to residents on the new estates as "Pirates". Whilst this was an unintentional mistake; I think there are worse things to be called and, having read the book "Be More Pirate" by Sam Conniff a few years ago I can honestly say that their history (pre-modern day) does have some elements of positivity. That being said, I apologise for any offence caused by this typo!

Our next meeting on Thursday, 14th July at 7.30pm at St. Chad's Centre.



The 1-2-3 of dealing with your waste



1 – Food waste collected weekly

- Residents will receive a 7-litre indoor food caddy and a 23-litre outdoor food bin.
- The indoor food caddy can be lined with compostable caddy liners or newspaper. Residents should put any peelings, raw or cooked leftover food into their caddy.
- When full, the indoor food caddy should be emptied into the outdoor food bin and the food bin presented for collection on the property boundary each week.
- The food waste is taken to an anaerobic digestion facility where it is used to create renewable energy and a soil improver.



2 – Recycling collected every two weeks

Residents should place the items below in their blue-lidded bin or recycling box for collection every two weeks:

- All clean and dry cardboard
- All empty, rinsed tins
- All empty, rinsed cans
- All empty, rinsed glass jars, with or without lids
- All empty glass bottles, with or without metal lids (no corks)
- All clean and dry paper
- All empty, rinsed plastic milk bottles with or without lids
- All empty, rinsed plastic drink bottles with or without lids
- All empty, rinsed plastic pots, tubs and trays
- All clean foil and foil trays
- Empty aerosol cans (no spray paint, etc.)
- Empty, rinsed (where possible) Tetra Pak and cartons
- Empty, rinsed (where possible) household cleaner bottles
- Empty, rinsed (where possible) toiletry bottles

Recyclables must be put in the bin loose - DO NOT bag.

Household batteries and small electrical items can be bagged, tied and put alongside the blue-lidded bin or recycling box for collection.



3 – Refuse collected every 3 weeks

Only items that cannot be recycled should be placed in the grey bin.

2+ - Garden waste collected every two weeks if the resident signs up for the Garden Waste Service.

The green bin should be used for garden waste only. No food waste.

News from Heathcote Primary School

As I write this final piece for the parish news the children have just finished participating in sports days. The weather behaved and on all 3 days (each Key Stage has a different day) the sun shone brightly. After 2 years of reduced visits to schools our parents and grandparents enjoyed getting together to cheer on their children and even had the opportunity to participate in races as well. I think the favourite race for our KS1 children was the water race. Definitely refreshing as it was a hot day.



Before we broke up for May half term we enjoyed celebrating our Queen's Platinum Jubilee as I am sure the whole country did. The children had made jubilee hats and t-shirts, learnt songs to entertain and the whole school enjoyed a picnic in the grounds with their families. Throughout the week the children used their creative art skills to make a trail of portraits in different styles of The Queen. In Year 5 they were in the style of Romero Britto – a Brazilian pop artist. Year 2 were inspired by Andy Warhol.

Part of our vision for those who attend Heathcote Primary is to promote intergenerational living. We work closely with Austin Heath retirement home and a group of our children were able to visit to take part in a poetry workshop led by the famous poet Lemn Sissay OBE. They worked with the residents to create a piece of intergenerational performance poetry around the themes of relationships, courage and silver linings. Lemn worked with the writing teams all day giving poem structures and ideas. It was an incredible experience for the children and they also got to read their pieces to camera. Hopefully it has inspired them for future creativity.





Mrs Abernethy our 'Head of School' is going on maternity leave for the next academic year. She reflected on the past year and said 'there are so many happy memories that the children and staff should feel very proud of – fantastic school plays: Reception and Year 1 nativity play and Year 2 and 3 spring play, Year 4,5,6 play where the singing was exceptional, Warwick Singing Town performances; Year 6 going on our first school residential, other exciting trips to the zoo, Coombe Abbey, art galleries, pantomimes; celebrating our school's 5th birthday, celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and of course receiving a Good for our first Ofsted report.' We will miss her next year and of course Scribbles our school dog (he lives with Mrs Abernethy) but look forward to seeing her new baby in September. Mrs Shirley will lead the school operationally in her absence.

We have many exciting things planned for next year and on behalf of everyone at Heathcote Primary School thank you for reading about our adventures and see you in the Autumn Term.

'As soon as I saw you I knew an adventure was about to happen.' Winnie The Pooh

Happy summer holidays

Mrs Humphriss – Executive Head

Friends of Oakley Wood

Talk by Karl Curtis, Director of Nature Reserves, to the Friends of Oakley Wood **AGM**

Warwickshire Wildlife Trust (WWT) The last 50 years and the Future to come

Before establishing a separate charity in Warwickshire, WWT was part of West Midlands Nature Conservation Trust (WARNACT). By the end of the 1970s WWT had 2000 members and there are now 25,000. In 1992 its first headquarters was set up at Brandon Marsh which was opened by Sir David Attenborough. There are currently 66 reserves covering over 1,000 hectares and safeguarding the county's rarest wildlife. WWT provides advice and support to landowners who manage a further 10,000 hectares. Education is vital and WWT provides environmental experiences for 23,000 young people every year encouraging the next generation of naturalists. It influences local, regional and national policy and gives nature a voice. It works in partnership with statutory agencies, local authorities and the private sector to deliver more through collaboration.

WWT has now had 50 years of impact but more needs to be done to address the decline of wildlife. The UK's biodiversity is declining due to climate change, urbanisation, pollution, invasive established non-native species, woodland management. Warwickshire is one of the least wooded areas of the country. One species of plant becomes extinct every 3 years in Warwickshire. Species at risk in Warwickshire with 2 degrees of warming: 15% of mammals, 17% of birds, 20% of plants, 3-% of amphibians, 31% of arachnids, 33% of reptiles, 49% of millipedes, 37% of insects and 37% of centipedes.

The future aim of WWT is to restore 30% of land for nature by 2030. To do this the Trust will continue to work together with local authorities, landowners, farmers, businesses and communities to protect our most precious sites and create new, connected habitats. These new sites will focus on acquiring land of low ecological value and improving it, for example golf courses which are struggling to be viable, farmland which is difficult to grow food on and land use which has been impacted by development. Some of the changes already taking place are the creation of woodland at Bubbenhall, a pond next to the River Sherbourne and a wild flower meadow at Dunchurch to name a few. There is also a role for natural regeneration or 'rewilding'.

WWT's target by 2030 is considerable and to enable it to be achieved a fundraising appeal was launched on 30 March 2021. There exists £1.5 million through legacies and some generous corporate donations but double that is needed to fund nature's recovery. With that fund WWT will acquire and buy land and double the size of the area the Trust manages for nature conservation.

WWT would like everyone's help to spread the word. If you have a platform, please use your influence to talk about the appeal and the Trust's vision of 30by30. If your company supports charities, put WWT forward. If you are part of a club or organisation, invite WWT to give a talk on 30 by 30 and the appeal. You can help by donating and pledging a monthly gift to its Nature Recovery Fund or do some fundraising. Convert 30% of your land for wildlife, whether that's a widow box, a garden, or a large estate. Inspire your village, town or community to make space for nature. Talk to WWT if you own land and want to manage it more effectively for wildlife.

The future of WWT is exciting; the management of land, helping others managing their land and creating new habitat. Organisations like the Trust need to involve people and the community as without everyone's help conservation efforts will be unsustainable.



WI

By Anne Allen

Our June meeting fell at the start of the Jubilee weekend. Our ladies had agreed to support the meeting and a hardy band turned up many in red, white and blue outfits as a fun competition. This was won by Diane Jones, although she didn't wear her hat all meeting.

The speaker was Peggy King who told us about her time in Surabaya, Java. Peggy's husband worked for various companies which meant she moved country every 3 months finally setting in a Surabaya where Peggy eventually become a tourist advisor for the Governor of East Java. Peggy talked of her experiences visiting the surrounding islands. There are many active volcanoes including the Son of Krakatoa. She explained that certain factory workers were paid to sit and monitor the " puffs " of the nearest volcano. If they changed a whistle was blown to evacuate the factory. One of the hardest things was learning to live with "staff" . During her time there she started an Overseas Wives Club whose fundraising allowed an orphanage to be built. Her talk was really interesting but I think my favourite bit was the thought of going up river in a canoe into the jungle and on stopping being told to sit and wait. A cry of gorilla was heard and out they came. Must have been amazing.

Being as it was a Jubilee meeting refreshments were extra special. Scones, cream sponge, fruit cake and savoury cheese biscuits all washed down with a glass or two of Prosecco. See the WI does know how to enjoy itself.

We are looking forward to the Annual Federation Meeting with guest speakers Richard Cole and Lesley Smith . There are also visits to Barnsdale Gardens and Cardiff together with a talk entitled The Huggable History of Teddy Bears and in



September a Quiz Night and the WFWI Produce and Craft Show.

I'm hoping to hold a Pimms and croquet evening in July weather permitting plus our cake stall in September so plenty to look forward to.

What do you think about the post box topper? I hope you have enjoyed looking at it. Created by the WI knitting group and friends or should I say husbands. We ended up on a Royal Mail Facebook page. The group meet on the second Tuesday of the month at the Leopard at 7:00pm. Anyone is welcome to come and join us for a knit and natter.

Many thanks for all the unwanted bras that have been left. Husband took 26lbs worth into Bravissimo recently That's about 11 1/2 kilograms and is a large IKEA bag full. Keep them coming.

We have welcomed 4 new members since April which is fantastic. I am absolutely thrilled. Lockdown was a difficult time but we have managed to keep the majority of our previous members too. We are a happy

band of about 28 so why not come along one month and meet us all.

Our speaker in July is going to explain how he progressed from IT to Tai Chi .

August will be a social night and in September Ken Kelly will be telling us about the Ordeals of Women at the Olympics . October is our annual meeting when we elect a new committee etc. and in November we are going to be visited by Henley Chocolates. I have been assured these are delicious. Hopefully December will bring our annual party.



So as I said earlier come along and meet us all. You can always give me a call if you want to know more. Anne Allen 424135. or 07929356701 or pussycatgalore12@yahoo.co.uk

Nature Page

By Steve Harvey

Evening was setting in as I drove passed Oakley Wood. Some Elder bushes were still in flower as the Wild Rose and Blackberry were preparing to take over. Ahead of me on the grass verge a very large Hare appeared, long legs and long ears. They have a certain air about them, a sort of elegant majesty. It lifted its head and ran out into the road. I saw it in plenty of time, as I slowed down it speeded up, crossing to the other verge to get into the field.



Back at the cottage I was greeted by the calls of this year's Tawny Owlets. I reckon there are two of them taking it in turns to do their squeaky call. Each one hoping to get the attention of a parent for food. I was also joined by a local Cat who'd come over for a bit of fussing from me. That's when the adult Tawny arrived and took exception to the Cat. The Owl swooped down near the Cat a couple of times. This unnerved the Cat who decided to leave the scene. The Owl flew up to the roof just above the bedroom window and ruffled its feathers, probably pleased with itself - "Job done!"

Most mornings the garden is teeming with fledgling birds; Blue Tits, Great Tits and now Goldfinch youngsters gather on the feeders and bird table, all able to look after themselves. Those who find the feeders are ahead of the game. Remember they need clean water as much as food.

The Jackdaw Squadron are always firmly based around the cottages and quickly scramble for food if called. The parents are very protective of their young who now park up in the tall trees at the bottom of the garden. Food's regularly flown up to the noisy fledglings. The very calm adult, that stands out from the crowd, will now take food from both of us and often flies down to sit with us in the garden. I know

its only seeking food but its a great companion to have out there.

I was working on a large house in a nearby village the other week. It has a big natural pond. The gardener came over to me and said (now you'll have to imagine a broad country accent here), "Have you seen the snake yet? It's in the pond, you'll have to sneak up on it." So, of course, I sneaked up on the pond thinking bet I never see it! There it was! Laying on the blanket weed basking in a sunny spot. It was, of course, a Grass Snake, black and yellow band behind the head. It saw me and raised its head out of the water, very interested to find out what I was. For a few seconds its tongue waggled and tasted the air. Eye to eye with a snake, it soon decided I was trouble and swam off. What a privilege that was.



Save Money & Help Save the Planet

Energy and fuel bills are going through the roof, food bills rocketing higher every visit to the supermarket, inflation in double figures, wages not keeping pace and to cap it all, global warming is inexorably rising. Rather than throwing our hands in the air in despair, ask “what can we do about it,” TRACC has produced a guide to help you save money and reduce our carbon footprint. It will be posted on the Bishops Tachbrook website. Residents can pick up tips and advice, add their own ideas and recommend trades people and companies they have used who did a good job at a reasonable price. The idea is to provide an online reference hub with website links where residents can learn more about different types of energy saving installations and find trusted people to carry out the work.

The Guide covers a range of easy win actions that cost nothing or very little and will save you money. They are commonsense ideas about energy usage: don't leave devices on standby, fully load the washing machine and use a lower temperature, fully the load dishwasher, don't over fill kettle for a couple of cuppas, the list goes on. An average home can save £375 or more per year by doing simple measures. And this saving will increase as energy prices are forecasted to rise by 50% in the autumn.

In the UK, individuals cause 40% of CO2 emissions, mostly from energy used in the home, driving and air travel. The guide provides information on ways to reduce energy loss. The most cost effective single measure is to fully lag your loft, pipes and water tank and draught-proof any gaps in doors and windows.

Further measures are covered in the Guide such as installing solar panels and battery storage, wall insulation and high efficiency double-glazing. There is also a section on ensuring your existing boiler is running properly and if it is over 10 years old, consider fitting a new generation hybrid boiler that is able to use hydrogen and natural gas and can easily modified to run fully on hydrogen when legislation is introduced in the coming years. All new homes built after 2025 will not have a natural gas connection.

At present the ultimate way to achieve a sustainable carbon zero home is to fit an air source heat pump. However to optimise efficiency your home will require to be fully insulated, draught-proofed and the hot water system, radiators & pipework may need to be replaced which will all require a significant investment.

Meeting ever more stringent reductions in carbon emissions will require a huge change in our travel lifestyles. As outlined in the guide, the use of fossil fuelled transport, such as cars will have to be drastically reduced. This reduction will accelerate rapidly as the cost of driving will become less and less affordable due to increased congestion charges, high cost of fuel and eventual banning of fossil fuel powered cars in urban areas. The transition to electric vehicles is ramping up and the sale of all fossil fuelled cars will be stopped by 2030. The Guide has practical advice about transitioning to a new era of fossil-free travel, including the added bonus of all the health benefits.

Most of us do our best to put the right things in the correct recycle bags or bins. But we all, including manufacturers, must do a lot better. The aim is to design out waste from the start and create a circular economy. **“Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle,”** Reducing is about cutting back on the amount of waste we make. Reusing is for finding a new way to use items so that we don’t have to throw them out. Recycling is using waste materials to make new products that can be sold again. There’s lots of information in the Guide to help you implement the three “Rs”

The Guide also contains much food for thought such as grow your own produce, reduce meat consumption and many other tips that will help you slim down your food bill, eat healthier, keep fit and look after the planet.

Lastly, an update on TRACC’s tree planting programme that was reported in last month’s Parish magazine. Ollie Shiell from Warwickshire Community And Voluntary Action is advising on setting up a Community Interest Company that will enable us to apply for funding more easily from a wide range of sources for such projects as the BT tree planting scheme and buying land for other green projects that will ensure protection from being developed for more housing.

Please get in touch to help Bishops Tachbrook go carbon zero. Share your ideas, get involved to organise a repair and recycle cafe

Contact Martin at: tracc@bishopstachbrook.com

History Group

By Graham Leeke

On 15th June, a relaxed band History Group members enjoyed a delightful outing to Middleton Hall and Gardens. This cluster for Grade II listed buildings may lack the fame of certain Cotswold located National Trust properties, but is a gem in its own right, set in 42 acres of peaceful North Warwickshire countryside. And courtesy of Marion's driving skills, less than hour's coach trip away from Tachbrook.

We had booked a welcome briefing, followed by an hours guided tour of the courtyard buildings themselves, the earliest dating from the 12C. And then we were at leisure to explore the lakes, the walled garden and converted Victorian stables. Here we were able to graze around a dozen craft studios.. and thankfully take afternoon tea . Check it out on line.. Middleton Hall is indeed "worth a detour".

Our next outing is to The National Arboretum on 13th September; and new comers are most welcome to join the Group - just contact John Fletcher on 01926 426001 or email him on john-fletcher2@sky.com

Meanwhile our next meeting will be on Tuesday 12th July when we will be encouraging members to describe "Leaves from the Family Tree". The session promises intriguing reminiscences and doubtless some surprises ... and refreshments too, of course! Do join us at 2.30pm.

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Entertainments

July

2nd July – Vaseline.

An evening of Punk, New Wave and other strange Tunes!

We will be playing all of our favourite tunes we were brought up on & maybe a few others were dragged up on

BUT WHAT IS GUARANTEED is a stonking night out & some ridiculous fun & humour.

The Band starts at 9.00pm

9th July – The Amazing Tachfest.

Starting at 1.00pm we have Bands and Stalls on the meadow, Modern Jive & Zumba demonstrations, Classic cars and bikes, Food outlets, Craft Stalls and a Fun Dog Show.

In the evening we have more entertainment at the club, From 6pm till late we have local band

Twisted Minds playing outside.

Filled rolls are available all day. Open day to all at the Club.

23rd July – Disco / Karaoke with ATs Disco.

Put on your Retro Gear and have a boogie to your favourite sounds, or take the Mike and sing us a song or two, vast catalogue of tunes to choose from. The music starts at 8.00pm

30th July – Piggy Racing.

Its Piggy racing with a difference so Trot along and pick a porker, there's snout to it!

Great family entertainment Kids races from 6pm till 8pm Adults races from 8pm till 10pm

August

6th August – Alikazam

From 12 Noon till 2.30pm £5.00 per Child including food and soft Drink.

Children's Entertainer Alikazam assisted by Joe the Monkey is a comedy magic show full of tricks and surprises with lots of audience participation with a Disco to round it off.

Please pay at the Bar to secure your place and indicate your food choice Spaces are limited.

6th August – Kurling Night.

Have you ever played Kurling? No then why not bring the family round and try it out using our indoor Kurling Stones, form some teams or challenge your friends for an evening of fun. Available from 7.00pm.

20th August – Skittles Night.

If you missed the one in June come round for a game on our very own Skittle Alley, challenge your friends for an evening of knocking down the pins. Skittle Alley available from 7.30pm.

27th August – Star Wars Quiz.

Quiz Night is upon us again but this time **"The Force May Be With You"** as you do battle with the Judge to answer questions on the classic films of **STAR WARS** Get yourselves an alliance of likeminded Jedi together and beat the Galactic Empire. A prize for every team. Starting at 8.30pm

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

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St Chad's Centre Schedule

Monday	Activity	Contact
12.30-14.30	<p>Tach brook 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>	Contact on Facebook
16.30-17.45	<p>Martial Arts Class. Children/ Beginners up to age 11</p>	Andy Shaw – andy@linkcube.co.uk
17.45-19.00	<p>Martial Arts Class. Over 12 years and adults</p>	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>
<p>14.30 –16.00</p> <p>Tuesday 12th July</p>	<p>HISTORY GROUP</p> <p>"Leaves from the Family Tree".</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.lifewithamanda.com</p>

Wednesday	Activity	Contact
18.00-19.00	<p>YOGA CLASS</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>
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. Rueda from 8.30</p>	<p>Enquiries – stchadssalsa@outlook.com</p>

Thursday	Activity	Contact
10.15-11.45	<p>ST CHAD'S COMMUNITY 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>
13.20-14.00	<p>Glo-Babies</p> <p>Glo-Babies will be at St Chad's Centre Bishops Tach brook 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>

Thursday	Activity	Contact
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>



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