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As usual at this time of year, the cry goes out, "would our Scene deliverers please let us know if, and when, they may be going on holiday" so that we can arrange cover. Thank you.

It was interesting to read such a full history of our War Memorial Hall and, indeed, it has served as very useful asset to the village for a 100 years.

Returning to the theme of this time of year, it is sponsored bike ride time again. Whenever I write about this, it always conjures up pictures in my mind of slightly wobbly cyclists. It's the "stopping off at the hostelries" that does it.

So glad the "Petticoat Council" went down well. It is a story worth telling and there is more of that story in the magazine.

Please take note of the updated information of our surgery. The practice certainly has grown in the last forty plus years.

Another very interesting "Walk around the Cemetery" this month concerning a Reverend George Adney Irving, Vicar to our village from 1911 to 1929. He certainly was very active on many occasions in Bishops. Every month, reading these short histories of villagers past, leaves me very impressed.

Finally, we have to say farewell to Dr Snowdon. Yet another pointer to the passage of time. We wish Dr Snowdon a very happy retirement.

Please let Stella Angliss have items for the September Scene by August 5th

### **SCENE EDITING COMMITTEE**

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

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Harbury Surgery is continuing to offer telephone appointments with GPs with face to face appointments as required.

Our Nursing Team are seeing patients for a range of nursing procedures, although some services are still suspended until further guidance is given (these include spirometry, ear syringing and travel vaccinations).

Please call the practice for further information on appointments and general enquires – 01926 612232

There have been some staff changes in the past few months which are detailed below:

#### **GP Partners**

Dr Wilkinson retired last year and Dr Sarah Chard (who has been with us as a salaried GP since 2018) has joined the GP partnership, working alongside Dr Colin Snowdon and Dr Mel Wood. Dr Snowdon is due to retire in July 2021.

The rest of our GP Team includes Dr Kim Panting, Dr Hazel Parkinson and Dr Rupert Collins. We have a new GP joining us in September.

### **Nursing staff**

We have an additional Practice Nurse, Dawn who joined our team earlier this year. Like our other Practice Nurse, Jan, she can offer a range of nurse appointments. We also have our Healthcare Assistant Rachael and phlebotomist Alice. As well as their own interests they can offer blood test appointments and smoking cessation advice.

Katriona Collins also provides diabetic reviews at the practice

#### Administration

We have six Reception / Administrators (Brenda, Alice, Ana, Becki, Kerry & Stef) along with a practice secretary (Nicola), plus a new Practice Manager (Becci).

### Dispensary

We have five dispensing staff (Paula, Sue, Denise, Faye and Ellie) working at Harbury but also at our branch surgery, Bishops Itchington

Details of all our Practice Team and their working days are listed on the practice website

https://www.harburysurgery.org.uk/practiceteam

### ST MICHAEL'S NEWS



What is the church in this new phase of life? Is it just an institution or something different?

In a recent national survey, over 50% of the responders in the UK felt that church should be involved in practical and pastoral care.

It's not the sole prerogative of church but care does lie at the church's roots from earlier times when need was far greater and more obvious.

And yet need is need ... whether that's for food and shelter or company or purpose ..... there is lots practical care around our lovely community, and long may it continue..... and church is still a significant part of that care.

### The pandemic leaves scars.

Lost loved ones, questions of personal value and priority, when the things we put our hope in have let us down or become meaningless.

Some values have been eroded and need revisiting..... things we once felt were the key to our lives have been removed and we have discovered we don't want to take them up again in the same way.

Time has taken on a new value..... both of missed time and welcomed extra time, and what we use our time for. A last phone call of a dying man, the quiet home replacing the frantic office, the joyous cycle ride instead of a tiring commute. Time to re-evaluate.

One thing that does not change is the value we have in faith, where Jesus lays down a benchmark for us in love and service. It's a value that undergirds humanity, whoever we are and whatever we do. And in that value lies a prayer that can help us rediscover so much about ourselves and the time we have ... "Lord here I am , send me "

At a time when many still feel anxious and uncertain, it's a prayer that can take us out each day into our work places and communities and open our eyes to those around us, and invite us to take responsibility for each other.... in those hurting, dark, struggling places as well those moments of laughter and celebration ... it's about community , and reflects the heart of the church.

### @Bishop's Itchington Community Centre

### HIRING THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Bookings can now be taken for hire of the Centre for parties and events. Contact Colin White on 07769 327466.

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#### PETTICOAT COUNCIL REFLECTIONS

If you wanted excitement the night Scotland played England at the Euros then the pub or sat in front of your TV was not the place to be, you should have joined the 100 or so folks who got dressed up to enjoy one of the two performances of the Petticoat Council! On a typically rainy summer night in England we all huddled under canvas and were transported back to the early twentieth century to be immersed in the lives of the ladies who formed the first, female majority parish council in the UK - which was here in Bishop's Itchington. The story was beautifully told with much humour, a little sadness and a real sense of how important local history is to a community. It was a magnificent testimony to the difference these women made to our village and the prejudices they had to overcome from men who believed women belonged in the home and not in local government. The ladies were magnificent during both performances and hung out with the audience to speak to relatives of the families involved in the story. As a gift to our village and by way of thanking us for the inspiration, all proceeds were donated to the centre and are being used to supplement much of the activities being held during the summer. We want to give a huge thank you to Frankie Meredith and Steph Hartland who wrote and produced the event and everyone involved in the performances - and we look forward to having them all back for another show - as soon as they have another one ready for the folks of Bishop's.

#### **SUMMER ACTIVITIES PROGRAMME**

Well the summer holidays are upon us and by the time you read this we will be in the midst of our summer activities here at the Community Centre. We have tried to cater for all ages and be as diverse as possible in the sessions we have on offer. If you would like to see what is on and whether there are any places still available contact Orlaith on <a href="mailto:orlaithorsman@gmail.com">orlaithhorsman@gmail.com</a> programme of sessions can also be found on the noticeboards at the Community Centre.

We would like to thank all of our programme facilitators for how forthcoming they have been in wanting to offer so many different sessions to the young people of our community, giving us their time and creativity to add some fun memories to the summer of 2021 in Bishop's Itchington. The aim is for as many children to be able to access low cost activities as possible over the summer break, given how isolated many will have been over the last year as a result of COVID-19. A chance to socialise, play, learn and hang out locally in their community centre. We really look forward to welcoming you all



### Bishops Itchington Football Club (sponsored by the Greaves Club)



This is a guiet time of the year, between the seasons. This is when most of the behind the scenes work goes on. AGMs are held; forms are filled in; players are registered and insurance is arranged. A lot of this is now done on line, which is not my strong point I have to say! But we have to move with the times.

Of course, on the international front it's been a busy month. The country has been following England's exploits in Euro 2020, reaching the final. Unfortunately, after a brilliant start and an early goal, the final ended in a penalty shoot out, a nerve wracking experience at any level. You won't need reminding how it finished!

Hopefully, we can spend some training time practising taking penalties, just in case we need them in the coming season.

During the summer we are hoping that the sponsored bike ride will take place. This is a 21 mile ride round surrounding villages, stopping off at the hostelries as we go. It is open to anyone who would like to take part, or if that doesn't appeal to you, you could sponsor someone who is riding. The money raised is split between Annie's Angels (Macmillan Nurses) and the Pavilion Fund – two very good causes.

### **Bishops Itchington Sports Association**

Well the badminton got going and then the Memorial Hall couldn't be used because lots of work was being done.

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### **Bishops Itchington Memorial Hall**

We are going through exciting times at the Memorial Hall. After several years of fundraising and planning, in the Spring of this year, we finally had sufficient funds to undertake Phase 1 of the refurbishment of the Memorial Hall.

This is the most extensive part of the refurbishment and has, to a large degree, been driven by the fact that both the electrics and the gas central heating were beyond economic repair.

The work has focussed on the main hall of the building. We have new electrics, new heating, insulated walls and roof space as well as redecoration. I have been visiting the Hall regularly and have been truly amazed by the difference the work has made to its appearance. Another very important aspect of the work is the reduction in our carbon footprint. Hard to believe that we had a Hall with no insulation at all until this refurbishment!

In 1921 when the Hall was given to the village and dedicated to the memory of the fallen in the Great War, it was a very modern building. It was a place where the community could come together and support each other after that War.

We are so proud that as a result of the hard work of the Committee (both past and present members) over the last 6 years, together, with some support from the Parish Council, we have been able to complete a huge part of the refurbishment.

The 8<sup>th</sup> of August is the date that we are working towards to show off our Hall.

### **Bishops Itchington Memorial Hall**

The event will start at 2 pm. It will be a simple affair - a bit of a relaxed garden party. Details will be posted on Notice Boards etc., around the village, so do keep a look out.

Please come along. The pandemic has been so hard for so many, with few families left untouched. It will be so good to celebrate the re-dedication and re-opening of our Hall which is after all at the centre of our Village.

Along with all our regular patrons, it would be good to see people who have been connected with the village for a long time as well as people new to the village. I'm sure it would be most heartwarming to see our whole village community coming together, old and new, young and mature alike in celebrating the beginning of the end of the ordeal we've been through this last year and a half.

Carolyn Went Chairwoman Bishops Itchington Memorial Hall Committee



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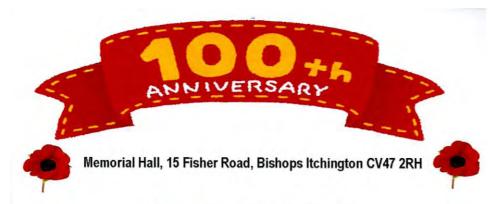
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### Bishops Itchington's War Memorial Hall Magnificent Gift to the Village

Friday last was a memorable day in the history of Bishops Itchington, marked by the opening of a new Memorial Hall – a magnificent and practical gift to the village from the Lakin Family.

The proceedings commenced with a memorial service in the Parish Church at 7 pm which, despite the heavy downpour of rain, was filled to overflowing. During the assembling of the congregation, a number of appropriate voluntaries were played by Mr H Packer, Organist.

The service, which was of a most impressive character, was taken by the Vicar (the Rev. Audrey Irving, M.A.). The service opened with the hymn "For all the Saints", followed by special prayers and collects. The 23<sup>rd</sup> psalm was sung to Boyton Smith's setting in A followed by a Lesson taken from the Book of Wisdom, 3<sup>rd</sup> Chapter, verses 1 to 6, followed by the hymn "Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand".

The address was delivered by the Rev. Harold Gibb of Barford (it is worth recording here a brief note of the somewhat remarkable career of Mr Gibb who served through South African war as a chaplain and served in the same capacity in the European war, later taking a commission in a cavalry regiment with whom he saw much service. It is sad to relate that he is totally blind, having lost his sight in the war). Mr Gibb, during his address, laid special stress upon the example of sacrifice that the Memorial Hall and Tablet stood for, more especially to our children of the present generation and those who would come after us. The service closed with Hymn 274 accompanied by the band.

A procession was then formed up in the following order and marched to the Memorial Hall for the opening and unveiling ceremony:- the band, surplice choir and clergy, the ex-service men of the village, the Bishops Itchington troop of Girl Guides under the command of Capt. Irving and Leut. Noon, followed by the general public. The dedication service at the Hall was conducted by the Vicar, during which hymns nos. 165 and 232 were sung accompanied by the band. Appropriate speeches were delivered by Sir Michael Lakin, Bart. and Brigadier – General Pitman.

Sir Michael spoke in warm terms of the entire absence of strikes and industrial unrest in the district and of the very cordial relations existing between all present and himself and his family and he trusted that the same would continue for all time. He hoped good and full use would be made of the hall and trusted that it would be found to be a practical asset to the village.

### Bishops Itchington's War Memorial Hall Magnificent Gift to the Village

Brigadier General Pitman then made a short speech in which he said he hoped the building would prove of useful service.

Sir Michael Lakin then called upon Brigadier General Pitman (his son-in-law) to unveil the Memorial Tablet. This was followed by the singing of hymn 232 accompanied by the band and the sounding of the Last Post and Reveille brought the proceedings to a close.

The Tablet is fixed on the north-east wall of the front vestibule entrance. Previous to the ceremony, wreaths and flowers were placed at the foot of the Tablet by relatives and friends of the fallen. A large laurel wreath was sent by Messrs. Greaves, Bull and Lakin Ltd. Wreaths were also sent by:- Mr and Mrs Richard Lakin and family (Lighthorne), Mr and Mrs H G Lakin and family (Pipers Hill).

The Tablet, which is of copper bronze, was designed and made by Messrs. H B Sale Ltd, Birmingham and is inscribed as follows:-

"This hall was erected in memory of the men of this village who gave their lives for their country in the Great War, 1914-1918: Pte. John Beesley, Canadian Infantry; Tpr. Wilfred Blackham, 21st Lancers; Corpl. John Coleman, F.F.A.; Pte. Joseph Gubbins; Rifle Brigade; Pte. William Higgerson, R.D.C.; Pte. Alfred Henry Holder, Border Regiment; Second-Lieut. Edward Holland, Scots Guards; Pte. James Humphries, R.M.L.I.; Stoker Reuben Mann, H.M.S. Hawke; Pte. John Morgan, R.W.R.; Gunner Lewis Randell, R.F.A.; Lce.-Corpl Algernon Sheasby, Oxford and Bucks; Pte. John Sheasby, R.W.R.; Sapper Frank Soden, R.E.; Pte. Frank Thacker, West Kents; Drummer Thomas Thacker, R.W.R.; Pte. Ernest Timms, Labour Corp.; Seaman Horace White, H.M.S. Orvieto."

The hall is built of stucco freed cellular concrete blocks, designed and built by Messrs. Wilson, Lovatt & sons Ltd, Wolverhampton and consists of a main hall to seat 260 persons. There are committee and dressing rooms, ladies and gentlemen's cloakrooms, curator's room, kitchen, switch and motor — generator room, boiler house, cinema operating room, ticket office etc. The main hall can be used for cinema, concerts, stage plays, whist drives, dances and social gatherings. The hall can be hired for private parties etc.

A stage has been provided 30 ft. long by 15 ft. deep, with doors leading to dressing rooms. A fully equipped cinematograph has been installed above the front vestibule entrance.

### Bishops Itchington's War Memorial Hall Magnificent Gift to the Village

On this floor are situated operating room, re-winding room and cinema stores. The projector is one of the well-known Moon's Crown Reflex type. The motor generator is installed outside the main building to eliminate all vibration and sound when running, so often apparent even in good class cinemas.

The hall is lighted by three handsome copper bronze electroliers and wall brackets to match; the usual theatre "dim lights" and cinema illuminated "exit" signs are fitted. Current is take from Harbury Works Electricity Station by overhead transmission lines and underground cables. The electrical installation and cinema equipment was designed by Mr W R Taylor, electrical engineer at Harbury Works, and carried out by the works' electrical staff. The hall is fitted with panic doors and can be emptied in a few seconds. Fire risks are practically *nil*. A well-known cinema expert, during a recent visit, pronounced it to be one of the safest he had ever seen. His opinion has been endorsed by one of the leading fire office inspectors.

The building is heated on the central low pressure hot-water system, designed and erected by Messrs. Manley and Regulas Ltd, Wolverhampton.

A management committee has been formed as under:

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lay flowers or say a silent prayer.

This date may change owing to COVID-19 restriction

### PETTICOAT RULE FACES VILLAGE (Sunday Mercury 24th April 1949)



Bishops Itchington, Warwickshire's picture postcard village, is faced with petticoat government. Seven determined village housewives, dissatisfied with the handling of parochial affairs by their menfolk, are out to capture the council lock, stock and barrel at next month's parish council elections. And the village Hampdens who treated them as a joke a few days ago have had their morale shattered so badly that only two of them are offering resistance.

Whatever happens, the housewives must win 5 of the 7 seats and the men of the village fear they will take the lot.

Leading the fight is Mrs E Chapple-Higham, president of the Women's Institute in Bishops Itchington.

### "Too Much Apathy"

"Women see matters in a different light from men", she told me last night. We have the feeling that we can do the job better and we are ready to prove it. There is too much apathy among the menfolk. We have to bear the brunt of village conditions. We want the chance to build the type of village we want."

Further down the village street, I found Mrs R Jenkins preparing a meal.

### PETTICOAT RULE FACES VILLAGE (Sunday Mercury 24th April 1949)

To her husband's bantering murmur of "nosy parkers", she retorted: "We haven't been nosy enough in the past. Now we are out to end all that."

#### 101 Things

Another candidate, Mrs G Higginbottom, local secretary of the Women's Institute, told me: "We want a hundred and one things in the village. We need a policeman, better footpaths, proper sanitation and so on and it seems to me that the men will never get them for us. I'm a widow and I'm used to fighting for what I want."

I found Mrs H Payne carrying water into the house from a tap in the garden. She opened the door of the kitchen: "You see we have a sink but nobody can be bothered to pipe water from the garden to the kitchen. That's only one of the little things we women put up with. We are out to end all that."

I met with the same spirit from Mrs S Smith, Mrs J Robbins and Mrs F Morgan. Mrs Robbins told me: "It looks as if the men haven't the nerve to fight us. We hoped they would accept the challenge. As it is, it looks like it being a walk-over."

#### "We Asked For It"

Even Mr F Marlow, who has sat on the parish council for something like 20 years, had to agree with that. "We men should have made a better show on nomination day," he sighed, "It'll be a bad day if the women wear the trousers."

The only other male representative to face the women at the polls is retiring councillor Mr N Hunt. "I tried hard to persuade some of the men to put up for the council, but it was no use," he told me. "If we get petticoat government, then we asked for it."

But two males of Bishops Itchington had no misgivings about feminine rule. Commented the vicar, the Rev. C E Webb: "It cannot be denied that the men of the village are inclined to be apathetic. Our ladies are most progressive and such sensible folk." The clerk of the council, Mr H W Morgan, told me: "I'm impartial in this matter, but I must confess I suggested to the womenfolk some time ago that they should take an active interest in parish council affairs the result has exceeded all my expectations."

There would have been a third male entering the lists, but for the nomination of Mr J Major being received too late.

### CONGRATULATIONS, THANKS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

If you would like to include a birthday message, to congratulate anyone for their achievement or to thank someone, we will be more than happy to include it in the magazine.



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### Bishop's Itchington | Parish Council

### **Parish Council Meetings:**

The next meeting of the parish council will be held on **Monday 6 September 2021** at 7.30pm at The Community Centre.

#### **Councillor Vacancies:**

Councillor Sharon Bougoussa has decided to stand down as a parish councillor. We would like to thank Sharon for all the hard work that she has undertaken on behalf of the village. The vacancy that her resignation has caused will be advertised in due course.

This means that, in total, we will have three vacancies for parish councillors.

- Anyone can become a parish councillor if you are aged 18 or over and are
  a British, or Commonwealth Citizen or Euronational Citizen. You will also
  need to be a registered local government elector for the area, or have
  been resident in the parish or within 4.8kms of the boundary for 12
  months, or have worked in the village for at least 12 months,
- Councillors represent the local community, deliver services within the powers of the parish council to meet very local needs and work to improve the quality of life for residents of the parish.
- Activities include responding to planning applications, provision of facilities e.g. play equipment, providing grants to community groups etc.
- Councillors are expected to attend regular parish council meetings (usually second Monday of the month, with the exception of August), extra ordinary meetings of the council as and when required and the Annual Parish meeting.

If you are interested in applying, please contact the parish clerk (see below).

### Playground:

The swings have now been repaired and are back in situ. Thank you to Councillor Thomas and Jools Kirton for their help in repairing these.

### **New Pavilion Project:**

Planning consent has now been received for a new pavilion to replace the current 'concrete bunker'. The parish council is progressing the project and is currently drawing up tender documents and it is expected that the work will start in the spring of next year (weather permitting).

## Bishop's Itchington | Parish Council

### Cemetery:

Unfortunately, the replacement of the leaking galvanised steel tank is taking longer than expected. As a result, there is currently no water available and therefore, until the new tank is installed, please take some water with you from home if you require it for floral tributes.

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.

#### **Blue Pool:**

We would like to remind residents that swimming in the Blue Pool is prohibited. We know how tempting it is in hot weather to want to cool off with a swim but please remember that it is very dangerous — very cold, extremely deep water and unknown hazards underneath the surface.

#### Call a Councillor

If you have an issue you want to raise about local services, planning matters or anything else which impacts on this village, please pick up the phone and speak to one of your friendly parish councillors.

Cllr Adam Dugmore, chairman	614690
Cllr Judith Christian - Carter, vice-chair	614767
Cllr John Gates	613902
Cllr Chris Kettle (also our district and county councillor)	614395
Cllr Michael Mann	612346
Cllr Norman Thomas	07484 673 331
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#### **Parish Council Office**

Karen Stevens, Parish Clerk

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Well, after all that name dropping in last month's report I'll try to keep this report at a more modest level. So that'll be just us then. But having said that I can't help mentioning those ladies of our village who, in 1949, made national news by getting elected on to the Parish Council and becoming the first in the country to have a female majority. But more importantly they made a good job of it. Twenty of us went to the Warwick Arts Centre to see the new play "Petticoat Council" and I know that many more attended when it came to the village a few days later.

And just before I get to the "modest" level I note, with dismay, that the Adelaide Hunter Hoodless Homestead (not easy to say!) in Canada is being sold. Adelaide Hoodless was the founder of the WI – yes, it started in Canada – but unfortunately her legacy doesn't seem to have been valued there. When our member Christina visited the homestead a few years ago it was already looking shabby and forgotten.

And now for something more positive. Our Coffee Morning, held in the third week of June in the Playing Field, was well attended. Just under 30 of us (Phew, just within the regulations then) arrived with our chairs and coffee, and handbags as requested, and thanks to the beautiful weather, had a lovely time catching up and playing games (socially distanced of course). Sheila B from Mollington won the handbag game. What she doesn't carry in her bag isn't worth knowing about. I'm sure that she'd have the right equipment for any emergency e.g. mending a puncture and doing a bit of brain surgery on the side. Must weigh a ton though.



On a very rainy day we held our Annual Garden Party. Fortunately the evening, although overcast, stayed dry till near the end. We'd put up an emergency large gazebo just in case – and no, that wasn't from Sheila's handbag – but in the event we just served the wine from there. We all arrived bearing our chairs, and this time because of Covid, glasses and crockery for the sandwiches and strawberries and cream. Held in Barbara Cox's garden, as usual swimming and croquet were available, as were also welly-wanging and egg-and-spoon racing. For some reason no-one felt energetic. One game of croquet was played, we reserved the wellies for wearing as rain was threatening, and no-one could be bothered to race. Well, it could have been a Health & Safety issue as the grass was wet. I think we all used that as an excuse. Pam's household is now gamely devouring the hard-boiled eggs. And, for the first time in living memory, no-one went for a swim. How our synchronised swimming team think they'll be ready for the Olympics I'll never know. Not even in the individual event! Most enjoyable evening though. Thanks for your hospitality Barbara.

### For your diary

Mon 2 Aug Federation trip to Windsor

Weds 4 " Our own walking Treasure Hunt round the village (make sure you've entered your name for staggered start time)

**N.B.** The talk and lunch with Rev. Richard Coles in Dunchurch has now been re-scheduled (again) and is now on **Tues 5 October**.



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### Friends of the Yellow Land & BING

As the summer flowers reach their peak, the summer butterflies have their time — meadow browns, ringlets, gatekeepers and marbled whites. Also there are lots of damselfies and dragonflies winging their way through the sunshine.

A strange sight was reported further over on the nature reserve – hundreds of tiny froglets hopping their way, who knows where?

During the summer holidays there will be three family events on the Yellow Land. These are part of the activities being organised by the Community Centre and will include minibeast hunting, grasshoppers and crickets, renovating the bug hotel and butterflies.



### A WALK AROUND THE CEMETERY: Reverend George Adney Irving

As you walk past the Chapel, you will come to a large tree on your lefthand side, walk across and you will find the memorial for Reverend George Adney Irving and his wife Annie Maria (nee Aston).

George was born in 1854 at Brynmawr Brecknockshire. His parents were Robert (born 1829 in Scotland), he was a draper and tea dealer and Mary Ann (born 1829 in Dowlais Glamorgan). Robert's siblings were Robert Hugh (born 1857), he was a school master and Martin Luther (born 1859), and he also took Holy Orders and was a missionary in what is now South Africa. Both were born in Brynmawr.

George left home aged 17, to become a boarder with Llewelyn Davis and his family in Brecknock. By the time he was 27, he had become a boarder with Elias Edwards's family. Elias was a local Baptist, tailor and draper, at this time George was a student at Oxford University. George was a non-collegiate student at the Oxford University gaining a Bachelor of Art (BA) in 1884 and Master of Art (MA) in 1887. In June 1885, Lord Bishop of St Asaph, Joshua Hughes, an Anglican diocese in Wales, ordained George Adney Irving to the curacy of St Deiniol Worthenbury in Wales.

On 15<sup>th</sup> September 1885 he married Annie Maria Aston (nee Havard) in Bedford. Annie had first married Joseph Aston, but lost her husband. Once he had taken Holy Orders he moved around the country, first he ministered in Wales. By 1887, he was Reverend of St Andrews Church in Newcastle. It was while living in Newcastle their only child, Gladys Annie Maria, was born in 1887. From 1896 to 1910 George was working in the Diocese of Worcester, at All Saints and was Chaplain of H.M. Prisons.

In January 1911, George had arrived in Bishops Itchington, the Archdeacon of Coventry, Dr Arbuthnot, conducted the service. The family soon settled into the Vicarage, becoming part of village life, George helped run rummage sales to help fund Churchwardens expenses, he also helped at St John Ambulance Association, he was chairman of the Parish Room Committee. Gladys, his daughter belonged to The Girls Friendly Society, which both her parents were involved with often inviting them for tea in the vicarage. George became County Council school manager.

### A WALK AROUND THE CEMETERY: Reverend George Adney Irving

One of his special days were Empire Day, George would plan the day with the churchwardens and head of school, the children were given lessons on the Empire in the morning and patriotic songs were sung, in the afternoon sports were held following a tea in the school rooms. The brass band paraded around the village, many of the houses had home-made flags hung from windows.

The sinking of HMS Titanic in the night of 14<sup>th</sup> /15<sup>th</sup> April 1912 bought sadness to all, as soon as the news was released George arranged a memorial Church service, those who could get to Church did, for this sad and solemn occasion, it was an impressive service ending with all singing 'Nearer my God to thee'.

Rev Irving saw his Parish through the Great War, giving comfort to the wives and parents of loved ones passed, fighting for our King and Country. Annie Maria Irving died of a seizure on 5<sup>th</sup> November 1913 she is buried in the Cemetery. George Adney Irving died after a long illness, often not being able to lead the service in Church, the Churchwardens called upon Rev. C Coe from Ladbroke and Rev. P W Daimpre of Harbury to help with Sunday services and for baptism, weddings, or funerals. On 30<sup>th</sup> March 1929, George Adney Irving was laid to rest beside his wife. The Bishop of Coventry, Dr Lisle Carr conducted a full choral service.

After George passed away the memorial stone was erected, on the top of the stone is the inscription

# The beloved vicar of this Parish 19 years died 26/3/1929 'The triumph over death' 'The Resurrection RIP.

Annie's name was engraved on the below memorial stone. Annie Maria Irving, wife of the above who entered rest 5/11/1913 died age 63 buried 8/11/1913. Below her name followed: On these souls sweet Jesus have Mercy. Eternal rest grant unto her and light perpetual shine upon her.

In 1929 Reverend John Dobbyn came to the village. George's daughter Gladys stayed on for a couple of years then bought The Rookery, Priors Marston. She became a poultry farmer passing away in 1966. Most of the family are living in Wales.

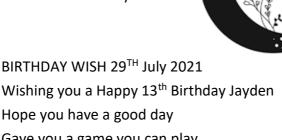
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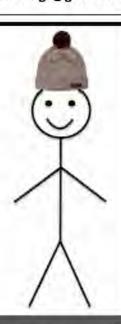
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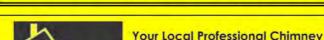
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