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The Whatcote Village News

Hello and, once again, a very warm welcome to the November/December edition of the Whatcote Village News!

Well, another year has passed, and I hope it's been a really excellent one for you (and that 2018 is better still).

More about it later, but you'll hopefully by now have heard that we have a Village Website. It's a great step and I'm delighted that we've finally made it.

An especially warm welcome also to the new family in Church Lane (I believe Camilla and her son) and to Isabel and Charles at Upper Farm.

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NEWS FROM
THE
DEANERY
NOVEMBER
DECEMBER
2017

December 3rd is Advent Sunday: across the Deanery this signals the start of our reflecting about the forthcoming birth of Jesus, his coming into our midst, and the waiting by a broken world for his presence. And that of course leads into to Christmas itself, so across our Villages there will be Travelling Nativities, Advent Carols Services, Nativity Plays, Crib Services, Carol Services and then the main services of Christmas Day. All are very welcome at these special events, so please do join us if you can.

After Christmas comes Candlemas at the beginning of February. To mark it, St. George's Church, Brailes, is hosting a Royal School of Church Music **'Come and Sing' Candlemas Eucharist on Saturday, February 3rd**. Anyone who enjoys singing is really welcome to come along and join in. All the music will be provided. Rehearsals (I think) begin at 2.30, and it will end in the early evening. Exact details will be available nearer the time.

Just after that, Deanery Synod will be meeting in Pillerton Village Hall on Tuesday, **February 6th at 7.30pm**. Our speaker will be Jerry Marshall, who is Chief Executive of Germinate: The Arthur Rank Centre – a organisation committed to helping rural churches and rural communities to flourish. Jerry is a passionate and inspirational advocate of life in small rural churches, and it will be lovely to welcome him. So, as Advent begins (John Bell, Cloth for the Cradle):

*Light looked down
and saw darkness.
I will go there, said Light.*

*Peace looked down
and saw war.
I will go there, said Peace.*

*Love looked down
and saw hatred.
I will go there, said Love.*

*So he,
the Lord of Light,
the Prince of Peace,
the King of Love,
came down
and crept in
beside us.*

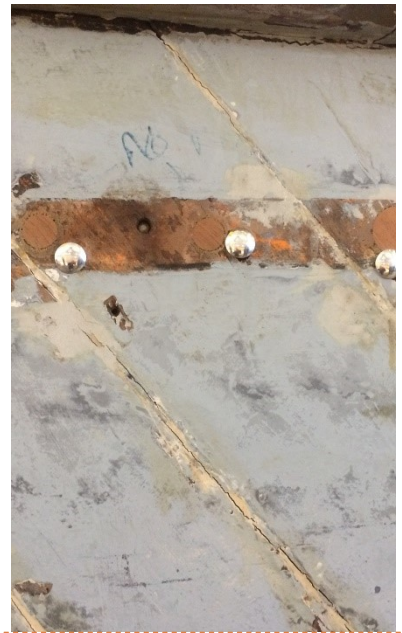
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EDITORIAL

What's new this month? So many things...well actually after goodness knows how many centuries, we've joined the world wide web.

How did we do it? Well, as far as I know it's been a while in the planning, but it really started (for me at least) over a glass of wine with Liz when sketched out what we thought a village website might look like on a piece of paper in her kitchen.

A few months later...www.whatcotevillage.co.uk



"To Whatcote, my dearest friends, for it's awesome" (uncredited, but yet another possible out take by W Shakespeare)

WWWWHAT WAS THAT YOU SAID?

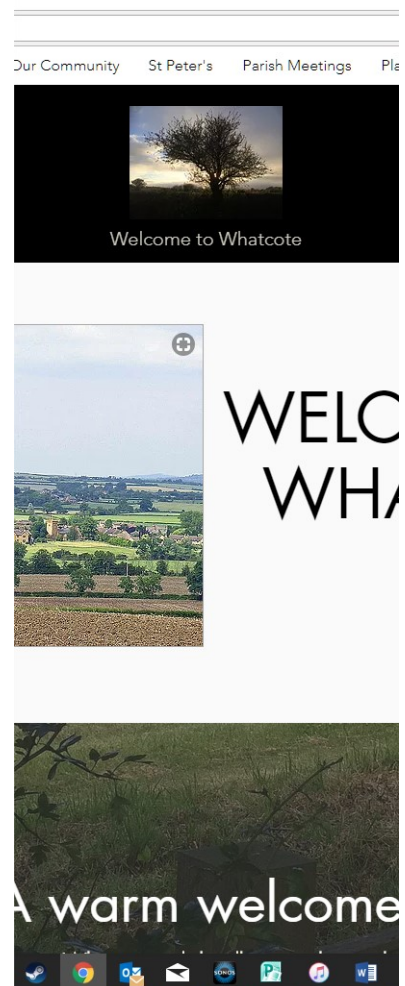
...it's a place for everyone to find out what is going on in the village, useful information (including Parish, Church, Planning) and of course lovely pictures of where we live. Liz and I are the current Web Editors and we'd be delighted if as many of you as possible contribute.

Please send photos, articles and information to whatcotevillage@gmail.com

We'll include what we can but reserve the right to edit submitted material! We also welcome feedback about what you like and don't like about the web site!

The website and domain are funded by the Village Association. Again, many thanks everyone. Liz and I built it using Wix.com

And the result? Well, when we looked back at the original sketch...we'd pretty much covered it all





The children were very excited to welcome Dominick Cunningham, a top GB gymnast, to demonstrate his talents and lead a fitness workshop. He inspired the children with his passion for training for a place at the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo. He also stressed the need to show perseverance in all areas of sport. A sponsored event proved very popular, with a total of £1300 raised to purchase sports equipment for school and to sponsor the GB athlete programme.

Tysoe School


Tysoe Church of England Primary
School – November

Recently the whole school had a week of practical maths and reasoning skills which produced great displays of work. We also hosted an Architecture Workshop when all the children participated in different activities to learn about building structures. The younger children had fun constructing tetrahedrons. They worked together and even managed to all sit inside their framework. The children learnt about the strength of different shapes and used technical mathematical language. Rowan and Silver Birch made large octahedrons which stacked to almost reach the hall ceiling! Willow Class used new skills to work in teams and create amazing bridges.

We continue to participate in community events which included Year 1 visiting the Kendrick Homes building site in the village, to see the dramatic unveiling of the winning safety poster designed by Poppy. On another occasion, the oldest children took part in a Remembrance Service at the war memorial led by Canon Moffatt. The children had all created a poppy tribute which was laid and the children read poems and prayers that they had written.

Please join us in the Tysoe Village Hall on **Saturday 2nd December 1 - 3pm** for our Christmas Fair. Visits to view the school are always welcome. Contact Mrs Horrocks on 01295 680244.

Jenny Coates Head of School



To do list

If you have the time, why not?

(If you don't, why not come along anyway for a bit?)

VILLAGE CAROL SERVICE

Please join us at St Peter's for a *fabulous* candle light service in festive decorated church with mulled wine —**4pm on Sunday 17th December.**

JUBILATE

Stour Singers' December Concert

Singing carols together in December is one of the lovely features of Christmas time, and you are invited to do just that at Stour Singers' concert on **9th December in St. Edmund's Church**. The carols complement the choir's performance of Bach's Cantata "Gloria in Excelsis Deo", and Kuhnau's "Uns Ist Ein Kind Geboren". Soprano soloist, Robyn Allegra Parton returns to us to sing Mozart's glorious "Exsultate Jubilate" – pure joy!

Stour Singers have cemented their collaboration with the Birmingham Conservatoire- based Queen's Park Sinfonia, who return to play for this concert. Two soloists from the conservatoire take the tenor and mezzo-soprano roles in this performance, together with bass baritone Alistair Donaghue, who made his debut with Stour Singers in Handel's Saul in May this year.

Richard Emms started this choir 42 years ago now, and continues to wield the baton, and manage the 80 or so singers, to bring together some very expressive and enjoyable performances. The choir would love to see you at their concert on **9th December, at 7.30.p.m.** in St. Edmund's Church, Shipston. Tickets cost just £12.50, and are available from R. Clarke in Shipston's High Street, or on the door. There is no charge to accompanied children.



[+To do list]

Come along!

Don't forget
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The Singers enjoy their carols greatly, and will be visiting both Ellen Badger Hospital and Low Furlong Residential Home to sing for and with the patients and residents on Thursday evening 14th December.

If you would like to know more about Stour Singers, or to join us, do get in touch with Yvonne Ridley, choir coordinator, on 01789 269587. Next May's concert will be Faure's Requiem and Rutter's Magnificat.

Village Calendars 2018

There are a few calendars for sale at £8.50 each. Please contact Penny Pritchard or Liz Atkinson (680045) if you are interested.

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We are well into the end of the year work at the orchard. The apples are all picked, the summer raspberries ready for next year, the weeding is under way and the grease is round the trees to catch the winter moths.

We are ready to plant some new autumn raspberry canes which should ensure we have a good crop next year and replace some of the old canes which are diseased. The new lined beds had the soil removed and replaced with screened top soil and compost so it hopefully will be a great growing environment.

All that we do now makes sure we have fruit next year so it is really important.

WAES-HAEL DRINK-HAEL!!!

Yes we will be holding the Wassail ceremony at the orchard on Saturday 20th January 2018 from 4:30pm onwards. The traditions will be observed and there will be lots of singing and keeping warm around the big bonfire accompanied by food and drink! For the first time we will have live music to accompany the singing and Morris dancing!! Do reserve the date and watch out for posters with the details! It is suitable for all ages so come along with the whole family.

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

Contact one of us for more information

Liz Atkinson (680045), Paul Sayer (680451), Sue and Mike Sanderson (688080)
or see the website www.wot2grow.co.uk

WOT2Grow AGM 2018

The AGM will be held on **Tuesday 23rd January 2018 at 7:30pm at Tysoe village hall.**

Do come along and have your say about your community orchard, everyone is welcome and you don't have to be a member to attend!



From top left:
Big Medlars ripening
Silver Birch in the Windbreak
Autumnal Pears



Pictures from
Penny—the
Poppy Cross



To Richard and Solanche @The Royal Oak
On behalf of Whatcote Village Association we
thank you for your kind donation of £280

Terry (chairman)

PLANNING MATTERS

Application 17/02496/FUL for extensions to Denwyn was approved with conditions

Application 17/02672/FUL for permission to develop land at Upper Farm, Church Lane, Whatcote, Shipston-on-Stour CV36 5EF was rejected



We're regularly promised a snowy winter—I wonder whether we'll have one this time?

ASK FREDDIE

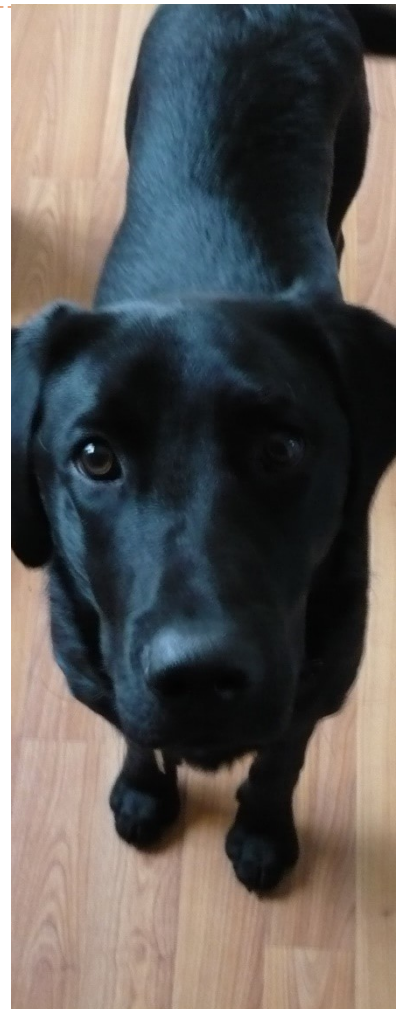
Here's Freddie again (whatcotevillage@gmail.com).

This time from Christopher, a duck from Idlicote

“Dear Freddie, I understand that the Rabbits have reached a preliminary agreement with the Ewes as to nil rate tariffs on quantities of imported hay post breakfast from March 2019. Can this really be true, or do you think we're likely to have to apply duties calculated on Whatcote Trading Organisation (WTO) rules?”

Freddie's reply:

“Dear Christopher, yes indeed, that's certainly an interesting one. I would take that with a pinch of salt, however. In my view, whilst the WTO rules are clearly important here (and possibly relevant), it's chasing a ball that really matters at the end of the day—you can't put an exchange value on that sort of thing”



And it's goodbye
from me ...until
the next episode
so stay tuned

THE WRITE STUFF

Any contributions to the Village News are always welcome although the Editor reserves the right to amend or edit them. Don't be upset if I forget to add your article—a gentle email reminder will ensure extra coverage in the next edition. Please contact Will Payne or e-mail:

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lage@gmail.com**

**Equally, if you would
like a digital copy, do
let me know—saves pa-
per, ink...and walking!**

Thank you for reading
and supporting this



A few (potentially) useful contact numbers:

- Stratford District Council: 01789 267 575
- The Royal Oak, Whatcote: 01295 688100
- Tysoe Village Stores: 01295 688333
- Tysoe Post Office: 01295 680632
- MI5: Freephone 0800 111 4645, <https://www.mi5.gov.uk/contact-us>
- Whatcote Fairly Secret Underground Bunker (switchboard): 0368 1003586
- Whatcote International Airport (switchboard): 0368 1004545
- Tysoe Village School 01295 680244
- MET Office: 0370 900 0100

Dates for your diary

Did we manage it? Well, I think we all
know the answer to that one...

Sunday Services at St Peter's Church, Whatcote in October

Sunday December 3rd	Advent Sunday	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday December 10th		11.00am	Morning Worship
Sunday December 17th		4.00pm	Candlelit Carol Service
Sunday December 24th	Christmas Eve	9.30am	Christmas Eve Holy Communion

Elsewhere in the Benefice:

Sunday, December 24th	Christmas Eve in Tysoe	11.30pm	Midnight Mass
Monday, December 25th	Christmas Day, in Oxhill	9.30am	Family Communion for Christmas Day
	Christmas Day, in Tysoe	11.00am	Christmas Day Communion.

Other events

Christmas Fair—Tysoe Village Hall on Saturday 2nd December 1 - 3pm

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