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ISSUE 424

Hello everyone. Firstly, congratulations to two village sporting stars; namely Pam Reason for winning the Football Secretary of the Year and Paul McDaid for being awarded the referee of the Year for the second season running.

Still on a local sporting theme, hopefully soon a new architect will have been secured by the Parish Council to design the new Pavilion. Watch this space!

I'm sure I can speak for all the Scene editors when I say thank you to all the Covid-19 volunteers and to echo the sentiments Of Alison (our present Parish Council clerk) "Let's hope we won't have to do this again". The sad news is that Alison is leaving us and so we say, "Alison, thank you very much for the impressive way you have been our Parish Council clerk and to wish you all the very best for your future".

A warm welcome to our new clerk, Karen Stevens. We hope that you will enjoy being with us.

You will see in the magazine another interesting "Walk around the Cemetery" concerning a village family. Where would villages have been without these old time philanthropists?

The WI offers us a short trip down memory lane with Barbara Cox's adventures as a Land Girl. This brought back memories for me of both VE Day and VJ Day. Hopefully, we shall be able to commemorate VJ Day in whatever way we can 2020.

Bye for now.

Please let Stella Angliss or Phyl Moir (<u>phylmoir@btinternet.com</u>) have items for the July Scene by June 5th

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CUBS	Memorial Hall	Thursday 7.00 - 8.30 pm
DARBY & JOAN CLUB	Memorial Hall	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	Gaydon Road	Wed & Fri 7pm – 9 pm
NHS BABY CLINIC	Pendicke Street	2 nd and 4 th Tuesdays of
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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING	Community Centre	2 nd Monday of month 7.30
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RUNNING CLUB	Playing Field	Monday 7.30 pm start
SCENE CLOSING DATE		5 th of month
SCOUTS	Memorial Hall	Friday 7.00 - 9.00 pm
SENIOR RESIDENTS	Greaves Club	3 rd Thursday of month
		10 am – 12 noon
SHORT MAT BOWLS	Memorial Hall	Wed & Friday 2 – 4pm
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We're still having Zoom meetings – 3 this week!!! Both League AGMs and a BIFC one (I'm all Zoomed out!). More tech will be required as the Leamington Sunday League are moving to registering players online this season. Mind you I'll have a head start over the other Clubs as we've been doing that for the Saturday League for several years now.

At the time of writing, we still have no idea when next season will start but we have to be ready just in case! By the time you read this we may be back training, with lots of rules and social distancing and common sense.

We think we have found a new Reserve Team Manager. It has not been officially sorted just yet but he sounds suitable and we hope he will like us and we like him! He is coming to meet us in this next couple of weeks.

One piece of exciting news was from the Banbury League. Paul McDaid won the Referee of the Year award for the second season running. This award is quite special because it is worked out from the marks that each team awarded to the ref for each game. Well done Paul! Pam Reason won the Secretary of the Year award, so a good year for behind the scenes.







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Bishop's Itchington Parish Council

There isn't much to report again this month. Although the parish council has continued to hold regular meetings via Zoom, we have not been able to make as much progress with things as we would have done under normal circumstances.

Knightcote Road Solar Farm

Members of the parish council recently met with the developer, Low Carbon, to receive information about their proposal for a solar farm along Knightcote Road. There is no planning application at the moment and the council has not seen any detailed plans. Low Carbon will be writing to residents and asking them for their comments on the proposal. You will be able to do this online via their website or complete and return their comment form via Freepost. If a planning application comes forward in due course, there will be a formal public consultation period during which you will be able to make your views known to the parish council and SDC.

Pavilion Project

The project team have been working hard over the last few weeks gathering bids from architects. There was a lot of interest and at the time of writing, these have been narrowed down to the final few. The successful bid should be approved during July and the architect formally appointed. This marks a major step forward in the project.

Bishop's Itchington Parish Council

Covid-19 Volunteer Network & Helpline

The volunteer network and the helpline have now been wound down. We want to say a very big thank you to everyone who has helped over the last 3 to 4 months. It was a fantastic community response to an unprecedented challenge. With the volunteers' help, we were able to support the most vulnerable people in our community. Well done to everyone involved. Let's hope we won't need to do this again!

Farewell to Bishop's Itchington

This is the last news report I will write for Scene as I am leaving the parish council after 16 years as the parish clerk. I know it's a cliché, but it really has been a pleasure and a privilege to serve the parish council and the residents of Bishop's Itchington. I would like to say thank you to anyone and everyone who has helped and supported me in my role over the years which includes numerous individuals, the committees of various village clubs and organisations, and of course, all of the councillors (and there have been quite a few!) I have worked with during this time. I wish everyone, in all their endeavours, the very best for the future, and I especially look forward to seeing the new pavilion when it's built!

The new clerk is Karen Stevens and she will take over from the 1st August. Karen has many years' experience in local government and has been the clerk at Chelmsley Wood Town Council for the last 7 years. I wish her well in her new role and hope that she will soon get to know Bishop's Itchington and its people.

Bishop's Itchington Parish Council

Vacancy for Parish Councillor

We still have one unfilled seat on the council. If you are interested in serving your local community and would like to find out more about what is involved in being a councillor, please contact us. Council meetings are usually held on the second Monday of each month and you would be expected to attend regularly. No special qualifications are required but you must have access to email and the internet. Plenty of enthusiasm for Bishop's Itchington also helps!

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.

Parish Council Office

The office has been closed since the beginning of lockdown but will re-open again once the new clerk has settled in. Opening hours are going to be in the morning in future and the exact times will be published in due course. In the meantime, you can still contact us by phone 01926 613902 or email clerk@bishopsitchington-pc.gov.uk.

Bishops Itchington Sports Association



As restrictions have begun to ease, we are hoping that some of our groups will be able to start up again. The tennis group have begun their Tuesday night sessions again, being careful to keep their distance. We are looking into the possibility of badminton getting going again. This would have to be in family groups with their own equipment. We shall see!

Thanks to the Parish Council, who are now responsible for the maintenance of the courts, the floodlights have been fitted with new LED bulbs. This will improve the lighting when it is used during the darker evenings and save electricity.

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INSPIRING WOMEN

I'm afraid that there are no Minutes of ancient meetings in this edition. I can sense your disappointment.

But what we have got is a couple of gems. I'm including them in this issue as they both relate to WW2 and didn't come to light until we were celebrating the anniversary of VE Day in May, so they're reproduced here in time for the anniversary of VJ Day. I know that members will have already seen the first one but I think that we should share it with the village.

Most of our village residents will I'm sure know/know of Barbara Cox who for many, many years lived by the Post Office (now the hairdressing salon) where her husband was Postmaster. Barbara still lives in the village and is a valued member of our WI. So here's Barbara's account of her wartime service which appeared in a recent edition of our national WI magazine. (Because of the Covid lockdown restrictions the journalist had to interview her by phone).

(Editorial has advised that Barbara's article follows this Report)

Following Barbara Cox's rise to fame she has written this:- "I have had a lot of response to my article in WI Life. It brought back lots of memories of happy times on the land to other ex WLA girls, so that pleased me. (I may need a secretary!) This was the address on one of the letters I received:-Barbara Cox Bishops Hickington Warwickshire WI Well done to the postman for finding me!"

INSPIRING WOMEN

The second item is from member Barbara Laughland, also originally from London, and is an extract from her journal written for her grandchildren.

Barbara writes:-

"The most vivid memory of my childhood is V.E. day (Victory in Europe), 8 May 1945. We knew there was to be an important announcement on the wireless. We waited with bated breath and heard Mr. Churchill, the Prime Minister, announce that the war with Germany was over. We were ecstatic, how we all cheered, my mother, grandma, aunty, brother and me. We were so happy that my daddy and uncles would all be coming home again from the armed services.

Later Mummy took me on the bus to Victoria Station. From there we walked to Buckingham Palace. There were thousands of people there all cheering and shouting "We want the King". How we managed to get through the crowds I do not know. Mummy was only 5 foot 2 inches tall and I was 7 years old. Somehow we reached the memorial to Queen Victoria opposite the Palace where nice soldiers helped me climb up onto the memorial. I had a superb view of the Palace when the King and Queen with Mr. Churchill came out onto the balcony to wave to us. I lost my voice shouting and cheering. I have never been in such a wonderful atmosphere, it was euphoric.

The memory will remain with me forever. I don't remember returning home!"

INSPIRING WOMEN

And Barbara adds:-

"P.S. Victory over Japan day was quite different. My Dad was still in Germany. An aunt and uncle felt sorry for me and had taken me up to York for a short break where we watched a firework display from our hotel bedroom window. The first firework display I had ever seen. (Nothing like the displays we see today.) Exciting for me though. The atmosphere was completely different from V.E. day. Probably because we no longer feared the prospect of Nazi bombs."

Other stuff.

Three of our members entered poems in the recent Federation Summer Verses poetry competition. There were a lot of entries. None of ours was placed. Never mind.

Lynne Stubbings (Warwickshire Fed.) has been re-elected as National Chair and Jeryl Stone (also Warwickshire Fed.) elected as National Vice Chair. Brilliant!

Since the lockdown we've missed activities at our monthly meetings. These have included Bollywood Dancing, Mosaic Coaster making, and our annual Garden Party. However, Denman College has made available many talks and demonstrations via Zoom, so if you have online access why not have a look on their website. They're only £5 a time. Some of us have participated and done Scrapbooking and Ukulele Singalong (not at the same time I hasten to add).

To make up for the lack of meetings National has made the decision to extend the current membership year by three months. This means that the 2021 membership year will start on 1 April 2021 and from then on each year the membership subscription will be due in April.

INSPIRING WOMEN REPORT

No poems or ditties this month I'm afraid. I've already taken up a lot of space in this edition. Hopefully there'll be one or more next month.

For your diary:- Same as last month's edition as nothing new to add.

For your diary (Looking far, far, ahead these are Federation events)

October

Thurs 1	- Literary Lunch with Patricia Carswell
Thurs 15	- Rev. Richard Coles Lunch
Wed 21	- Poetry Workshop
Mon 26	- Windsor Grand Day Out
Tues 27	- Adviser Online Surgery

November

Mon 2	- MCS Workshop
Wed 4	- Tastes of Italy Day
Sat 14	- Indian Block Printing
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I LOVED BEING A LAND GIRL BARBARA COX

At the time I joined the Women's Land Army (WLA) in 1945 aged 18, I didn't know much about animals. I was born in London, but during the war we were evacuated to Learnington Spa. After I finished school I trained as a dressmaker, but I had always wanted to be outside.

The WLA first sent me to live in a hostel in Studley in Warwickshire in order to train at Oak Farm, where I was taught how to milk cows for a month – we also worked in the fields harvesting mangolds, a plant from the beet family, to feed to the cows. I loved every minute of it.

After that I was sent to Mill Pit Farm in Bishops Itchington, Stratford-upon-Avon. There were no mod cons – I'd never known anything like this before. The loo was at the end of the garden and we had to light our way using candles or oil lamps. There was no hot water; we had to pump the water from the well outside and heat it over a black grate in the kitchen.

I stayed in an attic which was freezing cold, but I just put up with it. When I tell my grandchildren, they say "How could you do that?" and I tell them "You just *had* to and that was that". You got on with it.

I milked the cows, some by hand and some by machine, and then I had to filter the milk into a churn which I loaded onto a trap, harnessed the pony and set off to deliver it around the village. I measured the milk out in a bucket, but the farmer just gave me the order book and I hadn't a clue where to go.

Luckily, the pony knew which houses to stop at and then move on without any help from me. It was tricky on a Sunday morning when the church bells rang; he didn't like them and would run away with the milk cans with me chasing after him. Once I even tied him to a fence, but he took off dragging that with him too.



We also had to pump water to feed the calves. We helped with the harvest and would carry on late in to the night as we had to do double hours in the summer.

Most of this work was done by hand – not like today when one farmer does everything with a tractor. I loved being out in the field.

The old men from the village used to come and help with the harvesting and haymaking and we had lovely times.

Sometimes I would help the farmer's wife with her children; she had three when I arrived and six when I left. In the evenings I'd read them stories and make clothes for them by lamplight. They still live here and treat me as one of the family. I go to weddings, christenings and birthdays – they never leave me out.

I can't remember much about VE Day as I was down on the farm. You just had to carry on with your work, you couldn't say "Well, I'm going off for the day". But the Land Army was good to us after the war – I have a framed thank you letter from HM Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother and, over the years, I've met several MPs, been invited to Buckingham Palace and shaken hands with Princess Alexandra.

I was at the farm for five years until the Land Army was disbanded. By that time, I had met my future husband and I still live in the village today. I joined Bishops Itchington WI in 1986 to help my mother-in-law who was President and getting a bit frail. I'm still on the committee – they won't let me come off it because they say I know everything. I don't know about that, but I do enjoy the company.



This certificate charts Barbara's "willing release" date in 1950



Clockwise from top: Barbara rides on horseback to work on the farm; ready for milking twice a day; standing tall in her smart Land Girls uniform



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Despite the wonderful show of blossom in the Spring, the strange weather during the lockdown – very windy, very dry and late frosts – means that there is not a great deal of fruit on many of the trees. This seems to be fairly general unfortunately.

One thing we have had lots of has been caterpillars – a second wave of tortoiseshells in the orchard and a huge gathering of peacocks on the Yellow Land. Unfortunately, another thing we have had plenty of has been litter. The warm sunny weather attracted a lot of people to both the Playing Field and the wider area beyond the Yellow Land. We hope these visitors enjoyed themselves but we were disappointed that they left their rubbish behind!

June and July are the months for orchids. We usually have common spotted, bee and butterfly orchids in the area between the back of the heap and the wood. This year I found 100+ common spotted orchids and one butterfly orchid, but sadly no bee orchids. Did anyone else spot any?

The summer butterflies to lookout for are meadow brown, ringlet, gatekeeper and marbled white. If you're really lucky you might spot a migratory painted lady. Keep your eyes peeled!











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A WALK AROUND THE CEMETERY -HENRY WILLIAM WHITEHEAD

On entering the Cemetery walk to the end of the oldest part. On your left hand side, second row, fifth from the hedge you will find the grave of Henry William Whitehead, (used William as his first name). He was born in Bishops Itchington in 1858 at the family home of Cross Green Farm. His parents were Charles (born 1835) and Hannah (nee Spencer born1832). William had one brother Charles Spencer Whitehead (born 1856). Their mother passed away in 1860 aged 27 years and she is buried in our Churchyard. Charles later married Betsey Wilson (born 1845) in 1864. The children of this marriage were Albert Newton (1867), Olive Emma (1870), Edwin James (1871), Lily Millicent Myrtle (1874), Camilla (1875), Violet (1881) and Percy Hector (1883). After this marriage, the family still lived at Cross Green Farm containing 4 acres of land. Many will remember this farm next to Edwards Garage. The land was sold for building houses, namely the Scowcroft Drive estate plus the new housing from Bovis Homes.

In the 1870s, William's family moved to Christmas Hill which is about a mile from the village on Kineton Road now named Gaydon Road. With having a growing family at Cross Green Farm, they needed more space and the move to Christmas Hill was perfect for a large family. By the late 1880s, the family had moved to Ashorne Hill Farm Newbold Pacey. John Charles Worrall, born 1884 in Bishops Itchington, also moved to live at the farm. Both Charles and Betsey are buried in St George the Martyr Church, Newbold Pacey. Charles and William, being eldest, decided to branch out and they rented a house on Kineton Road, by the old Post Office, and found some ground to rent. Both worked the land and made a living from it.

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William married Emma Elizabeth Gilbert at Bishops Itchington Church in 1883. Emma's mother, Sarah nee Pearson, was born in Bishops Itchington and married at the same Church. Although Emma was born in Harbury, her family had lived in Bishops Itchington before she was born.

After William and Emma got married they took over a farm in Knightcote Road. It was a large house. Mary Benfield worked as a domestic while Moses George was general servant. Adelina Mary Elizabeth, (born 1881) at Gaydon, was a small child when the family moved into the house. The children born at the farm were Sidney Edgar (born 15th May1884) and Gertrude Eveline Maud, known as Maud, (born 2nd April 1886). The rest of the children were born at Lower Spring Farm, Kineton Road, namely Dora Elsie Agnes, known as Elsie (born 11th March 1891) and Ida Nina (born 31st October 1894). This was a large working farm and they received help from the villagers. Edwin Haynes also lived at the farm, he was born in Oxfordshire. Later the family moved into Spring Farm, Kineton Road. The farms which the family moved into would have been tied farms.

The children attended school at Bishops Itchington. The infants school still stands today and is being used as the Pre-school. The main school is now a house. The schools opened on 1^{st} November 1869. The headmaster's home adjoined the main school and both were built by Mr W Ballard from Learnington. The cost of the land and building was around £1,100. The Parish raised some of the money and the gentry of the village also gave. Rev B Mandale paid the shortfall of about £200 so the children of his parish could have a full education.



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William, his brother Charles and wife Emma, may have attended the Church school, which stood in the north east corner of the churchyard and would have been run by the vicar with help from his family and Churchwardens. This would have been before the passing of the 1870 Elementary Education Bill which stated that every child should receive a free education. It also allowed women to vote for the school boards and also the right to serve on the school board.

William did a lot for the village. He was voted to be Overseer of the Highways in Bishops Itchington, a post which he held for many years. The family attended Church and took an active part in the service. William was on the committee of the Conservative Association, he helped with the 'Poor Health' and 'Spraggett's Charities by making sure the elderly, poor and large families received annual delivery of free coal, which was collected by men from the village from Harbury Station. William also was a member of Warwickshire Hunt.

William died 28th November 1907, at the age of 49, at Spring Farm. His wife Emma died in Wellesbourne and was laid to rest beside her husband on 27th April 1928. By 1920s the Whiteheads had moved away from the village.



Bogus Live Streaming Websites Warning Following the COVID-19 related closure of music and entertainment venues, many artists turned to live streaming, performing live or streaming recorded material. But warn Trading Standards criminals have been setting up bogus social media pages to promote scam live streams designed to

steal personal information through a bogus registration process. Scammers have also targeted genuine live streams to direct people away to bogus donation pages. Streaming platforms such as Netflix and Spotify have also been targeted by criminals who send out phishing scam emails to get users to reveal personal or financial information or make payments.

Zoom Users Targeted by Criminals

Users of the popular video conferencing service Zoom have been targeted by fraudsters, Trading Standards is warning. Bogus Zoom emails inform the recipient that a 'Zoom voicemail' has been received. They are then directed to phone a premium rate number to hear it, costing a reported £6! Other bogus email messages include fake Zoom conference call invitations that direct recipients to copycat login pages from which usernames and passwords can be stolen.

Bogus Food Parcel Scam

Warwickshire residents have reported receiving suspicious and unexpected phone calls from people claiming to be from 'the Council' offering COVID-19 food parcels before asking for personal information including names, work/business information and dates of birth!

HMRC Tax Fraud Scam

More Warwickshire residents are reporting being the targets of the HMRC tax scam. The latest scam involves residents receiving a recorded message stating that they are being investigated by HMRC for tax fraud and directing them to press 1 to speak to an official to resolve the matter!

Bogus Bank SMS Messages

Warwickshire residents and businesses who bank online and receive SMS (text) messages from their banks are warned to beware of bogus SMS (text) messages that may appear amongst genuine messages in their SMS feeds. These bogus messages usually state that a new payment has been made or direct debit or standing order set up via their banking app. The message goes on to say that if the bank customer was not responsible for the payment or new instruction, they should report it. They are then directed to follow a link in the text message to a fake or copycat version of their bank's genuine website and login with their username and password. The scammers then steal this information.

Advice from Warwickshire Trading Standards

- **NEVER** reveal personal or financial information to cold callers on the phone or the doorstep
- Whether you are visiting an entertainment website, shopping, banking or accessing Government information or making benefit applications etc. online, ALWAYS visit the website by typing the web address into your Internet browser or use the genuine App. NEVER follow a link in an email or text message, even if it appears genuine
- Report all scams and obtain help and advice by phoning the Citizens Advice Consumer Service, tel: 0808 223 1133
- Visit <u>www.warwickshire.gov.uk/tradingstandards</u> for more help and advice

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