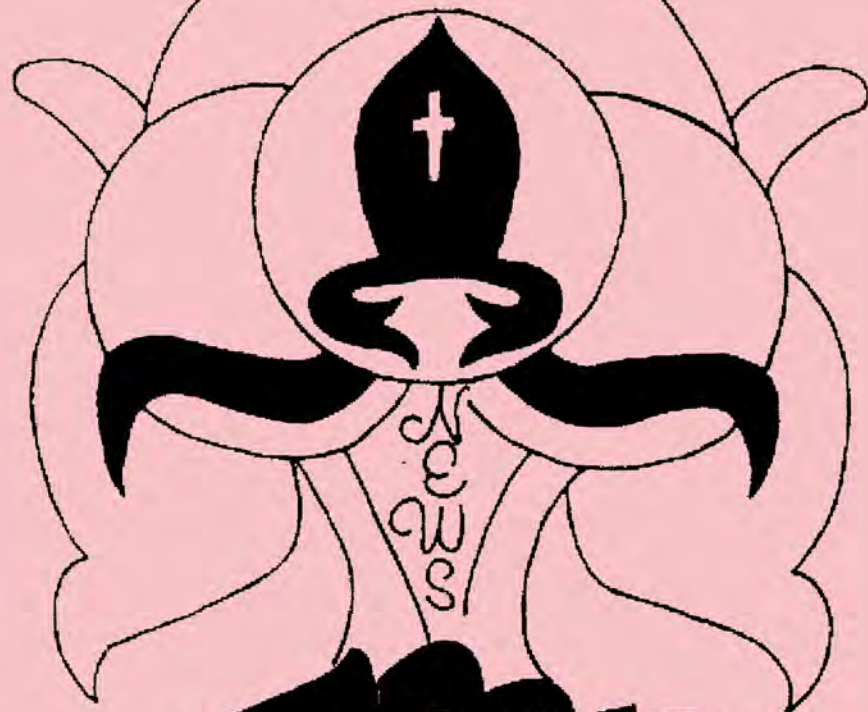


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# April



# ISSUE 431

Here we are again and so the year goes marching on. Who would have thought it a year ago?

I would like to start with “A Walk around the Cemetery” about the Gutteridge family, which makes very interesting reading, not least because it casts an historical eye on our local Co-op (not wishing to detract from the story of the Gutteridge family). This piece so reminds me of the Co-op in my family village where you could buy just about anything and the smell always seemed to be a mixture of paraffin, cheese and bacon! The baker’s ovens were next door where, when my mother was a girl, the Sunday joint was cooked. I was told it helped the baker by keeping the ovens going so he didn’t have to heat them up again on Monday. I remember Gladys Oliver’s daughter as I used to deliver Meals on Wheels to her.

I would like to end by giving congratulations to the BI Football Club for being awarded Charter Standard status and “Good Luck” for when grass roots football will be able to resume. This applies to all other village sports activities too.



Happy Easter, everyone.



**Please let Stella Angliss have items for the May Scene by April 5<sup>th</sup>**

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

\*\*\*This issue comes out before the end of lockdown - dates & times of Post office  
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# ST MICHAEL'S NEWS



## Our Easter Programme

As we begin tentatively to open up again, our normal Easter gatherings will not be possible, and so, as I suggested last month, we will be walking through Easter together online. I am however, planning to open the church on Good Friday evening for people to come and light a candle, as we did on Christmas Eve. It's a symbol of hope in the darkness many families have faced (and continue to face) through this time of pandemic. As before, **please bring your own tealight**

## Palm Sunday (March 28)

- **Online service** on YouTube channel, church website and Facebook pages
- **Messy church** on YouTube channel, church website and Facebook pages

## Holy Week

- Daily reflection walking through Holy Week together on YouTube channel, church website and Facebook pages

### Good Friday (April 2)

- **Hour at the cross reflection** - on YouTube channel, church website and Facebook pages
- Church open from **7-9pm** for candle lighting – hope through the darkness

### Easter weekend

- **Cross of flowers** – please bring a daffodil or spring flower to put into the cross outside church
- **Easter Day celebration** – planned online, but if things change considerably by then, may be held outside.

In the end, the events of the first Easter point us forward with hope – new life emerging from the tomb, and Jesus appearing to the frightened and awestruck disciples, both men and women.

May we all find a new hope emerging this Easter.

## **Bishops Itchington Football Club**

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Well, hopefully, light at the end of the tunnel! On 29<sup>th</sup> March, if all goes according to plan, grassroots football can resume.

The Leamington Sunday League will finish off their season, starting on 11<sup>th</sup> April. Unfortunately, due to the number of outstanding fixtures, parks pitches not being available after 30<sup>th</sup> May and the cricket season starting, the Banbury League has decided not to continue with this season.

From 29<sup>th</sup> March, training can begin and friendlies can be played. So, hopefully, the Saturday sides will be able to play some football, as they are all keen.

Can't remember if I wrote about this earlier – the club has been awarded Charter Standard status, given by the FA. This means that the club meets certain criteria for being a well run and well organised football club.



## **Bishops Itchington Sports Association (BISA)**

At last it looks as if we might get back to being able to enjoy different sports and leisure activities in the village. On 29<sup>th</sup> March, if all goes according to plan, we hope that certain sports will be opened up again. After the original lockdown, tennis was one of the first sports to be allowed. We hope this will be the same this time and the tennis courts can be unlocked and available for use.

This should also mean that Matt's five a side footie group can start up again and also Jeunine's ladies' tennis/footie group can hopefully get going properly. All activities will be subject to the rule of 6, social distancing and hand sanitising. Obviously, badminton will take a bit longer to get going again as it is in doors.



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Follow the direct link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4544546176?pwd=aUNtSzVmamNxd0lER2lBUGhNMkr0QT09>

OR

Launch the Zoom app and enter the meeting ID: 454 454 6176

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Join by telephone 0203 481 5237 and enter the meeting ID above, followed by the # key.

A copy of the agenda is always posted on the parish council notice board at the corner of Chapel Street and Poplar Road.

## Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

Unfortunately, due to the Covid 19 national lockdown last year, the annual meeting was not held in 2020. This year, the annual meeting of the parish council will be held remotely using the Zoom platform.

The meeting will take place on **Monday 26 April 2021** at 7.30pm. If you would like to join in the meeting, please use the link above. This is a meeting of local electors not a parish council meeting. It is an opportunity to meet other residents, unfortunately over the internet this year rather than and in person and have the opportunity to talk to your local councillors about topical issues.

## **Pavilion Project**

The working party meets every third Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm – next meeting will be held on **20 April 2021**. Everyone is welcomed to attend but during the national lockdown, these meetings will continue to be held on zoom – joining instructions can be found on Bishop's Itchington Parish Council web site. Progress is continuing, the planning application has been submitted and funding applications are being drawn up.

## **Children's Play Area/Tennis Courts**

The new piece of equipment (Mini Twist Net) has been installed and is being well used. The working group is now considering a new piece of equipment to replace the tractor. After careful consideration, they will draw up a shortlist of three possible pieces of equipment and then will undertake a Facebook poll to see which is the most popular. Unfortunately, due to the high cost of playground equipment, some match funding will need to be obtained to supplement the parish council's funding.

The tennis courts re-opened for use on 29 March 2021 as per the relaxing of Covid 19 rules.

## **Neighbourhood Development Plan**

The public consultation process closed on **28 March 2021** therefore we are now in the process of undertaking an analysis of the responses received.

## **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](mailto:cemeterymanager@bishopsitchington-pc.gov.uk).

# Bishop's Itchington | Parish Council

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Cllr Judith Christian - Carter, vice-chair	614767
Cllr Sharon Bougoussa	07813 306 337
Cllr John Gates	613902
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Cllr Dawn Mann	613817
Cllr Michael Mann	612346
Cllr Norman Thomas	07484 673 331
Cllr Steve Tressler	07746 593 163

We currently have one vacancy for a Parish Councillor. If you are interested in applying, please contact the parish clerk (see below).

## Parish Council Office

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The Office re-opened to the public on 6 April 2021, the opening hours are Monday to Thursday from 9.00am to 12.00noon.

## *Friends of the Yellow Land & BING*

By the end of March, we should be able to meet up again and continue with our work, looking after the Yellow Land and the orchard. Both sites have been used and enjoyed a great deal during the lockdown.

Signs of Spring are everywhere – flowers, birds, bees and even butterflies are beginning to appear. My first sighting of a butterfly was a Peacock in my garden at the beginning of March. Another exciting sighting was a red kite flying over the village on a couple of occasions.

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### **A WALK AROUND THE CEMETERY : Oliver Mark Gutteridge**

On entering the Cemetery, walk to the start of the Chapel building and take the second row before the Chapel and you will find the resting place of Oliver Mark Gutteridge and his wife Beatrice Ellen. Oliver was born 12<sup>th</sup> October 1883 in Crays Pond, Goring-on-Thames, South Oxfordshire. His parents were his father, Joseph, (born 1842) from Whitchurch-on-Thames, Oxfordshire and his mother, Jane nee Lipscombe, born 1845 at Goring-on-Thames. The family settled in Crays Pond, they lived in the same hamlet for many years. Oliver's siblings were John born 1864, Charles Francis 1868, Clara Jane 1869, Albert 1871, Thomas William 1873, Charlotte 1875, Joseph born 1878 and Blanche 1882.

Oliver's father was a carpenter, then changed his profession to work for a miller. This could have been the opening for Oliver when he finished school to become a miller's labourer, working his way up to be a baker. Oliver married Beatrice Ellen Bush, born 20<sup>th</sup> January 1885, in Crays Pond on 13<sup>th</sup> March 1907. Her father owned the White Lion at Crays Pond, so the wedding reception was probably held in the pub. On marriage Oliver and Beatrice moved to live in Oxenwood nr Hungerford Berkshire. At this time Oliver was a baker.

Two girls arrived to make the family complete, Dorothy Evelyn, born 13<sup>th</sup> August 1907 and Gladys Mable born 16<sup>th</sup> March 1909, both being born in Oxenwood. When the girls were small Oliver gained employment with the Harbury Co-operative Society at their No 1 Branch in Bishops Itchington. The Harbury Co-operative Industrial and Provident Society was formed about 1863 by the Bustin brothers, working for the railway they opened the shop in the evening after a hard day at work. It was one of the first independent societies formed in Warwickshire.

The appeal for the Co-op movement to the poor people were the shares on purchases, therefore, while buying items they accumulated shares which were paid into their savings bank. In 1878 it acquired a shop in Bishops Itchington and named it the No 1 Branch. Harbury and Bishops Itchington Co-op remained independent until the 1970s when it was taken over by Rugby Co-op Society.

### **A WALK AROUND THE CEMETERY : Oliver Mark Gutteridge**

No 1 Branch in Bishops Itchington was attached to Harbury Co-operative Society. One wonders how Oliver heard of the job. Why move so far for employment. When Oliver and his family moved into the village, they lived in the house adjoining the store. He came as the branch manager, at this time the shop was self-contained and sold everything required by the wife and her family. Upstairs (which is now a flat), was home to a drapery, all items for the home, plus wool, dresses, trousers, jackets even waistcoats which every man wore at the start of 20<sup>th</sup> century. If you required an item which they had not got, it would be sent over from Harbury headquarters the next day. Downstairs in the main food shop most items were sold by weight from larger sacks, flours, sugar etc., nothing was prepacked like today, everything was weighed or counted out. Oliver being a baker had the bakehouse at the back of the shop. Also pigs were kept and when killed used in the shop for bacon and joints, sometimes householder's joints and fowl for Christmas were cooked in the baker's ovens which you could use for a few pence.

Dorothy and Gladys attended the local village school. At the age of 14, Dorothy stayed at the school as a pupil teacher. This may have been because lady teachers from the school lodged with the Gutteridge family.

One was Miss Clark who the girls thought was far too strict plus she informed their parents if they had not done their schoolwork well. After Miss Clark left the school she was replaced by Miss Rowbotham, the two girls liked her and this may have been the reason why Dorothy became a pupil teacher.

WWI came and recruitment drives were held in towns and villages. By 1916 conscription came and on 5<sup>th</sup> June 1918 Oliver joined the Royal Air Force (RAF). This was formed early in 1918 by joining the Royal Flying Corps (RFC) and Royal Naval Air Service (RNAS) together. Conscription finished on 11<sup>th</sup> November 1918 and most of the conscripts were discharged.

### **WALK AROUND THE CEMETERY : Oliver Mark Gutteridge**

Oliver's daughter Dorothy married Leonard Charles Rawbone at the Church of Our Lady and St Wulstan in Southam, in 1931. Dorothy died in 1933 at Southam. They had one son Anthony who died aged 18 in 1950, must have been a sad time for the Gutteridge family to lose their eldest daughter, so soon after marriage, and then in 1950 the only grandchild they had. The youngest daughter Gladys never married and stayed at home to care for her parents. Oliver and family attended St Michael's Church, he was a sidesman and Oliver and Beatrice were caretakers. The family were continually active within the village, Oliver liked a game of whist, played cricket and helped with the Poppy Appeal, he also gave service in WWII in Civil Defence Corps (Dads Army).

Owing to living in a tied house, Oliver started to look for a house to live in after retirement. The house they bought was just up the road from the Co-op, Laurel Cottage. The family stayed at Laurel Cottage for the rest of their lives. Oliver was buried in local cemetery on 14<sup>th</sup> March 1968, his wife Beatrice Ellen followed on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 1968. Their daughter Gladys stayed in the house until she passed away on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2004. Gladys is buried at the foot of her parents.

The Gutteridge family were very well known and respected in the village.

## **BIRTHDAY MEMORIES**

*Rosemary Ann Biddle (Rosie) nee Worrall  
born 30<sup>th</sup> April 1951 – 21<sup>st</sup> January 2020*

*Remembering you to-day*

*It would have been your 70<sup>th</sup> birthday*

*Since you left us time has gone by quickly every day*

*Things have happened since you passed away*

*So many words we can say*

*You're re-united with Mum, Dad and Brother Ray*

*Good night all and God Bless*

*All the family*

*Sandra, Phil, Josie, Anthony, Amanda, Emily & Jayden  
& Karen, Ansolena, & Danielle*



## **BIRTHDAY WISHES**

*Amanda Worrall – 20<sup>th</sup> March 2021*

*Amanda it's your birthday on this day*

*So best wishes for to-day*

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## **ROYAL BRITISH LEGION SEEKS NEW MEMBERS**

The Royal British Legion (RBL) is an organisation that seeks to improve the lives of service personnel and their families. The Southam Branch covers the town and surrounding communities. It also enjoys a close relationship with Galanos House, the RBL care home located on the outskirts of Southam.

The Branch actively supports local events including commemorations of major service-related events and the holding of ceremonies on Remembrance Day in the Branch area. On request, the RBL can supply a standard bearer or bugler at appropriate events such as funerals.

Branch meeting are usually held at 10am on the second Monday of each month at Galanos House (next to Shell Garage) and we wholeheartedly appreciate new members getting involved. You do not have to be a veteran to join the RBL.

More details can be obtained from the secretary Steve Garlick on 01926 817 059.

Mick Gaffney



## Remembrance Day 2020

Thank you so much for all your help to bring the Poppy Appeal into our community. While the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted the way in which I could deliver the Poppy Appeal, all the village outlets agreed to hold the poppy boxes, raising more donation money than any-one thought. Thanks to the Community Centre for allowing me to set up a poppy shop on the days the post office was open. This alone made £180.70.

This year is the Centenary year of the Royal British Legion, there will be more ways, than ever before, for people to support the Poppy Appeal throughout the year, for updates please log on to [www.britishlegion.org.uk/thingstodo/events](http://www.britishlegion.org.uk/thingstodo/events)



The amount raised for the village Poppy Appeal was £840.03, this including donations which I received from three kind people. If anyone wishes to help with the Poppy Appeal 2021 please get in touch with me.

Wendy Buckley PAO Royal British Legion

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## **The Royal British Legion's Telling Our Story 100 Year Project**

### **GALANOS HOUSE**

To mark the centenary of the Royal British Legion, which was founded on 15 May 1921, the RBL and its largest care home, Southam's Galanos House, want to bring together stories of the incredible work that has been done in our local communities through the last 100 years. Through the Telling Our Story project, we aim to tell the human story of the RBL over the past century through letters, Legion records, photos, printed materials and personal recollections. The RBL is creating an online showcase and digital archive and, locally, we hope to feature your stories in an exhibition at Galanos House, and for a keepsake that can be seen by future generations.

Do you have a heart-warming recollection of an event you participated in or is it the day-to-day that gets you enthused? We would be interested in hearing how you first got involved, and what are your biggest achievements and proudest moments. Have you met any famous faces or a member of the Royal Family? Is your story about how you have helped a beneficiary or raised a fantastic amount of money for the organisation? Have you been involved in the Poppy Appeal? Perhaps you have an old newspaper cutting or item of memorabilia from a parent or grandparent. If you are involved in a Branch, how did it start, and what is it like today? What do you hope the RBL will be in the future?

Contributions can be made in writing, or by audio or video, and can be posted to Galanos House, Banbury Road, Southam CV47 2BL or emailed along with photographs of you or your memorabilia, to [TellingOurStory@britishlegion.org.uk](mailto:TellingOurStory@britishlegion.org.uk)

Further information can be found at [rbl.org.uk/tellingourstory](http://rbl.org.uk/tellingourstory) or call Lisa Smith, Galanos House Volunteer Co-ordinator, on 07808 276804, email to [LSmith1@britishlegion.org.uk](mailto:LSmith1@britishlegion.org.uk)



## **Census 2021 'Be Scam Aware'**

Census Day is Sunday 21 March 2021. After Census Day, at the end of March and into April, census field officers will be visiting households from which they have not received a completed census form. They will encourage people to complete the census and help residents to access further help if they need it. Scammers may seek to use the Census as an opportunity to perpetrate doorstep, telephone, and online scams, so it is important to remember the following:

- At no point will you be asked for your national insurance number, passwords, bank account details, or your credit or debit card numbers, nor any payment
- You will not receive any payment for completing the census, so any offers of money in exchange for your account details will be fraudulent
- You will not be called for information about the census unless you've made an appointment with the Census Contact Centre or made a query or complaint
- No-one will enter your home in relation to the census
- Help to fill out your form is free (for more information visit: <https://census.gov.uk/> or phone 0800 141 2021)
- You can report a fraud direct to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or visit: <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/>

## **Damp Proof Scam Warning**

Warwickshire homeowners have reported receiving nuisance phone calls from people informing them that someone will visit their property to check for damp. The callers were also asking about the resident's financial situation. Offering free surveys is sometimes a way for unscrupulous businesses to access people's properties so they can apply the 'hard sell' and carry out often very expensive and unnecessary insulation work. Put the phone down immediately on cold callers and never buy goods or services from unexpected callers, either on the doorstep or over the phone. For more information visit: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/consumeradvice>

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Beginning on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March, Warwickshire Trading Standards is launching a new campaign to promote their top tips, search 'buypuppsafe' or follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/warwickshiretradingstandards> and Twitter: <https://twitter.com/WarksTSS>

## Top Tips to Buy a Puppy Safely

1. Buy from a reputable and recommended dealer. Consider the Kennel Club Assured breeder scheme
2. Always view the puppy with its mother and siblings, where it has been bred
3. Ask to see the health test certificates for the puppy's parents and the puppy's vaccination documentation
4. Be prepared to wait for the puppy you want. Be very wary of anyone claiming they can provide the puppy you want quickly
5. Many bogus breeders 'sell' puppies on social media where money is taken for large deposits, but no puppy is ever delivered. If you're asked to pay a deposit, check to ensure the seller is genuine first.
6. Never agree to meet the seller anywhere other than where the puppy is kept, for example car parks, motorway service stations etc. Do not allow the seller to deliver the puppy to your home
7. Beware of anyone offering a puppy at a 'too good to be true' price
8. To report puppy scams, the illegal sale of puppies and obtain advice on your consumer rights, contact the Citizens Advice Consumer Service on 0808 223 1133
9. For more information and advice about buying a puppy, visit:
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  - <https://www.dogstrust.org.uk/help-advice/buyer-advice/>
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  - Lucy's Law <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/lucys-law-spells-the-beginning-authority-for-more-advice.-of-the-end-for-puppy-farming> Dog breeders can contact their local

### **Don't pay criminals for stolen puppies, sick puppies and puppies that don't even exist!**

Consumers are paying thousands to criminals for stolen and sick puppies and in some case puppies that don't even exist, **Warwickshire County Council's Trading Standards Service** is warning.

**Warwickshire County Councillor Andy Crump, Portfolio Holder for Community Safety said:**

"The popularity of owning a dog has increased since the pandemic began, such that demand for puppies has gone through the roof and prices for many breeds have more than doubled."

"Unfortunately, this has encouraged criminals to get involved, leading to more puppy thefts and prospective owners paying huge sums for stolen or sick puppies or large deposits for puppies that don't even exist."

"We've published some top tips to assist would be dog owners to avoid these scam puppy sales."

Trading Standards Animal Health Officers have received reports of criminal gangs illegally smuggling puppies in to the UK to sell, puppies being stolen and sold on and consumers paying huge deposits to online sellers for puppies that don't exist.

Illegally imported puppies may carry diseases that are a threat to human health such as rabies. Criminal gangs have also been involved in puppy farming, where dogs are often bred in appalling conditions, increasing the risk of disease and ill health.

In April 2020 'Lucy's Law' was introduced, meaning that anyone wanting to get a new puppy (or kitten) in England must now buy direct from a breeder, or consider adopting from a rescue centre instead. Licensed dog breeders are required to show puppies interacting with their mothers in their place of birth. If a business sells puppies (or kittens) without a licence, they could receive an unlimited fine or be sent to prison for up to six months. The new law seeks to tackle the low-welfare, high volume supply of puppies (and kittens), by banning their commercial third-party sale in England.



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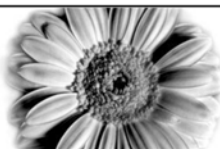
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## **Bishops Itchington School and FoBIPS needs YOUR VIEWS**

FoBIPS have the fantastic opportunity to apply for some funding to undertake a feasibility study of installing **solar photovoltaic (PV) panels** onto the **roof** of Bishops Itchington Primary School. Should the feasibility study be successful then the funding can be extended to cover the installation costs of the solar PV system as well.

Consultation with the community is an important part of this process, and we need YOUR VIEWS as soon as possible.

Please could you take 5 MINUTES and answer our brief survey which can be accessed online at

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OR use the following questionnaire and post through the letterbox of 50 Chapel Street or 4 Fisher Road, Bishops Itchington.



## **Bishops Itchington School Solar PV Consultation**

The Green Shoots funding scheme from Warwick County Council has been set up with the following aims:

- Increase the adaptability and resilience of Warwickshire to the effects of climate change
- Reduce impacts on the environment, particularly regarding climate change
- Ensure funded projects benefit the wider Warwickshire community

We hope to achieve these aims by:

- Reducing the carbon emissions of the school and exporting excess renewably generated electricity to the national grid
- Increasing awareness of the important role that renewable technologies play in tackling climate change to the children and the wider community. We hope to install a display in a prominent location in the school that reports the real time generation of the solar PV system. This can be used to support STEM lessons within the school. It will also be viewed by the wider community when the school opens its doors again for winter and summer fetes and other events.

1. In principle do you support the use of roof mounted solar panels for generating energy in the UK?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure

Any further comments \_\_\_\_\_

## **Bishops Itchington School Solar PV Consultation**

2. Do you think that installing a solar PV system on the roof of Bishops Itchington Primary School is appropriate?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure

Any further comments \_\_\_\_\_

3. How important do you think it is for young people to be aware of renewable energy generation?

- ☐ Extremely important
- ☐ Very important
- ☐ Somewhat important
- ☐ Not so important
- ☐ Not at all important

Any further comments \_\_\_\_\_

4. Do you have any suggestions for how we can further engage the wider community (beyond the village) in this project?





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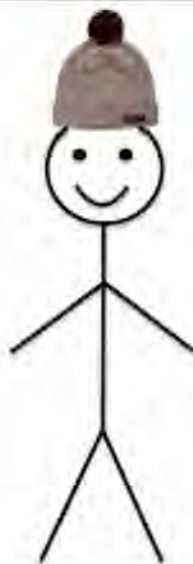
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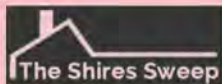


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