

The Whatcote News Sheet

May 2019

May Events

Village Association - Friday May 17th at 7:30pm

Do come along to a cheese and wine evening in the Community Centre (St Peter's church) and get to know people and give your views on the Village Association and what you would like to happen in the village. No charge for the wine or cheese!!

The Witches Meet!!

Next convening of the coven is on Wednesday 8th May from 6:30pm @Royal Oak. Let Liz know if you wish join us.

Next Quiz Night

Next quiz on May 15th starting at 7pm. Current winners are Herding Cats!

Book Club

Next one is on Wednesday 22nd May from 7pm @ Royal Oak. Reading "All the Light We Cannot See" by Anthony Doerr

A big Thank You to all who came to the Easter Egg Hunt and especially to The Royal Oak for providing the eggs and stickers!! It was a beautiful morning and everyone had a great time.

Parish Plan Update

Volunteers required to help put together the final document including the survey analysis which has been completed. Contact Liz (680045) or Elizabeth (688470)

Deanery News for May

May and June seem to be extraordinarily busy – so here goes:

The next **BCDM course in the Deanery 'Introducing Christian Ethics'**, is taking place at St Edmund's Shipston in April/May. Chris Goble is delivering it, on Tuesday evenings 7:00-9:30, 30th April - 14th May, with the final two sessions on 4th and 11th June. Any queries to him, or check out the BCDM part of the Diocesan Website.

The **Archdeacons' Visitation**, at which Church Wardens are licensed and affirmed in their ministry, is this year in St. Edmund's, Shipston, on Thursday, May 16th at 7.30 pm.

There will be a special **Open Deanery Synod** in Tredington Church on Tuesday, May 21st at 7.30 pm. The Deanery Videos we have been making will have been put together into a single presentation, which will allow us to discover a little of the work of the wider diocese, and make an informed decision about the level of Support Fund contribution for 2020. I am delighted that Katie Wilson, the Resourcing Churches Mentor is coming, to explain about the Parish Giving Scheme and Contactless Giving (on which she is an expert) – which should be really helpful to all of our churches. All are invited, particularly Church Wardens, Treasurers and PCC members, as well as Deanery Synod reps.

The **Deanery Ascension Day Service** will this year be led by Bishop John, and will be on **Thursday, May 30th at 7.30 pm** in Stretton on Fosse Church.

There will be a **Confirmation Service**, led by Bishop Christopher, on **Sunday, June 23rd at 4.00 pm** at Tysoe Church.

And finally, **Deanery Synod** will also meet on **Tuesday, June 25th, at 7.30 pm in Long Compton Church**. This is the regular June meeting, and we are delighted to be able to welcome Richard Cooke as our speaker that evening, leading us through Luke's Gospel.

Enjoy the summer!

Blessings, Jill

Tysoe Church of England Primary School – April Update

Recent work has focused on different aspects of history. Silver Birch Class have visited Chedworth Roman Villa and were impressed by the well-preserved mosaic floors and the

baths, complete with under-floor heating. Year 6 went on an exciting trip to view the Ancient Greek exhibits at the British Museum. The children focused on the Parthenon frieze, where they also did sketching. They were also able to identify many of the artefacts, especially images on the Greek pots. The younger children in Oak Class have been researching about Captain Scott and his explorations to the South Pole.

As always, sport has had many highlights. This term all children from Years 2 - 6 have been competing in the weekly running challenge. Certificates were awarded for a range of distances including the marathon, achieved by 21 children. The top Sapphire Award for running over 70km went to three boys: Josh B, Jack P and Matthew M. Two Year 5 hockey teams have also competed against seven teams at Kineton High School. The first team came third overall. However, all children played well, encouraged each other and enjoyed the event. Finally, sixteen children were trained and tested on riding their bikes safely for their level 2 Bikeability Award. This was a real success because the weather on the two-day course was very cold. The highlight of the end of term has to be the creative dance workshops led by dancers from the Christian Springs Dance Project. Each class took one aspect of the Easter Story to perform to music. The children quickly learnt their routines and enjoyed the new experience of expressive dance. The two days of workshops culminated in a moving performance by Silver Birch Class to tell of Jesus' crucifixion. The children learnt how to work together in a team and were complimented for the quality of their performances by the lead instructor.

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 - May

A quiet month apart from some gusty wind keeping the temperatures low which is most unwelcome at this time of year. The apple blossom does not know what to do and although showing on the early apples it is waiting for some warmth so it can emerge! The cherries have also been a little slow. There will be a lot less blossom compared with last year but we will have fruit. The pears are in full blossom and the Perry Pears are superb this year - Hendre Huffcap, Gin and Brandy are looking so good and great names. Spraying has again been delayed due to the weather but we always catch up in the end!

Plenty of maintenance work at this time of year and the wind break trees and hedging needed a good cut to thicken up the protection. After eight years the original weed suppressing material had come to the end of its life and so is being replaced, time consuming work but does have benefits around the soft fruit. It also gives us a chance to incorporate slow release fertiliser (fish, blood and bone) into the soil.

We will be working hard with nature to increase the biodiversity at the orchard this summer. It is amazing what we have achieved so far with our organic and ecological approach transforming a barren field into an environment full of different species and varieties of wild flowers. Our bees are just one success producing delicious honey and aiding pollination but there are many butterflies, moths, bumble bees and insects doing their bit.

Why not help out and support the environment as well as getting great fruit! We are just behind the allotments on the Shenington Road in Tysoe!

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