

# ***The Whatcote News Sheet***

August 2019

## **August Events**

### **The Witches Meet!!**

Next convening of the coven is on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August from 6:30pm @Royal Oak. Let Liz know if you wish join us.

### **Next Quiz Night**

Next quiz on August 21st starting at 7pm. Current winners are Herding Cats!

### **Book Club**

Next one is on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August from 7pm @ Royal Oak. Reading "Moscow Sleepers" by Stella Rimmington

## **Parish Plan Update**

Volunteers required to help put together the final document including the survey analysis which has been completed. Contact Liz (680045) or Elizabeth (688470)

## **Deanery News for JulyDeanery News for July and August 2019**

If you see this in time, the next Deanery Synod is on Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm at Long Compton Church. This will be a Celebration of God's Kingdom in our Deanery, hearing stories of God's life in our churches and communities. Afterwards, in a break with tradition, there will be 'refreshments for a summer evening'.

This will be my last Deanery Synod as Area Dean, so we are taking the opportunity to hand over to Sarah Edmonds, Rector of Shipston. Sarah will take over as your Area Dean on July 1<sup>st</sup>: please do pray for her and support her as you, very wonderfully, have done for me.

Everyone is very welcome: it would be good to see you there.

After July 1<sup>st</sup>, Sarah's contact details are:

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Deanery events take a break over the summer, as we concentrate on holidays, holiday clubs and a myriad of village events. The next formal Deanery occasion will be Deanery Synod on Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm in Brailes Church. Richard Cooke will be coming to introduce us to the Gospel of Matthew, from which many of the lectionary readings for the next church year are taken. Richard is a brilliant speaker, and I know will bring Matthew alive for us. All are very welcome – you don't have to be a member of Synod to come and hear him.

Wherever you are, whatever the weather, enjoy your summer and make the most of God's wonderful creation!

Every blessing, Jill

## **Tysoe Church of England Primary School – Summer 2019**

This is my last update as Head of School as I retire at the end of term. It has been my privilege to lead the great team of staff and fantastic children at Tysoe. I have striven to instil the core values of friendship, responsibility and perseverance, for the children to have fun in their learning and to gain skills for life. I will miss everyone including the many members of the local community who have been involved with the school and thank everyone for their support. I wish every success to Ms Paige Neale as she takes over the role in September.

Recently, we held a week of outdoor activities across the school. Our Year 5 and 6 children went on a residential trip to Marle Hall for a week of adventure, including gorge scrambling, canoeing and rock climbing. Another group went to Ryton Pools to enjoy pond-dipping and den building in the woods. Oak Class went to Cotswold Wildlife Park and were very lucky to see a 4-day old baby zebra. Our youngest children had a fun day out at 'All Things Wild'.

We also had a visit from the Explorer Space Dome which is a mobile planetarium that enables children to experience the amazing world of space. The dome filled the school hall and the children had to crawl inside into the dark hole! The shows were tailored to the age of the children and included facts about stars, the sun, moon and planets.

At Sports Day, the older children showed excellent leadership skills by taking care of the younger members of their house teams. There were also good competition in the sprints and relay races. Sunrising gained the most bonus points for fair play. However, the overall winners were Edgehill.

The Year 6 children performed their leavers' show, 'The Next Big Step' which included many humorous moments, excellent singing and acting. It was a look back over the children's primary years and then forward to taking the big step into high schools. As I take the next step forward, I send my best wishes to everyone who has supported me and Tysoe School.

Jenny Coates, Head of School at Tysoe 01295 680244

### **WOT2Grow Community Orchard**

Well a bit of summer has been noticed over the last month and that has brought things on well at the orchard. The soft fruit is delicious, as always, and although not as much as last year there is enough to go round! The blueberries have needed watering every couple of days as there has been a distinct lack of good rain, not complaining! Raspberries, red currants, white currants, black currants and gooseberries are all giving the members fresh, organic fruit!

The stone fruit pruning will complete by the end of July and then it's on to some summer pruning of the largest apple and pear trees. This will not encourage more growth of these big trees but keep them at a manageable height and breadth. The July drop is necessary despite fears that there would be few apples and pears! Actually some of the early varieties have no fruit due to the frosts and winds but later varieties will have a good crop. But we do need some lengthy spells of rain, in between the sunshine, to help the fruit mature to a good size. Mowing is always a major task and this year has been no exception. The mowing team have done a great job and even introduced an interesting chequer board approach by leaving patches of longer grass in between closer mown paths. This leaves more vegetation for wild life whilst maintaining hygiene under the trees. The main thing is the dandelions have been kept under control!!!

Join us to support the environment as well as getting great fruit! Your Community Orchard just behind the allotments on the Shenington Road in Tysoe!

More information?

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or see the website [www.wot2grow.co.uk](http://www.wot2grow.co.uk)

