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Firstly, we would like to wish everyone the very best New Year they can have. As I type this (January 20<sup>th</sup>) Boris has announced the lifting of most restrictions, so here's hoping that in 2022, we can all move on, steadily and safely.

The biggest sign that things are moving on in the Scene is the reinstatement of the diary pages. There are now enough activities and events happening to fill a couple of pages, including church services, the Darby and Joan club (hopefully, the Senior Residents Coffee Morning and Bingo sessions will return in March), the Crafty Cuppa, badminton etc, etc. And talking of the Crafty Cuppa, well done for raising a magnificent sum of money during their November meeting.

William Charles Taylor is the subject of this month's Walk around the Cemetery, interesting to read that if you were a middle class patient you could be admitted to the Leamington Spa Home for Incurables unless you were suffering from insanity, idiocy, imbecility or cancer – in which case, you were whisked off to Hatton Asylum!

We would like to thank to our deliverers and advertisers for their help and support over last year and, also a big thank you to Wendy Buckley for all the wonderful work she has done as PAO for the Royal British Legion.

# Please send Stella Angliss items for the March Scene by February SCENE EDITING COMMITTEE

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Ann Murphy (ring Stella Angliss if there is a problem)

#### **FEBRUARY DIARY 2022**

Wed	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Women's Institute meeting – 7.30 pm Memorial Hall Badminton 7.00 -8.00 pm and 8.00 pm – 9.00 pm (later session for experienced players) Memorial Hall
Sat	5 <sup>th</sup>	SCENE CLOSING DATE FOR ARTICLES
Sun	6 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am Church service - St. Michael's Church
Tues	8 <sup>th</sup>	Darby & Joan Club – 2.15 – 4.15 pm Memorial Hall Ladies badminton 10 am – 11 am Memorial Hall
Wed	9 <sup>th</sup>	Badminton 7.00 -8.00 pm and 8.00 pm – 9.00 pm (later session for experienced players) Memorial Hall
Sun	13 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am Church service – St. Michael's Church 10.30 am Church service
Mon	14 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council meeting – 7.30 pm Community Centre
Tues	15 <sup>th</sup>	Ladies badminton 10 am – 11 am Memorial Hall

#### **FEBRUARY DIARY 2022**

Wed	16 <sup>th</sup>	NO Senior Residents Bingo Badminton 7.00 -8.00 pm and 8.00 pm – 9.00 pm (later session for experienced players) Memorial Hall
Thurs	17 <sup>th</sup>	No Senior Residents Coffee Morning
Sun	20 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am Church service – St. Michael's Church
Tues	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Darby & Joan Club – 2.15 – 4.15 pm Memorial Hall Ladies badminton 10 am – 11 am Memorial Hall
Wed	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Badminton 7.00 -8.00 pm and 8.00 pm – 9.00 pm (later session for experienced players) Memorial Hall
Fri	25 <sup>th</sup>	Crafty Cuppa Coffee morning 10am—12 noon Memorial Hall Scene pick up date for deliverers Greaves Club
Sun	27 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am Church service – St. Michael's Church

If other organisations would like their dates adding to the diary, please contact Stella (613594) or Phyl (612827) and let us know

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

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#### **IMPORTANT NOTICES**

#### **DARBY & JOAN**





We are hoping to start Darby & Joan again in February and the dates will be Tuesday  $8^{th}$  &  $22^{nd}$  and then, hopefully, every 2 weeks as before.

(Beryl Cleaver)

#### SENIOR RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION



Unfortunately, we will not be having Bingo or Coffee Mornings until March, hopefully.

(Ann Murphy)

#### ST MICHAEL'S NEWS



It always feels a bit belated wishing everyone a happy new year in February, but I am sure everyone hopes that the dangers, disruptions, and heartache caused by the pandemic are beginning to ease ...

It is still hard to plan things, shown by various meetings and events being postponed in January. With such uncertainty, many continue to hunker down and wait for better weather and better news.

But things are happening at St Michael's ... all surrounded by risk assessments and safety steps.

Our monthly breakfast church got underway again on Jan 9th with a wonderfully acted story of the wise men's visit, and a powerful illustration of God's love growing as it's shared out .. well done team! This is specially for young families every first Sunday, though of course everyone is welcome .

There is now a service every Sunday at 10.30, still mixing "live" with video material, still safe seating and with face coverings, for the time being. We have tried to make sure that there is a safe place for everyone who wants to come, and for those who still feel uncertain, the services continue to be online.

Amid all this uncertainty and anxiety that's still with us, let's continue to keep each other safe, and to support the health and care workers who have carried so much over these last two years, not least the lives of those in their care. Let's do all we can to make their work easier, and keep them in your prayers.

Rev Martin Green

# THE CRAFTY CUPPA

Happy New Year Crafty Cuppa People.

At least I hope it is one. This report has to be written so early but at the moment the world doesn't look too bad. Face masks and distancing being adhered to. So I sincerely hope Boris doesn't lock us down again for Christmas. Keeping praying.

Anyway back to some very good news, November Christmas Crafty Cuppa. We took a staggering £377.00 which included two £20.00 anonymous donations plus £60.00 donation from the surgery (patients paying for their prescriptions and leaving the change to be donated) many thanks to you all. So again everyone pat yourselves on the backs, generosity is not dead.

Father Christmas came to see us and did an amazing job of cheering us up even if he couldn't find a bell to announce his coming. Just seeing him boosted my well-being. I hope he cheered you all up as well. Thank you Earnest (you had to read last month's Scene to understand Earnest) don't work too hard in the coming weeks. Whilst I am thanking everyone there is another anonymous donor I must include, that is the person who won the tea for two in Annie's Angels raffle and gave it to our raffle provided I left their name incognito. Well whoever you are, your heart is Big and we send you our very Big thank you.

Crafty Cuppa was well provided for and your happy faces were a joy to behold. We had one or two new stalls together with some of our usual ones and despite not being able to get around easily I still managed to spend over £40.00, so if you did the same the stall holders would be well pleased.

# THE CRAFTY CUPPA

You know I keep saying the same thing over and over again each month, you must be fed up with me but we are truly amazed at you all that keep on coming to support us. We have decided to postpone giving our annual cheque to Air Ambulance until later in the new year as Covid knocked our total for six, so these booster months will help us enormously to get to our usual target. We hope you all approve and we will let you know when we will be presenting the cheque again (barring another lockdown) come on Boris stop partying and do some prime ministering to keep us safe.

Just a short note to keep in touch with you as the Scene is picked up on the same day as our coffee mornings (Boris ruling of course). I thought I would remind you that we shall be meeting on the last Friday of February (25th) again Boris rulings.

Don't forget your masks and remember there is hand sanitiser put out for your use at the door and we have already disinfected tables and chairs (where possible).

Hopefully we will get into the routine of reporting Crafty Cuppa Coffee Groups that have taken place and of course reminders of what is up and coming (if you get what I mean) I am waffling on again about nothing so I will close. I bet you are saying thank goodness for that.

Take care and stay safe. God Bless.



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#### **Bishops Itchington Football Club**

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#### **Results**

Heathcote 1 BI Sunday 4

(A.Miles, L.Evans, C.Watkin, OG)

We have not had many games recently over the Christmas and New Year period. The above game was in the Cancer Cup, first round. Unfortunately, we have been struggling all season to fulfil our first team fixtures and have had to cancel several matches. In the new year, after much discussion, we took the sad decision to withdraw the first team from the Banbury League for the rest of this season. The Reserves will continue in their division.

We were able to run the Snowman Draw this year, which was very well supported. A list of prize winners is below. Thanks to all those who bought squares or donated prizes.

#### Bishops Itchington Football Club Snowman Draw winners 2021

24 Paul Stevens

256 John Jones

274 Jordan Milne

47 Graham Reeves

259 Ed Kostiuk

160 Dean Wheeler

176 Kay Robinson

276 John Cox

241 Pam Cooper

59 Lola

61 Jamie McLaren

245 Lou Morgan

92 Travis

140 Travis

260 Lou Morgan

297 Mark R

22 Maggie



£50 cash

Turkey voucher

Voucher

Champagne

Bird table

Tyson Fury glove

Pinot Grigio

Rose

Prosceco

Sauvignon

Jack Daniels

Sauvignon

Shortbread

Peaky Blinders set

Chardonnav

Aero selection box

Pinot Grigio

## Bishops Itchington Football Club Snowman Draw winners 2021

	Kev Cox	Mulled wine
	Josh B	Red wine
119	Dean Clamp	Shiraz
247	' Trigger	Jaffa cakes
57	Willie	Ferraro
41	Deano	Spices rack
314	Skip	Shortbread
144	John Sheasby	Toiletries
107	John Mallinson	Reisling
115	Linda Worrall	Riocca
126	Steve Hobday	Chardonnay
254	Sarah Mortimer	Large Babycham
234	Ed Kostiuk	Large Babycham
168	3 John Sheasby	Heroes
68	Steve Cooper	Panetonne
255	NJJT	Malbec
225	Hollie Molloy	Lindt chocs
120	A. Habel	Dove toiletries
252	Tom Kostiuk	Jaeger Maesto
230	Terry Sheasby	Picture frames
267	' Tosh	Yankee candle
125	Skip	Toiletries
248	3 Trigger	Rugby shirt
240	Kev Cox	Roses chocs
291	. Tom Kostiuk	Heroes
156	Trigger	White wine
30	Jack Mallinson	Prosecco
303	Malc Rawlings	Scented candle
243	Kay Robinson	Choc fingers
118	B Josh Bailey	Riocca
130	) Travis	Lindt chocs
186	6 Bailey	Lynx
205	Travis	Celebrations
139	)	Slab of chocolate
117	Paul Stevens	After 8s
97	Dick Roberts	Signed Ed Sheeran picture



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# Bishop's Itchington | Parish Council

#### **Parish Council Meetings:**

The next meeting of the parish council will be held on **Monday 14 February 2022** at 7.30pm at The Community Centre.

#### Playground/Pavilion:

As mentioned in last month's Scene, the parish council is working towards providing an exciting new Recreational Community Facility for the village. An invitation to find out more about the project will be coming through your letterbox soon.

#### **Councillor Vacancies:**

If you would like to make a difference in your local community then maybe, becoming a parish councillor is for you. The parish council currently has three



vacancies for parish councillors and is looking for local people to join the team. If you are interested, please contact the Clerk for further details.

#### **Responsible Dog Owners:**

We have received a number of complaints regarding dog mess in the Village particularly along the passageway between Lakin Drive and Chapel Street and on the pavement by the hairdressers. We realise that the vast majority of dog owners act responsibly and clean up after their dogs and dispose of the dog mess appropriately. We are therefore reminding all dog owners within the village to act responsibly and clean up after their dogs. It is not a pleasant sight to see piles of dog mess littering the pavements and it is worse when you end up scrapping dog mess off your or your children's shoes.

# Bishop's Itchington | Parish Council

#### **Tennis Courts:**

We are currently in the process of arranging for the tennis courts surface to be cleaned to remove the algae. Once this is completed, we will be fitting new tennis posts and nets to both courts.

#### 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.

#### 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
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#### **Parish Council Office**

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It was our turn to host the Group Carol Service. Fortunately Barbara Pink had a service already prepared that she hadn't been able to use previously.

So mid-December saw us assembling in St Michael's Church along with members from the other WIs in our group, i.e. Kineton and Fenny Compton. Luckily, under the current circumstances, there was a reasonable turn-out. We kept our face-coverings on throughout apart from the two members of each WI who removed them in order to deliver the readings. It seemed strange singing whilst wearing masks but it worked fine. Unfortunately we couldn't consume the refreshments there so they were distributed to take home. Thanks must go to Barbara for organising the service and to Louise Green (non-member) for operating the technical console and also to Christine Sheen (former member) for providing the music.

Our Christmas Party went ahead as planned. At first it seemed strange as it was, this time, a members only event in order to limit the numbers as a precaution, but we soon forgot about that and the atmosphere was good as always. The food was good of course and the entertainment, which wasn't themed this time and was guite random, reached new heights of mediocrity. But who cares? It was fun. Jackie Allington has obviously been hiding her light under whatever it is that you hide your light under these days (do we still use bushels?) as her performance in The Statue sketch deserved an Oscar. Her mimed sense of outrage was palpable. Move over Maggie Smith. And Madam Mesmerelda, aka Jan Heritage, was entertaining as always. Because numbers were lower this time it was a more relaxed affair and, added bonus, we got home before midnight, many members struggling under the weight of the hampers they'd won in the raffle. (Note to self: always ensure I've got transport laid on if buying raffle tickets at our Christmas Party).



January's meeting had, as usual, no speaker. This is partly because we never know if the weather will prevent them travelling – well that has happened in the days before we knew about global warming – but mostly because members just want to socialise and have a catch-up after Christmas.

Our new President, Val Bryant, welcomed us to the meeting. During the brief business we were reminded to bring our Resolution voting slips to the February meeting (details in Nov/Dec 2021 WI Life) or tell Jane your choice.

Whilst socialising and catching-up, we played table games with a silent auction running in the background, just to prove that we can multi-task. Refreshments were served as usual. The enjoyment of these went some way to alleviate the pain of having to pay our treasurer for the items we'd bought in the auction.

Brace yourselves; Barbara P has another village project and is vigorously recruiting. I'll say no more, apart from the fact that as she couldn't attend our January meeting all will be revealed in our next meeting. If you would like to volunteer before having your arm twisted please contact her.

For your diary

Weds 2 Feb - Meeting, Memorial Hall, 7.30pm. Talk "Weeds or Wildflowers?"

Sat 5 " - Craft Group, 2 – 4.30pm

Thurs 17 " - " " " "

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#### **Bishops Itchington Sports Association**



You may have seen posters around the village and on social media about the badminton sessions on Wednesday evenings and a group for ladies on Tuesday mornings. We had a really good response and have now filled all the sessions. We will have a waiting list for people who are interested.

We have also set up an email address so that anyone can contact us about anything to do with BISA. This is the address – <a href="mailto:talktobisa@gmail.com">talktobisa@gmail.com</a>

# Friends of the Yellow Land & BING

Work continues on the Yellow Land to clear the open grassy, flowery areas, cutting back the woody regrowth. Look out for the first flowers of the year during this month – violets and coltsfoot.

We have received enquiries from two potential new members for the group and we look forward to them joining us when they can.

We'd also like to welcome a new Duke of Edinburgh student, who is joining us to complete their community volunteer section of the award.



#### **ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL**

Many thanks to all who gave to last year's Poppy Appeal. The amount raised for the village was £1124.19p

This amount includes the donations I received for the 100 year Poppy Pins. I do have some 100 year pins in stock, if anyone wishes to receive one, a donation of £4.00 is asked for.

Please phone 613769 to inquire, Wendy Buckley PAO Royal British Legion



#### A WALK AROUND THE CEMETERY: WILLIAM CHARLES TAYLOR

On entering the Cemetery, walk past the Chapel and go to the potting shed, turn to your left at the last row of the old part of Cemetery. The tenth grave from path is the last resting place of William Charles Taylor.

William was born in the village on 17<sup>th</sup> May 1881. His parents were Arthur William (1855-1910) and Charlotte nee Duckett (1858-1926). William's sibling were Sarah Ann Duckett Taylor (1878-1954) Gertrude Fanny (1882-1937) Minnie Elizabeth (1886-1943), Frederick Arthur (1888), Ellen Louisa (1890-1926), Thomas Edwin (1891-1901), Horace John (1894-1968.) Edith May (1897-1935) and Constance Clare (1898-1950). All were born in Bishops Itchington. The family stayed in the village, even after the children had left home. William's parents stayed in the village, William's father Arthur William passed away in 1910. He was laid to rest a few feet from William (who died in 1906). Charlotte, William's mother died in 1926, she is also buried in the cemetery. During the marriage of Arthur and Charlotte, they lost three young children who are also resting in the village Cemetery. In today's life, parents and sometimes their children are laying together but in the early 1900s money was short and not many families could afford to buy twin graves. Sons and daughters would think about putting food on the table for their children, not buying a plot next to their parents.

William was living at 34 Bottrill Street Nuneaton working as a groom. He must have seen the streets army recruitments asking for men to join up and fight the Boers and he decided he would like to join the Warwickshire Regiment. William was just 18 years old when he signed up at Nuneaton. Before he could join the Warwickshire Regiment, he had to pass a medical (which he did) and then he was sent to Birmingham for training. William enlisted in the 6<sup>th</sup> Regiment, which was a front-line infantry Regiment of the Army. He saw service in the second Boer War in May 1899.

#### A WALK AROUND THE CEMETERY: WILLIAM CHARLES TAYLOR

William was given service number 7115, on his army records it says he was of fresh complexion with grey eyes and brown hair, 5ft.8ins and Church of England. William served in the Boer War and purchased his discharge on 9<sup>th</sup> December 1901. He came home with a South Africa medal with clasps and £13.1s.2p in his pocket.

William married Annie Louise Goodwin in July 1901, they had three children Rose Madge (1902-1966) born Leamington Priors, William Henry A (1904-1974) born Leamington and Harold Goodwin (1905-1992) born Warwick. After William and Annie were married, he became an Insurance Agent. By the time Harold was born, William was not a well man and was admitted to the Leamington Spa Home for Incurables in Tachbrook Road. Patients were admitted either by paying a weekly sum or by nomination by three governors for those who could pay by subscription. The home was intended for the middle-class patients in reduced circumstances. Insanity, idiocy, imbecility, epilepsy and cancer were ineligible for admission. Most of these patients were admitted to Hatton Asylum. These poor patients suffered for being ill, the latter two illnesses were eligible for entry to the home, for people over 65 years of age. William remained until he passed away on 8th May 1906.

Annie was left looking after three small children. With no government help, she would find it hard to feed the children and herself. Within a year of her husband passing, Annie married again to John Lines from Long Itchington. After their marriage, the family moved to live at The Butts, Napton-on-the-Hill. Two boys were born, John in 1908 at Long Itchington and David in 1909 when living at Napton. The family moved in the 1930s to live at 13 Church Street Leamington. John was working at the Post Office, Annie stayed at home. Both lived a long life and are buried in Warwick. Many of William's family still live around the South Warwickshire villages, plus many who have been laid to rest in our village Cemetery.



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