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What's in this month's magazine

Hello and welcome to the March edition of your Parish Magazine.. Read on for interesting ideas, essential local knowledge and details of what's going on in the parish. Here's the list of content.

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Randomly dispersed amongst the articles are adverts for services, news on the mobile library stops in the village, an invitation to comment on Warwickshire's footpath network, the date of the latest recycling event and an invitation to join a citizens panel. There a lot to read!

A message from the vicar

Revd. Jonathan Smith



April message from the Vicar

Nurturing Bonds - Eat, Walk, Love - Repeat.

Finding solace and prayer became top of the agenda at our PCC (Parochial Church Council) vision away day this Spring (...and cake of course...we are Anglicans after all! BTW I really don't know how ' *Thou shall eat cake*' didn't make it into the top ten of commandments?). Joking aside, the day together was a chance to retreat and reflect on the year gone by and where God showing us where we can be his hands and heart to BT parish.

As we shared stories, we all agreed how complicated life can get and all too often find ourselves entangled in the knotty threads of life's troubles, having to face events that take us to the edge of resilience. Yet, amidst the tumult of these struggles, we recognised a shared sense of a solid foundation grounding us. A sanctuary of solace and support in Church family, the habits of faith, the love of

God helping us to pilgrimage on.

As the Spring unfurls its vibrant hues upon our landscape, so too does humanity mirror that onward pilgrimage, coming alive with a myriad of activities that bind us all together in shared experiences and adventures. From leisurely walks through blossoming countryside (and the spring-shine of Oakley wood), to enjoying the joyful music in our Sunday services and a folk concert to lift the spirits. It's in the weekly 'chatter-filled' gatherings of '*St Chads Tinies*' toddler group and the big life discussions we have at '*Youth Club*', each interaction strengthens the bonds that unite us as a family throughout all life's seasons.

Central to community life is the sacred ritual of a good meal. The shared lunches or a hearty dish lovingly gifted by a member of the congregation to someone needing a boost, a little reminder that food is always the centre point for family life. Amidst the clink of 'knife and fork' and the hum of conversation, we find nourishment not just for our bodies but also our souls. A meal, (as reflected in Holy Communion) is a time to set aside differences and come together as one family, united in our commitment to God and each other.

The thing about Church community most particularly is that it should aim to look outward to those on the edge-those holding life together. For people in urgent crisis, trouble or need, God loves to heal and transform broken life offering hope in desperate situation. This divine love that infuses every aspect of our communal life, guides us through the darkest times and illuminates the path towards the light of redemption and renewal. In the embrace of a family, we find strength comes out of weakness, courage from vulnerability, and hope out of desolation. As we gather on Thursdays at '*Community Café*', savouring the simple pleasures of freshly home baked cakes and the lovely roasty *Kingdom Coffee™* brew, we share stories of Gods provision and remind each other of profound truth that we are never truly alone. For the presence of God spirit is in each person and it helps every sisters and brother of faith to know companionship and God's **unconditional love**.

Back to the PCC day and we all agree change seem to be all around us right now, and it is jolly uncomfortable. In the ever-shifting landscape of our world, let alone the parish, it is the constancy and foundation in God and church family that sustains us most effectively in rain or sunshine. (Well actually, mostly the rain these

days it seems!).

I always sense April is *the* changing season and one of great promise. Winter into Summer in one month and together weathering the trials and tribulations, celebrating the Easter triumph and commit to keep walking through to Pentecost and beyond.

Eating and walking - that navigates the twists and turns through the year. I pray you find solace this month in the community with the unbreakable bonds of ***love, faith, and hope.***

Now there's a PCC vision statement to adopt!



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Parish Council News

By Matt Greene

With the sunshine (when it does shine) finally feeling warmer, here's hoping that we have a wonderful spring to enjoy the delights of our local area.

This month has seen progress on some of the key issues facing the Parish, it has also seen some frustration where we can't move forward as quickly as we would like. I highlight the key points in the following paragraphs.

Traffic

As you will be aware, County Cllr. Matecki has been successful in obtaining approval from Highways Officers for double yellow lines to be painted on the two corners of Garrett Drive/Harbury Lane junction. This work will require a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) consultation which normally takes twelve months to complete. Due to the urgent nature of this request Cllr. Matecki is trying to get the TRO fast tracked to be complete in around 6 months.

The developer has been instructed by County Highways to carry out a stage 3 road safety audit along Vickers Way and Garrett Drive around the school. County Cllr. Matecki has said that this work must take place at school drop off and pick up times during school term. The County Council will then consider whether to authorise the painting of single yellow lines, with parking restrictions only during school drop off and pick up times, and zig zags at the school entrances.

Councillors are continuing to pursue the reasoning by County Highways not to consider a speed reduction on Harbury Lane – very frustrating!

Oakley School

The District Council has still not obtained ownership of the land for the Country Park and this is delaying work to the pedestrian route to the school. The Parish Council is urging District and County councillors to address this urgent matter so that children attending Oakley School in September will not have to walk along Oakley Wood Road. A safe route to school audit will take place shortly on alternative routes until the Country Park route is operational. The County and District councillors have been made aware of the overflowing sewage that

frequently occurs on the Oakley Wood Road footpath and we understand they are in contact with the utility company to try and get this resolved before the school opens. In addition councillors are requesting that the speed limit on Oakley Wood Road is reduced. It seems incredible that we are going to have a 50mph speed limit next to two schools and a nursery.

Again, whilst it's very frustrating that we are in this situation, no one person is to blame and I'd emphasise that all three of our District and County Councillors want to see a solution to these issues and we are grateful for their support and hard work!

County Cllr. Matecki has made arrangements for the vegetation on the footpath/cycleway along Oakley Wood Road to be cut back.

Some residents have been given tours of Oakley School. We are hoping that this will be extended to any resident and councillors. Look out for further details.

The issue with the verge damage on Kingsley Road is being looked at; District Cllr. Matt Collins is leading the charge on how we can solve some of the parking issues in that area and we hope to hear more in the near future. As an FYI, the County Council will install drop kerbs to properties where requested by residents, but there is a fee.

Thanks to Cllr. Craig Brewster, QR code signage will be appearing over the parish. This should help residents connect with community social media groups and local news.

Councillors are continuing to pursue with the District Council that local green spaces on The Asps should be maintained by local councils and not a management company. The other development in the parish, which has a management company, is Oakley Meadows and we continue to hear about a number of issues with this arrangement; fortunately Cllr. Paul Gillman is working hard to address these with the service provider. The dead trees on the verges on Oakley Meadows will be replaced in the next planting season. A survey will be undertaken in the summer by the County Council.

All allotment plots have been rented. We have two residents on our waiting list. The working party has recently planted whips on the Oakley Meadows allotments to extend the hedge around the site. These allotments will also benefit from two water troughs being installed later this year. A new combination lock has recently been fitted on the Meadow allotments. Allotment holders need to hold the lock horizontally to insert the code otherwise there is insufficient clearance for the shot bolt to move freely.

Thanks to WDC, the Parish Council and the Playground Committee, Architel Green/Seven Acre Close play area is now open - Cllr. Collins was able to get along to the opening and give the area a bit of local press!. There are still a few more installations to take place. Dogs are not allowed in this play area, and I was really disappointed to hear that someone had allowed their dog to foul (or at least not seen that the dog had done so) the area within a couple of weeks of it opening. There will be notices erected shortly making this clear.

On the Jakeman Way play area, we understand some repairs have taken place but more are required. This is being monitored by the District Council who will adopt the play area in due course. Also, the dead trees on Lionheart Avenue have been replaced.

Thanks to the hard work of Cllr. Peter Guest, the car park on the Meadow is nearly finished. The car park and driveway have been inspected by our consultant who has given the green light for the final payment to be made. National Grid has been instructed to connect power to the car park for the EV chargers. We all owe a massive thank-you to Peter for managing this project and making it happen.

Please report any speeding concerns to the Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership website. We are trying to obtain a monthly report from the Police to enable councillors to follow up on areas of repeated concern and to try and ensure County Highways addresses these areas with speed reduction measures.

Finally, with our commitment to green transport, councillors have agreed to fund cycle racks at Heathcote Primary School. The work will be managed by the school.

Online behaviour

If you read social media you are no doubt aware that it is very easy to find hurtful, spiteful comments about individuals that the authors would probably shy away from saying face to face. Unfortunately this seems to be creeping into discussions on the various forums that deal with issues in the parish. I would ask you all to consider the impact of what you write before pressing the 'post' button.

In Bishop's Tachbrook, we are very lucky to be represented by three hard working and focused councillors in Matt Collins, Andrew Day and Jan Matecki. Working with them is a privilege because they genuinely care about our community and want the best for it. They do however, operate in a wider system; where they don't have specific powers to impact exactly what takes place in Bishop's Tachbrook, they therefore have to make compromises to achieve the best overall outcomes for the area. They do not deserve the type of online abuse they have received!

So for the keyboard warriors amongst you please be more considerate, make your views clear but don't step into the realms of personal abuse. You can disagree with someone, you can even want to replace them with someone else; but you should never stop hoping they succeed - if you care about the community, their success is your success. Be kind, remember that most people are acting with good intentions, that they are members of our community and that they are humans who deserve to be treated with the same respect as everyone else.

Next meeting on 11th April at 7.30pm at St. Chad's Centre

District Council Update

By Matt Collins

New play area – The new play area was opened at Anchitel Green in Bishop's Tachbrook and is a vibrant addition to the community. With a budget of £78,600, this project reflects a significant investment in creating a fun, safe, and engaging outdoor space for children to play and learn. A toddler swing will also be coming along soon as well as a communication board and some bulb planting.



New play area at Anchitel Green. Pictured left to right: Alistair Clark (AC Lloyd), Cllr Matt Collins, Emily Holland (Kompan Ltd), Sally Watts (WDC)

Great British Spring Clean – The environment belongs to everyone - that's why this year, Warwick District Council is supporting Keep Britain Tidy's Great British Spring Clean. Everyday objects that seem perfectly safe can become hazardous when animals come into close contact with them, with the RSPCA recording thousands of incidents of animals affected by litter every year. By binning our

rubbish safely instead of littering, we're making choices that could save many lives.

Garden waste subscription – Garden waste permits can take as many as 10 days to be delivered, so make sure you leave plenty of time to apply for a new permit! The permit will cover all collections from the 1st of April 2024 until the 31st of March 2025. The feed is £44 per bin and applications can be made through the Warwick District Council website.

Peregrine Falcons Return – Our resident Peregrine Falcons have returned to the Town Hall to nest and webcams will capture all the action over the next few months! Head to the Warwickshire Wildlife Trust website if you'd like to check out the footage!

Ramadan Mubarak - We would like to wish all those observing Ramadan across Bishop's Tachbrook a peaceful and blessed month.

We're here to help! If you've any issues or would like to chat, please do reach out.

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*Your Warwick District Councillors
Matt Collins (left) and Andrew Day (right)*

History Group

By Ian Morley

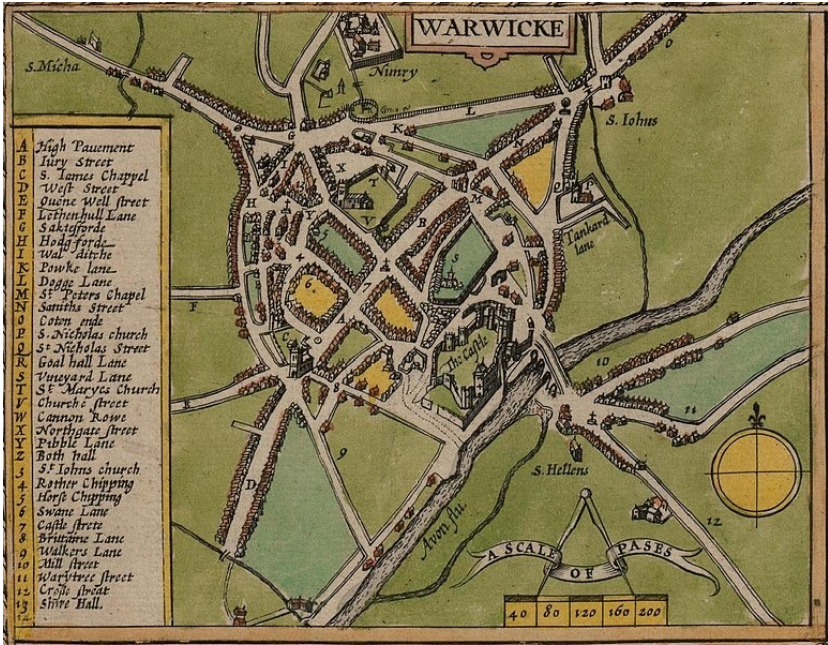
Trevor Langley: 'If Warwick Walls Could Talk ...'

At a meeting of the History Group (St. Chad's Hall, Tuesday 12th March, 2.30 pm) Trevor Langley used his talk to take us on imaginary tour round the Walls of Warwick introducing us to interesting snippets of history, architecture, fine art, and celebrity gossip.

The talk began with a presentation of a series of maps showing the development of the town of Warwick from 1610 to the present day. The similarities are remarkable, except for the location of the bridge over the Avon.

Aethelflaed, the daughter of King Alfred the Great, founded a fortress at 'Waeringwicum' in AD 914, and her work is commemorated in a plaque in Castle Street. The Normans added town walls, with gates at Northgate, Eastgate and Westgate, following the pattern of roads encircling the 'Old Town'. Only small sections of the wall now remain, at Eastgate and Westgate. Warwick Castle formed a 'Southgate' with a toll bridge that crossed the Avon.

Our tour of Warwick's 'walls' began at St Nicholas' Church, where we learned that a tree was planted in memory of the Rev. Dr. Arthur Savage Wade D.D in memory of 'one who fought for the freedom of all workers'. We learned also that George Grenville, the 2nd Earl of Warwick, had moved gravestones at the site to allow him to divert the Banbury Road. This was part of a grand plan to build a new bridge over the Avon, replacing the old toll bridge, and allowing him to extend Castle Park. In addition, he built a new approach to the Castle, cutting a tunnel through 100m of sandstone bedrock. The new approach met with mixed reactions from those he wished to impress, and was described by one critic as like 'a drift way to a mine'. By this time the Castle was more of a stately home than a castle, and some attempts of the Greville family to maintain their privacy have had 'interesting' consequences, such as blocking the old cobbled road extending Castle Street into the Castle Grounds.



From John Speed's map of Warwickshire, 1610, courtesy of Wikipedia



Warwick Town Council 2024 Tourist Map of Warwick



Remains of old toll bridge



Plaque in Castle Street



Privacy at a cost

George Greville was a major connoisseur and collector of art, and wanted to make his stately home quite magnificent. To this end he bought or commissioned a large number of works of art, including a painting of Warwick Bridge by J.W.M Turner. By the end of the 18th century he was very heavily in debt and his career has been described as ‘an example of misguided aristocratic ambition’. He is buried in the graveyard at St. Nicholas’ Church.

Moving round the walls to Castle Lane we find the Town Gate, apparently constructed for the exclusive use of Prince Albert Edward, the Prince of Wales, known as ‘Bertie’, to visit his mistress Frances (‘Daisy’) Greville, Countess of Warwick. The site is not marked by a blue plaque! Daisy was a keen cyclist, and



she is widely believed to have been the inspiration for the popular song ‘Daisy, Daisy’. Apparently, she and Bertie rode around the grounds of Warwick Castle on ‘a bicycle made for two’.

She was a ‘champagne socialist’ and made many

contributions to social causes in Warwickshire and elsewhere, most notably founding Studley Horticultural and Agricultural College for Women. She also held a charity ball at Warwick Castle (annually) that helped to fund the Dispensary in Castle Street (shown above).

Opposite the Dispensary The Pageant Garden is located. It is so called because it was bought using proceeds from the ‘The Great Pageant of 1906’ which is sometimes described as ‘the biggest thing which ever happened to Warwick. It was a ‘drama festival’ commissioned to celebrate history of Warwick in the millennium following the conquest of Mercia by Queen Ethelfelda. Ethelfelda was one of the



central characters in the drama, as was William Shakespeare, and Queen Elizabeth I. They were supported by a cast of almost 2000. The Pageant Garden was the first public garden to be opened in Warwick, The Warwickshire Yeomanry Museum, located in the basement of the Courthouse in Jury Street, may be entered through the Pageant Gardens and is the location of the History Group Outing on 11th June this year.

Warwick Westgate supports St. James' Chapel, which is part of the Lord Leycester Hospital. The Hospital was originally the Warwick Guildhall, built by Earl Richard Neville, 'The Kingmaker'. Thomas Oken was the Master of the Guilds and, seeing that the wealth of the Guilds may be under threat from Henry VIII, he conveyed the building to the Burgesses of Warwick under the terms of the Henry Eighth Trust. However, this was not sufficient to save the day, and Robert Dudley acquired the property in 1571 (some would say he *commandeered* it) and established therein an Almshouse for old soldiers and their wives. This almshouse was quite unlike those established by Thomas Oken for the poor of Warwick, and provided a much more comfortable lifestyle, and more income for Robert Dudley.

The Westgate was once known as the 'Hanging Gate'. Trevor Langley told how in 1595 a Catholic Priest was arrested for being a Catholic Priest, and hung drawn and quartered at the Westgate. It is of some note that there are no Catholic Churches within the area covered by the walls of the Old Town, although some lie

just outside. One such is the Church of St Mary Immaculate in West Street. A blue plaque outside it proclaims that this is where the author J.R.R Tolkien married Edith Bratt. It seems likely that many of the themes in Tolkien's work were influenced by his connections with Warwick and Warwickshire, especially given his professional interest in the Middle Ages.

Immediately adjacent to the Westgate there is a Pillar box, in the form of a Doric column, with an unusual vertical slit. Only six of these pillar boxes were made, and two of them are in Warwick. The other is at Eastgate.



Pillar Box at Westgate

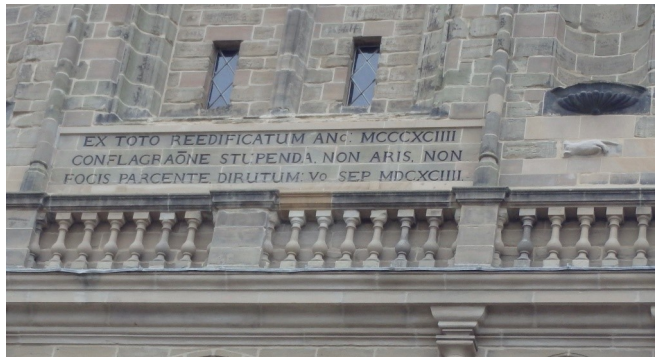


The Great Fire of Warwick (1694) started in the Quaker Rooms, opposite Lord Leicester Hospital. Fanned by a SW wind it rapidly destroyed most of the buildings in the High Street. St. Mary's Church, a little to the north and west of High Street was one of the few stone buildings in Warwick.

Townsppeople, thinking to save their lives, sought protection inside the church. Not surprisingly, they carried some of their possessions with them. Some must have been smouldering, or even ablaze. In any event they set alight the timber frame supporting the church, and the nave, transepts, and tower collapsed.

The first fire insurance company was established in London, after its Great Fire. The insurers soon began to employ their own Fire Services, reasoning that it was cheaper to put out the fires than pay to rebuild. The insurers introduced 'fire marks' to indicate which houses were insured, and by which company. Similar schemes were introduced in Warwick, although the Fire Services were located in Birmingham! The photograph shows one such fire mark on a house in Back Lane, Warwick, owned by the Chairman of the History Group.

After the Great Fire of Warwick Sir Christopher Wren, the architect of St. Paul's Cathedral, submitted several designs for a new nave and tower, but these were rejected in favour of those of a more local man, Sir William Wilson of Sutton Coldfield. The most striking feature of his design is that the west tower projects out into Church Street, supported by arches on three sides to allow pedestrian access. Once construction was under way it was



found that two of the pillars supporting it showed signs of failure. Some say that Christopher Wren had to be approached to solve the problems (our speaker is one of them); others say there is no evidence for this. There is good evidence that the commissioners consulted the master mason employed by Wren: it is only the nature of Wren's own involvement that remains controversial.

Trevor Langley pointed out one other striking feature of the tower that is well worth mention. There is a Latin inscription on three sides of the tower. The inscription would not fit on one side so a hand guides you to look on the next adjacent side, showing you what to read next, and where to find it.



Tram Crash at Castle Hill

Our journey started and ended close to Eastgate, and it ended with a bang, quite literally, when Trevor explained how a tram crashed into the Castle Arms public house on the corner of Castle Hill and Smith Street. Apparently, the tram was stopped on High Street, and the conductor did not realise that the driver had left the tram. The conductor heard a bell and thought

it was a signal from the driver to release the brake. The conductor duly released the brake and the tram careered down High Street and Jury Street but failed to negotiate the turn round Eastgate, coming off the rails, and crashing into the pub.

I have covered only a fraction of what we heard. There was very much more, and we all found something special to think about. There was an excellent turn out, and members were thoroughly entertained, and greatly appreciative of Trevor's presentation. To Trevor, very many thanks. We hope to see you again next year.

Working Party News

Paul Gilman

The joyous members of your Working Party braved dog poo and brambles to cut back the public footpath leading from Farm Walk. With the brambles cut down and grass cut back it should d be much easier to walk on—Enjoy



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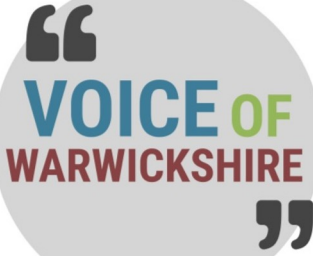
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Nature Page

By Steve Harvey

As I scribble this we are part way through March and as the 1st March is the logical start of Spring then brighter, drier times must surely be ahead.

The white flowers of Blackthorn are beginning to fade as the fresh new leaves of Hawthorn rapidly green up the hedgerows. Its often a stop, start, jittery hand over from winter to Spring. Luckily Spring is relentless in its push forward. At the bottom of the hedgerows Cow Parsley, Nettles and, around here, the unstoppable Comfrey prepare to jostle with each other for the light.

From the garden I can now hear the Rooks in their Rookery half way to Moreton Morrell. They are early nesters so it will be busy around there. The Blue Tits are looking to claim both nest boxes but no sign of building at this point. the Blue Tit I mentioned last time doesn't appear any more. It had an overgrown beak and found it really hard to eat. I guess a predator got it or it just couldn't feed with that long beak. Hard to watch it and not be able to help it.

At the beginning of March we had one of the Jackdaws flying around holding a twig. I reckon it was practising. None of the others joined in. The Jackdaw with the clenched foot is doing fine, following me up the garden in the morning ahead of the flock to guarantee getting breakfast. I do like its character.

Still seeing the Muntjac pair crossing the lane heading for the spring as the light fades. Looking forward to seeing a fawn with its mum later this year.

The four Robins that simultaneously visit the bird table are holding onto their truce still apart from the odd chase about. Bet that doesn't last much longer. There's another two Robins right down the bottom of the garden, both singing and coming for food. The vegetable plot Robin joins in with me every time I'm down there. When I planted the early potatoes it grabbed many a small worm and did the classic pose of sitting on my fork.

At the end of February I was working in the garden - I use the term loosely. It was a cold day. I'd say a 'two coat cold day'. To my left at the top of a big old conifer tree

sat a pair of Raven. Behind me at the top of a tall Spruce tree sat another pair of Raven. All day they taunted each other, occasionally flying towards each other in a brief challenge and a chase. The calling got louder and more persistent after an hour or so. It was if a decision had been made. They decided to fight. What happened next I've never seen before. One Raven flew from its tree and deliberately landed on the ground in a grassy field near the cottage, immediately the other Raven flew down at it and combat began. The thirty or so Jackdaws plus a couple of Carrion Crows flew above them all calling with excitement just as if it was a playground fight.

Now Sir David Attenborough would probably say, "Let Nature take its course", but with the size and strength of those birds with such powerful beaks and claws as weapons and as they went for each other, one of them being pinned to the ground I had to do something. I shouted, raising my arms and clapped like a Headmaster stopping a fight. Shame I didn't have a whistle.

Sorry sir David I just couldn't help myself.

After a few seconds that seemed a lot longer, they noticed me and separated. Both birds took to the air. The winner chasing the other Raven across the park.

The next weekend there was only one pair of Raven here so the fight did settle the territory right. I think and hope our original pair still have the territory. I say that because the other pair had a different call and I'm not hearing it now. I also hope that in those few moments the beaten Raven didn't lose an eye or receive throat wounds.



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Bioblitz

Friends of Oakley Wood are intending to hold a Bioblitz in the wood this summer.

One was held in 2014, and we feel it would be a good time to find out what effect 10 years of forest maintenance has had. We're still at the planning stage, and at the moment we're looking for knowledgeable local volunteers who could help with the identification of species found during the day. The date we currently have pencilled in is 2nd June.

Take a look at the results from the 2014 Bioblitz for an idea of what might be found.

If you think you can help and would like to volunteer, or have other specialist knowledge that you think would be useful, please contact us via

info@oakleywood.org.uk.

BISHOP'S TACHBROOK HISTORY GROUP PROGRAMME 2024

13th February AGM and quiz	13th August 'A River Avon Year' Speaker Rick Thompson
12th March 'If Warwick Walls Could Talk' Speaker Trevor Langley	10th September Outing to Taylor's bell foundry, Loughborough
9th April Postscript to Civil War – the long road back Speaker Mac McCarthy	8th October 'Postman's knock' Speaker Alan Godfrey
14th May The Royal Warwickshire Regiment and successors Speaker Lt Col John Rice	12th November 'Christmas songs through the ages' Speaker Dr Richard Churchley
11th June Outing to Yeomanry Museum	3rd December Festive Lunch at the Leopard Inn
9th July 'Silk weaving in the Cotswolds' Speaker Dick Cluley	

March's speaker, Tracey Barnbrook, gave an interesting and very informative talk on maintaining gut health. An IBS sufferer for more than 25 years, Tracey undertook a 21 day course to rebalance the microbiome in her gut – and has never looked back since. Quite a few myths were dispelled, and we learned some fascinating facts. Did you know that more than 10 trillion microbes live in your gut? And they all have a job to do – even the 'bad' ones. We were told about the major impact our gut health has on the rest of our body – and on our mental health. So it really does seem that 'we are what we eat'. Look after your microbes and they'll look after you!

Big reminder for you all.

Don't forget the WI cake stall will be held on Saturday May 4th at 9:15 on the village green. There will not only be lots of lovely cakes but if you are lucky there could be books and plants too.

The Federation has been busy organising a wide selection of events and activities for us to enjoy. These include joining the parading of the WI banner through the Jephson Gardens, on the morning of March 23rd, in support of our resolution " Making Waves for Clean Rivers " . Attending Serious Science Lectures on Space: The Fuel Cell Frontier and The Amazing World of Bacteria. A tour and lunch at a State of the Art Dairy Farm, learning how to make chutney or making Willow Plant Supports. Taking part in the Online Book Club, poetry mornings and the Jigsaw and Scrabble Competitions .

As I said a wide range of topics.

We have a team taking part in the first round of the darts tournament. Great hilarity was had at a recent committee meeting with various team name suggestions " Tachbrook's Boobalicious Babes " being one and was a Hakka needed to boost the team's confidence.

Whatever they called themselves , they're in round two. Many congratulations.



STOP PRESS NEWS.

Another date for your diaries. We are going to host a quiz night on Friday May 10th. This will be held at the school. More information to follow.

Our " Supper Club " which is just a posh name for those who like to eat, are looking forward to enjoying a meal at Bistro Pierre. We just look for a different restaurant every couple of months and go for it.

At our meetings we've had a flower competition to raise funds for ACWW, a charity supported by WI. We are trying a second competition and this is a colour table. The colour is announced and members bring anything in the said chosen colour. Just something a bit different.

Our speaker in April is Cym Baseley talking about the Life of a Smallholder. If I am correct she is based at Millholme Parc Farm, Leamington Hastings where the aim is to provide an environment for both the livestock and the local diversity to flourish.

In May, together with a discussion on the NFWI resolution for 2024, we will be learning about Hand Reflexology from Charlie Yarrow who has a practice in Hatton. Both of these speakers sound really interesting. If you would like to come along please either just turn up or give me a call.

In case you are wondering I am still collecting used stamps and bras. What a combination you're thinking. The stamps are taken to WI and the bras to Bravissimo where both are used by charities. We are very used to little packages being left on the doorstep. They then go straight into the appropriate storage bin. Definitely no sorting through the packages. I'll try to remember to take the bra bin to the cake stall where you can buy your cake with one hand and dispose of your package with the other.

Our knitting group is meeting in the Leopard on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm. Anyone is welcome to come along and join us. Just bring your work, knitting crochet embroidery whatever. If you don't knit we'll even help you to learn.

WI is great fun. Yes I know I've been going on about it for years but it really is. Not only do you meet lots of new friends but you can also learn new skills. If you want to know a bit more please give me a call

St Chad's Cafe

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

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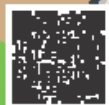
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St Chad's Centre Schedule

Monday	Activity	Contact
10-11.30am	<p>ST CHAD'S' 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
17.00-19.00	<p>MARTIAL ARTS</p> <p>Class. Over 12 years and adults</p>	Andy Shaw – andy@linkcube.co.uk
Tuesday	Activity	Contact
9th April at 2.30	<p>HISTORY GROUP</p> <p>Postscript to Civil War – the long road back</p> <p>Speaker Mac McCarthy</p>	bthistorygroup@outlook.com


16.30-19.00	<p>ATOMIC DANCE</p> <p>Mini Freestyle and Acrobatic Arts 4.30pm-5.15pm – Ages 4-7 A combination of Freestyle Dance and Acrobatic Arts</p> <p>Junior Freestyle & Acrobatic Arts 2 5.15pm-6.15pm - Ages 7-12 A combination of Freestyle Dance and Acrobatic Arts</p> <p>Junior – Lyrical/Street/Jazz 6.15pm-7.00pm Ages 7-12 A combination of Street and Jazz Techniques</p> <p>Please see website for more details</p>	<p>Contact Ellie Rowe 07392 348155 or ellie@atomicdance.co.uk</p> <p>www.atomicdance.co.uk</p>
19.00-20.00	<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>Please bring your own mat / block</p>	

Wednesday	Activity	Contact
18.00-19.00	<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>Please bring your own mat / block</p>	<p>www.lifewithamandaj.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>kateatkaribu22@outlook.com</p> <p>07713113464</p>
12.15-13.15	<p>YOGA/MINDFULNESS</p> <p>A gentle and relaxing yoga/ mindfulness class to increase physical flexibility, mobility and improve mental wellbeing and awareness.</p> <p>To book please contact Amanda</p>	<p>www.lifewithamandaj.com</p> <p>Message or WhatsApp 07795498759</p>

What's On at the St Chad's Centre

Friday	Activity	Contact
10.00-12.00	TAI CHI - All Classes are for beginners but are suitable for anyone. First class is free, so no reason not to find if Tai Chi is right for you.	Peter Fletcher 07487 685679
Sundays 18.15-20.00	ST CHAD'S YOUTH CLUB	www.stChad'sbt.org

A warm, inviting scene featuring a large, textured grey ceramic mug on the left, with wisps of white steam rising from it. In the foreground, a dark blue ceramic bowl filled with a golden-brown soup sits on a textured, light-colored surface. A silver spoon is tucked into the soup. The background is softly blurred, showing a plaid pattern and a bouquet of vibrant red flowers. The overall lighting is warm and intimate, suggesting a comforting meal or drink.

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