

The Whatcote News Sheet

April 2019

April Events

The Witches Meet!!

Next convening of the coven is on Wednesday 10th April from 6:30pm @Royal Oak. Let Liz (680045) know if you wish join us.

Quiz Night

Next quiz on April 17th starting at 7pm. Current winners are Herding Cats! Billy No Mates came second having led all the way to the last round.

The Rabbit Will be in Whatcote!! The Easter Bunny will be coming to Whatcote on April 21st!!! All children aged 10 and under including cousins, nieces and grand children etc. are welcome to meet at the church yard gate at 10:30am for judging the best made fluffy chick followed by the hunt for eggs. Bring a container to hold the eggs you find!

Parish Meeting AGM on Monday April 29th at 7:30pm in the Community Centre, St Peter's Church.

Book Club

Next one is on Wednesday 22nd May from 7pm @ Royal Oak. Reading "All the Light We Cannot See" by Anthony Doer

Deanery News for April

Lent, Holy Week and Easter.

For Christians, the next few weeks are very special, marking the end of our pilgrimage to the foot of the cross, our witnessing of the darkest moments of the crucifixion and death of Jesus, and the unrestrained joy of Easter morning and the resurrection. Many of us are following that pilgrimage with various lent groups: we continue it together in our Lent Services on Tuesday evenings at 7.30 pm, which culminate in the Eucharist of Holy Week in Honington. The services in April are:

- **Tuesday April 2ⁿ Tidmington** Carola Beecham, George Herbert
- **Tuesday April 9th Burmington** Ben Dyson, Tyndale
- **Tuesday April 16th Honington** Sarah Edmonds, Susannah Wesley, Jill Tucker presiding.

40 days after Easter, and looking ahead to May, we meet together again for the Eucharist of **Ascension Day, on Thursday, May 30th at 7.30 pm in Stretton Church**: we are delighted that Bishop John will be coming to lead our worship.

Also in May, on **Tuesday, 21st May at 7.30 pm in Tredington Church**, there is a special **Open Deanery Synod**. Each one of us is part of a very much larger Diocesan Church Family, so we are putting together short film telling the story of each of our Deaneries. So, this is a special meeting to which all are invited, especially church wardens, treasurers, PCC members, as well as synod reps, to hear the stories of each other. Then together we have a chance to think about how we might support our brothers and sisters across the Diocese via the Support Fund.

Finally, a prayer for Easter Morning:

On this morning
let us see you
in every stranger;
let us hear you
in the whispered
hopes of hungry children;
let us welcome you
into our empty hearts.
Thom M Shuman. Lead me into life with you.

Tysoe Church of England Primary School – March Update

Recently we have had lots of different events to celebrate Book Week. Many of the children designed a book mark, now making an excellent display in the school library. We also held a Book Fair to promote reading and to raise money in commission for more books. Several parents have also donated a new book to the library which we really appreciate.

The Year 6 children took part in the Interschool Sports Hall Athletics competition at Kineton High School. Everyone enjoyed the morning of sport and they achieved a commendable third place, with Wellesbourne winning the competition. Everyone was impressed with the children's endeavours and their good conduct.

The children in Rowan Class enjoyed a cross-curricular French Week to learn some key facts about the geography of France. This information helped to decide which holiday to book at the travel agents as they priced different trips. They also had a French visitor, Najila Moubtassime, who was impressed by the children's ability to speak confidently in sentences. She also helped with art work when the children painted a vase of flowers, inspired by the French artist, Berthe Morisot. The week ended with the opportunity to taste different foods in a French café set up in the classroom.

The children in Silver Birch performed confidently in front of a packed hall. They explained about the Roman invasion of Britain and the battles with Boudicca and her Icenii tribe. They enthusiastically re-enacted scenes and sang about Boudicca's strength. Children also performed their own play scripts and broadcasts based on the books 'Fing' and 'Tuesday'. It was an action-packed assembly!

If you are a prospective parent and would like to visit, please contact Mrs Horrocks on 01295 680244.
Jenny Coates, Head of School

WOT2Grow Community Orchard

Has Spring arrived? A question we have all been asking over the last few weeks as we moved from very warm February into roaring March with lots of rain! Officially we have in terms of the Met Office seasons and the plants have certainly done their bit to try and convince us. The pruning was completed apart from seven really large apple trees that need summer pruning for shape rather than encouraging them to grow after winter pruning. The early blossom from the apricots started in late February, not much earlier than in previous years, and the nectarines and peaches followed in early March with the pears and plum family not far behind. The bees have been very happy with the blossom and enjoyed an early feed and the ladybirds emerged in the sun to get ready to help in the battle with the aphids which will soon arrive.

Unfortunately it has been too wet and windy to do the organic spraying which was so successful last year. The first spray is just before bud break to tackle the aphid eggs, the second at bud break to stop any migrating into the buds and the third at blossom time to remove as many as possible from the developing fruits!! A lot of garlic is used in this process!! Lots to do before we get into the spring feeding including the tidying up of the sensory garden, which looks lovely with its edging of daffodils, and replacing damaged weed suppressant material around lots of the bushes.

Do come along, maybe help out, and enjoy your community orchard behind the allotments along the Shenington Road in Tysoe! Why not join us and enjoy the fruit we grow.

More information?

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