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Scene

April 2020

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ISSUE 420

Hello everyone. Following Boris Johnson’s lockdown announcement on Monday 23rd, for the first time in over 40 years the Scene will not be delivered to your door. It was with heavy hearts that we took this decision. Instead, we have arranged through the Parish Council for it to be made available on line. We are hoping to continue in this form even when we are back in print so send in your contributions and we will do our best. We would like to thank all the lovely people who help deliver and bag up the Scene for their support. When we get through this, we will be calling on you again as normal service resumes. We wish the best to everyone and stay safe.

What a happy, lovely report from “Crafty Cuppa”. I say “Well done” too and thank you for keeping the yellow helicopter flying. Also another “well done” to our football club, still keeping the flag flying.

Welcome back B.I.G.S. I’d like to suggest you keep Andynosurname as a nickname. It reminded me of “not fat Pat” out of Gavin and Stacey!

Well, that is nice to look forward to – I mean, of course, the Great Make, Bake and Grow Show. No one wants to wish their time away but, hopefully, by September this virus threat will have packed its bags and cleared off.

I so enjoyed reading about Lucy Finch. I would have loved to have met her.

The Editors would like to wish everyone a peaceful Easter, as long as we look out for each other, this too will pass.

To finish off, I am so looking forward to the signs being made by the Men’s Shed.

Please let Phyl Moir (phylmoir@btinternet.com) have items for the May Scene by April 5th

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APRIL DIARY 2020

Wed	1 st	Short Mat Bowls Club – 2 – 4.00 pm Memorial Hall Men's Shed 7.00 – 9.00 pm Gaydon Road Women's Institute meeting – 7.30 pm Memorial Hall
Thurs	2 nd	Baby & Toddler Group – 10 – 11.30 am Memorial Hall BEAVERS 5.45 – 6.45 pm. CUBS 7 – 8.30 pm Memorial Hall
Fri	3 rd	Short Mat Bowls Club – 2 – 4.00 pm Memorial Hall Scouts/Explorers 7.15 – 9.00 pm Memorial Hall Youth Club 6.00 – 7.30 pm (yr 6 and above) Men's Shed 7.00 – 9.00 pm Gaydon Road
Sun	5 th	9.00 am HOLY COMMUNION service 10.30 am PALM SUNDAY QUALITY TIME
Mon	6 th	SCHOOL & PRE-SCHOOL CLOSED – EASTER HOLIDAY Parish Council meeting – 7.30 pm Community Centre Running Club – 7.30 pm Playing field – all ages (children 12 yrs old) 7.30-8.00 pm Holy Week Reflection
<u>Holy Week:</u>		
Tues	7 th	Darby & Joan Club – 2.15 – 4.15 pm – Memorial Hall 7.30-8.00 pm Holy Week Reflection
Weds	8 th	Short Mat Bowls Club – 2 – 4.00 pm Memorial Hall Badminton: 7-8pm Beginners 7.30-8.30 Intermediate 8-9.30pm Advanced/Experienced - Memorial Hall Men's Shed 7.00 – 9.00 pm Gaydon Road 7.30-8.00 pm Holy Week Reflection
Thurs	9 th	Baby & Toddler Closed 6.00-7.30 pm Maundy Thursday: Reflection around a simple meal
Fri	10 th	2.00-3.00 pm GOOD FRIDAY: An hour at the Cross Short Mat Bowls Club – 2 – 4.00 pm Memorial Hall Men's Shed 7.00 – 9.00 pm Gaydon Road Cemetery Chapel open 12 noon – 2 pm (weather permitting)
Sat	11 th	7.00 pm Silent Communion service
Sun	12 th	Please note: NO 9.00 am Service 10.30 am Refreshments followed by EASTER SUNDAY family Communion service
Mon	13 th	Running Club – 7.30 pm Playing field – all ages (children 12 yrs old)
Wed	15 th	Short Mat Bowls Club – 2 – 4.00 pm Memorial Hall Badminton: 7-8pm Beginners 7.30-8.30 Intermediate 8-9.30pm Advanced/Experienced - Memorial Hall /Cont'd....

Many of these events have been cancelled

APRIL DIARY 2020

Wed	15 th	Men's Shed 7.00 – 9.00 pm Gaydon Road Pavilion Meeting – 7.30 pm Church Hall BINGO in aid of Senior Residents – 8 pm Greaves Club
Cont'd....		
Thus	16 th	Baby Toddler Closed Senior Residents – COFFEE MORNING 10 – 12 noon Greaves Club
Fri	17 th	Short Mat Bowls Club – 2 – 4.00 pm Memorial Hall Men's Shed 7.00 – 9.00 pm Gaydon Road
Sun	19 th	10.30 am MORNING WORSHIP with children's activities
Mon	20 th	SCHOOL & PRE-SCHOOL RESUME Running Club – 7.30 pm Playing field – all ages (children 12 yrs old)
Tues	21 st	Darby & Joan Club – 2.15 – 4.15 pm – Memorial Hall
Wed	22 nd	Short Mat Bowls Club – 2 – 4.00 pm Memorial Hall Badminton: 7-8pm Beginners 7.30-8.30 Intermediate 8-9.30pm Advanced/Experienced - Memorial Hall Men's Shed 7.00 – 9.00 pm Gaydon Road
Thurs	23 rd	Baby & Toddler Group – 10 – 11.30 am Memorial Hall BEAVERS 5.45 – 6.45 pm. CUBS 7 – 8.30 pm Memorial Hall
Fri	24 th	Crafty Cuppa COFFEE MORNING 10 – 12 noon Memorial Hall "Scene" Night (reminder to deliverers) Short Mat Bowls Club – 2 – 4.00 pm Memorial Hall Scouts Explorers 7.15 – 9.00 pm Memorial Hall Youth Club 6.00 – 7.30 pm (yr 6 and above) Men's Shed 7.00 – 9.00 pm Gaydon Road
Sat	25 th	Memorial Hall FILM NIGHT "Judy" – 7.30 pm Memorial Hall
Sun	26 th	10.30 am HOLY COMMUNION service with children's activities
Mon	27 th	Annual Village Meeting 7.30 pm Memorial Hall - All Welcome Running Club – 7.30 pm Playing field – all ages (children 12 yrs old)
Tues	28 th	2.30 pm SENIOR CITIZENS' SERVICE with refreshments
Wed	29 th	Short Mat Bowls Club – 2 – 4.00 pm Memorial Hall Badminton: 7-8pm Beginners 7.30-8.30 Intermediate 8-9.30pm Advanced/Experienced - Memorial Hall Men's Shed 7.00 – 9.00 pm Gaydon Road
Thurs	30 th	Baby & Toddler Group – 10 – 11.30 am Memorial Hall BEAVERS 5.45 – 6.45 pm. CUBS 7 – 8.30 pm Memorial Hall

Many of these events have been cancelled

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Katy Biggs	07534807826
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Women's Institute

Jane Thomas	07983 973700
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Youth Groups

Beavers/Cubs/Scouts Leader	
Paul Buckley	07774978734
Youth Club	612165

REGULAR MEETINGS

BABY & TODDLER GROUP BEAVERS	Memorial Hall Memorial Hall	Thursday 10.00 - 11.30 am Thursday 5.45 -6.45pm (School term only)
CUBS DARBY & JOAN CLUB	Memorial Hall Memorial Hall	Thursday 7.00 - 8.30 pm Every other Tuesday 2.15 - 4.15 pm
INFANT WELFARE CLINIC	Early Years Centre	1 st Wednesday of month 1.00 - 2.45 pm
MEN'S SHED NHS BABY CLINIC	Gaydon Road Pendicke Street Southam	Wed & Fri 7pm – 9 pm 2 nd and 4 th Tuesdays of month 9.30-11.30
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING	Community Centre Ladbroke Road Playing Field	2 nd Monday of month 7.30 except Bank Holidays) Monday 7.30 pm start 5 th of month
RUNNING CLUB SCENE CLOSING DATE SCOUTS SENIOR RESIDENTS	Memorial Hall Greaves Club	Friday 7.00 - 9.00 pm 3 rd Thursday of month 10 am – 12 noon
SHORT MAT BOWLS WOMEN'S INSTITUTE	Memorial Hall Memorial Hall	Wed & Friday 2 – 4pm 1 st Wednesday of month 7.30 pm

MOBILE LIBRARY – Service suspended until further notice



REFUSE COLLECTION (Grey Bin)
April 2020

Wed 8th
Wed 22nd

RECYCLING (Blue & Green Bins)

Wed 1st
Wed 15th
Wed 29th



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Entrust Care Partnership who run the Blue Butterfly Café are pleased to announce that they have secured three year funding to employ an Employment Development Manager. They are committed to the Cafe in the long term but are working within the advice of Government Guidelines on the coronavirus so the Cafe is likely to be closed on a temporary basis.



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ST MICHAEL'S NEWS



A lot can happen in a week

Easter explores once more that amazing 8 days that changed the world. A gifted, Godly teacher and healer arrives in Jerusalem. He has spent three years telling people about God's kingdom and showing people what it looked like. People were healed, set free from spiritual and mental illnesses, restored to communities and relationships, given a new start ...

His popularity posed a threat to the authorities, and his teaching challenged their understanding and traditions surrounding faith in God. And so, by the end of the week, they had him arrested, sentenced to death on false charges, and crucified.

They thought that would be the end of it. But they weren't sure ... even placing guards at his tomb.

So imagine their surprise when that Sunday morning, rumours that he was alive began to circulate .. the story spreading like wildfire as more and more people saw him, spent time with him, ate with him. Not a teacher but the Son, the Saviour .. risen.

That story gave hope, gives hope, and continues to transform people today. I had the privilege of visiting a lovely lady who over a period of a week slipped away ... her last words to me were "I wish Jesus would take me in his arms" ..I reassured her that he would and a couple of days later she fell asleep .. Her relationship with Jesus simply shone out of her and shaped her whole life, so even as she was dying, she was more concerned for her grandson who'd had some bad news, wanting to pray for him ...

A lot can happen in a week ... we see fears and anxiety spread, we see a moment of God breaking through the darkness of our world, and the reality of that in people's lives and experience.

What will your week bring? In the Easter story, there is life and hope .. and in the end, His peace falls.

All services will be subject to official guidance from the Government concerning the Coronavirus - please check the church website or Facebook page to see the latest information. If Easter services and gatherings have to be cancelled, we will celebrate Easter later in the year.

ST MICHAEL'S NEWS

The Bishop of St Albans Coronavirus Golden Rules

Not official advice: read and heed that – but this is food-for-thought about our attitudes.

Golden Rule One: Each one of us can think about how we can protect and support our neighbours. So much of the public rhetoric is sowing fear about the danger of other people. So, taking all the official precautions, offer help and reassurance to others – and don't demonise anyone or any group.

Golden Rule Two: Think about who may be suffering more than me. For those of us who are healthy there is much less to worry about but the elderly, the housebound and those with chronic health conditions may be very anxious. How about phoning any vulnerable people we know. There's nothing like a friendly voice to offer solace when someone is worried. A smile can bring cheer, even on the phone. If you visit, follow all the official precautions or don't go.

Golden Rule Three: Don't give in to panic and start hoarding food. There is plenty to go around, so practise the Christian discipline of sharing. Ask your neighbours what they need and do your best to help them get it. If you are self-isolating you will of course need some supplies.

Golden Rule Four: Live today to the full. None of us ever know what the future holds. In the Sermon on the Mount (Matt 6.25–34), Jesus challenged his followers to live each day fully and not be afraid. Every time we are tempted to give in to fear we need to make a conscious choice to respond in trust and openness.

And, along with just over half the adults in the UK, don't forget to pray.

Here's a suggestion :

Dear God our Shield and our Defender, guide and protect my neighbour in this time of health emergency; deliver them from all harm and may your love and care ever grow in this place. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

THE CRAFTY CUPPA

Once again another Crafty Cuppa Coffee Morning to report on. At the end of February coffee morning we presented our annual cheque to Air Ambulance. This year we gave them a massive £2200.00. This is all your doing Crafty Cuppas. Even if you didn't manage to get to see us every month, when you did come you topped the balance so to speak. Helen (our treasurer) said she had been doing the books for 14 years and our total giving was £28,000.00, that is an average of £2000.00 per year. This might seem a small amount to some but if each village could do this what a difference this would make. They have no government funding so hey ho let's go for it this year and try and better this total. Thank you all so very much. Without your help people would not have such a happy ending in their lives. When you see the yellow helicopter in the sky just remember you helped it to get up there saving people's lives. WELL DONE doesn't seem to cut it but then all the other words fall short. WE did it. Give yourselves a pat on the back.

Now to come back down to earth, this month we banked £198.00, which included our usual donations. That's a great start to our next year's cheque.

I was so pleased to see and hear you all when I came in, with the weather as it was I thought you would be put off. Of course not you are made of stronger stuff and you know what they say "you can't wet a drip".... Oops have I gone too far this time. If I have offended you I'm sorry, please don't stop coming because of my warped sense of humour when writing these reports - Air Ambulance needs you.

I think I had better go now don't you!!

Take care and God Bless.

THE CRAFTY CUPPA

MONTHLY VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING

**on FRIDAY APRIL 24th 2020
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10.00 am – 12.00 noon**

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Saturday Results

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BI Res 2

(P. Evans, M. Lagostini)

Kings Sutton 2

BI 0 (Lord Jersey Cup)

BI Res 5

Deddington Res 1

(L. Kelly 2, M. Perks 2, OG) (Geoff Wilson Cup)

Sunday Results

Leam Hibs Res 1

BI 7

(J. Adair 3, J. Bennett, A. Miles, T. Cooper,
L. Naven- Jones)

BI 11

VTS 0

(J. Turton 5, J. Adair 4, J. Williams, M. Trinder)

(Cancer Supplementary Cup)

AFC Warwick 1

BI 3

(J. Adair, K. Sangha, M. Trinder)

We still haven't played a full fixture list for the month, due to waterlogged pitches home and away. At this rate we'll be playing lots of night games during April and probably May to catch up. We are still involved in several Cups, which have to take priority over League matches in the race to get the finalists sorted before the Cup Final dates!

Highlights of the month include 2 goals from veteran Lee Kelly, 5 from Josh Turton and 4 from Johnny Adair, along with another hat trick from him. He must be a contender for leading goal scorer! It looks as if the Reserves will be playing in the Geoff Wilson Cup Final – there are just a couple of games left for other Reserve teams to play but our group results are the best so far.

Bishops Itchington Golf Society



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It's that time again sports fans.

Yes, the boys are back for another season of madness. As the society have new sponsors as well as some of the old, all is looking good. When I say looking good I mean it, as all of the lads have new shirts and new overtops all in the local football teams colours sky blue army. Big thank you to all old and especially new sponsors for the next four years.

R&C Builders Warwickshire Ltd, Greaves Club, Allwood Recycling Solutions, Emiley Jayne Hairdressing. New sponsors are Sarah's Sparkle, Ant Nockalls, Zip Travel, Bridge Carpentry Ltd, and Martyn Taylor, many thanks to you all.

Right back to the golf off we trot to our first game and great course as well Naunton Downs, starting off with our usual feed of full English, a few choice words to each other and all is good we are off to the first tee. As not many have played since back in October all is looking good off the tee. For once there seems to be no stupidity going on but then we see Chidsy climbing a tree to play his shot from out of the branches. By the way he hit the ball as well from the branches and straight on to the green, how he did that god knows. All I can say is he wouldn't have made that shot sober great shot Chidsy - he's back.

There are a few prelim knockout gamers going on as well so good luck boys. Last season's champ taking on slim Jim Martyn Taylor, by the way you wouldn't recognise him he has lost over 10 stone in weight and he looks good, well done Tuggy. And then there is Jas the hot head Askew taking on Nicky Clarke (Steve Witcomb), by the looks of things half way round the champ is getting a right kicking around the course, Tug Boat is 3 up, come on Tug beat him up. Also, Jase Askew is flying 2 up 3 to play come on Jase keep your head together. The chance of that is very slim. As this course has shut two holes we are all having to play the 1st and 2nd again, so no excuses second time around boys. By the look on some faces I think there might be a few good scores coming in.

Bishops Itchington Golf Society



Breaking news sports fans Hughsey is out, never even made the first round. Well played Tuggy. Jase has buckled as well, Witcomb has just won on the 17th hole well done Steve.

Can I just thank the 4 guests we had for the first game hope you all enjoyed yourselves. Andy (don't know his surname), Graham Reeves, Dazbridge, and a old face northern boy Geordie.

FIRST BIRDIE - Waltz around Wheeler on the Third hole - not bad Wheeler, nice £20.00 pick up, don't tell Kirsty.

NEAREST THE PIN - Laughable, no one hit the green so goes into society kitty.

LONGEST DRIVE - He's only gone and won this Chidsy on the 18th hole and still not sobered up - great smash off the tee Chidsy.

Placings.

3RD PLACE - Our Guest player Andy (with no surname) sorry mate - good score with 30 points.

2ND PLACE - Nicky Clarke (Steve Witcomb) good score of 33 points.

WINNER - ROBIN HOOD Paul Sheperd, well he wasn't in any trees today with this score. Well done Sheppy it's all yours to lose now.

A big thank you once again to all the guests that took part. The Greaves Club for our head quarters and a couple of free pints. Our very own catering girl Amy, another great bit of food again, especially the garlic bread.

So until next month's game sports fans, you keep swinging

Make, Bake and Grow Show



We've just had our first meeting to discuss this year's show and classes and we are giving the Growers and Makers advanced warning so you have time to produce and create! This year's Make, Bake and Grow Show will be held on Saturday 19th September!

The Grow classes are below, we will clarify the quantities etc. nearer the time, this is just to help you get started! We are again hoping to have the produce presented as it would be in a larger show, details of this can be found all over the internet or send us a message if you need a hand. The Bake and Children's classes will be announced through the year on Facebook and also here in the Scene. We look forward to seeing you all in September!

The 2020 Grow classes will include:-

Potatoes	Cabbage
Onions	Runner Beans
Carrots	Radishes
Beetroot	Spring onions
Heaviest marrow	Courgettes
Veg Box	Apples
Lettuce	Fruits
Cucumber	Herbs
Cherry and other tomatoes	Rose
Rhubarb	Garden flowers

Make, Bake and Grow Show

The 2020 Make classes will include:-

A decorative wreath using any craft materials and techniques,
max 36cm diameter

A photograph with a water theme

A soft toy – use your imagination!

A greetings card – any medium

Decorate your wellies!

WHEELCHAIR HIRE CHARITY

It is with much sadness that I have to resign from this worthy cause. I cannot physically get the wheelchairs out from their new storage point in the Memorial Hall, with two sticks lots of things are hard going.

It has been agreed with the Memorial Hall Committee that they will take over this very worthwhile service. So should you need to borrow a wheelchair for any reason for any amount of time, please be good enough to contact Katy Biggs on 07534807826.

I am so pleased that we have been able to help so many people in their hour of need. I'm sure Mervin and Cyril (who ran this charity before I took over) will be looking down and smiling that this service which is run on voluntary donations is carrying on.

Take care.

The Men's Shed



Bishops Itchington Men's Shed (<http://www.bishopshed.club/>)

News

Our electrical refurbishment is complete. We have plenty of power sockets, bright lighting and even 3-phase power for our metal-working lathe. We've built new workbenches, too, and an improved area for the bigger power tools.

AGM. Our Annual General Meeting will be held at 7:30 on Friday 17th April, 2020, at our smart, refurbished Shed. The meeting is open to all, members and non-members, and we will be showing our facilities and some of the things we're working on. So do feel free to come along – there's information at the bottom of this page about finding us.

VE Day. We are making signs to put by the roadside at the entrances to the village, ready for our VE Day celebrations on 8-10 May. We're getting quite creative, with images of doves, Winston Churchill, flags and fireworks!

Member's Story

Tony writes: When one of our other two founding members asked me if I was interested in setting up a Men's Shed, I had never heard of such a thing. But the more I learnt, the more I realised what a great idea it would be. The trouble was, I didn't think I was a shed sort of person. I'm not handy with tools, and my working life was spent behind a desk or in front of a class of students.

I needn't have worried. A great variety of activities go on in our Shed. Yes, there's woodworking, but there's also a place for the likes of me, making little model houses out of a construction kit called Brickplayer that I had as a kid more than 50 years ago!

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New Councillor

We are pleased to welcome John Gates who was co-opted to the council at the March meeting. We still have one vacancy so if you are interested, it's not too late. Please get in touch for more information.

Annual Village Meeting

This year's meeting will take place at 7.30pm on Monday, 27 April 2020 in the memorial hall. This is a village meeting, not a parish council meeting, and all residents are invited. It is an opportunity to find out more about where we live by meeting other residents and representatives from village clubs and organisations. There will be plenty of time to ask questions and raise current issues affecting our local community. All this, and a glass of wine and nibbles too! What's not to like? Please come along – you will be most welcome.

Hidden Green, Old Road

The parish council was on the verge of signing a 5 year lease when Orbit, very unexpectedly, offered to transfer the freehold to the parish council. The council has agreed to accept the offer, subject to any restrictive covenants or liabilities. In the meantime, the council has agreed to take a 1 year lease while the legal work is completed. This is a great opportunity to ensure The Hidden Green remains as public open space for all villagers to use.

VE Day 2020

Not long to go now until the VE Day bank holiday on Friday, 8th May 2020. There is a fun-packed programme of events lined up with something for everyone. We really hope the events will be able to go ahead as planned and won't fall victim to the dreaded coronavirus. This will be the 75th anniversary of the end of the war in Europe and may well be the last time we mark the occasion publicly as members of the wartime generation grow fewer in number with every passing year. So please come along and join in and make it a day to remember, whatever your age!

HS2

We are now in the midst of another round of road closures. The disruption is set to continue for a long time. The little roundabout at Ufton will be removed during the summer to allow room for the delivery of the tunnel boring machine. This weighs hundreds of tons and is being delivered in sections and will be built on site. Nevertheless, the different parts are so huge that they won't be able to manoeuvre them past the roundabout. Greenleaf Nursery on the Banbury Road in Southam is due to close at the end of March and the site will become the works compound for the bridge building at Southam.

Dog Poo

Please would the person who is allowing their dog to mess on the verges by the garages along the footpath from Starbold Road to Scowcroft Drive, pick it up and bin it? It has been reported to the dog warden and if caught, you will be fined.

Ladbroke Road

Over the years, this road has become busier and busier as more people use it as a shortcut through the village. Some people are local, others are simply trying to avoid the road closures. Whatever your reason for using it, please drive carefully and considerately. This road was not designed for the volume and speed of traffic we are seeing today. In addition, there are numerous HGVs and large farm vehicles using the road. Councillors are genuinely concerned that sooner or later there will be a serious accident unless people slow down and drive more carefully. We have written to WCC Highways about the condition of the road and also to the police about the standard of driving. We have also taken photos and will continue to monitor the situation.

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Parish Council Meetings

The next ordinary meeting takes place a week earlier than usual because of the Easter holiday and will be on **Monday, 6 April 2020** at 7.30 pm in BI Community Centre. Members of the public are welcome to attend and listen to the council's debate. The minutes of the meetings are available on our website or from the parish clerk on request.

Cemetery

Please contact Valerie Powell, cemetery manager, for all enquiries about burials, memorials etc. and any other matters relating to the cemetery. Valerie works part time and if she cannot take your call straight away, she will phone you back as soon as possible. Tel 0779 241 8642 or email cemeterymanager@bishopsitchington-pc.gov.uk .

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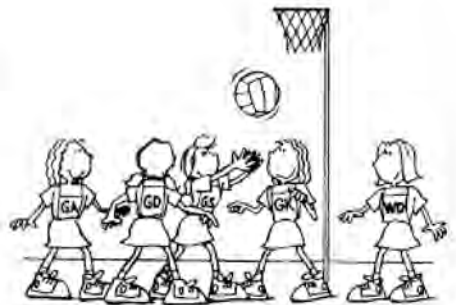
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Bishops Itchington Sports Association



We are hoping to take part in the VE Day Celebrations on Friday 8th May, working alongside lots of other village organisations. Look out for more information closer to the time.

Here's an update on the Women's Walking Netball. This group started out as just a WI activity. However, it has now been extended to include non WI members. So, if you fancy a bit of fun on a Wednesday morning why not come along to the courts and join in?



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First of all, thank you to the Scene editors for the great new “logo” that went with last month’s article. It’s great!



We have finished scrub clearance on the Yellow Land for the winter. The bird nesting season is fast approaching and so it’s not a good idea to disturb them. We have worked hard to clear the edges of the paths of regrowth. We should now be able to mow along these edges easily to keep them clear. Look out for the cowslips, which are just beginning to come through.

The Wildlife Trust have also stopped their scrub clearance beyond the Yellow Land. They used some of the cut brush to make dead hedging along the path leading out of the Yellow Land. They will be continuing with their work parties, doing other tasks on the following Monday mornings –

6th April, 4th May, 1st June. 6th July, 3rd August, and 7th September – 10am till 1pm. Tools and refreshments are provided.

We will be concentrating on the mini orchard in the Playing Field for the next few Sunday morning sessions, looking after the fruit trees and making the area accessible for everyone.

We might have another project in the Hidden Green in Old Road, making additional raised beds. The Parish Council are now responsible for the area and we are talking with them and the current user.

March Meeting

“Tax, Care and Toy Boys” – intriguing title for a talk isn’t it? However, we knew that the last bit was a hook, but surely it had got to come into the equation somewhere. This talk was delivered by Ian, a Finance Manager from the Co-Op, who specialises in what is called “later life planning”. Was it boring? Was it grim? No, not a bit of it – it was a lively and very informative talk. It gave us all a lot to think about, and Ian was kept busy for quite some time afterwards answering questions. Oh, yes, and the “Toy Boys” bit was a very valid point. It’s all to do with sideways disinheritance. So beware!

It was good to see Sarah Mortimer back in our midst after being injured in a road accident last November. Although not yet fully recovered we hope that she’ll soon be back to joining in everything that she was doing before.

Our President, Jan, reported that the Group Meeting next month is Italian themed and our WI has been tasked with providing “an array of Italian appetisers” to be served with welcoming drinks. That’ll be olives on cocktail sticks then. Job done. We could “array” them attractively. (Unfortunately I’ve just learned that we’re sharing this task with another WI. That’ll mean an element of competition could creep in. Perhaps we could buy a few packs of antipasti from the supermarket just to show how cosmopolitan we are!) But I jest. I know that our members will turn up trumps. But speaking of competition, apparently there is to be a Competition at this Meeting and it’s to enter a piece of jewellery made from pasta.

To my mind, that sounds like something you'd do at playschool; but who am I to judge – I play the ukulele! There are some excellent crafters out there so I'm sure that we'll be amazed at their creations. Enough said.

We are involved in the village VE day celebrations on 8 May and will be having a stall (or two) in the School with a couple of fun games. Volunteers will be needed to help man/woman this on the day.

The newly formed local winter darts competition has resulted in our WI tying in first place with Stockton. Arrangements will be announced for the play-off for the BILISH trophy. The County League will soon be starting. This year's Lady Denman Cup competition is a 500 word piece on a real, or imagined, "Conversation overheard on a bus". (You don't necessarily have to have travelled on a bus to enter.)

Jan reported that she has now taken over 13,700 crisp packets for recycling. And Pam Reason gave details of a recycling scheme at the Graham Adams Centre in Southam which takes lots of food wrappings not normally recycled. Walking netball is still going strong and nine of us have been enjoying our coaching in flat green bowling.

Whilst enjoying refreshments we attempted a picture quiz devised by Jan. I got three correct. The winner scored 18. The subject was:- toy boys. Rachel won. The winner has paid me not to reveal her name.



For your diary

- Weds 1 Apr Meeting, Memorial Hall, 7.30pm.
Bollywood Dancing
- Fri 3 " Gardening Club meeting
- Sat 4 " Fed. Watercolour workshop, Stoneleigh
" 4 " Craft Club meeting
- Weds 15 " Group Meeting, Fenny Compton, 7.30pm
- Thurs 16 " Craft Club meeting
- " 16 " Fed. New iPad workshop, Fed. House (a.m.)
- " 16 " Fed. Instagram workshop, Fed. House (p.m.)
- Mon 20 " Fed. Speakers' Showcase evening, L/Spa
- Weds 22 " Lunch with Richard Coles, Dunchurch
- Mon 27 " Resolution briefing, Kenilworth
- Tues 28 " Serious Science, "Sounding Stars etc.", L/Spa

And don't forget the Walking Netball on Wednesdays 10 – 11 am (weather permitting) in the tennis courts on the playing field. We regularly have 10 – 12 players, but could do with a few more to make up two teams, so come and give it a try. We try to play properly but don't take it too seriously. We have so much fun we don't want to spoil it. There's no age limit and ladies of all fitness levels are welcome. It's a good way to get fit whilst having fun. At the minute we charge WI members £1 a session and non-members £2.



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A WALK AROUND THE CEMETERY -LUCY EMILY FINCH

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Lucy's maiden name was Freeman and she was born in Bishops Itchington on 27th May 1898. Her parents were Walter and Beatrice (nee Holtham). The family lived in Elestree Cottages, Hambridge Road; they later moved to Co-op Terrace, living in one of the four cottages situated before the Co-op as you walk down Chapel Street.

Lucy's sibling were Richard born 1892, John born 1900, Arthur born 1902 and Edith born 1904, all in Bishops Itchington.

Walter and Beatrice decided to move to Hebburn in 1908, afterwards more children came; Nellie in 1909, Beatrice in 1910, Emily in 1912 and William in 1913. Arthur, Beatrice and Emily died very young. In 1911 the family lived at 30 Buchanan Street, Hebburn New Town, County Durham.

Owing to some of Beatrice's family moving to Hebburn, County Durham for work, some of the village families also moved to Durham. Men could not find work within the Southam area, many men from around British Isles moved to Hebburn area, owing to its growth in Tyneside; work was available in making bricks, metals, chemical work and fishing. Later the North was hit hard with the 1930 depression.

In WWI Percy Finch joined the army. One day Lucy was standing on the quay side of the docks of the River Tyne (the Quayside held a market there) when she saw Percy getting ready to board a ship. They wrote to each other and in September 1920 married in Aston Birmingham. Their first child John was born on 9th October 1922 in Birmingham. After moving to Warwick Edith was born on 2nd January 1924 and Hylda was born on 15th July 1925.

A WALK AROUND THE CEMETERY -LUCY EMILY FINCH

In 1925 the family moved back to the village of their birth, moving into one of the six cottages (Cross Green) which stood on the land where the Cross Green Flats are now. Friends also lived there or later moved in to the five houses; the Holloways, Majors, Sheasbys and Smith families. Lucy and Percy had triplets on 12th October 1926, Eudine, Georgina and Nellie, named after her sister Nellie from Hebburn. Nellie visited and stayed to help with the other children. To have 6 children under the age of 5 must have been very hard work, no washing machine, tumble dryer etc., just a wash tub in the yard. The third triplet Nellie died within a few weeks of her birth; I believe they are the only triplets born in Bishops Itchington.

Lady Lakin visited after the birth, giving gifts of 3 knitted shawls for the 3 girls. When Nellie passed away, Lucy wrapped her in her shawl; when a friend told her to keep the shawl for the other children her remark was 'It is Nellie's, so she will be buried in it.' Nellie is buried on the left-hand side of the path by Mary Ann Mann who was Lucy's great aunt. The last child of the family was Percy born 17th March 1930.

When WWII broke out Lucy had three members of her family fighting for Queen and Country, John and Percy plus her husband Percy. He joined the Navy. Not many families can say that a member fought in both wars. Percy went out one day and signed up to serve. Lucy did not know and when she found out, she was so worried by the thought of not much money being brought into the home, she wrote to the War Office asking for him to be sent home. Her reply came by letter which informed her that Percy had signed up as a volunteer, therefore, he would be staying. Not the answer Lucy wanted.

In 1948 council houses had been built for the returning families who had children, Lucy and Percy were given 23 Manor Road.

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To move into a large home, instead of the small cottage they had been living in must have been welcomed, but I expect they missed their friends left in Cross Green. The children married with Eudine and Georgina marrying brothers and moving to live in Kent, John never married. Edith married a soldier David Porter, he was sent to Pipers Hill, which had been transformed to a war hospital, after being injured, Hylda married Walter Bloxham from Harbury. After their first child was born they emigrated to Canada on 3rd June 1953, Hylda returned to have the rest of her children baptised at the village church.

After moving to Manor Road Lucy had spare time of her hands. She was one of the main fundraisers for a woman's branch of the Royal British Legion, later becoming president. Lucy bought a picture of our Queen to hang in the clubhouse and when it closed the committee at Memorial Hall allowed this picture to be hung on the wall. She joined the Mothers' Union at the Church and the family were always at the services on Sunday. Later in life, she attended church at 8am on Wednesday for Communion.

Lucy led a full life. As a school girl she moved to Tyneside, having to learn a different dialect; she moved back to live in Warwick, finally returning home. She had a good husband in Percy, and good children, but losing Nellie and then Hylda moving to Canada must have been a troubled time in her life.

Lucy became Chairlady of the Mothers Union, Lady Lakin (then Sybil) used to invite the Union for afternoon tea. In 1960/70 she was determined for the village to have a branch clubhouse of the Royal British Legion, she became a very active President.

Hylda returned home as often as she could. The 10 grandchildren (4 in Kent and 6 in Canada) were her life. Lucy died on 7th July 1987.

Many will remember Lucy Finch, she was a strong lady, called a spade a spade, and loved by many...

THANK YOU

Pam, Simon and Lisa would like to thank all their family, friends and neighbours for all the cards, words of comfort and attending the funeral of Andrew Cowley and for all the kind support shown to them during this very sad time. Also, many thanks to Rev. Martin Green for a lovely service.



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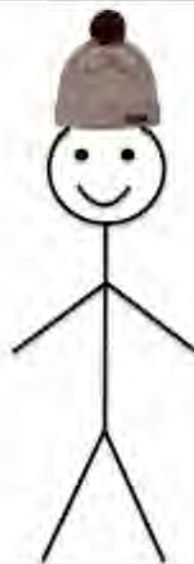
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