

# **Bishop's Itchington**

## **ANNUAL REPORT**

**2011 to 2012**



## **Bishops Itchington School Report**

This year the school has developed a more creative curriculum with whole school projects on Space and the Victorians. In the autumn term the school had a great day visiting the National Space Museum in Leicester. This was then followed up with a mobile planetarium coming into school to show the children about the constellations and movement of the planets.

In the spring term the whole school began a project on the Victorians with a visit to the Black Country Museum. A highlight for many was a visit to a Victorian sweetshop. However, enthusiasm dipped when the children were told that a variety of poisons, including mercury were used to give Victorian sweets their bright colours. After lunch many groups were very excited to ride on an electric tram. Classes came together to have a lesson in the Victorian Schoolroom. They found out what life would have been like at school for Victorian children, including the ever present threat of the cane! The children were really inspired by the visit and have produced some great writing and drawing as a result.

We would like to thank FOBIPs for their continued support in providing funding for the transport for our visits.

We have been fortunate to secure a Lottery Heritage Grant and later in the term the children will be making clay sculptures linked to the Victorian Heritage of Bishops Itchington. In conjunction with this project our 1/2 and 2/3 class had a workshop on Monday 30 January provided by Heritage Education. The children looked at a selection of fossils found in Warwickshire that dated from the Jurassic Era.

The school now looks forward to commemorating the Diamond Jubilee with a playground street party and celebrating the Olympics.

Richard Hawkins ( Head)

## **Memorial Hall**

Over the last year at the hall the committee has undertaken essential maintenance at the hall. The men's toilets have been refurbished, the garden has been redone and a new fence and railings have been erected. More recently the external concrete repair has been completed to ensure the hall is of sound standings.

The hall continues to be well used by organisations of the village and a bowls club has been started, this club is so successful that it now runs twice a week.

The hall continues to be rented for parties and weddings and a couple are booked for the upcoming year.



## **Busy Bees Bishops Itchington Ltd.**

Busy Bees Pre-school is located in a private building on the school site. We are a sessional pre-school and take children aged 2-4 mainly from the village, but a few children travel from further afield.

We currently have 33 children on our register who attend a range of sessions throughout the week. From the term after their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday children are eligible for 15 hours per week Nursery Education Funding and we try to deliver this flexibly thus giving parents /carers as much choice as possible. We are currently open 9-12 on a Monday and Friday and 9-2 on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

We have 5 members of staff who are all part time and very committed to the setting. Three members of staff have been with us for over 10 years. We have 6 Directors, 2 of whom work at the setting and 4 of whom are voluntary, assisting as required. We are currently trying to find a 7<sup>th</sup> volunteer Director to replace Lisa Beniston who is no longer with us. We are happy to support local colleges running childcare course and currently have 2 students doing part time placements with us.

We are very proud of our highly qualified staff, we have 3 staff with degrees, one of whom is a qualified teacher and one has a degree in Early Years education. Three members of staff are EYP's (Early Years Professionals) which far exceeds the national requirements for pre-school staff. We have organised a Level 1 safeguarding course for our staff and have invited other local settings to join us as well as opening this up to parents. With changes to the LA, less training is being organised by WCC and this falls to settings to arrange for themselves. By combining with other groups, in-house training becomes more financially viable.

We have a close working relationship with Bishops Itchington Primary School and visit the Reception class weekly with our older children to ease their transition to school. We greatly enjoyed visiting school recently to watch a production of Pinocchio from an external theatre company and we appreciate Mr Hawkins inviting us to join school in this. We enjoy being a part of the local community and recently had a second outing for the children to the Blue Butterfly cafe. When we returned to Busy Bees our indoor role play area became our own cafe! We enjoy visits from Miss Eden, Mr Hawkins, Mr Green and Mrs Tufty and several parents who come in to read to the children.

We rely on fund raising to purchase some of our new equipment and resources and before Easter had a successful sponsored toddle – we have purchased new resources including Numicon to help with number work, torches for our dark den, voice recorders for communication and pens and chalk for our mark making.

We are currently learning about St George's Day with lots of dragons, English music and traditional English food at snack time. We will be joining school to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee in June.

Our contact details are in the Scene magazine, we are always happy to show prospective families around.

## **BISHOPS ITCHINGTON WI - April 2012**

Membership now - 50

### **SUCCESSSES**

- In July 2011 we won the village Carnival trophy - best walking float. 'Global gluttony with the WI – no jam in sight' was our title - we were dressed as foods from around the World, from Italian pizza, Spanish paella, American hamburger, black forest gateau – to name a few.
- In 2011 we won the Warwickshire WI Darts tournament, this year we didn't quite make the finals.
- Came 2<sup>nd</sup> in this year's Warwickshire Federation Quiz and have enjoyed several other local quizzes with some success.

### **SPEAKERS** to be recommended

- Mr Wroe and the Merry Midwives – 2 visits – first 'You be the judge' etc.
- -more recently Mrs. Wroe, wardrobe mistress of Concordia - fashion show of various theatre costumes
- 'Hedgerow herbalist' – Sara Southgate
- In February - 'Topless around Stratford' with Gwen Zanzottera, a blue badge guide who related her experiences.

### **OTHERS**

- 'Tommy and Dennis' by Paul Thompson and his wife
- 'History of fragrance' – Julia Staite
- 'The real Jane Austen' – Margaret-Louise O'Keeffe

### **OUR EVENTS** included

- Last summer - 2 excellent garden parties, in July with garden quiz and cream tea, in August with croquet, swimming and refreshments including strawberries and cream and wine.
- Christmas – great party, delicious pool supper, entertainment 'Snow White and the 7 menopausal Dwarfs', Sweaty, Bloaty, Sleepy, Forgetful, Psycho and Windy – a pantomime in rhyming couplets written by 2 of our members.
- A 3 course meal at our local Blue Butterfly cafe.
- Outings to National Memorial Arboretum and Biddulph gardens, well dressing at Tissington, Staffordshire hoard at Tamworth castle and Olympic site.
- Theatre trips have included Merchant of Venice and Midsummer Night's Dream at Stratford. Holly & Ivy at the Spa Centre.
- Cinema outings to War Horse and Iron Lady
- Filling shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child.

### **DENMAN COLLEGE**

- One member enjoyed bread making course at Denman, having won the weekend in the Federation draw. Tastings brought to next meeting.

### **GROUP EVENTS**

- Enjoyed treasure hunt around Banbury, carol service at Mollington and Committee meal at Moon & Sixpence.

### **FEDERATION EVENTS/OUTINGS** included

- Shugborough Hall, Victoria and Albert Museum, London
- Boudica performance.
- Federation olympics – competing in many events

### **VILLAGE EVENTS**

- Currently planning our participation in village Jubilee celebrations with tea tent, decorated with our home made bunting.
- Participation in Church Flower Festival – entered a display entitled 'The Last Supper'
- 'Folly Flowers' – Barbara Pink – monthly competition to support ACWW, as well as Women walking the World event on Sunday 29 April.

## BISHOPS ITCHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Financial Statements (subject to audit)

For the Year ended 31 March 2012

### Receipts & Payments Account

Year Ended 31st March 2011 £'s		Parish Council Activities £'s	Yellow Land £'s	Year Ended 31st March 2012 £'s
<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
65,250.00	Precept	62,250.00	-	62,250.00
2,170.05	Sec 136 & other refunds	870.31	-	870.31
866.28	Interest on Investments	824.36	-	824.36
1,211.50	Burial Ground Fees	1,408.00	-	1,408.00
31.71	Pavilion/Playing Field	32.47	-	32.47
2,683.96	VAT Refund	1,733.73	-	1,733.73
250.00	Grants - General	-	-	-
19,720.00	Grants - Yellow Land	-	2,553.57	2,553.57
744.74	Misc	212.84	-	212.84
<b>92,928.24</b>	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>67,331.71</b>	<b>2,553.57</b>	<b>69,885.28</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
6,529.61	General Administration	6,295.67	-	6,295.67
23,776.69	Salaries and Expenses	27,629.30	-	27,629.30
5,723.56	Pavilion/Playing Field	5,218.35	-	5,218.35
5,016.50	Section 137 Payments	17.00	-	17.00
6,612.92	Burial Ground	12,289.79	-	12,289.79
4,344.00	Grasscutting and Trees	7,094.77	-	7,094.77
80.00	Memorial Hall	-	-	-
2,975.79	VAT	1,570.17	-	1,570.17
156.00	Other Expenditure (Information)	240.00	-	240.00
-	Provision for Doubtful Debts	-	-	-
4,267.14	Parish Office	3,818.57	-	3,818.57
2,958.00	Grants	1,290.80	-	1,290.80
36,629.21	Yellow Land	-	2,591.93	2,591.93
<b>99,069.42</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>65,464.42</b>	<b>2,591.93</b>	<b>68,056.35</b>
	<b>Surplus / deficit</b>	<b>1,867.29</b>	<b>( 38.36)</b>	<b>1,828.93</b>

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### Statement of Funds at 31 March 2012

Brought Forward as at 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2011 £'s		Carried forward as at 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2012 £'s
47,000.00	National Income Bond b/f	47,000.00
-	Transfer to NS Income Bonds	-
47,000.00	National Income Bond c/f	47,000.00
52,666.72	Current Account b/f	46,525.54
92,928.24	Receipts	69,885.28
( 99,069.42)	Expenditure	( 68,056.35)
( 6,141.18)	Net movement in year	1,828.93
46,525.54	Current Account c/f	48,354.47
93,525.54	Net funds c/f	95,354.47

### Statement of Reserves at 31 March 2012

	B/f at 1st April 2011	Surplus in year	Reserves set aside for future expenditure	C/f at 31st March 2012
General Reserve	21,000.00			21,000.00
Cross Green	13,000.00			13,000.00
Abbots Meadow	13,000.00			13,000.00
Parish Office	34,426.18		6,181.43	40,607.61
Memorial Hall	2,500.00		1,000.00	3,500.00
Cemetery and Churchyard	-		1,750.00	1,750.00
Revenue Reserve	9,599.36	1,828.93	( 8,931.43)	2,496.86
<b>Total</b>	<b>93,525.54</b>	<b>1,828.93</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>95,354.47</b>