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# NOVEMBER ISSUE 438

After 23 years, we all have fond memories of Roy, Mandy, Bev and Alan at BI News and we wish them all a very happy retirement. Welcome to Sabrina and Orlaith – good wishes for your new venture at The Village Store (please note new name).

I can't believe I am writing this but Christmas looms large in this issue – Ruby is running an event in the Community Centre for 4-11 so be sure to book, there is also a Christmas wreath making workshop. The school's Christmas Fayre is on the 4<sup>th</sup> December and, if you want to see Santa, please book. Also BIFC are planning on holding the Snowball Draw this year, so keep an eye out for further details coming soon.

It is great to be able to put the regular Crafty Cuppa advert in and this November they are hosting a pop up poppy stall. Poppies etc. will also be on sale in the Community Centre on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of this month.

The speaker at the WI meeting brought back memories of Magnus Pyke, the hair, moustache, glasses and windmilling arms (no, not her appearance but in her enthusiasm and love of her profession) – blacksmith, glassblower, what will the wonderful speaker turn her hand to next.

Finally, we were saddened to hear of the death of Derek Key, a well-known and loved member of the Bishops Itchington community for many years.

**Please send Stella Angliss items for the December Scene by November 5<sup>th</sup>**

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## REGULAR MEETINGS

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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
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	Community Centre	Thursday 7 pm - 8.30 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

NOVEMBER 2021

REFUSE COLLECTION (Grey Bin)

WEDNESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>

RECYCLING (Blue & Green Bins)

WEDNESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>



NOVEMBER 2021

POP UP POST OFFICE 1.30 PM – 4.00 PM COMMUNITY CENTRE

MONDAY 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>

WEDNESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>



NOVEMBER 2021

MOBILE LIBRARY – STARBOLD ROAD 14.10 pm – 14.35 pm

THURSDAY 11<sup>th</sup>



NOVEMBER 2021

BLUE BUTTERFLY CAFÉ (TERM TIME) 9 AM – 1 PM COMMUNITY CENTRE

MONDAY 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>


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# THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

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## **Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal**

Poppies will be in all outlets within the village by 28<sup>th</sup> October plus having a pop-up shop on 29<sup>th</sup> October at 9am until noon  
We will be also at community hall on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> 1.30pm to 4.00pm, the same time as post office is open

This will be my final year of being poppy appeal volunteer for the village  
If you or you know of someone who is willing to take over from me, please phone Malcolm (07458126857) for a friendly chat.

You get so much enjoyment from the job.

You do not have to belong to the Royal British Legion to become a poppy appeal volunteer.



## ST MICHAEL'S NEWS



### Remembrance 2021

This year is the centenary of the Royal British Legion – and we are delighted to continue to support them, especially given their support locally through Galanos House.

This year, our Remembrance time will be affected for another year by the current situation. We are only able to have a limited number in church, with seats distanced, and people still encouraged to wear a face covering for their and others' safety. The infection rate locally is high and having a significant effect on our schools (both staff and pupils) and we need to make sure that whatever we do is as safe as we can.

The suggestion is therefore that we have a display in the church porch as we did last year, and that we hold a short remembrance service outside in the churchyard so that those who wish to can parade and wreaths laid as usual. We will endeavour to have some external PA so that people can hear.

We plan to start this at **10.45am**

There will also be something online as we did last year for those who wish to either remember at home or use on the 11<sup>th</sup> itself. The link details will be circulated early that week via our church website and village Facebook pages – so do feel free to share the links widely so that all have a chance to share in this act of remembrance.

### Living with Loss

We have also had a **Living with Loss** service in the past on Remembrance Day evening and I am planning to do that this year, opening the church at 6.00pm until 7.30pm. There will be a short act of worship at the start to which you are very welcome, but this is really a peaceful space for us to light a candle and sit a while, for as little or as long as we like.

Many of us have faced loss in all kinds of ways – not simply the loss of a loved one. This quiet space allows us to bring those different senses and experiences of loss and know that we aren't alone.

Rev Martin Green

## **@Bishop's Itchington Community Centre**

The Pop-Up Post Office is open on Mondays and Wednesdays, times as advertised on the door notice.

### **HIRING THE COMMUNITY CENTRE OCT – DEC 2021**

Bookings are now being taken for hire of the Centre over the Christmas period, to avoid disappointment please contact Colin White on 07769 327466 to secure your dates.

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### **CHRISTMAS 2021 Events**

Ruby will be running her Christmas Bonanza Activity Day on Tuesday the 21st of December 2021.

There are up to 20 places available for activities across the full day from 9am - 4.30pm at a cost of £20 for ages 4-11 years.

Youth club will then run from 4-6pm at a cost of £5 for 10 plus years.

There will be a tuck shop and youth café.

### **2022 Events:**

Following the success of the Summer Activities, Ruby is offering the following sessions in 2022:

Easter - Monday 11th, Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th, Thursday 14th April 9.30-4pm for ages 4-11 £20 per day. Youth club on Tuesday the 12th of April from 4-6 £5

Summer Holidays - Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays. Youth Club on Tuesdays 4-6 (On the same basis as detailed above). Summer Club will not be running on week commencing the 15th August but other activities will be on offer.

All bookings will need to be made in advance please by using the booking link below.

Here is the booking link for the Christmas Club and Youth Club - <https://bounce-and-beat.class4kids.co.uk/>

*Please ensure when booking you choose the correct venue as there are other clubs on Ruby's booking system.*

### **CHRISTMAS WREATH-MAKING WORKSHOP**

Saturday 4 December 2021 from 5pm – 9pm. Contact Claire 07817 308848

# THE CRAFTY CUPPA

## MONTHLY VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING

**on FRIDAY 26<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**

in the Memorial Hall, Bishops Itchington

10.00 am – 12.00 noon

STALLS (Cakes, Bric-a-Brac, Toys, Charity Stalls etc.)

Come and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee (which includes the price of a raffle ticket), a chat with friends, the chance to buy home made goods, crafts etc., and help a charity or village organisation at the same time.

### **2021 CHARITY – AIR AMBULANCE**

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**Bishops Itchington  
Primary School**

# **Christmas Fayre**

**Saturday 4th December**

**12noon - 2pm**

Entry £1 per adult

**Café serving:**

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We have decided to proceed cautiously with this years fayre and as a result we are unable to host external stalls this year.



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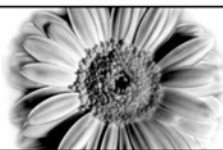
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## Parish Council Meetings:

The next meeting of the parish council will be held on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021** at 7.30pm at The Community Centre.

## 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. To enable you to find out what would be involved, you are invited to a 'Meet your Local Councillors' event. The event will be held on **Monday 22 November 2021** at 7.30pm at The Community Centre. Come along, meet your current local councillors in a relaxed atmosphere and find out what is involved in being a member of the parish council – refreshments will be provided.

## Playground:

The seesaw is now back in situ following the plank being broken - thank you to Councillor Thomas for repairing it.

## Cemetery:

We hope to install the new tank soon but, unfortunately, we are having problems in getting the old tank removed from the site. 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.

# Bishop's Itchington | Parish Council

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) .

## 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
Cllr Steve Tressler	07746 593 163

## Parish Council Office

Karen Stevens, Parish Clerk

The Old Sorting Office, Chapel Street, Bishop's Itchington

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Tel: 07450360453 Email: [clerk@bishopsitchington-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@bishopsitchington-pc.gov.uk)

The Office opening hours are Monday to Thursday from 9.00am to 12.00noon

Do you remember Magnus Pyke, the scientist regularly on TV many years ago? I must admit that I do, even though it ages me somewhat. His way of presenting stuff wasn't easily forgotten. And no, before you ask, he wasn't the speaker at our October meeting – he died in the 1990s. But I couldn't help but be reminded of him whilst our speaker was presenting. So they must have had something in common. OK, Di Vernon - for that was her name - didn't wave her arms round like windmills, she didn't go in for physical contortions, she didn't make dramatic long pauses whilst speaking, she didn't pull faces, and she didn't seem at all eccentric (after all, we know her as she's visited us before). Furthermore she doesn't even look like him – for a start she's got a shaved head, and what more she's a woman! So what was it that reminded me of Dr Pyke? It was the enthusiasm shown when each was speaking on their subject. Completely and utterly infectious it was. Di's enthusiasm came with a good dose of smiling and generally looking thrilled and excited to be talking about her journey into becoming a blacksmith. Yes, that's right, a blacksmith. She's currently the "Resident Blacksmith" at Middleton Hall near Tamworth. She was like a child in a sweetshop, her happiness was just oozing out of her. It was a wonderful talk, we were all enthralled. She was in raptures over the straight lines and curves of the double callipers she'd made. She brought along further examples of her craft and also her glassmaking (her previous talk) for sale and went home with a much lighter cargo. And how many women do you know who delight in having a favourite hammer? I'm hoping that she'll come and talk to us again one day – even if she does have to take up another craft in order to do so.

### Business

Next month's meeting, our AGM, is following the pattern of having a theme. This year it's French. Contributions of themed food are requested. Snails anyone?

We were each handed a paperback book, sent from Federation.

The food book for the Christmas Party is doing the rounds. If coming to the Party please search it out, or find it at the next meeting.

The members of the Craft Group have enjoyed a successful meeting, and the Gardening Group members enjoyed a day out. We're still waiting to hear about the Bowls Coaching.

We've collected and delivered to Federation five bags of toiletries and sanitary items for Afghan women.

A mini-bus full of us went to Moreton in Marsh on a Tuesday. After coffee we scoured the market, which is almost as big as it was before the pandemic, so plenty of shopping was done. We then hauled our bags into cafes/pubs, which were all very busy, for lunch. Back on the bus we went up the road to Batsford Arboretum where we saw a lot of trees. It was lovely strolling round in the sunshine. Unfortunately not many of the leaves had changed colour – we were a bit early, but these trips have to be planned and transport booked well in advance and it's difficult to get the timing right. However, it didn't matter, we had a lovely time. We finished with tea and cake in the cafe there (well, you've got to haven't you). And what's more it didn't start to rain till we were boarding the bus to come home. How lucky was that! Thanks to Christina for organising the trip.

### For your diary

Weds\_3 Nov - AGM Meeting, French themed, Memorial Hall, 7.30pm

Thurs 11 " - Craft Group, Community Cafe, 2pm

Mon 15 " - Fed. Zoom on Climate Change (What's being done locally?)

Sat 20 " - Fed. Handmade Christmas, Stoneleigh, 10am or 1pm

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## Derek Key

Many of you will already know but Derek sadly passed away after a courageous battle with cancer on Wednesday 6th October, in Weymouth where we have lived for the past seven and a half years. Prior to this, we lived in Bishops for 47 years and hope he will be fondly remembered for all he did for the Wheelchair Fund and helping Ann Murphy with jobs at the Memorial Hall.

Also playing dominoes and crib for the Malt Shovel and the Greaves Club, not to mention being the most famous Coventry City fan in Bishops who was famously carried round the village on the occasion of their F.A. Cup victory.



Much love to all, Val Key xxxx

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

We are pleased to announce a new badminton group. Linda has set up a ladies' group which plays in the Memorial Hall on Tuesdays. All abilities are welcome – cost £3. There are posters around the village with all the details on. Why not come and give it a try?



Our AGM will be on 25<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm in the Greaves Club. For newcomers to the village (and everyone else of course!), we'd like to remind you that all residents of Bishops are technically members of BISA and as such welcome to come along to the AGM. If you have a particular interest in sport or leisure pursuits, do come and join us and let us have your ideas. If you would like to get more involved, then why not take that extra step? As well as helping set up various groups around the village, we are also actively supporting the fundraising for the new Pavilion.



## Friends of the Yellow Land & BING

Not a lot to report this month, except that the pear trees were laden with fruit this year. Very delicious! Not many apples unfortunately, so the blackberries had to be eaten on their own. We have cut most of the grass back between the trees and over the coming months we plan to thin out the elder trees which have become rather large and shade out some of the fruit trees.

The panic to buy lots of fuel meant that we couldn't get any for our strimmer for a while. This meant cutting down with hand tools – much more like hard work, but definitely quieter. We couldn't, therefore, start to clear the grassy vegetation on the Yellow Land. Let's hope we can catch up over the next couple of months!

During half term I'd like to renovate the bug hotel. I'm not sure which day it will be – I'll see closer to the time what the weather forecast is promising us. So look out for that on the Facebook Community page and I'll try and get it in the school newsletter as well.



## **A WALK AROUND THE CEMETERY : MISS MARY ADA SLEATH**

Walk into the Cemetery and, after the Chapel, count 11 rows on your right-hand side and you will see the last resting place of Mary Ada Sleath. She was born at Wollaston, Northamptonshire in 1860. Mary's father, John, was born 1828 in Stagsden Bedfordshire. His wife Elizabeth, nee Marriot, was born in 1831 at St Marylebone Middlesex, she was a well-known dressmaker. Mary's siblings were Elizabeth Agnes (born 1859, died 1863) Alice 1863, Annie 1864 and her only brother John 1867. The family always lived in Wollaston.

Mary's father died on 6<sup>th</sup> October 1869, which must have been a great shock for the family. John was a carpenter, a master trader and, when probate was settled, he left £78.15s to his wife. With part of this money, Elizabeth and her young family of 4 moved to live at 'Duck End', Wollaston. Before John passed away the family lived with her parents, who were tea dealers and grocers. Mary had become a governess at the local school. She enjoyed this work and decided to become a teacher, taking on the role of pupil teacher at Wollaston infant school she qualified in July 1879. Sister Alice was always a dressmaker and later in life she became a ladies companion living in Newman Street, Kettering. Sister Annie also went into a different type of teaching. She was the 1<sup>st</sup> president of Gold Street Women's Adult School, she fought for adults to learn and later in life she supported for women to have the vote. Mary's only brother emigrated in the 1870s to America, he married Evelyn Grover in 1894 they lived in Wisconsin for the rest of their lives.

Mary and her sisters stayed in Wollaston often visiting friends of their school lives. Mary moved to become head teacher at Bishops Itchington in the late 1800s. I wonder if she was informed of the appointment by James Walton's family. He and his wife Ellen both came from Northamptonshire, family may have lived near Wollaston? Mary lodged with the Steel family. Head of the family was George who worked at the Cement Works. After living in Works Lane, the family moved into a works cottage near the school. This may have been Co-op Terrace or a cottage in Fisher Road (which in the 1800s was named Dark Lane), it would have been at this time Mary lived with the Steel family. By 1911, Mary had moved to live alone in one of the cottages in Saucy Six, she stayed in this cottage for the rest of her life.

When Mary's mother passed away on 11<sup>th</sup> July 1906 her estate went to probate, she left everything she owned to Reverend Arthur Lester who was the Baptist minister.

## **A WALK AROUND THE CEMETERY : MISS MARY ADA SLEATH**

This amount was £204.19s.7p, it must have been a great shock to her children if she had not informed them of her will. With Mary teaching, Alice working with Adult women and Annie living in Kettering as seamstress and ladies companion at least they had always worked for a living, therefore would have savings.

Mary taught many of today's village families. If your relations were living in village from 1890s to mid-1900s they would have had Mary teaching them in the infant school. She was a good teacher and the infant school became the scene of the early development of Nursery schools. The building always had the fire lit, which was welcoming on a winter's day, it had a large guard around the fire so children could not get burnt. Mary often let the children have a dressing up day, she and her sister used to make some of the outfits owing to having poor families not able to make or afford the outfits. When WWI finished in 1918, Mr and Mrs Lakin arranged a tea party for all the village children, they also gave each child some sweets and a medal with Kings head on one side and 1914 – 1918 on the other the medal was also had a red, white and blue ribbon plus a pin to hang on your clothes, I wonder if any ancestors have one of these medals?

After Mary retired from teaching, she stayed in the village and did a lot of work for the Congregational Chapel which has now been converted to a house in Chapel Street. She helped many of the poorer families when they needed help, Mary was greatly respected in the village. In December 1934 she was taken ill and passed away on 14<sup>th</sup> December, when her will was read she had left everything to her unmarried sisters Alice and Annie, this amounted to £1651.2s.1p. Once her sisters had died no family were left in England, her brother John did have family (which would be Mary's nieces) but I expect they never met John or his family when he moved to live in America.

Mary was buried on 12<sup>th</sup> December 1934 on unconsecrated ground, I do not know the reason why, she had been baptised and was a believer in God. The funeral was conducted by Mr F Castle a member of the Congregational Chapel.

I can remember my father and uncle talking about Miss Sleath, and expect many of the families have passed down some memory of Miss Mary Ada Sleath,

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September turns the green leaves brown  
October winds then shake them down  
November, remember you so dear  
December already the end of the year



The family

In Memory of our Mother, Wife & Nan  
Joan Mary Worrall  
23<sup>rd</sup> December 1925 – 8<sup>th</sup> November 2020



Remembering you today  
A year has passed this day  
As autumn is slowly going away  
Blue cloudy skies also many dark grey  
Winter shortly on the way  
So we all carry on everyday  
As in silence you lay  
Not many more words we can say  
Goodnight OK



God Bless, all the family

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# SOUTHAM HAS A NEW MARKET!

**A new indoor market with the theme 'Shop Local' will take place in Southam on the third Saturday of the month.** The first market will be on November 20<sup>th</sup> and the venue is the Grange Hall on Coventry Road. It is being organised by volunteers from Southam First, with Southam WI providing the refreshments.



Although Southam is an ancient market town, and was awarded its market charter nearly 800 years ago, its weekly Tuesday market ceased in early 2020 and there are currently no plans to revive it. However, inspired by the popularity of indoor markets in nearby villages, Southam First's volunteers are arranging for a new monthly indoor market to take place on Saturdays from 10am to 12.30pm.

The organisers hope to attract visitors from both Southam and the surrounding villages, and aim to provide a wide range of goods for sale, including food and drink, home and garden wares, gifts, crafts and clothes, emphasising local producers & retailers. Alongside the stalls, the market will also be a showcase for Southam's shops and services, with space for them to display their publicity material.

There has been a very enthusiastic response to the idea of a Saturday market. The volunteers believe that the experience of lockdown helped people to rediscover the importance of community and supporting local producers. They are confident that the market will be very popular. Holding the market on a Saturday morning will ensure that those who are not available on weekdays will also be able to go.

The dates for the first four markets are: 20<sup>th</sup> November, 18<sup>th</sup> December, 19<sup>th</sup> February and 19<sup>th</sup> March. (There will be no market in January 2022 because the Hall has a prior booking.) If the market proves to be popular with both stallholders and customers, then it will continue indefinitely on the third Saturday of every month.

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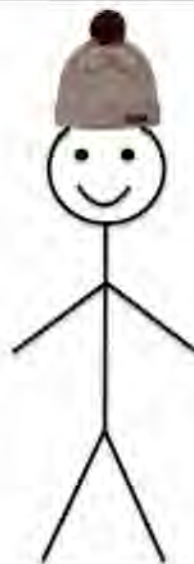
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