

The Whatcote News Sheet

June 2019

June Events

The Witches Meet!!

Next convening of the coven is on Wednesday 12th June from 6:30pm @Royal Oak. Let Liz know if you wish join us.

Next Quiz Night

Next quiz on June 19th starting at 7pm. Current winners are Shipstonians!

Book Club

Next one is on Wednesday 24th July from 7pm @ Royal Oak. Reading "Me Before You" by Jo Jo Moyes

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 June

Not quite in June, but if this reaches you before the end of May, don't forget the **Deanery Ascension Day Service**, on Thursday, May 30th at 7.30 pm, which this year is in Stretton, with Bishop John preaching and presiding. As ever, if the weather permits, we will start outside for the first few minutes.

There will be a **Confirmation Service**, led by Bishop Christopher, on **Sunday, June 23rd at 4.00 pm** at Tysoe Church.

Finally, there is a Deanery Synod on **Tuesday, June 25th at 7.30 pm** in **Long Compton Church**. Richard Cooke was hoping to come to speak about Luke, but he has had to re-schedule his visit, and hopefully will be with us in the autumn. This Synod is my last Synod as Area Dean, so we are going to take the chance to celebrate the life of Shipston Deanery, to look back over the last decade, and also to look ahead to the needs of our Deanery, and the wider world, for the next decade or more. It also gives us a chance to welcome Sarah Edmonds, Rector of Shipston, as the new Area Dean. I do hope you will be able to join us. Every blessing, Jill

Tysoe Church of England Primary School – May Update

We started this term with a visit by the new Reception children who will join us full-time in September. Hannah and Lyra, currently in Beech Class, did a brilliant job meeting and greeting the new children and their parents. We look forward to a series of visits so the children can make the transition with confidence.

Like all schools in the country, May is a busy time for seven and eleven year olds as they take their SATs. We are proud of our children who were calm and well-prepared so they were able to approach the tests with confidence. We now look forward to different challenges both in and out of the classroom. Writing continues to be an important focus and there will of course be exciting trips, performances and whole school projects like multi-cultural week to motivate children.

Music plays an important part in the curriculum at Tysoe and this year we have introduced piano and keyboard lessons taught by Mrs Belcher. In their first concert, eleven children played either a solo or duet in front of the whole school. Everyone successfully conquered their nerves to play skilfully.

Our curriculum is enriched by creative activities. Following their visit to the British Museum, Willow Class have successfully designed and decorated clay pots, now displayed in our library. Children in Silver Birch Class have enjoyed making pesto pasta. The aroma of basil, garlic, pine nuts and lemon juice was very appetising.

Soon, we are having a focus week to give children aspirations. Parents in a variety of occupations will talk about their chosen careers. We hope to inspire the children to see the

value of their school learning as steps in a wider picture. The younger children have also been motivated to take up new challenges by the National Trust leaflet '50 things to do before you're 11 ¾ years old'.

Visits from prospective parents are welcome. Contact Mrs Horrocks on 01295 680244.

Jenny Coates, Head of School

WOT2Grow Community Orchard - June

Still unsure if it is summer!! Warm May days have had cold, even frosty, nights and the plants have been doing the hokey-cokey! The early blossom turned brown but new blossom has appeared on many of the apple trees and some of the pears. The Bramley apples have had their best show of blossom for a few years so that is positive! There is no sign of any plums, greengages or damsons which is such a shame after last year's promising harvest.

The apricots have suffered badly with 80-90% of the foliage blackened and dead but new leaves are appearing as the weather improves. So no fruit after last year's wonderful taste of a few sun ripened apricots!

We have had a great month of pruning the currants and gooseberries and getting the mypex in place but again it looks like a smaller crop this year. The blueberries are doing their best having lost a lot of blossom but looks like we have a reasonable set, all they need is water which has been a bit short in the form of rain in the last month.

The mowers have been active and managing to keep the dandelions at bay and all the wind breaks have been cut back and are beginning to form a good hedge on two sides of the orchard, should eventually break that ferocious wind that comes down from the hills!!

Summer pruning will start in June when we can cut back the plum family, cherries, peaches and nectarines.

Why not help out and support the environment as well as getting great fruit! We are just behind the allotments on the Shenington Road in Tysoe!

More information?

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