

# Village News

for Bishopstone & Hinton Parva

July 2019

## Country Garden & Church Fête

12.30pm - 4.00pm, Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> July

The Old Vicarage garden & churchyard of St Mary's, Bishopstone

**Attractions:** include cream teas, licensed bar, ice cream, Helen Browning's tasty organic Flying Pig hot dog and burger van, a bouncy castle, face painting, lots of stalls, and all the usual fun and games besides. If you would like to help on the day or contribute to the stalls, that would be very much appreciated.

### Stalls:

Here are the people you can contact:

- ☺ White elephant – Linda Polatch 791 722 & Lesley Coates 790 520  
Lesley will be the collecting point for Hinton & Jo Selbourne 790 485 for Bishopstone.
- ☺ Children's toys – Mandy Ridler 791 163
- ☺ Plant stall – Marion Peck 791 001 & Sara Best 791 121
- ☺ Country Larder – Jane Golding 791 488
- ☺ Bottles - Clare & David Clark - 790 550
- ☺ Books - Karen Stevens 791 107

If you aren't sure where to leave donated items, please drop them with Molly & Charlie Smith at The Old Vicarage.

### Raffle:

£150 CASH PRIZE donated by Austin Heating & AC Ltd;  
Two packs bottled beer, plus an evening tour of Arkells Brewery for eight people;  
Luxury Hamper worth £100;  
Also a Picnic hamper for two; Retro barbeque; Case of knives and sharpeners; Pub meal voucher; Floral display; Gardening gift voucher. and many more top notch prizes!

*To buy tickets contact Conta 790 507*

*Final fête meeting  
7.00pm Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June  
in Bishopstone Church grounds*

*For the meeting or any questions or suggestions please contact Doug Stevens*

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### It never Rains but it Pours

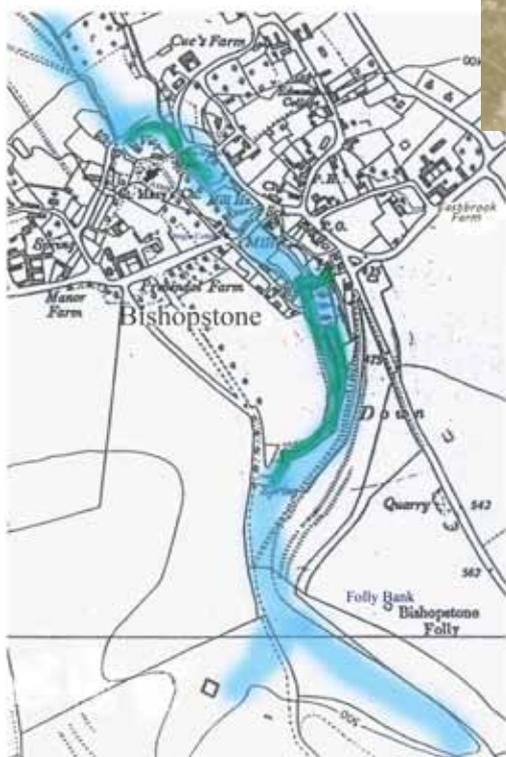


As I sit here putting this piece together, I think that there is a local flood warning out. I didn't conjure it up, honestly.

On the 1<sup>st</sup> May 1932 a great storm blew up, unleashing all its fury over North Wiltshire. Within 24 hours, 2.55 inches of rain were recorded.

A raging torrent of water rushed down between the Lynchets and the Folly Banks, creating havoc when the soil, trees and newly planted watercress beds were washed away as the floods sped across the millpond. The basement of the mill was flooded as the brook that drove the water wheel rose.

The hatches were raised in order to



ease the floodwaters, but the pond burst its banks and swept over the road narrowly missing a cottage. It was only the tarmac that kept Dingle Cottage firm, but the garden vanished taking with it, roots, trees and earth. Part of the road was washed past its doors, falling into the deep ravine.

In the Dingle, a local beauty spot, a waterfall some ten feet high was lost as it joined the debris speeding down the valley, destroying watercress beds and flooding lower fields.

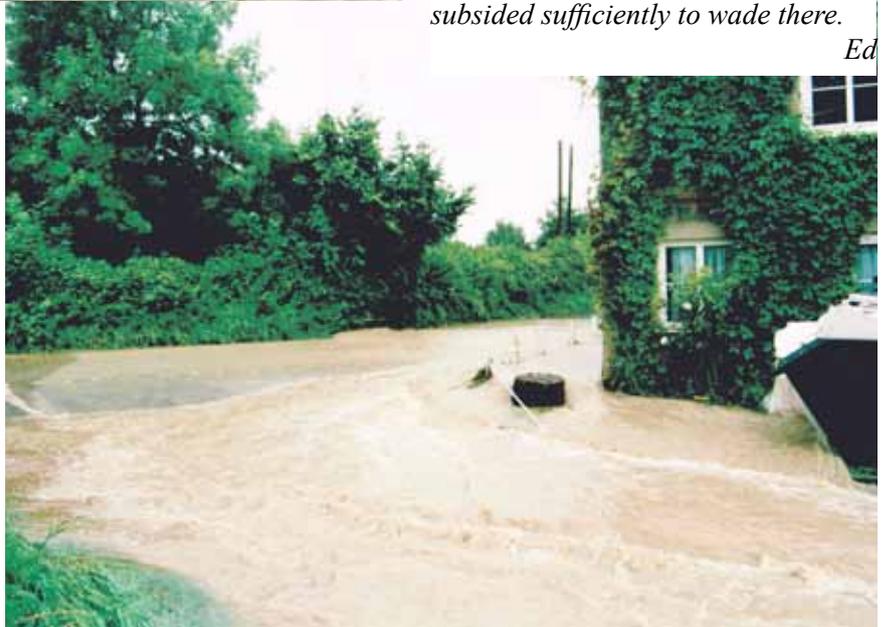
The main road through the village was closed, and a watchman posted to warn anyone passing by of the dangers. Red warning lamps were fixed and empty barrels placed around this hazardous site.

From *Bishopstone - The Great Storm of 1932* by Dorothy Knopp

A similar flood swept through Hinton in July 2007. I remember that one; it swept through the village hall and people had to be carried to safety. Pender Cottage and the house on City Corner were flooded, and all the tarmac ripped off the land in front of my cottage.

*Photographs from the top left: 1932 Newspaper picture of the river formed by flood water in the Coombs as it made its way from the downs towards Bishopstone; waterfall in Bishopstone Dingle 1925; map of the flood showing its path through Bishopstone; July 2007 City Corner, Hinton, I took this picture when the water had subsided sufficiently to wade there.*

Ed



## The Village Hall, Bishopstone - July

The hall is cleaned	Mondays		8.30 - 10.30am
Legs, Bums n Tums	Mondays	1 <sup>st</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> , 22 <sup>nd</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 - 7.00pm
Yoga	Mondays	1 <sup>st</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> , 22 <sup>nd</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup>	7.15 - 8.15pm
Taekwondo	Tuesdays	2 <sup>nd</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup> & 30 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 - 8.00pm
Mothers & Toddlers	Thursdays	4 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 - 11.00am
Keep Fit	Fridays	5 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 - 10.30am
Village Hall Meeting	Wednesday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	6.30pm
Gardening Club	Wednesday	10 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 - 9.00pm
Parish Council	Saturday	13 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 - 1.30pm

All bookings for the Village Hall Bishopstone will be taken via Bishopstone CE Primary School. In term time, call 01793 790 521 and speak to Sue Tremlin, or leave a message on the answer phone. During school holidays there will be a message giving an alternative number to contact. We look forward to receiving your bookings for Bishopstone's excellent Village Hall. Cost for hiring the hall: £7.50 per hour for Bishopstone and Hinton Parva residents. £11 per hour for all other bookings. Cost for hiring the hall for a full day is £55.

At <http://bishopstoneandhintonparva.org/bishopstonevillagehall/> you can find a link to more helpful information about the Hall and the terms and conditions of hire.

## Hinton Parva Village Hall - July

Bridge	Fridays	5 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 - 10.00pm
Parish Council	Monday	1 <sup>st</sup>	7.00pm
WI	Thursday	11 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 - 9.30pm

Please do come along and join in any of the classes/groups listed above. You can make new friends, enjoy yourself and, most of all, you will be made very welcome. Please note there is a charge payable for bridge classes.

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Bookings Secretary Janet 791 391 - Please leave a message if required.

Booking Rates:  
£7.00 per hour for residents of Bishopstone & Hinton Parva  
£9.00 per hour for those living outside the parish

Private Parties                      Catering may be available  
Meetings etc welcome              Free Parking



# CINEMA

More village cinema in September  
*Watch this space for more details*  
Richard Walker

## Wanborough's Farmers' Market

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July**

9.00am - Midday

Wanborough Village Hall

High Street, SN4 0AD

Please note there is no market in August, it's usually on the **3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month**

For more information contact:

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Community Connect  
Coffee Morning at the  
Farmers' Market

The next Community Connect Coffee Morning is on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July. So come along to the Farmers' Market in the Village Hall between 9.00 and noon to buy your fresh, local produce and enjoy free tea, coffee and homemade cakes. This month we're supporting the **Wiltshire Treehouse Project**, a small and quite new charity offering vital support for bereaved children and young people in Swindon and Wiltshire. Huge thanks to all who came in May; we were able to donate over £180 to the community run Covingham Library.

## Rainbow Baby & Toddler Group

9.30 -11.00am every Thursday during term time Bishopstone Village Hall  
£2.50 per family, 1<sup>st</sup> session free

A stay and play session for families with Children under 5. Join us for free play, art activities, snacks & singing. A great way to meet new friends

For more info call Tori 07891 533 654

Follow us at <https://www.facebook.com/rainbowbishopstone>





**In the Pink - Oh No, Scuppered by Storm Miguel or the Repainting of The Village Hall, Bishopstone**

On Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> June a merry band of volunteers from Nationwide and the village met. *The plan*, to repaint the outside of the Village Hall, was quickly shelved when we noticed the weather conditions.

Contingency Plan B... (Rub down and wash all the wooden panelling apply a coat of white undercoat, and so forth.) The team resurfacing the car park, didn't mind getting very wet.

**Volunteers Wanted**

The village hall committee would be grateful of more help to continue the project.

*Richard 791 913*

*Pictures from the top:*

*Cobwebbing: a job for a tall person; the valiant volunteers who braved the storm; de fluffing radiators, did you find any money down there?; surfaces shining after a good wash down - Roz's banquet for lunch (verdict we'll come again and do the outside);*



## Dickie's Diary

We are now having a dripping June which, as the saying goes, *will keep things in tune*, to probably cancel out the prospect of a drought this summer. Something many were worried, about following a dry winter and dry summer last year.

At the Bishopstone church roof appeal dinner at the Royal Oak in April, four friends bid for our promise to show them orchids growing wild on the downs followed by a supper. 49 different varieties are listed but I only know of 5 locally. Varieties are identified by different flower structures.

They are coming on 13<sup>th</sup> June.

Getting the right date and evening to fit peoples' diaries at a time when the most species are showing at their best is challenging. The most striking of local orchids is the pyramidal, showing tightly packed deep pink flowers from mid June on a stem up to 20 cm long, but they will only just be coming visible for our tour. I once found one away from the chalk, on a footpath behind the old bakery in Fernham.

On Russley Downs we have the fragrant and uncommon burnt tip orchid. Burnt tip are fairly common in the Wylde valley near the A303 in Wiltshire but our site is one of the very few bordering Oxfordshire. These little pink and white orchids grow only 5-10 cm high, and it takes a practiced eye to spot them. Indeed, after buying Lammydown Farm in 1992, we were unaware of their presence for 10 years. They flower earlier and will probably be past their best by 13<sup>th</sup> June.

The common spotted orchid, so called because of its spotted leaves, is profuse on Helen Browning's wide open valley on the Oxfordshire/ Wiltshire

border. The colour can vary from albino to pink, and this site also is good for the fragrant orchid which has a similar open canopy but a more uniformly pink colour, with a fragrance said to be similar to carnations. Pyramidal also abound here.

Bee orchids are now rare on the chalk in this area. They also need a practiced eye and, before he died last year, Ray Gigg, a long time resident of Ashbury, showed me an example on the track to the downs opposite Odstone farm, Ashbury.

Johnathan Loose of Kingston Winslow has shown me helleborines growing under beech trees on the Ridgeway, near Waylands Smithy. The National Trust valley, rising above the village hall carpark in Hinton Parva, is another good site for orchids.

Never try to transplant a wild orchid. They can only thrive in the presence of a mycorrhizal fungus and the tiny seeds will take time to show leaves, and further years before flowering.

Richard Green



## School Report

So the duck trail has come and gone; a huge thank you to all of you that took part in this. There were certainly some tricky ones!

10 went to Morfa Bay . . . plus Miss Lindsay and Mrs Morris. And thankfully, 10 returned. The challenges and achievements that they all met ranged from a three hour beach hike, mud assault course and body boarding through to rock climbing and the scariest abseil off the edge of a cliff ever . . .

. . . I must admit I sat at the top with all the right words as they dropped off the edge but then stayed put at the top taking pictures!! It was also really nice to meet up with other small schools who face the same challenges as us, from the ever decreasing budget through to who gets to sweep the leaves off the playground! On our return we had to say a sad farewell to Mrs Keller as she retired from her MDSA post; we will all miss her very much.

The children have had a half term break and then returned with an extended week . . . If you heard the noise and lights, it was the annual school sleepover. This year, we had a majority of children (plus a few extras who have left and returned for a visit!) from year 2 upwards and went with an Egyptian theme. Spaghetti and marshmallow pyramid making, sticky Egyptian sweet making, dvd watching, game playing and, of course, a fiendish mystery to solve!! They are always so much fun, full of giggles and natter but, when Saturday morning comes around, there are always some tired faces (mainly staff, I think!). Huge amounts of work, but valuable memory making. We had a visit this week from the Dogs' Trust, teaching children skills when around dogs, focusing on how dogs perceive them and how they can influence this with their behaviour. Rehearsals are well underway for our KS2 summer play, Aladdin, if anyone has any props they feel that the children would benefit from, (although no live camels required; Russell would not be impressed I feel).

Emma Lindsay

## BISHOPSTONE DUCK TRAIL



The winners were the Warwick Family.

There were 3 runners up, so that prize has been split.

The kids' trail was won by Scarlett Morris with a perfect 40/40

Best dressed duck was number 31 which was **The Harrow**.

**Alert:** Does anybody know where a missing duck went? It is dressed up as **The Fox and Grapes**.



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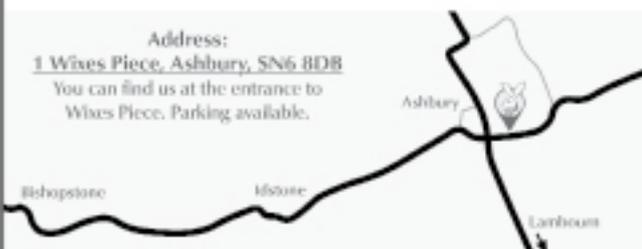
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## Church Services in the Benefice

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	7.00pm	Midweek Communion	Wanborough Vicarage
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> July</b>	8.30am	Holy Communion	Bishopstone
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Trinity	10.30am	Family Communion	Lyddington
		6.00pm	Evensong	Hinton Parva
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup> July</b>	7.00pm	Midweek Communion	Wanborough Vicarage
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> July</b>	8.30am	Holy Communion	Lyddington
	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	10.30am	Family Communion	Hinton Parva
	St Swithun's pastoral festival	6.00pm	Evensong	Wanborough
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	7.00pm	Midweek Communion	Wanborough Vicarage
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	8.30am	Holy Communion	Hinton Parva
	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	10.30am	Family Communion	Wanborough
		6.00pm	Evensong	Bishopstone
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> July</b>	7.00pm	Midweek Communion	Wanborough Vicarage
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>28<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	8.30am	Holy Communion	Wanborough
	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	10.30am	Family Communion	Hinton Parva
		6.00pm	Evensong	Lyddington
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>31<sup>st</sup> July</b>	7.00pm	Midweek Communion	Wanborough Vicarage
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> August</b>	8.30am	Holy Communion	Bishopstone
	7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	10.30am	Family Communion	Lyddington
		6.00pm	Evensong	Hinton Parva

All dates and times printed are as submitted to the Editor.

### The Vicar's Letter

Dear Friends and Neighbours

Having spent a rain sodden week on the Wiltshire/Somerset border, we pray that the gardeners and farmers have had their fill of rain. Although I have to admit that driving through the gorgeous countryside, just after the rain has stopped and the sun has begun to shine, really does show off the hills, trees and fields in a different light. That said, you cannot beat a bit of sunshine and heat, and, with the summer holidays heading our way we pray for good weather for our barbecues, our beach time, and our fêtes and shows.

Wouldn't it be great if the Good Lord watered our gardens at night and allowed lovely warm sunshine during the day? Sadly, as we all know, life ain't quite like that. The fact that it isn't doesn't mean that it's all bad either; many an invention has happened as a result of a mistake or an accident. The inventor of Coca Cola did so because he was trying to invent a pain killer because he was

wounded! The guy that invented the pacemaker was trying to build a heart monitor, and someone who was trying to invent a super strong glue ended up inventing Post-it Notes instead.

Suddenly, these individuals found themselves outside of their comfort zones. And what a blessing that has been for us all. New hobbies can take us out of our comfort zones too. The Military Wives Choir is just one example of people doing so, and what amazing results that produced? The *Riverdance* was a bit of light entertainment designed to fill in a broadcasting gap while the various juries put together their votes for the Eurovision Song Contest. This went on to become an event of international acclaim.

*God-Incidents*, rather than *coincidence*, is the known way of things for many long-in-the-tooth Christians. We can draw upon lots of examples in our own lives when this happened, either to us or to others known to us. *God-Incidents* can be a great source of food for our faith by encouraging us to look out for when they might happen again. Zavi Achmed got to

rescue a baby locked in a smouldering car. The police were called, but even after smashing the glass they were too big to get in and rescue the baby. Zavi climbed in and unlocked the door allowing the police unhindered access. Zavi was five years of age and was wearing a Batman outfit at the time!

So, amazing things can and do happen to us at any age. They say truth is stranger than fiction and it is for this reason that we can happily sing the words of the tune made famous by M-People, to *Look for the Hero Inside Yourself*. Precisely because God knew us and had plans for us even before we were formed in the womb, who knows what might be around the corner. Zavi is a classic example that proves the point that God doesn't call the equipped, He equips the Called. In his case, even dressing him up for the occasion! So whatever your God given calling, I pray you receive God's grace to find and enjoy it, for all our sakes.

*Bill*

If you have anything that you would like our village prayer group to

pray for please contact:

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With best wishes and prayers

*Bill*

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### Mary Louise Ford

12<sup>th</sup> July 1922 - 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2019

May I, on behalf of myself and the Ford family say thank you to all who have written to after Mary, my wife of 72 years, died. Thank you also to all who attended the thanksgiving service in our lovely St. Swithun's Church, so beautifully decorated by our loyal team of church flower ladies.

More thanks must go to all the nurses from Savenake Hospital who have been wonderful, helping Mary by having every modern piece of equipment so that she could

stay in our own home. I must include in this the doctors from Wanborough surgery who again, were so very helpful, especially during the last six months.

Of course, we were blessed with the best of June weather at the service which was so well conducted by the Rev. Bill and Rev. Sandy. Also to the church wardens and helpers who assisted to make the service run smoothly.

72 years has been a long journey, but Mary had a wonderful 'send off'. Please do call in for a coffee or cup of tea, but not all at once.

*Toby*

*Picture: Mary at about age 16 showing off her calf at the Calf Club. Did anybody else know that was the original name for the Young Farmers'?*



### Progress Report on Bishopstone Church - June

A picture of the finished product from Tom and his team taken this morning before the rain! Just the inside to go once the walls have dried some more.  
*Alan*



### St Mary's Bishopstone Cleaning Rota

<b>July</b>	Liz Warwick & Jane Manktelow
<b>August</b>	Sarah Best & Jenny Isles
<b>September</b>	Rachel Blunt & Caryn Greenhalgh
<b>October</b>	Lorna Ford & Linda Matthews
<b>November</b>	Karen Stevens
<b>December</b>	Fran Shishton & Jill White

Mary Darling 790 700 is volunteering to stand in for anyone needing cover for holidays/illness etc. Many thanks to you all for your hard work keeping the church clean. We always welcome new volunteers on the rota, please join us!

*Sarah Best 791 121*

### Bishopstone 100 club

#### June Winners

- 1<sup>st</sup> 10 Nick Best
- 2<sup>nd</sup> 49 Doris Brown
- 3<sup>rd</sup> 74 Jim Ball

It's £10 a year and I have a number of numbers left, so get in touch and support your village hall. Bishopstone that is.

Thanks Jo. 790 485

## Bishopstone & District Gardening Club



On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June, the village hall was buzzing with excitement, and was a hive of activity as a large group swarmed to await a talk by Elizabeth Gowing about beekeeping. Sorry, sorry that is such a corny way to start this article about the most recent talk for the B and D gardening club, but it had to be done. I'll begin again. Elizabeth Gowing is a beekeeper who learnt her skills in Kosovo, but if you want to know more about this, you will have to read her book, *Travels in Blood and Honey*. Instead, Elizabeth talked passionately, and with great knowledge, about the intriguing world of bees and beekeeping, and how we can support more bees in our garden. I heard a few things I already knew but I learnt a whole lot more fascinating facts that I didn't. Did you know that:

- There are 25,000 different types of bee in the world and 249 different types in England but ONLY one type makes honey for collection.
- Bees are responsible for one-third of all pollination in our gardens and agriculture, so they are pretty important.
- Bees collect nectar for honey, pollen in little baskets on their legs for protein, and propolis from young buds, and stems to coat and mummify intruders, such as mice, in their hives. Wow, clever bees!
- The temperature of a beehive is blood temperature so always eat honey off your finger.
- It takes 45,000 visits by a bee to a flower to make 1 teaspoon of honey. That makes it rather precious I think.

Elizabeth explained how we can make the bees happier in our gardens. You just need to know that their favourite colour is blue, they love a strong smell like lavender, they like open flowers with easy access to nectar, and a good range of heritage cottage flowers will help extend their bee season.

Elizabeth told us this and much more

that I don't have room for in this article, and I know that everyone found it very interesting and informative.

I will leave you with just one thought. Elizabeth said that if you replace normal sugar with honey it can be considered one of your portions of fruit and veg a day. So if I eat even more honey can I forget about vegetables? Hmmm??

*Sue Dent*

If you'd like to be added to the cancellation list for our **Hampton Court** visit on **4<sup>th</sup> July**, please contact Sarah. Don't forget to visit the B&D Gardening Club stall at the **annual fête** on Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> July, at The Old Vicarage, Bishopstone.

On 10<sup>th</sup> July, **Helen Picton** from Old Court Nurseries in Malvern, will be here to give her talk, **Daisy Days - the rise, fall and renaissance of the Michaelmas daisy**. She will have a

table full of plants for you to buy and will give us a slide show of her world-renowned Autumn flowering Asters. Sunday afternoon, **4<sup>th</sup> August: Pimms on the Lawn**, (see box bottom right).

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September** is the **Village Produce Show**. Show Schedules will be available at the Michaelmas daisy talk on 10<sup>th</sup> July, and from various gardening club members. Contact us via the email address

below.

Get snapping for this year's five photographic subjects which are: Interesting signs; Tree knots; An insect on a flower; Something that makes you laugh; A recycled item.

Photos should be unmounted, should not exceed 5" x 7" and can be a singular or plural theme. Professional photographer, James Andrews, (Prohides), will be judging this year.

We meet every second Wednesday of the month at Bishopstone Village Hall, 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. Raffle/Tea/coffee/biscuits. £10 per person annual membership or £3\* pp on the door, (\*door price may vary according to speaker costs). We love to see new people, so please do come. You can contact Sheila or Sarah (Outings Organiser) at:

[banddgardeningsoc@gmail.com](mailto:banddgardeningsoc@gmail.com)

*Sheila*



Michaelmas daisies

**Pimms on the Lawn**  
**afternoon at Hanger Park House**

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August**  
**2.00 - 5.00pm**

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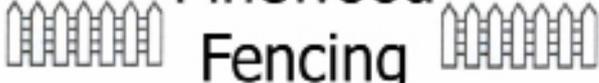
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AS I write this, (several days late, much to the editor's indignation), the adrenalin levels at Bishopstone's best pub and hotel (joke) have fallen slightly. Our tongue-in-cheek pig racing festival (pig ambling, in Helen's words) seemed to be enjoyed by everyone, including the pigs, which returned to the racing paddock slightly fatter than when they left, and raised about £2,000 for various charities—Deaf Children, Marie Curie, plus village hall and school in different ways. The remarkable pig Richard of Pork, *owned* by the Hicks family from Marlborough, was clearly over-drugged and the most intelligent, as it stormed away to win three races out of four; its closest competitor, The Whole Hog, owned by the wholesome Cues Lane trainer Anna Bareham, won only one and disappointed at the end, despite copious amounts of testosterone being administered. Thanks as always to those remarkable village people who helped us to put the show on the road, and to the other villagers who turned up to support and spend their hard earned cash.



*Richard of Pork in the lead*

Our next major event is even more specialist—cricket fans will enjoy hearing from, and supping with, Australian fast bowler from 20 years ago, Jason Gillespie, hosted by Pat Murphy from Radio 5 Live, **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July**.

It's timed for the end of the almost tediously drawn-out World Cup, and the start of proper stuff, The Ashes. It will be revelatory and entertaining. This Australian folk hero will divulge the sort of stuff that normally stays in dressing rooms. We have 15 seats left, at £75/head; if you book four or more seats, the price is £65.

Our next public outing is the **Village Fete, on 6<sup>th</sup> July**. We will be running our Flying Pig catering van for your benefit. Bacon, pulled pork, hot dogs...and much to some people's surprise, fresh rolls! We have come in for some stick recently for the quality of the bread—all I can say is this is what happens when you lend the trailer to other people and let them run it, and be amazed at them trying to buy the cheapest rolls available. And then be not surprised when people think they're rubbish. This has happened for the past 3 years, so this

year we're doing it ourselves. And supplying the organic rolls, from Aston's at Hungerford, who buy Eastbrook wheat to make them with. Anyone who fancies a short walk round the village ought to take a detour through the Royal Oak car park (whether you like pubs or not...)... Our efforts to improve the landscape are bearing fruit, despite the irritation our early clearance efforts caused as we got rid of all the rubbish the village had allowed to be dumped there; the range of wild flowers in the verges is astonishing, as well as the amount of colour, variety, and imagination in the main garden itself. A wholly organic garden and lawn, not a single chemical used in the past 13 years, and all thanks to the glorious Becky Brain and her very green fingers.

Pip pip



TF

*Thank you Gary Sumner for the photographs*

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Little Hinton Educational Foundation offers bursaries to help young people in our parish with expenses related to their education.

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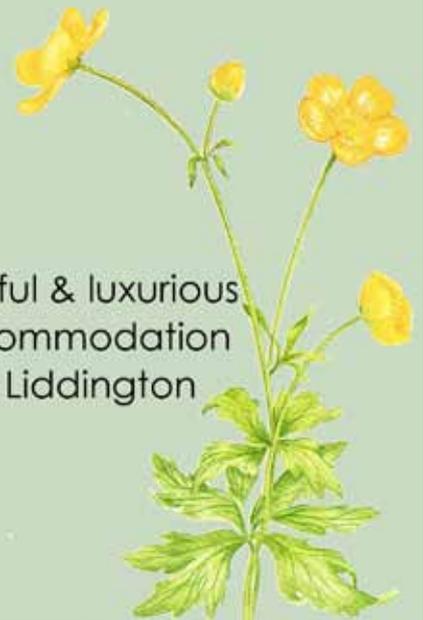
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## Exhausted of Hinton Parva

### Much confusion in Little Hinton

One of the interesting things about growing older is that communications become more entertaining. No longer do conversations flow back and forth seamlessly, with sensible replies offered to fully comprehended questions; Chez Mantelpiece, we seem to have entered a sort of alternate universe of Chinese whispers. I say this is entertaining because, if we didn't find it entertaining, we'd probably be featuring in a police line-up for salt and buttery, or similar.

Dearly Beloved went out to hear a singer one evening recently. When he returned, I asked what the musician had played. *He played a lot of Nigerian*, replied DB *Nigerian?* I said, puzzled. DB also looked puzzled. I realised I'd got it wrong. *Algerian?* I tried. *No, no*, said DB. *Ed Sheeran. He played a lot of Ed Sheeran...* I think he mutters. (DB, not Ed Sheeran)

Many years ago, DB was party to one of my favourite mis-hearings. He took a trainee with him to a work meeting. After about an hour, the meeting was adjourned for a tea break. How, DB asked, was the trainee enjoying the meeting? It's fascinating, he said, but I don't understand why the government's giving twenty eight million quid to a psychopath. Well, I suppose it was quite a long time ago, and cycle paths weren't quite so common.

And I'm still very fond of the story about a friend who claimed to have been charged with driving with undue care and attention. We couldn't understand why someone would be prosecuted for doing that; it turned out that he'd been driving without due care and attention. The alternative sounded so much better. Certainly much safer.

And then there are times when you wish a message had been delivered with a little less clarity. Last summer, we took our grandson out for the day. Before heading home in the car, we made the obligatory toilet stop. DB headed into the Gents, inside which there was a man using a urinal. Grandson, who had not, presumably, seen such a thing before, stood beside

the man and looked him up and down for a long time before turning to DB and saying, in loud and ringing tones, *Ugh. That's disgusting.* The poor man clearly wasn't sure what to make of this, and didn't look best pleased. DB apologised profusely and had a man-to-boy conversation with Grandson, explaining that the man had not just been relieving himself in the corner of the room, which was clearly what Grandson believed was happening. We hoped we'd done a good job of explaining the situation; our worry was that he'd return home and create puddles around the house, firmly believing that was what the man he'd seen earlier had been doing.

On the positive side of the *out of the mouths of babes* scale, is a story I read earlier today. A family were travelling by plane, and the woman in the seats behind them had taken off her shoes and put her feet up on the arm of the family's row of seats. Whereupon a small boy in the party announced to all around them that a lady had put her feet up on his chair and that they were very stinky. The feet were immediately removed and put back into their shoes. Result.

*Mrs Mantelpiece*

## And Almost Finally...



People rumaging in my kitchen cupboard may assume that I am a cheap-skate, seeing they contain Sainsbury's economy bitter (I'm sure other cheap beer is available), but it isn't for my guests, honestly Mr M. I consider myself an animal lover. Let me nail my colours to the mast here; I can't understand why people like to slaughter creatures for amusement. But I'm flawed; when slugs and snails feast on my nicotianas and decimate the achillea, I see red. My dear, and much missed friend, Sue used to commit what she described as slugery; she would go out at night and catch the little beasts by torchlight, put them in a box and release them in the wild. But not me; oh no. I use beer traps.

*mogs X*

PS Sorry about the rainy theme of this issue.

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