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The Whatcote Village News

Hello again, and a very warm welcome to the Whatcote Village News! Yes, it really is that time of the year when we pack our hot weather gear away and break out the thick woollen jumpers, boots, hats and scarves. Time to go for a muddy walk and end up at the Royal Oak for something warm (or cold if you'd prefer) to drink and perhaps a bite to eat.

Most of all it's a good opportunity to look around and enjoy the change of seasons, autumn colours everywhere in this lovely little village that we call home.

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EDITORIAL

Well, it's certainly been a lovely summer and one of the good things about the UK is that we have all four seasons, sometimes all at the same time. So, I wish you all an awesome Autumn :)

WHATCOTE PARISH MEETING

The second meeting of the year will be held on Monday 29th October at 7:30pm in the Community Centre in St Peter's Church. Please come along and help to decide on how we move forward with the role of Clerk to the Parish Meeting. Will Payne needs to stand down in April, due to pressure of work, and the village needs to decide what we do to replace him. There are options but come with your ideas and have your say and we can discuss the way forward. As always there will be other topics of interest!

Liz Atkinson Chairman

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ROYAL OAK!!

It is a year since the pub re-opened with Richard, Solange, Tim and the team! It is good to have the beautifully restored pub and restaurant in the village and attracting people from all around the area. They do live music, quiz nights, super food and good beers and always provide a very warm welcome to everyone. We will soon be enjoying the blazing log fires and cosy evenings in front of it!

"To The Royal Oak, my friends, for they have a most wondrous menu with so many of my favourite things there" (may be Prince Rupert of the Rhine, Duke of Cumberland, KG, PC, FRS after the Battle of Edgehill 1642)



BONFIRE NIGHT IN WHATCOTE

Sunday night November 4th starting at 5pm will be Bonfire Night in Whatcote!!!! The first in many a long year thanks to Matt Byrom at the Rectory as we will have a big bonfire in his grounds along with some not very noisy fireworks. This event is for children, of all ages from 0 to 90 years, who can enjoy a hot bonfire and warming food in the form of home made soup, rolls and sausages, and some liquid refreshment will also be available.

APPLE DAY

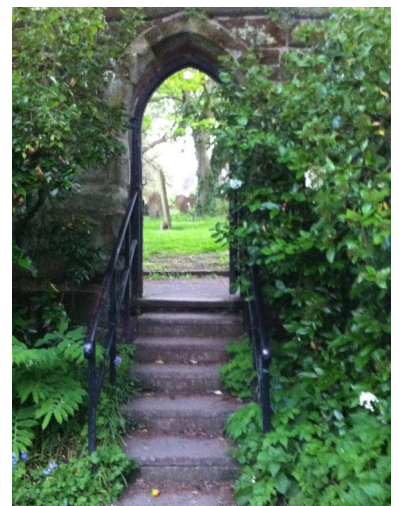
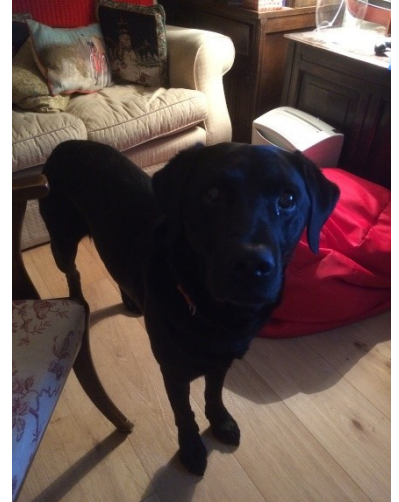
This year it will be at Tysoe Village Hall on Saturday 20th October from 1:00 to 4:00 where we will be producing fresh juice to take away and consume quickly. So bring along mud free apples and clean containers and get juicing! Activities for the children and refreshments will be available.

We will be pasteurising some juice and bottling it so it will last a lot longer. This can be picked up the next morning from 11:00 to 12:30 at Tysoe Village Hall and will cost £2 a bottle.

NEW VILLAGERS

A big welcome to Bethan Williams and Jonny Cowell who have moved into The Cottage in Rectory Lane. You may have seen them running round the village as Bethan is training for a very long run and Jonny apparently is trying to keep up!!!!

"To The Royal Oak, my friends, for 'tis a fair and foul day out there and I could really do with a pint and a game of chess with ol' pal Banquo" (uncredited, another but may be from a deleted scene in (Macbeth)



**NEWS
FROM THE
DEANERY
OCTOBER
2018**

Autumn is now with us, and with it Harvest Festivals - the annual celebrations of all that God gives us, and the work of so many – farmers, gardeners, agricultural and horticultural workers. If we were near the coast, that list would also include those who work on the seas, and those who support them. But our celebrations also point us to managing and sharing, fairly and wisely, God's provision for us. What can we do to feed the hungry as Jesus did?

Help, we have no organist.....Saturday, October 13th
Knowing that many of our churches struggle with making music, there will be a special Singing/Cantor Workshop for anyone involved in leading worship with limited musical resources on Saturday, October 13th at St. Edmunds, Shipston, between 2-5 pm.

'Lift up your voice', subtitled No instruments? Let's get singing! is music for your service without an organ or piano. Led by Miles Quick, RSCM Head of Congregational and Instrumental Music, it will explore traditional, Taize, Iona and worship songs, and ways of introducing music in to worship - for churches small & large, rural & urban, with or without choirs, singing groups or worship bands. Then we shall end with worship using some of the music learned.

There is a cost: £5 Affiliates (to the RSCM), £10 Non-Affiliates – but if you want to go and that is a problem, let me know. Any inquiries to me.

Deanery Synod on Tuesday, October 16th
will meet at 7.30 pm in Pillerton Church. Our guest that evening will be Ven. Sue Field, Archdeacon Pastor, who will tell us a little of her story, and her role in supporting both parishes and people. Beforehand, Pillerton's newly re-hung and re-dedicated bells will be rung for us to enjoy.

Every blessing, Jill

TYSOE PRIMARY SCHOOL

The 'Back to School' feeling has been so positive and enthusiastic this term. The new Reception children have settled in very well and completed their first full week. We have welcomed a new teacher, Mrs Pengilley to teach Beech Class with the youngest children. Two new teaching assistants have also joined the team and the classroom has had a complete make-over during the holidays.

Over the summer lots of improvements have also been made outside, including the installation of a fitness trail with climbing and balance equipment. New playground markings have been completed to enhance our lovely outdoor environment. The marking were partly funded by a generous donation from Mr Hancox, a former pupil about 70 years ago!

There are many extra-curricular activities for the children to choose from. Music lessons by visiting peripatetic teachers now include keyboard/piano, violin, drums and guitar. The wide range of after school clubs on offer this term include art and craft, multi-sport, gymnastics, football, recorders and drama.

Lots of new topics and visits have been planned for this term. Imminent trips include Year 6 going to the Royal Shakespeare Theatre to see The Comedy of Errors and Rowan Class will be pond-dipping on a field trip to Brandon Marsh.

The Friends of Tysoe are busy organising our annual 'Back to School Party' when families come together for a social evening and the children participate in a scavenger hunt in the school grounds. The Committee work hard to raise funds to support the school which last year included the purchase of a new reading scheme.

Our Open Morning for the prospective parents of new Reception children (for September 2019) is on Friday 26th October from 9.30am. Please come and see the school in action or make an appointment for a different time by contacting Mrs Horrocks on 01295-680244.

Visits to see the school in action are always welcome, please contact the office on 01295-680244 to make an appointment.

Jenny Coates, Head of School



We have had a good crop of plums and pears so far with more to come and the first of the apples are ready to pick. A busy time but the members are helping with the picking and enjoying the results. We will be using some of the apples for Apple Day!

After the fun of picking soft fruit now is the time for maintenance to begin with cutting out old fruited canes and weeding round the trees to help with keeping the trees healthy.

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DOG WALKERS

A big plea to all dog walkers please pick up your dog's poo and dispose of it at home, there is an awful lot of it in the orchard and it is most unpleasant. The last thing other people need is to tread in your dog's poo. We love the fact that anyone can walk in the orchard and it would be a shame if we had to ban dogs and their owners.

We are off the Shenington Road behind the allotments and are working on Wednesday and Sunday mornings from 9:30 for a couple of hours.

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

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NOW—HAVE A
GREAT AUTUMN
TIME

THE WRITE STUFF

Any contributions to the Village News are always welcome. Please contact Will Payne at whatcotevillage@gmail.com...this is the last but one edition for me as Editor, though, so you may need to be quick!

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

As always, thank you for reading and supporting this



And last but not least...Cantamus

Cantamus, Shipston's chamber choir directed by Richard Emms is presenting an afternoon of music, readings, and home-made cakes to warm a winter's afternoon. The concert starts at 2.30.p.m., and is located in the Townsend Hall, Shipston-on-Stour, on Sunday 25th November. The audience will be treated to witty, wistful, heartfelt and uplifting music, with matching readings. If you enjoy Beatles' songs, folk-songs, sacred music, or scurrilous satire, there is definitely something for you to enjoy in the programme.

Entrance costs £10, including the refreshments, and there is no charge to accompanied children. Tickets are available from A. Clarke Electrical, from Cantamus members, and at the door.

Currently Cantamus has vacancies for 2 basses. If you are a confident musician, happy to sing music across the centuries, sacred and secular, contemporary and traditional, Richard would be very pleased to hear from you, at 01608 662163. The choir rehearses on Tuesday evenings in Shipston.



Services at St Peter's Church Whatcote

October

21	6.30pm	Evensong	Rev G Heighton
28	9.39am	Holy Communion	Rev G Heighton

November

4	9.30am	Holy Communion	Rev G Heighton
11	10.45am	Remembrance Sunday	Rev T Moffatt
18	6.30pm	Evensong	Rev J Tucker
25	9.30am	Holy Communion	Rev G Heighton

December

2	9.30am	Holy Communion	Rev G Heighton
9	9.30am	Morning Worship	Jennie Rake
16	6.30pm	Evensong	Rev G Warner
23	4pm	Candlelit Carol Ser- vice	Rev J Tucker
25	No service		

There is also a permanent invitation to join George Heighton at Morning Prayer in the Church every Thursday morning at 8.30 am, and to catch up with a chat afterwards if they wish.