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## The Whatcote Village News

Hello there—and a very warm welcome to the (running late) Whatcote Village News. Hope you are well and enjoying the beautiful Spring/Summer weather.

Why not call up an old friend or perhaps someone in your family? Drop into the Royal Oak for a bite to eat and or something to drink...and don't forget it's the Village Get Together, Barbecue and Picnic on Saturday 16th June.

Please do keep an eye on our website:

([www.whatcotevillage.co.uk](http://www.whatcotevillage.co.uk))



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## EDITORIAL...

Well, it's June (definitely). Now where did all that time go? You'll be pleased to hear that the Parish AGM went well. The proposed underground Metro link up between Whatcote and Oxhill looks like a flier as does the heliport at the end of Church Lane. It does seem that in fact Whatcote may in reality be a suburb of Idlicote and possibly should be renamed Whatidlicote, but let's see. We have a team of city lawyers on the case and should hear something soon.

Freddie is well and in fine woofing form...and I see that he has a letter from Marlene, youngest daughter of the Badger family:

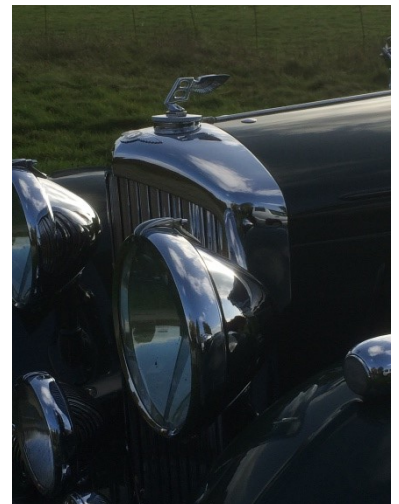
*"Dear Freddie, I've heard that it's possible to convert a Series Land Rover to an electric vehicle, can that really be true?"*

*"Dear Marlene, yes absolutely—I've very recently read an article on that very subject. Takes a bit of engineering but, once completed, you'll have a future proof Land Rover. How cool is that?"*

## ...AND AN EDITOR IS WANTED

Folks, I've just got too much on these days. I'm really sorry but I just don't have enough time to edit the Village News, fun though it is. To be fair, practically everything here (even Fred) can be put on the website which is both quicker and, well, quicker. Sadly I haven't heard from any volunteers since I mentioned that I'm hanging up my quill in December. So...please do say if you really need a printed copy...or if in fact you'd like to take this on.

*"To The Royal Oak, my friends, for I really liked that pint of sour pale ale mead that Tim-of-Campden served me and could quite easily manage another" (uncredited, another possible out take by W Shakespeare)*



NEWS  
FROM THE  
DEANERY  
JUNE 2018

A couple of arts events, and a fascinating Deanery Synod Meeting mark the end of our year of activities ahead of the summer break.

Amici, the Cathedral's Chamber Choir are coming back!

This time they are performing at St. Mary's Church, Tysoe, on

**Friday, June 22nd at 7.30pm.** Tickets are £10, including a glass of Pimms, available from Revd. George Heighton,

01295 680201 or [revgeorgeh@outlook.com](mailto:revgeorgeh@outlook.com)

As part of the Cathedral's Plumblin Festival of Arts celebrating our centenary, we have a very special choir event on **Sunday, June 24th at 5.00 pm** in St. Edmund's Church, Shipston.

A Celebration of Reconciliation, featuring a piece entitled Cross of Nails by Composer Andrew Atkins, will be performed by the massed choirs from schools of the Deanery, with adults from choirs across the Deanery. It will last about an hour, and there is no entrance charge.

Finally, on **Tuesday, June 26th at 7.30 pm** we have our Deanery Synod, this time at Blackwell Village Hall, CV36 4NP. Our speaker this time will be Revd. Jet Jones, who is the Transforming Communities Officer for the Diocese, who will speak about 'Together for Change', a diocesan charity that works to resource and equip churches to transform their communities and tackle issues of poverty.

As well as all this, there will of course be a host of summer fairs, fetes, open gardens and other events: I look forward to meeting many of you at one or the other. Enjoy the summer!

**Blessings, Jill**

**...ANOTHER VACANCY (PLEASE DO VOLUNTEER IF YOU CAN)**

St. Peter's Church is looking for volunteers to help maintain our beautiful churchyard. If anyone feels they would like to help please contact either:- Rex Greenway Ph. 680508 or Phil Wreford Ph.680294

**TYSOE  
PRIMARY  
SCHOOL  
MAY**

**Tysoe Church of England Primary School**

We have welcomed the better weather with many seasonal outdoor activities. The youngest children had a visit from Hetty, a three week old lamb, which had been hand-reared by Libby and her family. The youngest children were proud of their spring miniature gardens which really brightened up the office area.

Also a team of volunteers had a working party in the school grounds, including improving the school vegetable garden for Gardening Club.

Many children were delighted to see that the Men's Gymnastics Team had won a gold medal at the Commonwealth Games in Australia. Team member, Dominick Cunningham, had visited school in the autumn, performed on the floor and apparatus, and really encouraged the children to get involved in sport. A recent visit by two cricket coaches from All Stars Cricket, also promoted sport. A fun assembly introduced some basic skills by getting the teachers to demonstrate! Four year groups each had an hour full of activities and games with an opportunity to join the All Stars programme.

Oak Class enjoyed a fantastic outing to Warwick Castle. The children learnt about the trebuchet, watched the birds of prey and the Bowman's archery skills. When asked his favourite part, Alfie enjoyed looking at the prison and climbing up to the flagpole. Rowan Class enhanced their learning about the Ancient Mayans, by visiting the tropical enclosures at Stratford Butterfly Farm. Not only were there beautiful butterflies and dancing pupae, but also a wealth of information about the Mayan culture. The children then constructed pyramid temples in very inventive styles.

Silver Birch Class have been learning to maypole dance. Look out for a performance at the Summer Fete and Dog Show on Saturday 14th July from mid-day.

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**





Another month of different weather where we have had some glorious days with considerable warmth, some rainy ones and some very chilly ones. All of which meant a late blossoming of the apples but masses of the earlier beautiful pear blossom. The plum varieties were much earlier and it looks as though they managed to set some fruit and hold on to it. I look forward to the June drop when we really see just how much fruit has set on all the trees. We do sometimes get late frosts but hopefully this year we won't as there are some little apricots and peaches in evidence!

The bees are visiting the tree blossom as well as the many wild flowers that are in bloom. We also have lots of white honesty in the sensory garden which is proving popular along with the rosemary. The dandelions of course are always there and the mowers are battling them on a regular basis, we also have the bonus of scything around the trees to keep the grass from competing where the mower can't get in close.

All the orchard has had its spring boost of feed and the trees have been organically sprayed to help combat the aphids and bacteria as well as a foliar boost of seaweed. So far everything is looking strong and apart from a little powdery mildew pretty healthy!

Not so many raspberries this year but lots of other fruit for our members to enjoy. Why not come and help us and get some of the delicious harvest?

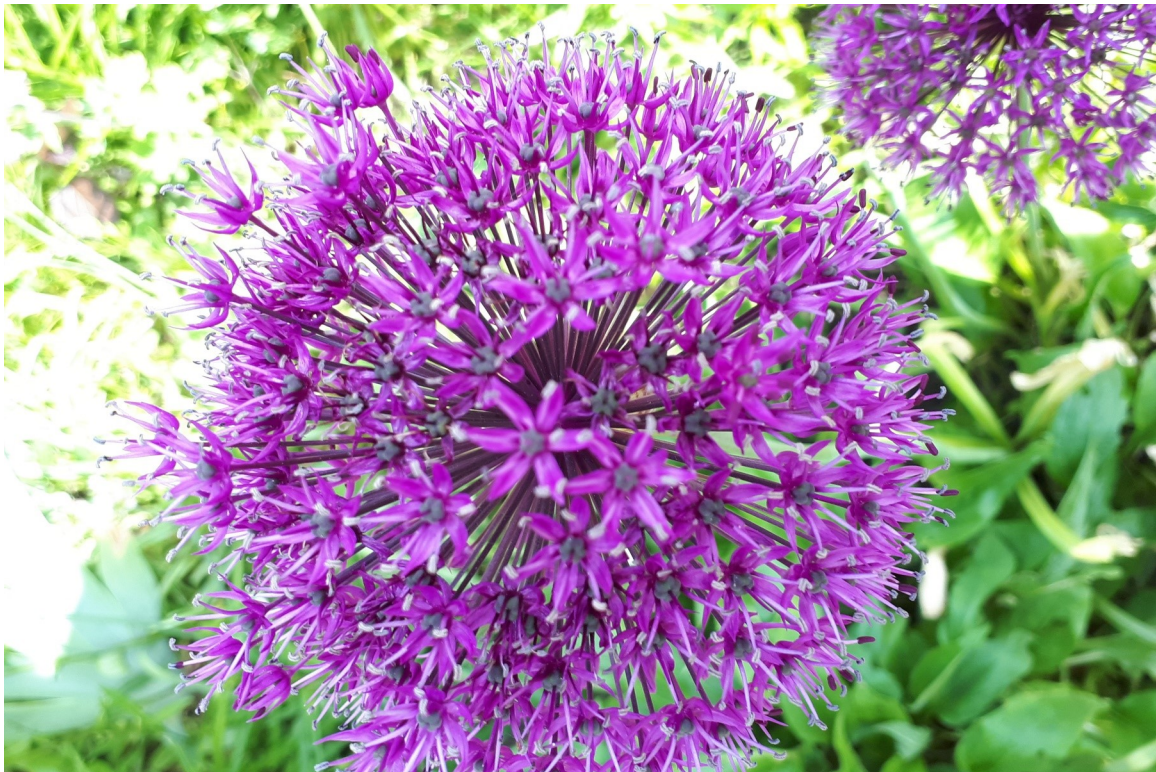
We are off the Shenington Road behind the allotments and are working, weather permitting, on Wednesday and Sunday mornings.

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](http://www.wot2grow.co.uk)







Well, it's  
farewell for  
now—have a  
great Spring,  
Summer

### 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 or two will ensure extra coverage in the next edition. Please contact Will Payne at [whatcotevillage@gmail.com](mailto:whatcotevillage@gmail.com)

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



*Pictures on pages 6 Liz*

Here's a few (possibly very) useful contact numbers:

- Stratford District Council: 01789 267575
- The Royal Oak, Whatcote: 01295 688100
- Tysoe Village Stores: 01295 688333
- Tysoe Post Office: 01295 680632
- Whatcote Not Well Kept Secret Underground Bunker (switchboard): 0368 1003585
- Clifford Chance: 020 7006 1000
- Jaguar Land Rover Gaydon: 01926 641111
- Whatcote By-Pass Project Office: 1800 ZOOM
- MET Office: 0370 900 0100



## Services at St Peter's Church Whatcote

### July

Sunday 1st	3.30 pm	Patronal Festival	George Heighton
Sunday 8th	9.15 am	Morning Worship	Jennie Rake
Sunday 15th	6.30 pm	Evensong	George Heighton
Sunday 22nd	9.15 am	Holy Communion	George Heighton
Sunday 29th	11.00 am	Five Churches Together Service in Tysoe	

### August

Sunday 5th	9.15 am	Holy Communion	Jill Tucker
Sunday 12th	9.15 am	Morning Worship	Jennie Rake
Sunday 19th	6.30 pm	Invited to Evensong at Winderton	
Sunday 26th	9.15 am	Holy Communion	Tom Moffatt