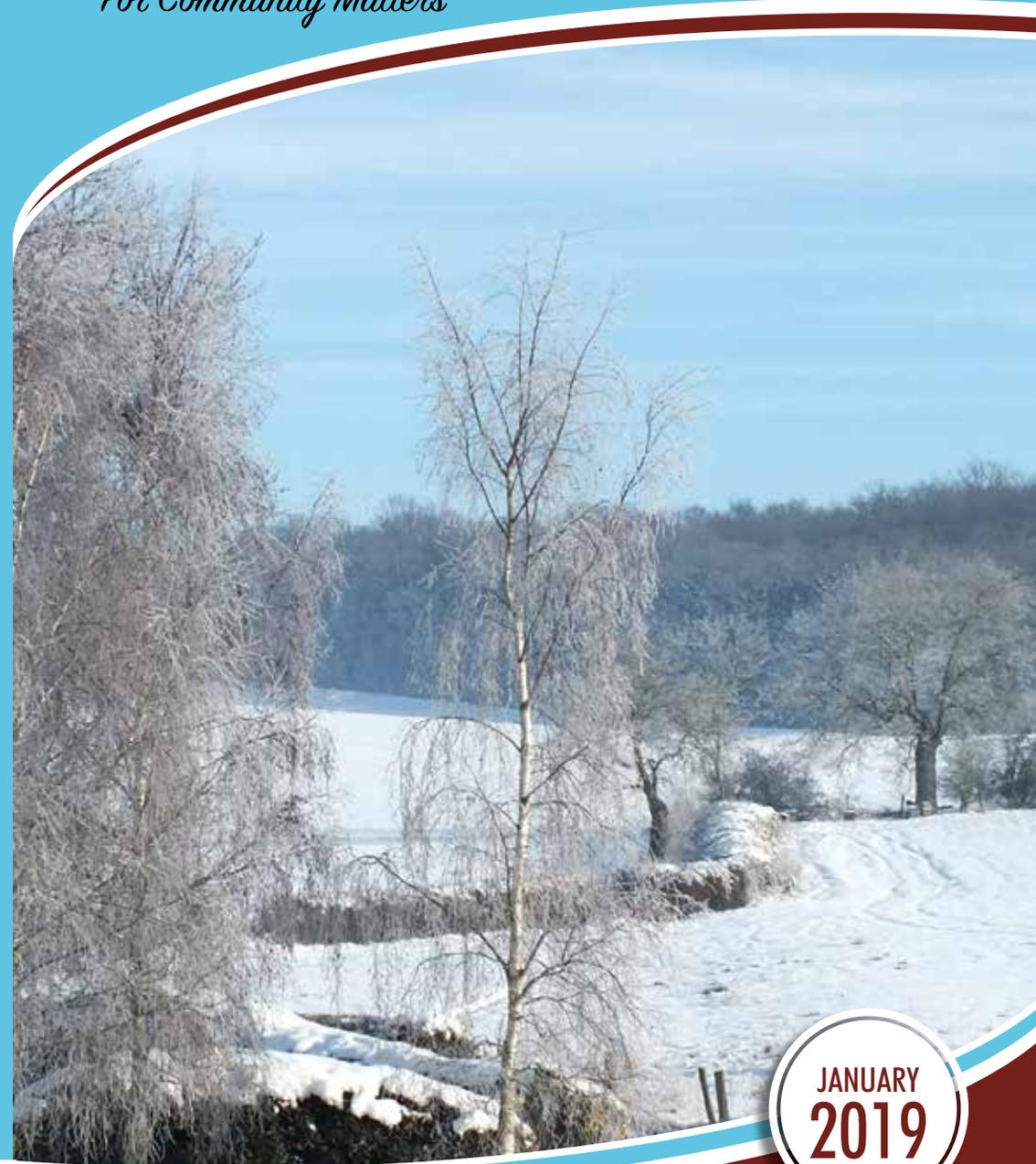


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# Bearley Beacon

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A happy New Year to all our readers whether you live in Bearley or further away.

This magazine is printed too early to include any of the Christmas festivities apart from the performance of 'The Journey of the Magi' by the Springs Dance Company, so you may be reading about those in the March edition of the Beacon!

Many of the pages of this magazine seem to mention pleas for help. This is a great village, where things do happen, even though we have no shop, school or pub, but the village events rely on a very small band of hard-worked volunteers. If you value living in the country and enjoy being a village, please think about trying to put your talents towards helping to make life interesting here, so that we have something to feel proud about.

You could volunteer to

- be a member of the Parish Council (see pages 10 and 11)
- join the Community Speedwatch group (article in the November Beacon page 28)
- help with the playground at Bearley Park by becoming a Friend of Bearley Park (see page 13)
- provide photos and articles for the Beacon
- join the Friends of Bearley Village committee

Friends of Bearley Village, the Village Hall committee, the Sports and Social Club, the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and the Church all need volunteers and members so that they can continue with their work.

## It doesn't just happen!

Once again, I would like to say a large 'thank you' to all who have contributed articles to this edition of the Beacon, those who distribute it, and special thanks to the printer for producing this magazine free of charge. Suggestions on what you would like to see in future issues are welcome; please contact me on e-mail [bearleybeacon@aol.com](mailto:bearleybeacon@aol.com)

The copy date for the March 2019 Issue is 31 January 2019.

Yours sincerely,

*Elizabeth Gorsuch*

**Front cover:** Looking towards Twelve Acre Wood, December 2017. Photo by Andrew Gorsuch

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# Bearley Parish Council Report

The Parish Council met on Monday 26 November 2018 and a summary of the minutes of that meeting is as follows:

**Present:** Cllr Arslan Erinmez (Chair), Cllr Richard Le Page and Cllr Andrew Spiller.

**Parish Clerk:** Nicola Everall

**Public:** 2 members of the public were in attendance

**Apologies:** Cllr Mrs A Parry

## Public Forum (subject to a time limit of 15 minutes)

Concern was raised regarding the cladding on the former Golden Cross Public House, but it was understood that the Planning Authority was aware of the situation and was to contact the owner. However, the Parish Council was to write to the Planning Authority to voice its concerns.

The Chairman asked the Parish Clerk to contact the Highways Department at the County Council regarding the overhanging branches from trees on the footpaths near the former Countrywide site.

It was also noted that the footpath on the Snitterfield Road towards the village had subsided in a number of areas and the Clerk was asked to contact the Highways Department at the County Council to address the matter.

## County & District Council Liaison

In the absence of Councillor Mrs A Parry, the Clerk reported that Bearley Village Hall Trust had been awarded £750 towards the cost of a website and booking system from the Community Grants Scheme.

## Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (NPSG)

The Chairman reported that the pre-submission draft of the Neighbourhood Plan was being progressed by the NPSG and Councillors to ensure that it met with necessary legislation. It was expected that the first draft would go to the District Council in the second week of December to ensure it met with the requirements of the Local Plan. The finalised Plan will be printed and circulated to residents, businesses, landowners, village and statutory organisations for a six week consultation period that is termed as the pre-submission consultation starting in mid-January 2019. The Clerk was asked to set up an additional email address to enable residents and organisations to respond to the Neighbourhood Plan when it reached that stage.

## Warwickshire Rural Housing Association (WRHA) and Warwickshire Rural Community Council (WRCC)

The Chairman reported that LoCal Homes (provider of the low-carbon timber-frame housing) has decided that the proposed scheme at the rear of Grange Road is too small for them to provide a turn-key option so WRHA now need to find an alternative development contractor for these homes.

## To Receive an Update on Stratford on Avon Gliding Club

It was reported that despite the temporary planning permission having ceased, Touring Motor Gliders were still in use and the matter is currently with the Enforcement Officer at the Planning Authority.

## To Receive an Update on Flood Prevention Measures

Councillor R Le Page reported that he was to meet with officers from the County Council to carry out a site visit on 3 December 2018 at 10am to ascertain if there were any areas of concern.

The Clerk was asked to contact the County Council to establish how often leaf clearance works took place.

## Website

The Chairman confirmed that the Neighbourhood Plan would be added to the website immediately after the copies of the Plan are circulated to residents and organisations.

## Play Area Inspections

The Clerk reported that the annual inspections took place in September and no issues were raised at the Upper Play Area. There were three comments made at Bearley Park, and Friends of Bearley Park were to ensure that these would be addressed.

## Telephone Box

The Clerk reported that she had submitted an application for a Change of Use from the District Council to request that the decommissioned Telephone Box be used as a Community Library.

## Speed Watch

The Clerk was unable to progress a Speedwatch Group as she had only received interest from four persons and the minimum was six. The Chairman hoped to generate more interest and the Clerk had submitted an article to the Bearley Beacon.

## Grit Bins

The Clerk had asked the Highways Department to assess the area from the top of at Church Lane to the junction with Snitterfield Road to ascertain the need for a grit bin, but no reply had been received.

## Additional Notice Board

A vote of thanks was made to Friends of Bearley Village following the installation of an additional notice board on Snitterfield Road.

## Additional Bench at Bearley Green

A vote of thanks was made to Friends of Bearley Village following the installation of the additional bench opposite Bearley Green. Although some concern was raised as to the location, it was agreed to monitor the situation and revisit the matter at a later date if the bench needed to be moved.

## Village Hall

Cllr R Le Page reported that the AGM was to take place on Monday 3 December 2018. It was likely that an asbestos survey may take place in the near future as 16 roof tiles needed replacement, but the matter would be discussed after the AGM.

## Request for Funding

Friends of Bearley Park (FoBP) had submitted a request for funding of £570 for the purchase of a pressure washer, to enable the organisation to carry out charity car washes to raise funds for the park.

It was proposed by Cllr A Spiller and seconded by Cllr R Le page that the Parish Council purchase a jet wash to be stored at the Village Hall on the condition that it would be for community use and it would be maintained by FoBP.

## Planning Matters

The following planning matters were reported:

Application No.	Application Details	BPC Comment	SDC Comment
18/01253/FUL	Airfield, Snitterfield Road Removal of Condition 1 of application reference 10/01059/VARY. The condition limits the permission to a temporary period and permanent permission is now sought.	Object	
18/02867/COUQ	Gorse Farm, Snitterfield Road Proposed conversion of agricultural building into a one bed dwelling	No representation	

Application No.	Application Details	BPC Comment	SDC Comment
18/02879/TREE	Holly Tree Cottage, Snitterfield Road T1 - holly – Fell	No representation	No objection
18/03022/FU	1 The Yard Part demolition and construction of new one and half storey extension to provide additional bedroom and living space	No representation	
18/03085/TREE	Bearley Green T1 - Remove overhanging branches to provide pedestrian/vehicle access T2 - hawthorn - Remove T3 lime and T4 sycamore - Crown lift to provide pedestrian access on footpath T5 - conifer - Remove lower branch overhanging footpath	No representation	

### Date of Next Meeting

28 January 2019. Clerk to the Council: Nicola Everall. Telephone: 01926 485066/07940 476727  
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## BearleyWebsite

www.bearley.org is the website for the village. It is there for the village to communicate with other villagers whether it is the Parish Council, the many organisations we have in the village or maybe to get something off your chest. Any suggestions regarding the website should be sent to bearley.org1@gmail.com



## Bearley Flower Club

We meet on the second Tuesday of each month at Bearley Village Hall between 2 and 4pm. In October we made a limited flower and foliage design consisting of 4 large-headed yellow Gerberas and long-stemmed Freesias, together with Galax leaves and large Ivy leaves at the base in a black cube container.

The arrangement in November was a contemporary Christmas table centre. White- or silver-painted contorted hazel or willow, and stems of white roses with small cones at the base, were inserted into an Oasis ring placed on a mirror. The Oasis was covered with sprigs of blue spruce and the centre lined with natural Finland moss. The LED lights within the centre reflected off the mirror.

*Jo Wall*



## Bearley Lunch Club

There has been a Lunch Club in the village since June 1983, and we sincerely thank all our members and helpers who have made it so much fun since then.

Lunches are served on Wednesdays at the Village Hall costing only £4.50 (includes coffee, ice-cream and soft drinks). You don't have to be a Senior Citizen to join us, so please come along – don't sit at home and be lonely.

Best wishes,

*Gwen Smith*



Organiser: Mrs Gwen Smith  
Wednesdays, 15 Grange Road.  
Tel: 01789 731798  
Village Hall, 12 noon

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## Parish Council Election 2019

Later this year, an election will be held for places on Bearley Parish Council. Why "might"? Well, if the three existing Parish Councillors decide to stand again, and nobody else does, they will automatically be re-elected without a vote.

This is **bad** for Bearley.

It is **bad** for Bearley because, no matter how good those councillors might be, there are only three points of view being put forward. It is far better for a council to have as many opinions as possible so that more representative decisions can be taken.

Not only that, but if we lose a councillor, we will be taken over by the District Council. That means that the decisions about how Bearley's share of **your** Council Tax is spent will be taken by **people who don't live here**.

And if you're thinking, I'll step in if that situation arises so that won't happen, **don't!** Do it now!

Bearley can have maximum of seven councillors. We encourage you to put your name forward; you will be surprised how interesting and rewarding it can be. If you're still wavering, here are some of the reasons why you might be thinking it's not for you:

**Reason 1: "I'm not a politician. Most politicians are power-crazed scoundrels"**

*Reply: Maybe. But being on the Parish Council is about making practical, common sense decisions. It's not about scoring political points.*

**Reason 2: "I'm too busy. This will take up all my spare time"**

*Reply: You can put as much or as little time as you can spare. Two to three hours a week is normally quite enough. Meetings are every two months.*

**Reason 3: What difference can the Parish Council make anyway?**

*Reply: Without the Parish Council, we probably wouldn't have the 30mph speed limit on Snitterfield Road, the pedestrian refuge on the Birmingham Road, a village hall, a playground. . . . . etc, etc.*

With the potential development of the Countrywide site, we need, more than ever, a strong voice to represent what we, the residents of Bearley, want.

Why not speak to one of your Parish Councillors to find out more, or attend the event advertised opposite?

*Richard Le Page*

# FriendsOfBearleyVillage



The additional Village Notice Board has now been erected, funded by FOBV

All the crockery funded by FOBV for the Village Hall is in place, 100 dinner plates, side plates, dessert dishes, cups and saucers, 15 oblong serving dishes/plates, 15 jugs, and 12 salt and pepper sets.

The bench funded by FOBV is now in situ on Snitterfield Road near St Mary's Church.



David Groom and Peter Wall beside the new notice board at the west end of the village.



Thank you to everyone that supports us.

## October 100 Club Draw winners:

1st	Vera Rose	(No:23)
2nd	Tony Bradbury	(No:8)
3rd	Ken Lillie	(No:18)

## November 100 Club Draw winners:

1st	Caroline Taylor	(No: 101)
2nd	Diane Erinmez	(No: 19)
3rd	Sarah Woodward	(No: 102)

Thank you for your continuing support 2018 – 2019

*Jo Wall*

Chairman & Treasurer FOBV  
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# FriendsOfBearleyPark

Friends of Bearley Park (FoBP) invite you to join them.

The group was set up some five years ago following the purchase of the land and the installation of equipment for residents of the village.

Fund raising events such as a car washes, stalls at fetes and bingo nights have raised funds for the group. The Parish Council has kindly donated a pressure washer to enable FoBP to carry out car washes at the Village Hall to raise funds.

**Could you offer your time to assist with a car wash event?**

FoBP has been campaigning successfully to improve and maintain the play area, but in order to continue it needs new members.

The group holds three short meetings a year to discuss any issues and set out plans for fund raising events. Weekly inspections of the play area are carried out to ensure the safety of users and these are split between members. Training is provided.

If you feel you could give just a couple of hours a month to FoBP please contact the Parish Clerk for an informal chat.

*Nicola Everall*

Parish Clerk, bearleypt@outlook.com, 01926 485066

# SnipesShortMatBowlsClub

We bowl at Bearley Village Hall on:

**Monday 2-00 to 4-00pm**

**Wednesday 7-00 to 9-00pm**

**Friday 2-00 to 4-00pm**

New members are always welcome.



# St Mary The Virgin

Over the Christmas period we held our usual services, and a new one for us, Christingle, all with lots of candles and happiness. Our church is always full of light and happiness. Always a welcome at our door!! Soon, the PCC is hopeful that, by means of a timed door-lock, we shall be able to have St Mary's open more often especially in the spring and summer, when the ramblers and walkers are keen to see the inside of the church and take time to contemplate life and pray.

The Parish "pulpit swap" was a great success and Richard hopes that this exchange of vicars can be arranged again. There are also new services coming up in the coming months so keep an eye on the notices boards and the Link. Nothing stands still in our benefice.

I am taking part (acting!) in the 'Open the Book' programme of taking Bible stories into schools, in our case to Wolverton and Snitterfield primary schools. It is great fun and the children are loving it, amused or bemused. Not all the youth of today has much idea of the wonder of the Old Testament and the love of Christ in the New. How sad is that!

I am delighted to report that Philip Hampson has agreed to become our PCC Treasurer. We are always looking for new members of the PCC, helpers or sidesmen. If you feel you could, as a committed Christian, do anything to help us (and Richard) in promoting the future of your Church do please let us know, we would love to hear from you.

Richard will be doing the House Blessings at Epiphany again this year, a well-known activity on the continent as any blessing is no bad thing for the coming year. If you are happy for this to happen for your home, let Richard know.

The Christian calendar is never at a still. Easter is late this year, on Sunday, 21st April, so Lent starts on the 6th March. We shall be holding a Lent Bible study course at that time so please look to the Link for this and on the notice boards for all the happenings in our Church.

Yours in Christ with every blessing.

*Jane Harrison*

PS If you would like to receive the Church Magazine please let me know, it is £4 a year subscription and contains much information of what is going on in other parishes in the area.

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Rev Richard Mutter - Tel: 731475

**Church Warden:**  
David Harrison - Tel: 731042

**PCC Secretary:**  
Jane Harrison - Tel: 731042

Date	Service	Flower Rota	Cleaning Rota
<b>January:</b>			
Sun 6 Jan	BCP 0930 Holy Communion	Refresh	Mrs D Ridgard & Family
Sun 13 Jan	CW 0930 Holy Communion	Refresh	Mrs D Tomlin
Sun 20 Jan	CW 0930 Holy Communion	Mrs Gill Groom	Mrs J Meaden
Sun 27 Jan	MP 1030 Family Service	Refresh	Mrs J Rouse
<b>February:</b>			
Sun 3 Feb	BCP 0930 Holy Communion	Refresh	
Sun 10 Feb	CW 0930 Holy Communion	Mrs Vera Rose	Dr & Mrs Gorsuch
Sun 17 Feb	CW 0930 Holy Communion	Refresh	Mrs Hayes
Sun 24 Feb	MP 1030 Family Service	Mrs Dot Tomlin	

BCP – Book of Common Prayer • CW – Common Worship • MP – Morning Prayer

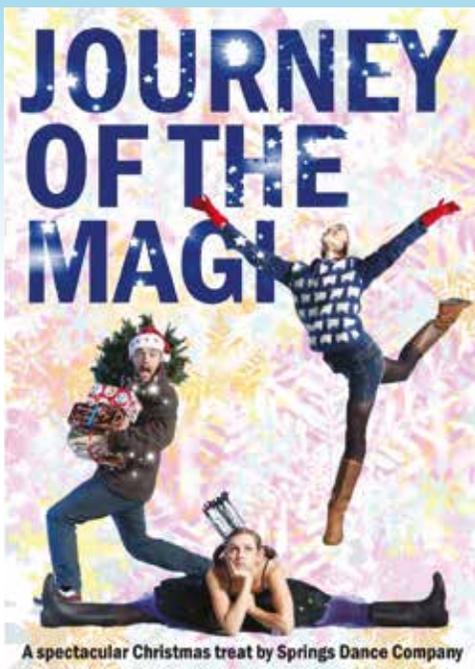
## Altered Image

### An Altered Image from 1935 showing Eric Plotchett's Model T Ford in Church Lane

Traffic calming measures installed in Church Lane were installed without trial making Eric Plotchett's Model T Ford disastrously come to an abrupt halt in front of Florence Warnold's cottage. She can be seen peering out from her doorway with arms crossed ready to confront Eric, who had bid a hasty retreat to the public bar at the Golden Cross. Stratford Rural District Council were soon on the scene to remove the offending hump. Eric was not quite so lucky, as during the recovery of his beloved Model T (affectionately called Ophelia), Florence made sure that he received a bump on the head with cast iron frying pan.



*Derek Bull*



Bearley Village Hall on the evening of Saturday 24th November was the setting for a performance of TS Eliot's poem "The Journey of the Magi" arranged for music and dance by a troupe from the Springs Dance Company from London. The hall was full (well over 100 people of all ages) with no-one quite knowing what to expect, but any muttering about missing "Strictly" was quickly forgotten!

The performance told the Christmas story within a modern setting, contrasting the commercial, selfish festival that Christmas has become with the simple faith of the Magi who "followed the Star". The music was eclectic and excellently selected, including Dean Martin (Let it Snow!), Ella Fitzgerald and Louis Armstrong, Raiders of the Lost Ark, William Tell and Don Maclean.

The dance was a mix of contemporary and ballet. The young dancers were really expressive and energetic and they did not let up. They were terrific. The lighting and sound were slick and we found out later that this was only the second performance by this troupe of the Magi!

The scenery was minimal, the costume changes and "props" innovative (three camels included!) and after the interval (coffee and cakes included in the ticket price - what a bargain!) we had a real Pantomime style singsong before the entry of the Magi and the poignant contrast with the consumer "event" that is Christmas today.

Altogether a brilliant Christmas show!

*David Harrison*



## NatureNotes

*Brian Young*

This month, instead of showing you photos of birds I have recently seen, I am going to give you some encouragement to look out for some slightly less common birds which will undoubtedly be seen in our village this winter. The usual tits, finches etc., will still be with us but if you look out there is a good chance that you will see Redwings and Fieldfares which are members of the thrush family and fairly easily recognisable as you can see from the photos. They will have started arriving from their summer homes in October and will be leaving from April onwards.

From now onwards they will feed on a wide range of berries especially rowan and hawthorn; later, when these are scarce they will switch to insects, invertebrates, worms, slugs etc. They can be seen individually or, more likely, they will be in small flocks which can include either or both of them as well as song and mistle thrushes and starlings. They are unlikely to feed from garden feeders but they may feed from your lawns as well as in trees, bushes and thick hedges.

Other birds which you might see if you are lucky and "keep a lookout" could include waxwings, redpolls and bramblings.

Any queries, comments or suggestions regarding this or any previous article/s would be welcome. Telephone 731671 or email [bbyoung167@gmail.com](mailto:bbyoung167@gmail.com)



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Bearley. Mobile: 07748 359412 or  
email [kizzywarner@btinternet.com](mailto:kizzywarner@btinternet.com)



To book the Sports Facilities contact: Graham Castle - Mobile: 07935 343227

# Bearley Motoring

*The Austin Connection  
by Derek Bull*



In the 1920s and 1930s Austin's prosperity had been founded on the legendary Seven and it took six years after WW2 before they announced another small car, the A30. It was the first Austin to have a unit-construction body/chassis structure and to use the new 'A' Series 803cc 28bhp petrol engine.

The 2-door A30 saloon (shown above), complete with optional accessories - external sun visor, front wing mounted exterior mirrors and chrome headlamp bezels - was connected to Bearley resident Alex Pranas. Alex was a gentleman who became displaced from Latvia after WW2 and after living at the camp for displaced persons in the old WAAF Camp, he became a permanent Bearley resident, living in Grange Road for many years.

During the 1956 'Suez Crisis' when supplies of petrol were threatened and in short supply; a 'Van den Plas' version of the A30 was prepared for Prince Philip (left). It was beautifully painted a very shiny metallic silver and was luxuriously upholstered in leather; with copious amounts of burr walnut on the door cappings and fascia inserts. Extra sound insulation, a more sporting engine and a radio were all fitted to enable Prince Philip to motor more economically at a time of minimal petrol availability. The crisis ended in 1957, by which time the car was no longer needed, as Prince Philip was back to driving his Alvis sporting saloons. The specially prepared A30 was used for many years by an Austin employee and was finally crushed in the 1960s.



Prince Philip on a visit to the Austin factory at Longbridge Birmingham, had remarked on how 'stodgy & dumpy' some of their cars appeared, particularly referring to the A30 and the later version the A35, so it was with great pride and fanfare, that in 1958 Austin announced the successor to this range as the A40, designed by the Italian Design House Pinin Farina. The styling was way ahead of the time and was the precursor to the 'family hatch' we know so well today.



The theatre seats were designed by Sir Herbert Austin, founder of the Austin Motor Car Company. How Sir Herbert Austin (left) the great benefactor, became involved in designing the seats is unknown. But typical of the inventiveness and design skills of the man, the seats were unusual in that both the seat and arms were mechanically linked so that both tipped up, when the occupant stood up.

The main seat frame was made from cast iron, from which was supported the seat and arm rest. By means of a simple counter-weight both the seat and the armrest would fold against the back which gave a very wide and free gangway.

Compared to the normal construction of seats at the time, these seats contained no springs or hairs. Instead the mohair upholstery was stretched over a moulded block of cellular air cushion rubber, a new form of seating material made direct from rubber latex, the natural milk of the rubber tree. The mouldings were specially made for the job, and differed from ordinary sponge rubber, in being completely aerated so as not to induce perspiration.

A total of 239 seats were in fitted in the stalls in rows 2ft 10ins apart. Of the total, 24 were 21ins wide and the rest 22ins wide. In the Dress Circle the rows were 3ft apart with 232 at 20ins wide and a further 262 at 22ins making a total of 494. If a Royal visit was planned, then fourteen seats at the rear of the Dress Circle would have been removed to give more room. In the Gallery there was seating for 267 on benches in rows 3ft apart but still upholstered using the cellular rubber, this gave a grand total number of 1,000 seats in the theatre.



This is the Powell family who used to live at 13 Oaktree Close. There was Mr and Mrs Powell and their children Geoff, Christine and Linda. You can see No.14 (the Slees' house) and in the background No.1 (the Hiatts'). Mr. Powell can be seen carrying out maintenance on his Austin 'Big Seven' saloon, which was built originally in about 1937.

Monica Lancashire from Old Snitterfield Road, has provided the above image of then newly built Shakespeare Memorial Theatre. It was opened in 1932 and was designed by the architect Elisabeth Scott. The high water flowing under the Tramway Bridge in the foreground indicates that it was in flood at the time.



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The Day will provide an informal and low cost opportunity to find out more about the craft before spending money on courses and equipment. With practical demonstrations (but no live bees!) our experienced beekeepers will be on hand to give advice. This could be your first step to a most rewarding hobby. The cost is £15 for the day, including light refreshments. For those with more serious intentions of becoming a beekeeper, but with little or no knowledge, why not join our Introduction to Beekeeping Course. The course, held on alternate Tuesday evenings from mid February at Luddington Village Hall, also includes two hands-on sessions at the Association Apiary in Hampton Lucy.

For more information and a course syllabus please visit [www.stratfordbeekeepers.org.uk](http://www.stratfordbeekeepers.org.uk) or phone the Course Organiser Mike Osborne on 01608 661629.

The Stratford upon Avon & District Beekeepers' Association - supporting local beekeepers since first formed in 1936, aiming to promote and further the craft of beekeeping. Our programme covers a range of educational and social activities based on indoor meetings during the winter months and more frequent practical events during the active season at the Association's Apiary.



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# ChillTheFridgeOut



Milk is the third most wasted food and drink product in the UK. In a fridge below 5°C milk and other food items will last three days longer than in a warm fridge. Currently a whopping three million glasses get poured down the drain every day, mainly because it has not been used in time i.e. 'gone off'.

But does the nation know what temperature their fridge should be? The average UK fridge is operating at 7°. This exceeds Food Standards Agency recommendation of 1°- 5°, which ensures food is kept both fresh and safe. To add to the knowledge gap, checking and changing fridge temperature can be a baffling experience, with controls varying hugely between brands and models.

To solve this problem Love Food Hate Waste is launching a brand new free and simple to use tool as part of its latest campaign. ChillTheFridgeOut.com will guide users in how to achieve optimum chill and make the most of their fridge at home.

Food waste is a big problem. Not only is it a waste of money (a family of four throws away £70 worth of food every month!) but it is also terrible news for the environment. If households across the UK curbed the amount of food ending up in their kitchen bins, it would reduce emissions of harmful gases that are contributing to climate change.

# Rubbish/Recycling

In Bearley, Stratford District Council collect bins every Tuesday, but the type of bin collected alternates each week as shown below:

*Recycling (Blue Lid/Grey Bin) & Green Waste (Green Bin)*



*Rubbish (All Grey Bin)*



Ensure bins are available from 6.00 am on the morning of your collection.

	Recycling	Rubbish	Recycling	Rubbish	Recycling
January 2019	2/5*	8	15	22	29
February 2019		5	12	19	26

\*There is no collection on Tuesday 1 January (New Year's Day). The blue bin will be emptied on Wednesday 2 January; the green bin will be emptied on Saturday 5 January.

# Warwickshire&SolihullLibraries

## Titania - Alcester Mobile Library - B Route

The Library will be available on these Tuesdays during 2019

January 15	February 5, 26	March 19
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Stop No	Location	Stop Name	Arrive	Depart	Stay
1	Bearley	Grange Road	09:20	09:40	20
2	Bearley	Post Office	09:45	10:05	20
3	Bearley	Bearley Green	10:10	10:30	20

For all enquiries or to renew books please phone 01926 851031 or renew online at [Warwickshire.gov.uk/libraries](http://Warwickshire.gov.uk/libraries)

### A message from Debbie Bennett:

The Home Delivery Library Service is a free service to those who are unable to visit or use their local library or Mobile Library due to ill health or infirmity. Using volunteers, we deliver books to people in their homes once every four weeks, based on their personal preferences. We offer books in both large and small print and also talking books on compact disc. Anyone who feels that they would be eligible and would benefit from receiving the service can contact us on (01926) 851031 or by email on [mobilelibraryservice@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:mobilelibraryservice@warwickshire.gov.uk)

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Recruiting Carers Now

# Alcester North Safer Neighbourhood Team



L-R – SGT Bob Shaw, PC Sue Blundell  
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For general enquiries or to arrange a crime prevention visit please call 01789 444816

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## Emergency Planning Numbers

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Fire Safety (Station Officer)	Tom Finch	01926 410800
Home Alarm's Help on Call Personal Safety Advisor	Robert Jones	01926 423231
Henley-in-Arden Fire Station Officer	Tim Woodward	01564 792223
Carers: The Willows, Alcester Road		01789 266841
Stratford District Council		01789 267575
Orbit Heart of England (Formerly SWHA)	0345 8 500 500	01789 404400
Warwickshire Police (switchboard)		01926 415000
Divisional	Meroqu Henson	01789 840486

## Useful Numbers

Dog Warden		01789 260839
Chiltern Railways		08705 165 165
Central Trains		0121 654 1200
Bulk Refuse 1-3 items £35; 4-6 items £45; 7-9 items £55; 10-12 items £65		01789 293722
Wheelchair loan, (short term)		01789 262886
Bus services – Warwickshire Traveline		01926 412929
Benefits, services, support groups, etc.		01926 493207
Save energy, save money, keep warm for Over 60s		01926 336612
Free window locks, door chains, spy holes, smoke alarms for the disabled and over 55s.		01789 414111

## NonEmergency & Emergency 24hr Service Numbers

Non Emergency Calls to Police		101
Non Emergency Health Issues Advice Line		111
UBUS – making Community Transport bookings		01789 264491
VASA – making bookings for Volunteer drivers		01789 262886
Emergency Ambulance		112
Electricity Emergency Service – reporting electricity emergencies and power cuts		105
National Gas Emergency Service – reporting gas leaks and emergencies		0800 111 999
Water Emergencies – reporting water leaks and emergencies		0800 783 4444
National Floodline		0345 988 1188
Environmental Incident Hotline – reporting environmental incidents		0800 807060



## In To Win Winners

Each month four residents across Warwickshire that have signed up to the 'In To Win' scheme are chosen at random to win £30 worth of vouchers simply for recycling food waste in their green wheeled bin. For more information on 'In To Win' and how to sign up for free please go to the following link: [https://www.feedyourcaddy.co.uk/?page\\_id=40](https://www.feedyourcaddy.co.uk/?page_id=40)



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