

The Whatcote News Sheet

February 2019

Deanery News for February

A reminder about the Come and Sing Candlemas Eucharist. The Royal School of Church Music is hosting a repeat of last year's popular Come and Sing Candlemas Eucharist on Saturday, 2 February, this time in St Mary's Church, Tysoe. This is an event to which anyone who enjoys singing is invited, to be part of a bigger choir to lead the worship at the Eucharist that rounds off the afternoon. Music is either familiar or very straightforward. Either individuals or groups are welcome, and there is no charge, although donations are invited. Tea will be provided. For more information please contact Patsy Howes, on 07747 046 374 or email her on

p.howes41@btinternet.com. Deanery Synod will be meeting on February, 12th at 7.30 pm in St. Edmund's Shipston. The theme of the evening will be Giving Well, Living Well during Lent, when we explore the concepts of greener living and living well during the 40 days of Lent, drawing on the experiences of members of Synod. Anyone who is interested in living in a more sustainable fashion during Lent, taking care of God's creation, is welcome to join us and share their experiences with us. Finally, a note that the dates and venues of the Deanery Lent Services are as follows:

Tuesday March 12th Ilmington

Tuesday March 19th Alderminster

Tuesday March 26th Whatcote

Tuesday April 2nd Tidmington

Tuesday April 9th Burmington

Tuesday April 16th Honington.

In each case it is 7.30 pm. The theme for the series is Saints of these Isles – and the speakers will all be home grown.

Tysoe Church of England Primary School – January Update

We celebrated Christmas with an exciting range of events including a special nativity, 'Behind the Stable Door' which was led by the younger children dressed as animals. The performance by the older children set out to teach the audience 'How Christmas Came to be'. It explained how some Christmas customs arose, starting with the Romans and continuing through history, via the Victorians, to the present day. The children also enjoyed the pantomime in the village hall. This year it was Old King Cole performed by the West Midlands Travelling Theatre Company. The children were fully entertained by the production and there was plenty of audience participation too. Oh yes there was! As part of a focus at the start of the New Year, we had a week looking at ways to keep healthy, with each class taking a different aspect. Some children investigated the amount of sugar in cereals, which really shocked them. Another class considered the benefits of healthy snacks and exercise. One group of children completed the Play-Maker Award which was led by an Aspire sport's coach. The course aims to develop leadership skills and teamwork through physical activity. He was very complimentary about the school and enjoyed working with the children and thought that we had some great young leaders in the making.

Following the success of last year's running challenge, we re-launched the event to improve fitness and develop stamina. Children will participate in a running/jogging challenge to complete 200 metre laps in a set time each week. The laps will be recorded and children can work towards certificates for different distances, starting with 5 km and heading towards a marathon!

If you are a prospective parent and would like to visit, please contact Mrs Horrocks on 01295 680244.

Jenny Coates, Head of School

WOT2Grow Community Orchard

An unusually warm January looks like giving way to a cold snap so it is time to get as much done as possible before the possible snow!!

Pruning is moving along and this year so many of the apple trees have put on massive growth it is taking longer to reduce and reshape a lot of the them, however we will complete by the end of February! The pears are not too big and the cider trees are a very mixed bunch so it will be interesting to see how long they take. It is a long job but very satisfying when it all works well and the trees are in good shape and ready to grow strongly in the coming year. There are four problem trees that will be severely pruned to see if any disease and bad growth can be reduced or eliminated. Hopefully we will get another good harvest which is of course dependent to some extent on good pruning! All the fruit is off the trees and the last of the apples are in crates as most of them will keep or a few more weeks. Still some other maintenance tasks to complete before we get into the spring pruning and feeding!! Do come along to see us, maybe help out, and enjoy your community orchard behind the allotments along the Shenington Road in Tysoe! Why not join us and enjoy the fruit we grow.

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

February Events

Witches Supper – Wednesday 13th Feb at Royal Oak from 6.30 contact Liz

Quiz Night - Wednesday 20th Feb at Royal Oak from 7.00

Book Club - Wednesday 27th March from 7pm at Royal Oak. Reading Louis and Louise by Julie Cohen.

See website for more info – www.whatcotevillage.co.uk

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