

The Whatcote Village News

Hello and a very warm welcome to the Autumn edition of the Whatcote Village News. Can it really be Autumn again? Well, yes, I suppose it can. This year seems to have flown past.

I hope that you are well and have enjoyed the summer. One of the (many) great things about Whatcote is that we are all very aware of the changing seasons and there is always something to enjoy.

A special welcome to the new family in Denwyn (and congratulations on the arrival of Millie) and of course to Solanche, Richard, Tim and the Royal Oak team, too.

So...without further ado, read on!

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NEWS FROM
THE
DEANERY
SEPTEMBER
& OCTOBER
2017

Dear Everyone,

We are delighted that Rev. Sarah Edmonds has been appointed as Rector of Shipston (with Tidmington), Honington and Idlicote: she will be licensed on **Monday, November 27th at 7.30pm in St. Edmund's Church, Shipston**. Sarah is of course already a familiar face in the Deanery, and we pray for her and her family as they move up the road all the way from Tredington to Shipston!

Deanery Synod will be on **Monday, October 9th, at 7.30pm** – at St. Mary's Church, Tysoe. Note that this is a **Monday** – for once this is not a misprint! Our guest that evening will be Ruth Marlow, our new Diocesan Secretary, and she would love to meet as many of the Deanery as possible!

Building on the considerable interest in ecological matters, we are going to host a **BCDM Module on Creation Care**, in St Edmunds, Shipston, on Tuesday evenings in the autumn, looking at God's Creation and our place in it. It will be led by Rev. Chris Goble, with input from Godfrey Armitage of the Diocesan Environmental Group.

Dates and Time: Tuesday evenings 7.00-9.30pm, 3rd - 17th October and 7th - 14th November.

Venue: St. Edmund's Shipston, Church Street, Shipston on Stour, CV36 4AP (although the session on October 10th will be elsewhere).



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NEWS FROM
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We have decided as a Deanery that we will fund these courses for anyone who lives or worships in our Deanery (although we may invite donations towards the overall cost of the scheme!) To register please go to: www.dioceseofcoventry.org/BCDMregister

Quiet Morning: Penny Hughes will be leading a Quiet Morning on Saturday, October 28th in **The Old Chapel, Oxhill**, led by Penny Hughes, entitled 'Create your Peace'. Coffee etc will be available from **9.30am**, then the morning will run from **10.00am to 1.00pm**, after which a light lunch will be available. Everyone is very welcome for all or part of the time.

Finally, for the singers among you: everyone is invited to a **Come and Sing Choral Evensong at Coventry Cathedral on Saturday, 18th November, between 1.30pm and 5.15pm**. This will be led by Kerry Beaumont, the Cathedral's Director of Music, and supported by RSCM. If anyone would like to go, please let me know, and I will try to sort our music and transport. I shall be there, having just been asked to become Chairman of the RSCM in Coventry and Warwickshire, so it would be lovely to take along a group from Shipston Deanery!

Every blessing, **Jill**



EDITORIAL

What's new this month? Well, you'll have noticed the opening of the Royal Oak and also that Gwen Pritchard's home is no longer with us (new home soon to built I expect). Smaller changes tend to be more noticeable in a little village like this one. I don't know if you've had the chance to see the photographs of the village from the turn of the 19th-20th Century but they show an entirely different Whatcote again! I wonder what the folks will see in another hundred years?



“To The Royal Oak again, my friends, for ‘tis very lovely” (uncredited, but another possible out take by W Shakespeare)

WWW....

Yes, I think it's really happening. We have the go-ahead from the Village Association to set up a village website. Liz and I have made a good start and we hope to be able to launch it very soon.

The website will, as you would expect, be centred around Whatcote, its residents and village life. We can carry news, events and notices (although the Parish noticeboard and this Village News will of course continue). We

hope that, with a move online, we'll be able update the site more regularly and also save on print costs where residents are happy just to read online/download the Village News.

More news on this to follow. In the meantime, have you visited Bunny, Nottinghamshire? Well, have a look:

<http://www.bunnyvillage.org.uk/>





This is Dora's new home, an 86 year old Bramley Tree

DORA OUR LODGER

Dora, our Collared Dove lodger's first three broods of eggs in our front porch, were described in issue 100 of Whatcote News. This old nest, in the Virginia Creeper, was getting decidedly dirty and smelly, so she moved house to our beautiful big Bramley apple tree in the back garden at the beginning of July. Now this tree had been planted as a sapling by Roland Pritchard senior (Peter Pritchard's Grandfather) 86 years ago by my reckoning and was certainly a member of "The Orchard" when Vine House Farm was on the site. It usually produces a magnificent crop of cooking apples every Autumn and in this case provided a semi-detached residence for a Wood Pigeon family and also for Dora. The new nest was horribly basic, just a few scanty sticks but was just too high up to see into it. She again appears to have had a brood of just one chick before fledgling and Dora flew away at the end of July having sat for a total of 4 months this year.

DOVELY

There are a number of Collared Doves around which all look more or less identical, but there is one that frequents our bird bath and feeders that doesn't seem to be the least bit frightened of us, so we like to think this is Dora paying us a visit. We guess she has given up producing families for this year, but where she now roosts overnight we don't know. But we greatly enjoyed her company for 4 months.

Tom Smith





Chedham's Yard © Belinda Keep

KINETON ART GROUP

The Kineton Art Group is holding its 'Annual Open Art Exhibition and Sale of Paintings' in Kineton Village hall on **Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th October from 10.00am to 5.00pm.**

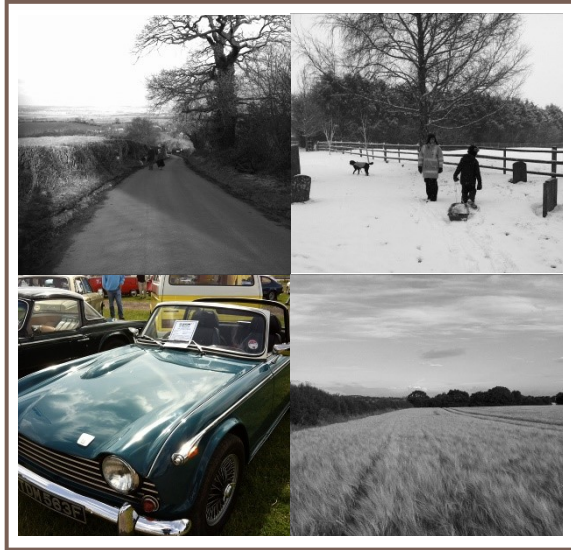
This year sees the celebration of the club's 30th anniversary. The club is flourishing and membership is at an all time high with artist members from around South Warwickshire and neighbouring Oxfordshire regularly attending weekly on Monday meetings. Our May exhibition which had a record number of entries - over 230 works of art. These included work from several invited guest artists, as well as the 50 members. There was a short quiz to raise donations for the charity 'Painting for Pleasure'.

The club also gave a limited number of those wishing to try their hand at painting and drawing or returning to painting an opportunity to attend 10 Monday afternoon sessions in May. These were so successful that they will start again in September. Those interested can enrol and find more details of this new venture at the exhibition or on our website:

All the art on display is original. It includes work in a variety of media and depicts a wide range of subjects. Most is for sale. Our October exhibition includes 3D pieces.

Refreshments of homemade cakes and tea/ coffee are served all day. And a pianist plays background music.

Belinda Keep



Tysoe School

Tysoe Church of England Primary
School – Autumn Term

We always welcome lots of visitors into school. Already this term, the Reverend George Heighton, of St George's Church Brailles, has made several visits to get to know the children and we look forward to future collaboration over events like Harvest Festival. A vet has visited Oak Class to talk about pet care. Future activities include architecture workshops for the whole school, a fitness session led by an Olympic athlete and a sculpture project in Rowan Class.

The school enjoys being part of the local community and has benefited hugely from local support. We are very appreciative of the many people who attended the Summer Fete and Dog Show which raised over £3000 for projects, including a new reading scheme. During the last week of term, younger children enjoyed a treasure hunt in the Community Orchard. The Tysoe Utilities Trust has generously agreed to fund swimming lessons and the Flower Show Committee has donated £100 to The Friends. We are grateful for all this involvement, since the school budget is so constrained.

We are already planning for next September 2018 with an Open Morning on **Wednesday 4th October at 9.30am** for prospective parents. Our catchment area is Tysoe, Oxhill, Whatcote, Radway, Ratley and the wider area so please spread the word. Visits are welcome at other times too. Contact Mrs Horrocks in the office on 01295 680244.

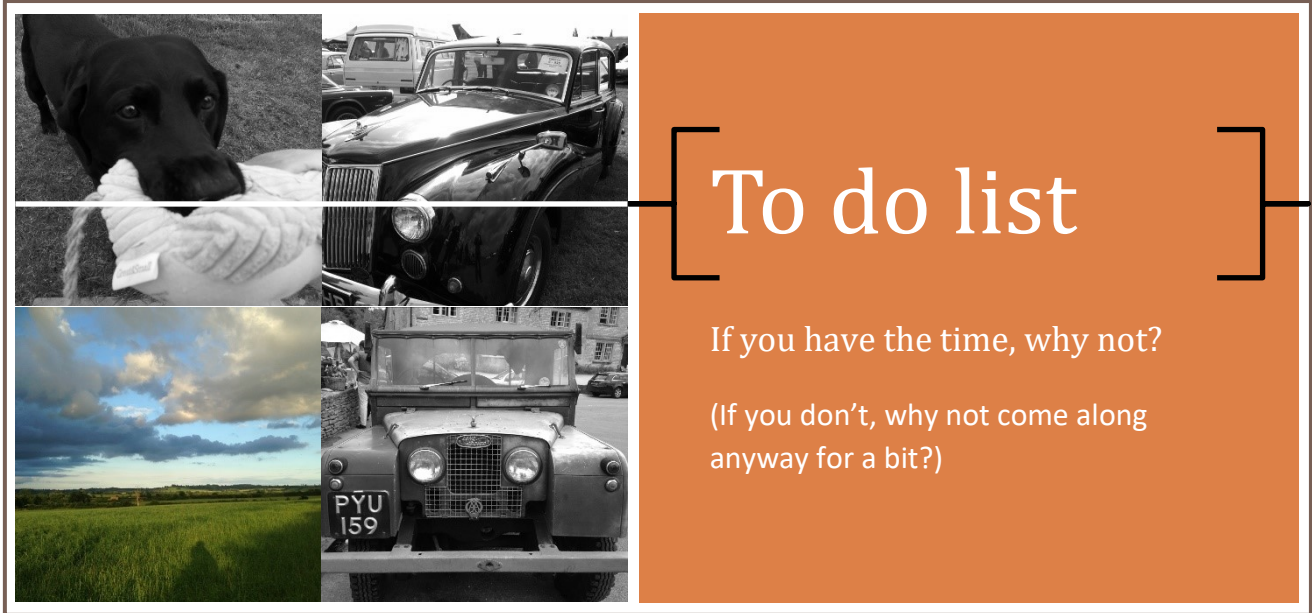
Jenny Coates Head of School

Children started the term full of excitement in their new classes which have been named after trees.

Each class has found out about their tree and created a lovely display of facts and artwork.

The outdoor classroom in our lovely grounds has been restored ready for learning and Nature Club.

Children thrive in this nurturing environment where the aim is for every child: 'To be positive about me, my faith, our learning and our world.'



WHATCOTE LADIES (NOMADS NO LONGER)

Editor—The Whatcote Ladies are nomads no longer. They are now able to meet on a regular basis at the Royal Oak. Apologies, I haven't managed to ask Penny for the dates but am confident that:

- Anyone who has not been before is very welcome
- As before, you can contact Penny if you are after more details

ENCORE

Editor—here's a note from Yvonne Ridley:

One autumn evening twenty years ago, a dozen or so singers were to be found cosily ranged round Richard and Dorle Emms' sitting room in Shipston, about to learn a 16th century Mass by William Byrd. On most Tuesday evenings now, double that number gather in the Catholic Parish Hall to sing a wide repertoire of music across five centuries.

Having been asked to sing the Mass at St. Edmund's Church, Richard brought together a small unaccompanied group which has now grown to an adventurous chamber choir, celebrating those 20 years with a special concert in October, entitled "Encore!".



+To do list

If you have the time, why not?

Come on, it's good to be part of things

ENCORE! (NO, REALLY)

The singers have indulged themselves in choosing 20 favourite pieces to sing, together with some of Three's Company's most delicious readings. There are treats in store for all - sacred and secular, moving and amusing, joyous and deep-feeling, with music across the centuries and styles, on Saturday evening **14th October at 7.30.p.m.** in St. Edmund's Church, Shipston, including part of the original Byrd Mass. Do come and share the joy that Cantamus has in performing music encompassing spirituals, folk songs, anthems, and madrigals from Bach to modern composer Lauridsen, via Purcell, Rachmaninoff and Cole Porter. Richard, the choir's director, never fails to delight and stimulate both his choir and audience.

Tickets cost £10, and are available from Clarke's Electricals in Shipston, and on the door. Students and accompanied children are welcome to attend at no cost. Do contact Yvonne Ridley on 01789 269587 with any queries.

HARVEST LUNCH

Sadly the village Harvest lunch has had to be cancelled due to lack of support.

We (your village Association) hope that the villagers will support our next event more and keep our lovely community together and lively.

On behalf of the **Whatcote Village Association and PCC**



CHRISTMAS SHOPPING TRIP

Calling all shopaholicsdo you fancy a day out Christmas shopping at BOUNDARY MILL STORES Walsall?

It is a large outlet store showcasing quality fashion and homeware with brand names at discounted prices of up to 70% off RRP.

There is a large coffee shop in store which serves hot and cold drinks, cakes and pastries, light bites, snacks and soup.

The date will be Monday **27th November 2017**.

If you would like to join, please contact Sandra on 680631

LIVE & LOCAL at the community centre on **November 25th** DREAMING THE NIGHT FIELD:a legend of Wales performed by Adverse Camber.

Honour,justice,magic and transformation collide in this spellbinding new story-telling and music performance which evokes the ancient Welsh legend of the Fourth Branch of the Mabinogion.Doors open 7pm for 7.30 start. Donation bar.Tickets from Penny Pritchard 07713671283 or penny-pritch55@hotmail.co.uk or on the door.



Don't do list

...and some advice, too

Come on, these things aren't cool

DOG MESS

There appears to be an increase in the amount of "DOG POO" deposited and not being picked up in public areas within the village, including the paddock at the rear of the church yard. Will ALL dog owners please ensure they collect their dogs mess and not leave it for others to pick up.

PLEASE HELP TO KEEP OUR VILLAGE CLEAN AND TINY
THANKYOU

Whatcote Village Association

LOOK OUT FOR

Crash for Cash - the following information is taken from the Insurance Fraud Bureau website. Follow this link for more information:- <https://www.insurancefraudbureau.org/insurance-fraud/crash-for-cash/> "Costing around £340m a year, 'Crash for Cash' scams are run by fraudsters who manufacture collisions, sometimes with innocent road users, hoping to profit from fraudulent insurance claims. With claims from a single collision potentially worth tens of thousands of pounds, organised fraudsters are orchestrating scams that involve multiple collisions and can be worth millions of pounds."



Autumn seems to have come early this year with the morning mists, days of variable weather and temperatures and some days almost feeling like winter with the heavy rain and dark skies! The blueberry bushes are showing their wonderful autumn hues and some of the trees are also beginning to change colour.

Work continues in maintaining the orchard and the summer raspberries are being cut down and the new canes tied in. We have completed the logan and tay berries and will move onto the currants and gooseberries in the coming weeks. The weeds seem to have enjoyed the recent weather and we are trying to keep them at bay!

We are picking quite a few apples which are a good size in general and of course taste delicious. The autumn yellow raspberries are particularly good this year and are cropping well.

APPLE DAY

This year it will be at Oxhill Village Hall on **Saturday 7th October from 1:30 to 4:30** where we will be producing fresh juice to take away and consume quickly. So bring along mud free apples and get juicing! Activities for the children and refreshments will be available.

On Sunday the 8th we will be pasteurising some juice and bottling it so it will last a lot longer. This can be picked up from 11:00 to 12:30 at Oxhill Village Hall and will cost £2 a bottle.

So do come along and see us and enjoy your community orchard behind the allotments along the Shenington Road in Tysoe! And maybe 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)

OUR PARISH

NEXT PARISH MEETING

The next meeting of Whatcote Parish Meeting will be held on **October 30th at 7:30pm** in the community centre. Please save the date and come along to participate in village things.

Liz Atkinson – Chairman



Harvest

The church was beautifully decorated for the Harvest Service on Sunday, September 17th with autumn colours in the floral decorations, (thank you to the ladies), along with fruit and vegetables which were donated to “Shipston on Stour Age Concern Lunch Club”.

The collection from the Evensong Service of £52.20p will go to “Farms for City Children.” Unfortunately, due to a poor response this year’s Harvest Lunch was cancelled.

June Wreford, PCC Secretary

PLANNING

Planning Matters

A planning application 17/02496/FUL has been received for extension, changes and addition of a first floor for Denwyn. Comments due by 3/10/17.

Check out the Stratford District Council site, too:

<https://apps.stratford.gov.uk/eplanning/>

It has an interactive search function and also a map.

STILL AWAKE? READ ON...

Well, we've nearly reached half way through this edition. Bit late publishing this time. It's proving to be a challenge to fit all of this in at the moment and, whilst the website will make a difference, the Village News is important for everyone, internet connected or not. I think, therefore, to give this the attention it deserves, I'll aim to hand it over to someone else. I figure I'll do that from December 2018 unless of course one of you out there volunteers sooner!



Keep warm—Winter is coming— I can't find the Oil Collective details but am sure that there is one! Do email me and I can publish that next time

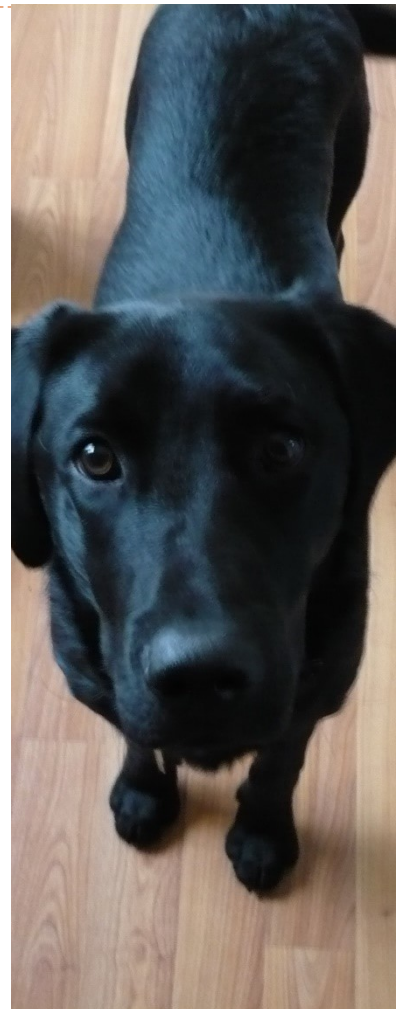
ASK FREDDIE

Here's Freddie again (whatcote@live.co.uk).

One this time from Champion, a local horse: "Dear Freddie, I am trying to understand this Breakfast thing that everyone's talking about. Something about a vote to leave the Ewes? Apparently there's a single cattle market, a custard union and the effect on Forex (not sure what foxes have to do with it). What's going on?"

Freddie's reply:

"Dear Champion, that's an extremely good question. I've carried out some detailed research but without much success, I'm afraid. I think we'll have to wait and see. What I can report, though, is that in my view it's important to remain focused on the key things in life—I mean chasing a ball or a stick, eating as much as you can manage and digging deep holes in your humans' garden (they really love that). Ciao!"



Free Electric Blanket Tests are Open to All!
Don't Miss Out! Book Now!

Autumn has arrived and Warwickshire residents are being urged to book their free electric blanket test now. Bookings are now open to all residents irrespective of age (previously aged 50+).

Warwickshire County Council Trading Standards is launching its annual electric blanket safety testing campaign. Have your electric blanket safety tested FREE of charge this coming October.

In 2016, one in every three of the electric blankets tested failed and faulty electric blankets are a known cause of house fires.

The service is also offering to safety test kettles, irons, toasters and Christmas lights (again, free of charge) at the same time.

Free electric blanket safety checks will take place at venues across all five districts and boroughs this coming October. Safety tests will be carried out by an expert electrical examiner.

- Monday 2nd October: Rugby Library
- Tuesday 3rd October: Nuneaton Fire Station
- Wednesday 4th October: Leamington Town Hall
- Thursday 5th October: Atherstone Library (9 am to 12pm) and Coleshill Library (1 pm to 4 pm)
- Friday 6th October: Briars Croft Stratford upon Avon

This service is now open to all Warwickshire residents.

Book today by calling the Trading Standards Service on 01926 414080 (office hours) or email: ebtesting@warwickshire.gov.uk. Appointments are allocated on a first come first served basis and are limited.

Don't miss out – book now!

Warwickshire County Councillor Howard Roberts, Portfolio Holder for Community Safety said:

“Faulty electric blankets are a serious fire hazard. I would strongly urge Warwickshire residents to take advantage of this free offer and book an appointment now.”

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Act on Energy will also be at the testing stations to provide free energy efficiency advice to the public. Act on Energy is a charity that encourages energy conservation by providing free and impartial advice to householders and small businesses in Warwickshire and the surrounding local areas.

If you are unable to take advantage of the testing programme you can check your own blankets by looking for the following warning signs:

- the fabric is worn or frayed
- there are scorch marks anywhere
- the tie tapes are damaged or missing
- the flex is worn or damaged
- any connections are loose

Remember older blankets in regular use are much more likely to have one or more of the above faults.

For a complete guide to checking your electric blanket, visit our website: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/electricblanket.

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Safety news

Read on but don't lose heart

For more information about becoming a Special Constable, please visit, Warwickshire Police: www.warwickshire.police.uk/specialconstables West Mercia Police: www.westmercia.police.uk/specialconstables

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September Cyber Scam Update



Identity Theft At An 'Epidemic Level'

Identity theft is reaching "epidemic levels", according to fraud prevention group CIFAS. ID fraudsters obtain personal information before pretending to be that individual and apply for loans or store cards in their name.

A total of 89,000 cases were recorded in the first six months of the year by UK anti-fraud organisation CIFAS.

This is a 5% rise on the same period last year and a new record high. According to our latest Warwickshire Cyber Crime Survey, there were an estimated 9,900 cases of identity fraud in the county over the last 12 months.

4 in 5 identity frauds committed now take place online, and is affecting every one of all ages. In order to commit identity fraud, a criminal only needs your name, date of birth and address.

TOP TIPS

- Limit the amount of personal information you give away on social networking sites. Your real friends know where you live and your birthday, so this doesn't need to be on social media.
- Consider updating the privacy settings on your social media too.
- Update your computer's firewall, anti-virus and anti-spyware programmes; up to 80% of cyber-threats can be removed by doing this.
- Never share passwords or PINs (personal identification numbers) with others.
- Use strong passwords and PINs - don't use your date of birth or your child's name, include a mix of upper and lower case letters, numbers and punctuation marks
- Do not use the same password or PIN for more than one account
- Shred all your financial documents before you throw them away

More information about staying safe from fraud online can be found on the [Cyber Safe Warwickshire website](#).

If You Are Affected

If you fall victim to any scam, report to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or www.actionfraud.police.uk

If you would like support as a result of becoming a victim of any crime, contact [Victim Support](#) on 01926 682 693.

Make a scam/rogue trader complaint to Trading Standards via [Citizens Advice Consumer Service](#) on 03454 040506.



EasyJet 'Free Flights' Offer Takes Off On Social Media

EasyJet is warning Facebook users not to be taken in by a "free flights" scam that has gone viral on social media. The scam claims to offer 2 free tickets to everyone that participates in an online survey, in celebration of the airline's 22nd anniversary.

When users click on the link, they are taken to a malware site that asks for their Facebook details. The scam has rapidly spread as it says that users must share the post in order to claim their free tickets. The post said there were just "332 remaining so hurry up!"

TOP TIPS

- Genuine competitions of this nature will only be hosted on the official EasyJet Facebook page.
- Don't click on links to alleged vouchers, competitions or offers on social media adverts – if you need to 'share' the offer in order to register, it may not be genuine
- Always go directly to the website the offer is claiming to be from to redeem these.

easyJet

GOOD NEWS: Cold-Calling Ban On Pension Companies To Include Texts & Emails

A ban on cold-calling by pension companies will include texts and emails, the Government has announced, as it cracks down on scammers who target savers' retirement funds.

The ban will prevent all cold calls, emails and texts about pensions, and will be enforced by the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). The ICO has powers to fine companies up to £500,000 if they break its rules.

TOP TIPS from The Pensions Regulator to avoid becoming a victim of a pension scam:

- **Hang up!** If you are cold called about your pension, hang up.
- **Check** the credentials of the company and any advisers – who should be registered with the Financial Conduct Authority.
- **Ask** for a statement showing how your pension will be paid at retirement and question who will look after your money until then.
- **Speak** to an adviser that is not associated with the deal you've been offered, for unbiased advice.
- **Never** be rushed into agreeing to a pension transfer.



For more information about pension scams, visit www.thepensionsregulator.gov.uk. Before you sign anything, call **The Pensions Advisory Service** on 0300 123 1047.



Safety news

Shipston SNT Surgeries

The Shipston SNT surgeries are held at the Council Offices in New Clerk House, West Street, Shipston on Stour, CV36 4HD. The surgeries will be held for half an hour so please come along

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September Cyber Scam Update



LinkedIn Account Email Update Warning

An email, which has the subject "LinkedIn Update" claiming that LinkedIn is updating its "Services Agreement and Privacy" is being used by criminals to access your personal information.



The message warns that your account will be deactivated if you do not click the link and update your account. LinkedIn did not send the email, and your account will not be deactivated if you don't click the link. The email is a scam designed to steal your LinkedIn account login details. If you click the link, you will be taken to a fraudulent website that has been built to look like the real LinkedIn login page.

On the fake site, you will be asked to enter your email address and password to log in. After entering your details, you'll see a message claiming that you've successfully completed the 'update'.

Online criminals can now use the information you provided to hijack your real LinkedIn account. Once they have gained access to the account, the criminals can use it to send scam messages to your LinkedIn contacts in your name.

Criminals can still use information entered even if you do not have a LinkedIn account. If your password is the same across other websites, the criminals may then be able to access these, not just LinkedIn accounts.

TOP TIP

• Change your LinkedIn password, as well as passwords for ANY site with the same one, or ones which are very similar.

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Instagram: [Cyber_Safe_Warks](https://www.instagram.com/Cyber_Safe_Warks)



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Action Fraud Reissues Courier Scam Warning

Action Fraud have issued a new warning about Courier Fraud, after one victim had £6,200 stolen from a criminal claiming to be a 'Sergeant Douglas'.

Courier scams work when you are called by someone pretending to be from your bank, building society or even the Police. They convince you to tell them your card details over the phone after they claim fraudulent activity has appeared on your account, or that your card is about to expire. They then arrange for a courier to pick up your card to take it away for evidence, or to have it destroyed.



In reality, the card is collected by the fraudsters to withdraw money from your account.

TOP TIPS

- Banks & the police will never call you to ask you to verify your personal details or PIN by phone or offer to pick up your card by courier. Hang up if you get a call like this.
- If you need to call your bank back to check, wait five minutes; fraudsters may stay on the line after you hang up. Alternatively, use a different line altogether to call your bank.
- Your debit/credit card is yours – don't let a stranger take it off you. You should only ever have to hand it over at your bank. If it's cancelled, you should destroy it yourself.

Spot The Signs

- Someone claiming to be from your bank or local police force calls you to tell you about fraudulent activity but is asking you for personal information, or even your PIN, to verify who you are.
- They try to offer you peace of mind by having somebody pick up the card for you to save you the trouble of having to go to your bank or local police station.

SEPTEMBER'S Top Tip: Watch Out For Text Scams

- It's not just emails which criminals will use to scam people out of money, or to get their personal details.
- Text messages and social media are becoming increasingly popular methods used.
- Always double check before responding to a text – Google the phone number used to see if others have reported issues with it.
- Just because it comes from a friend, doesn't mean it is always genuine – if it looks suspicious, don't click on the link, and don't reply with your personal details.
- Contact your mobile phone provider if you fall victim to a scam of this kind

View our new Warwickshire Police and West Mercia Police websites at:
www.warwickshire.police.uk and www.westmercia.police.uk

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:

whatcote@live.co.uk

Equally, if you would like a digital copy, do let me know—saves paper, 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 Secret Underground Bunker (switchboard): 0368 1003585
- Whatcote International Airport (switchboard): 0368 1004545
- NASA: Telephone 001 (202) 358-0000
- MET Office: 0370 900 0100



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

1st Trinity 16	9.30am	Holy Communion	Canon Tom Moffatt
8th Trinity 17	9.30am.	Morning Prayer	Jenny Rake
15th Trinity 18	6.30pm.	Evensong	Canon George Warner
22nd Trinity 19	8.30am.	Holy Communion	Canon Jill Tucker
29th Trinity 20	9.30am	UBS at Whatcote	Rev George Heighton

Other events

The Kinton Art Group is holding its 'Annual Open Art Exhibition and Sale of Paintings' in Kinton Village hall on Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th October from 10.00am to 5.00pm.

Tysoe School Open Morning on Wednesday 4th October at 9.30am for prospective parents

Encore! on Saturday evening 14th October at 7.30.p.m. in St. Edmund's Church, Shipston

Christmas Shopping - Monday 27th November 2017

LIVE & LOCAL at the community centre on November 25th

Apple Day, Oxhill Village Hall on Saturday 7th October from 1:30 to 4:30